

Reader Comment Zionist-media conspiracy

BY Mounir Tabet

Once again the U.S., the "human rights foster parent", is manifesting a stubborn, yet ignorant consistency in playing the role assigned to it by the Zionist master architects from Herzl to Weizman and lately, Begin and company.

This unjustifiable North American commitment to the Zionist ideology is no doubt elicited by the efforts of the Jews in the U.S. This minority owns and runs Wall Street and most of New York's economy; consequently the country's. The U.S. capitalist government is run by the private giant businesses and banks of Wall Street and not vice versa, nor independently, as is the case in most real democratic countries. And since that small Jewish minority, which has undergone an excellent operation of brainwash by Zionism, runs the economy, it consequently runs the country. Therefore it should be no wonder that the U.S., blindly and unconditionally, supports Israel and supplies it with destructive arms and terror tools.

Israel claims democracy. They claim equal rights to each and every Israeli citizen. They claim no racism or discrimination of any sort.

But the facts are different. There is not a nation in the world that has so eloquently and

professionally humiliated the United Nations as a peace keeping organization by; the constant rejection of UN proposals; the total denial of the Palestinians legitimate right to autonomy. The discrimination against Sephardic Jews (they are treated as second class citizens, if not worse), the constant horrible acts of terror in Israel against Arabs (mass punishment, imprisonment without trials, torture of prisoners, blowing up of houses - 17,000 in all, up to 1967, confiscation of land and in short, repression at its optimum) and attacks with the finest of American planes (in defiance of an agreement with the U.S. that the planes be used only for defence purposes) on the peasants of south Lebanon and the children of the refugee camps in Beirut.

The indirect consequences are innumerable.

By claiming that they are the chosen people, the Zionists have created a superiority complex and thirst for power.

Zionism is explained to each of the western nations in such a manner as to soothe that nations' ears and cool its nerves. The total plan of Zionism, expansionism, and the whole package, is rarely revealed to anyone. By falsely presenting their case, the Zionists have attracted "friends" among western nations.

The Palestinians in par-

ticular and the Arabs in general face a two-dimensional problem in the middle east today.

The people of North America do not have a clue about the repression experienced by the Palestinians in Israel. The carefully measured doses of opium administered daily by the media, which are controlled by the businesses that are running the government and its censors, successfully achieve their goals.

The people of the West and of North America in particular should rub their eyes hard, unclog their ears, and stop the opium forced into their system by their governments and for once take an unbiased look and accordingly assess the situation in the Middle East.

The people in Palestine are freedom seekers. The PLO and all the affiliated organizations are revolutionaries rebelling against oppressors of all kinds. They, like the Salvadorians, the Vietnamese, the Cubans, and the Chinese have fought and will fight together recognizing the rights of the masses to rule themselves justly and democratically. They fight for their freedom, they struggle for the liberation of their land, they seek their right as humans and they shall be victorious because they are the people, and to the people history and freedom belongs

Writer way off base

I would like to respond to the column by Jens Anderson entitled "The Chopping Block" which ran in the September 10 edition of the Gateway.

As a student and Christian on this campus I have been both challenged and enlightened by the more thought-provoking criticisms my faith has encountered.

Sometimes, however, after peeling merely polemical elements from some assaults on the Christian faith (or in this case, on Christ himself) one is deeply saddened to find that no substance can be unearthed from the attack, except maybe a readily hostile mind which seeks to mask its subjective character in pseudoanalysis. Otherwise, someone may ask, why would anyone pass over the very obvious intent of the quote from Lenny Bruce to launch an attack on something which is incidental to Bruce's argument. He after all was simply pointing out the inconsistency of the church amassing wealth when its founder put so much emphasis upon using wealth to aid the poor. (cf. Mk. 10:21, Lk. 14:12-14, Lk. 18:22)

It is especially when our fr. Anderson turns his unsubstantiated assertions upon the person of Christ himself, however, that we begin to feel that his coercion of Bruce's material is simply the tip of a baely structured iceberg.

Possibly our writer has misunderstood some saying of Jesus which is not intended to discourage preparations for the future but is primarily and injunction against wo y or perhaps he has misinterpreted Mt. 10:5-13, Lk 9:14 which was the command to the apostles that while identifying with the poor in having no goods, their primary concern should be proclaiming the gospel; a task which left them no time to sit ar und twiddling thier thumbs!) or is this merely hearsay or wishful thinking on his part?

While as J.A. points out, Jesus did believe in demons and unclean spirits (which any reading of the synoptic gospels will verify e.g. Mt. 12:28) at no point does he allow this belief to be used to relieve men from taking responsibility for their actions.

Likewise it never weems to occur to the columnist that in "spouting fire and brimstone against his detractors" (actually not a very accurate description of what Jesus did) and rather than "showing symptoms of messianic delusion" Jesus was showing the symptoms of a man forced to take a hardline with stubborn men whose eternal welfare was his greatest concern.

If, after all, men are truly deluded about the consequences of their actions and there are eternal consequences for such, then he would be less than loving not to

give warning. Furthermore there is simply to assurance that a man who rejects Jesus "handout philosophy" and disavows the existence of demons or hell is going to be a better man. I can think of one man who rejected all three, and was probably worse than the Ayatollah (to whom the columnist compares Jesus) namely Joseph Stalin.

Finally, if I am to believe that some of "our Christian leaders have become better, not worse" than Christ (and no doubt some are good, but better?), it can not simply be because they "pay at least lip service to religious freedom" (would Christ be against that, anyway?) and not because a few are "functional agnostics" nor finally because none of them would "attempt to quell a hurricane, fix a nuclear reactor leak, or damp inflation by prayer" but because they have prayed and meditated over Christ's teachings and realize that in it God is calling all men to live responsibly towards God, man and nature.

No Jens, at Christ's second coming it is you and I as enlightened citizens of the 20th century who will have to explain why we have not lived in accordance with God's will as so clearly laid out by Christ in his teachings 2000 years ago.

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Arts

Forgiveness for blasphemers?

Concerning the "Chopping Block" column of September 10, 1981, the following points should be made.

First, Mr. Andersen seems to deliberately confuse the actual and artistic depictions of the physical appearance of Jesus Christ. Since little record exists of the former (a Roman reported him to be well-favoured) (sic), the latter, however unflattering, in no way reflect upon Christ himself.

Second, it is Christ's un-

faultable life, ministry, death and resurrection that are potentially important to the world; not his physical appearance.

Third, the fact of Christ's agony on the cross should inspire something more profound than "alarm" or an "urge to call an ambulance".

Mr. Anderson writes from the depth of his experience (the product pf his whole life) and with what he must feel is "original" iconoclasm. He fails to realize that

he surely overrates both, especially the latter, given the recent wave of movie and literary parodies of the life of Christ. Iconoclasts come and go, by Christ lives on.

Fortunately for Mr. Anderson, Christ himself has stated that He will forgive even his most blasphemous critics if they repent. And guess what: - at his second coming he will have an appearance sufficiently awesome to satisfy even Mr. Anderson.
A.W. Jenkins

The Heavy Semi-finished Hex Head Capscrew

by Eric Blare

"... there is no pain you are receding ..."

There is something wrong with you people. A peculiar sickness of an intensely insidious nature plagues you all.

We could call it apathy, but that would generously assume that you recognize the subject to which you are being indifferent. Your horizons of awareness have not yet matured even to that embryonic stage.

We could say that your disease is the only possible result of atrophied childhoods spent absorbing Gilligan's Island reruns, but that would over-inflate the unproven beliefs that television destroys peoples' abilities to discern between the real and the imagined.

Indeed, we could speculate for some time on the causes of your joyless, lifeless existence, but it would probably be impolite to be talking so far above your non-existent range of comprehension.

Yes, because you don't even know *who* you are let alone *where* you've been.

You've not even paused to examine the empty implications of your own bloody navels. You are to be pitied.

And feared.

Pitied because an absence of the rudimentary elements of awareness and self-identification can only make you a sub-species of the human race.

And feared because this lack of self identification drives you to seek the womb-like security of mass movements.

You don't care *what* you are — you care what others *think* you are.

You are plastic. You are fake. You are the imitation mahogany and day-glo painting that you fashionably scorn.

You are pretense and shameless stupidity.

You are the children of the eighties — nothing but seasoned alcoholics, aging potheads, and mommy-coddled conformers. You are simply too lazy and too emotionally and intellectually stunted to ever achieve anything beyond nauseating mediocrity.

You are spineless grist for drugs, christianity, the moral majority, liberalism, conservatism, capitalism, communism, and war.

You simply don't give a flying fuck about what happens on this planet, as long as you're part of some sort of movement. And for those of us who do care about the trouble these rabid and simplistic ideologies bring, you are an object of contempt: a festering boil on the soul of mankind.

But I guess it's really rather pointless to rant. Those of you who *have* managed to get through all the polysyllabic words in this column with now simply turn to your complacent, no-mind friends and say, "This isn't right is it?"

"Nooooooo, of course not. We're O.K. He's not talking about us."

Right, fuckheads.
"... ahhhhhhh, ah, I have become, comfortably numb ..."

High-priced social

Last Friday night a social was put on by the Inter-Fraternity Council in Dinwoodie. The beer tickets were \$1 each.

Sometime during the evening they claimed to have lost a roll of beer tickets. Therefore they would not accept any beer tickets but anybody could buy more beer with cash.

It seems to me that the price of beer was \$2 each. \$1 for a useless beer ticket plus \$1 cash is equal to \$2.

I feel that the Inter-Fraternity Council should not be allowed to rent Dinwoodie again. If it is possible charges should be laid against Inter-Fraternity Council by the University or by the police so that a ripoff like this will not happen again.

Gordon Stamp
Science 2

Title not available at presstime

The storm surrounds you on a rainy night in RATT. Clouds come to swallow you into their darkness. Only the pressure of loud, pulsating rock and roll holds the murk at bay; were someone to replace Tom Petty with Janis Ian there would be no return.

The evening greys and the Labatts Blues swirl your soul into the eye of an emotional twister. The loose dust of your pitiful life is picked up and scattered across the empty plains of time, "Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore!"

Whoops, sorry. This was supposed to be a serious column. I'm going to be the Gateway's human interest writer. I've got all sorts of interesting stories about our fellow human beings with who we share this planet and profound observations about life and love. Look...

A lot of people thought Wendi was just another first year commerce student. She worked as hard as she had to get average marks and still had plenty of time for socializing. She was quite popular; attractive, fashionably but tastefully dressed, cheery and personable. She enjoyed the little things in life; kittens, the Saturday color comics, and even signing her name with a little balloon over the "i". But Wendi...

Actually Wendi is kind of shallow isn't she. Well, life is like that. Sorry, I really can be more profound than that.

Life is a lot more than just being alive you know? Life is... uh... all around us if we would only open our eyes. It is good, wonderful. Well, except for all the poor people and the handicapped. And the third world has a hard time too.

But love conquers all. Although it can hurt too. Like when someone dumps you. Still there is enough love for everybody. Except maybe if you're really ugly. Or an insane murderer.

Maybe next week I should try a humor column.