

# LETTERS

obvious corruptness of the Sandinista Regime, but also his fairness and objectivity in addressing the topic deserves to be applauded.

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## What's your problem ?

To the Editor:

In Glazov's article on the Sandinistas, some things bother me a bit about his "facts".

First of all, one of the most respected authorities on the actions of a government was not addressed. Amnesty International does not have any major problems with the Sandinista government. I have not heard any reports of death squads such as in Chili, El Salvador, and Guatemala. Most of the countries that Amnesty International sees problems with are supported by the United States. The Contras are supported by the United States also. Hmmm...

The form of a government does not seem to matter to Jamie either. Some South American countries have no policy of even democratic charades. Other countries have elections that are smiled on only by the U.S. and their allies. It is these same Americans who have often actively or covertly overthrown democratic governments.

In contrast, Nicaragua has a well defined democratic procedure that is looked on with approval by the United Nations. Even the Sandinista's party structure of social democracy uses democratic principles. Each member of that party can actively vote and affect policy in a way that would put the Liberal and Conservative parties to shame.

Concerning foreign control, it must be admitted that the international support Nicaragua is receiving affects its government. Swedish ideology must be running rampant down there.

According to facts from the most well respected organizations in the world, there's no problem. So Jamie, what's your problem?

In democracy,  
Geoff Stone,

Dal-King's Young New Democrats

## No problem here

To the Editor,

I found Jamie Glazov's commentary on Nicaragua in last week's *Gazette* most informative and interesting. It is inspiring and consoling to see that someone is not reluctant to expose the ugly nature of the Sandinista regime and write the truth about its totalitarian nature. Mr. Glazov does it in a professional manner, with an impressive array of facts and evidence.

It is no surprise that Somocistas today serve the Sandinista regime, as Mr. Glazov points out. Throughout history fascists and communists have often cooperated together. The Soviet-Nazi non-aggression pact is a good example. Mr. Glazov also points out that the

contra rebels are really the people who are for democracy, consisting of peasants, Indians, Blacks and former Sandinistas. It is only by supporting the contras that democracy has a chance in coming to Nicaragua. The Sandinistas have betrayed the revolution.

There is no freedom in Nicaragua today. Since the revolution, the Sandinistas have been steadily moving towards a repressive regime. They have systematically destroyed human rights in Nicaragua. There are restrictions on free movement; torture; denial of due process; lack of freedom of thought; conscience and religion, denial of the right of association and of free labour unions. Even *La Prensa*, the only independent newspaper in the country, has been shut down.

We must not remain silent on Sandinista violations of human rights. It is necessary that we support the contras. It is also necessary that we support intelligent writers such as Jamie Glazov who have the knowledge and excellent ability to write about such matters. I would like to personally thank Mr. Glazov for bringing this issue out into the open. It is about time.

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## A little help

Dear Editor:

I am looking for a Hindu, Buddhist or Jewish person who would be willing to discuss their own traditions and theology with me for three one hour sessions over a coffee or lunch. The discussion is required as background material for my Comparative Religion 3012R class. My sole interest then is to find out how people from different faiths understand their God and live out their theologies. The person I'm looking for should be an upper year undergraduate student or a graduate student who is a practising member of a faith community. For more information please call 455-3294 and ask for Kevin

Yours, Kevin Little

## Flowers from Frats

To the Editor;

I wish to present a minor correction to "Frat Spats" in the Letters section of the last issue of the *Gazette* (vol. 119, number 7, Oct. 23, 1986). For many years (including 1985) Phi Kappa Pi has laid a wreath on Remembrance Day at the War Memorial in downtown Halifax, in memory of our Brethren that gave their lives in the service of our country. While I do not wish to detract from Zeta Psi's and the DSU's presence at this ceremony, I feel our contribution should not be overlooked, in fairness to our Brothers who make a special effort to attend the Remembrance Day services at the Parade Square.

Fraternally, Gregory R. Stuart  
President,  
Phi Kappa Pi




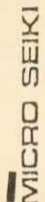

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