

# Colonialism cause of Mideast crisis

by Michael Dennis Skeet

The roots of the current Iran-Iraq crisis lie as much in past colonial mismanagement as in religion, so says a British expert on the Middle East.

Stephen Day, British Consul-General in Edmonton, spoke at

the U of A last Wednesday. His visit was sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies.

Day has been a diplomatic advisor to the former British protectorate of Aden and the assistant head of the Middle East Department of the British

Foreign Office.

It is too easy, Day said, to view religion as the cause of troubles in the Middle East, just as it is simplistic to view the various Arab states as one homogenous Arab World. Westerners, he said, hold some astonishing mis-

conceptions about the Middle East.

One of these misconceptions concerns religion and its effects on daily life and international relations. What corruption and inefficiency exist in the middle east are legacies of the decaying

Ottoman empire and the European imperialism of the 19th and 20th centuries, Day suggested, not of Islam.

Nor is Islam the primary cause of discord in the field of international affairs, he said. An example is the current conflict between Iran and Iraq.

On the surface, the long-standing differences between the Shiite and Sunni sects could be seen as the motivating force behind the war, but this is not the whole story. The European colonialists also played their part, said Day.

The border between the two countries is a purely arbitrary one. It was drawn up not according to natural or ethnic considerations, but according to the whims and desires of the British and Russians.

Day was frank in his assessment of the results of colonial administration in the Middle East.

The British, he said, made "a terrible hash" of the situation, with the result that Europe lost free and uncontrolled access to the Suez Canal. What was left was a "legacy of ill will, of bitterness, that we still have to contend with."

Day foresees no easy solution to Middle East problems. He disagrees with contentions that the Middle East is the world's most volatile area, however. The Middle East, he said, is no more dangerous than parts of Southeast Asia, Latin America, Africa or Northern Ireland.

The major difference is that events in the Middle East affect every consumer of petroleum products - in other words, nearly everybody.

# Money root of racist evil

by Karen Kebarle

"The rich are responsible for racist and fascist violence!"

This was the view expressed by the Marxist-Leninists at the Alberta Conference against Racist and Fascist Violence, held November 3rd at the Kinsman Sports Centre.

Speeches were given by the Communist Party of Canada Marxist-Leninist (CPCML), the East Indian Defense Committee, The Alberta Council of Canadian Workers Association, and others.

The main target of the conference was the Ku Klux Klan.

Organizers claimed the KKK should have no right to speak and organize. The pamphlet dis-

tributed states that allow "the KKK to organize is to 'deprive the people of their basic rights and freedoms.'"

The group is circulating a petition to ban the KKK. They are organizing a people's front against racist and fascist violence for November 22nd in Vancouver.

In an hour-long speech to about 50 spectators at Sunday's conference, CPC ML leader Hardial Bains said "it is the rich and not the people who are responsible for racist and fascist violence."

He said the rich coerce the workers into being racist to divert them from uniting and overrunning the government by armed

force.

Mr. Bains said our government encourages this violence by not suppressing it.

The government wants the KKK to be organized so they are prepared when the government needs them for armed fascist action, said Bains.

Racism is a product of capitalist bourgeoisie society, said Bains.

He blamed the Canadian government for being fascist and supporting these acts of violence. He called Trudeau a "fascist" who is actually working with Loughheed and all the other politicians to cause strife.

The speakers at the con-

ference said self-defense is the only way to combat this racist and fascist violence. One delegate criticized the non-violent stand of passive resistance.

"If a cop is laying the boots to you, what are you going to do, - just lie there and take it?" he asked.

The speakers' arguments were based on the Marxist-Leninist philosophy that the rich are to blame, and that violent resistance is necessary.

When asked who the rich actually were, one Marxist-Leninist replied they are "the people that own the big corporations, and people like university presidents."

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It is granted that the native peoples of the north have rights to the land and should have some say in how it is used.

The oil companies also have rights, and co-operation between the two is possible. However, if each side continues to fight the other, nothing is accomplished.

Rather, each group should try to pressure the government into action to settle the dispute about aboriginal rights. The land claims issue could be settled in a two-year period, says Francois Paulette, a representative of the Dene Nation.

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