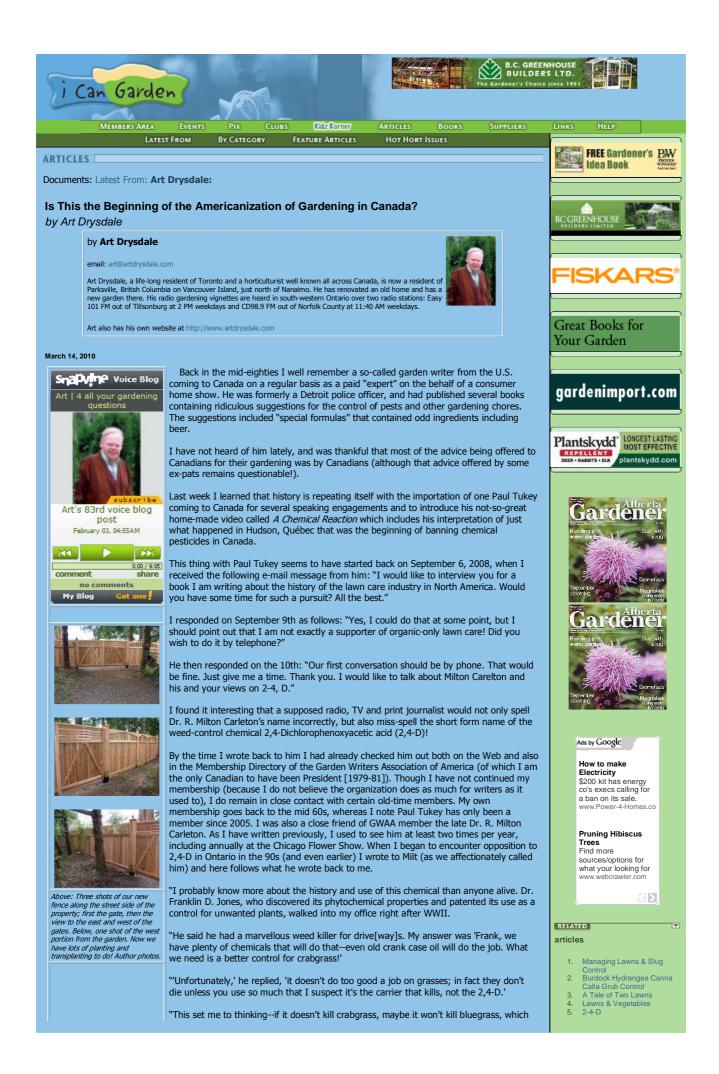
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proved to be true when I ran tests. That was the birth of modern selective weed killers."

'Milt' usually carried a flask around with him that contained 2,4-D from which he would drink on request "just to prove it harmless." Anyone who knew the distinctive smell of 2,4-D knew that he was actually drinking the real stuff. It didn't seem to harm him too much--he lived to the age of 87, and almost up to the end, drove annually from Chicago to his summer home off the US east coast. He moved to Sarasota, Florida in 1980.

The product was definitely NOT developed to eradicate rice fields. (as was stated in the April 23, 2004 Ontario College of Family Physicians [OCFP] 'Review of the effects of

2,4-D is a highly improbable herbicide to be used to "eradicate" rice. In fact, it very quickly became the world's most widely used rice herbicide, used to protect rice from yield-destroying invasive weeds. It is still extensively used by Japanese rice growers today. It has been an important tool used to increase rice production worldwide (and the production of wheat, barley, corn, oats, rye, etc.) and thus having a significant impact on reducing world hunger. That so-called fact as stated in the OCFP report alone makes the entire 'review' suspect. And, a closer examination reveals that nothing of what is presented should even be considered.

So now we have Paul Tukey (said to be a failed and bankrupt lawn care operator who was apprehended by local authorities for applying pest control products without the necessary licensing, according to Force of Nature) coming to Canada with a bunch of lies, scare tactics and innuendos and attempting to take supremacy over what a distinguished scientist like Milt Carleton continued to defend all through his life in a very effective way.

By the way, it is thought by many that the reason Tukey is coming up here at this time is that some of the activists in Ontario and elsewhere have decided not to take as strident actions as they have been doing simply because of the threatened and ongoing lawsuits against both organizations and individuals. Solution: bring in an American who will be free of actions by we Canadians.

That also brings up another interesting point. When Tukey returns to the U.S. will he be reporting his 'profits' both direct payments and other 'goodies' he received in Canada to the Canadian and/or American tax authorities? I under-stand he does not accept a penny for any of these appearances; instead he has all such monies directed to his little business "SafeLawns" and thus tax-free.

I believe Paul Tukey ought to have been banned from entry to Canada since he is clearly trying to interfere with the court fights which are currently going on here with regard to the banning of 2,4-D and other 'cosmetic lawn chemicals' both in Ontario, and against the federal government (by Dow AgroSciences) as regards the banning in Québec.

The worst of this whole mess is that if they remain successful, the enviro-maniacs will go after items such as chemical fertilizers next, and non-native plants will not be far behind that. Do we want that? If folks do not want to use the perfectly safe, Canadiangovernment approved chemicals to control weeds and other garden problems, then they are welcome to do so. But those who wish to go a simpler route should have the right to do so, and not be dictated to by a small bunch of enviro-maniacs who know little or nothing about the very large topic on which they profess to be experts!

And, we don't need any further Americanization of gardens and gardening here in Canada. Just ask any American tourist what they think of our gardens and cities vs. theirs in the U.S.!

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