

Subject: It seems to be genetic

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

I am trying to stay away from national commentary for obvious reasons. However, in connection with the recent submarine (discarded British RUST BUCKET) issue, I cannot help but recall an incident during the Diefenbacher administration. Incidentally, I had the highest personal regards for JOHN Diefenbacher for reasons I will tell at a more opportune time.

I was an avid reader of US NEWS and WORLD REPORT at the time. This particular magazine used to be the mouth piece of the US military industrial complex and arch conservative. Being in the peace movement, I always believed that in order to get a true measure of a situation one should get relevant information from the horses mouth. "US NEWS and WORLD REPORT" WAS the horses mouth.


I read that, Neil McElroy, US Secretary of defense, had made a request before the US Senate Armed Services Committee for more funding for the continued production the of the Bomarc Missile.

A member of the Committee asked McElroy, "how can you justify continued production of this missile when 40% of all tests have been total failures and another 40 % near failures"? And Neil McElroy without hesitation replied, "the Canadian government is buying them" - I rest my case. It seems to me that stupidity was a national trait then and still is. But then I don't have to listen to the NEWS from Ottawa to find that out.

Have a nice Day.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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