

CITIZENS' COALITION FAVORING

MORE EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL SENTENCES

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SPEAKING NOTES

FOR GORDON DOMM'S SPEECH TO THE FREEDOM PARTY
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 1994
AT THE RADISSON HOTEL, LONDON CENTRE,
LONDON, ONTARIO.

THANK YOU AND GOOD EVENING FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS. I CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOUR TO STAND IN FRONT OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE DEDICATED TO THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE. YOU ARE SO DEDICATED TO FREEDOM THAT YOU HAVE NAMED YOUR POLITICAL PARTY "THE FREEDOM PARTY OF ONTARIO." A NAME THAT IS SWEET MUSIC TO MY EARS. YOU ARE SO STRONG IN YOUR SUPPORT OF FREEDOM THAT YOU INVITED ME TO SPEAK TO YOU AT THIS PARTY EVENT DESPITE MY PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGES. AS MOST OF YOU LIKELY ALREADY KNOW I HAVE BEEN CHARGED AND CONVICTED ON TWO COUNTS OF "CONTEMPT OF COURT" FOR DISTRIBUTING FOREIGN NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS ABOUT A TRIAL THAT WAS UNDER A COURT ORDERED PUBLICATION BAN.

I SURVIVED 28 YEARS AS A POLICE OFFICER ON THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCE WITHOUT EVEN SO MUCH AS A SINGLE CRIMINAL CHARGE EVER HAVING BEEN LAID AGAINST ME. HOWEVER AFTER MY RETIREMENT FROM THE FORCE I PICKED UP TWO CRIMINAL CHARGES OF CONTEMPT OF COURT. THIS WAS AFTER I HAD FORMED AND ESTABLISHED THE GROUP "CITIZEN'S COALITION FAVOURING MORE EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL SENTENCES," AND IT WAS MY ACTIVITIES WITH THIS GROUP THAT LED TO THESE CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST ME. OUR GROUP BASICALLY CIRCULATED PETITIONS AND LOBBIED BOTH THE PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS FOR MORE CERTAIN, MORE FAIR, MORE EQUITABLE AND MORE APPROPRIATE SENTENCES BASED MORE ON THE CRIME, AND LESS ON THE OFFENDER THROUGH STIFF MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIMES.

AT THIS TIME MY CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS FOR MY CONTEMPT OF COURT CHARGES ARE UNDER APPEAL AND FOR THAT REASON MY LAWYER HAS ADVISED ME NOT TO DISCUSS MY CASE WHILE THAT APPEAL IS PENDING.

HOWEVER THERE WAS NO COURT ORDERED BAN ON MY CONTEMPT TRIAL, AND THEREFORE MY DEVOTED HELPER RUTH WHO CAME HERE WITH ME TODAY WILL BE HANDING OUT UP TO 20 COPIES OF THE 160 PAGE COURT CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT OF MY (BLOW BY BLOW) 4 DAY TRIAL. DURING THE NEXT INTERMISSION SHE WILL HAND OUT THESE TRANSCRIPTS TO ANYONE REQUESTING ONE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A NOMINAL DONATION OF \$10.00 FOR EACH COPY. PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT BECAUSE OF LEGAL ADVICE WE WILL NOT BE COMMENTING ON THE CONTENTS OF THESE COURT TRANSCRIPTS.

P A R O L E

PAROLE AS WE KNOW IT TODAY SHOULD BE ABOLISHED IN FAVOUR OF TRUE SENTENCING WHERE CONVICTED OFFENDERS WOULD HAVE TO SERVE THEIR FULL SENTENCES. HOWEVER IN PLACE OF PAROLE WE WOULD PROPOSE **(6) MONTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF REHABILITATION IN THE COMMUNITY** FOR APPROPRIATE AND CONSENTING INMATES UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR FULL SENTENCES.

P L E A B A R G A I N S

PLEA BARGAINING SHOULD BE ABOLISHED TO HELP RETURN CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM.

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THE Y.O.A. SHOULD BE ABOLISHED IN FAVOUR OF A CHILDREN'S ACT FOR CHILDREN AGES 7 TO 12 INCLUSIVE. THIS NEW CHILDREN'S ACT SHOULD BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE FORMER J.D.A. WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY RETURNED. THOSE 14 AND OLDER SHOULD BE TRIED IN ADULT COURT WHEREVER CRIMINAL INTENT IS ESTABLISHED ON THE PART OF THE OFFENDER.

J U S T I C E E Q U I T Y

OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS DETERIORATED STEADILY OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DECADES BECOMING LESS EFFECTIVE IN COMBATING CRIME, WITH A TRIPLING OF THE CRIME RATES IN THE LAST THREE DECADES. THE BASIC REASON WE SEE FOR THIS IS THAT OUR LEGISLATORS HAVE WRONGLY INTERPRETED OR JUST DISREGARDED THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIC JUSTICE, NAMELY **EQUITY** (EQUAL TREATMENT BEFORE AND UNDER THE LAW). EQUITY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE MEANS OR SHOULD MEAN SENTENCES RELATIVE TO THE CRIME AND THE DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT OF THE OFFENDER, **NOT** SENTENCES RELATIVE TO THE OFFENDER OR HOW WELL HE OR SHE IS REPRESENTED BEFORE THE COURT.

OVER THE PAST FEW DECADES **WE HAVE SWITCHED FROM A JUSTICE SYSTEM TO A LEGAL SYSTEM** FOR DEALING WITH THOSE WHO COMMIT CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY. THAT'S WHERE AND WHY WE LOST IT.

NOW IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY OF OUR LEGISLATORS TO LEGISLATE LAWS THAT WILL RETURN AND GUARANTEE **EQUITY UNDER THE LAW FOR ALL** AND PART OF THE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WOULD BE WITH MORE STIFF LEGISLATED MANDATORY SENTENCING LAWS FOR OUR MOST SERIOUS CRIMES, ESPECIALLY SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIMES.



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