

BLOOD AND THUNDER

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The Persian Gulf

I find it hard to believe that you had the gall to send a copy of your letter concerning the crisis in the Persian Gulf, published in The Brunswickan on 12 October 1990, to the President of The United States of America. Assuming that the letter made it through the channels necessary to reach the President, it seems even more incredible that you expected it to be treated seriously by him - filled as it was with spelling errors and a complete disregard for the significance of fact that Iraq's President Saddam

Hussein invaded his sovereign and independent Kuwaiti neighbour, killed or chased its rulers into exile, and raped and pillaged its people.

It is equally unimaginable that someone with your level of education and alleged concern for equality, peace, security, and stability in the Persian Gulf could state categorically that the persecution of the Palestinians "is much more real than that of Kuwaities or their rulers." I accept the fact that your letter was written before some of the information about the Iraqi occupations became available. Nevertheless, you had plenty of

time to reconsider this statement prior to its publication in The Brunswickan, an yet you did not. What is your problem? Why have you felt justified in ignoring the personal testimonies of those who have described the nature of the Iraqi occupation to their respective peoples and governments since their escape from Kuwait or the content of the smuggled video recordings which have corroborated many of their accounts?

Instead of spending your time depicting President Hussein as a stereotypical folk hero thwarted by foreign infidels from his task of

bringing happiness and unity to the Arab World, let me draw your attention to the fact that this "mission" was never revealed until President Hussein was forced by world opinion to invent an excuse that would somehow justify his actions in Kuwait. This might have bolstered President Hussein's credibility had it not been for the pathetic manner in which the dream of Arab unity was discussed. If you remember back that far, the "revelation" came in the form of a desperate plea to prevent further Arab cooperation against Iraq.

In closing, let me assure you that President Bush views the ongoing confrontation with Iraq very seriously. If you had taken the time to listen to what he has had to say about the situation, then you would know that there is so much more at stake in this situation than just the free flow of oil.

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"The College Hill Social Club Rejects Student Union Merger Proposal"

The Board of Directors of the College Hill Social Club (C.H.S.C.) were contacted by the Student Union (S.U.), of the University of New Brunswick, in July 1990. This S.U. committee, created in June council, wished to discuss the acquisition of the C.H.S.C., "It is the intention of the (UNB) S.U. to acquire the Social Club, ...". After being briefed by this committee the Board of Directors unanimously agreed to review and discuss the proposal.

After careful consideration of this proposal the Board of Directors, with legal council, determined that the best interest of the membership would not be served and unanimously rejected the proposal, September 5/1990. The S.U. was informed of the Board of Directors decision through their legal council.

During the course of negotiations, the S.U. has made it clear to the Board of Directors that they would pursue the acquisition of the C.H.S.C. through other means, if necessary. It is clear that the S.U. has not informed its members, and we the Board of Directors suggest that all students question the intentions of the Student Union.

The C.H.S.C. has been an independent organization since its incorporation 20 years ago. The C.H.S.C. has never received funding of any kind, nor has it been affiliated with any political organization. The C.H.S.C. Board of Directors do not wish, at this time, to change this philosophy. The only objective of the Board of Directors is to serve the best interests of its membership.

Spokesman Randy Hickey, Chairman of the Board, 452-2968

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