## editorial:

"Every government is run by liars and nothing they say should be believed." That dictum was coined by a beautiful little man with thick glasses, who has spent the better part of his very productive life pouring over government documents and managing to beat the politicians at their own game. I. F. Stone's proven theory was that the way to find out what the government is really up to is to read carefully every word uttered by those in power, since eventually they'll reveal the truth, no matter how unwittingly. His base of operations was Washington and Watergate has certainly given immeasurable credence to what this man has been saying and writing through the years.

Arcand's Réjeanne Padovani has demolished any reasons we might have to be smug about all this, and Jerry Bruck's sensitive portrait of that physically small but morally gigantic man, I.F. Stone's Weekly, is as relevant for Canadians as

for those in Nixon's America.

Bruck is a Montrealer whose previous work includes a poignant capturing of the spirit of a small neighbourhood cigar store in that city, just before the bulldozers moved in to tear down the whole block. He's been distributing I. F. Stone in the States by himself and has managed to gross over \$150,000 in U.S. theatres with it, more than five times the film's production cost. Awards have been heaped upon it, including the prestigious Grierson and Emily prizes at the American Film Festival. Jerry Bruck just returned from Cannes, where the subject of the film, "Izzy" Stone, received a well-earned standing ovation after the screening.

In spite of widespread critical acclaim, Bruck is having some problems showing the film to Canadians. Certain bureaucrats in charge of granting certifications in this country are apparently dragging their feet on I. F. Stone's Weekly, either questioning its 'Canadian content' or claiming that the film might be construed as 'offensive' to a friendly nation, i.e. the United States. As a result, Bruck might have to pay duty to bring the film into Canada and a CBC showing is being jeopardized.

The question of an unfettered free press is universal as is Izzy's personal philosophy of individual awareness and enlightened discussion of public issues. This film must be shown throughout this country, as well as allowed free circulation in educational markets throughout the world.

Bruck sees the hurdles as not insurmountable, but I.F. Stone's Weekly isn't alone in being kept from the public merely because of some petty misgivings in the ranks of public service. This kind of covert censorship must be eliminated, along with our archaic provincial censor boards.

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