

GARY DELANEY Presents:

# THE CARTOON REBELLION

PART 2:  
In which the Author  
Feeds AN IDEA into  
His PET CARTOON STRIP.



Rabbi Dr. Elmer Berger, Pres. of American Jewish Alternatives, Inc. (New York), and; Dr. Tareq Ismael, Prof. of Political Science, U of Calgary, on "Zionism, Imperialism, and Peace in the Middle East". This is an ongoing conflict between the Palestinians and the Israelis. The speakers will talk again at 8:00 p.m., in TB-95.

III. On Sat. Jan. 25, the Ass'n, throws an Arab Dinner Party, which will include dishes from Arab countries, Arabic music, Arab folk dances, short movies, fashion show of Arab costumes and the West Indian Playboy Band. The Arab Ass'n. invites all to attend both the forums and the Dinner Party.

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## More Moroz

I wish to make some remarks on the "Comment" by an anonymous reader in the January 9 issue of *The Gateway* entitled "Moroz Advocates Terrorism". The hysterical article (one might say harangue) from The Canadian Tribune certainly does introduce a number of red herrings into its discussion of the case of imprisoned Ukrainian writer Valentyn Moroz. Chief among these is the unconvincing attempt to link Moroz to Ukrainian "Bourgeois nationalist" organizations abroad (is the KGB so inefficient as to allow such a connection to be made?) and to paint these same groups as fascist.

For years Soviet propagandists have been harping on the theme that all Ukrainian nationalists are fascists. This is because during the period of German occupation of Ukraine in World War II a number of Ukrainian nationalists saw some sort of alliance with the Nazis as their only defence against the Russian re-occupation of their country.

The German occupation of Ukraine was not all that brutal or repressive in its initial stages. In spite of his eventual plan for the Slavs (to make them slaves), Hitler recognized the need to placate the Ukrainians for a time in order to expedite the flow of

foodstuffs from Ukraine, one of the richest agricultural regions of Europe.

Many of the Ukrainians who originally welcomed the Nazi invaders with open arms in time saw their true colours. However, the initial positive response must be seen in the light of the unique historical position of Ukraine. A country with almost no natural barriers to discourage invaders and on the pathway of many armies, it has been a pawn in the power struggles of Eastern Europe for most of its history. Too weak to protect itself, it has often had to look to more powerful neighbours for protection. At various times the country (or parts of it) has turned to Turkey, Russia and Poland for protection. It has also been partitioned by more powerful countries, as for example when Western Ukraine was given to Poland after World War I.

It must be remembered that Eastern Ukraine had experienced Soviet rule for some twenty years prior to World War II. Because there was a great deal more resistance to Bolshevik rule here than in Russia itself, much more brutality was needed to enforce it. There was, for example, widespread resistance to collectivization; to bring the Ukrainians into line, food was shipped to Russia, and some three million Ukrainians starved to death. It was this sort of thing that made any alternative to Russian rule seem preferable to many Ukrainians. Hence the more or less positive initial response to the German invaders.

Basically, the situation boiled down to a choice between Stalin and Hitler, so far as I can see two tyrants almost equally matched in their disregard for human life and dignity. I would be hard pressed to choose between them.

It is easy to say that Ukrainians simply should have remained neutral when faced with this quandry. However, neutrality is a luxury few are allowed to get away with in a country torn by war.

In conclusion, I would like to remind your readers that Stalin himself made a pact with Hitler, which might have continued throughout the War except for the fact that Hitler double-crossed him and invaded the Soviet Union. If one were to employ the sort of logic that is used by the author of The

Canadian Tribune article, one might say that Stalin made a non-aggression pact with a fascist dictator, Stalin was a communist, therefore all communists are fascists.

Karen Sokolowski

## By what Standard?

I read a letter entitled "A backward opinion" in the January 16th issue of the *Gateway*, and I feel a response is needed.

The author expressed the opinion that socialist countries were backward because they were not as efficient food producers as the United States. He contended that because socialist countries couldn't feed themselves, (assuming his figures were correct), these nations were "the most backward countries". The ability of a state to feed itself, is one of the flimsiest barometers of a country's backwardness that I can imagine. I suggest that a measure of the quality of life or how free each individual is to fully express his potential would be more valid.

Using this as a criteria, virtually all countries, whether they be capitalist or socialist, including the United States and the Soviet Union, would be called "backward". There are alarmingly few countries that are progressive in this sense, for example Communist China and Sweden.

John Walker

## Space race

When I first registered at the U of A, it was imperative that I had to confirm it in order to "reserve classroom space." However, through my ignorance, I assumed that this meant I would get to sit in a desk. Not so, as is exemplified in my Psych 283 class. I have to run to that class with the hope of getting one of those sacred seats. But to no avail. Nine minutes before class starts, the place is packed. It is a mass of bodies sprawled

out on the stairs, hanging from the pipes, and wherever else there is vacant air space. There are at least 50 extra guys in that class and the latecomers just don't get a seat.

I find this an intolerable situation as it is extremely difficult to hear the prof when you've been crammed under somebody's armpit in order to make room for six other guys on the floor beside you. (The olfactory system usually isn't too pleased either.)

In assessing the situation, it seems as though "classroom space" can mean anything... But if this implies that I'm to hang from the rafters, I'm sure I would; have been born with claws instead of feet so that perching up there wasn't so dreadfully uncomfortable. Or... I could just cut classes in that subject, but that is senseless as I have paid good money for a prof to teach me something. It is obviously unselfish to talk to the prof about it. He's been standing before us for two weeks now, blurring out the lecture, and very little has been done to alleviate the problem. It seems the last resort would be to drag the Dean of Science over to D.P. and have him hang from the rafters beside me. Maybe then something might get done!

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## Bar none

We would like to commend those in charge of the liquor outlets on the U of A campus on doing an excellent job in providing those in need with refreshments when they are required. Comments were heard from Argos from Saskatoon, having visited our campus, saying they were very impressed with RATT.

However, we do have one complaint regarding the operation of the facilities. While many O'Keefe products are for sale, there is no Calgary beer for sale. This is an excellent product and we would like to see this breed of beer also for sale for local consumption. We hope those people in charge of buying the stock would pay heed to the taste of a great many people.

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