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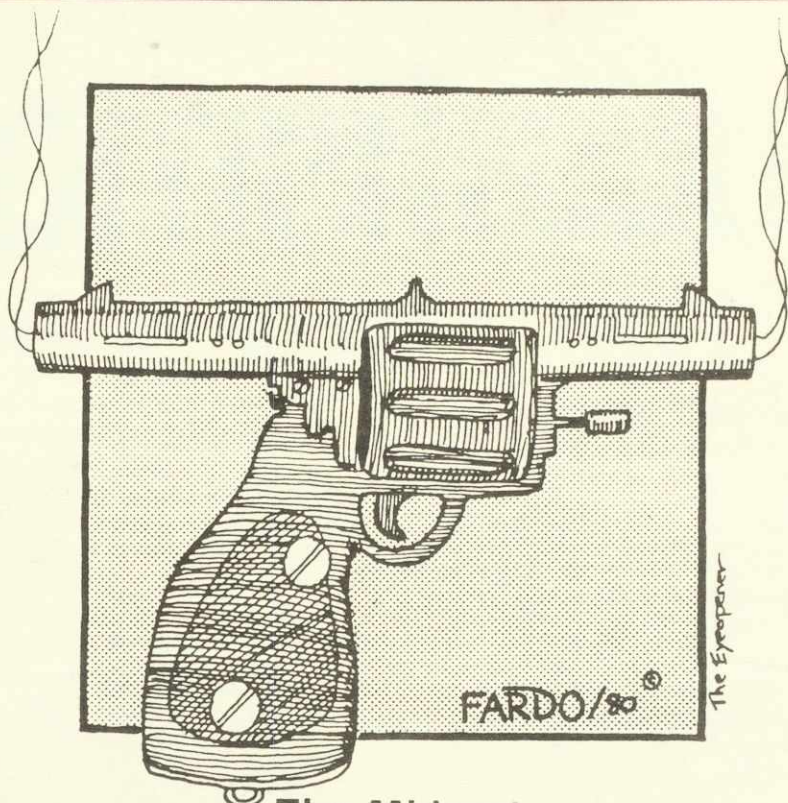
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The Mideast

Shamir and his SS army?

The enigmatic state of Israel thrives and the freedom of the Palestinians withers. Shamir smiles and many Palestinians are driven out of their homeland; their destiny crushed and their rights to a free country diminished. As time passes, the heel of Israel grinds more finely into the existence of the Palestinians. Have the Israeli people forgotten their past, being mercilessly driven out by the psychotic Hitler. Then, why not act in a humane way after experiencing the devastation at the hands of Hitler and his cruel regime. Why not stop the torturing, if one knows how it feels to be in the shoes of the oppressed.

What sort of peace settlement do we

hope to obtain from Israel? Israeli occupation, Israeli violation of human rights, blatant transgression of the U.N. resolution (242 and 338), and the unwillingness to stop creating illegal settlement, 18000 at present, in the heartland of the occupied territories? Obviously, this is against international law! The logical question one has to ask is, why doesn't the U.S. take aggressive action against Israel? After all, Iraq was demolished in a few days for breaking U.N. resolutions and Iraq still suffers from the bombing and economic blockade. Is it impartial if one is punished and the other is overlooked time after time? Where are the supporters of

human rights?

The Palestinians have feelings and have the right to be treated with compassion and mercy. The expansionism policy of Israel is an everlasting thorn in the side of middle-east peace. Let's not be gullible to think that Shamir and his walking SS army would apt to achieve peace. We as onlookers, should have the twinkling of mercy in our hearts as we witness the methodical displacement of the Palestinians from their beloved homeland. A halt must be called for, even death is preferable to perpetual fear.

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Maritime Muslim Student Assoc.

Cultural Diversity Week, March 16-21

By Cristina Soto

Dalhousie University will be the site of the first Cultural Diversity Week, March 16-21. The brainchild of two students, Ada Christopher and Evelyn Stewart, is receiving increasing support and enthusiasm across campus including the Presidents office and Student Services. The title of the week sheds light on its purpose: To celebrate the many cultures which compromise both Dalhousie University and the broader community. Most events will be open to the general public and free.

Some of the many events currently being planned include a kick-off parade of students in their national costumes, ending

at the SUB, where a variety of international culinary delights will be waiting. Participatory workshops on racism, film nights, popular theatre, an international games room, storytellers, an art display, and a public forum with panel speakers round out the week. The last day of the Cultural Diversity Festival coincides with the National Day to End Racism, and will end with variety and style with two dance/parties in the SUB.

Groups which have expressed support include INDISA, the Spanish Society, Mature Students Association, Black United Students, Black Canadian Students, Dal-Mount Caribbean Society, Kenyan Stu-

dents Association and the Dalhousie Women's Group. All other groups and individuals are welcome. The Planning Committee would be happy to expand - the events can only become more and better! Another possibility is for professors and students in specific departments to hold their own event, for example open up a related lecture to the public. The ideas are endless so get involved - even explaining the rules of a game your grandmother taught you will help. Planning meetings are held every Thursday at 12:30 in the SUB, 3rd floor (watch for posters with the room number) or phone Beverley Johnson at 494-6648 and leave your name and number.

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