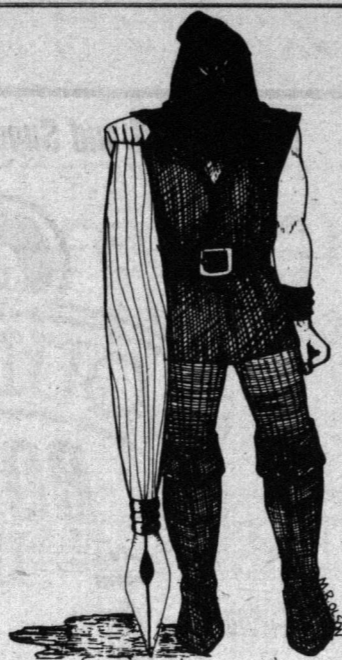


THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Jens Andersen

Nothing improves a newspaper like a contest, so this columnist now proudly presents one. The following religious definitions are, with one exception, taken from Ambrose Bierce's *The Devil's Dictionary*. The exception is by H. L. Mencken from his *New Dictionary of Quotations*. Identify the Mencken quote and WIN!

(In keeping with journalistic tradition the answer has been made as difficult as possible.)



Christian, n. One who believes that the New Testament is a divinely inspired book admirably suited to the spiritual needs of his neighbor. One who follows the teachings of Christ in so far as they are not inconsistent with a life of sin.

Clergyman, n. A man who undertakes the management of our spiritual affairs as a method of bettering his temporal ones.

Clergyman: A ticket speculator outside the gates of heaven.

Faith, n. Belief without evidence in what is told by one who speaks without knowledge, of things without parallel.

Orthodox, n. An ox wearing the popular religious yoke.

Winners will receive:
 First Prize: A pair of John the Baptist's gallstones, certified by the Vatican Department of Relics.
 Second Prize: A Texas mickey of holy water.
 Third Prize: Two front-row tickets to the millenium.

PS: The typo of the week appeared in the Sept. 10 issue of *Folio*, which reports (vis-a-vis a sociological study) that 65% of those studied "were married or living in a 'common low relationship."

Actually, considering how far the "a" is from the "o" on the typewriter keyboard, maybe it was a Freudian slip.

amnesty international

"The Prisoner"

An information booth in HUB this Tuesday and seminars next weekend will be part of a week-long international drive to focus public attention on the cases of more than 4000 prisoners of conscience throughout the world.

Amnesty International today announced its annual "Prisoner of Conscience Week", to be held October 11 through 18.

In a report issued for this week, the international human rights organization said nearly half the 154 member states of the United Nations were believed to be holding such prisoners — people imprisoned anywhere for their beliefs or origin who have not used or advocated violence.

The report stresses that the prisoners of conscience Amnesty International knows of are only a fraction of those probably held throughout the world. For every name that is known, it says, there are many others which are unknown, amounting to an unacknowledged population of prisoners of conscience scattered over the globe, in overcrowded prisons, in labour camps, on isolated islands.

The 40-page report, *Prisoners of Conscience*, says that few governments admit openly that they are holding their own citizens in violation of internationally recognized standards. But, says Amnesty International, all the prisoners of conscience whose cases it has taken up are being detained in contravention of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other UN standards.

It points out that some governments try to reinterpret these standards as they continue to jail non-conformists. For example, some claim that freedom of expression does not include the right to advocate communism, while others forbid agitation against communism.

Amnesty International's volunteer members in groups around the world will be holding public meetings, vigils and religious services and sending delegations to embassies to press for the release of 16 prisoners whose cases have been selected to symbolize the fate of thousands of others.

The 16 include a Czechoslovak human rights activist now serving a five-year prison term; a Uruguayan trade union leader sentenced by a military tribunal to eight years' imprisonment; four young men detained in an internment camp for more than four years without charge or trial in Cameroon; the former Roman Catholic bishop of Shanghai, held since 1955 and now in his 80s.

"Prisoners of Conscience Week" activities get underway in most countries this Sunday, October 11, and will continue until the following Sunday.

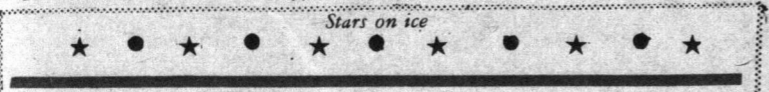
The information booth will be set up in HUB Tuesday, October 13 from 12 - 2 pm.

Also, Amnesty International (Edmonton groups 12 and 26) will be holding a seminar on Saturday October 17 from 2 pm - 10 pm at the Unitarian Church. Father Greg Chism will speak about the work of Amnesty International and there will be workshops, films and an informal supper. Admission for the entire day is \$3 (including supper).

Russians are coming

In August of 1981 a Russian missile cruiser and her attendant ships sat off the Canadian west coast. Athabasca Hall. It is unofficially entitled *Canadian Sovereignty and the Russian Challenge*.

The Faculty of Arts is sponsoring a forum on October 16 at 11:30 am. in the lounge in Athabasca Hall. The consequences and implications of the situation will be discussed.



Title not available at presstime

This is a good university we got here, not a bad place at all. Oh sure tuition took a big bite out of my savings and I won't likely be able to afford that Sony Walkman until my tax return comes in, but at least it is pretty quiet here.

It wasn't always this quiet, no siree. When I first came to this place a couple of years ago there was this bunch of yahoos and rowdies who were always disturbing people. I don't mind when a bunch of guys like the engineers or the aggies just want to cut loose and have a few laughs but these guys were real trouble makers. They called themselves the Student Movement.

Now these people weren't content to have themselves a week of fun every year like responsible, considerate students; they made noise all year long. And they were the most miserable, whiney, group of malcontent complainers you ever heard. This university just wasn't good enough for them (I really don't know why they came here in the first place.) There weren't enough poor people here, there weren't enough foreigners here, there weren't enough natives here, not enough to suit the student movement, no siree.

They were also real paranoid that something they called "the quality of education" was going to decline. I think it meant they didn't want to share their classrooms and library books with everyone else (except maybe the poor people). The silliest thing of all was that they expected the government to pay for all their plans, as if the government didn't do enough by running the board of governors for us.

The Student Movement were nasty and insufferable. Furthermore they were always bothering regular students like us. They littered the campus with pamphlets, and posters, and banners. They had the nerve to waste our invaluable class time with speeches that were nothing more than ravings about doom and rantings about the government. Once, if you can believe it, they cancelled our classes and insisted we march to the legislature. Then they shouted nasty things at Premier Lougheed no less.

You new students here are probably never going to see anything as disgraceful as that because the student movement seems to be gone. I thought that they were back when I saw a few of those rude posters and pamphlets last week but they must have been leftovers that still haven't been cleaned up yet. The U of A is now a nice, peaceful place where you can study without being disturbed. You can wait an hour for a computer terminal and be sure no one is going to disturb you. You can sit in a class of 200 or even 300 students and be sure no one is going to get up and give speeches. The U of A is not a bad place at all.

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