

Alert!

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TRUDEAU CONSTITUTION

Did You Know This?

1. PROPERTY RIGHTS ARE OMITTED

You yourself, a company, or a province, would no longer be protected against partial or total confiscation of property.

WHY?

BECAUSE all your past guarantees of property rights under Magna Carta (1215) and the Diefenbaker Bill of Rights are now eliminated by this new rigid constitution. It will become the supreme law of Canada. (Constitution 81 : Section 58)

With its passage any revenue from our Western land and resources can be "equalized" away from us to Central Canada, or Ottawa. It was this promise that won Ontario's vote in the "18¢ Election" and their backing of the proposed Constitution. (Section 34 (1:a, b, c))

N.B. The financial wealth of Alberta, unlike that of industrialized Ontario and Quebec, **DEPENDS ON PROPERTY**. What is or is **raised** on the land, and what lies **under** the land (oil, gas, etc.)

THE RUG COULD BE PULLED FROM UNDER OUR FEET AND YOU CANNOT CHANGE THAT BY VOTE OR VETO!!!

— And when the West is poor, jobs are scarce... **EVERYWHERE!**

2. BILINGUALISM IS STRETCHED

To win the "18¢ Election" Trudeau promised Quebec: "There will be bilingualism from sea to sea." You, in Alberta, could be required to help pay for this bilingualism, and perhaps lose your job to boot!!!

WHY?

BECAUSE, within the Civil Service, Army Administration, C.N.R., Air Canada, Petro Canada, Postal Service, C.B.C., employees from sea to sea could be required to be bilingual. (Section 16)

3. A. THE STRUCTURE OF THE COURTS IS OMITTED

You could be robbed of the democratic right of trial before courts free from **government interference**.

WHY?

BECAUSE the vagueness due to the omission of court **structure** would allow the Federal Government to replace our present court system with new courts. This could be used against the individual as in totalitarian states.

B. THE WAR MEASURES ACT IS ENTRENCHED

Political opposition could be punished at the whim of the political party in power.

WHY?

BECAUSE certain forms of opposition could be labelled by the Federal Government as punishable "apprehended insurrection". (Section 4 [2])

C. HABEAS CORPUS IS JEOPARDIZED

You would no longer be guaranteed a prompt trial.

WHY?

BECAUSE the government could decide upon a "reasonable time" to bring you to trial. There is nothing specific. (Section 11)

4. PROVINCIAL AND REGIONAL VOICES ARE IGNORED

EIGHT provinces would become pawns.

This so-called Constitution has been framed by **ONE** party - the Liberals - who were elected to power by only **TWO** of Canada's ten provinces. The other **EIGHT** provinces, whose Legislatures oppose it, are denied the veto by this Constitution, and lose their rights to revenue when the B.N.A. Act goes. Only selected parts of the B.N.A. Act appear in "Constitution 81".

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