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World stage

Re As He Takes On Russia At The UN, We Are Witnessing Bob Rae's Finest Hour (March 26):
I don't necessarily disagree that Bob Rae is enjoying his finest hour as Canada's ambassador to the United Nations. But is it really a compliment?

In fairness to the ambassador, he appears to be following the government's line. It is a government that seems to value posturing over performance.

If one's finest hour can be achieved with anodyne speeches, platitudinous articles and cranky social media messages, then it's worth a hard look at what one has accomplished. If Mr. Rae's experience is necessary to produce obvious observations – “Mr. Rae said the way the world responds to countries that have a nuclear bomb is different than it is for those who don't” – perhaps it's time to refresh our diplomatic corps.

Mr. Rae leaves me with the impression that we should tell Vladimir Putin to be ashamed of himself, and do it in a very harsh tone of voice.

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