



# Quixote Promises... promises

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During the recent protest against W5's report *Campus Giveaway* held outside the CFRN studio, a solitary figure stood bearing a placard in support of the program. The person in question was the inimitable Jack Pickett, Edmonton's answer to Archie Bunker and an archetypal racist. If Pickett constituted the only threat to Chinese Canadians, then I would be content to let the matter rest. However, a stronger and more dangerous threat has emerged which could affect adversely the harmonious relations of the various ethnic groups which make up Canadians.

The *Edmonton Sun*, that bastion of liberal thought, last week saw fit to publish an advertisement on behalf of The Canadian League of Rights. The CLR describes itself as a Christian group and a "free association or movement of Canadians" which is a convenient facade for its dubious activities. It is based in Flesherton, Ontario, with a provincial branch at Brooks, Alberta, and is run by a director Ron Gostick and his assistant Phillip Butler. The latter presented a lecture at the Jubilee Auditorium last Thursday on behalf of the CLR.

The *Sun* reader was asked to place a "Yes" against a clause to "Support our traditional immigration policy designed to prevent racial tensions and protect our cultural heritage". He will then receive other literature, most notably a leaflet on Canada's "Multi-Racial" immigration policy. This concentrates on blacks and Asians, but a closer reading reveals that the brunt of its attacks are borne by refugees from the Orient, especially the Chinese:

*"The influx of 'refugees', in the main, is not Vietnamese in the ethnic sense. It is CHINESE, from Vietnam. And they ... actually negotiate their departure with the Communist authorities"*

According to the leaflet, the influx of Boat People is just a ploy to foment world revolution. The CLR policy is to either leave the refugees in Asia, since they are an "Asian problem", or to dump them on some uninhabited island in the Pacific. It is rather like the response to a starving child "Ignore him and he'll go away". The reader is left in no doubt that the Chinese have never had and never should have, contacts with "we grassroot Canadians". Instead they are part of the multi-racial hordes "shoved down our throats by politicians and bureaucrats".

In its efforts to arouse public opinion, the pamphlet shows a staggering ignorance of the "cultural heritage" of Canada, which is attributed totally to the White Anglo-Saxon. It should be pointed out for example, that the Chinese first came to Canada in 1858 and played a considerable role in the development of B.C. Further, they were hardly thought to be undesirable aliens when they volunteered for the Canadian Army at the outbreak of the Second World War. Gostick and Butler may of course be aware of this, but would claim that the influx has now reached epidemic proportions.

Yet this is not borne out by the facts. The 1976 census indicates that Chinese Canadians numbered 132,560, this out of a population of almost twenty three million. In Alberta, the total was 14,855 out of 1,455,555, giving an astronomical proportion of one per cent.

The statistics may exclude second and third generation Chinese Canadians whose mother tongue is English. However, this suggests the thorough assimilation into the dominant Anglo-Saxon culture which the CLR advocates. In any event, the scales are not going to be tipped unduly by 50,000 Boat People.

In essence, the CLR has but one message; Canada must be kept White. Thus the "superior" White culture must be preserved at all costs. Those of us subjected to such assertions, whether from Jack Pickett or the simple-minded bigots of the CLR, might do well to respond with the words of James Weldon Johnson:

*"Can you name a single one of the great fundamental and intellectual achievements which have raised man in the scale of civilization that may be credited to the Anglo-Saxon? The art of letters, of poetry, of music, of sculpture, of painting, of the drama, of architecture; the science of mathematics, of astronomy, of philosophy, of logic, of physics, of chemistry, the use of metals and the principles of mechanics, were all invented or discovered by darker and what we now call inferior races and nations."*

Once again it is the time of year when future Tory parliamentarians come out of the closet to expose themselves to the slings and arrows of outrageous Students' Union elections. While I admire their courage and willingness to submit their boring private and public lives to the electorate's apathetic scrutiny, we cannot forget what their predecessors have failed to accomplish. I am not going to rant and rave about past promises left destitute and forgotten in that big gutter in SUB because I am no longer just a poor naive country boy from Melville, Saskatchewan. Over the past three and one half years I have become a money hungry capitalist commerce student from the big Uni. This year, instead of listening to our future political failures tell me who to vote for, I am going to tell them who I will vote for. While I am not quite stupid enough to

believe that one vote means much, with the number of people that usually vote in these elections, you power lusting potential presidents can't afford to take any chances!

Here is what I want: 1) Because of the increasing shortage of land on the present campus, I can never find a place to park. To rectify this situation, the Student's Union should annex the City of Edmonton, and pave it to make a parking lot. Any residents left homeless by this move could be put in boats in Hawrelak (nee Mayfair) Park to drift around until the town of Vegreville takes pity on them and sends relief.

2) A new anti-littering bylaw to fine those guys that leave garbage under my windshield wiper whenever I park in lanes or loading zones.

3) For all those lonely girls out there who miss having Daddy give them a good night kiss, the

SU should sponsor a volunteer tuck-in service. Reputable gentlemen from the campus could have a drink (warm milk and cookies) with these solitary souls, read them a bedtime story, etc., to make them feel a little closer to home. For further information on this phone Dale at 469-5169.

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Commerce IV

## LETTERS

Letters to the *Gateway* should be a maximum of 250 words on any subject. Letters must be signed and should include faculty, year and phone number. Anonymous letters will not be published. All letters must be typed (or very neatly written). We reserve the right to edit for libel and length.

## Salad service wilts quickly

As a result of the volume of oral and written complaints we have received regarding the changes in the salad bar operations at SUB and CAB cafeterias, I would like to take this opportunity to explain the reason for our action in this matter.

As a result of a formal complaint registered with Consumer and Corporate Affairs, an inspector from the Weights and Measures Division visited the cafeterias. As the scales we were using to weigh the salad did not comply with their standards, we were instructed to cease using them immediately and we had no alternative but to comply. The problem with our scales was that the weight of the paper plate was included in the weighing and hence the cost for the salad.

In the interest of continuing with the salad service, as it is so popular with our customers, we decided to offer a variety of options by plate size and the volume of product in terms of "level," "stacked" and "heaping." Obviously this presents problems of interpretation between the customer and the cashier, who must exercise her own discretion each time. Unfortunately this has led to numerous confrontations which tend to place a negative feeling on what should be a pleasant experience — meal time.

We acknowledge the problems of this new approach, but wish to stress that we had no alternative but to comply with the inspector's instructions. The new approach does require the full understanding and co-operation of everyone. If the problems/complaints continue, we will have to consider a return to prepared salad plates only and eliminate the "make your own" feature. Meanwhile, we are

exploring other options available to us that will help us to meet the Weights and Measure requirements, and enable us to reinstate a popular service.

While we regret any inconvenience the current change represents to many of our customers, I would ask that you

appreciate our situation and not direct your annoyance to the staff, especially the cashiers. This is not a "staff problem." It is a matter of legal interpretation which we are trying to resolve to everyone's satisfaction.

Gail Brown, Director  
Housing and Food Services

## Students' Union Gold Medal Award

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### Criteria:

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- extra-curricular involvement in University and/or community activities

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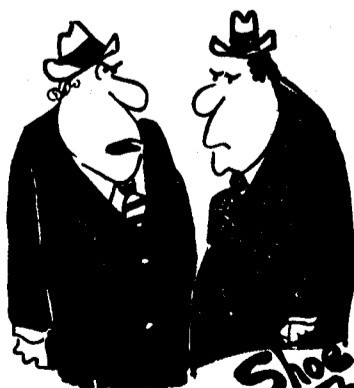
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