LAMONT, LANSING: BREAKUP. THE COMING END OF CANADA AND THE STAKES FOR AMERICA. W.W. Norton, London, 1994, £19-95.

One would be inclined, at the first contact with this book, to open it with a rather haughty smile. Will it be science fiction or a wish that is father to the thought? It is a dazzling and disturbing book. Lansing Lamont plays out a possible disastrous scenario for Canada. The once utopian Canada being

so divided between English, Indian, French, Canadians

and Americans that it can no longer function as a unitary state. His emphasis is on the effects this is bound to have on the United States and he warns that this can be a rude surprise comparable to events in the former Soviet Union.

A book South Africans should read with interest.