

# Tribute to a man of peace

by Alex Gigeroff

Amidst all the conflicting reports and general confusion of Tuesday afternoon, it became clear that President Anwar el Sadat of Egypt had indeed died of wounds inflicted during an attempt on his life in Cairo. The attack occurred during a national parade, when a group of renegade soldiers in the Egyptian military opened fire as they passed the reviewing stand. Hours later the news was confirmed that the assassination attempt had been successful.

Why this horrible event is so shocking can be directly related to the man's connection with peace over the past few years. He, along with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, were instrumental in starting the peace-making machinery in the Middle East. Now, their efforts will be temporarily, if not permanently, stalled. Chances of a swift resolution to the ongoing crisis are slim.

The violence of such a senseless action only serves to confirm that the Arab world is in for continued instability, both political and religious. This terrible act may be a prelude to a further Middle East bloodbath.

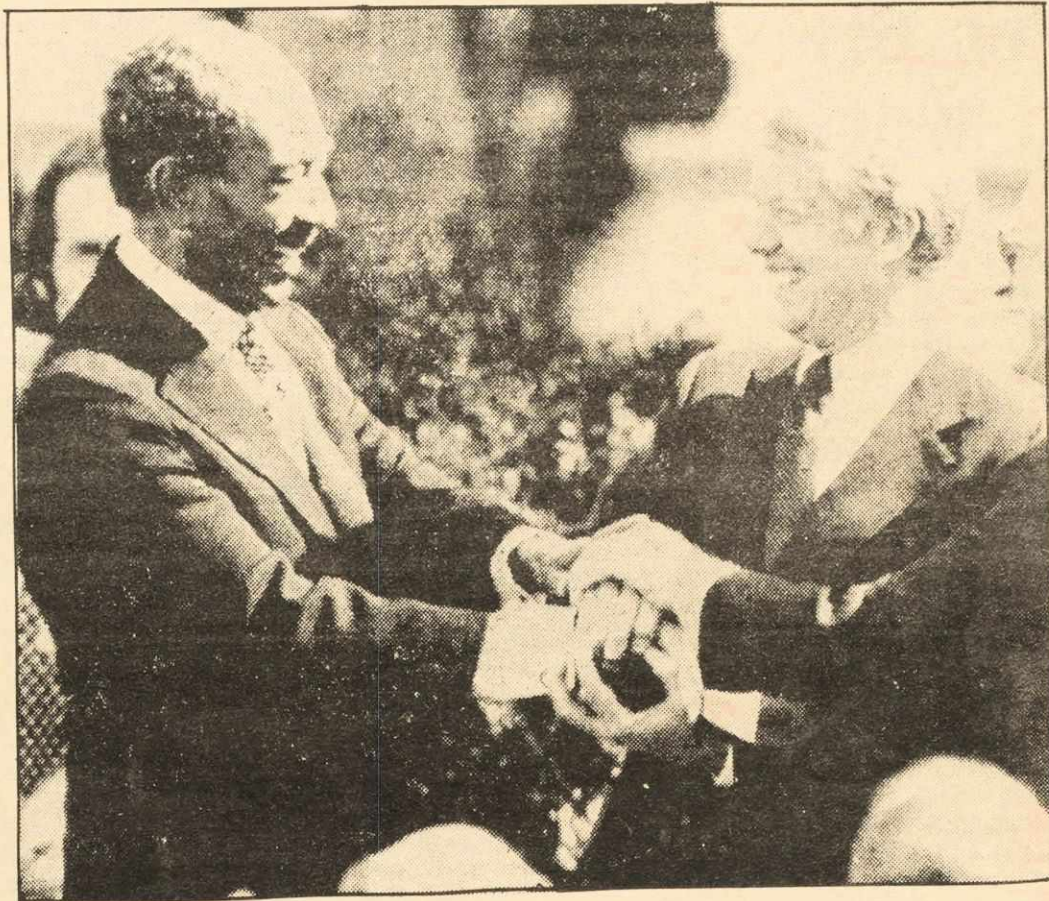
I suppose that it is a peculiarly self-destructive bent of

human nature that systematically assassinates those who spend their lives devoted to the cause of world peace. From Kennedy, King, Lennon, and John Paul II (who fortunately survived) to Sadat, the list continues, and will continue. The problem is not an easy one to remove, if it is at all possible.

Humans have been consistently slaying each other since the beginning of history, and yet we are still unable to come to an understanding with each other.

The next few months, but more significantly the next few years, will indicate how far the peace-making process in the Middle East has been set back. Such a powerful statesman as Sadat will be sorely missed, not only to the world in general, but also in his own country. Both Washington and Moscow will be studying this tragedy carefully, to see whether or not there will be any change on the part of Egypt on a scale of world influence. For the time being, this will be left in the hands of interim President Hosni Mubarak.

A master politician, a learned and brilliant man, and a leading spokesman for domestic and international peace, Anwar el Sadat is dead at 63 years old.



## LETTERS

To the Editor,

Well we marched. It might not have done anything, what with some country's deficits over the one trillion mark, but we did it anyway.

But the march was fun. It was great. What a feeling of power, masses of people walking in the centre of the road, uncaring to police or traffic.

It was an anti-climax when we reached City Hall though. There were no helicopters or tear gas, only smiling shopkeepers shaking their heads ("Those kids...")

But it was still fun. The whole idea of disrupting events and making things happen was new and powerful.

The best sign was "Nuke The Gay Whales: Screw the Students for \$3000," which was followed closely by the Marxist Leninist "Keep the Riff-Raff out of school." The best serious poster was the unfunny "Hi Mom, send money."

Best chant goes to "We're Smart, Not rich," started by two women. Unfortunately the slogan only lasted three chants.

An organized march should be an annual autumn event. If not in a political sense, then on a social or recreational basis.

### more anarchy

To the Editor,

For the last ten decades, shrouded in mystery, the origins of the Black Dwarf Anarchist Group have remained obscure. Yet, records which promote the peculiar ideologies of this group date back to the Thirteenth century. Their code of ethics was

first transcribed by a lonely Cistercian monk who was a secret member of the group and went under the code name Brother Bill. The doctrines of the Black Dwarf Anarchists have, however, remained clear down through the ages. As late as the Nineteenth century, leaders of the group were being tried and executed for the most futile of political gestures. In 1881 William Funke-Crawley was sentenced to thirty-five years of hard labour for contempt of court after he spiked the judges' vodka with hallucinogens.

Time was when one didn't have to be a student radical; there were more viable and less vulnerable means of protest, such as administering semi-lethal doses of alcohol to the King's horses the day of the Big Parade. Nowadays, a student's fate is less certain. Too much valuable time is wasted haggling with piddly politicians when legitimate action is just around the corner.

Now, members of this group have arrived in Halifax and after years of quiet preparation are making their presence known to the students of Dalhousie. They are seeking recruits for a last desperate action to embarrass the provincial government over the impending cutbacks to Post-Secondary Education. Volunteers for this Quixotic gesture of rebellion should send their names to Box 3, office of the Gazette. They will be interviewed and screened for selection of the Gang of 25. We will make a mark on student political history.

The Black Dwarf Anarchist Group

### More flak for CKDU

To the Editor,

As an outsider looking in, last year's and the three years previous CKDU radio was a disgrace to the university media. CKDU ran under very poor management, and was operated the way the management wanted, which appeared to be by the programmers own personal taste.

Neil Erskine, the present station manager, is still under the wing of the past management, Mike Wile, who is also on the board of directors of the station. The many times I was in the SUB last year, and also when I myself was a programmer on CKDU three years ago, Mike Wile and his group ran the station as they pleased, not as what the trends were, or to what the students wanted. The station seemed to have more programming of classical music, because block programming wasn't done, and surveys were

not taken, and no one had two clues on what music to program when and how, and to whom. The then managers wanted to make CKDU just like another BBC or CBC radio. The news department ran rather well, however news and public affairs doesn't make a university radio station.

Last year when CKDU was voted, the first time around, by students, to be given its last rites, both my firm, THE CANADIAN FREELANCE NEWS SERVICE, as well as another media firm offered to take over the station, with plans to expand the station and have guaranteed money to operate the station.

However, both firms wanted a five year contract with the student council, as well as total control over the station, with an open option to buy the station. We would in turn hire professional people, as well as hire students to run the station. There were many other plans that we were planning to

develop for the station; however the second vote last spring by the students to give the station a second chance gave our plans for the time being their last rites.

The advertising department wasn't up to par last year, mainly due to the lack of encouragement by the manager. In this time and age, to keep a radio station or newspaper in operation, money is needed. Although many of us would rather have a day without hearing advertising, or seeing it, to stay in business we must have it. CKDU is blessed by the CRTC in letting them have limited advertising. This year I expect that the station will be put on its feet financially, by contracting the advertising department out. But I don't think the station will please the students this year again, until the narrow minded people who operate and are still in power at

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