

letters to the editor :

Student Council: "Unwarranted insult to the U.S."

To the Editor:

Yesterday I had cause to read something which disturbed me greatly. It was a motion which was passed by our Student Council permitting the sending of a telegram to the U.S. Consul here in Halifax the contents of which are:

"We the Student Council of Dalhousie University, wish to extend our most sincere condolences to the American people. Get well soon."
Passed October 31, 1968.

I must seriously question the validity of this act which has been assented to by the council which is representative of all the Dalhousie University students. To me it appears to be an example of irresponsible and childish behavior in very bad taste and form, on the part of the council.

Daily the shout and cry of the student around the world is for responsibility in the governing of our own affairs, a voice in which way we shall go. I have participated in this demand and up until now I had felt that the students, Dalhousie students included, had sufficient maturity to be involved in directing their own destiny to some extent. After reading this motion from my student leaders I now have grave doubts about their ability to handle responsibility.

I must say to the Student Council that it is true that I participated in putting them in the position that they now hold, I voted, but if I were able to realize my present desires I would see them impeached today. I must ask our student leaders, "What right have you to criticize a foreign state in this manner in my name?" I feel that the Student Council owes if not to the general student body at least to me, an explanation for what appears to me to be an

unwarranted insult to the United States.

I think that the Student Council must be brought to task to produce an explanation. As an individual student I can bring little pressure to bear on the Council but you, the Gazette, as a voice of the student body, can bring a great deal more in order to demand an explanation. There is a valid issue here and the choice is yours to deal with it or not.

I hope that your choice will be wiser than the actions of the Student Council.

One last question to the Student Council: "Are you responsible Student leaders?"

Yours truly,
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Gazette editorial "highly unfair"

To the Editor:

I have just read Volume 101, Number 13 of the GAZETTE and would like to make a few (two to be exact) comments on your editorial and Letter to the Editor.

First, concerning your editorial, may I say that, on the whole, it was a good piece of satirical writing; however, I do have one objection. The passage "You can begin by supporting your local police in their struggle against the running dogs of hate and violence. . ." which, when taken in the context of the whole article is highly unfair and shows, I believe, the overt prejudice towards the police so predominant in today's youth. By putting this in you immediately associate all police with the Wallace mentality. You seem to be saying that they are fascist reactionaries who just love to get a chance to club some poor, innocent student. (I'm not saying that some don't, but you suggest that they all do.) Is it to be assumed that you consider any aid given to the police to be bad; with the people giving that aid really fostering a hatred for all the so-called "liberalizing movements" of today? Are the people helping police Wallcrites, who, at the first opportunity, will force the Negroes

back into their ghettos (those who have escaped), use atomic bombs on North Vietnam and China and thus end the 'yellow peril', and beat to a pulp any student working for a change? You probably did not mean it to be taken this way, but it can be taken so, and this spoils the whole article.

Secondly, on the letter to the editor; again. I agree with most of what has been said, but there is a "fact" presented here, which has been repeated often by people who want to legitimize their stand for change, which is not a fact but only a wishful dream. It is: ". . . that the student population of the world. . . is rising and asking, or fighting, for a new order." I suggest that the body is not rising, but that only a leg is being shook now and then. Only a small percentage of students around the world are trying to free us from our oppressors - a very liberal estimate would be around 10-20%. Indeed, Mr. Devlin himself proves the fallacy of this statement in his attack on the Dal student body. - most of Dal's students are apathetic, and although more so than some universities ie. Columbia, they are probably indicative of most student bodies on most universities.

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By GARNER TED STRONGARM

Good day, ladies and gentlemen. I have some tragic announcements to make. Last Thursday you will recall that I issued a call to halt the opening of the citadel of Godlessness, that Sodom of Studley Campus. The original time of assembly was called for 12:00 midnight, by 2:30 A.M. it was plainly apparent that our message had fallen upon deaf ears. Apart from my little band of regulars (Cpl. Flannigan, my brother Herb, famous radio commentator Paul Larvae, and of course myself), no one at all had departed from the insidious festivities taking place inside Baal's bastion, the SUB. To make matters worse, while we stood near the intersection trying to load our only bazooka, we were apprehended by two members of the ultra-liberal Halifax Police Department and incarcerated on trumped-up charges of "drunk and disorderly conduct". While we are accustomed by now to the malicious persecution which we must undergo daily, it still came as a shock to be so brutally detained by those whom we thought were our last sure allies in the struggle for antiCommUNist righteousness. We knew that the International Conspiracy had infiltrated every cranny of our fine city, but our naivete was such that we could not see its obvious handiwork permeating the very fabric of the erstwhile forces of "justice". Rest assured, dear reader, that we shall never again mistake the popular call for "law and order" as being anything but the most devilish tactic ever conceived to blind good folk to the onslaught of Red domination. Originally we went so far as to support this call; we felt it was too little and perhaps too late, but that it was at least a tiny step in the right direction, however timorous. With firm implementation it could have done much to stop the ravages of Earl Warren and the North American Viet Cong he has spawned. Never in our wildest dreams did we see the truth: that "law and order" was specifically designed by the Communists to harass, persecute, and silence anyone who clearly understands the nature of their program of conquest and who has enough arms and individual initiative to get up and strike a blow against the beast.

The truth came home to us with devastating clarity early Friday morning. We were all herded into a paddy wagon, driven to the police officers' station, fingerprinted, booked, forced to submit to humiliating tests such as walking a straight line, and then penned up for the night. Gradually we began to perceive that there was a method behind this wanton persecution. Slowly we began to realize that we had been utterly mistaken to assume that

the policeman is indeed our friend. No, dear reader, there weren't any Liberals or CommUNists in jail that night, nor, I might venture to add, have there ever been any. The horrendous conclusion at which we arrived was that we are fast losing the support of one of our last allies, and that one cannot expect justice from a judge whose wall is hung with pictures of Josef Stalin, Walter Lippman, and Mao.

The fact remains that there is only one organized body left in Halifax which is both equipped and prepared to counter the rising tide of CommUNist perfidy now that the once-powerful and once-staunchly - for - stability - and - Godfearing - tradition - against-the-Kremlin police force of our town has been totally subverted. This last outpost of civilization is bearing the brunt of a massive and well-organized effort to smear and slander the few remaining conservative values that it is still possible for one to advocate without courting jail. If we cannot demonstrate our whole-hearted support of the valiant, last-ditch efforts of the Dalhousie Board of Governors to restore order to a campus torn with strife, to bring peace to a university ridden with the stinking effluvia of the fuzzy-headed student radicals who have whipped the normally decent-thinking student body to a pitch of pseudo-revolutionary ferment, then we all might as well throw in the towel and give up the ship, as it were.

Student unrest is not a new phenomenon; it has been a traditional vehicle of Socialistic agitation for centuries. Since 139 A.D., the Muscovite slave-masters have warped impressionable young minds with their monstrous and manipulating clamor for "justice", "democracy", "freedom", and "open house." While the Board will concede that these are genuine issues, they astutely point out to a world steeped in vice and moral rot that the only people who have enough temerity, who lack all respect for constituted authority and have the consequent effrontery to savagely and persistently attack the institutions which made our civilization and race great, have to be none other but CommUNist SUB-versives. As Board member and steel magnet. Abbie Macaroon put it in his news conference Wednesday night: "If they (read fuzzy-headed student unwashed junkie free-loving creeps) don't like the education they are getting here, they can always drop out and get a job in a factory. Of course, they'll have to cut their hair and take a rather extensive loyalty oath if they ever want to work in my factories. Our society and our community are founded upon the principles of democracy, and I'll

be damned if they're going to tell me what my children and my children's classmates are going to study. Their methods are those of coercion; their goals are those of disruption and anarchy. If this fine University is to emerge unscathed from the turmoil which threatens to engulf it, its leadership must take quick and vigorous action. Happily, this action is forthcoming. The Board has adopted the following proposals, and action on them is being taken:

1) The Dalhousie library and bookstore have been declared off limits to everyone; exceptions are graduate students in the departments of Music, Classics, and Commerce, plus a few professors who are currently doing research into the properties of either structural steel or deuterium. The purpose of this action is to ensure that no well-meaning but soft-headed undergraduates permanently ruin their employment potential by getting worked up by some trashy Comsymp crap. Any student who really wants to buy texts will be directed to the Bible Society Book Store for proper reading material.

2) We are initiating a faculty exchange program with the Chicago Police Department. Tenured professors will be sent, all expenses paid, to Chicago, where they will receive training in the latest methods of crowd control, squelching hecklers, and conventional warfare. They in turn will give inspirational and enriching lectures to off-duty patrolmen on such varied topics as "Carlyle - Was He Bullshitting Us, Or Wasn't He?" and "Hair As An Immanent And Authoritative Index Of Marxist Sympathies, - An Ontological Evaluation."

3) Gatherings of two people or more are expressly prohibited; we wish to inform the agitating tiny minority that the Canadian Army has established a set of coordinates for possible trouble spots on campus. Over their objections, we have consented to give all rowdy groups a two-minute warning to disperse before the mortar crews open up.

The hour is late. The situation is grave. The Board only hopes that it has not waited too long in taking these necessary safeguards."

Mr. Macaroon and his colleagues may well be all that is keeping a revolutionary student war of rape and pillage from breaking out. With the SUB still intact and in full operation, with the local constabulary unwittingly following Moscow's every command, God knows we need their help and support. Pray for them.