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A Canadian Reports-- THE U. S. A. IS NOT SO BAD

(Editor's note: With so many bad things being said about our country these days, it is refreshing to have some contrary viewpoints, particularly from a friendly Canadian named Gordon Sinclair. His remarks are reprinted from the Anchorage Daily Times.)

The article is as follows:

"The United States dollar took another pounding on German, French and British exchanges . . . It has declined there by 41 percent since 1971, and this Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most-generous and possibly the least-appreciated people in all the Earth.

"As long as 60 years ago, when I first started to read newspapers, I read of floods on the Yellow River and the Yangtze. Who rushed in with men and money to help? The Americans did.

"They have helped control floods on the Nile, the Amazon, the Ganges and the Niger.

"As the rich bottomland of the Mississippi is under water, no foreign land has sent a dollar to help.

"Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy, were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans, who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions of debts.

"None of those countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

"When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris.

"I was there; I saw it.

"When distant cities are hit by earthquake, it is the United States that hurries in to help . . . Mangua, Nicaragua, is one of the most-recent examples. This year, 59 American communities have been flattened by tornadoes. Nobody has helped.

"The Marshall Plan, The Truman policy, all pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, war-mongering Americans.

"I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplanes.

"Come on, let's hear it!

"Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing jumbo jet, the Lockheed Tristar or the Douglas 10. If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all international lines except Russia fly American planes.

"Why does no other land on Earth even consider putting a man or woman on the Moon?

"You talk about Japanese technocracy and get radios. You talk about German technocracy and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy and you find men on the Moon, not once, but several times . . . and safely home again.

"You talk about scandals and the Americans put their right in the store window for everybody to look at.

"Even their draft dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets. Most of them . . . unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from Ma and Pa at home to spend here.

"When the Americans get out of this bind . . . as they will . . . who could blame them if they said 'the hell with the rest of the world. Let someone else buy the Israel bonds. Let someone else build or repair foreign dams or design foreign buildings that won't shake apart in earthquakes.

"When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

"I can name you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble.

"Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble?

"Our neighbors have faced it alone and I'm one Canadian who is tired of hearing them kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles.

"But there are many smug, self-righteous Canadians.

"And finally, the American Red Cross was told at its 48th annual meeting in New Orleans that it was broke."

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OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

Followers of the collegiate athletic scene are generally aware that Iowa State University is perennially the number one power in the nation in wrestling. What is not generally known is that the same school has provided more Engineers for Roper Bradley than any other school. Presently B.T. Aasland, Gil Luhrs, Doug Dankel and this week's honored employee VINCE WEBSTER are Iowa State Alumni. VINCE, an Iowa farm boy graduated in March 1944 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering was immediately hired by Sears, and within a few weeks (March 13, 1944 to be exact) found himself at Bradley as a Project Engineer working on implement design. This has been home for him ever since, except that in the mid-sixties when we were known as the Newark Ohio Co. he was transferred to Newark for about eighteen months. His current projects are tractor attachments and roto spaders.

VINCE and his wife Betsy have been married twenty-eight years and have three children and one grandson. Son Dick, following in Dad's footsteps, is an Industrial Engineer employed in Mishawaka, Indiana. Daughter Jane Eyler lives in Country Club Hills, and daughter Nancy is a freshman at Eastridge High School.

This fine OLD TIMER'S hobbies are photography, camping, reading and he has a complete home workshop where he does wood and metal workings. He has enjoyed the creative end of his work and his associations here and since this has been his only job, he claims that all his habits, good and bad, have been developed right here.

Editors note: Through an oversight on our part we skipped VINCE WEBSTER when his turn should have come up months ago. There was no excuse except stupidity, but we want to apologize to VINCE and hope he will understand. Good guy that he is, we're sure he will.

IT HAPPENS ON MONDAYS
"Bowling That Is"
 by Harold Siefert

The Truckers continue to live right, because when they lose so does everyone else. They still hold a shakey on point lead with three teams tied for second.

The "Star" bowlers tonite were RAY GERBER, who always trys hard, with a 223 game and "old" pro BUD MENARD with a 567 series. The high series however went to the WELDERS team with 2887 and they used it to take three points from ASSEMBLY. CUTTING-IN kept the STORES team from taking over first place by grabbing three points. OFFICE did the same from SUBURBANS, TOOL ROOM also took three from TRUCKERS and the FORGERS and MACH. SHOP were real chummy and split two each.

The boys, who came to bowl were AMBROSE HACKLEY 502, DAN LAFOND 532, GALE ALBERS 213-542, RAY GERBER 223, GARY MENARD 212-531, DON BLANCHETTE 551, BUD MENARD 218-567, RAY MCNASH 503, TOM BROWN 204, WILLIE LEWIS 527, and HAN REITMEYER 202-552. Splits were picked up by TOM BROWN 4-9-10, GALE ALBERS and AL GUENETT 5-10, AMBROSE HACKLEY 6-7-10, DAN LAFOND and DON BAYLOR 5-7 and DAVE SHELL 6-7-10.

The Top 5 Bowlers so far this year are:

BUD MENARD	173
DON BLANCHETTE	170
BOB CRAWFORD	170
WILL ESSINGTON	168
DON CHRISTER	167

The individual leaders are BUD MENARD 173 top average, BOB CRAWFORD and CLARENCE STUMP 239 high game actual, TONY STANISZESKI 281 high game with handicap, DON CHRISTER 602 high series actual, and LEROY MATHEWS 686 high series with handicap.

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