

Letters To The Editor

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Reader calls Zionism both racist and terrorist

This letter is in protest of the Zionist behaviour at U. of T. last Wednesday when the P.L.O. Vice Consul to the U.N., Shafik Al Hout, was to deliver a speech. These Zionists apparently did not want the audience to hear why Zionism is being equated with racism. Is this not fascism when one group determines what the public should and should not hear? Is this not Israel? Do these Zionists believe that they are right and nobody else is? Maxime Rodinson (a non-Zionist Jew) said that: a "belief in the infallibility of one's 'ethnic' group is a frequent phenomenon in the history of human groups. It is called racism." Is this not Israel?

The Zionist objection to Mr. Al Hout's presence was that he represents a "terrorist" organization. This objection can only be justified if it is consistent, meaning that Zionists should also object to having an Israeli Embassy in Ottawa when the Israeli army has killed many, many civilians. It has also blown up schools, hospitals, entire villages and even shot down a commercial airliner, killing 108 passengers. Do

these Zionists not know that if it were not for the fruits of the Irgun, Haganah, Stern Gang, etc. (all Zionist terrorist groups who helped in the creation of Israel) Israel could possibly not exist today?

My request to the Zionists is to allow all people (Jews and non-Jews alike) to determine for themselves whether they are for or against Zionism. Like the Palestinians, everybody has an inalienable right to self-determination.

Don't let anybody take this right away from you — ever.

Abbas Panjvani

Attack on PLO

On Wednesday night, November 19, a meeting to be addressed by Shafik Al Hout, vice-chairperson of the Palestinian Liberation Organization's United Nation delegation was disrupted and broken up by a large number of Zionists.

The attack on the Wednesday

night meeting has to be seen as nothing but an attack on the democratic rights of all those who disagree with Zionism. Will the Zionists also prevent representatives from most of the countries who voted for the anti-Zionist resolution from speaking?

Are the Zionists afraid of allowing the PLO to present its views at public meetings and U.N. conferences? One woman seated at a pro-Israel literature table in Central Square justified the attack on the meeting because she was afraid that people may agree with the Palestinians!

I can only conclude that for the Zionists, democratic discussions and debates about the Mid-East are dangerous and that they intend to prevent this dialogue from occurring. The Palestinian Arabs' rights must be defended and assisted so that their views can be heard.

It is actions such as these which can fuel real anti-Jewish feeling, not the U.N. resolution, as James Diamond's letter ("UN has declared open season on Jews") stated in the last Excalibur.

(While the U.N. resolution is an issue separate from the question of the PLO's democratic rights, it should be noted that the resolution is not anti-semitic since Arabs are also semites, nor is it anti-Jewish since Zionism is a political ideology and not synonymous with the Jewish nationality.)

The onus is on Zionists and their organizations, like the York Jewish Student Federation, to repudiate the actions of their co-thinkers, make sure such attacks do not occur again and support the rights of the Arabs to freely express their viewpoint.

All who oppose this attack on our democratic rights should join in protesting against it.

David Jonson,
York Young Socialists

Fascist slogans

We would like to make a few comments regarding the charges contained in the opinion piece by G. Clarfield and N. Doidge (November 20 Excalibur).

The opinion piece castigates

CYSF President, Dale Ritch, for not taking action to remove the fascist slogans which have been painted around campus and concomitantly for not pressuring the administration to remove the signs. The article goes so far as to suggest that Ritch himself condones anti-semitism because such action was not taken.

These allegations of Clarfield and Doidge are totally unfounded and have been fabricated it seems solely for the purpose of slandering Mr. Ritch and the United Left Coalition. In fact, at the ULC meeting on November 7, the ULC voted to organize a mobilization of York students to paint out the fascist slogans in the tunnel.

Shortly thereafter, Lou Garber, Director of the Jewish Student Federation, and the executive of the Third World Student Union decided to participate in a mobilization of students to paint out the swastikas and white power slogans. We all felt that a united action involving dozens of students would be a powerful demonstration to racists and anti-semites that their efforts to disseminate hate literature and organize themselves on the campus would not be tolerated. The action was not carried out simply because it was no longer necessary. Two member of the Betar group painted out the slogans by themselves without approaching either the JSF or CYSF for assistance.

We strongly feel that only through united action involving CYSF, the JSF, TWSU and other student, staff and faculty organizations will we be able to create a university free of such anti-human ideologies and movements.

Sectarian attacks of the type demonstrated by Clarfield and Doidge are aimed not at uniting students around common aims but rather at creating divisions in the student movement. Such divisions can only benefit the interests of the Western Guard and its allies.

Lou Garber,
Director, JSF
Dale Ritch,
President, CYSF

Fisk grads were not the first

Mr. Beltrame was very kind in the article he published in the November 20 issue dealing with some events in which I was involved.

In the discussion, I may have not made it clear that the several students at Fisk University (Nashville, Tennessee), during my service there, who went on to earn Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from various well-known centres, while being the first Fisk graduates ever to become Ph.D.s in mathematics, were not the first ever Black Americans to earn that degree in that subject. There were several earlier.

The very first in mathematics was the late Dr. E.L. Cox (Cornell 1925, exactly 50 years ago) who later became Professor and Chairman of Mathematics at Howard University. His thesis supervisor was Dr. W.L. G. Williams who moved to McGill University, around 1925, where he remained until retirement. Among the latter's contributions to Canadian scientific life was his leadership in organizing the Canadian Mathematical Congress to bring together the Canadian mathematical community for the first time and develop for it a coherent national voice promoting research and other aspects of mathematics.

Lee Lorch

York University

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