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... The CBC doesn't recognize the growing polarization of opinion within the country as something which it has an obligation ... to address with an even hand and an open mind.

DAVID CAYLEY, VETERAN PRODUCER AND BROADCASTER, IN HIS BOOK, THE CBC: HOW CANADA'S PUBLIC BROADCASTER LOST ITS VOICE (AND HOW TO GET IT BACK). EXCERPT, A11

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FREELAND RESIGNS FROM CABINET, WILL NOT FINISH TERM AS MP

Role falls short of vaulting ambition

Politics now too serious for Freeland



JOHN IVISON
Comment

Chrystia Freeland's exit from cabinet, while not expected, is no great surprise. The job of transport minister is unglamorous, dominated by regulation of railway rolling stock and of passenger bills of rights. The minister's path is potholed with potentially career-limiting port, railway or airline strikes. Former Conservative transport minister John Crosbie expressed his frustration in 1986 when he said no one understands how airfares work. "Why I should be expected to understand them is beyond me," he said. For someone with Freeland's vaulting ambition, being parked in the backwater of transport, albeit with the additional nominal responsibility for internal trade, must have felt like those aspirations were being thwarted. She said in a social media post Tuesday she does not intend to run in the next election and that the time is right to seek fresh challenges. Quite why she didn't make that decision before the last election suggests she thought Prime Minister Mark Carney would restore her to former glories, before she sparked the coup that made Justin Trudeau's position untenable last December, which saw her resign from cabinet the first time. Carney, the godfather to Freeland's son, was Lincolnian enough to understand he needed to repair injured feelings after the leadership contest, in which he won 86 per cent of members' votes and she won just eight per cent. He was clearly aware that untended, that hurt might have escalated into hostility, and Freeland could do to him what she did to his predecessor. See IVISON on A6

The woman who toppled Trudeau. Higgins, A10



Chrystia Freeland and Mark Carney leave a cabinet meeting on the Hill on Tuesday. Freeland has decided to "turn the page on this chapter in my life."

PM APPOINTS OUTGOING MINISTER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF UKRAINE

CHRISTOPHER NARDI
in Ottawa

Transport Minister Chrystia Freeland resigned from cabinet on Tuesday and announced she would not run again, marking the first departure from Prime Minister Mark Carney's inner circle. Freeland issued a statement Tuesday afternoon confirming reports from National Post and other media outlets that she was stepping down from her position as minister of transport and internal trade. "With tremendous gratitude and a little sadness, I have decided to step down from Cabinet today and turn the page on this chapter in my life. I do not intend to run in the next federal election," Freeland wrote on social media. "I am not leaving to spend more time with my family or because the burden of elected office is too heavy to bear," she added. "After 12 fulfilling

years in public life, I know that now is the right time for me to make way for others and to seek fresh challenges for myself." A source close to Freeland who was granted anonymity to discuss private discussions said that the outgoing minister does not plan to stay on as MP until the next election. The source said Freeland will meet with her riding association this week to discuss when she can resign her Toronto seat at the earliest opportunity. In a separate statement, Carney thanked Freeland for her service and announced he was appointing her as Canada's "Special Representative for the Reconstruction of Ukraine." As opposed to an envoy role, a special representative is not a diplomatic position and it does not come with an office or staff. See RESIGN on A6

BROKEN CANADA

Police call out judges, lawyers

TRISTIN HOPPER
Comment

After months of Canadian police agencies saying they've been overwhelmed by the consequences of "catch and release" justice, some have now taken to calling out the actions of specific judges and prosecutors they deem responsible. On Monday, the Toronto Police Association directly blamed judges for a case

in which a 12-year-old on a release order was alleged to have participated in the beating death of a Toronto homeless man. "Where are the judges who make these decisions?" wrote the association in a statement that said police had also shared their concerns with the federal government. "Our members are held accountable for the decisions they make and the actions they take. Why isn't anyone else?" This followed only a few days after the Edmonton police took the unprecedented step of slamming Crown prosecutors for failing to pursue murder charges against a woman accused of killing an eight-year-old Indigenous girl. See HOPPER on A5

Yet more useless Liberal crime 'reforms'

JAMIE SARKONAK
Comment

Following a summer of horrific crimes — a fatal domestic assault in the street by a man on release, the stabbing of a grandmother in front of a grocery store, the execution of a loving father in front of his children during a break-in, to name a few — the Liberals want you to know that they've got a plan for justice reform. It involves reforms for bail, domestic violence and hate crime — which were al-

ready reformed a few years back. Justice Minister Sean Fraser is coming into the fall session with the same old dusted-off stack of ineffective ideas that his predecessors already implemented. The Liberals have made changes to bail laws twice: in 2019 and again in 2023. In 2019, via Bill C-75, the Liberals codified the principle of restraint in the Criminal Code, a principle that was first brought into law back in 1972, and has since been mandated by the Supreme Court on multiple occasions. See SARKONAK on A5

Radio-Canada suspends journalist

'ANTISEMITIC TROPES'

Correspondent says U.S. cities, Hollywood 'run by Jews'

COURTNEY GREENBERG

A journalist has been "relieved from her duties" at Radio-Canada, CBC's French-language service, until further notice after a Jewish group condemned comments she made on air as "antisemitic." "My understanding, and that of multiple analysts here in the United States, is that it is the Israelis, the Jews, that finance American politics a lot," said Elisa Serret, the Washington correspondent for Radio-Canada, who was speaking in French. "There is a big machine behind them, making it very difficult for Americans to detach themselves from Israel's positions. It's really money here in the United States. The big cities are run by Jews, Hollywood is run by Jews..." The comments were made in response to host and news anchor Christian Latreille asking Serret to break down why Americans "have such difficulty distancing themselves from Israel, even in the most difficult moments." This episode of sur le terrain (or "on the ground," in English) aired on Monday. It covered U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio's visit to Israel and meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. A clip of the episode was posted on social media by Jewish advocacy group, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA). "Antisemitism is absolutely unacceptable on Canadian airwaves, especially on our public broadcaster. Yet these words were aired earlier today," the group said on X on Monday, quoting some of the phrases used by Serret, who has worked for the public broadcaster since 2014. The group said it expected "immediate and unequivocal condemnation from all relevant leaders, including Heritage Minister" Steven Guilbeault. On Tuesday morning Guilbeault released a statement on X saying that "antisemitism has no place in Canada." He said the public broadcaster "belongs to all Canadians, and as leaders, we have a responsibility to hold it to account and demand the highest standards in journalism." See SUSPENDED on A2

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