

Band-aid measures will not be effective

by Will Moran

The "band-aid measures" taken by the U.S. against "Soviet intervention by proxy" in Poland, will have little effect, says the coordinator for the university "Friends of Solidarity".

The Soviets will not be hit where it hurts unless the Western Allies establish a common front, says Teresa Szlamp.

Szlamp, a U of A graduate student in Comparative Literature, says the Soviets are behind the situation facing the Polish people. She has lived in Poland on and off for several years.

"Soviet influence has brought about violation of human rights, oppression and suppression of a sovereign nation". They have interfered with domestic policies and the situation has resulted in gross disrespect for human dignity and human life, says Szlamp.

It is just an intervention by proxy, she says, and the Polish Army is expected to do the dirty work for the Soviets.

Closer to home, Szlamp says, "if we Canadians, through our elected government support in any way the Polish government and Soviet Union through business, trade, or financial transaction, then we are in fact supporting, feeding, and clothing the very people who insist on stripping people of their dignity, rights, and freedom, of beating them sometimes to death, of putting them into intermittent camps simply because they want democracy, self-determination, the right to work, and benefit from that work, and to live in peace."

"I don't think we want that on our consciences", she says. "Anyone who feels the same way should make their disgust and anger known".

As to whether the press reports coming out of Poland are accurate, Szlamp says, "they are as accurate as they can be at the present time."

However, until there is verification of these reports from the people, outsiders are left in the dark.

"Poles do not want to talk to reporters out of threat of Polish Internal Security Forces". Threats include loss of jobs. This means no access to ration cards for buying

food, she says.

"Even under "normal" conditions Poles can be held and questioned for 48 hours. Every two or three days one can be picked up". If such legal harassment is the case, it can be impossible to hold down a job.

With Solidarity leader Lech Walesa being detained since the imposition of martial law, the Polish people are continuing in their struggle with passive resistance. A story from Solidarity says that people have been encouraged to carry back packs. Opposition activity is thus camouflaged, says Szlamp.

This resistance will make it impossible for authorities to search everyone. This is an action taken so that Solidarity material can be distributed.

The Polish government has outlawed the sale and buying of candles, writing paper, shoulder bags, tents, sleeping bags, and other items.

The significance of the candles, she says, comes because candles symbolize vigilance with Solidarity.

Solidarity, as it stands, started in August, 1980. But it is the result of at least 10 years of concentrated struggle.

In Dec. 1970, there were strikes against food hikes, and working conditions and wages. This climaxed in the murder of as many as 500 men and women by Polish Militia.

Only now, documents and photos are being distributed. This is to insure that the Polish nation remembers the event.

Lessons learned in 1970 brought the 1980 Solidarity movement to occupy places of work during demonstrations, rather than the streets where the bloody events took place 10 years ago.

In 1970, the movement just included workers, says Szlamp. In 1980, it was the worker's families, the intelligentsia, farmers and students. This kind of unity had never existed before, says Szlamp.

"Now there is a tenacity and endurance and a faith in themselves, and a creative approach to survival which will see them through once again," she says.

"Not arms, it will be through moral terms that the Polish nation

will survive this crises". Violence will only breed violence, Szlamp adds. "They want to live. I don't think the people will initiate any violence. Their strength lies in their striving for a peaceful solution."

Since Walesa has been neutralized for the time being, it does not mean that Solidarity has been neutralized or destroyed, says Szlamp. "It has just taken on a new character, new function, and a new method as necessitated by the current situation."

The Friends of Solidarity, Edmonton branch, has petitioned the provincial government for a \$100,000 donation. A press release on the outcome was to be scheduled Wednesday Jan. 13. Quebec and Ontario gov'ts have already contributed \$50,000 and \$100,000 respectively. The money is to be held in trust under the Canadian-Polish Congress. Suggestions have been to turn it over to the Red Cross which has a special appeal for the Polish crises.

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Chalk up another quart for the blood donor clinic. Free pop and doughnuts.

photo Ray Giguere

A rose by any name

by Wes Oginski

The Spring and Summer Session Students Association is no more — sort of.

Last December, Students' Council passed a change in the SU constitution. This change dissolves the Association as a separate body from the SU and makes it like any other SU board.

"It's really the Association under a different name with an ex-officio name on the board if students (from the Spring or Summer Session) decide they can't participate," says SU V.P. Academic Liz Lunney.

The Association organized student events while the SU still operated their business and services during the summer break.

Phil Soper, SU president said that the Association has been

suffering problems for the past few years. Before that a group of people kept coming back to take care of the Association's responsibilities. After they stopped coming to the Spring and Summer Sessions, the problems started he says. Since then, the SU executive have assumed the Association's duties.

"We found it was easier for us to do," says Soper.

Financially the Association flip-flopped from making money in the Spring Session and losing in the Summer or vice-versa, he explains.

The Association split a Spring and Summer Session fee with the SU. The fees last year were \$8 per student. These were split evenly between the two.

Next Spring and Summer Session the fees will remain the

same according to Soper.

"I would like to see that figure increased," he adds. The present fee has not changed in many years.

The Association, as a board of the SU, will operate similarly. "It becomes a board under the Students' Union," says Lunney. "The board will make recommendations to Council for expenditure of funds."

Soper is not sure how the fees will be split next year under the new arrangement. He does say the Association's budget will appear under the SU overall budget in audits.

"Special consideration will be given to them (Association) because of their status as the Spring and Summer Session Students," he adds.

BAG

by SKEET and Nielsen

PLEASE DO NOT ADJUST YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS TROUBLE ORIGINATES WITH THE ARTIST.

YES! IT'S TRUE! I ADMIT I'M BEHIND SCHEDULE! BUT IT'S ALL FOR YOU! I've taken on a new job, y'see, to enable me to purchase only the best in art supplies! At this point I am awaiting delivery of a 6-foot DRAFTING TABLE! **SO DON'T GIVE UP!**

BAG IS NOT DEAD!

Olivia Butti's Diary

Tues. Jan. 12

Dear Diary:

Mercy me, what a day. And it's still not over; I've got 15 batches of banana date squares to finish, but let me tell you about today first.

It started so badly. The kids must have been playing with the clock radio again because instead of nice pleasant CHQT I was awakened by some horrible static. It was terribly loud but the only thing I could make out was "97" and "ACDC". It must be some distant American station.

Anyways, in my scramble to shut that horrible noise off I knocked my stuffed Miss Piggy Doll into my autographed portrait of Margaret Thatcher and scattered all my makeup and diet pills. Still I had to get myself together and make breakfast and pack lunches for Harold and the kiddies and get them all out of the house and clean up in time for Phil Donahue. And what a disappointment! He had another bunch of perverts on again; Volunteer big brothers and sisters who were really recruiting young children to become homosexuals. I watch Richard Simmons instead.

But the worst shock was when I got to my office at city hall and discovered what that dratted fool (excuse my french Diary) mayor said about raising taxes again. Cec has been acting like a

spoiled child throwing a tantrum ever since we caught him with his hand in the cookie jar over that land annexation. A 50% property tax increase? He must be raving. It hurts the best people in the city, those who have worked hard to own a good home in a nice neighbor hood like my neighbors in Wolf Willow. Heavens, what's the point of earning money if the city is just going to take it away from you?

I knew there had to be a better way to raise that money and I spent the rest of the day in my office trying to think of it. I'm not stupid, I knew the city has a lot of bills to pay; especially that beautiful convention center we all need so much.

Finally it hit me. Back at St. Edmund's the CWL had the same problem. We wanted money for a new parish hall and some renovations to the church. We did it and the city of Edmonton can do it the same way: we're going to have a bake sale.

I told June Cavanaugh and she thought it was a wonderful idea (although, diary, she'll probably try to take credit for it if I'm not careful). We sent our staffs home for the rest of the day and told them all what to bake. Tomorrow I'll ask Jan Reimer to coordinate the rest of the city employees since I'm sure a little NDP'er snip like her couldn't even make a Betty Crocker cakemix.

That's enough for tonight diary. I've squares to finish and I still can't find CHQT on this radio