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STAFF THIS ISSUE—Harvey G, the old snake, quietly trotted off and went to bed without fulfilling his press-nightly duty and staff this issue will never be the same—nor will the staff. Bumbling around in usual fashion were the old regulars like Dan Jamieson, Ellen Nygaard, Ron Dutton, Jim Carter, Ron Ternoway, Elsie Ross, Ginny Bax and Wayne, our new circulation manager, Irene Harvie, our new arts editor who rates as old staff this week and Phyllis Baldwin. Signing off for the old snake is Mirabella P. Swaxill. Sweet dreams.

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Behind closed doors

By Al Scarth

What is happening at University of Alberta?

There is a law and order committee which decided procedures for quelling protest took priority over protecting basic civil and academic rights.

It is a committee which almost got its recommendations passed under the rug before students returned in the fall.

We have a campus police chief who refuses to say anything publicly and instead uses the public relations office to answer the press' questions—something no other senior administrator including Max Wyman does.

We have a vice-president who refuses to allow the appearance of a cartoon published in several other papers on the grounds it would be demeaning to the "image" of the university.

There is a faculty of dentistry and school of nursing which strongly advise students not to talk to the press.

Latest in this string of examples of candid openness is an arts dean who says "no comment" to charges that the administration has established a political watchdog in its appointment of a co-chairman for the department of anthropology.

There are more, but for the moment let's look at the dean's other comments in Friday's Gateway on the co-chairmanship. "It is a joint action arrangement made in the best interests of the department."

Might it be humbly suggested the best interests of the department are not being served if some of the professors are prophesying "if the situation isn't resolved, the anthro department may be quite a bit smaller next year."

Then again, perhaps the interests of the administration are being served although Dean Smith certainly wouldn't like to comment on that either—that is, Dean Smith does not approve of radicals and the quicker they pack their Marxist bags and depart, the better.

Better for what? Better for the corporate fund-raising campaign, better for the efficient operation of the vacuum machine to suck up those good old research funds to attract the "better" names in the field to increase the status of the department to suck up more research funds to . . .

It is a very interesting circle and because it ultimately funnels down to the monied corporate power brokers whose bag this university is, there is very little room left for the likes of Marxist-oriented research or researchers.

Richard Frucht is one such researcher in the department of anthropology. The question now is if there is enough room in the circle for this particular thorn. Prof. Frucht will be considered for tenure in the next few weeks.

And certainly the administrative co-chairman will have some say in whether the thorn is removed.

This seemingly circuitous route starting at "What is happening . . ." has now come its own full circle: the point being, administrators and committees like to pull their thorns quietly so we often don't know and can't find out about it.

Whether it is pulling the rug from beneath students' rights by sneaking under it or maintaining the "image" (either of the university or concerned "profession") through censorship or purging a "radical" department, you can be sure the controllers won't say that.

So look very hard at what is happening now in anthropology. Remember the Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology Department at Simon Fraser. The names may change but the reasons remain the same, and the doors closed.

"The intellectual worker's" world is very far removed from reality

I would expect you not to enjoy the article that I have written in reply to the recent SDU article but I have a problem. I can not seem to accept that socialism is better than capitalism. There seems to be very little response to articles written by the SDU so I can not evaluate my position.

I would like to see this article printed in the hopes that someone will enter the argument of socialism versus capitalism. The two factions seem to go their own way without promoting a discussion.

Once again on the campus we received in The Gateway an illustration of how far removed from reality is the world of the "intellectual worker." We were treated to a treatise on something called the "Reform of Imperialism . . . a pious wish."

Capitalism enjoyable

In that article the SDU tried to make serious the fact that we were all wet in our set up of the Teach-in. As with most articles from the SDU they did not really write the truth. This seems to be a prominent form of socialistic reform writing nowadays. "Let's not tell it as it is and try to get away with it," they seem to say. Well I can excuse the way they write because they need some support. They are trying to drill into us that capitalism and imperialism are wrong. I will agree with them that imperialism is wrong but I enjoy capitalism. After all this is a form of a democracy that we live in. Considering the way in which the Americans force their ideals through I can understand why the SDU is upset over imperialism. We were upset enough to sponsor a teach-in on the topic.

The SDU presented two reasons why the Teach-in was fatuous. They state as their first reason that it is not the problem that there is American domination of Canada but that the processes underlying which give rise to the domination are the problems. Well if they had waited until the Teach-in was over before they wrote their article, they would have seen that what they say is obviously true. It goes without saying that the processes by which the U.S.A. gained control are important. I am glad to see that they agree with us.

Workers were invited

Their second reason is that we have not noticed that "the struggle against capitalism in its imperialistic stage is already underway in our society." I agree. They go on to say that the workers were once again shunned by not receiving an invitation to enter the modern halls of SUB and partake in the Teach-in. Well glory be to the SDU. Here is a small group of people so engrossed in their intellectual liberation of workers from under the hand of capitalism that they failed to notice that the workers of the students' union involved in the Teach-in had in poster campaigns, radio and television campaigns and by word of mouth invited the general public which, if they have forgotten, includes the "workers." Brother!

Now before I can continue it is necessary to have a "working" knowledge of the word "imperialism." Since the SDU is heavily influenced and dominated by the USA and its radical groups, I must force myself to use an American dictionary. Imperialism is defined as "the policy of extending the rule or authority of one country over other countries and colonies."

SDU being used

Now since the definition is applicable to the Canadian scene it can be noted that the SDU is working with us in our struggle against the "American Domination of Canada." What they can't seem to realize is that they are being used by American radical groups in a counter domination.

The article then states some basic information on how firms, specifically monopolies such as the Edmonton power system which is owned by the workers, cause increasing prices without increasing wages proportionately. They fail to mention that wages have increased at a faster rate than firm profits. If wages are to be increased then profits must increase in proportion. But once again these are their tactics. Any statement which can not influence their stand must be reworded.

I must give the SDU credit for accepting the fact that Canada is being dominated by the U.S.A. I fail to understand why they would come

right out and mention it in their article when they condemned us for using the same statement as a reason for holding a Teach-in but then again this is how they write. It's typical of them.

I thank them for their next statement on the vulnerability of our economy to any decision of the imperialistic companies. I thank them for re-affirming that our Teach-in was correct in its aim. That is, there is domination of our country. But I do wish they would stop using our word for their gain. Man, we're not that dumb.

Unwilling to invest

I enjoyed the paragraph on the irony of Premier Strom and his Social Credit party. I wouldn't blame Strom however for what Manning did. He sold out his people to foreigners and that is unforgivable.

The rest of the article goes on and on and on. At one point they mention the bit about companies giving money to the universities for growth and development. Since the present day workers are unwilling to invest in the future through taxation, then the corporations and small businesses are the only solution. If workers continue to send their children to the universities so that they can join the capitalistic society then they should be willing to give up some beer money and pay higher taxes to support the socialistic welfare state that we are drifting into. In this state we could abolish all tuition fees and then all the people's children could attend without social status suppression. Mind you the universities would become so large and taxes so high that it would become an expensive problem to regulate. But regulation seems to be contrary to their form of socialism.

Socialist imperialism

Well to end my article I shall say this. If you want to go around with a silly stick above your head and support the workers in their "struggle," be my guest, but understand in your own mind why you are doing it and what the economic consequences are. Strikes cost this country millions of dollars each year. It does not come near to the figure lost to the U.S.A. through profits and union dues but if the people of this country could come together and end the domination we could increase all our standards of living.

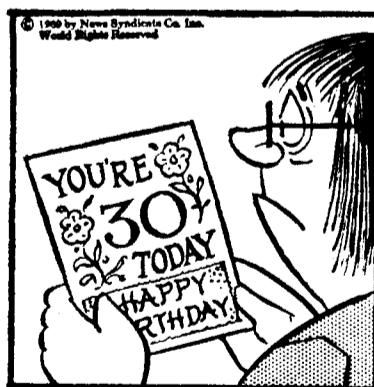
A word now to the SDU. Each time you mention imperialism I trust you are referring to American imperialism and that you yourselves appear to be an instrument of American imperialism. Not the imperialism of capitalists but the imperialism of socialists. Go forth and preach the gospel of the worker elite. Tell students to leave university and become a real individual, become a worker. Forget the long range goals of becoming doctors, lawyers and teachers. Become a true worker.

George Bell
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—By HARRY HANAN



We're looking for an identity

If these pages appear to be schizophrenic, don't worry: It's not your pre-exam jitters showing. We're searching for an identity for forum-five.