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SECOND WIND

by Wesley Oginski

Isn't the new payer-use scheme by our ever-loving, true-blue Alberta Tory government wonderful. I mean, after all, they are looking out for the little guy.

So what if the family poverty level is set at a minimum income of \$12,000 per annum. Our loyal civil servants have seen this ludicrous level is far too high as a limit for fee reduction in medicare. Instead the far more reasonable \$4,000 per annum per family is the guideline used by Alberta Medicare to curtail payments. It's reasonable when you consider the individual limit is set at \$3,000.

Dave Russell is just a financial wizard if you consider his user-fee plan. Our government is

being kind enough to exempt welfare recipients, children under seven (I mean how much of their allowance do you think the government can collect for a day), handicapped children, people with chronic or designated (like cancer) diseases, and newborn children (they don't even have a guaranteed income yet).

The newborn child routine is a beautiful set-up. Don't forget, though, the newborn is exempt, the mother is not. Now you have to consider it only fair that if we charge a mother for a single newborn, mothers of twins should be charged user-fees twice, mothers of triplets three times, and so on. Alberta Hospitals Minister Russell has one of the sweetest scams in town.

But why stop at hospitals? Think of the possibilities: user-pay welfare; user-pay compensation; user-pay government. Is user-pay education?

PS: This is probably my last opportunity to kick the dog while he is still down. *John Paul Roggeveen I is the anti-God King incarnate. Long live the anti-God King.*

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(sic) slob will be appreciative of the effort you put into constructing those dainty little horse de urvies. **Choice of music:** There should be a wide variety of music at hand to satisfy all types of tastes. If anybody bitches about the tunes you want to hear, put a cigarette out on their forehead. To make the party completely official, rent a bartender, preferably with the name of George (they usually make the best drinks in town) and have him wear a little red vest with a black bow-tie.

Following these criteria, you should be able to pursue worthwhile activities to ensure a happier life. Don't study, party!

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Pakistan update

Truth is an energy that sometimes squeezes itself out from the oppressive clutches of control. Before me is a recent issue of a heavily (meticulously?) censored Pakistani weekly newspaper Overseas Weekly Dawn (Karachi, Pakistan) dateline February 24, 1983. On page 6 it is written:

The revulsion caused by Saturday's police action against a group of demonstrating women in Lahore has made itself clearly and unmistakably known and felt... Indeed, it was abhorrent to subject a small band of protesting women to lathicharge and teargassing in the name of law enforcement. It would be utterly naive to suggest that an assembly of 180 women - all educated and with distinctive family connections and backgrounds - could have posed a grave threat to the public order or was capable of unruly conduct, so that the minions of the law had no option but to press the panic button of a crackdown on them by an indiscreet resort to force...

In the same issue there is another news-item, which reads as follows:

Khan Abdul Wali Khan, a leader of defunct National Democratic Party (NDP), was exiled on February 15 from the Sind province - days before the expiry of the four-day special granted to him to visit Karachi in connection with the Jam Saqi case.

He appeared before the Special Military Court February 15 morning as scheduled and recorded evidence as Jam Saqi's defence witness.

At 3:40 p.m. as he came out of the court, he was taken under police escort to the airport and put on the Islamabad bound plane.

Ostensibly, there is no connection between these two items, that have originated in two different cities, where three different actors are involved. If read between the line both these news-items tell us a bitter truth about the situation in Pakistan. Why would a small group of less than 200 women be considered a threat to public order? And, why would a man with extremely humble family background, who does not have any property, who was never a member of National or Provincial Assemblies, who never headed any major political party in Pakistan, who wanders from village to village not on any latest model car but by bicycle or by foot or by public transport - Mr. Jam Saqi, is considered that big a threat that even after sentencing him to ten years rigorous imprisonment in 1980, the Government of military dictator Gen. Zia is still contemplating action against him, and is so bent upon "punishing" him that even his defence witness is stopped from completing his testimony? The answer is simple: the remorselessly oppressive dictatorship of Gen. Zia is bent upon silencing all the voices of truth, that may emanate from any corner of Pakistan, that may be of any significance, notwithstanding their nature.

Since the military coup, led by Zia, that overthrew elected government of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto on July 5, 1977, hundreds of urban protest movements have been crushed by indiscreet resort to force. Since then atrocities have not ceased. Hundreds of Jam Saqis have been silenced so far. Some have been silenced forever, like Nazeer Abbasi, President of Sindh National Students Federation, and student of M.A. in Political Science at the University of Sindh (see Amnesty International Report for 1981). Others are languishing in Pakistani jails under sub-human living conditions and have been subjected to worst kind of physical and mental tortures. Jam Saqi's wife was killed and her dead body was shown to Saqi in a vain attempt at "extracting" valuable information from him.

General Zia came with the solemn pledge of holding elections within 90 days. The military coup d'etat and the holding of elections was conceived as a singular act under "Operation Fairplay." But very soon the tide changed, he forgot all about what he had said. He soon became overawed with his so-called "divine duty" of Islamizing the Pakistani society. In the name of Islam, that he has imported from Saudi Arabia, Zia and his "clan," now comprising the bourgeoisie, the landlords, the military-bureaucratic institution, and the Mullahs, is out to remove all the signs of freedom from Pakistan. The condition of educational institutions has

reached its lowest ebb. No academic can work freely.

The associated elite composed of Jamaat-Islami (JI) has let loose its own goondas on campuses, who demand obedience from Profs and subservience from students. The activities of JI's student front Islami Jamiat-i-Tulaba (IJT) are not hidden from any Pakistani. The members of this organization have spread unprecedented reign of terror around the campuses. The cases of Dr. Seemi Alam of Punjab University and of Dr. Zafar Araf of Karachi University amply illustrate the extent of terror being spread over campuses under the iron heel of the military (see *Pakistan Progressive* vol. 4, Winter 1982, P.O. Box 11528, Costa Mesa, Calif. 92627 USA). The goondas of IJT, after they have completed university education in Pakistan, are provided with all kinds of government scholarships for foreign education. Ironically, they come to Western democracies and contaminate sacred academic atmosphere here. This fanatical band of gangsters control virtually entire academic activities of universities in Pakistan.

The condition of courts in Pakistan is that of an old, coughing prostitute, although neglected yet looking for the customers. In fact, the courts provided Zia with much needed legitimacy and are now victims of this legitimacy. Under a constitutional order promulgated on October 16, 1979, a new article was added to the constitution which drastically curtailed the jurisdiction of the civil courts. Under this article a Martial Law Administrator (MLA) can have any case transferred from the regular civil or criminal court to military courts. These military courts are constituted under Martial Law Order 14 of July 5, 1977. And spice is added to these provisions by promulgating Presidential Order Number 21 in May 1980, which amended Article 199 of the Constitution. This Order curbs the writ jurisdiction of the High Court or the Supreme court. It prevents the Higher Courts from making "an order relating to the validity or effect of any Martial Law Regulation or any Martial Law Order...or anything done, or action taken, or intended to be done or taken there-under." Now no higher court can review any judgment passed by the Military Courts, which are presided over by professional soldiers who are not conversant with the laws.

The big attack on Judiciary came on March 24, 1981, when Zia announced Provisional Constitutional Order 1981. By this decree the 1973 Constitution is in effect abrogated, and country is now being run at the whims and mercy of military dictatorship. The courts have been subject of more vehement attack this time and any effectiveness which they had so far has been thrown down the drain. A number of senior Judges, who refused to endorse the new constitutional order, were summarily fired, and the rest were accepted only when they agreed not to oppose any government decision.

In view of the dangers Pakistan people are facing today, it is imperative that the freedom loving peoples everywhere, should show their solidarity with these suppressed people. The governments of the Western democracies, which are bearing burden of military expenditure of Pakistan, should be made to realize that the arms that are going to Pakistan will be used against the unarmed Pakistani people, and the aid money will invariably end up in pockets of military leaders. Abetment is crime. It is essential not to abet if one cannot fight against the crime. If West feels helpless before Zia, it can at least dissociate itself from all that he is doing. The problems that people of Pakistan are facing today are enough to shake the global conscience. I feel confident and sure that the atrocities which Pakistani people are facing today will not go unheard. It is through your esteemed Journal that I appeal to the collective conscience of democratic people to struggle against the plight of humanity in Pakistan.

Zahid H. Makhdoom, Grad Studies

Computing gripe service

The University of Alberta Computing Society (UACS) is now offering a method for student to effectively voice their complaints about the Computing Science curriculum and its' profs (lecturers).

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