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# U.S. citizens: Prepare to be mountied

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If you don't believe that Canada is preparing to invade the United States, get yourself a bottle of ginger ale.

Even a superficial examination of the Canada Dry label will reveal the nefarious intentions of our neighbor to the north.

Any reasonable person would expect the Canada Dry label to depict Canada. It's only logical.

But this is not the case. The *entire continent of North America* is pictured on the bottle's label!

## Commentary

Why would a product named Canada Dry incorporate

California, Florida and even Mexico into its logo?

Was this some gross oversight on the part of the manufacturer? Or did the label designers at Canada Dry simply have some extra space to fill?

I refuse to accept either of these explanations.

No amount of geographical ineptitude can account for this blatant disregard of national boundaries.

I propose that the ginger ale label is a subtle harbinger of an imminent Canadian invasion.

But before you brush this off as another one of my ether-induced delusions, consider the facts.

Much like Mr. T. and Tony Danza, Canada has slipped into

the all-concealing shadows of anonymity.

Ask yourself, "What do I really know about Canada?"

Sure, they've got some good hockey teams, but only communists watch hockey. That's how they nailed Oswald.

The truth is that no United States citizen can tell you a thing about Canada.

This is not a result of sheer ignorance or a deficient educational system.

We don't know about Canada because for the last several decades its government and residents have been deliberately dull and insipid.

This behavior amounts to an effective and unprecedented campaign of "reverse propaganda."

By leading us *not* to think about their country, the Canadians have created and maintained an ideal environment for the stockpiling of arms and training of soldiers.

As the citizens of the United States turned their attention to more exciting countries, Canada has prepared itself for an all-out invasion of the world's last remaining super-power.

At this moment, battalions of bazooka-toting Mounties stand poised along our undefended northern border, eagerly awaiting the signal to attack.

The motivation for the impending offensive is obvious.

Canada isn't exactly prime real estate. Unless you're attracted to the eerie desolation of tundra, vacation hot spots are few

and far between.

And I don't need to tell you about the climate. Let's just say that MTV will never tape summer episodes of "The Grind" at a beach house in Nova Scotia.

The Canadians' insatiable hunger for land also compels them to invade the United States.

Canada has its own version of the NFL, appropriately titled the Canadian Football League (CFL). This is no secret.

But few Americans realize that the standard CFL playing field is several *miles* longer and wider than its NFL counterpart.

In the CFL, a single halfback sweep can last for weeks!

The CFL has added several expansion teams in recent years. If the league continues to grow at its current rate, Canada will soon face a serious land shortage.

So there are clear motives behind Canada's desire to seize American territory.

But a troubling question remains. Why would the Canadians reveal their sinister plans by diagramming them on ginger ale bottles?

Are the Canadians gloating about their imminent assault? Or is the Canada Dry label a clandestine warning produced by benevolent beverage manufacturers?

I do not know the answer. But one thing is clear.

As citizens of the United States, we must unite and destroy the Canadian menace, once and for all!



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