

Social lepers?

Every morning the newspapers scream with headlines proclaiming the virtues of another politician who has become a soldier in the war on drugs. The radio keeps us informed of the crusade against child abuse. Television delights in showing graphic pictures of inner-city decay.

We have now a new class situated far below that of the poor, the *impoverished underclass*. These are people who have no hope of ever improving their lot in life, living the death of the capitalist dream. Can you imagine life without any hope?

The current answer to our present social ills is to throw money at the end results of our social ills and hope that they go away. More money for drug enforcement, more prisons, more anything but what we need! What is it we need? We need to address *why* these things take place. We need to know why the foundations of our society are rotting.

A glaring example is the way we treat single mothers and their children. With our government firmly locked into the world of "Leave it to Beaver" and committed to old and dusty ideals, they consider any single mother a social leper. I mean Wally had a dad, right? The fact is that any woman under 24 that has a child without the financial benefit of a mate runs an 80% risk of living below the poverty level. To doom a mother and child to a life of poverty just because of marital status is a crime plain and simple.

Government after government has refused to recognize that

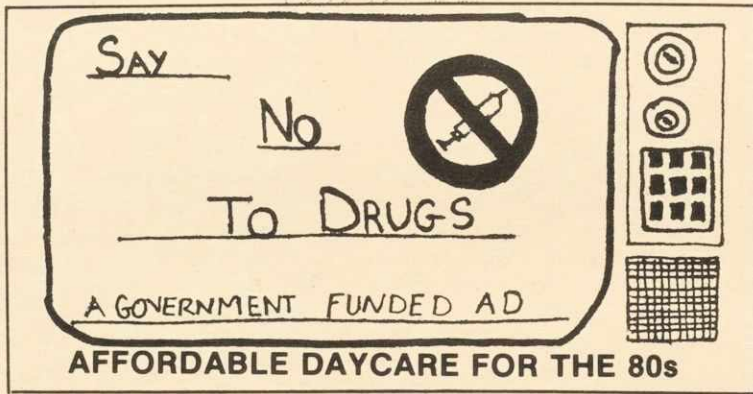
women are equal to men. The reasoning behind the lack of equality is that it is far too expensive. The same logic states that women and children are not as important as nuclear weapons and environmentally destructive industries.

Imagine you are a child living in the inner city. Repeatedly, you are told that if you work hard you will get ahead. You get a job at \$2.60 an hour at McDonald's. You're on your way to the world of high finance, in two to three months you will get that bike. The only problem is that the kid next door to you has all the material trappings and all he does is sell crack. Would you be tempted

to a televangelist state that we need nuclear weapons for the protection of our Christian democracy and that day care is a dangerous and immoral idea. Then explain how blowing up the world is moral and taking care of children is immoral.

In the last election campaign, Brian Mulroney promised day care. Micheal Wilson, in the name of budget reduction, gutted the program. When you add up the cost to society, in human terms, daycare is a bargain. Given the choice between tax breaks for corporations and daycare...

We must stop our social ills at their source, before abuse, before the kid becomes a dealer, before



to sell drugs? Be honest now! We must reward the kid that works an honest job, not punish that child with slave wages.

Instead of sending troops and money to stop the shipment of drugs maybe we should try eliminating the temptation to sell and the need to use drugs. We have been attacking the wrong end of the drug market.

The problem is attitude. Listen

the young mother quits school for a life of welfare or dead-end minimum wage jobs.

We can fix these problems by offering hope. Hope comes through education; hope comes with a job at a livable wage; and hope comes through equality. Only if we all start equal can we all go on to reach our fullest potential.

-Don Manson

Bad Bains

by Piotr Trela

The world is plain to understand. There are only four rules to memorize. I call them the Hardial Bains Method.

- 1) If you do not like someone (something), call them (it) "fascist."
- 2) If you like someone (something), call them (it) "Marxist-Leninist."
- 3) If arguments contradict your theory, call them "propaganda."
- 4) If arguments support your theory, call them "the only truth."

That's all. This is a universal answer to all your philosophical problems. Naturally, if you would like to gain a reputation as an outstanding orator, you would use a more florid vocabulary. According to the formula: Fascist = Hitlerian = imperialist, = so called "democratic" (don't forget about irony); Propaganda = false facts = Goebbels' plot = imperialistic abuse; the only truth = well established facts = unquestionable records.

Observers would have learned this recipe if they had gone to the lecture "On the 50th Anniversary of the Invasion of Poland" by Hardial Bains, National Leader of the Marxist-Leninist Party, in the International Study Centre, Saint Mary's University, September 21.

I went there for two purposes. First, the lecture would be about Poland. I came to Canada from Poland just three weeks ago. It is always interesting to find out how other people see your country, your history.

Second, I wanted to see a believing Marxist-Leninist with my own eyes. Spending 29 years in a Marxist-Leninist country. I hadn't met any. Marxism-Leninism simply nauseates the majority of people in Poland after 45 years of experience. Of course, there is also a Communist Party with 2 million members. Most of them, however, joined the party for the sake of career and privileges, not for ideology. They don't even know much about their own theory. In Poland the best experts in Marxist theory work as professors at Catholic universities.

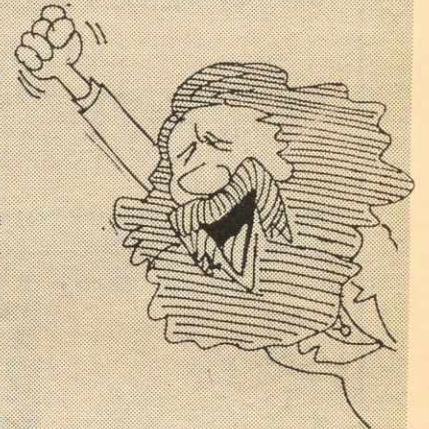
For a communist, Marxism is like a street lamp for a drunken person — not a source of light, but a source of support. Communists have been using Marxism to explain why they must have a monopoly on all decisions, from politics to economics, from information to education. "Marxism-Leninism scientifically proves the historical necessity" of such monopoly. Naturally, part of society does not appreciate this

scientific approach, so Marxist argument is usually supported by open or veiled threat of a neighbourly visit by truly Marxist armies.

Anyway, for most party members in Poland, Marxism-Leninism remains a kind of foreign language used only on official occasions. Therefore I was anxious to see my first live Marxist-Leninist.

Bains' speech went far beyond all my expectations.

An Indian-born, good-looking man, Hardial Bains caused a total re-evaluation of all my historical and political knowledge. I learned from him that there was not any secret protocol between Germany and the Soviet Union in 1939 (imperialistic propaganda)! Russians came to Poland just to save its inhabitants from Hitlerian troops. The Red Army came to the Baltic Republics to bring freedom: before liberation these countries were ruled by fascist governments.



Several thousand Polish officers captured by the Red Army during the liberation were killed later, not by Russians of course (Goebbels propaganda), but by Germans (well-proven fact). Moreover, during Stalin's time nobody was killed or even badly treated!

I always suspected that some members of my family who returned after several years in Siberia (others have not shown up yet) were liars manipulated by Goebbels and American propaganda. All accusations against Stalin are false. There has not been any formal case against him, because any independent court would obviously reject all accusations.

Russian fascists (e.g. Kruschev) killed Stalin and tried to incriminate him. In their calumnious campaign they closely cooperated with the Western press. This press is controlled by imperialists, who earlier killed President Roosevelt, the only good president in US history, because of his sympathy to Stalin.

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Glad about GLAD

by Alex Stone

GLAD's last article neglected to include the date for the meeting held on September 21. To avoid such confusion in the future, here is a list of upcoming dates for meetings: October 5, 19; November 2, 16, 30; December 14. Other activities will be advertised within the context of a group meeting. All meetings start at 6:30 in room 314 of the SUB.

GLAD has been around the university for the past several years. It had existed as a group in the seventies and was revived in the eighties. There was a need to have a group for gays and lesbians at the university. GLAD receives much support from the Student Council and CKDU where we have a half hour weekly radio program every Tuesday night at 5:30.

However, life is not without its

darker moments at Dalhousie. We are the only group that consistently has difficulty in posting our announcements on the bulletin boards. Small minded bigots, who obviously are not here at the university to enlighten their minds, childishly tear down our posters. Student Council has promised to punish anyone caught doing so and has suggested alternative methods of advertising our presence.

GLAD was quite successful last year with about 40 members. It received positive support for a petition which was circulated among the general student population and presented to the provincial government. While there may be a minority of ignorant bigots at Dalhousie, the atmosphere is generally quite supportive.

This year GLAD will be more actively involved in counselling



people who are in the process of coming out and need to speak with someone. There are many students who feel lost and alienated because they do not know any gays or lesbians and are fearful of becoming known.