

The Gaffney rebuttal to Grigg

Mr. Grigg:

I don't intend to spend the rest of my born days in editorial arguments with you but I will rebut the foolish comments you termed 'open minded' in last week's Brunswickan. Just to make matters simple, for simple leftist minds, I'll limit my rebuttal to point form:

1) I'm really impressed with the so called beneficial results of Communism in two states you referred to Mr. Grigg - China and Cuba: The Communist regime in China has succeeded in murdering more individuals, friend and foe alike, since it came to power than any other government in the history of the world (with Stalin's Russia running for a close second). Not only has it failed to come close, in economic terms, to the standard set by its Oriental neighbors, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong but it has also greatly supported two wonderful Com-

munist regimes in Southeast Asia - the former Pal Pat government in Cambodia and the North Vietnamese regime - who are now at each others throats, starving to death millions. The terrific little nation of Cuba has also benefited greatly from Communism as it now subsists on a \$1,000,000 per day loan from Daddy Russia that loan helps to support all those delighted Cuban soldiers dying for the repressive Russian puppets in Angola and Ethiopia. Not to mention that Cuba has imprisoned, executed or exiled more of its citizens than any previous right-wing Cuban government.

2) No one has to excuse American control over Chile, Panama, and El Salvador as that 'control' is non-existent in real political terms. Funny, but I can't race any presence of US troops in any of those nations apart from a defensive force, by treaty, in the Panama Canal Zone. Funny, but I'm sure both you and I realize that

because of ACCURATE US media coverage that the Nicaraguan rebels were not Communist insurgents and at the present time US-Nicaraguan relations are excellent. Funny, but I learned of most of the atrocities committed by the Shah of Iran; during the period he was still in power, not after his fall; from American publications such as TIME. In fact, US atrocities committed in Viet Nam, such as the My Lai massacre were not brought to my or America's attention through PRAVDA editorials - they were revealed by "multi national news correspondents" in Viet Nam. Compare that Mr. Grigg with the non-existence of ANY East Bloc reporting on ANY Soviet combat operations in Afghanistan. Apparently Mr. Grigg you simply dismiss American publications of any stature as "imperialist" and neglect to read them.

3) As far as PENTHOUSE is concerned as a political tabloid it

next to worthless. Its a sensation seeking magazine that feels it can generate sensationism through creating supposed American intri-

gues and atrocities out of thin air. Its sources have been proven time and time again to be not only questionable but down right out to lunch.

4) Profits in vital, individual war industries are not the measure of whether the US "boosted" its economy as a result of war in Vietnam. The flood of wasted economic aid resultant inflation and loss of tons of valuable military equipment are the true measure. The US did not make any sort of profit in South East Asia. If war industries really crave profit Mr. Grigg they sell to foreign suppliers with ready cash, not the US military restrained by Defence budget that allots most of its cash to manpower, maintenance and repair. Unfortunately Cambodians and most South Vietnamese didn't "profit" from the war - More Cambodians died in the first year of Communist "peace" then in 5 years of war under US supported regimes. Thousands of Vietnamese take to the South China Sea daily to escape Communist "benefits."

5) Why Mr. Grigg are US satellites in Europe and the Far East permitted to put US auto workers ("multinational employees) out of a job if US control is so firm on those "puppet" states. Why is it so

beneficial for the US to allow European governments to thwart many US foreign policy objectives.

If you think Mr. Grigg that the industrialized West is in any meaning of the word a 'satellite' of

the US (as the East Bloc is to Russia) then you must be the most uninformed narrow-minded leftist on record.

6) To me Mr. Grigg "left-wing" connotes one with wool pulled firmly over his eyes. Leftists are usually the champions of the fantasy of American 'imperialism' as long as they have the Anglo American protection of the virtues of free speech and assembly. They

are also usually the first victims of Communist coups in a nation unless they conform to an 'accepted' line of leftist thought. Be thankful for what you have Mr. Grigg and what some South American states (such as the Dominican Republic and others) have achieved because of US urgings - a degree of stability and new found democracy for its the US military that indirectly protects you.

I don't plan on re-submitting any editorials to The Brunswickan so if you want to be set straight on foreign policy and have your eyes opened to realities, come see me anytime.

Ronald Gaffney.

UNB's bicentenary

To: All societies, clubs and other organized non-academic bodies at UNB.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee to solicit your interest and input into the celebration of the University's bicentenary.

As you may know, the University will be celebrating its two hundredth anniversary in 1985. In

anticipation of that the Board and Senate have established a Committee to plan, implement, and co-ordinate appropriate celebrations.

In its initial meeting the Committee determined that the emphasis should be placed on those

types of celebrations which will recognize and highlight the nature and significance of the University's role in the community and its many contributions to the community's well-being. Particular encouragement will be offered to celebrations which will have a lasting effect and contribute to the further growth and strengthening of the institution.

I have been directed by the Committee to invite individuals and groups within the University community to offer suggestions as to how the bicentennial should be observed. That is the principal purpose of this communication.

I would urge you to give serious consideration to developing programs and projects in keeping

with your organizations particular interests by which its contributions to the growth and development of the University could be accurately and effectively portrayed. Thought might be given for example, to organizing conferences, seminars, recitals, tournaments and the like which could involve persons from outside the University and, indeed from outside the Province. Perhaps it would be appropriate for you to establish a special committee to come up with ideas for possible implementation.

My committee would hope and expect to have continuing liaison with your organization over the next several years. It would be helpful, indeed, if you could indicate at an early date with your acknowledgement of this communication and your agreement in principal with the solicitation contained herein.

We would welcome as well, as suggestions and observations which you would care to make concerning the task of the Bicentennial Committee.

Basil D. Stapleton
Chairman
Bicentennial Committee

Legal action possible?

Dear Editor:
I've informed the Solicitor General that "I'll probably take legal action against the Security Service." (RCMP)
The matter is not personal but concerns every Canadian who is "Against dictatorship-left, right or centre."

Sincerely,
Maurice Spiro
(ex-Security Service Associate)

First year:

Social life the pits

Dear Editor:

I am finally mad enough and frustrated enough to share my opinions with others. I believe that most first year students will agree with me.

I've read in recent issues of the Bruns that hardly anyone is attending the pubs and were not participating in Carni events. Well, I can suggest why: Pubs are usually attended by mostly first year students (older people go to the taverns, so they say.)

So what's going on you ask? Most first year students aren't 19! Some, who has skipped year in school are only 17.

Getting in to YOUR OWN campus pubs is next to impossible. "Must have UNB ID and proof of age." What are we "young ones" supposed to do? Sit in our rooms sucking our thumbs all night.

I've never heard of a worse social life as this year!
There are hardly any events just

year students can attend. Why doesn't the SRC (or whoever) organize something fun to do that doesn't have liquor!? ...such as roller skating or ice skating to half decent music (on weekend nights)

To top things off, WE are paying \$45 student fee and are getting absolutely nothing out of it! Part of it goes to financing activities we can't attend and a large part goes to CHSR. Well, again what about us "off-campus" people? We can't listen to this radio station (at home) Therefore I think first year students should be refunded at least part of the fee. I wouldn't mind paying if there were SOME activities I could attend. What's ahead for us?...Nobody knows.

A mad living off campus "Young One" C.P.

Five scholarships offered

Dear Editor:

As an item of interest to UNB students I hope that you will print the letter. I wish to make you aware of 5 full scholarships being offered for the summer of 1980 at St. Andrews N.B. Two and three week full time courses are offered under such eminent Canadian artists as Molly Bobak and Robert Percival and the scholarship open

to residents of New Brunswick aged 15-23 cover tuition, lodging and pay \$120 miscellaneous costs. The deadline for applications is 31 March 1980 and more information

can be had by writing or calling Sunbury Shores Art and Nature Centre, Box 100 St. Andrews, N.B. E0G 2X0 (529-3386)

Henrik Kreiberg
Director

Notice

I have been requested to declare the election of student Senators of 20 February 1980 invalid. Investigation of the request indicated legitimate grounds for protest and I have agreed that the election should be re-run. As the nominations procedure was in order, there will be no call for further nominations.
The election for three student Senators for one-year terms will be held on Wednesday 26, March 1980.

James Woodfield
Secretary to Senate

