

# A Hawk by any other name

by John Roggeveen

"Practically all Arab states, with the half-exception of Egypt, are inherently unstable," says Professor Dan Schueftan of the University of Haifa.

Schueftan, who spoke on The Political Realities of the Middle East yesterday at noon, says the instability of the Arab states is "the root of the problem in the Middle East."

This instability is a "permanent reality of the Middle East" at least for the foreseeable future says Schueftan.

"In the accepted sense of the term Lebanon is not a state," he says.

"If you go beyond the rhetoric and the propaganda...you will find that there is no central authority in Lebanon and Lebanon has no strong central government."

According to Schueftan, Lebanon is "torn between Moslems and Christians," and the problem goes much deeper because the Moslems and Christians are themselves split into factions that fight each other.

"If you disagree with someone else in Lebanon, you butcher him. This is how problems are solved in Lebanon," says Schueftan.

Saudia Arabia is also "inherently unstable," he says.

This is because it has a "feeble infrastructure," he maintains.

"Saudi Arabia is not a state, in the accepted sense of the term. It is more of a family with oil wells."

On top of the instabilities of each Arab state, there is also an inherent instability in inter-Arab relations says Schueftan.

Schueftan says many times Arab states have gone to war against Israel not because they wanted to go to war, but because they would have lost their status among the other Arab states.

The question is not whether an Arab state will want to make war with the Israelis, the question is whether the Arab state will be forced to make war with the Israelis."

Schueftan is also cautious about peace agreements in the Middle East.

"I don't trust peace lovers, I trust people who have a vested interest in peace," he says.

He says Egypt may not be committed to peace with Israel, but instead by trying to weaken Israel's defenses so Egypt and the other Arab states can overthrow Israel.

Nevertheless, he is not entirely pessimistic about peace in the Middle East. "I am not saying things cannot be better than they are today," says Schueftan.

"You have (today) on the Arab side, a much more realistic approach."

There is less instability in the Arab states now, says Schueftan, than there has been in the past.

"In the last ten, 20 and 30 years, progress has been made," he says.

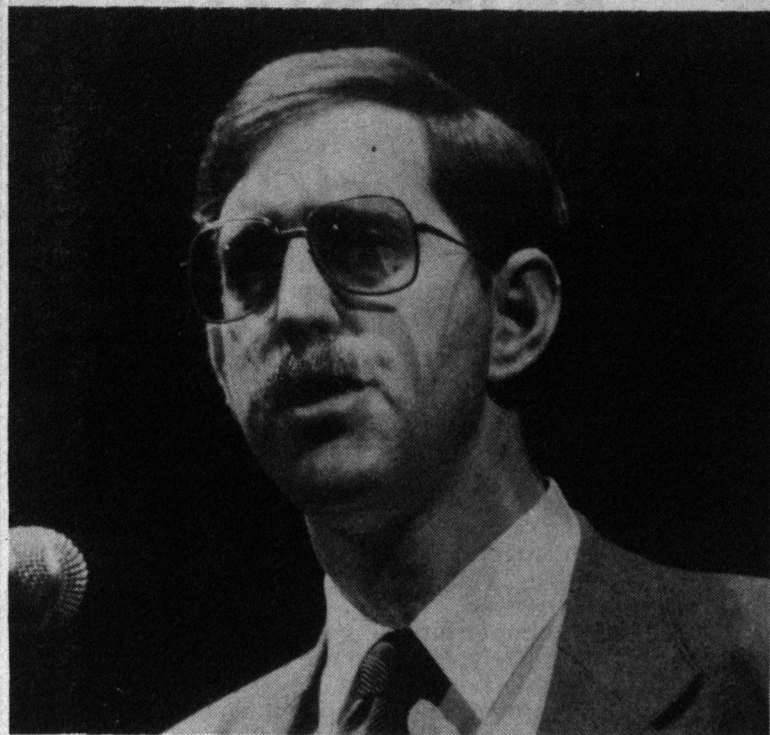


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University of Haifa Professor Don Schueftan addresses forum.

## No cruise control?

**MONTREAL (CUP)** — The Canadian and American governments finally signed the long-expected umbrella agreement permitting missile testing in Canada Feb. 10, but the 'refuse the Cruise' movement isn't giving up yet.

The agreement does not specifically commit the Canadian government to allow testing of the cruise missile, which peace activists claim is a first-strike weapon that would dangerously escalate the arms race. The cruise missile is slated for deployment in Western Europe later this year, after planned tests near Cold Lake, Alberta.

More than 300 people protested the secret accord outside Prime Minister Trudeau's Montreal home Feb. 12.

Some carried umbrellas; others had gaily painted faces. Many chanted slogans like "All we are saying is give Hinckley another chance" and "Ronald Reagan he's our man/ put him in a garbage can" and "Pierre Trudeau you've got no class/ shove that

missile up your ass."

The Feb. 10 weapons testing agreement paves the way for further agreements to test American missiles, including the cruise. The signing was made public, but the details are secret.

A recent Gallup poll conducted before the signing showed 52 per cent of Canadians opposed testing the cruise missile in Alberta.

The demonstration was organized by a coalition of Montreal disarmament groups.

"We had perfect timing too. The demonstration was held the day after the signing. We were also in contact with other demos across the country. In Toronto, 5,000 people demonstrated," said Julianne Pidduk of Project Plowshares.

The demonstrators, closely watched by police officers, had to keep moving in front of Trudeau's residence because they lacked a demonstration permit.

## Living executive style

by Gilbert Bouchard

"The new Executive Development Program for Women is on its first time around, with a unique approach to management training," began Lydia Semotuk, coordinator for management studies in the Faculty of Extension.

"The philosophy behind the program," continued Semotuk, "is to provide university level and extensive management training for women in junior level management or administrative positions who want to move into middle management."

"The program aims to lay a foundation for basic management knowledge and offer the best possible instruction with both male and female instructors. It is not a consciousness-raising course; we assume that the candidates are aware of what the working environment is like," Semotuk concluded.

The course is limited to twenty women and all candidates will be carefully screened. Successful candidates will have a few years of experience in the work force at lower management positions, and should be motivated and practically oriented.

Candidates must submit a detailed application including letters of reference from two co-workers and her employer, who must attest to the candidate's potential as managerial material.

While the program is limited to women, content is identical to what would be taught in a co-educational group. Semotuk explained that the decision to have a women-only group was based on previous observations in similar programs: "Group dynamics for an unmixed group is different than that of men and women together. Mixed groups usually end up with the women feeling intimidated and fail to participate, or the opposite with women becoming overly aggressive. The kind of dynamic we want is to get women to share their feelings and past work experiences."

The same twenty women will go through all six courses over a twelve month period. Courses will consist of:

- Management Accounting
- Quantitative Analysis for

Managers

- Organizational Behavior and Leadership
- Budgeting and Finance (optional) or Management Communications
- Introduction to Computers
- Business Strategy and Planning

Individual courses will be held on one three-day weekend (Friday to Sunday) at the Terrace Inn.

Potential applicants are

reminded that the Faculty of Extension is not a degree granting faculty and provides adult education aimed at people searching for refresher and upgrading courses. All courses are non-accreditable.

Early registration for the program is encouraged. Applicants interested in more information or application forms can contact Lydia Semotuk in room 232A, Corbett Hall, 432-2230.

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