

soundoff continued

Mr Tennant vs Mr Grigg

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This is written in response to the letters appearing in last weeks issue. I will address each one separately.

Mr. Taylor: Thank you for your input. Your type of realistic appraisal of Canada's economic future is much needed.

Mr. Dickieson: I fail to see what is so repugnant about the increased standard of living, lowered consumer costs, and mere efficient government systems that would follow from uniting Canada and the U.S..

Your allusion to American expansion is also in error. It is what makes Western civilization great. You fail to include British, French, Spanish, Dutch and Portuguese imperialism.

In modern times we have seen a more dangerous type of expansion. Russia, has seen fit to carry "a big stick" in Hungary in 56, in Czechoslovakia, in 68, in Syria, Viet Nam, Cuba, Angola, Somalia and Ethiopia in the seventies and most recently in Afghanistan.

The US attempted invasion of Brith North America in 1812 was a result of British naval bullying, and a desire to have continent of one country. This could not have been against Canada because Canada did not exist.

Now, to return to my basic arguments. Without foreign investment capital, Canada would be unemployed and destitute. All foreign policy is based on self-interest and therefore hypocritical not just American policy.

Finally, I am not narrow-minded. I try to regard all systems objectively. Furthermore I never use "labels" to classify other individuals because these generalizations are irrelevant and lower the tone of the discussion.

Mr. Grigg: I have no such conflict of interest. I honestly feel there can be no clear-cut difference between what is good for Canadas economy and what is good for the U.S.'s. Our economics are so intertwined that they are almost

the same. You reveal your unrealistic outlook by your every statement. The benefits advantages of being next door to the U.S. far outweigh any disadvantages.

As far as being parasitic, you really reveal your ignorance with that categorization. American contributions to the U.N. total near 40 per cent of its budget. The US was spending millions in direct aid to both Nicaragua and Iran, and still are sending aid worldwide.

The CIA is necessary to protect financial and ideological interests.

With more fools like Mr. Agee, more freedom loving people would be murdered and exposed. US and Russian foreign policy are not mirror images. America doesn't invade, murder etc.. Mr. Clark didn't save the hostages, Mr. (Ambassador) Taylor did. Would you have thrown them into the street?

As far as "Ignorance is Bliss" I am neither ignorant nor blissful. After hearing your beliefs, I suggest you are.

Kevin Tennant

Judith Wouk to speak on "Women and employment"

Dear Madam:

I would like to draw the attention of women students and especially of graduating women students to the forthcoming visit to this campus of Judith Wouk from the Canadian Human Rights Commission's Halifax office. Ms. Wouk will address the subjects: "Women and Employment: A Maritime Perspective on Human Rights" She will speak at 8 p.m. in Room 139 of Carleton Hall on Wednesday Feb.

13. The formal talk will be followed by a discussion period and a reception.

When I invited Ms. Wouk to come to speak to women at UNB (and I hope to women from the wider Fredericton community as well), I asked her to pay particular attention to the problems which graduating women students entering the permanent labour force for the first time can expect to encounter. She has agreed to analyse the

situation in the Maritimes and to relate it to the broader national situation as well. I am sure that all women will find Ms. Wouk's talk interesting and everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you for this opportunity to explain the purpose of Ms. Wouk's visit.

Sincerely

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(and Department of History)

ADL not a form of racism

Dear Editor:

We were fascinated to read Mr. EE MacDonalds letter to the Bruns ADL...A Form of Racism) on Jan. 25. Before we comment on a few of his statements, we would like to emphasize that we do not support racism in any form.

Unless they are tying him down and reading aloud to him from their "facist" manifesto it can hardly be said that they're "imposing" their views on him.

There is plenty of legitimate racism to be fought against in this world and if he wants to help he should channel his energies more efficiently, instead of choosing to make an issue of something as ridiculous as ADL.

For his sake we only hope he learns to exercise his sense of self-righteousness in appropriate situations.

Y.S. Mann
N.O. Fool

Mr. MacDonald argues in a very curious fashion. He accuses them of being racist because of their stance against disco and yet uses the terms "garbage" and "top" forty AM crap" to refer to Rock music. He also accuses the ADL of "imposing" their "perversions" on him. I always assumed that at least in North America, the press was a forum for free speech.

Editors note;

An unwarranted attack on Bartlett

Dear Editor:

I can't help but complain about the poor taste displayed in your newspaper in the editor's note

following David Bartlett's final report. The attack was unwarranted, David Bartlett no longer holds

been used to air personal grievances or prejudices.

Mr. Bartlett did not condemn the Brunswickan, rather he commen-

ded the dedication displayed by those active individuals who have committed themselves to the pa-

per. Rather than rebuke Mr. Bartlett the Brunswickan might have thanked for his concern or, more appropriately remained

silent on the matter.

As a contributor to your newspaper I find it valuable resource for the developing university student. It's embarrassing to find students in a university be-

coming upset at constructive criticism. Why not be objective and courteous in such circumstances?

Sincerely
Vaughn Fulford



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