

## EDITORIAL

### Mixing church and media

What if the recent bid by a religious sect in the U.S. to take over the CBS television network became a reality?

7 a.m.: "Good Morning and praise the Lord, this is the morning edition of the CBS (Christian Broadcasting Society) news."

"It's a good godly day out there, President Reagan in an exclusive interview with CBS has promised to nuke the Evil Empire in the very near future. Yet another good christian gesture by our country's chief born again."

"More news this evening with the Rev. Dan Rather at six. And remember we are a non-profit non-political network so all tax-free contributions are welcome."

Just imagine the programs and commercials. A reverend from the group selling soft drinks exclaiming "this cola is blessed by God."

Dallas: a poor family protects it's holy water springs from communist corporations, and gives all its profits to the contras and juntas in Third World democracies to protect them from terrorists organization seeking land reform, and human rights.

Game shows: *Name that Scripture*; Sports: *Monday Night Communion*. *Charlie's Angels* would take on a whole new meaning. *60 Minutes* could become *The Seven Days*, investigating corrupt religious organizations opposed to the new CBS and any other groups against them or the government. New shows, like *Sin Stoppers*; the nightly disclosure of reported sin crimes. *The E Team*: a group of evangelists out to rid the world of oppressed people who say multinational corporations and right wing governments are out to exploit them.

And, of course, prayer house and other evangelical shows where the board of directors can raise more non-taxable funds to buy those simple necessities such as a new mansion or another Rolls-Royce.

Maybe it's about time FCC stepped in and discussed with congress legislation to block bids by supposedly non-profit and non-taxable religious organizations from taking over large forms of the media such as television. Corporate structures may manipulate this large and very influential network but the chance that a fundamentalist group which is trying to gain control, may program one of the largest television networks in North America is horrendous.

Greg Owens



### Editors Wanted

The Gateway is accepting applications for the various editorial positions for the upcoming year as follows:

- News
- News
- Entertainment
- Sports
- Managing
- Circulation
- Advocate/CUP
- Production
- Photo

If you are interested in any of the above positions, or would simply like to get more information about the newspaper, please submit a brief letter of intent to Suzette Chan, Room 282 SUB.

**Deadline: March 14, noon.**

### INTRODUCING "HERBIE", THE HOUSE OF COMMONS' MASCOT. (drum roll, snare drum)



### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

#### Rich and Fan-less

It appears as if the Young Executives Club is nothing other than a new tool with which those in society who have ability can be exploited by those who have money.

According to chairman Allan Nelson, the club will "try to bring together those with ideas and no money with people who have money and need ideas." In other words: I may be stupid but I have money, and I only need some desperate creature with a brain to shine my shoes, scratch my back and bring home the bacon!

One wonders how these poor disillusioned fellows got money in the first place? It certainly couldn't have been through ingenuity. I wouldn't be surprised if they had blisters on their knees.

Tim Campbell  
Science II

#### Camp terrorism verifiable

A number of letters or articles have appeared in the Gateway criticizing the letter by Carol Shaben ("A Modest Proposal," Feb. 7). They entirely, and I suspect deliberately, miss the point. Ms Shaben's letter, written on her return from the Middle East, details the terrible conditions endured by the Palestinian inhabitants of the Dehaishe refugee camp on the West Bank. As an aside, she wonders how people who endured the Holocaust can inflict injuries on another people.

While I think Ms. Shaben was perhaps imprudent in raising the issue of the Holocaust, especially as it allowed her critics to construct a red herring, her letter was by no stretch of the imagination anti-Jewish.

As for the truth of her accusations, one need only to have read the Israeli Hebrew newspapers for the last year to know that, if anything, she understated the case.

Example:

A testimonial dated 28 November in the Israeli journal *Zu Haderech* from an Israeli reserve soldier returned from duty in the camp, entitled "I will never go back there." The soldier, Yoram Bracha, recounts how he and other reservists received instructions on how to obtain a permit to shoot at agitators:

"In the course of training you shoot 3 bullets at a target from 50 metres distance. If you hit a shot group, you get the permit to fire and shoot the agitator who is among the crowd."

Bracha tells of being sent to guard Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a leader of militant anti-Arab Jewish settlers

on the West Bank. Contrary to the statements of one letter-writer to the Gateway, who commended the Israeli soldiers for protecting Palestinians from the settlers, Bracha relates:

"...we were told that Levinger had a permanent guard so that nobody should hurt him. Levinger himself has a free movement permit, also, to enter the Dehaishe camp. And everywhere a Border Guard must escort him. And Levinger is a type who suddenly runs away into the camp."

Bracha concludes he will never return to Dehaishe even if ordered to. In so doing, he is not alone among Israeli reservists.

Example:

The 5 December 1984 issue of the Israeli newspaper, *At Hamishmar*, carries an interview with Dr. Meron Benvenisti, a former top Israeli civil servant who now runs the "Project of the West Bank and Gaza Strip." The project, financed by the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, assists in the economic development of those territories. Benvenisti made news a year ago with his revelation that 60 million dollars of U.S. economic aid destined to assist Arab community development had been misappropriated by the Israeli government.

Benvenisti chronicles the Israeli attempts to impede, frustrate and stop any independent Arab development. For example:

"Today there are two elements of production which have been taken over by Israel-land and water. Arab agriculture is not large. Only 5% of the land in the West Bank is irrigated. All the water is used for the Jewish settlements... and the Arabs can go on with agriculture based on rain water."

Benvenisti concludes:

"For me the problem at present is to have Israel recognize the fact that in the territories we have a community with its internal dynamics that cannot be dismantled, to understand that we cannot impose upon it a policy of destroying the community, a policy that had already failed with the Israeli Arabs."

Example:

In a report date 1 January, 1985, civil rights lawyer Felicia Langer outlines abuses inflicted upon some of her clients, inhabitants of the Dehaishe camp.

Frequent curfew proclamations, breaking into homes, harassment of sick inhabitants, (not allowing

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Oh, the joys of hypnotism! After graduating from *Sibhan Avery's School of Fine Trances*, Susan Sutton promptly persuaded Mark Olyan he was a chicken. Shane Berg he was an eggbeater, and Hans Beckers he was a fine drip coffeemaker. Things got out of hand when Jim Herbert, believing he was THE BLOB, tried to devour John Watson, Pat Sytnick, Ann Grever, and Geoffery Jackson, who were busy trying to sing ABBA songs. Convinced of their elephant status, Don Teplyske, Warren Opheim, and Lisa Trofymow allowed themselves to be driven by Greg (Hannibal) Owens overtop Bill Doskoch, who thought he was a mountain range. Reveen — enthusiasts Dave Boyd and Gerry Magill promptly sold their tickets.