





Responding to Criticism

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It would appear I must defend myself against totally unsubstantiated charges from a source that has absolutely no knowledge of the horticultural field!

I believe it has been over a decade now that I have been ELECTRONICALLY DUELLING with a Miss Kazimiera Jean Cottam.

For years, each time she wrote to me (by e-mail) complaining about something I said on the radio, or wrote in a newspaper, I would dutifully respond with the correct scientific answer to her supposed problem.

I have even had others in the gardening and related scientific fields write and ask me how I dealt with Miss Kazimiera's RAVINGS AND RANTING.



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For the last several years, my way of doing that has been to ignore her totally!

Until now.

Miss Kazimiera, and her enviro-maniac-ghost-writers, seek to IMPOSE NEED-LESS, SENSELESS, AND MALICIOUS LIFE-STYLE CHOICES on their unsuspecting readers too often by the routine concoction of myths, deceptions, fear-mongering, fraudulent lies, misconceptions, coercion, threats, terror, and paranoid conspiracies to SCAM AND DECEIVE the public into believing that families are in some NON-EXISTENT DANGER with conventional pest control products.

Miss Kazimiera, and her enviro-maniac-ghost-writers, often employ the title of « *Doctor* » and « PHD » in order TO PRETEND TO POSSESS EXPERTISE in order TO SCAM AND DECEIVE THE PUBLIC, and lend credibility to her enviro-prohibition ideas.

In fact, Miss Kazimiera herself acquired a mere doctorate in Russian and East European History from the University of Toronto in 1971.

Neither Miss Kazimiera, nor any of her ghost-writers, has any recognized expertise, training, or background, in matters concerning pest control products!

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Miss Kazimiera personally claims she is indisputably qualified to discuss pest control products because she pays a membership to a trade association (Writers' Union of Canada)!

Miss Kazimiera claims that she was awarded a little prize for writing an obscure article in the scientific journal Reader's Digest.

Under the guise of being some kind of professional, Miss Kazimiera, and her enviro-maniac-ghost-writers, has written in blogs and newspapers across Canada to express their VALUELESS AND WORTHLESS OPINION regarding conventional pest control products.

Additionally, neither Miss Kazimiera, nor her ghost-writers, has any recognized expertise, training, or background, in matters concerning pest control products!

They certainly have no expertise regarding Health Canada or the Green Space Industry.

Having all of the above and more about this is 80-year-old divorced and chrobecause of her age and diminished capacity, environmental-terror-activists have been using her as « cannon fodder » for several years. I have to say that I was a little bit annoyed to read a recent couple of blogs she and / or her ghostwriters have submitted for posting on Yahoo.ca.

Though they were apparently submitted on September 13 [2010], they seem to be awaiting approval / disapproval from the moderator of the particular fo-

Who knows how that will go, but meantime, you can witness for yourself a couple of excerpts.



For example, in the following post, it is inferred that I may have Alzheimer's

- << Or ... could these paroxysms of rage be this man's frantic reback in the post-WWII days? >>

believable, admirable and, above all, trustworthy if he could make vocates' legitimate concerns about the witches' brews of pesticides,



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- << Mr. Drysdale might emerge from such delving, one would hope, a wiser and more informed man. >>
- << (I have to wonder: does he already know the answer, but feel he's already dug himself in so deep that there's no turning back now?) >>
- << But, that doesn't have to be the case! >>
- << After all, most of us at one time or another clamp onto a « poisoned bone » of some sort and run with it for awhile, until we finally wise up and drop it. >>
- << But, luckily for most of us, we don't have such a public forum (or vested interests ...?) as Mr. Drysdale, which puts him at huge risk of being humiliated, vilified, ridiculed, and rejected in any number of ways so his fear and fury are completely understandable, distasteful and untenable as one may find their expression. >>

Note in this last posting, that she / they refer to my « vested interests ».

I challenge anyone, particularly the no-knowledge-of-horticulture Miss Kazimiera to come up with any vested interest I may have or have had with any pesticide company, now or through the past decade, or even before that.

In fact I wish I had had such an interest, or as most people refer to them in this business a « *sponsor* »!

Note as well she / they suggest I should make « a long, careful, honest and objective study of the organic / natural / 'green' advocates' legitimate concerns about the witches' brews of pesticides, herbicides, etc. concocted in the labs of the unprincipled, for the profit of the greedy, from some of the deadliest chemical combinations on the planet! »



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Keeping in mind that Miss Kazimiera is originally from Russia, the foregoing quote sounds like something a staunch communist / socialist would state.

Miss Kazimiera was born in Czestohova, Poland on April 23, 1930.

At age 9, when Hitler invaded Poland, she was forced to live in a children's home in Russia from 1940 to 1946.

Her parents died of illnesses during the war, so she became orphaned at age 12 in 1943.

In 1948, she immigrated to Montréal at the age of 18 to live with her uncle, the Reverend Adolph Sergent, who officially adopted her.

She apparently hasn't realized that this entire continent is made up of for-profit corporations, and while some may be greedy, that doesn't exclude some of the organizations for whom she « plumps » regularly — the so-called non-profit « green » companies that are owned by many of the people behind the entire enviro-maniac movement.

There are many more details available on this on the Web if anyone would like to look.

If she wishes to write about « witches' brews of pesticides, herbicides, etc », she should look first in the mirror.



Many of the so-called green concoctions that I see being marketed are just that — WITCHES' BREWS THAT SIMPLY DO NOT WORK; and some may even be much MORE HARMFUL than the « chemicals » that they are supposed to replace.

Many of them I have tried, and long before they became popular.

There is a third posting on Yahoo.ca that I have read as well.

It is the longest and most rambling of the three in which the author writes about having me change sides and support the enviro-maniacs —

devoted admirers and say something along these lines. >>

Well, the only part of this posting that I agree with is that I know I have a very large following of « devoted admirers » who are interested in what I write and subjects such as this.

Most are very interested to hear the « other side of the story », so to speak, particularly including my long-time friendship of horticulturist Dr. R. Milton Carleton (the co-inventor of 2,4-D).

I enjoyed dinner with him in Chicago at least once each year when I was there judging at the Chicago Flower Show, and I also enjoyed listening to his comments on 2,4-D, and his corrections to the likes of, for example, the TERRIBLE PAPER from the Ontario College of Family Physicians (which included ONLY research that was negative to pesticides and NOTHING FROM THE GREATER VOL-UME OF POSITIVE RESEARCH).

saders anytime soon.

The way I see it, when folks begin to read all the facts, they are less convinced anything but that. Be well!

Canada's best-known horticulturist for the past four decades as celebrity writer, as well as radio and television broadcaster

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Drysdale is one of Canada's best-known horticulturists. For the past four decades he has been writing, and presenting radio and television broadcasts, with practical garden hints on stations such as CFRB, AM740 and CFCA. He also presented all of Canada's Weather Network gardening vignettes, hourly from April to October annually for a decade; as well as being the spokesman for The Garden Claw across the country. A life-long resident of Toronto and a



horticulturist well-known all across Canada, Drysdale is now a resident of Parksville, British Columbia on Vancouver Island, just north of Nanaimo. He has renovated an old home and has a new garden there. His radio gardening vignettes are heard in south-western Ontario over two radio stations: Easy 101 FM out of Tillsonburg at 2 PM weekdays, and CD98.9 FM out of Norfolk County at 11:40 AM weekdays.

As a speaker, Drysdale has addressed amateur and professional groups all across Canada, as well as in the U.S., England, Holland, Switzerland, Australia, South Africa, and aboard cruise ships. Drysdale graduated from East York Collegiate in 1957, with the Ontario Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma. He was active and held several executive positions in the East York Garden Club, 1955–69. He attended The Niagara Parks Commission School of Gardening (now NPC Botanical Garden and School of Horticulture), 1958–61, where he won all five awards presented at the graduation. He initiated/edited the school's first yearbook.

From graduation in March 1961 until August 1962, Drysdale worked with the Shur–Gain Division of Canada Packers where he developed new consumer fertilizer products (Feed 'n Weedaway, for example), wrote various consumer literature, and consulted with consumers and the turf industry. He was then employed with Sheridan Nurseries Limited, 1962–69, Drysdale was Chief Horticulturist and Advertising Manager, with full responsibility for their catalogues and botanical nomenclature. In December 1963, Drysdale began writing a feature column for a new magazine, Canadian Nurseryman, and continued to do so until March 1969. He was also a member of the founding committee. In 1964, he was appointed part–time Executive Director and Editor with the Canadian Parks/Recreation Association (CP/RA), with the office in his home. In 1969–70, he was employed full–time as CP/RA Executive Director, and Editor of Recreation Canada. He set up CP/RA's first permanent office in Ottawa in early 1971. From 1971–1978, he free–lanced as a horticultural writer and published/edited Recreation Canada. In 1973, he was appointed Regional Director (Canada) of the Garden Writers Association of America (GWAA). During 1979–81 period he served as President of the Garden Writers Association, the first–ever Canadian to hold the office representing over 1,000 members, mostly in the U.S.A.

In March 1975, Dent Canada published his book Gardening Off The Ground that he wrote on the invitation of the publisher. It was the first Canadian book for balcony gardeners. In July 1996, he self-published a completely revised and enlarged version, including his own colour photos.

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Force Of Nature, and its various incarnations, is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his colleagues. Mr. Gathercole is a principal FOUNDER of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in BOTH Ontario and Quebec. He holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from McGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the Green Space Industry, including GOLF, PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, and has served in environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety. Mr. Gathercole has supervised, consulted, programmed, and/or overseen the successful and safe execution of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of pest control applications in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and consulted with THOUSANDS of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority.

Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues have followed the evolution of ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter century. For FIF-TEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of the VERMIN OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR for the entire Modern Green Space Industry across Canada. Their involvement in Environmental Issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with his colleagues, legal action against the Forces of Environmental Evil in the Town of Hudson, Quebec.

Today, Mr. Gathercole is the ONLY TRUE RELIABLE WITNESS of the Hudson Affair. Mr. Gathercole is personally credited for crafting the Golf Industry Exception Status that endures to this day. He is also the creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application. His vast knowledge of our long journey with Environmental Issues is UNDENIABLE — hopefully! Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as FOUNDER of Force Of Nature.

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