

Grant: anything signed by  
me in this package,  
please consider for  
Green Party News.

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Steve or Stuart:

I believe that the fact  
that Fulton is calling for  
laws to put me in jail  
is a hook to get Green  
politics further into media  
spotlight. Put out a press  
release quoting from one  
of the letters marked 1 or  
2 and note NDP's Fulton's  
first statement of how he would  
use his proposed super status for  
environmentalists is against  
Green Party people.

David.

P.S. I do NOT want the copies of correspondence  
with Suzuki to go very far...

# LEWIS STARTS THE DEBATE :

November 17, 1990 Castlegar News

## Tactics disliked

Remember when all the NDP "greens" were backing Wayne Peppard against Corky Evans? They said there was no way they could vote for Corky if he was chosen as the candidate for the Nelson-Creston riding. After his victory, some of them toyed with the idea of having nothing further to do with the party. Now they say everyone has to vote for him or be excommunicated. How times change.

NDP "green" heavyweights Colleen McCrory and Grant Copeland, aka the Valhalla Wilderness Society, showed up at Green party candidate Andrea Wright's home trying to "persuade" her to resign her candidacy. They said any votes she received must be stolen from Corky. If Andrea didn't get out of the race and Corky lost by anything like the number of votes Andrea got, Andrea would be held responsible for wilfully and obstinately ruining everything they have worked for in their entire lifetimes. As a result they would hold a grudge until the end of time.

This charming little charade didn't work. A few days later they were all smiles, claiming they didn't mean it. "Just kidding," said the rattlesnake after missing its target.

The "green" New Democrats' idea of politics is to go into a back room and twist the knife as deep as they possibly can into their old compatriot, Andrea, who is someone with whom they supposedly share ideals. They haven't the courage or understanding to publicly challenge the centre of the NDP coalition with this kind of energy.

When Wayne Peppard campaigned, he used to tell people that he'd say the same things I used to say "except he wanted to get elected." This kind of sleaze is so routine now if I call it "lying" they'd be outraged. They call it politics.

Mike Harcourt has committed the NDP to "business as usual" as the path to power, and NDP "greens" haven't articulated a position that the rest of the NDP coalition can even understand. Ask Jack Munro or Dave Barrett.

Now NDP "greens" think they have the right to do whatever they can to suppress the Green party's effort to say what the NDP cannot say, to face what the NDP denies, and to stand where the NDP cannot stand. They have attempted to silence the only woman running in this race.

Crawl back into your holes NDP "greens." The "real" world you operate in is dead. Your heart can tell you this if your denial will let you hear. For now, you just take up space while you convince yourselves that there could be no better plan. Get out of the way.

David Lewis  
Crescent Valley

# FULTON APPEARS TO CALL FOR LAWS TO PUT A POLITICAL OPPONENT IN JAIL...

## Mischaracterized

A few days ago, I received a letter from David Lewis of Crescent Valley, B.C., in which he enclosed a letter about Colleen McCrory, which he said he was distributing to all the editors of newspapers in the Kootenays.

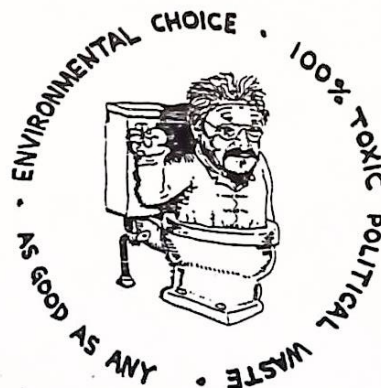
Mr. Lewis, in his cover letter, referred to my endeavors to gain special protection, under the law, for environmentalists who have been subjected to incitements of hatred and violence in different parts of Canada. Lewis grossly mischaracterized the attitudes and conduct of Colleen McCrory, a leading environmentalist. I have determined his use of the word "intimidate" or any language describing such an endeavor as completely untrue.

However, what is of specific concern here is that Lewis ends his letter stating:

"Your call for special protection suddenly makes sense. NDP 'environmentalists' will need it."

This last statement is clearly a threat by Lewis to incite hatred, and the letter he enclosed is suggestive of the beginning of such a campaign. I have enclosed a copy of both these letters. I take his statements very seriously and believe you should study anything sent to you in this connection in the light of his intent.

Jim Fulton  
NDP MP  
Skeena



WHICH LETTER WINS THE DISTINCTION OF THE SUZUKI FLUSHING HIMSELF DOWN THE TOILET?

- LEWIS
- FULTON
- BOTH
- CAN'T ANSWER, FLUSHED MYSELF DOWN YESTERDAY

# LEWIS DOESN'T THINK HE SHOULD BE JAILED...

Jim Fulton has never asked me what my intent is, although he claims to know it. I intend to think, say and write what I believe, even if he or anyone else succeeds in putting me behind bars.

What outraged Fulton, according to his own letter to the editor, was for me to say NDP "greens" will need the special status he is working to get for them. He knows I do not support this call for special status, and is confused to see me write seeming to agree with him. The point I was making was too subtle to be written in anger. He only feels the anger. If we are going to put in jail every person that ever got angry, there would be no one left to be the guards.

Fulton has no evidence for his "clear" understanding that I am "inciting hatred". This is why he writes in his letter that my letter is "suggestive" of my "threatening to" do this horrible whatever it is "intent", as opposed to anything I have actually ever done. He should write a proposal for this legislation he wants enacted, then pretend he is the prosecutor and make his case under this proposed law against me public. Any law that could be used against me could be used against him. He wouldn't want what he made.

Fulton has a history of announcing that his political opponents should go to jail. He once called for all top pulp and paper company executives in Canada to be put in jail for life.

This debate has escalated from New Denver to Ottawa. I propose we move to Norway. Prime Minister Gro Brundtland is a social democrat, she spearheaded the world famous U.N. Brundtland Commission, and if a Green is looking to take on the heavy hitters in social democratic "green" land, she is the one to see. I met her in Vancouver.

Her political vision really does call for expanding industrial civilization to five or ten times its present size. I explained to her that Greens had respect for her historical role, but were mounting political opposition to the concept that growth can cure what growth has caused. I said we do not think that the life support systems of the planet can take industrial operations operating at this size. I've never heard that she called for me to be jailed, or that she ever demanded that Greens get out of the political arena, especially during elections. Instead she continues as she has so vigorously done in the past, to articulate her vision and call for support.

I presented my understanding of the ecological crisis to the NDP "Task Force on the Environment" when they held hearings in Vancouver. Chairman Jim Fulton commented:

"...the very quick presentation that you just made, which took exactly 11 minutes, was one of the highest octane, most useful, series of pieces of information that put pieces together that have never been put together for me.... You've looked into the eye of the hurricane, and I want to thank you."

If NDP "greens" find my views or actions dissonant to their own it is because if I were to explain myself using Fulton's analogy, I wouldn't say "looked into the eye of" the hurricane. I live there.

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David Lewis

Frank Zappa once wrote a song, It Can't Happen Here.

Grant Copeland's recent letter evoked an image of the NDP "green" chorus singing it's modified version. One verse: "It's important that you believe me, that it didn't happen here."

Grant's letter is a "non-denial denial" as they used to say back in Watergate days. Although, he asserts there is only a "shred" of truth in my letter (CasNews, Nov. 17), the only point he addresses is whether NDP "greens" are poisonous snakes. I was surprised to see him admit that he would support the Greens if they were closer to power. Corky Evans must feel wonderful to have such allies standing so staunchly by his side.

My experience with NDP "greens" is not just limited to hearing about what goes on in New Denver. At the NDP "green caucus" meeting at the NDP convention in Vancouver their delicate little ears couldn't bear to hear opinions that were different from theirs for even a few minutes. Although a majority voted to hear me speak, health critic Tom Perry interrupted me and pronounced the Green party an enemy of the NDP, insisting that the caucus vote to eject me immediately or he would leave the caucus. They did.

Afterwards, repeated attempts were made to assassinate my character behind my back by many NDP "greens" including Tom Perry, and "green caucus" kingpin Stuart Hertzog. Many environmentalists were pressured to believe that I am "dangerous" or "insane," or worse.

Imagine my surprise to find out from Grant's letter that global warming is just my "favorite environmental issue." I should have known that "It is impossible for a party . . . to cover 100 per cent of what's needed in any one area."

Environment Canada assertions that global warming is the greatest environmental threat facing Canada must be just another Conservative attempt to divert Canadians from real environmental issues, which if you were to observe NDP debate in convention as I have, must be taken to be the necessity to create a park in Carmanah.

Who cares if the parks all die when global warming sets in? NDP failure to come up with policy can't be indicative of a failure to come to grips with the ecological crisis. It isn't happening here.

When NDP "greens" ran against Corky and told me how blacker than black he was I stood up for him saying I have respect for him. I won no friends in the "environmental" community for that stand. Now they say he is whiter than white and the mere act of running against him will ruin

everything. I say Andrea Wright has the same right to oppose Corky as these NDP "greens" once claimed.

I took on this New Denver crowd, suggesting that if it is looking for someone to intimidate or to be its scapegoat, come on, see me. I hear these people already have been down to see their lawyer.

Grant, true to NDP "green" form, ends his letter claiming all I'm doing is "fanning personal conflicts." Aren't you glad you aren't in politics? Don't you wish everyone wasn't?

## Body bag rumors

Questioned about a contract just put out for bids to supply the Canadian Forces with 800 body bags, the government noted that the purchase was "routine restocking," and didn't indicate any unusual expectations that Canada has over the Persian Gulf. This denial caused the Ottawa press corps to investigate other possible uses the government may have in mind for these items.

"They weren't sure what size Joe Clark was and they've got it covered now," speculated one informed source who described his belief that Joe has announced to the inner Cabinet that he will invade Iraq all by himself.

Maybe they've finally decided to go for Liberals in the Senate," said another, who noted that in the packed Senate of today any operation mounted to finish off Liberals would be bound to decimate Conservatives also, which would be sure to overwhelm existing stocks of bags.

No one will confirm or deny persistent rumors that one of the bags was a special order for Environment Canada and is big enough for the entire planet. Environment Minister Robert De Cotret would not comment when asked if delays in announcing what his green plan is were due to problems in deciding what to do with the planet after it has been stuffed into the bag.

"The average Canadian has nothing to worry about," said an official government spokesman, who went on to suggest that everyone go back to sleep.

David Lewis  
Crescent Valley

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THE SAGA OF VALERIE PARKER AND THE VANCOUVER CHAPTER ... ILLUSTRATED FROM R. CRUMB.

LEWIS REPLIES TO GRANT COPELAND ↑

# Meeting description distorted

David Lewis's description of Colleen McCrory and I trying to talk Andrea Wright out of her Green party candidacy has only a shred of truth in it. Lewis has told it in such a way as to make it appear conniving and poisonous, but it certainly was not.

First, I would like to make it clear that work which Colleen and I do in local elections is our personal work. The Valhalla Society has never publicly endorsed a political candidate. However, in our personal involvements we do advocate the NDP, and Colleen and I are not known for selling out the environment.

I believe many environmentalists expect too much of the NDP on one hand and are uninformed on the party's actual commitments to the environment on the other hand. It is not primarily an environmental party, but addresses all kinds of concerns for jobs, social welfare and justice. It is impossible for a party that tries to mix everyone's concerns in a reasonable balance to cover 100 per cent of what is needed in any one area.

People who refuse to vote for the NDP because their favorite environmental issue isn't in the platform may lose a lot in what the NDP can do for the environment.

For instance, Lewis told me the NDP should be doing something about global warming. This is ironic because Jim Fulton, the NDP MP from Skeena, is a leading exponent of action on global warming. If his party was in power in B.C. he could be more successful.

Many political workers know that a few votes can make the difference for a candidate. In

turn, the fate of that one candidate can be the pivotal factor in whether his party forms the government, which in turn makes a powerful difference in the reality in which we all must live. I personally feel that the difference in realities between the Socreds and the NDP is between unprecedented environmental devastation and some considerable degree of reform. So I believe it is crucial that the NDP gets every possible vote that it can get.

These are the issues which Colleen and I discussed with Andrea Wright. Andrea has no ties to the Valhalla Society, but she and I work

together giving guidance to the Youth Environmental Alliance. I believed she had not thought out the implications of her candidacy — that she would be gaining votes as the expense of convincing others the NDP is not doing enough, when in fact it has made the only commitments that have a real chance of being enacted. Our discussion was serious but friendly.

One of our members who knew Andrea was very upset by her candidacy, as he feels the Socred government is so corrupt that what we do or don't do to stop it is a serious moral issue — on a much smaller scale than Hitler's Germany, but similar in its nature. He wrote Andrea a personal letter stating his objections to her candidacy. It seems that Lewis may be confusing that letter with the talk that Colleen and I had with Andrea. Although the letter expressed considerable personal upset, it had nothing of the poisonous intent or tone that Lewis conveys.

The next day, the person realized that too little consideration had gone into his letter. He wrote a second, quite warm and eloquent letter on the many-sided issues. It recognized the value of the Green party and urged Andrea to continue her candidacy. It suggested that many minority party candidates generate a fervor to vote on the issue they represent. Then, if they see they aren't going to get elected, they throw their votes to someone who can, who belongs to the party, most friendly to their interests. It is acknowledged by the Green party that it has no chance of winning in the coming election. This is the best way the party can make a real difference now, until the day it has grown enough to get candidates elected and form a government., I personally look forward to that day.

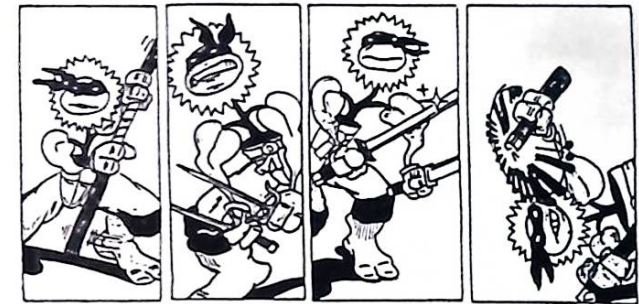
Even though Andrea did not say she would do this, the person apologized to her for the tone of his first letter and they each agreed that the other was acting out of deep convictions. Lewis was told before he wrote the newspapers that this was a personal issue that had been resolved, but it was of no interest to him. He represented it as a poisonous, rattlesnake, knife-in-the-guts drama which bears no resemblance to what really happened. He characterizes us as saying we were "only kidding" when Andrea turned us down, but no one here has said that.

The substantive issues should be considered by all environmentally concerned people and debated in public, if necessary? but our energies will be wasted if our attention is diverted to fanning personal conflicts rather than resolving them.

Grant Copeland  
New Denver

A BISHOWL OF PET TURTLES, A PACKAGE OF SUNFLOWER SEEDS, A POLITICIAN, AND A FEW HUMAN BEINGS WERE VAPORIZED IN AN UNREPORTED 1970'S NUCLEAR REACTOR CORE MELTDOWN, FUSING THEIR DNA IN A VERY NATURE NEVER INTENDED. THE RESULT?

HYDROLOGIC MUTANT NINJA  
GREENS



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UNIQUE POLITICAL POTENTIAL WAS DETECTED IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, THESE MUTANTS SUFFER FROM A TENDENCY TO BELIEVE THAT NONE OF THE OTHERS IS ACTUALLY GREEN. CAN POLITICS FACE A DYING PLANET? STAY TUNED.

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EXPLANATION OF WARFARE  
"INSIDE" ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMMUNITY?

FEW LETTERS FROM THE FAMOUS AROUND WILL KEEP HIS BUTT OUT OF JAIL?

DAVID SUZUKI

David:

The measure of your impact & the truth of your words is measured by the discomfort we all feel. It grieves me that Colleen has been so hurt and it pains me to feel your pain and the purity of your message.

In a much smaller way (because I'm not as far as you are) I am constantly cramped on

for the message I bear.

Don't give up. You got through to me.

Yours,  
David.

**With David Suzuki**

David / brought your name up with Colleen McCrory who I greatly admire. It distressed her very much & it tore me up. I don't like that kind of dissonance. What's going on?  
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**With David Suzuki**

A belated response to your latest letters. What the hell is between you & Tom Perry? He dropped in & I gave him shit about stopping your speech. He said you were crazy. And when I said "he is not. He makes a lot of sense" he went absolutely berserk. He gave me the finger, told me to fuck off and stomped out. Then he sent me a long letter ranting on about what an asshole I am. Did you diddle his wife or what?  
David

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