

## **NO MORE FBI DETACHMENTS AND NO U.S. TROOPS STATIONED IN CANADA**

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Toronto, ON - In a strongly worded press release Paul Hellyer, Leader of the Canadian Action Party today urged Ottawa to say no to U.S. demands to establish a new Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) detachment in Toronto as well as refusing to allow U.S. soldiers to be stationed in Canada.

"The idea of soldiers being used to patrol the Canada-U.S. border is repulsive enough," Mr. Hellyer said, "but allowing them to be stationed here is totally unacceptable. Cooperation is one thing, and we support it fully, but occupation is something else and that is our principal concern."

"An invasion by the FBI is equally intolerable," Mr. Hellyer added. "First the government of Canada accedes to U.S. pressure to pass legislation that makes this country a police state and then considers a U.S. request to allow their police to be involved in how this Draconian legislation will be used. The answer Ottawa must give Washington is a polite but absolutely firm 'NO!'

What the United States has been doing since September 11th goes far beyond what is necessary for security purposes. It is in the process of establishing an Imperial Empire with considerations far broader than security concerns. In fact geopolitics is foremost.

"This is the reason we must say no to the FBI. Their initial concerns might be security but they would soon be involved in industrial espionage and keeping Washington posted about any Canadian activity that might be primarily in Canada's interest," Mr. Hellyer alleged. "That is one of the functions of U.S. police and CIA operations worldwide, and we have more than enough of them in Canada already.

Even before September 11th the propaganda war in favour of a common perimeter, a customs union and the adoption of the U.S. dollar, all measures designed to bring Canada more tightly into the elephant's embrace, was intensified. "Since September 11th, using the tragic events of that day as a cover, an all-out assault on our sovereignty has begun," Mr. Hellyer added.

"It is time for Ottawa to draw a line in the sand and say, 'This far and no further. No common perimeter, no customs union, no monetary union, no more FBI detachments in Canada and American troops stationed on Canadian soil.' If they don't, they might just as well run up the white flag and admit surrender."

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