



AFFILIATION QUEBEC

*A NEW political party to refocus the agenda! "We don't want to be 'LIED TO', nor to be undervalued again."
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I want to thank you for welcoming me to speak to rotary today, especially because some rotary clubs do not sanction political presentations, But the story of AffiliationQuebec is not so much a political statement, as it is a reaction to historical fact – one which for most of us in this room, we have been living personally.

It is the story, originally, so eloquently told by Hugh MacLennan in his novel, Two Solitudes – But MacLennan wrote that historical fiction about life in Montreal and Quebec in another time, back, during World War I.

Today, in 2007, Anno Domini, we are living many books later, in an edition that somewhat resembles the children's story book – The King's new Clothes, --- but notwithstanding the fact that we live the story personally, we generally are not allowed to be openly critical --- or our community will absolutely suffer the consequences from our nationalist masters.

And let me just remind you that the King, whose empire is crumbling around him, despite his apparent bravado, lives just up the street on Victoria, below the Boulevard.

Permit me to be less cryptic. The delicate balance we have been living in Quebec since 1960 and the Quiet Revolution, which overtook our country in that year of Jean Lesage and "Maitre Chez Nous" – That delicate balance is slowly unwinding despite the fact that so-called English money and its power have fled west, and upward of 600,000 – count each one of them --one at a time – 600,000 have left their native homes, and moved on.

Montreal and Quebec are somewhat like the Maritimes in that way – many of our best – English and French--have left – eagerly sought after fuel for distant economies, and they have taken their skills, their money, and their future generations with them.

Both the economic and human price—for all Quebecers—has been huge....Had it not been for threats and terrorism...The Toronto you see today would NEVER have happened...It was NOT in the cards....Montreal was the business capital of Canada.....and except for the Toronto Dominion, all the other bank head offices were in Montreal.

Not that they would ever admit it, but just think about the feisty Quebec nationalists shooting themselves in both feet!

Shocking, isn't it? – Just as you have been lulled into the Quebec funk of believing, "We have relative peace", and "I'm alright Jack", here am I,-- standing before you today with a baseball bat in my hand, that you really do not want to see swinging..., and I tell you and all Quebec nationalists – "No, it is NOT ALRIGHT JACK! --The King is a liar, and worse – he has no clothes!" For example, among others, the forever promised tax cuts, which may or may not come, depending on when the next election is held, --and restored municipal demergers,-- What a mess that is..... reduced medical wait times, and I could go on –

For nigh on 20 years, we have been promised a new McGill Super Hospital, and finally the latest lie is that the contract will be signed sometime in 2009, to proceed as a PPP, and for the doors to finally open in 2013.

Let me leave the whole discussion of the PPP and it's supposed advantages aside for today.

Ladies and gentlemen, by 2009, there is virtually no possibility that the Quebec Liberals will still be in power- and just who, I ask you, is going to commit, then, to the McGill Super Hospital?

You supply your own answer!

And, NO, unless he was completely transformed by one badly timed dinner at Senator Leo Kolber's house, it will not be Mario Dumont of the ADQ...now a closet nationalist who co-chaired the "YES" committee in the last referendum campaign, and who quit the liberal party over non-implementation of the highly toxic and extreme, Allaire Report.

And remember when Mario addressed Rotary in this very room last year, his lips did not even move during the singing of Oh Canada...

But don't worry – The Montreal Gazette will pave the way with full rationalizations, as it always has, and whatever is left of the so-called "lamb lobby", will tell us how lucky we are to be so privileged and wealthy a minority, in the wonderfully despotic state of Quebec, where we are truly loved, and treated so well.

Please – don't shoot me – I am only the messenger.

Last April, I attended an open meeting of the QCGN – The Quebec Communities Group Network.

Who are they, you may ask?

Well, the QCGN used to represent the interests of the 25% of Quebec Anglos living outside of the Montreal area, and they have moved recently to new offices in Montreal from Quebec city, now, God Help Us, to represent all of us Anglos in Quebec since the demise, in its' last form, of Alliance Quebec.

If you didn't know it, the QCGN has the three Million dollars of Heritage Canada funding to hold empty public consultations, and to write nice reports "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing", as Will, of Shakespeare-in-the-Park fame, would have said.

Friends and Rotarians, I walked out of that meeting last April realizing that Quebec's minorities and Anglo's needed a real address – a proper voice to register their views and concerns – and that the political agenda needed to be refocused.

QCGN cannot do that!

And with the political vacuum left by the demise of Alliance Quebec, and the Equality Party, there was no leadership for Anglos and other Minorities that I could find.

Certainly, it did not reside in the Liberal Party of Jean Charest, Jacques Chagnon, Laurence Bergman, dot, dot, dot, - and I could go on naming names of elected representatives who have not represented their voters interests on any important matters at all.

Gosh by golly, they have closed our hospitals, driven our doctors away, closed long term beds, put our cities in disarray, emptied and shut our schools, made our language illegal....and more..

Yes, my friends, all done by the Nationalists, separatists, and the Liberal Party of Quebec, whom we have continued to support and vote for, despite the clear evidence, the Liberals do absolutely NOT represent very much at all that is of important interest to most Anglo's and other Quebec Minorities:

Montreal, as the motor of Quebec industry? - - no plan at all except for more excessive taxation, and draconian restrictions.

Fair rules for de-merged cities, and making Montreal workable as a democratically operated, failed mega-city? – NO!!!

Tremblay now holds all the cards, and gets uncontrolled new taxation powers, thanks to Mr. Charest

–

NO recipe here for a better run, troubled metropolis.

A better financed, streamlined, and managed medical care system? – Don't make me laugh!

Departing, underpaid doctors, medical positions frozen, too few technicians, over-worked nurses, long wait times, and over-burdened system! –

No, no new plan—and probably now, no new McGill Hospital either!

Revamped education plan? Joke!

Modified fall school board elections for over-taxed, disinterested property owners? –

Don't get me started –

More big school board problems ahead, and more school closings too, with fewer enrollments.

Relaxed language and sign laws? – Ha! Ha! Ha!

Minority quotas in public service hiring? –

Yeah, sure!

Riding reform reflecting equitable representation, or proportional representation?

Don't hold your breath – because you will turn blue.

Hey – could we see the retained votes from the last referendum? Nope!! Who would dare?

And people tell me they HAVE to vote Liberal? –

Give me a break!

Ladies and gentlemen – there has to be some clarity here.

And, to be sure, there is a Federal Clarity Act, which may ensure some degree of fairness when there is to be another referendum on separation.

But don't worry too much in the near future, because there will be no 3rd referendum until the separatists are absolutely sure they will win!

And that probably means when enough of US have either left Quebec, or died.

The biggest problem for THEM is that soft nationalists, while wanting separation, are not yet completely sure, about giving up their Canadian citizenship, and Canadian pensions.

But never for a moment, be fooled about the infiltration of Quebec nationalists throughout all of Quebec society.

They operate at all levels of the Quebec Government, especially at the top, and of course anywhere policy is being developed.

There is a master plan, well hidden from you and me, but ever-present,-- and its effects should be evident to all as we live our lives in a Quebec with more restrictions, and where almost all new children are forced into the Non-English teaching Madrasses of Quebec.

Why should Minorities and Anglos fear to demand from Quebec City, the rights and recognition, which legitimately are theirs?

It is a simple question of "Civil Rights"—
OUR CIVIL RIGHTS.....

And this, especially, when Quebec – is constantly demanding rights and recognition from Ottawa, sometimes for rights which legitimately are just not theirs to have.

Interesting, isn't it, that Quebec is so insistent on acquiring equal rights as a minority, while absolutely denying those equal rights to it's own minorities.

It is downright shameful, but yet, minority Quebecers are so fearful to rise up and take back those rights so nastily stolen from them.

Quebec minorities number more than 50%
of the population of the Island of Montreal!
Fear not the separatists and nationalists –
for their cause is not JUST.

Just try and talk about separating any piece of La France.

It cannot, and will not happen.

Not in France!

Not in the United States of America!

Not in Great Britain.

Almost nowhere!

But in Canada, why is it possible? Why can it even be discussed?

And while we are on this subject, we at AffiliationQuebec really do want to know from Prime Minister Harper, exactly where the minorities and Anglos of Quebec figure as part of the Quebecois "nation". We know we live with abrogated rights as a result of Ottawa's acceptance of the use of the notwithstanding clause, as Quebec has used it.

But why has it been accepted, why have we been sold out?

Explain to us, our place in the "Quebecois Nation" when Quebec leaders consistently demonstrate so clearly our devalued status in the "Nation de Quebec".

We have been unceremoniously traded by both Ottawa Liberals and Conservatives, for the soft nationalist votes they so desperately need to cheat their way to majority government.

We, minorities and Anglos, – we stand on guard for thee, oh Canada, –

While you have abandoned us,

your steadfast sons & daughters, in the lion's den of Quebec.

Shame on you in Ottawa – we deserve better – if only we would demand it – and that is why AffiliationQuebec has been founded.

We have stood on guard with steadfastly loyal French Canadians through two referenda, constantly battling the Bloc and the

Separatist PQ, voting Conservative and Liberal, only to have been used as abandoned, sacrificed pawns in the National Unity Chess Game.

These ploys are but fools' gambits leading to national destruction.

We are the front troops of Canadian National Survival!

Mister Harper, Monsieur Dion – are you both blind to our leaking, ebbing strength after 50 years of battle?

Fatigue and fear have set in!

As we fade and die, who will serve as your bulwark in the next Quebec referendum?

How many more of our rights will you give away to appease the enemies of Canada?

Separation is not dead, my friends, it is only in remission.

It has always been there since the 1830's.

But the staunch Canadian base in Quebec is slowly dwindling and weakening because of Ottawa's shortsighted treachery.

So, three factors together have brought us to this place, this turning point, this moment of opportunity for diminished Anglos, and ignored minorities.

First, the selling out of their own community by the Anglo Lamb Lobby, hoping and believing the complicity and acquiescence to the onslaught of Quebec Nationalist power would leave them and their wonderful institutions essentially untouched.

AS you well know, this plan just did not work. And their marvelous friends in the Liberal Party were even more severe with us than even were the Parti Quebecois.

Except for 1989, when we DID elect 4 equality members to the legislature, an epic disaster, as it turned out, as at least 2 of them rewarded their electors with a public show, worthy of their places in Quebec history.

It is still painful for me to even think the name Richard Holden.

The second factor – Ottawa – did have the power to protect us – and willfully, did not!

Even Canada's Supreme Court of 9 ermine robed High Justices, failed the important test of national greatness by guaranteeing that our entrenched Anglo Quebec Constitutional rights could so easily be eroded.

What was it, I would love to know, the Supreme Court 9 failed to understand about our basic, entrenched rights, that even the great, protecting charter of Canadian rights could not restore.

Or was it that "The Fix was in", and the price to pay for Quebecois Appeasement in National Unity was Anglo and Minority rights in Quebec.

And through all of this, our own community leadership hardly even whimpered!

Virtually all elements of resistance came from non-establishment sources, and included memorable moments like the 1976, 8,000 attended, Montreal Forum, Rally Canada, at which I was privileged to be a speaker; Bill Johnson's ascendance at Alliance Quebec, and the Eaton's Rally; The Fairview Rally;

The Quebec Committee for Canada, Plan B, Newspaper ad campaign in 1997 of which I was a co-founder; Howard Galganov's flash; the Municipal Partition Initiative, which incidentally, Peter Trent successfully destroyed right here in Westmount, and which failure was probably the catalyst and fundamental reason for the forced merger of island communities, in order to assure that there could be no possible re-enactment of Federal Dissent from municipal bases.

And of course, Keith Henderson's Equality Party, which never gained much traction, but certainly deserved to have.

Well, if Anglo establishment sell-out wasn't enough of a strike 1, defeat for our side, and abandonment by Ottawa as a solid strike 2, the third strike of demise, I save for the Montreal Gazette, to which I charge "full complicity" for having blatantly ignored, in significant large measure, virtually all dissent and opposition to our loss of rights, --or essential coverage to fledgling organizations fighting to establish their legitimate base, --or struggling to lead the fight for Anglo or minority rights.

Since the demise of the Montreal Star, in a sweetheart deal, which saw the Star's assets sold to the Gazette, and which turned Montreal into a "one English daily-paper town", – to our terrible and great loss, our fight for minority survival has been downhill ever since.

I'm going to ask you a question?

Who is presumed to speak for Anglo and Minority rights?

Answer: As I look around, it would seem to be the Liberal Party of Quebec, to be sure, and it's elected representatives!

Do they?

Absolutely Not !!

And which political party does the Gazette – our only English Daily newspaper, support? –

You know the answer.

The Quebec Liberal Party!

Most of you here, I would expect have heard about the establishment of AffiliationQuebec in the media?

How many times has AffiliationQuebec been even mentioned in the Gazette?

Just 3! and two of them, were passively.

And one of those times, was in a letter to the editor decrying the failure of an op-ed piece on the subject of Anglo dissatisfaction with the Quebec Liberals to even mention the establishment of this new Quebec Political Party Alternative.

On the day of our greatest coverage, our founding meeting, on May 20th, the Gazette was glaringly absent, and so was the reportage of our meeting from the pages of the erstwhile Montreal Gazette. How could they miss it? But they did!

Our meeting got wide coverage all across Quebec and Canada...but NOT in the pages of the Gazette, Montreal's only English daily.

It is not my job nor place to tell the Gazette what or whom to cover.

But they have never covered us, or publicized our meetings, or been supportive.

Not to the Equality Party.

Not to Alliance Quebec.

And certainly not to AffiliationQuebec.

One would think that a community's sole daily Newspaper, would serve as a bulletin board announcing events, and providing information on what and who is happening.

The Gazette, its publishers, and its owners need to examine the role of the Gazette to understand if it really serves this community well.

I charge it does not!

It is urgent for Quebec's community newspapers serving their local and minority publics, to fully realize their great and essential importance to our society, given the failings of the Gazette. And the electronic news media must be sure not follow the Gazette. They must lead it, because of its glaring shortcomings.

I have absolutely nothing to lose, here, because the Gazette will not cover us anyway.

But I will tell you this, I presume the late Issie Asper, who was leader of the opposition of the Manitoba Liberal Party, long before he built a huge publishing media empire, would never have permitted the Gazette, were he alive now, to pursue its shameful heritage. He certainly would have understood the need for access, and the need for community coverage, if not leadership.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Montreal Gazette has been front and center for two generations in the destruction of our community, because it supports the destroyers of our community.

If no opposition start-up can gain traction and momentum in the community, it can only die.

You can read about the Liberals in the Gazette and you can read about the Nationalists and the Separatists in the Gazette, but rarely can you read about the new leadership attempts to represent Anglos or Minorities.

It's catch 22 –

How do you get coverage in the Gazette?

You can't!

Enough of the Gazette!

Do you know the definition of insanity?

The best definition that I have ever heard, thanks to Albert Einstein, is:

Continuing to do what you have been doing hoping to get a different result.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Anglos and Minorities have continued to vote for the Quebec Liberal Party hoping for salvation, and fair representation.

But it never comes!

For too many years, we have been HAD!

We have been LIED TO!

We have been poorly REPRESENTED!

We have been UNDERVALUED!

We have been HARMED!

We have been MISTREATED!

This is the record of the Liberal Party...

This is the legacy of Jean Charest...

My Friends...

Canada's and Quebec's native people block bridges, railways, and highways, sometimes for months, in their search for justice.

But we, who subscribe to the rule of law, do not work that way. We start pressure groups and political parties. And hope to get newsworthy attention in the media...

But I would like to add one short comment, on citizen participation, which has been sorely lacking in Anglo and minority circles in Quebec.

I know many of us are battle-weary, and others fear government reprisal or retribution of some sort. Unions hold sway over their members because they are perceived to be violent, and often bring in support from other militant unions.

When told to be on the picket line, strikers obey, or know they will eventually suffer, whatever consequence.

Pressure groups and political parties, have no big stick to motivate interested members to demonstrate or to attend meetings.

There was one time back in 1995 during the hospital closings, when 7 out of 8 hospitals closed were considered to be Anglo institutions.

The Liberals were deeply concerned about a possible Anglo revolt, after twelve thousand citizens marched in response to the closing of the Queen E.

Two weeks later, when only 500 marched in support of the Reddy Memorial, the Government knew there would be NO Anglo revolt.

Had FIFTEEN thousand marched in support of the Reddy, I submit to you, we COULD have, and WOULD have saved our hospitals.

Even a tired community needs to know when to march!

A small group of us has now provided this latest vehicle for organized dissent, community involvement, and effective leadership.

If insufficient numbers join and support AffiliationQuebec, and fail to adequately support us to elect several members to the Quebec Legislature, to promote our just cause, and to affect government policy –

We at AffiliationQuebec consider that it will not be we who have failed.

People too often get the government they deserve.

We at AffiliationQuebec have provided the leadership and alternative vehicle.

The community has to know when to march!

We have provided the signal. The time to join us is now.

There is nothing, I repeat NOTHING, in the AffiliationQuebec program that is unfriendly to the interests of Quebecois aspirations, or the French Language--except for Quebec separation from Canada, and the abrogation of any rights of Quebec minorities and Anglos.

And that statement, in itself, says a lot!

And no other political party in Quebec, including Jean Charest's Liberals, would ever endorse it.

Just because we are an aggrieved, silent community, does not mean that we neither exist, nor remember, nor deeply resent transgressions committed against us these many, long years.

“Je me souviens” applies to us, too.

It is our Droits Acquis—acquired rights which have been—and continue to be destroyed by a vindictive, racist element in Quebecois society

We do remember - - And hopefully, our community will remember to remember, and to respond to this latest call to arms –

Arms of words, and arms of ideas...

To be restored to our rightful place in the Quebec and Canadian partnership.

Un tout petit mot dans la langue « officielle » du Québec.

AffiliationQuebec est très consciente de sa place dans le dialogue Québécois.

On accueille chaleureusement tous les Canadiens Français, qui luttent pour les droits individuels et minoritaires dans le contexte Canadien.

Nous nous excusons, à cause de notre nouveauté et notre manque de ressources, de ne pouvoir vous présenter, en ce moment, un visage plus complet dans la langue française.

I, as party leader of AffiliationQuebec, thank you for listening to our message.

I can only hope that we will be able to count on your support to elect a strong, positive, and effective leadership voice to represent the more than 1,000,000 minorities and Anglos of Quebec.

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