

Connections

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CANADIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
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Sans précédent: A Nation Within a Nation.

As if just-in-time for the U.S.-mandated passport deadline for Canadians on January 23rd, the Prime Minister and Parliament have invented (as only politicians can) some kind of new third country entity along our border. A **Québécois** “nation within Canada” passed with a heavy majority in Commons this Monday but nobody knows what it means - and nobody in the U.S. seems to notice.

A nation is defined as “a people united under a single government by birth or citizenship in a territory.” Québec Premier **Jean Charest** was quick to assert that everyone living in “his” province (country?) is part of the “new” nation. But is he head of a province or now a Prime Minister? The fathers of Confederation must be rolling over, and ex-pats here in the States are contemplating this development as the devolution of Canada. Why not an **Alberta** nation? They have all the money which grudgingly goes to Québec under the equalization scheme. Or **Newfoundland** as a U.S. state? They’ve always wanted out? Nations under international law have an absolute right to self-determination and territorial integrity. There’ll be no need for a Supreme Court to interpret laws for QC or for **Operation Lancaster** to preserve northern territorial integrity in also “independent” **Nunavut**. North America could soon have, at the Feds’ hand, as many republics as South America!

Most seriously, at this critical time when Canada’s sovereignty is undermined by the U.S. **Department of Homeland Security**, our politicians are further weakening what “country” we still have. One American suggested that we (meaning Canada) should “just get it over with and become part of the U.S.” CanAm Chamber member **Leger Marketing** surveyed the populace to find that “64% of Québec residents consider themselves as a nation already, versus 15% among all Canadians. *Keep abreast of the National debate, and to register your views, please go to globeandmail.com.*

DECEMBER, 2006

UPcoming Events

CANADA COMMERCE INTRODUCTIONS

Sponsored by the CanAm Chamber

Friday, December 1, 2006; 12 noon
**The Prime Rib, 2020 K Street N.W.,
Washington DC**

FREE to Members; \$ 55/person non-members
RSVP to 267/

FIRST WEDNESDAY

Sponsored by CanAm Chamber Member the International
Visitors Council (IVC)

Wednesday, December 6, 2006; 5:30 p.m.
**The Annex at the Courtyard Marriott, City Hall East,
Philadelphia**

FREE to Members; \$ 15/person non-members
RSVP to 215/683-0999

CANADA COMMERCE INTRODUCTIONS

Co-sponsored by the Can-Am Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, December 7, 2006; 4:00 p.m.
**Croton Reservoir Restaurant, 108 W. 40th Street,
New York**

FREE to Members

EAST MEETS WEST RECEPTION

Sponsored by CanAm member Triad Strategies LLC
and the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office on behalf of
the Pennsylvania Society

Friday, December 8, 2006; 8:00 p.m.
1 E. 42nd Street, New York

By Invitation and Pennsylvania Society Membership Only

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

keep these dates

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 - HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH CANADA - Philadelphia PA

Tuesday, March 27, 2007 - HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH CANADA - Chicago IL

Monday, April 16, 2007 - HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH CANADA - Boston MA

Wednesday, April 25, 2007 - SECOND ANNUAL CANADIAN-AMERICAN ANNUAL COMMERCE AWARD LUNCHEON

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U.N. RANKS BEST COUNTRIES TO LIVE: CANADA "BEATS" THE U.S.A! The United Nations Development Program's *Human Development Index* is out and rankings are in:

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| 1. Norway | 2. Iceland | 3. Australia |
| 4. Ireland | 5. Sweden | 6. Canada |
| 7. Japan | 8. United States | |

Factors that are weighted are life expectancy, education and income. Norway is a consecutive six-time winner because of its enormous budget surplus and generous welfare program coming both from oil royalties. *Associated Press*

FLUENT FRENCH SPEAKER SEEKING POSITION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. A recent graduate of the *University of Virginia*, **Christina L. Berry**, may be contacted at 610/716-3872 or at christiana.berry@gmail.com

Of Note

THE JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER (JSF) TAKES OFF! The F-35 Joint Strike Fighter is finally off the ground with 15 flight-test aircraft on the runway or the assembly line. At US\$50 MM each, the consortium of **Lockheed Martin**-led contractors in Canada, the U.S., Italy, The Netherlands, Australia, Norway, Denmark, Turkey and the U.K. have been on this programme since 1997. The idea is to fly coordinated aircraft with pro-rata subcontracts based on participant nation development funding levels (I to III). Forty-four Canadian companies have contracts exceeding \$ 100MM with JSF to date. But, the planes are being assembled in the U.S., the U.K. and Italy, each of which contributed \$ 1B of more vs. Canada's \$ 150MM.

For more information, and to subscribe to more Canada defence news, go to front-line-canada.com

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