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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

A few days ago I drew your attention to a Sun story pertaining to the Mountain Biking issue in the District. The story was originally conceived to make Crist look bad and to ensure that the old red herring was going to be resurrected. This is why they made this issue part of the story although it had nothing to do with it. Knowing this, I could have declined to speak about my peacenik days but I decided to let it all hang out.

For one thing I am rather proud that I was part of the anti bomb movement. I too could have joined the Nuclear Nut Club like so many others to advance my career. But I chose not to. I also owe setting the record straight to all those selfless peace fighters who sacrificed their careers just like I did. Walter Lipman, the very famous columnist, put it as follows. " In the course of my life I have seen many disgusting things," he wrote, " but none more so than a 70 year old general or politician advocating Nuclear war." But this is exactly what the struggle was all about.

So that there is no misunderstanding - Yes, I was a member of the peace movement and yes, I was a member of the CP and yes, I was instrumental in declaring the District of North Vancouver a Nuclear Free Zone in a symbolic but important gesture along with thousands of other cities throughout the world to say "NO WE DO NOT WISH TO BE INCINERATED AND DIE FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF US INC". No, I have no regrets and Yes, I met some of the most selfless, the most conscious and the most dedicated people while doing so and if any small thinking local politician believes he scored when it was suggested (for which I have no evidence, but I can read the signs the jackal left in the sand outside my tent) that the story about Mountain Biking should be laced with Crist's political past then they are not endowed with any substantial intellect.

If somebody thinks they have harmed me than they have miscalculated. I have no secrets - my conscience is clear. I never ripped off the taxpayers, mismanaged their wealth, baffle-gabbed, undermined and made a mockery of democratic institutions nor subverted and bought bureaucrats to advance my career. I fought FOR democracy including first and foremost civic democracy - History will absolve me.

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