

« LETTERS TO THE EDITOR »

Whatsoever Things Are True

Will a twenty dollar bill work in a dollar change machine? Obviously one cannot reasonably expect to receive back twenty dollars in change. The possible outcomes are thereby limited to two:

- 1) the machine will accept the bill and dispense one dollars' worth of change;
- 2) the machine will reject the twenty and dispense nothing.

I urge readers to attempt this experiment. It is important that you print the results and eliminate all doubt from anyone's mind.

David Paterson
Ed. AD.

Marines sweep Ottawa?

RE: "What's a Little Invasion?" Nov. 8/83.

I wish to reply to the interesting contention of Brady Harrison that there was no reason the American government should not have undertaken an invasion of Grenada. To quote: "Why should they not invade if it is in their interest to do so?" To continue this line of reasoning, I wonder if he/she thinks that any country in the world 'interesting' enough to the U.S. should be invaded by them (provided, of course, it is militarily weak enough to ensure a successful takeover)? Most of the countries on the Earth would seem to be fair game, including Canada, a repository of fresh water and many other 'interesting' resources.

Suggesting that the Soviets invade countries whenever it proves expedient is hardly their justification, unless the protests issued by American administrations after such actions are either my imagination or simple hypocrisy. (Please do not construe this as support for their obscene expansionist policies, either). Even Margaret Thatcher, who could hardly be called a socialist by anyone's definition, has pointed out that while the U.S. may not agree with the governments of various countries, this does not give them the right to arbitrarily change them by military means.

Further, the suggestion that Mr. Ammar is a socialist, whether it is true or otherwise, somehow does not serve to convince me that his arguments are invalid, or that he lacks "sincerity", as mentioned. Such regrettable phenomena as "death squad lotteries" would seem to be true, at least to the extent that we may trust such media as the *Globe and Mail* (perhaps it is also too "socialist" to be valid to Brady Harrison).

To conclude, I beg to differ with the statement that Nicaragua has "little choice" in the matter of U.S. desires to replace its government. The people there do, in fact, have probably the most important choice — the choice whether or not to fight to the death to prevent it.

W. Sacuta
EE IV

My way or the highway!

Isn't it amazing the way that people mature with time? For example, look at Oscar Ammar, the president of the Political Science Undergraduate Association (PSUA). He has come to realize that a political "forum was the opportunity for one speaker to present his views, and not the place for demonstrations" (*Gateway*, Nov. 8, 1983).

I wonder if this is not the same Oscar Ammar who last year seemed to feel it was his right and duty to disrupt a forum sponsored by Hillel. In that instance, Mr. Ammar was a member of a demonstration which prevented one speaker from presenting his views. Such a complete about-face in attitude seems somewhat unlikely. Could it perhaps be that Mr. Ammar is in fact attempting to suppress the freedom of speech of other students? Is it possibly true that other political science students at PSUA meetings and forums have difficulty expressing opinions which differ from Mr. Ammar's? And I am interested, Mr. Ammar, if Richard Zurba and Pete Quilly went about this demonstration "the wrong way", as you said, what is the proper way? Your way?

Ian Weir
Medicine, Phase II

More on herpes

While we were pleased to have our clinical trial publicized, a few errors in transcription need to be rectified:

1) Our clinical trial involves the use of acyclovir capsules in the treatment of Recurrent Herpes Labialis (Cold Sores) which afflicts approximately 50 per cent of the population (70 - 90 per cent of the general population have had a primary herpes infection).

2) Most cases of Herpes Labialis are due to Herpes Simplex Virus-I (HSV-I) but viral typing has demonstrated that some instances are due to HSV-II, the form typically associated with genital lesions.

3) While our study involves a novel application of acyclovir capsules, the drug is currently the recommended treatment in topical form for primary attacks of genital herpes infection.

We appreciate this opportunity to clarify these points and avoid potential confusion.

Tim McGaw
(Division of Pathology)
(Faculty of Dentistry)
Wayne Raborn
(Division of Oral Diagnosis)
(Faculty of Dentistry)

for sylvie:

*gayest man be sad and deepest
hustler lovers too my girl
her gushings cat is dead her cat
her eyes her morning — love
like honey knows one's mother
always lone in her lone lap around
the room in circumvents to prickle
backs a furriness who now is
gone beyond the pale of pain:
the spot one doesn't talk about
is death like piss on you who
shadow-feed upon the mother
and her beauist things the way
you feline-whisked away hard
lumps! poor cat your operations
on the girl have weepened pinkie eyes.*

michael cotullus

A few hundred close personal friends

Mike Walker have you no sense? You seem to think that only Maurice Bishop and a few associates were killed in the revolution in Grenada. Now mass graves have been found containing the remains of Bishop's followers. To me, 150 bodies is more than a few close friends. Have you not been watching the National with Knowlton Nash either? Most of the Grenadians interviewed did not seem to think of the U.S. landings as an invasion, but rather as a rescue from oppression. From your article I gather that you want to save the free (and I emphasize FREE) world from the perils of democracy.

Richard Liukko
Science I

Interlopers beware:

Campus Watch sees all

Re: Co-operation in the Campus Watch Program.

Because of the continuance of thefts and vandalism, Campus Security personnel in their efforts to make this area more secure therefrom, occasionally find it necessary to enquire into the bona fides of persons encountered during inquiries into situations indicating a breach of the law or of University Regulations.

The co-operation of the University community in providing this information is essential so that interlopers may be properly dealt with as circumstances dictate. The Code of Student Behavior requires such co-operation of students but it is of the benefit of the entire community that we all participate in mutual crime prevention programs.

The entire Campus community are invited to be participants rather than spectators in our crime prevention programs and this is one way to co-operate.

W.F.G. Perry
Director
Campus Security and Parking Services

Men in chains, loaded down with bar and note
Unravel up and down avenues as
Silent frost laden shrubby stands
In witness, tamed, pruned, nestled within
Coffins of leafless, sapless boughs

Gilbert

The University of Alberta library is currently installing an on-line computer catalogue which will ultimately replace the card and COMCAT catalogues. We would like library users' help in planning the further development of this system. Questionnaires will be distributed to users during the week of November 14th in the Education, Law and Rutherford Libraries. Please take a few minutes to fill in the questionnaire. Your cooperation will be required.

Peter Freeman
Chief Librarian

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