

Opinion

the clearly 'terrorist' (by your definition) invasion of Lebanon;

- Soviet 'counter-insurgency' operations against the civilian population of Afghanistan;
 - South Africa's war against the black majority of its population;
 - 'Plastic bullet' killings by Thatcher's troops in northern Ireland, France's Greenpeace operation, Indonesia's U.S.-supported genocide in East Timor, etc.
- The list just goes on.

Is this any help for your selective amnesia, Mr. Evans? While fitting squarely within the moral definition of terrorism, these acts are not usually included in lists by experts, or would-be experts, on the topic. Certainly the picture that emerges is one where the ongoing intensity and barbarity of taking human life, as practiced by powerful interests, statistically reduces the death toll of Mr. Evans' bad guys to a drop in the bucket.

Moral outrage is such a strange entity, especially when its emotional charge depends so heavily on just who happens to be doing the killing. The identical murderous activity, when practiced by small disaffected minorities and labelled terrorism, is suddenly transformed into 'defense of legitimate security interests' when practiced on a much vaster scale by Mr. Evans' 'sensible' superpowers (e.g. the U.S.A.) and their 'moderate' clients (Israel).

As long as we continue to live under a political and economic order where utter contempt for people's lives, their extermination and disenfranchisement are simply 'business as usual' in the imperialist system at large, selective indignation directed against the 'small time operators' will ring pretty hollow in my ears.

Andrew Rodomar
Arts III

Wooden Nickel

Mikey, Mikey...

Whaddaya doin'? You're making the same mistakes I did.

Tricky Dick Nixon
Poly Sci III

Apartheid ignorance

Gee whizz!! Aren't you bleeding hearts at PASAG and CARA so "peachy-keen" and "marvy-poo." Your campaign is so "neat" and "keen." Now, if you were really serious about recreating a little of South African life for us dumb folks at the U of A you would have to:

1. Increase the population of blacks so we will be out-numbered 4 to 1. (Make sure these blacks are ill-educated and angry).
2. Throw in a few terrorists from the African National Congress (ANC).
3. Then surround Canada with black-ruled and bloody dictatorships that are armed to the teeth and have spoken openly about their plans to "liberate" our country.
4. Add a few Cuban and Russian military advisors to these countries.
5. And then, just for fun, call on the majority of Canada's trading partners to cease trade with us

Now, things look a little different...don't they. Your cheap little campaign only had my sympathy. Apartheid is a symptom. It is a symptom of the fear and paranoia that exists among South African whites. As we sit in our bastion of security and peace, I can only find your criticisms outright laughable. Anybody with a knowledge of a high school history only knows

too well that if black majority rule were granted tomorrow, the country would be a dictatorship with a year. Just look at the other black-ruled "independent" nations of Africa. The victims of various "goon" squads celebrate each independence day from the grave.

There are no easy solutions to the problems in South Africa. There will have to be slow social evolutionary change to ensure a smooth transition to black-majority rule. It is pure unadulterated foolishness to think that black-majority rule is possible in the near future. The country would come apart at the seams and there would be horrible bloodshed. The Afrikaners will not give up their land easily. These descendants of the Boers kept the British empire at bay for three years before being conquered. They are a proud, tough pioneering people. They should be prodded gently to share power with the blacks, not clobbered with the big stick of western liberal detachment. Your hearts are in the right place, but grow up and face facts.

R. Connors

Movie mess

Re: *Second Wind* by Ken Hui, The Gateway November 26/85.

Yes, the Students' Union is showing "Year of the Dragon" at SUB Theatre on November 30 and I apologize if this has offended any members of the Chinese Community.

We booked this film knowing that it is violent, controversial, and possibly racist, yet I hoped it would instigate some positive discussions about North American Chinese life. I also felt there would be a good deal of interest on campus for this film.

If Ken Hui or members of the Chinese Students' Drama Association have suggestions for popular, authentic Chinese films they'd like to see please call me and I'll try to book them.

Gerry Stoll
Students' Union Programs Manager

He's on late night TV

You, J. Pearce, have missed my point completely. It is evidenced in the farce you wrote as a rebuttal to my letter. You totally ignored my arguments and simply cried about my "personal attacks" on you. A personal attack is "You're ugly and your mother dresses you funny". My comments were based solely on what you had stated in your letter.

The low-quality of your rebuttal and your inability to see the forest for the trees speak for themselves. Your cheap attempt to arouse support for yourself by your comment on the Oilers (again you missed the point), reminds one of the typical NDP candidate who tries to gain support of university students simply by saying he or she would eliminate tuitions. Hopefully, other readers won't fall for your cheap logic, as they have occasionally for the NDP.

Upon reading your excuse for a rebuttal, I can't help but feel that you were unjustifiably personally upset. Hey, I wasn't attacking you, I've never met you, it's your way of thinking that's a joke.

Greg Salter
Business

P.S. David Letterman is God.

Editor's note: We could not decide whether or not to publish this letter because sometimes it's funny and sometimes it's merely, well, pusillanimous. So we flipped a coin. Heads won.

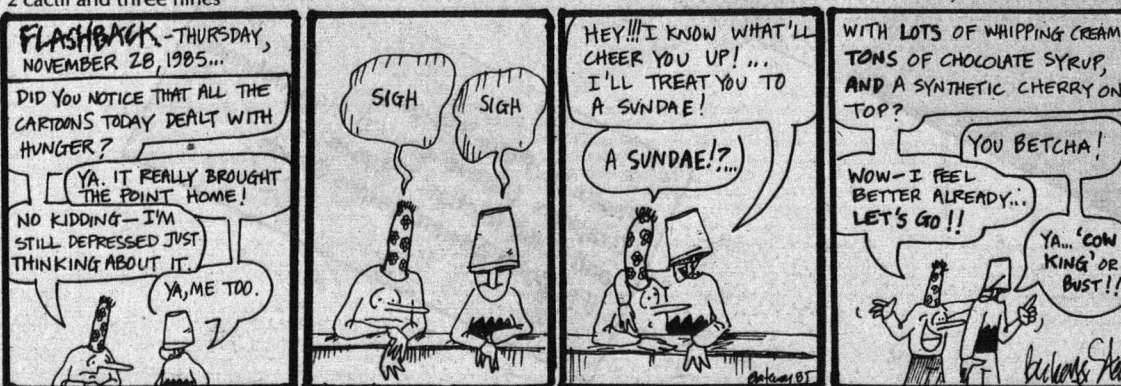
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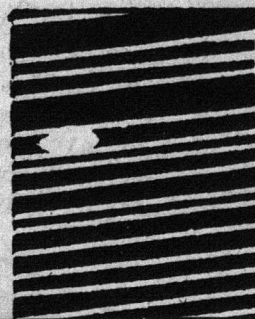
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