

Ukrainians

Dear Canada-USSR Friendship Association:

In your correction letter re: the article "Ukrainian Group Visits City," you were right when you said that the "majority of Ukrainians could not be put into one room," but you missed the point entirely.

Ukrainians in Edmonton are represented by two major umbrella organizations - the Association of United Ukrainian-Canadians, and the Ukrainian-Canadian Committee, both of which encompass fifteen to twenty thousand Ukrainian households, (with an average of four people per household) according to the statistics of city hall.

According to the list of ethnic groups in Alberta, compiled by the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation, there are forty-seven Ukrainian groups located in Edmonton, forty-four of which are member organizations of the Ukrainian-Canadian Committee and three of the Association of United Ukrainian-Canadians, who represent less than ten per cent of Ukrainians in Edmonton.

At the Thursday night reception during the delegation's visit, the official representatives recognized were member organizations of the Association of United Ukrainian-Canadians. There was no official recognition of organizations belonging to the Ukrainian-Canadian Committee who represent the greater majority of Ukrainians in Edmonton.

Nadia Rudyk



Freedom for all

There was quite a bit of fooforah raised over a picture, published in the Nov. 1 issue of *the Gateway*, of a female staff member holding a copy of the 1973 Student Directory. The caption read, "Come and get it."

The main line of protest against this "advertisement" was that *Gateway* was presenting women as "passive sex objects." What I found particularly repulsive about these protests was that the women who wrote took the basic assumption that every male who saw the picture also regards women as nothing more than sex objects. Talk about stereotyping!

Surprise, gals; that nasty old tits-and-bum male mentality went the way of spats and bustles years ago, if it ever really existed at all. Any person, male or female, smart enough to pound sand knows there's more to a human relationship than the satisfaction of a sexual appetite.

Oh, I won't deny that there are men who can't see past physical endowments, but they are definitely in the minority, along with those women who sincerely believe that it is their place in life to rub hubby's poor tired feet when he gets home from work every night.

However, when you do speak of liberation, that should mean that you are granting every individual the right to choose his/her own direction; what he/she will do, or be, or how he/she will present himself.

You talk about women being "traditionally" depicted by the press "as an active participant in society (as a doctor, a lawyer, a plumber, a prof.)." Actually, woman is traditionally portrayed as a sex object. Of course, that doesn't make it right, any more than classing men in the role of sex fiend is an accurate portrayal of all men.

The women's movement has accomplished some good. For instance, it has made individuals aware of the fact that it is possible to step outside the social roles we have assigned ourselves. Men who wish to do the housework are no longer considered "funny" by their peers. A woman is no longer called a "bad mother" or "butch" if she chooses to work.

But the constant canting of rhetorical dogma about "this sexist, male-dominated, capitalistic social system" is getting to be just a bit much. The loudmouth women's libbers who rave along those lines are unfortunately the ones who get all the publicity. Those who are truly trying to work for a better, more well-balanced world are seldom heard from. And in their enthusiasm (at least I hope it's only enthusiasm, and not as it sometimes appears, hatred of all men), the loudmouths are placing men in as subservient a role as women have supposedly occupied for so many decades.

Vulgarity

It is gratifying to know that the *Gateway* is an equal opportunity newspaper, but as a person with a high idea of self-esteem, I must protest the vulgar, tasteless photograph of the young man waiting for someone to "come and get it". How could you sink so low as to display a boorish level of rank sexism as that? We have only just begun to fight for equality of males and females in our society, and you again reduce a man to the position of a sex object waiting for someone to give "it" to him.

I must speak out to help rid society of its disease that cripples us sexually. I am certain that the young man in the photograph would not subject

himself to the same degradation again if he only knew what a blow he had dealt to the male faction of our society.

Everywhere we go, we see the role of the female being displayed as that of a passionate, loving, outgoing person; and the male must always remain in the background. What injury!

Women's lib has taken the forefront at the expense of male rights. What outrage!

We should refuse to let our society display males in the cheap and shoddy position that you have helped to place him. Equality of sexes? Yes! Female domination? No!

Defeat Female sexism, and all will again be right with the world; perpetrate it with bawdy photographs, and you further destroy the world.

Greg Neiman
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Personally I can't see that any liberated woman needs a group of other liberated females to fight her battles for her. A woman who allows women's liberation to tell her what to do or how to think is only exchanging male domination for female domination. And petty as women can be over personal slights, I shutter to think what a female dominated world would be like. A truly liberated female is able to choose her own path and follow it.

I get the feeling, though, that a women's libber will tell me I have not made my own decision if I choose to be a housewife. To qualify as a "liberated woman," I must become a doctor, a lawyer, a plumber. (It just occurred to me-I've never heard a word of protest from the various women's groups directed toward prostitution. If anything, I get the impression that women's liberation supports prostitution? Could it be that that sort of thing is only considered sexist if offered free of charge? Well, anyway....)

I suppose a determined person could find evidence of sexism anywhere. Charlotte MacDonald cited as one example of *Gateway's* sexism the lack of coverage of women's sports. If she had investigated the matter (like talking to our sports editor as well as the coaches of the women's teams and the women's athletic director), she would have known that the reason there is little or no coverage is that not even the members of the teams involved can be talked into doing write-ups. Do we hear you volunteering, Charlotte?

MacDonald's attitude toward that matter is more or less typical of the hysteria displayed by so many women's libbers. It accomplishes nothing of a positive nature.

People such as this should be devoting their energy, not toward a female-dominated world, as they appear to be doing now, but toward a world in which individual freedom, individual responsibility, is the primary objective. A world which has no sex roles. A world in which everyone is free to choose the role he will play. A world in which every individual is granted the basic human right to hold his own opinion on any subject.

As Thomas Jefferson said so long ago, "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." That is a liberated world.

Allyn Cadogan

Who am I?

Who am I? Am I a Canadian, a first class Canadian or am I something worse? Where do I belong in this vast country of ours, in our diverse multi-cultural mosaic of people? What status do I have as an individual here in Canada?

Canada has accepted the concept of the multi-cultural mosaic, where the contributions of every ethno-cultural group is looked upon as a major contribution towards the make-up of Canadianism. Yet why does the Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism refuse to recognize this officially?

The Federal government is willing to encourage the development of the ethnic minorities - the third element, but strongly hesitates to officially recognize the third element present in Canada? Why? Why must the third element be continually demoted to a third class citizen's status while the English continue to regard themselves as first class citizens and the French as second class citizens? After all their ancestors also came from Europe and elsewhere.

If there is any class distinctions to be made, then by rights it is the Canadian Eskimo and Indian who should make these distinctions. They were the original settlers of Canada and should therefore have the status of being first class citizens and so on. But with the English here, everyone but themselves is inferior. Why?

Why is this so when it has been agreed upon by everyone here in Canada that the third element has contributed considerably to Canadian society? Why is it that official recognition is not placed on the same equal status as the contributions made by the English and French? After all it is this third element which has complemented the Canadian mosaic with such notable fullness. It is they, the third element who have strongly enriched and enhanced the development and the spirit of this country.

Nadia Rudyk

Letters



Dear Gateway:

Just thought I'd write and tell you that this Saturday night (Nov. 17th), the entertainment will consist of me.

Thank you.

Anonymous.

Errors

As Chairman of last week's forum on "American Politics in Upheaval" I feel I must correct two blatant errors in John Kenney's report on the front page of Thursday's *Gateway*.

Your reporter has credited Professor Craig, who is in this Department and whose field is Political Philosophy, with having "explored the constitutional aspects of Nixon's predicament." The discussion of "Nixon with the context of American Democracy" he has described as coming from "Keraig" - this name is in fact Kerig - who is a visiting professor in the Faculty of Law. He has reversed the true facts.

I was also interested to read that the question period was "monopolized by several professors in the audience." In fact, only three professors took part in the discussion, the rest of the contributions coming from students or people off-campus. I apologize if I might have misled the reporter into thinking that some of them were professors because I was able to recognize them by name.

Yours sincerely,
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