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Islam fears prompt invasion

World peace threat

by Peter Michalyszyn

A real threat to world peace exists because of the Soviet-backed revolution in Afghanistan said two political science professors to a sell-out crowd at a Political Science Undergraduate Association (PSUA) forum Friday.

Dr. David DeWitt said the Soviet invasion was prompted by fear of an Islamic revolution on its border and the possibility that the revolution could spread to the large Moslem population in the southern soviet.

The close location of Afghanistan to the Middle Eastern oil producing nations was also cited by DeWitt as a cause for the invasion.

Afghanistan is not considered a "western bloc" nation and is therefore more susceptible to Soviet influence, he said.

Dr. Larry Pratt spoke on the strategic implications of Afghanistan in the larger sphere of American-Soviet relations.

He agreed with DeWitt that the Soviet invasion was largely meant to curb a spreading Islamic revolution, but he also said the Soviets were capitalizing on current perceived American weaknesses.

Quoting from *Pravda*, the official Communist Party newspaper, Pratt said the Russians view American leadership as "instable, capricious, driven by whim and driven by emotional outburst."

Because of the inconsistencies in the Carter regime, he said, the Russians felt they could take chances in Afghanistan.

Pratt also said the USSR

wasn't interested in President Carter's "platitudes to detente" which were idealistic and meaningless rhetoric.

"The Russians respect consistency and power, and see neither in Carter."

Pratt said the Soviets planned carefully, took a calculated risk in Afghanistan, and didn't think they had much to lose.

If the Soviets now end aggression and solidify their position in Afghanistan, they may have calculated correctly, he said.

Along with American weakness and inconsistency, the Russians can see breaks in the Western alliance, said Pratt. They feel they can further divide the West, he said, by placating Western Europe, especially Germany, while continuing to antagonize the U.S.

Economic sanctions would have little effect, he said. "The

Soviets do not let economic factors override their overall strategic view."

Asked about the controversy over Olympic boycotts, Pratt said, "I find it inevitable but very sad that the Olympics have to be dragged into this."

"In a cold-war atmosphere, everything tends to become politicized." But he added, "I cannot see refusing to go to the Olympics as a contribution to world peace in the long run."

Pratt called the Canadian government's offer of Montreal as an alternative site for the summer Olympics "hypocritical," because the government knew the site was unacceptable to the rest of the world.

He said a more honest approach would be to strengthen defense measures. "Olympic reprisals are hypocritical because they are easier," he said.

Protest, from page 1

only foreign students it portrayed were of oriental appearance. The show also ignored the fact that some of the students portrayed might have been Chinese-Canadians, they said.

The documentary has drawn serious criticism from various organizations across Canada. In Toronto, a lawsuit against CTV is being launched by the Chinese community.

A petition protesting the show is also being circulated in Edmonton in the hope that CTV will make a public apology and cancel a planned second part to the program.

A videotape of *The Campus Giveaway* will be shown Wednesday in Room 142 SUB at 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

The demonstration, organized by the "Committee of Chinese Candians in Edmonton against W5", will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 26.

The assembly place is Ross Sheppard High School, but transportation has been arranged to pick up participants in front of the U of A Administration Building and at the Edmonton Chinese Elders Mansion, 9550-102 Avenue, at 12:00 noon.

Long range plans, from page 1

have undergone some slight amendment by the Building Services Board according to SU vp internal Sharon Bell, but none of the specific proposals were substantially altered.

The amended report of the Building Services Board is expected to be released shortly. It will then be presented to Students' Council for debate and recommendation.

Death, from page 2

The similarity of the experiences is part of the evidence Rawlings offered as proof of life after death. In positive experiences everyone would first enter an exit chamber leading to a tunnel, Rawlings said. They then tumbled down into a beautiful light environment — what Rawlings called the meeting place — where dead friends and relatives gather.

The patient is then usually interrogated by an unidentifiable figure and passes into a wide open space. He comes across a barrier — where the experience stops. Rawlings says the patient is brought back to life at this point.

Rawlings then asked "How many of you believe that man walked on the moon?" Everyone raised their hands.

"How many of you believe in heaven and hell?" A small portion of the house answered.

He continued, "If an African bushman just walked out here he'd never believe that man walked on the moon. Man's cultural background determines his beliefs."

"Everyone here ought to believe in the black hole — it's the latest thing. Einstein's work states that if you approach the periphery of a black hole at the speed of light you enter into

eternity. Well, Jesus has been preaching eternity all along."

One may go either to heaven or hell after death, Rawlings said. Hell-like experiences are variable but are all equally scary — from lakes of fire to insoluble puzzles.

"But why does God select one and reject others? Rawlings asked and responded with a quote from the Bible, "God knows everybody."

When asked if only Christians went to heaven he replied, "The people were never surprised to find themselves where they were."

However, he admitted that he personally believes the only way to heaven is through Jesus.

"Satan can appear as an angel of light and deceive many," he offered as a final warning.

Games, from page 1

Games bid, even if the funding is not approved for the two projects.

"We have no indication a decision will be made before April," said Purves. "We are willing to go ahead with the bid though."

Presentations have been made for the facilities by the university to the Department of Advanced Education.



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