

I applaud your assertion of anti-semitism although I do wish that you would inform several members of your group of this doctrine. In particular, please inform the girl seated at your booth Jan 29. When I approached the booth for permission to read your material, the girl at the booth, with frosty countenance, uttered a rather chilling word to me which I choose not to repeat.

Hopefully, Hillel has already demonstrated its desire to pursue an honest and open dialogue with Palestinian students, as when we attended your seminar several weeks ago on the Middle East Crisis. Your lecturer was extremely competent. Unfortunately, certain members of the audience disagree with your idea of the value of pursuing open dialogue. When we attempted to ask questions, we were jeered and told that we were "monopolizing the time."

Please, Mr. Sharkawi, do not be so quick to condemn us of insensitivity or indifference to the plight of your cause. Do not be so hasty to label us "racist" for that is a very serious accusation. We students have much to learn. No doubt there are truths and falsehoods uttered on both sides. Only by refraining from hasty accusations and truly listening to what each other has to say can we hope to gain a better comprehension of the past, present and future situation of the Middle East.

T. Mann
V.P. Hillel, Jewish Students Assoc.

Lubicons being cheated

There are over 450 people living in the settlement of Little Buffalo, home of the Lubicon Cree. In the past, this northern Alberta group was able to provide for itself by hunting and trapping. Their community was one that early government representatives described as healthy and prosperous.

Today, however, things have changed for the Lubicon. Game animals that once were found in abundance are now seen only infrequently. Trappers who were, as recently as 1980, able to sustain themselves through the sale of valuable pelts, have been reduced to trapping squirrels.

But why the drastic reduction in animal population? The blame, it seems obvious, rests firmly on the shoulders of the numerous oil companies that now operate in the area of Lubicon Lake. In 1980, when the financial potential of the area was recognized, these companies (most prominent among them: Shell and Petro-Can) embarked upon a program of development that has seen the construction of hundreds of access roads and work camps and the erection of literally thousands of oil derricks. All this has resulted in the decimation of what was once virgin bush. It has also destroyed the Lubicon way of life.

One may ask how the oil companies were able to do these things to the Lubicon land. Certainly there must be some law that would protect the Lubicon land rights. Surely the Lubicons would be allowed to share in the oil profits made from development of their own land.

Unfortunately, there are no regulations to protect the Lubicons or to ensure that they share in the oil company profits. The Lubicons have a legal claim to the land on which they live (even though they have lived there for innumerable generations). You see, when Canadian government officials were signing treaties with other Native groups, the Lubicon, because of their relatively isolated position, were missed. As a result they have no treaty, no reserve, and no rights to their land.

And so the Lubicons are fighting to secure the rights that have been denied them. They want a reserve (with land and mineral rights) and a voice in the management of wildlife in the area. They do not want to stop oil development, just to limit it to a level that would ensure the protection of the environment.

These demands seem reasonable considering all the Lubicons have suffered. Unfortunately, both the federal and provincial governments have been ignoring the Lubicon's plea. For whatever reason (and it seems likely that they have been blinded by the royalties pouring in from oil operations in the Lubicon Lake area) both governments have been unwilling to grant the Lubicons a

fair land settlement. Alberta Tories have justified their position by saying that the band "may have as few as nine members." They won't accept a Lubicon as a Lubicon unless he or she can produce proper genealogical documentation proving true Lubicon descent. This is problematic for a group of people who, until recently, have not kept such records.

Such questionable efforts to stall the Lubicon land claim have drawn the angry attention of many outside observers. The World Council of Churches points out that the actions now being taken by the Alberta government and the involved oil companies, could have "genocidal consequences" for the Lubicon Cree. Even Davie Fulton, the former Supreme Court Justice who was appointed by the Federal Tories to investigate the Lubicon issue, reported that, in his view, the Lubicon demands were fair and just. The department of Indian Affairs, as could have been expected, chose to ignore Mr. Fulton's report.

And so we can see more clearly the plight of the Lubicon. With their economic and traditional social systems facing collapse, it is obvious that little time is left. If the government does not take immediate and positive action, another Native band will be lost.

So, join the protest against the oil companies that have taken so much from the Lubicon. Help to ensure that the Lubicons, and all other Native people, have a future. Don't let the Lubicons become part of "our Native past!"

Gil McGowan

HUMOUR



Fly on the Wall

I was walking through HUB Mall after class the other day on my way to Rutherford North when I turned the corner towards the trail which connects the mall to the library and had to stop because someone was blocking the doors. Two girls were blocking the doors. Two girls talking.

One of the girls was waving her arms and yapping and laughing and the other girl was mostly laughing but would occasionally say something. They were not really blocking both doors but only the one door which the people going from the mall to the library would normally go through. The people who were going from the library to the mall were not blocked by the girls, but because the girls were in front of one of the doors, people going from the mall to the library were going through from-the-library-to-the-mall-people's door, which made the whole area quite congested. So, in a sense, the girls were blocking both doors.

They seemed to be waiting for another girl who was using one of the pay phones along the wall near these doors because the girl who was yapping and laughing and waving kept on looking at one of the girls using a pay phone, as if to imply that she was waiting for her.

Neither of the two girls seemed to be aware of the growing surge of people who were very impatiently trying to get through to either the library or the mall. They just kept on talking and talking and laughing.

They may not have been waiting for anyone on the phone however. They just may have had a good story to tell each other and the doorway between Hub Mall and the library was as good as any place to talk. It is possible, I guess. It is also possible that they will not get torn to pieces by impatient students trying to get by them. But I doubt it.

J. Dylan

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