

Laskey accuses Tweed

No compassion for Vietnamese

Dear Ed,

In reference to the article by "Tweed" (whose real name should remain a mystery) in the Christmas issue I found his/her/its complete lack of rationality and compassion for a nation torn apart by war by all so-called "super-powers" entirely out of keeping with the blessed season. If desiring to help a nation rebuild from war, dictatorship and U.S./Soviet puppeteering makes us "commie symps" then proud am I to be a pinko.

In answer to his/her/its characteristically rhetorical questions about communist aggression:

1) Vietnam was in the midst of a civil war not outside "communist aggression".

2) The Vietnam war would not have taken on its ghastly nature if it was not - for the "superpowers" using it as a stage to practice their deadly "game" with Vietnamese "pawns".

3) China and the Soviet Union will most certainly aid Vietnam as well as the West.

As for his insinuation that we bleeding hearts "turned our backs" on the Vietnamese during the war, nay. Did not Canadian dollars, in taxes, subsidies, and indirect means went as "gifts" to the Vietnamese in the friendly forms of arms manufactured in

Canadian subsidiaries. Why, didn't we show our good will by being "officially" neutral while through our "commitments" to the U.S. military machine we helped the Americans strafe Vietnamese children ("Commies" and "freemen" i.e. North & South) with napalm?

What damned ingrates to now ask us how to repair farm tractors and grow rice better.

I hope Brunswickan readers will realize that "Tweed" isn't a joke. He/she/it actually believes what he/she/it writes!

Sick of War and Warmongers
Gerry Laskey
(not a pseudonym!)

Tweed tells Laskey

Communists are our enemies

Dear Gerry "Proud To Be A Pinko" Laskey,

I was quite taken aback by your tirade in reference to my article on sending aid to Vietnam. I suggest that you do your homework on the Vietnam War before you make such impulsive statements. Tweed (he/she/it) was in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968 and therefore had a little closer look at the situation.

1) Vietnam was a war of communist aggression. Any war against communism is a war of aggression. It is their stated policy to subjugate the entire world and every Vietnam is another step.

2) You are right in stating that the war would not have taken on

its ghastly nature if the superpowers had not taken. Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Thailand, The Philippines, and the United States were all bound by treaty to insure the freedom and security of the Republic of South Vietnam.

The war was lost. The communists won.

Vietnam is now a communist country with its capital in Hanoi.

I still ask, "Should we send aid to a communist country?" As a free democratic country, any communist country is our enemy. Aiding and abetting the enemy is treason.

Yes, Canada is a free country, perhaps too free. Communist

sympathizers are free to do what they want in this country. You and I, Gerry, are free to chastise each other in print. Do you think we could do this in a communist country?

You say you are sick of war and warmongers. You may soon have a chance to be really sick of war. If the trend toward "Peace at any price" continues in this country, you may have a first person, up front, opportunity to be sick of war.

Yes, Tweed (he/she/it) actually believes it.

Signed,
Tweed
(A pseudonym)

Comte urges boycott

Santa a capitalist pig?

To Mr. S. Claus (alias K. Kringle, St. Nicholas, etc.)
The North Pole,
Canada
NIP 2C7

Dear Sir:

Well you have pulled it off again! Your disgusting union-breaking activities against the United Elves of Canada (the legitimate bargaining agent of the elves of Santa's Workshop) have succeeded in their dirty work. You've brought another "Merry" Christmas to thousands of greedy little blighters the world over.

But what about justice for those you so paternalistically refer to as your "little helpers"? How merry was their Christmas?

Not only do you exploit your workers disregarding child labour, minimum wage and working

condition laws, but you also fail their just attempts to bargain collectively through the V.E.C. This year you even hired scab

leprachauns and pygmies to crush a work-to-rule campaign and destroy international elfin-proletarian solidarity. Foul, foul deeds for one know as a "saint" in the south.

The undersigned call on all Canadians with a sense of fair play to boycott Christmas Stockings and Santa lunches until every toy carries the U.E.C. union label. End this injustice! Resist fascism!

Disgruntledly,
Rudolph The Red,
Chairperson, Committee For Workers' Control In The Far North

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Mugwump
By BEV HILLS Journal

Hello there, I'm the News Editor filling in for the ed-in-chief who has just returned to this fair burg from a national CUP conference in Vancouver and is reportedly hiding incognito somewhere in the city. I think he deserves the rest, just like all the other staffers. Hello, where are you Herr Werthmann! Remember the Spanish Inquisition.

A group of young women, four UNB students to be exact, had a rude shock when they returned to the city after Xmas only to find their once cozy apartment a mere spacial arrangement of cold air hovering over lower Queen Street. Fire had struck. Check page three for the sordid details. A cause/appeal [usually a newspaperpersons bane at best] has been launched to provide assistance to those unfortunate. Please help. As that old gag-time song goes: "we are people of the world and we like to sing and dance, and if you don't believe us we'll punch you in the pants."

One anecdote for the record. Two gentlemen were discussing a particularly mystifying phenomena one day. Said one: "It is most curious that Switzerland has a secretary of the Navy you know, but they have no Navy!" Brief respite. Replied the second: "That's nothing, New Brunswick has a Minister of Justice and also a Minister of Education. . . ."

No cheap shot here but the quality of SAGA food is not especially refreshing these days. We all know they try hard to please but surely food should be served consistently hot, cooked, and with at least a reasonable degree of taste and nutrition. Any comments?

It would be interesting to capture for eternity the New Year's resolutions of the SRC. There. The gauntlet has been tossed to enterprising snoops to locate some tidbits of insightful folly. The wealth of flatulent editorial and so-called news commentary currently being generated on the recent PQ victory at the polls in Quebec is needless to say confusing. Round after round of penetrating analysis hints a gloomy future for the nation, all brimming with dire warnings of economic upheaval and so on. Political columnist Allan Fotheringham-backpage writer for Maclean's magazine provided the freshest analysis in my opinion of recent events. He satirically pointed out that a blanch, corrupt puppet-controlled government was turfed out by disenfranchised voters in favour of a new direction attacking problems facing that province. Does it matter anyhow? If our 'leaders' and other two-bit hacks would let the current situation run its stormy course to some resolution whatever remains will likely be what the nation's most important components will want. Institutions and systems have and will continue to change frequently and just so long as we follow that pretense of democratic process all should work out. Who knows, perhaps benevolent anarchy will be voughish once again.

Back to SAGA . . . tonight/mixed with the loud jingle of asinine pinball machines in the SUB coffeeshop where a swarm of fruit flies or some other winged creatures, and that coupled with dirty floors and tables didn't make din-din all too pleasant. The staff seem civil and courteous, certainly an improvement over many past years.

"A movement is seeking authority to introduce some credit courses" in the discipline of Fine Arts at UNB says Dean Condon. Dance, Art, and Theatre to cite a few are expected to be added to UNB's repertoire sometime in the future. Adds Dean Thompson, the idea is "being talked about with some vigour." Hurdles remain to be overcome however; namely acquiring finances and other resources, potential competition from schools such as Mount A who have a fine Arts degree program, and of course ultimate approval from our friends(?) at the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. Dean Condon sees "greater demand" for FA courses but hints that at best, it will be a "modest program". It is unlikely a separate degree program of fine arts will be formed at least within the next year or two.

Tiens tiens. The bruns appears to be publishing earlier than most other university papers after the Christmas season but I wish that someone would inform our national news bureau office that the News doesn't wait while people vacation. This issue has a conspicuous absence of CUP stories as their national office is still closed. Must be nice.

Sure was fun writing this column. Hi Gene!

Please don't let The Brunswickan die.