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yet do not feel the slightest urge to brutalize the nearest female afterwards. In fact, they are, for the most part, so dull that I wouldn't be surprised if the chance of attack lessened due to lack of interest among those so inclined. Pornography has as little to do with hate as it has to do with love, it is merely concerned with sexual stimulation. What these 'wimmin' should be objecting to is the violence that exists in society. This is not a sex-specific attitude of hate towards women. The fact that more women are attacked and raped by men than the reverse is more likely due to the physiological difficulties involved in raping a man (ie. men are usually bigger and stronger than women and a certain amount of hormonal cooperation is required). Were the roles and bodies reversed, I should think that the problem would continue unscathed. It can not be based in a male mentality.

So, I would like to say to these 'wimmin' (and I rather like the term 'wimmin' since it helps further divorce them from their human counterparts), do not think that society will merely slap your wrists and then applaud you and your 'cause'. Do not expect the women of the world to unite around the common goal and smite your enemy. Your enemy is violence, not men or pornography, and until you realize this you will receive no sympathy from others. And finally, do not expect to be hung up on a cross and martyred any more than the FLQ, PLO or Red Brigade have been. You are only misguided common criminals looking for a scapegoat to lay your frustrations upon. You claim that you are not "the property of men to be used and abused" but have you ever considered the fact that those stores were not your property to use and abuse either?

Greg Pelton
Science IV

Fifth column of imbeciles

The U of A Group for Nuclear Disarmament, in its ramblings of November 30, refers to both the unofficial and official peace movements in the Soviet Union, states that the fact that the official peace movement is government-sponsored "should not be used to question the sincerity of these people."

It most emphatically should. The present Soviet Government is committed to engineering the "world victory of socialism", and is prepared to use every trick in the book in order to achieve that goal. One of Lenin's fundamental doctrines, in fact, was that lying, fraud, deception etc. were completely moral, *so long as they served the advance of communism.* "Sincerity"?

At this point I should like to draw attention to a letter published in the *Times* on Nov. 8. The author, one Dr. Oleg Popov, a prominent unofficial disarmament activist in the Soviet Union until he sought refuge in the West (Incidentally, how many unilateral disarmament campaigners have been forced to flee in the opposite direction?). Lack of space prevents me from quoting the letter in full, nevertheless, the following extracts are relevant. Dr. Popov, in discussing the movement for unilateral disarmament, states that "...we (the unofficial peace movement) do not want our existence to be exploited by bodies of unilateralists who do not share our aims ... I have been forced to the view that, under the existing power-structure in the Soviet Union there is no hope of building a peace movement in Russia comparable to that in Western Europe." "...nuclear disarmament by only one side would in our view be a recipe for disaster. It has always been the position of the Moscow group that both sides must take simultaneous steps to halt and then reverse the arms race; this clearly points to multilateral disarmament - not destabilizing unilateral disarmament - as the only hope for the future." Several similar comments have been published in the *Times* by refugees from the Eastern Europe. One wonders exactly what are the motives of the advocates of unilateral nuclear disarmament in the West.

Certain recent events in Europe, ignored by Messrs. Connell, McKinley, and Cumming are of interest in this context. In Britain the leadership of the CND is top-heavy with members of the British Communist Party. Soviet "diplomats" have been expelled from Denmark and the Netherlands for funneling money to unilateralists in these countries. The presence of a Soviet nuclear submarine close to the Swedish coast drew not a cheep from the unilateralist movement.

One is drawn to the conclusion that advocates of unilateral disarmament in Western Europe and North America are either irretrievably naive, imbecilic, or a Soviet fifth column. The evidence favours all three, and it is to be hoped that this will become generally understood before it is too late.

Robert Orr, Grad Studies

Anti-nukers promote war

Re: the letter from Barb McKinley of the U of A Group for Nuclear Disarmament you printed in the *Gateway*: the Group applied to NASA for both money and a statement that the organization agreed with and backed Ms. McKinley's group. It has long been the policy of the NASA Executive that NASA's Executive has no authority to take political positions for the membership, and has no authority to spend money on matters not specifically covered by NASA's basic purposes or, alternatively, by vote of the membership. As Ms. McKinley's request was clearly outside the competence of the Executive, it was put to the membership at a General Meeting, where it was rejected.

Some of the points made in discussing the request included, from myself, the premise that I would not support the request of the Group because, historically, actions similar to those of the Group had strongly influenced the course of world history *toward* war. The Peace Movement of the 1930's, for example, was a major cause of World War II; it actively fought against military preparedness in the democracies, and gave the totalitarians (Germany, Italy, and Japan) the idea that it would be both safe and profitable to invade, conquer, and rule these effete and defenceless states. For a more complete study of this aspect of peace-at-any-price movements, see Volume I, "The Gathering Storm", of the "History of the Second World War", by W.S. Churchill.

I additionally commented that the general aspects of the peace movement disturbed me; I saw no evidence that the massive and continuing buildup of arms by the Soviet

Union was being actively opposed, only that of the United States and its allies. This, of course, follows the pattern of the 1930's, when no one condemned the totalitarian governments for their massive armament buildups. Unlike the Group, I do not claim to speak for anyone other than myself; I am a student of history, and the Group seems to me to be another example of the old adage: "Those who will not learn from history are condemned to repeat it."

I was particularly appalled by Ms. McKinley's closing remarks, when she seemed to be saying that we would have a nuclear war as soon as President Reagan had enough weapons in hand. I has always been my impression that any nuclear missile targeted for Edmonton would have red stars on its tail, not white ones.

Dave Tomlinson

Arabs' posters defaced

On Saturday Nov. 27, the Arab Student Association (ASA) held a forum in honor of Palestine Solidarity Day. Two different posters, publicizing the forum were displayed by ASA on campus. While the first version, that simply stated the date, time, location and the names of the speakers, was not tampered with a second type of poster seemed to arise hostility — this version pictured a map of Palestine; it was covered up by anti-Palestinian posters.

It seems that the anti-Palestinian group responsible for tampering with the ASA posters are ashamed of their goals and ashamed to come forth and speak up. I would have venerated him/them if they came to the forum and showed his/their objection to the audience.

Furthermore, the anti-Palestinian posters did not appear in HUB nor in SUB because they were not approved of by the appropriate authorities; the university would not allow such racist posters to be on campus.

One more thing I would like to add. The anti-Palestinian poster accused the PLO (Which represents the patriotic Palestine people) of keeping "Palestine (t) reason silent" by liquidating "Arabs who collaborate with Israel", as they call them. In fact, these are traitors, and such deeds (collaboration with the enemies) are considered as treason whose punishment is execution — not liquidation. Besides, the massacre of 1500 civilians in the refugee camps of Sabra and Shatilla is more than enough to show who is liquidating the Palestine people.

Rami Salah, Science II

Who is war criminal?

What is a war criminal? Is he the man who, like Hitler, ordered the extermination of "innocent" civilians? Is he the man like Albert Rauca who was a military officer that chose the 10,000 civilians that were, as David Gort said, "murdered in cold blood"? Is he the man like Clifford Olson or Son of Sam? Or is he the "nice" grandfather that you *never* knew?

I would like to strongly suggest that the citizens and politicians of this society define what is a "war criminal" before the next war. I am quite sure that the defenders of our nation would not commit a "crime against humanity" if they knew what it is!

Fitz W. Enregle
Arts II

Allergic to tobacco smoke

I would like to open (or re-open) a much debated issue, that of smokers vs. non-smokers. I have been very disturbed of late by the apparent lack of sensitivity, the rudeness, and disregard of others by smokers, in student lounges or common areas, particularly in the Education complex. It seems it is no longer considered polite or necessary to ask if anyone minds that one smokes. I don't mean just the people at the table at which you are sitting, but those around you as well. I consider the smoke from someone else's cigarette an invasion of privacy. I do not deny anyone's *right* to smoke (though I would question their reason), but I do deny someone the right to foul the common air.

If a person who smokes did so in a self-contained environment, affecting no one else, than I would not be as enraged as I am. When I cannot sit down for a short time in a common lounge without some asshole lighting up a cigarette near to me, something must be done.

There are some non-smoking areas in some lounges, but these areas are not respected entirely, and they are much too few and far between. As one who is allergic to smoke, I find it particularly annoying when I cannot use an area set aside for my recreation because of someone's disregard or selfishness. I feel I have more right to share an area with other students than anyone has to fill it with smoke. Not only is the smoke harmful, but it smells and leaves the smell on clothing and materials. I find this revolting, as I'm sure do others.

I am not aware of all lounge area problems, except SUB (which also has this problem) but I would think that Education students, as future role models and imparters of values and social awareness, would be more thoughtful of their public actions. How can you justifiably say, "Do as I say, not as I do", and still maintain any credibility or hold any of your future charges respect, while smelling of smoke, gesticulating with yellowed fingers, and hacking out, "Smoking is against the rules!"

Lodgepole has nothing on the smokers. It was an accident, *these* people are purposefully fouling the air.

Roy Van Hooydonk
Ed IV

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