

EDITORIAL

The beat goes on...

It was a pretty small crowd of anti-nuke protesters that marched from the Legislature to City Hall on Saturday, and the group that listened to the various speakers at Winston Churchill Square was even smaller.

Maybe the weather was too cold, but it is more probable that, in Edmonton, marches are no longer popular. That, and the simple fact that the peace campaign does not have much support in Edmonton or Canada.

This is not to say that the majority of Canadians do not support halting an insane arms race and ridding the world of nuclear weapons.

They do.

And most Canadians probably do not support President Reagan's brand of cowboy diplomacy or his 'lets get them before they get us' foreign policy.

But 'sensible' Canadians have become cynical about the approach of the peace campaigners. Canadians do not support public demonstrations as a method of applying political force to the government of the day. And they reject the philosophy that is inherent in the peace campaign - unilateral disarmament.

A more conservative generation, rightly or wrongly, has rejected the protest mechanisms of the sixties and placed renewed faith in the institutions of our society.

This faith has led many Canadians to believe that if we are to achieve a safer world, it will be the process of negotiation - not sign waving - that will achieve a mutually verifiable arms reduction accord. In the meantime, we will continue to honour our commitments to NATO, NORAD and the Western Alliance.

That is not to say we place a blind faith in the ability of government to negotiate for peace. Ronald Reagan's record on negotiation is at best inconsistent. Canada must continue to retain her independent foreign policy and seek an avenue of compromise that is acceptable to all the nuclear powers.

The commitment and energy of the peace campaigners is commendable, but it is now time to rechannel their energy. Their attempt to recapture the radicalism of the sixties, evidenced by their chanting of John Lennon's 'Give Peace a Chance', is a failure. The message is lost in the stereotype that the marchers perpetuate: no one is listening anymore.

The times, they are a' changin'...

Neal Watson

*Ha, Ha says I with crayons up my nose,
Ah choo, I wheeze, and there she blows, two
No nukes buttons, across the room, land on a pile of
Socks (sometimes clean-otherwise not) and two
Belgian chocolate walrus melt on an
Edmontonian Eskimo plush doll, wearing a red
Canadian touque guzzling Pilsner with a big
Kerbong (Great sound effect-bad soundtrack)-
Ergo Supergirl flies by (not that Argo) like sailors
Rowing hard after fleece bound classics professor
Slightly senile(?) Nah!-too young, plus he has tenure*

Important Staff Meeting This Thursday (October 25)

Purpose: to discuss the Gateway constitution, and to study Gateway autonomy.

Gateway staffers are invited to familiarize themselves with our new constitution and to join a committee to study the feasibility of autonomy. All Gateway editors and staffers are urged to attend!!

The Meeting will start 4 pm sharp in room 282 SUB. Please attend!!



*Federation getting you down?
Commies breathing down your back?
Up-and-coming referendum got you scared?*

Who are we going to call?

Student Busters!!

A Floydamount production
In amazing GordoColor

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Shipka fools

I can't quite figure it out. It happens with almost pathological regularity once in the middle of each term. Virtually the same, word for word, Ken Shipka's anti-Soviet letter appears in the Gateway.

My mind settles on three possibilities:

- that Ken Shipka is not an actual person but the pseudonym for an underground campus support group for Rev. Moon's Unification Church.
- that Ken Shipka is a real student whose university education is being underwritten by the Chilean secret service, Jim Keegstra, or both.
- that Mr. Shipka is afflicted by a rare psychosis of which some of the symptoms are: the compulsion to quote V.I. Lenin without attribution; unfounded suspicions that millions of hungry peasants in Central America, South East Asia, and Africa are in fact paid agents of the KGB with Swiss bank accounts and well-appointed apartments in Moscow; belief in that hundreds of U.S. nuclear devices detonated over Eastern Europe will miraculously bring back victims of the Ukrainian famine of 1932.

To be honest, I didn't seriously entertain hypothesis "a" for very long. Last year I actually met Ken Shipka in the flesh. He was standing in front of the *Store Plus More* in SUB, nervously urging copies of the Gateway on mystified passers-by, taking special care to point out an article written by himself. Out of sheer curiosity I stopped and asked him if he was aware, by the way, that western countries (including the U.S.) also had more than a few million dead people to account

for, particularly in the third world, among Native people, etc. Ken instantly became all shifty-eyed and uncomfortable looking. "All I know is Ukraine," he responded. After that I couldn't get a word out of the fellow.

OK, Ken, times are tough: if Rev. Moon offered to subsidize my higher education in exchange for making an utter fool of myself, I admit I'd have to think twice about it. I sure hope that's the excuse.

But wait! Maybe you're actually a KGB plant, hired by the Kremlin to make anti-Soviet activity look ridiculous in the eyes of Alberta's young people.

As a reasonably informed individual who detests Soviet misdeeds (and Stalinism in general) with no less vigour than I reserve for Capitalism itself, I urge you to stop giving criticism of the Soviet Union a bad name.

Andrew Rodoman
Arts II

Rights and wrongs

Re: D.J.'s editorial, "The Bottom Line," Thursday Oct. 18/84

Your bottom line is that, Quote: "No politician has the right to define human life, and no government has the right to tell any woman what she can or cannot do with the foetus she is carrying."

I submit that the government of any nation has not only the right but the responsibility to protect the people of that country from violation of their basic human rights. One of these rights is the right to life. I also submit that this right to life extends to the right to life of the unborn.

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Shona Welsh and Ann Grever were being held hostage by the villains Don Teplyske and Warren Opheim, while our hapless caricaturists Jim Moore and Hans Beckers searched for the keys to Greg Owns car. Jens Andersen, off to visit his father, played by Ken Bosman, substituting for Bosco Chang who is ill, shares a pint with Shane Berg, Tim Hellum, with Bruce Alton and K. Arthur meet Brenda Waddle and Dave Burns, who are busy preparing Andersen's dinner. Eva Pendzich slipped out the back door. Ian Curtis and Dean Bennett were away in Florida. Brian Receveur played the role of guest star, accompanied by Janine McDade and Linda Derksen.