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Sincerely,
Paul Morris, Editor
Pharos '83

DSA taken out of context

To the Editor:

For once I find myself in complete sympathy with Robbie Shaw. We are both less than happy with the reporting of the Dal Gazette. It also seems we are not alone (e.g. the apology to John Graham, Gazette January 13, 1983).

My own particular problem with the Gazette is the manner in which my views on the government's 6% wage restraint programme were reported. It is not that I didn't say the things reported in the article (January 13, 1983). There is a significant difference, however, in the context in which those statements were made and the contexts within which the direct quotations are placed in the article.

I take the strongest exception to the suggestion that I think cutbacks in funding to provincially funded organizations (like universities) would be a more effective way to curb inflation than legislating a six per cent limit to public sector wage increases. Rather, I stated that the government already has direct control over the amount of funds to be made available to these organizations, so that the passage of the threatened legislation would be an unnecessary, heavy-handed, and easy way out. This comment was also closely associated with the opinion that the government is going to have to be a lot more creative in developing a strategy for economic recovery than to scapegoat public sector workers.

Finally, I'd like to add I appreciate that the amount of time and energy which goes into the writing of even one article is significant, and that few people realize how much work goes into getting your paper out every week. You are all to be congratulated for your efforts, but I really do think you should tighten up your reporting. It should not be necessary for you to print so many letters from people who feel they have to set the record straight after you have done a story on them.

Yours truly,
Delphine du Toit,
Executive Director,
Dalhousie Staff Association

Editor's reply: The Gazette stands by the article as it appeared

last issue.

The quote in question reads, both in the article and the reporter's notes: "It's a faint-hearted attempt to control inflation rather than control the amount of money made available (to provincially funded organizations)." This quote is ambiguous at best, and it might be inferred controlling provincial funding means a cutback because the government is trying to cut back on inflation to control it. "Control" is not synonymous with "cutback". The Gazette does not feel the quote has been taken out of context.

However, the article did not qualify the statement as du Toit did later in the interview when she said "There are still other means for the government to manipulate the economy," and continued to say the government needed to be more creative, etc.

Contrary to the statements in this letter, Vice President Robbie Shaw was not misquoted in the Gazette, but on the front page of the November 18 Chronicle Herald.

CIA censors Latin America?

To the Editor:

After long neglecting my North American responsibility for the recent rapid spread of violent tyranny in Latin America, I set out to buy two books, Penny Lernoux's *Cry of the People* and Steven Schlesinger's *Bitter Fruit*. The Dal Bookstore had copies of Lernoux's book in stock for \$6.95, but they did not have the more expensive *Bitter Fruit*. Because of the book's sub-title, "The Untold Story of the American Coup in Guatemala", I was not surprised to learn that no respectable bookstore in town had a copy on display or in stock. I thought the Red Herring Bookstore might have a copy, but they did not. The book is listed in the Killam Library, so I signed up for my turn.

Bitter Fruit is a fairly new book which received impressive reviews on the radio when it was published, so I was prepared to wait at least ten days for it. I was annoyed, however, to find the book "missing". After encouraging the librarians in their search for a few weeks, I was referred to the person in charge of inter-library loans. A couple of weeks later I got the following response: "There are no reported N.S. locations as yet. The book is too new for us to request it from another province. Unless you advise us otherwise, we shall cancel your request." This response from the library is not unreasonable, but because of the nature of the book I am troubled by two questions in my mind.

1) Do the C.I.A. or local right-wing agents censor university libraries in Canada by stealing books which they consider not good for us? or 2) Do students who are emotionally

involved in the overwhelming issues of justice and oppression in Latin America steal library books for their private use?

Yours faithfully,
James La Grand

Governments finance disarmament seminars

To the Editor:

You received a letter last week, "Pauling tour and disarmament seminar not rigged", January 13, 1983, from someone in the Coalition Against Nuclear War who seemed unusually defensive about possible government financing of "Two Days on Disarmament". After all, the Coalition includes a number of groups and organisations which are known to receive funds from the government. For example, Canada World Youth is funded almost entirely by Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and other examples of government funding can be given. Therefore it is strange that this letter would make such an issue out of the source of funds for the Pauling tour.

The question of financing of this programme was the most minor point raised in "Angel Dust" last November. The letter stated, amongst other things, that "Dr. Cappon of the City of Halifax publicly confirmed that the financing from the Canadian government for the 'Two Days on Disarmament' and the Linus Pauling tour was conditional on presenting speakers from 'both sides'." The programme did present speakers from "both sides" and, as usual, these were both sides of the same coin. (In fact, no speakers from the anti-imperialist side were presented.) One speaker in particular did open propaganda for NATO, and the theory of the necessity of maintaining the "balance of power" between superpowers. Acting together or separately, the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet social imperialists saturate the world with the latest variations of the theory of the "balance of power" on a 24-hour per day basis, in order to justify their dangerous strategic advances in all directions, from armaments to invasions. Yet this "Two Days on Disarmament" gave further airing to this propaganda, and had nothing to say to critics except to suggest that an allegation of government funding was false.

Given the continuation of the practice of giving a platform to the war mongers in the name of "disarmament", perhaps this "unusual defensiveness" of this person from the Coalition over minor points is not so strange after all. The necessity is to stop creating false dilemmas, and organise genuine opposition to the war preparations.

Charles Spurr

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