

Does Not Print Enough Letters

KISS AND MAKE-UP

To The Editor:
After reading this Nazi business in The Gateway, I happened to broach the subject to a couple of fellow students who, I think, are probably quite typical University students (and Canadians). A rather lively discussion followed to say the least. I was rather shocked by their indifference to the subject. They argue that Nazism constitutes only a minor group in Canada, that its presence is in no way detrimental to Canadians and finally that there is nothing you can do about it as it is in the mind and this is a freedom granted to all Canadians.

I am a firm disciple of freedom of thought—to a point. That point is reached when certain ideas constitute a definite, tangible mental and physical danger to the established society. At this point I think that the citizens should take definite action to inhibit influence of the corruptive ideas. I do not restrict this opinion to my own society. Adopting the Russian point of view, I think that if the majority of Russians support Communism, then Christianity constitutes a danger to the Russian society as it now exists. I believe, therefore, that the sincere Russian Communist is justified in ostracizing Christians if he believes they constitute a danger to his society.

To return to the matter of Nazism in Canada, I would liken Nazism to a cancer. It remains dormant until the right conditions exist for it to flourish. Nazism flourished in Germany when the people were hungry—mentally and physically. Nazism promised many things. The people were receptive to such promises. They were not, however, aware of the inherent dangers of Nazism.

We know of these dangers. We have evidence in the events of World War II, in Buchenwald, Bergen Belsen, Dachau and Auschwitz and in the very platform of the American Nazi Party. The Nazi tumor is relatively dormant now but the possibility for it to become malignant is very real. In the same way that a surgeon removes a tumor before it has a chance to become malignant, I think we should isolate Nazi philosophy in Canada by ostracizing adherents, by refusing all social intercourse with them and with any constructive method at our resources.

Am I terribly naive? Are the Canadian people willing to allow this tumor to exist? I wonder.

D. B. Thomas

NASTY SOCREDS

To The Editor:
Recently, an editorial in your newspaper commended the Debating Society for their part in bringing about the renaissance of debating on campus. One of the principle reasons for this increase in interest in the art of debating has been the holding of regular Hugill Debates every Friday at 12:30 p.m. in SUB. The intention of the executive in holding these regularly scheduled debates was to establish a traditional time and location to hold public debates. Rather than arbitrarily choose a time and location each week, which would put an onerous task on our publicity department, we decided to make every Friday noon debating time on campus. The results of this endeavour far exceeded our expectations and to be sure, the results have been most gratifying.

However, our plan has suffered a severe setback. The campus Social Credit club has seen fit to hold one of their meetings at (strangely enough) precisely the time at which our regular Friday debates are always held. We sincerely feel this is no coincidence. Despite our repeated requests to have this organization re-schedule its function, they have remained adamant and, consequently, there will be no regular Friday debate on December 2.

Justifiably or not, we believe that this action on the part of the Social Credit club was a deliberate attempt to capitalize on the magnitude of the crowd which regularly congregates, expecting to enjoy a debate under our auspices. In view of the fact that SUB regulations prohibit reserving lounges for more than four weeks in advance, the Debating Society is legally unable to prevent such interference.

The enthusiastic response to our Friday debates has given our Hugill debaters public speaking experience which could not be obtained elsewhere. We express our appreciation to the student body for their support.

In closing, this letter is to serve notice that there will be no debate

on Friday, Dec. 2.
President, Debating Society
Ron Newman
P.S. On Friday, Dec. 9, our regular debates will resume. Resolved: That the current Nazi movement be ignored.

STUDENTS COMPLACENT

To The Editor:
Thanks to Mr. "Incognito Rodent" and his revealing letter, that "rat" has become fictitious. Things, then, obviously aren't as bad as to present a real danger to Edmonton's smelly sewers.

Something else smells, though! Why, oh proverbial, curiosity exhibiting Mr. Anonymous, why choose such a screwy way of getting this thing into the open? Why resort to two anonymous letters instead of coming right out and saying: There, look at it! Signed!! Of whom are you afraid?

But you are right, people are talking again (and perhaps we are thinking?) about the Nazis, and I hope some of them will make up their minds about them. Which would be all we could hope for.

So, there won't be any grudgings, fellas.

Thus, you can sell the rope again!
Manfred Rupp

JOHNNY APPLESEED

To The Editor:
Mr. John Barr has given me an excellent example of what I had suspected for some time about the prevalent, dominating, feature of the North American policy-makers (in political and religious matters). I had always thought that they had a guiding principle "he who is not with us is against us."

By the same rule, JB dives into the conclusion that these "seedy looking exchange students" who applauded to Miss Alla Tsutsarova's witticism were obviously "fellow-travellers" since in his opinion, they were not of his political and religious opinions, and therefore must be commies.

"A Seedy Looking Exchange Student," MV.



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