

# BRIANGATE IS HERE: CBC covers up corruption in high places

GLEN KEALEY, Canada's best known protester who has occupied the Parliament Hill steps for the last 19 months, speaking out against corruption in the Mulroney government, came to Saskatoon for a May 15th meeting. CITIZENS CONCERNED ABOUT FREE TRADE had invited him to speak on what happened to him when he refused to pay a kickback to a cabinet minister, Roch LaSalle, then Minister of Public Works. Since his refusal to ante up, Kealey has charged a number of Conservative MPs and senators with fraud, bribe-taking and receiving kickbacks, and the RCMP for refusing to proceed with the charges. The names Kealey has named are now surfacing in newspaper reports, the latest in the May 16th Globe and Mail, "Resurrecting a scandal", the day after the Saskatoon public meeting. (See the back of this leaflet). Recently the government passed a law to prevent Kealey from protesting; when he refused to stop he was arrested and spent five days in jail.

200 people came to hear Kealey present a hair-raising and shocking story of government corruption, crimes and cover-up, which has reached the Solicitor General's office as well as the upper echelons of the RCMP.

The CBC was NOT at the meeting. There was not a reporter or a camera in sight and no story the next day. Vital information that Saskatchewan residents want and need and are entitled to, was restricted to those who were lucky enough to find out about the meeting. (The CBC blocked a public service announcement of the meeting which was sent to them ahead of time, as well as of the May 13th meeting where DAVID ORCHARD criticized the Mulroney government for its Free Trade and Meech Lake Accord agendas. When we asked why these meetings were not announced, along with many other events, we were told they were "too political"!)

Does this not mean that the CBC is part of the cover-up of political corruption and high level crimes? Has the political influence from the Prime Minister's office now silenced the CBC as well? (Yes, CBC's Morningside broadcast on May 14th a pre-recorded interview with Kealey, but it was chopped to pieces and all references to names of actual people were edited out although they have been published repeatedly by other media. The effect was one of downplaying and trivializing Glen Kealey's information.)

When asked why there was no coverage of the meeting, CBC-TV told CCAFT that it would have been "too expensive" to cover as CBC would have had to pay reporters and technicians overtime! When we replied that it was CBC's mandate and obligation to cover important issues of concern to citizens, the answer was: "We did not think this is important enough to cover". It is more important, clearly, to "name that noise" - CBC Saskatchewan radio morning trivia gimmick - than it is to "name the names" of those who abuse their positions of power!

Regardless of excuses, the end result is that CBC covers up information that would be embarrassing to Prime Minister Mulroney.

WE PROTEST THE POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN THE CBC, PROVINCIALLY AND NATIONALLY, AND DEMAND AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THIS INFLUENCE AND ITS EFFECT ON NEWS COVERAGE. Canadians want to know whose interests the CBC serves.

Support us by writing to: Patrick Watson, Chairman, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, P.O. Box 8478, Ottawa, ON., K1G 3J5, with copies to Ron Smith, Regional Director, CBC, P.O. Box 540, Regina, SK., S4P 4A1, the Liberal and NDP communication critics, Sheila Finestone and Ian Waddell, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON. K1A 0A6. (No postage required for MPs). THE POLITICAL INFLUENCE AND COVERUP AT THE CBC MUST STOP!

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For more information on Glen Kealey's "Briangate" expose, contact CCAFT in Saskatoon, 327 4th Ave. N., Tel: (306) 244-5757 or P.O. Box 8052, Saskatoon, S7K 4R7. We will have a videotape and an audiotape of Kealey's 3 hour speech available soon. Also available, David Orchard's unreported speech on Free Trade and Meech Lake: What is really happening to Canada?, in video and audio tape.

HELP GLEN KEALEY TO CARRY ON THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION. You can send him a donation to: Glen Kealey Defense Fund, P.O. Box 1634, Station B, 9 Laurier St., Hull, Quebec, J8X 3X5. You can write to him at this address or contact him by phone, tel: (819) 778-1705.

CANADIANS ARE SAYING: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

## Panel slams Ottawa arrest rule

OTTAWA — A Commons-Senate committee has condemned a controversial regulation which led to the jailing of two demonstrators for protesting too close to the entrances of the Parliament buildings.

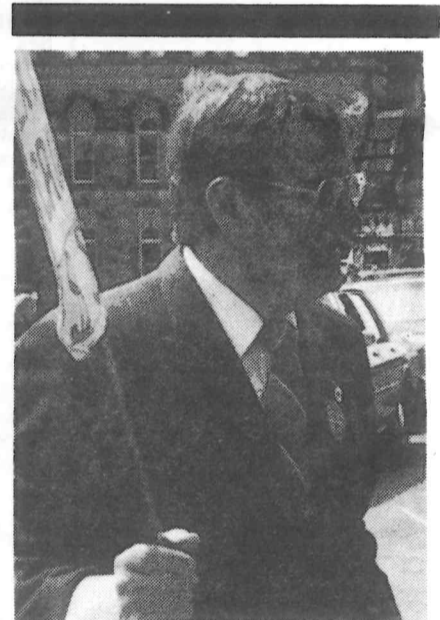
The all-party joint committee for the scrutiny of regulations has written to Public Works Minister Elmer MacKay demanding that the regulation quietly passed by cabinet in March be revoked "at once."

The joint committee of MPs and senators says the rules, which prohibit demonstrations, handing out literature or "making any loud disruptive noise" within 50 metres of Parliament, may violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In March, bankrupt Hull businessman Glen Kealey and Jesuit priest Tony Van Hee were arrested by the Mounties for protesting outside the south entrance to the House of Commons.

The men spent four days in jail until a justice of the peace ruled it was unreasonable to force them to sign an undertaking not to return to the Hill to continue their protests until their November trial.

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## Abuse of Power Challenged

Glen Kealey has taken another small but significant step in his fight against corruption in high places.

The parliament hill protestor has been granted legal aid funding to assist his court battle over the government's "50 Metre" regulation; an order-in-council aimed at preventing the leather-lunged businessman from demanding that Prime Minister Mr. Mulroney and his colleagues "stop stealing."

Ontario's legal aid supremos agreed to cover Kealey's legal costs and Ottawa lawyer Todd McKendrich, of the firm Bosada & Assoc., will represent Kealey in the federal court of Canada

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