



Running dogs, etc.

Although we appreciate your introduction to your recent Jan. 22 feature on Angola to the effect that Tom Baker's views do not represent those of the Gateway, we think you ought to go further. It is absolutely intolerable that the Gateway be used as a platform for Trotskyism. Gateway is a mass newspaper supported and read by 24,000 students here and ought to serve the best interests of those students.

Tom Baker is a Trotskyite.

He can be found any Friday loitering about SUB waving his "Young Socialist" under people's noses. Historically and right up to the present, Trotskyism and its grave-mate, modern revisionism, function as the right arm of monopoly capital, "socialist" mask of rhetoric in front of their face, left arm compulsively manipulating under this cover, to split the mass organizations.

Their splittist, ultra-sectarian attitude is clear in the case of Angola. They don't see the Angolan people as a whole which Soviet-social imperialism colluding and contending with U.S. imperialism is feverishly attempting to split and conquer. Rather, they see the issue as one

of "factions" and say that, unfortunately, because of lack of information, they can't decide which "faction" to support.

They lie on the question of lack of information. E.S.M. has available copies of *Unita's Official Position on the Current War in Angola: on the internalization of the war and Unita's open strategy of its cessation*; Unita's Official Constitution; Unita's statement on the O.A.U. and the Angolan Civil War; an important speech delivered by a Unita representative at a mass rally in Toronto on Dec. 27, much important historical information on recent events in Angola.

We are glad to provide all interested persons with this

information which is not available from the bourgeois media, including from the MPLA-Soviet controlled Luanda.

Meanwhile, Edmonton Student Movement, a wing of Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), repeats Unita's denunciation and repudiation of the MPLA-Soviet backed slanders of South African support for Unita; reiterates its view that all foreign intervention in Angola should immediately stop; and emphasizes that Gateway should strive to function as a democratic and objective newspaper devoted to serving the best interests of the majority of students.

Edmonton Student Movement

Somebody actually likes Savard's ideas

The controversy regarding increased fees for foreign students has necessarily become involved and intertwined with the growing concern over increased fees as a whole. Be that as it may, our fees will more than likely increase within the next few months in spite of student protest. However, the old issue of a raise in fees for foreign students, above and beyond a like raise in students' fees collectively, will live on. In particular, I refer to the letter of John Savard on January 15 and the following rebuttal by Kimball Cariou on January 22. In the attack on Savard's views, Cariou has thrown the gauntlet of challenge to the ground and I have picked it up.

Mr. Savard has proposed six separate and related points:

- 1) The available pool of foreign students who can pay the full cost of education exceeds the available space for foreign students at present cost.
- 2) Increased subsidization of foreign students (ie. preventing increased fees) only benefits the wealthy few in countries that send us their students.
- 3) Increased fees for foreign students is applicable only to new foreign students, to avoid hardship and dislocation to those presently enrolled.
- 4) To ask that fees for foreign students be lowered in conjunction with a like request for Alberta students is "to place an

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impossible burden of the generosity of any government." 5) If foreign students paid the full costs, plus a little extra, there would be no need to fix quotas on the number of foreign students allowed as the expansion of the university would be able to accommodate them. The costs of expansion would be included in tuition fees with no increased operating deficit. 6) The university should discriminate on the basis of what the foreign student is willing to pay. "The world is just too big for our pocketbooks."

This is a reasonable line of argument. Savard has pointed to a solution which would ease the university's financial strain and allow for a continued existence of the foreign student on campus without the need for a quota system, and has based his arguments entirely on economic reasoning.

Yet, there are those who seek other bases in his arguments - bases that do not exist.

Savard wrote that it is "monstrous to discriminate in skin colour or nationality", rather, the discrimination should be financial. With this

sole exception, no where else does he concern himself with racial problems. In spite of this, Kimball Cariou has disregarded all but the irrelevant points of Savard's address, and has chosen to misread the proposals, hence making assumptions and interpretations that are simply not there. Cariou is one who sees a bigot around every corner and behind every tree.

Cariou accuses Savard of wanting to "gouge" the foreign student and that this is a racist argument. Perhaps "gouge" was an unfortunate choice; nevertheless, a raise in fees for the foreign student would not likely harm him at all. It must be remembered that these students are the "wealthy few".

In a similar vein, Savard argues, correctly, that it is not the duty of the Alberta taxpayer to subsidize the foreign student. This is not racist. Implicit in his statement is that most Canadian students support themselves at university - not only through money made in the summer, but also through taxes on that money (which are not all returned). In this way, the Canadian student pays twice - he pays his own way through money earned and pays again through his own taxes which help subsidize him at school - something the foreign student does not contribute.

Kimball Cariou insists,

finally, that John Savard is trying relentlessly to split the forces who oppose the proposed raise in student fees. He concludes, correctly, that only a unified student body can exert pressure enough that it will have some effect on the up and coming decision. But a point worth making is that these forces are not unified, as Cariou assumes. There are innumerable students' organizations on this campus - Chinese, Arab, African and others. Then there are the religious organizations and the political organizations, followed at last by an inexhaustible number of clubs. Each of these groups seeks independence and individual recognition which causes a constant movement away from each other. One has only to pick up a copy of the Gateway to see who is holding a rally against whom. My curiosity is excited, needless to say, as to the methods that will be used to unify the student body against the fee hikes.

Unhappily, any solution to this problem will never be agreed upon by either side. I see, in the future, only the spilling of more ink. But surely, it is not unreasonable for the Canadian student to insist that Canadian money be spent on the Canadian rather than on the foreigner?

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