

Canada is dissolved; is the U.S. next?

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The June 23 provisional dissolution of Canada, through the failure of the provinces of Manitoba and Newfoundland to ratify the Meech Lake Accords, advances a program of uncontrolled disintegration of nation-states throughout the Western Hemisphere. It was clearly not the Indians of Manitoba Province, nor First Minister Clyde Wells of Newfoundland, who up-ended the Meech Lake agreement—a deal whereby French-speaking Quebec would ratify the constitution only on the condition that it would be granted special status as a “distinct society.” In fact, there had been agreement from Wells that he would submit the accord to a vote of the legislature (which he did not do) on June 9, and Manitoba's First Minister Gary Filmon, had assured Prime Minister Brian Mulroney that his Province would ratify on time.

Political economist Lyndon LaRouche, commenting on the failure of Meech Lake, warned against treating it as an “outburst of sincerity.” On the contrary, he said, “this is an outburst of manipulation.” The question is, who benefits from the present constitutional mess? Many observers noted that neither the stock market, nor the bond markets experienced any significant shock at Meech Lake's demise, despite the fact that the Canadian media were filled with glowing predictions of the Accord's passage.

The only real beneficiaries of the political breakup of Canada is the Anglo-American financial Establishment and its condominium arrangement with the Russian empire. Mulroney's view is indicative. In an interview, he said that “We have a stand-alone relationship with the United States, which is probably unique in the world—which is not unhelpful, by the way, in getting things done. We are developing a good stand-alone relationship with the Soviet Union.”

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But that relationship will hardly be “stand-alone,” since the Establishment's plan is to form a North American Common Market, while imposing a Schachtian monetary and banking dictatorship on Canada, Mexico, and the United States. Articles in the London *Economist* and columns by American yahoos such as Pat Buchanan now loudly proclaim that the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement (FTA) concluded last year ought to be extended to Mexico, and that the appropriate redrawing of the continental political map, including annexation of provinces (and perhaps, even secession of states), should result.

According to the 2.2 million-member Canadian Labor

Congress, FTA has been directly responsible for the loss of 105,000 Canadian jobs. Statistics released in early June report that 165,000 manufacturing jobs have disappeared in one year. But rather than placing the blame where it lies—in London, New York, and Washington—insincere Canadian voices are trying to blame Mexico instead. According to Peter C. Newman, writing in *MacLean's* magazine on June 25, the immediate fear is that “what's left of Canada's industrial base could disappear in the face of Mexican wage rate, which averages \$.60 per hour. [There is the threat of] Mexico's *maquiladora* zone . . . the deregulated area of northern Mexico where workers turn out every imaginable product for duty-free import into the United States, under minimum income conditions, with virtually no health, safety, or environmental standards.”

The big question is, will most Canadians swallow such misleading finger-pointing. Some 57% of Canadians in a recent poll said that the FTA has harmed their nation. Polls asking the question: “Should the United States and Canada become one country,” find 81% of Canadians opposed to it. Even in this traditionally placid population, the potential for something quite different than what the “common marketers” plan, might well be unleashed, once Canadians find that in their newly found regional independence, they have only traded their British colonial status for a far worse form of economic slavery.

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