

En Garde!

by John Roggeveen

Albert Helmut Rauca is 73 years old. Last week a judge ruled that he be extradited to West Germany to stand trial for murdering Lithuanian Jews during the Second World War.

It is the first time Canada has decided to extradite anyone to stand trial for war crimes.

Apparently there is enough evidence to warrant Rauca standing trial, otherwise the judge wouldn't have ruled to extradite him.

But, even though Rauca may be guilty of the crimes he is accused of committing, I see no reason for sending him to trial, much less putting him in jail.

Rauca is an old man. He has lived quietly in Canada since the end of the war. By reports, his neighbors say he is a nice man.

He may have been a member of the infamous SS. He may have decided the life or death of many people.

But, the war is long over. Rauca has proven to be no harm to humanity. If he once was a bad man, he has behaved well since.

Some people argue that the crimes Rauca is accused of committing are so nefarious that those accused of such crimes should be tried no matter how long ago the crimes were committed.

But, putting him in jail isn't going to serve any purpose. For one thing, revenge won't bring the dead back to life.

Also, the punishment is not likely to further impress upon people the seriousness of killing people during war, for many others have been punished in the past. One more name on the list of convicted war criminals will not have much impact.

I'm not suggesting that we forget about war, merely that it be viewed from the proper perspective. Hunting down war criminals like Rauca shows the hunters are no better than the Nazis who committed the crimes in the first place. Too often justice is used as an excuse for vengeful and bloodthirsty actions.

I heard Charlton Heston last week on some radio program saying that nuclear disarmament plays on people's fears and anxieties. As if nuclear armament doesn't.

Keep those letters coming in demanding the *Gateway* move to the political right and represent the opinions of right-wing students. The *Gateway* is forwarding them to the University of Saskatchewan's paper, the *Sheaf* who are constantly telling us we're too right-wing, and want us to shift to the left. We at the *Gateway* don't make distinctions between right and left, only right and wrong. Unfortunately for morons of all stripes, neither right nor left has a monopoly on the light and the way. Only the *Gateway* does.



photo by Martin Beales

The Red-Hot Mama Contest we ran some time ago only received two entries (both quite good, however). The reason was probably the lack of prominence given the contest, so we are now running it again.

The contest doesn't involve anything cheesecakeish or sexist like those low-consciousness type folks at the *Sun* regularly exhibit. All you have to do is scrutinize the above photo with an intense scrute, and, with the finely-honed deductive skills gained from your university education, write down the explanation of what caused the fiery demise of the woman whose smoking shoes were discovered near Cameron Library.

Entries should be brought to the *Gateway* offices in Rm. 282SUB, where they will be judged by our staff on the basis of plausibility and imagination (not necessarily in that order).

The winner will be awarded a "26" of Canadian Club truth serum.

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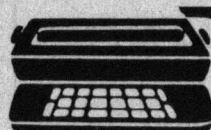
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W.F.G. Perry
Director, Campus Security and Parking Services

Erratum

In reference to the story on Witchcraft in the November 4 issue, the phone number published was incorrect. In order to get information regarding Witchcraft please write Box 1075, Edmonton, T5J 2M1. We're sorry for any inconvenience which may have resulted from this error.



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