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THE PRINCIPLE OF POT

Extradition of 'Prince of Pot' Marc Emery Confronts Us With a Moral Obligation...

COMMENTARY, by Robert Metz - It's called *The Principle Of Pot* and it's a must-see on line at www.YouTube.com/paulmckeever where the 4-hour-plus documentary continues to break records --- and new ground --- in ways that never fail to surprise me.

If pot's not your thing, or even if it is, don't let the title of this amazing documentary mislead you. Yes, it *is* about **Marc Emery**, with its title inspired by his designation as the **Prince of Pot**; and yes, you will learn about Emery's impact on the issue of cannabis legalization in Canada, in the United States, and around the world. But this documentary pushes *principle*, not pot, and the historic story it tells is an on-going drama.

Remarkably, in the midst of these two independently emotional and controversial subjects (being Emery himself and pot legalization), each competing for the viewer's full attention, a major theme that nevertheless surfaces in the *Principle Of Pot* is the greatest story never told: an early history of the **Freedom Party of Ontario** and its documented and demonstrable effect upon Ontario politics.

Most interesting for those on the right, the *Principle of Pot* also illustrates how **Freedom Party's** philosophy differs from that of two groups most often seen, mistakenly, as having similar philosophies and political policies: Conservatives and Libertarians. If you've ever wondered what the differences between these groups actually are --- and how those differences are significant, this is the movie to watch.

Produced, researched, written, edited, and narrated by Fp leader **Paul McKeever** (who himself does not appear in

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Above: Marc Emery bids a tearful farewell as he turns himself in to Canadian authorities for extradition to the United States.

"The Prince Of Pot..."

EMERY EXTRADITED

VANCOUVER - May 10, 2010 - After being advised that Canada's Conservative Justice Minister, MP **Rob Nicholson** (Niagara Falls) had signed his papers for extradition to the United States, 'Prince of Pot' **Marc Emery** turned himself in to Canadian authorities for the final leg of his journey to the United States. From all accounts, Emery is paying a dear price for principle.

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the documentary and has never personally met Emery), the two-part **Principle of Pot** is a staggering work reminiscent of major productions broadcast by the national television networks. Already viewed by thousands on-line, (with the opening segment of Part One seen by over 10,000!), it's beginning to look as if this documentary does indeed, as one viewer put it, "have legs."

As of this writing, there's talk about producing a 3-DVD box set of the movie/documentary, while a theatre showing of the entire epic premiered June 12 at the *Bloor Cinema* in Toronto. To the best of my knowledge, it may be the first time in history that a production has moved from *YouTube* to the big-screen.

It's not hard to see why it was possible. *Part One* runs for 99 minutes, while *Part Two* runs for 157 minutes --- not your usual *YouTube* fare. Add to that the notoriety and controversy surrounding the subject matter and this movie is not only *documenting* history but is also *making* history!



Above: From a 1993 scene appearing in the Principle of Pot, Fp president Robert Metz is interviewed in video footage filmed by the late Chris Doty. Doty's award-winning 'Messing Up The System,' the first major video biography of Emery, was broadcast long before Emery's subsequent venture into the cannabis issue.

Why was this project undertaken? Why were well over one thousand hours of work (and many more dollars) invested in a political issue that is not particularly a high priority for most political parties?

Well, pot laws are not a particularly 'high' priority for **Freedom Party** either. You won't find anything about the issue in Fp's provincial platform, while the **Freedom Party of Canada** referred to pot prohibition as "a dopey idea" in its 2008 election platform. Yet, it is precisely our willingness to tackle such issues --- and to take a stand on them, in public forums where it is appropriate to do so --- that demonstrates the difference between a party of principle and parties who cater strictly to interests or prejudices.



Above: Seen here as he appears in a 2009 scene from the Principle of Pot, Freedom Party founding member and president Robert Metz tells his version of what working with Emery was like --- and how Emery eventually came to believe that breaking laws was the only way to change them.

Still, that's just one of the reasons this project was undertaken.

Readers will recall that our last issue of **FpNEWS & Commentary** contained a four-page feature on Emery. His association with the **Freedom Party of Ontario** from 1984-1991 had borne a legacy that continues in Ontario to this very day, and is documented thoroughly in the *Principle of Pot - Part One*.

At the time of our last printing, Emery's anticipated extradition to the US confronted us with a moral obligation. Given that his 'offence' was exceedingly trivial relative to the outrageously irrational penalties imposed by US authorities, given that his crusade as the 'Prince of Pot' has been strictly a political campaign (not one driven by 'drug profiteering' or criminal intentions), and given *the direct knowledge and evidence in our possession that clearly demonstrates these facts*, the production of the *Principle Of Pot* was certainly a moral, and perhaps even legal, imperative for us to undertake.

In the hope of preventing a grievous injustice from being undertaken by Canada's **Justice Minister Rob Nicholson** when faced with his May 10 deadline to sign Emery's extradition papers, every effort was made to release the *Principle Of Pot* in advance of that date. Media releases were distributed to ensure that the justice minister was made aware of Emery's unique history as a political activist.

Those cynical about the claim that Emery is a *political* figure, not a criminal one, will have no grounds for their cynicism after watching this documentary. Evidence speaks louder than words, especially when visibly and consistently documented over a period spanning decades.

The Principle Of Pot traces and documents Emery's *political* career from his early days as a political activist, through his history as **Freedom Party's** Action Director and finally, after leaving both the party and Canada, to how he acquired his notorious reputation as the **Prince Of Pot**.

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Emery prefers jail to obeying law

By Steve Douglas
and Bill Kishin

of The Free Press

Anglo-Saxon businessman Marc Emery faced only the charge of 1st degree murder when the Superior Court of Justice ruled last week on the case to extradite Emery to the United States to face charges in connection with the killing of a woman. The court ruled that Emery's extradition to the U.S. was in the public interest and that he should be extradited to face the charges. The court also ruled that Emery's extradition would not be oppressive or unduly harsh.

Emery's extradition to the U.S. is a landmark case for the Canadian government. The court's decision is a clear statement that the Canadian government will not protect anyone who commits a crime. The court's decision is also a clear statement that the Canadian government will not protect anyone who is a threat to the public safety. The court's decision is a clear statement that the Canadian government will not protect anyone who is a threat to the public safety.

Emery's advocacy of civil disobedience was part of his political persona long before pot laws attracted his attention.

Marc Emery advocates civil disobedience, not democracy, at a December 1990 Fp dinner event held in Toronto.



Above: Two scenes from *The Principle of Pot - Part One* zero in on Emery's acquired belief that civil disobedience, not the democratic process, is the true road to liberty. On first glance, one might be led to believe that the headline pictured above has something to do with Emery's current dilemma. However, it is dated December 19, 1986 and does not refer to cannabis laws, but to Sunday shopping laws then existing in the province of Ontario. True to his word, Emery eventually served jail time for 'employing too many people' on a Sunday. That the complete story about Ontario's past Sunday shopping laws would be documented in a feature titled *The Principle of Pot* is no inconsistency. Both prohibitions (Sunday shopping and cannabis possession) are violations of the same principle.

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Having already served time in solitary confinement for a minor breach of regulation, he is still uncertain of his ultimate fate. Nicholson's approval of Emery's extradition was *unconditional* and offered no guarantees that Emery's 'deal' with American authorities would be honoured.

"I have... concluded that Mr. Emery's unconditional surrender to the United States on the offences for which his extradition was sought would not be unjust or oppressive under all of the circumstances," wrote Nicholson in his decision.

If it is actually true that Nicholson took into account "all of the circumstances," the decision to extradite Emery was nothing less than unconscionable. And it would appear to be so: In a November 20, 2009 e-mail officially addressed to **Freedom Party International** and spokespersons **Paul McKeever** and **Robert Metz**, the **Canadian Department of Justice's Cathy Chalifour** (Counsel, *International Assistance Group*) wrote:

"On behalf of the Honourable Robert Douglas Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, I wish to thank you for forwarding, via e-mail, the Freedom Party International Media Release of September 28, 2009, in relation to the request by the United States of America for the extradition of Mr. Marc Emery. Your e-mail has been referred to me for response.

"Please be advised that when an individual is committed for extradition by a court, it is the Minister of Justice who must decide whether that individual should be surrendered to the requesting State. For this reason, it would not be appropriate for the Minister or his officials to comment on this case.

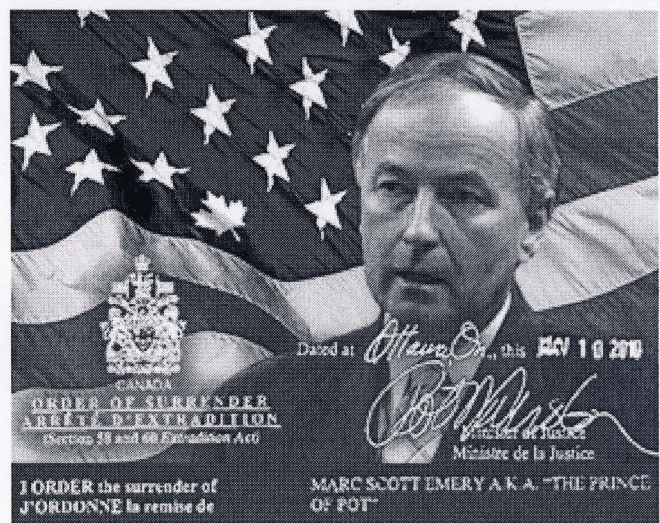
"Please be assured that the Minister will be made aware of the nature of your correspondence."

Titled *Liberty, Sovereignty, and Emery - Freedom Party International's Statement on the Extradition and Prosecution of Marc Emery*, the September 28, 2009 Media Release to which the Ministry of Justice responded called "upon the Canadian and U.S. governments to discard plans to extradite and imprison Canadian citizen Marc Emery":

"For his entire adult life, Marc Emery has been a vocal and animated advocate of individual freedom. He has campaigned on a very wide range of issues concerning individual liberty and property rights. He has successfully campaigned to save the taxpayer millions of dollars that would otherwise have been wasted on white elephants; he has challenged the abuses inflicted by garbage collection unions upon the citizenry; he has opposed the now repealed ban on Sunday Shopping in Ontario (he is the only man ever to have gone to jail for opening his store on Sunday contrary to the law); he has fought censorship, by importing and selling a rap music album by the rap group Two Live Crew and by selling prohibited books in Canada concerning the history of marijuana prohibition. In the 1990s, he chose to focus his efforts on the prohibition of one peaceful activity that so clearly violates the liberty of every individual, and that has resulted in the criminalization and incarceration of millions of people: the manufacture, sale, possession and use of cannabis.

"In early 2008, U.S. authorities agreed with Emery to a deal in which Emery would serve a five year term for violations of U.S. prohibition laws, but would serve it on Canadian soil. On Canadian soil, he would have been released on parole within a year. However, the Conservative government of Canada refused to agree to the deal. For that reason, Emery is now faced with being imprisoned in a U.S. facility for a full five-year term.

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Above: Paul McKeever's May 11, 2010 blog post on Marc Emery's extradition accuses Justice Minister Rob Nicholson of abandoning justice to cater to American interests — a case well argued and documented in the *Principle Of Pot*. "It shocks the conscience," laments McKeever.

NEWS AND POLITICS...

VAUGHAN JOINS METZ TO CO-HOST *JUST RIGHT*

...PLUS EURO-CORRESPONDENT PAUL LAMBERT



Above: Since his October 2009 debut as Just Right's co-host and second regular commentator, Robert Vaughan (left) has been sharing conversations with host and Fp president Robert Metz (right) on a wide variety of subjects ranging from euthanasia and right-to-die legislation to flying saucers and UFOs. Their exchanges are regularly punctuated with a heavy dose of audio excerpts from other news and entertainment sources, which keep the show constantly fresh and challenging. The two Roberts are also often joined by a surprisingly distinguished and controversial list of guest speakers who have been attracted by the show's frank and open discussion of issues often avoided by the mainstream media.

LONDON - October 1, 2009 - Robert Vaughan has joined Fp president **Robert Metz** to co-host his weekly radio talk show, *Just Right*, which airs live every Thursday at 11am from the studios of CHRW FM (94.9). A past Fp executive member, Robert has, over the years, been Fp's Ontario Secretary, managing editor of *Consent*, and organizer of many Fp educational and public lobby efforts. He had also been politically active in London as a member of the *Reform Party of Canada* (London-Fanshawe) and as president of the London Fanshawe Riding Association of the *Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario* (1997-1998). He was elected as a trustee on the Board of Education for the City of London in 1994 and re-elected city-wide as a trustee to the new Thames Valley District School Board in 1997.

Vaughan's input and commentary has provided an ideal compliment to the show's philosophically controversial (i.e., pro-freedom and capitalism) format and emphasis. Among his first tackled issues: assisted suicide (Oct 1), police powers of the Privacy commissioner (Oct 8), the role of Canada's constitutional monarchy and powers of the Governor-General (Nov 5), and how and why the Allies lost World War I and World War II (Nov 12). On the lighter side, both Vaughn and Metz took a philosophical and cultural overview of the television franchise, *Star Trek* (Nov 19): "Live long and prosper."

On May 27, 2010, another regular participant was added to the show: *Just Right* Euro-correspondent **Paul Lambert**. Appearing live in studio, Paul shared the story of his recent surrealistic encounter with Sweden's 'television police' who attempted to tax him for a television set he does not own. Perhaps humorous, yet frightening. Paul also shared his insights on the Arab-Israeli conflict, after pre-viewing his recently written book (currently in editing stage) which arrives at the conclusion that there can be no peace in the mid-east as long as the Arab nations are included in establishing the terms of any such peace.

Both Vaughan and Lambert had previously appeared as guests on earlier broadcasts of *Just Right*.

With occasional exceptions, most guests appearing on *Just Right* do so for the entire hour of the broadcast, allowing for more in depth viewpoints and follow-up questions. The show has earned a reputation among those looking for more than the usual in radio fare and judging by letters and comments received thus far, *Just Right* seems to be just right for a growing number of faithful listeners. {end}

Every broadcast of *Just Right* is freely available in audio format on line at:



www.justrightmedia.org

Below: Paul Lambert (right), who lives and works in Sweden, appears live in CHRW's London Ontario studio with Just Right show host Robert Metz (left) when he debuted as Just Right's Euro-correspondent on May 27, 2010. After returning to Sweden, Paul filed his first official on-air 'Just Right Euro Report' --- by phone --- on June 24, and will periodically continue to do so on future broadcasts.



CREATES COAST-TO-COAST CONTROVERSY...

COULTER FREE TO SPEAK - ON *JUST RIGHT*!

...EXCLUSIVE CANADIAN INTERVIEW!

LONDON, Ontario - March 11, 2010 -

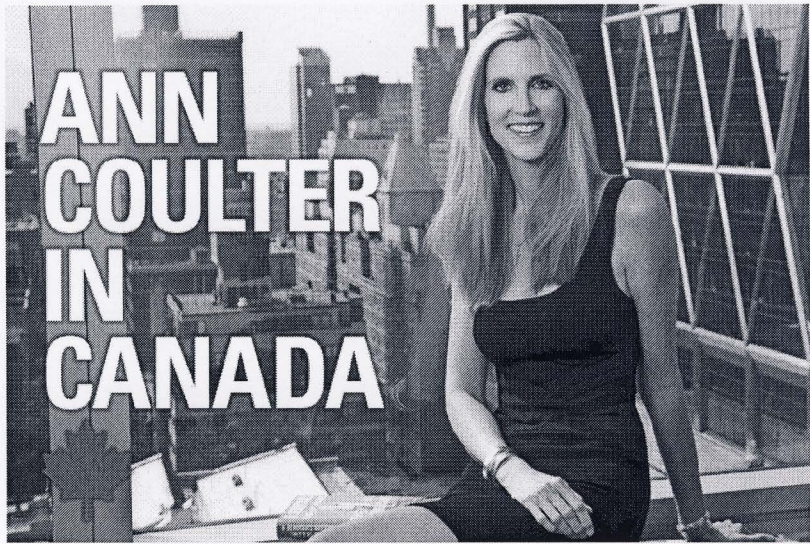
In what unexpectedly turned out to be an exclusive Canadian radio interview, *New York Times* best selling author, political activist, lawyer, and journalist **Ann Coulter** appeared on *Just Right*, fielding a wide range of questions from show hosts **Robert Metz** and **Robert Vaughan**. The one hour telephone interview was arranged in anticipation of Coulter's upcoming appearance at the **University of Western Ontario (UWO)**, which happens to be where the studios of **CHRW FM (94.9)** Radio are located.

While there were many points of agreement, it was a lively exchange, during which Metz and Coulter expressed strong differences on the issues of abortion and the role of a deity in politics. To hear the whole exchange for yourself, visit: www.justrightmedia.org where all broadcasts of *Just Right* are available free to the public in audio format.

Coulter's visit was sponsored by the **International Free Press Society-Canada**, in association with the **Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute**. Unknown at the time of the interview was the extent to which her Canadian speaking tour would disrupt the Canadian politic. While Coulter's subsequent appearance at UWO in London was peaceful, protestors and other 'activists' forcibly prevented her appearance in Ottawa, sparking a national debate that made its way to the House of Commons. Canada's international reputation as a bastion of free speech was seriously tarnished by the incident, though many argued that Coulter's Canadian tour merely shone a light on the fact that Canada is not deserving of that reputation.

Despite their philosophical differences, during the following weeks of controversy Metz ironically found himself defending Coulter in the court of public opinion. A second *Just Right* broadcast relating to her Canadian tour was entitled 'In Praise Of Ann Coulter' to counter the wave of misinformation and misrepresentation about Coulter's viewpoints --- and her right to express them. Audio files of the *Just Right* broadcast, as well as Metz's commentaries on other radio stations are all freely available on *Just Right's* website.

The Coulter controversy seems far from over. Just as we were going to press with this issue, we have learned that recently released documents obtained through freedom of information legislation show that it was former Liberal justice minister **Alan Rock** who precipitated the incident resulting in Coulter's appearance at the University of Ot-

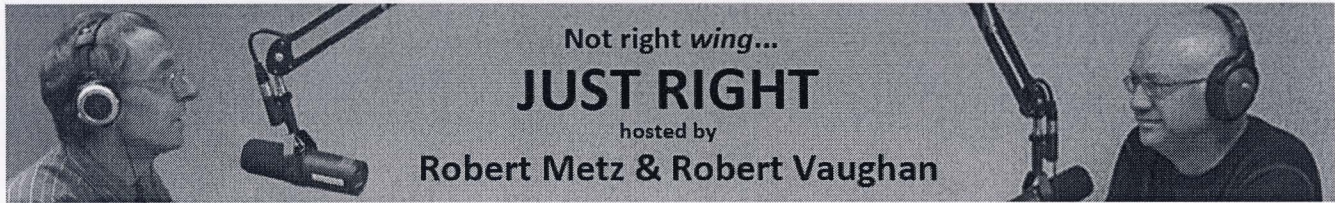


tawa being cancelled. Until now, university provost **Francois Houle** was taking all the blame.

According to the *Toronto Star*, "the released documents show that it was Rock --- not Houle --- who asked that (an) e-mail be sent... ..to Coulter informing her of the different rules surrounding free speech in Canada compared with those in the United States."

As a target of Canadian political intervention with freedom of speech, Ann Coulter has joined a growing list of writers and activists --- all on the *right* --- who have been threatened with consequences for expressing their opinions. Among them: **Ezra Levant** (publisher, *Western Standard*), **Kathy Shaidle** (co-author, *The Tyranny of Nice*), **Mark Fournier** (a past **Freedom Party** candidate) and **Connie Fournier** (*Free Dominion*), who have all found themselves called before Human Rights Commissions for comments appearing in their respective publications/websites. The same can be said of 'Prince of Pot' **Marc Emery**, who has been extradited by his own country to the US for his political activism. **Professor Christopher Essex** (co-author of *Taken By Storm*) has found himself "officially denounced" in Canadian parliament for expressing views inconsistent with Global Warming theories. All have appeared on past broadcasts of *Just Right*. Other freedom of speech supporters **Salim Mansur** (*Toronto Sun* columnist) and **Clive Seligman** (*Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship* (SAFS)) have also appeared on *Just Right*.

While the mainstream media steers clear of controversial figures, "we seek them out," says Metz. "The real threat facing Canadians is politicians who use force, not writers who rely on persuasion." (end)



WHO'S NEW ON 'JUST RIGHT'?

HIGH-PROFILE NEWS-MAKERS SPEAK THEIR MINDS

...WEB SITE FEATURES NEW 'GUEST LIST'

LONDON, Ontario - June 2010 - Now in its fourth year on air, the weekly hour-long radio news-magazine *Just Right* has accumulated a surprisingly impressive list of guests. All are now available at the click of a button, thanks to the addition of *Guest List* page on the show's web site, where each broadcast has been archived: www.justrightmedia.org. Most recent guests appear at the top of the list, with multiple appearances indicated where applicable. Watch for more planned on-line developments, including an issues-oriented focus section!

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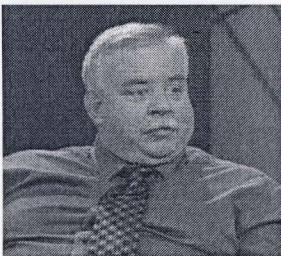
GUEST: Prof. Christopher Essex,
Dept Of Applied Mathematics; Past
Director, Theoretical Physics, UWO

Earth Day - Are Science And Mathematics On The Cultural Fringe?; The Limits Of Computation - Can We Trust Our Computers And Calculators?; Chaos - Not A Theory, But A Phenomenon; Is The Universe Expanding?; Beware: Dangerous Eclipse Radiation!

Just Right-148-April 22, 2010



GUEST: John Thompson, President, The Mackenzie Institute



Protest And Terrorism - Coming To A City Near You?; Summit Security - Providing For Violence Without Risk; Jihad - "The Western World's Scarcely Recognized War"; Canada's Naval Heritage

Just Right-156-June 17, 2010

Talking About Ann Coulter: Guilty!

GUEST: Ann Coulter

Lawyer, Journalist, *New York Times*
Best Selling Author, Political Activist

Free Speech, Political Correctness, Human Rights Commissions; Liberal Trends - United States And Canada; Abortion - Right Vs Right Wing; Religious Right / Godless Right - Who's Right?

Just Right-142-March 11, 2010



GUEST: Karen Selick, Canadian Constitution Foundation

GUEST: Michael Schmidt, Farmer, 'Raw Milk Crusader'

Getting A Raw Deal On Raw Milk; Freedom Versus A Milk Monopoly

Plus: 'Climategate' - Denials, Assertions, Irrelevancies;

Copenhagen Conference - Not About Climate

Just Right-132-December 10, 2009



GUEST: Marc Emery, 'Prince of Pot';

GUEST: Paul McKeever, Producer, *The Principle Of Pot*

A Case Against Extradition: The Principle Of Pot; *The Principle Of Pot*: It's Not About Pot; Is Freedom Achieved Through The



Democratic Process Or Through Civil Disobedience?; Should Marc Emery Spend Time In An American Jail For An 'Offence' Committed In Canada?

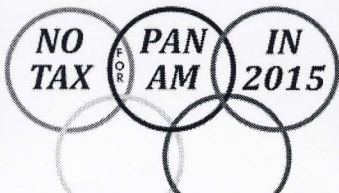
Just Right-137- January 28, 2010

GUEST: Lawrence Solomon, Executive Director, Energy Probe; Columnist, National Post



In The Dark On Climate - Canada's Educational Institutions; It's A Gas! Carbon Dioxide - The Gas Of Life; Curses! Foreign Aided Again! - 'Green' Versus African Development; The Changing Political Climate - Is 'Green' No Longer 'In'?

Just Right-140-February 25, 2010



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Fp CAMPAIGN CONTINUES...

TORONTO 'WINS' PAN-AM GAME BID

...TAXPAYERS LOSE!

TORONTO - November 6, 2009 - Politicians and games promoters were jubilant about the City of Toronto having been awarded the **2015 Pan-Am Games**. The award to Toronto was granted only two months after the August 24 **Freedom Party** announcement of its **No Tax For Pan Am** campaign, catching "most off guard" according to *National Post* coverage on November 7.

Government spending on the *Pan Am Games* is estimated to be around \$1.4 billion, rivalling the cost of the recent G-8 and G-20 Summits in the city. Yet, public criticism and outcry against the sports spending is surprisingly mute, given the outcry against the summits.

With the majority of Ontarians completely unaware of the *Pan-Am* swindle, and the aware minority perceiving themselves as *beneficiaries* of the spending orgy, it's small wonder that **Fp** leader and *No Tax For Pan Am* spokesperson **Paul McKeever** found himself pretty much on his own in two Toronto public forums on the issue.

On March 10, 2010, appearing on both the **John Oakley Show** (640am Radio Toronto) and the **Ryan Doyle Show** (1010am CFRB Radio Toronto), McKeever was pitted against *Toronto Sun* writer **Rob Granatstein**, and other members of the public who did not agree with his position.

Sounding like a caricature from *Atlas Shrugged*, Granatstein played the 'needs' card for all that it was worth. Justifying tax spending on the *Pan Am Games*, he listed

the 'needs' as (1) "a deadline to get things done"; (2) "infrastructure." Even a deadline was considered a 'need.' "Our sports infrastructure is terrible ... and we have *so many needs* in this city. How do you get it done? You bring in events like the *Pan-Am Games*. That's a reason for other levels of government to start funding the city, and off we go. Our needs are so great on the sports side that we need a deadline in this city. Can it be a great party? I think it can be."

"It's great to have a party," agreed McKeever, "but you should be going to your *own* refrigerator for the beer; don't go into your neighbor's house, grab *his* beer and say 'see ya later; we're having a great party...' Most people will not be attending any of the *Pan-Am* events."

PROPORTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION:

What potential impact could the Games have on taxpayers? McKeever illustrated: "Think about this. (Although) not as big as the Olympics, our *initial* budget estimate is *twice as big* as the \$874 million estimate for the Olympics. (After estimating) \$874 million, they ended up with a cost of over \$6 billion! They estimated cost for security at \$1.4 million and ended up paying over \$900 million. Our Toronto Ontario bid book is \$1.4 billion --- as the *initial* bid!"

Using the same ratio of cost misrepresentation demonstrated in the previous examples, the real cost of hosting the Games would probably be "in the range of a walloping

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"This is tough. You never know what people do at a ballot box."
— **David Peterson**, chairman of the Pan Am bid committee

At Left: Twenty-five years after *Freedom Party* foiled his first attempt to bring the *Pan-Am Games* to Ontario, **David Peterson** has finally achieved his legacy: the deficits, debts, and lower standard of living that inevitably follow 'the party.'

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\$12 billion." And worse, added McKeever, "all of the money will be borrowed. The government is currently running a double-digit deficit already, and borrowing about \$23 billion per year; there is no surplus to spend. Yet, Ontario has promised to cover any deficit on this. It's horrible."

Complete audio files of each radio interview are available on the www.notaxforpanam.com web site.

Referring to former Ontario Premier **David Peterson** and current chairman of the Pan-Am Bid Committee, *The National Post's Allison Hanes* reported that "Mr. Peterson has logged countless air miles in the past year, shuttling between the countries of the *Pan American Sports Organization* to press flesh and establish the relationships necessary to secure the games."

Twenty-five years after **Freedom Party** and **Fp Action** Director **Marc Emery** foiled his first attempt to bring the *Pan-Am Games* to London Ontario, David Peterson has finally achieved what he has called his "sustainable legacy."

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Winning bid for Pan Am games would be a loss for city

By DAVID MENZIES
Commentary

If you believe the promoters of the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games Committee, snagging the athletic gala will prove an enormous shot in the arm for the city.

For starters, the committee claims the Pan Am Games could generate close to \$2-billion in economic activity; building the facilities will create 17,000 jobs; and the games will lure an estimated 250,000 tourists to the GTA.

Alas, the estimated cost of the games is pegged at nearly \$2-billion, to be split by the provincial and federal governments as well as Toronto and other municipalities. Yet, surprisingly, according to Toronto's Pan Am prophets, going full-speed ahead with a multi-billion investment during a dire economic meltdown actually makes good fiscal sense.

"We are the solution," notes David Peterson, former Ontario premier and current chair of the Toronto Pan Am Games 2015 bid committee. "It is about building a sustainable legacy."

Hate to be a party-pooper, but, as the saying goes, "Don't believe the hype." Here's a Top Four list as to why Toronto

should pull its bid to host the Pan Am Games:

1 Wrong place, wrong time, wrong economic conditions

Funding a bread-and-circuses gala such as the Pan Am Games is a bad idea in good times. During a recession, it's truly awful. When Winnipeg hosted the games in heady 1999, the city reported an operating loss; meanwhile, a hoped-for increase in tourism to offset this loss never did materialize. Keep in mind that Toronto's debt-load is already pegged at nearly \$3-billion.

In addition to all levels of government investing hundreds of millions, the Toronto committee is counting on corporate sponsorship money. But from whom? The economic crisis has seen the likes of NASCAR and Formula One lose blue chip sponsors.

2 What "legacy"?

Proponents of the Pan Am Games speak glowingly of the "legacy" the facilities will have long after the games are over. Really? One of the required multimillion infrastructure nuggets Toronto must construct for 2015 is a velodrome for cycling. How curious that less than 15 years

after Montreal hosted the 1976 Olympic Games, a chainsaw was taken to the teak track of the Montreal velodrome to convert that facility into a zoological garden. That city's now-obsolete Olympic Stadium, meanwhile, has been already abandoned by its major tenants.

3 Mega-Project Economics 101

As just about every Olympic Games has proven, the estimated budget for constructing facilities is always ridiculously low only to balloon into the stratosphere once the concrete starts to pour. Guess who's always left holding the bag?

Indeed, in *Five Ring Circus: Myths and Realities of the Olympic Games* (New Society Publishers), author Christopher A. Shaw notes the original estimate for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games was \$1.68-billion in construction costs plus an additional \$580 million in operating costs. Today, the construction costs alone are pegged at an astounding \$5.077-billion.

Torontonians have already experienced mega-project sticker shock courtesy of SkyDome. The multipurpose stadium was supposed to cost about \$150-million although

His legacy will be sustained by the deficits, debts, and lower standard of living that inevitably has accompanied such events.

That this kind of reckless government spending continually occurs in the face of widespread public opposition is remarkable. For Peterson, it is a demonstration of Liberal elitism at its best. Despite what one may hear in special interest forums and talk shows about 'public support' for spending money on such sporting ventures, the reality is that opposition to such spending has always been in the 80% plus range. The other reality is that politicians and Games promoters ignore public opinion, while continuing to declare that a majority supports *them*.

This principle is well illustrated in Part One of the *Principle of Pot*, which details the entire first 'No Tax for Pan Am Games' campaign. A video about that campaign is also available on the www.notaxforpanam.com web site.

With five years to go to the billion-dollar-plus party, and with political wrangles yet to be worked out on who gets a cut of the taxpayer spoils, the real legacy of the 2015 *Pan-Am Games* already seems clear. {end}

the final tally was closer to \$600-million. Oddly, unlike every other piece of Toronto real estate over the past two decades, SkyDome's market value plunged over the years, allowing Rogers Communications to buy it for a mere \$25-million in 2004.

4 Nobody cares Finally, the most prevailing argument against staging the Pan Am Games is nobody cares about the Pan Am Games — including the athletes who compete in the Pan Am Games.

Indeed, at the 1999 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg, the U.S. team was comprised of second stringers. Meanwhile, media coverage of the event was virtually non-existent.

Toronto, spurned twice by the International Olympic Committee, doesn't need such an unconsoling consolation prize.

Indeed, the spectre of brand new, multi-million dollar taxpayer-funded edifices devoid of spectators for athletic events nobody wants to see (handball, anyone?) is surely a vulgar concept in this day of fiscal restraint.

The decision as to which city gets to host the games is expected sometime in the summer. Hopefully the Pan Am powers-that-be will do Toronto an enormous favour: namely, award the 2015 Pan Am Games to Lima, Peru or Bogota, Colombia. Toronto can ill-afford to take possession of such a "prize."

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Taxes - Government Bailouts, Government Debt, Government Deficits

with GUEST: Kevin Gaudet, Director, Canadian Taxpayers' Federation (right)

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Above: -from the National Post, Jan. 19, 2009. David Menzies' commentary, written well over a year ago, expresses the reality of Pan Am Games funding, and expresses his top four reasons why the 'Bread and Circuses' spending will not prove to be the legacy wanted by citizens and taxpayers.

SENDING OUT AN \$.0.\$...

"\$STOP OVER-\$PENDING!"

...Fp Speakers At City Hall Tax Rally

LONDON, Ontario - OCTOBER 3, 2009 - Concerned about municipal taxes at unprecedented high levels, approximately 60 brave souls stepped out in some of the most unpleasant weather of the season to protest the spending that is the cause of those taxes. With heavy rains intermittently interrupting all outdoor activity, and strong, brisk, easterly winds whisking away anything that wasn't tied down, the outdoor weekend event, held in Reg Cooper Square behind London's city hall, drew considerably fewer attendees than other record-setting events hosted by the Forest City Institute.

Fortunately, the sun showed itself for the better part of the noon-hour rally allowing several speakers, each holding tightly onto their notes lest they be blown away, to inform, entertain and attempt to persuade attendees to consider getting involved in the electoral process at the municipal level. Among the speakers were Fp president Robert Metz and London West Fp president Tim Hodges whose well-considered and polished presentation led many to believe that he was *already* running for office. (In Ontario, municipal elections will be held in late October, 2010.)

Describing itself as "a non-profit organization devoted to the study of issues of civic governance and suggesting market based solutions," the *Forest City Institute* cited the City of London as having the highest unemployment rate in Ontario. "The number of city staff earning \$100,000 or



Above: London West Fp president Tim Hodges was definitely the most polished of all the speakers when he spoke in front of London city hall at the SOS (Stop Over Spending) rally held October 3/09.

more has undergone a 'rapid expansion' from just 12 to 236 between 2000 and 2009." It also notes that the median income of Londoners is \$10,000 per year lower than 30 similar Canadian cities, yet has total expenditures approximately 20% higher than the *Local Government Performance Index* municipal national average.

Startling facts, but not motivating enough, it seems, to encourage enough high-quality and zero-percent tax increase candidates to run for office. As irony would have it, the highest profile municipal candidate on the 'zero percent tax increase' bandwagon is Joe Fontana, a former area Liberal MP and municipal councillor now running for mayor. Fontana sat on London council in 1986 when it voted itself a 32.6% increase in pay, followed two weeks later by a 43% increase in pay for P.U.C. Commissioners. Protesting the self-awarded pay increases, then Freedom Party Action Director Marc Emery delivered the largest petition ever presented to city council in its history to that date. Containing over 5000 signatures, that record was only recently broken when the fast-food industry organized a petition drive protesting the city's proposed idling ban at drive-thru restaurants. (See last issue of *FpNEWS & Commentary*.)

The last time a zero percent tax increase period *actually* occurred in the city was when the *London Middlesex-Taxpayers' Coalition*, led by the late Jim Montag and organized through Freedom Party, fielded a coalition of candidates that forced the issue of taxation onto the table --- before, during, and after the election. Londoners can only hope that current efforts to organize another slate of responsible candidates will have the same effect. With municipal elections only a few months away, prospects for serious change appear in short supply.

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RALLY

Citizens to tell politicians to stop reckless spending

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CHIP MARTIN
The London Free Press

A citizens rally against over-spending by governments at all levels is planned for today at Reg Cooper Square behind London city hall.

A group called the Forest City Institute is organizing the Stop Over-Spending (SOS) rally from noon to 2 p.m.

Andrew Lawton, one of the organizers, said he expects a strong turnout. Supporters of all political parties have been invited to the non-partisan event.

"It will be a great big party," he predicted.

The rally will include speakers and music, all carrying the message to politicians to curb their

spending.

Lawton said while the institute focuses on municipal spending, all levels of government are spending too much.

He said no particular incident triggered the rally but he pointed to the London Health Sciences Centre tendering scandal and similar misspending on eHealth at the provincial level and the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission.

Attendees are expected from other cities, including Toronto and Windsor, he said, because the "blogosphere" is heavily promoting the event online.

Those participating will be asked to pen messages to politicians demanding they stop reckless spending. Those mes-

sages, Lawton said, will be put into a large SOS water bottle and delivered to city hall Monday, hopefully to Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best's office.

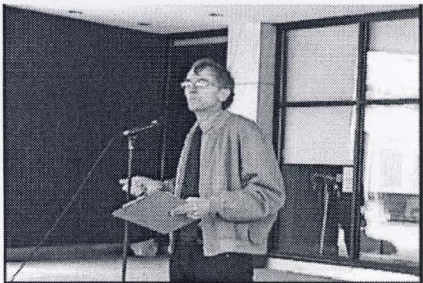
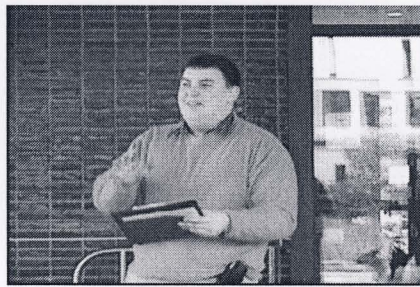
Lawton said the Forest City Institute promotes better ways of spending but doesn't necessarily preach that the private sector does a better job than the public sector. He said research into alternatives is promoted.

A former member of the University of Western Ontario Young Progressive Conservatives, Lawton said he's no longer active with the party.

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Above: -from the London Free Press, Oct 3, 2009. While refreshing to see the focus of a municipal tax protest on spending (which is the cause of taxation), lower taxes understandably remain the voters' main motivator, being the only measurable benefit to them on a personal level. With or without changes in public spending, tax levels are seen as a separate issue.



\$TOP OVER \$PENDING

OTHER VOICES AT TAX RALLY

Bottom Left: Fp president Robert Metz; Top Left: Forest City Institute Chairman Arthur Majoor; Above: Event organizer Andrew Lawton; Top Right: 'Five Feet Of Fury' Kathy Shaidle; Bottom Right: Forest City Institute organizer Mary Lou Ambrogio.

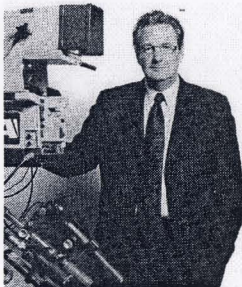
(See story on page 9)



Local Television Programming...

A-Channel's Don Mumford Gets An 'A'

'Two thumbs up' on Just Right



LONDON - October 22, 2009 - Having weighed in on the conflict between cable distributors and television broadcasters over a proposed cable fee to fund local TV in March/09, Fp leader **Paul McKeever** appeared to be the only voice opposed to the injustice of the scheme. (See last issue, *FpNEWS and Commentary*.) However, **Don Mumford**

General Manager of **A-Channel** in London (pictured insert), received a rare 'two thumbs up' from **Just Right** radio hosts **Robert Metz** and **Robert Vaughan** on their weekly broadcast, when he surprisingly expressed a public view open to free market pricing in television services.

After earlier being asked (by **CJBK 1290am Radio London** interviewer **Steve Garrison** on its October 9/09 broadcast) how **A-Channel** would be affected if the cable companies simply stopped carrying its signal, Mumford replied: "You know what? I would agree with that. We're prepared to stand on our laurels. You know what guys? If you don't want to carry us, I think it's going to hurt *your* business, but if you don't want to carry us, don't carry us.

"And I'll even go one step further. What we're proposing and what the CRTC has been proposing recently, is that this whole concept of forcing consumers to buy packages of TV stations is really out of step and it's really unfair to the consumer. (Most people) watch about ten to fifteen TV stations on their service, but in fact have to pay for anywhere from 100 to 150, up to 300, depending on what packages you want to buy.

"Let's put us all on the same tier. If the consumer wants us, they'll buy us. If they don't want us, they won't buy us. So it's conceivable, depending upon the individual consumer, that the cable and satellite companies would start paying us a subscription fee, and they would pass that on to consumers. But at the end of the day, when you only have to pay for ten stations or fifteen stations, instead of the 150 you're paying for now, your cable bill would actually go down.

"I think the CRTC is recognizing that the system is broken. Not only from our revenue perspective, but also from a consumer perspective. Maybe we need to blow the whole system up, strip it right back down to a free market system. Let the consumer pick and pay for what they want to view. I'm convinced, based on our long history in the community, that we'll do just fine."

With both consumers and the broadcast industry better off in a free market, the interventionist CRTC is unlikely to move very far in that direction, despite proclamations to the contrary. Its history of media monopolization and cultural imperatives is the cause of the market distortion in the first place. Fortunately, consumers still have the internet. {end}

Fp YouTube Channels

www.youtube.com/fpinternational

www.youtube.com/paulmckeever

www.youtube.com/fpontario

www.youtube.com/fpcanada



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"FPI condemns the U.S. government's decision to prosecute Emery, and the Conservative government's refusal to agree to the U.S. offer to allow him to stay on Canadian soil.

"We call upon the Conservative government of Canada to revisit that decision and communicate with U.S. authorities so as to ensure that Emery never has to spend any time in a U.S. facility. We call upon opposition parties in the Canadian House of Commons to demand of the federal Conservatives that they defend the sovereignty - and thereby, the liberty - of Canadians by taking all necessary steps to ensure that Emery is not sent to a U.S. prison. We call upon the Obama administration to take all steps necessary to have the charges against Marc Emery dropped."

In light of admitted knowledge of the above along with the deluge of evidence presented in *The Principle of Pot*, Nicholson's decision demonstrates: (1) that a cruel and irrational motivation lies at the heart of Conservative concepts of 'justice,' and (2) that individual freedom is not a Conservative value. Ironically, each of these realities was thoroughly demonstrated and meticulously explained in *The Principle of Pot*, as if in prophecy of the decision.

In his May 11, 2010 blog post, "Conservatives' Emery Extradition Shocks the Conscience," lawyer, Fp leader, and *Principle of Pot* producer Paul McKeever stressed that the *Extradition Act* actually "prevents the Justice Minister from deciding to surrender a person where the person is being prosecuted for his political beliefs/conduct, or where such beliefs/conduct are such that he would face prejudice in the country seeking the extradition."

Added McKeever: "...it shocks the conscience that Conservative Justice Minister Rob Nicholson surrendered Emery *unconditionally* without seeking any assurances that a death penalty would not be imposed."

In his decision Nicholson wrote: "I accept that the Canadian authorities have yielded in good faith to the interests of the American authorities. ...my refusal to seek assurances would not make Mr. Emery's surrender to the United States to face the outstanding charges 'shocking to the conscience.'"

Explains McKeever: "*Shocking to the conscience* is a legal phrase that relates to a situation in which the country seeking a person's extradition would subject the person to procedures or penalties that would breach the principles of fundamental justice enshrined in s.7 of Canada's *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Essentially, Nicholson is implying that, in his opinion, it does not 'shock the conscience' to see a Canadian citizen locked up potentially for the rest of his life --- or sentenced to death --- for an offence for which a Canadian would face only a small fine or community service were he charged and convicted in Canada."

As of this writing, Emery and McKeever (who have still never met in person) have been permitted by US authorities to keep in contact with each other during this stage of Emery's incarceration. Stay tuned to this newsletter and other **Freedom Party** media sources for future updates. {end}



Above: New York Times best selling author, political activist, lawyer, and journalist Ann Coulter speaks to a packed house of about 900 attendees at the University of Western Ontario On March 22/10 in London Ontario. Coulter appeared on an exclusive Canadian radio interview with Just Right hosts Robert Metz and Robert Vaughan on March 11. See story on page 5.



Above: The view from the on-air control room at CHRW Radio studios at the University of Western Ontario in London shows former Spoken Word Director and on air operator Bronwen Loden in the foreground while Robert Vaughan and Robert Metz discuss controversial issues in the sound-proofed studio on the other side of the glass. See pages 4-6 for story.

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Mythologies surrounding my association with Emery have, over the years since our parting, not infrequently floated back to me in the form of comments and queries that reflect a complete misunderstanding of what Marc Emery is all about, what I am all about, and of what **Freedom Party** is all about. Documented in meticulous detail, *The Principle of Pot - Part One* lays all of these issues to rest. Viewers can see for themselves how I came to meet this remarkable individual, got involved with politics, the issues we worked on together, and ultimately, why we parted ways when Emery eventually decided to "abandon **Freedom Party**," as the news reports of the day put it.

Beyond Emery's history as an advocate for marijuana legalization, the *Principle of Pot* is about his history as an explorer in search of the most appropriate and effective way to protect individual freedom within a so-called 'democracy' that increasingly erodes and destroys that freedom with each passing day.

Of all the issues raised, this is the one with the most frightening implications. *The Principle Of Pot* broaches a question which is horrifying to consider, and is thus everywhere conveniently denied, evaded, and ignored. Actually it's not so much the *question* that's scary; it's the answer. Ironically, it was the very question asked by both Emery and myself in an early *Consent* publication: "Can We Survive Democracy?" Or: Is the democratic process a demonstrated way to individual freedom and individual rights? The scary answer in every case appears to be: no.

Emery's belief that breaking laws is the fast track to freedom is therefore not without its foundations. Historically, it appears undeniable that state oppression and unjust laws have never been defeated by any 'democratic' processes. Only those who have broken laws and openly defied authorities have actually had any effect in reversing democracy's tendency towards tyranny.

This is the real tragedy illuminated by *The Principle Of Pot*. So don't be surprised when you realize that the superficial issue of 'marijuana' is not even once raised in the entire 99-minute *Part One* of the documentary. Why? Because this story is about the *principle*, not about the pot.



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"Some things are black and white."

Where do I and **Freedom Party** stand on the question of civil disobedience vs the democratic process? For that, you'll have to watch *The Principle of Pot*. You won't be left hanging without a clear answer to that question.

What makes watching *The Principle Of Pot* a particularly exciting experience is the viewer's ability to witness history in the making, thanks to our past and continuing practice of documenting (using audio/visual means) everything **Freedom Party** and its spokespersons have done in the public arena and in the course of political advocacy.

This is part of the true capital that **Freedom Party** has consciously been accumulating over the years (thanks also to our long-time loyal supporters), never having anticipated anything like web sites or *YouTube* per se, but something like them. With the traditional media doing its utmost to ignore **Freedom Party** and its pro-freedom, pro-capitalist philosophy, this capital will become the platform for **Freedom Party's** future growth, while the internet will allow us to be seen by those unable to learn anything about the party through their regular media. [Our *YouTube* viewing numbers continue to dwarf the competition, as we documented for our readers in the first issue of *FpNEWS and Commentary*.]

After you've seen *The Principle of Pot* yourself, consider the loss, had the events witnessed in this remarkable epic not originally been recorded and stored on videotape. Today, thanks to the remarkable number of ways we can process and share audio/visual files, these events are now being seen for the first time by thousands of viewers and will unavoidably become an integral and indisputable part of this country's political history and social heritage.

That alone makes *The Principle of Pot* worth the price of admission. This one really does "have legs" and looks like it will be running for some time to come. {end}

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