

Dear Cadre

Dear Editor:

The March 25th, 1975 edition of the Cadre revealed the then new interrogation tactics of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. These new "tactics" were and are extremely chauvinistic and reflected the most perverse attitudes against women as well as a flagrant denial of respect for Canadian citizens.

In view of the fact the Cadre was the first to reveal this travesty against justice, I protest the huge ad for R.C.M.P. recruitment in your Feb. 24th, 1977 edition.

Moreover, I suggest, for the benefit of today's readers, that you reprint the March 25th, 1975 expose. It's a shocker.

Sincerely,  
Stan Dalton

WHAT HERITAGE

Sir: — On our Island in recent years, there appears to be a budding tradition of what might conveniently be called the professional swan song. Judges, politicians, educators, journalists, and senior civil servants apparently feel constrained, as they begin to sniff the air of freedom from nameless and numberless fears, to unburden themselves of thoughts and opinions which would have greatly redounded to their credit and the common good, if they had had the courage to reveal them many years earlier. However, when such utterances come too late in a career, they serve but to confirm and underscore the climate of fear and cringing servility which delayed their birth.

Among the more recent of such swan songs that of Mr. Ken Bolton is probably the most noteworthy. During his years on the Island, Mr. Bolton enjoyed positions

which gave him the opportunity to understand, as Acton put it, that "the great historian now takes his meals in the kitchen."

In a speech to the last annual meeting of the Third Queens Progressive Conservative Association, Mr. Bolton asserted that the Island way of life, despite its many assets and great potential means "the lowest standard of living in Canada, with one of the highest costs of basic necessities, including electricity...one of the highest rates of alcoholism, of suicide and of unemployment in the country, compared to one of the lowest levels of public service...a second-rate educational system, a political process dominated by professional office boys and slick consultants....Canada's highest level of dependence on the federal government...the lowest rate of development despite the famous 'under-development plan'. It means — and this is most important — acceptance of a welfare mentality, the assumption of an attitude of defeat, of resignation and of hopelessness".

Now this is our heritage. I believe Mr. Bolton deserves our thanks for describing it so accurately and so well. This heritage must not be passed on to future generations.

Surely this is not the heritage Premier Campbell had in mind when he stated in his current Heritage Day proclamation that "I am enthused by the rebirth of interest in our heritage, and I am proud that the government is leading the way". If it is, I agree that the government is leading the way, but I don't think the Premier should be proud of the fact. Again the Premier states, "Our links with the past are worth preserving, not only for the sense of identity they give us, but also as a priceless legacy to be passed on to our own children." Who among us "with soul so dead", wishes to be identified with links that bind us to "an attitude of defeat, of resignation, and of hopelessness"? The Premier concludes his Heritage Day statement by pledging, "With a combination of citizen and government support, our heritage will re-

main a guarded treasure." Must one assume that that treasure guarding is to be the next make-work project?

Obviously, Premier Campbell cannot be referring to our heritage in any proper sense of the word, but rather to the current fad of the bric-a-brac boys and girls, which is itself a grave symptom of a people's declining vitality. By all means preserve the historic building, the moonshiner's "worm", and the old cow stool; but please don't be deluded or seek to delude others into thinking that such things constitute our heritage or are "a priceless legacy to be passed on to our own children." They don't and they aren't.

I am, Sir, etc.,  
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St. Peter's Bay.

# R.C.M.P. Interrogation Techniques 'Brainwashing' To Obtain Evidence And Confessions

From THE CADRE, MARCH 25, 1975.

The document from which the following excerpts are taken, is entitled Interrogation Techniques and originates from the Training and Development Branch at Headquarters of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in Ottawa. It was written by Chief Inspector A.R. Roberts of the Calgary City Police and bears the crest of the R.C.M.P. on its cover. The commanding

officer of the P.E.I. Headquarters of the R.C.M.P. in Charlottetown telephoned Superintendent Moffat in Ottawa to confirm the authenticity of the document and reported that it is currently in use as a training manual within the force.

It is important to keep in mind that the Interrogation Techniques outlined here are to be used on "sus-

pects" — individuals who, according to our system of justice, ought to be assumed innocent of the crime in question until proven guilty by a court of law.

It is a manual for members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, not for the mafia, not for guerrillas, or for a goon squad.

These "techniques are

taught and used in our Canadian society — not in the jungles of Indonesia or the kangaroo courts of a military dictatorship.

So when the myths fall, they fall hard!

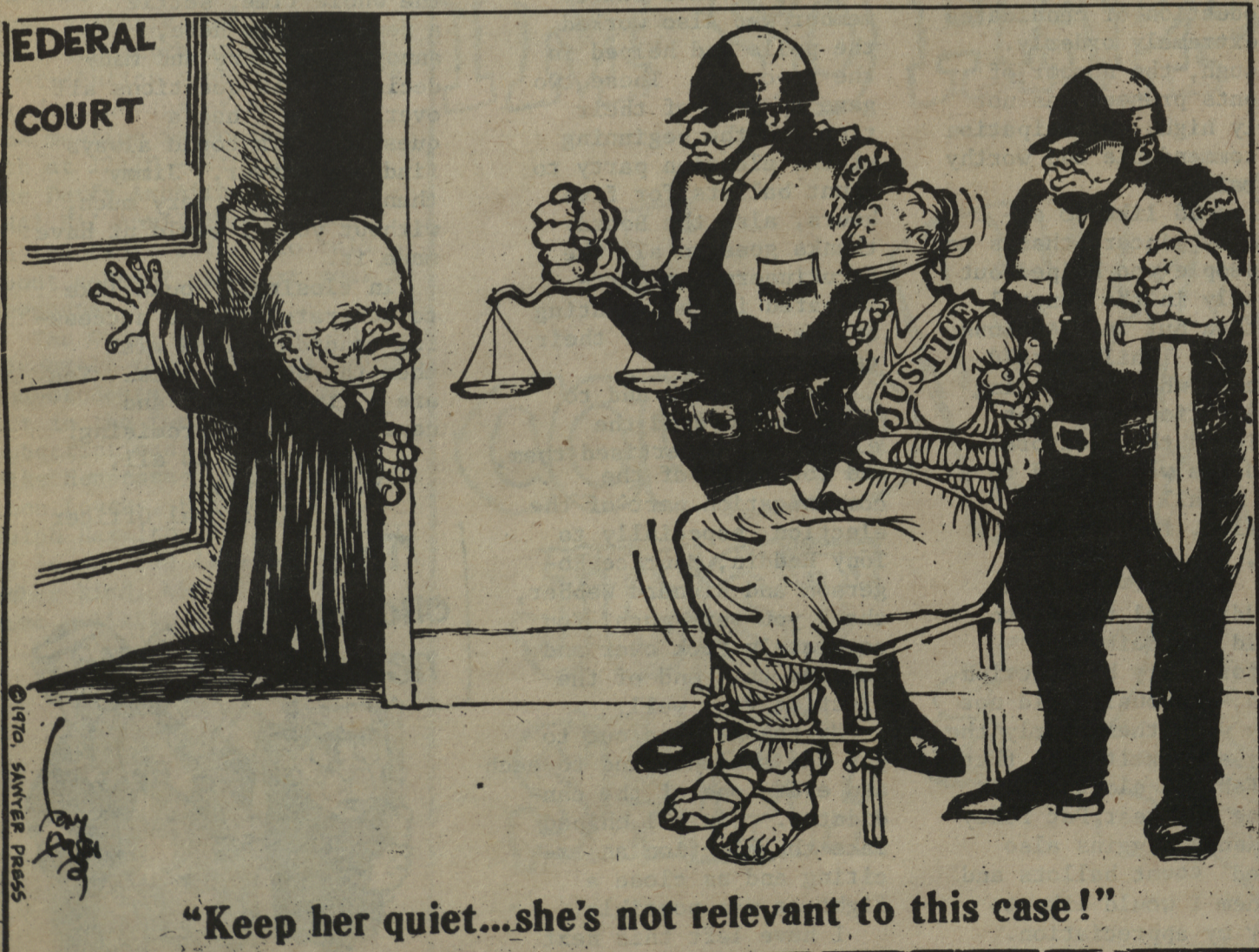
R.C.M.P. trainees are taught "brainwashing" methods (cf. p. 2) to defame and insult (p. 27, to threaten (p. 15), to promote lies (p. 29) and to tell lies (p. 28). The manual insults and degrades women (pp. 7, 8, 11, and 33), it outrageously

slanders religion (p. 14), it promotes methods to create "mental imbalance" in men and to destroy the dignity of the person (p. 15) to obtain evidence and confessions — and these techniques are all billed as "efforts to seek the truth"!

To suggest that these methods are a search for the truth is a hideous, monstrous parody — the product of a gross and diseased mind:

But let the manual speak for itself and draw your own conclusions. A dozen copies are available on reserve at the new UPEI library.

This manual is a symptom of a sick police force which in turn is a symptom of a sick society! I emphasize again that the excerpts which follow on pages six and seven are verbatim excerpts in context from this report.



"Keep her quiet...she's not relevant to this case!"