

# LETTERS

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nated. Their women are brutalized. Their cars are wantonly destroyed by hammer and bomb. Their elected mayors and leaders are deposed, their trade unionists prevented from organizing. A wholly non-Arab, civilian-military administration rules over them. Their politicians are often deported. Militias of thugs, frequently drafted from criminal elements, are set up to keep them in line. Foreign settlers jeer at them, provoke them, squat in their homes and on their lands. International law concerning the behaviour of conquerors in conquered land is openly flouted."

3. The conditions under which the Palestinians live in the West Bank & Gaza are virtually identical with the racist apartheid system of South Africa.

American lawyer, Aubrey McCutcheon, of the national Conference of Black Lawyers recently visited the area and stated at a public meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Nov. 22, 1985:

"We have lived under occupation for a week witnessing apartheid in the Holy Land. Each and every human right has been violated. . . . Palestinians, like South African Blacks, live in Bantustans. Two thirds of the West Bank and Gaza labour force daily commute to Israel for employment, and Palestinians workers, like their South African sisters and brothers, have to use passes for identification in their own country. Palestinian Arabs, like South African Blacks, constitute a cheap expendable and exploited labour force for the colonial settler state."

McCutcheon continued:

"In view of the structural similarities between institutionalised apartheid in South Africa and Israel, it isn't surprising that the economies of the two racist regimes are very dependent on each other. Israel is South Africa's largest arms supplier and Israeli military experts provide special training to South Africans in methods of counter insurgency. Israel is the largest investor in the Bantustans. And by channeling American exports into South Africa, Israel undermines the

boycotts gained by the struggle of the Free South Africa Movement."

If Mr. Gisser finds acceptable these conditions, described above by neutral observers, then, I regret, inhumanity is with us for a long time and with it will come suffering and strife instead of tolerance and peace.

Yours sincerely,  
I. Zayid

## A lesson out of AIESEC

To the Editor,

There is an organization on your campus called AIESEC whose main function is to set up overseas jobs for students.

An admirable goal, however I travelled to Europe several years ago for a six month job arranged by AIESEC only to find that this job was not available. I returned to Canada too late to start my final year of studies, was out several thousand dollars and never received as much as an explanation from AIESEC. I am only now completing my studies.

I must stress that this incident happened several years ago and I do not wish to blame in any way the present administration of AIESEC whom I trust are more competent than their predecessors. Mistakes can happen, however, and so I strongly urge all students who are considering an overseas job through AIESEC to take the following precautions:

Always contact the employer yourself to confirm that the job does in fact exist and they are expecting you. A simple telephone call or letter can save you a lot of money and grief.

Get a written commitment from AIESEC to reimburse you for travel expenses if you get to your destination and find that your job either doesn't exist or has been misrepresented. If AIESEC has faith in their placement service, there should be no hesitation in providing you with a guarantee.

Please print this letter for the benefit of your students.

Sincerely  
Barry Lizmore

## Prof ignores facts

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to an article in the March 5, 1987, edition of the *Gazette*, titled "Students fail professor".

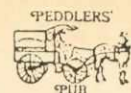
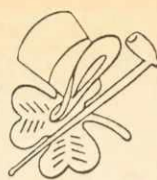
First of all, my foremost concern is that the alleged teachings by Dr. Benoit are more thoroughly investigated and that sincere concern is appropriately given to this most important issue.

It has been stated that the professor, "defends using 50s-60s statistics because some studies are classic studies". What is utterly amazing, but not totally surprising, is his failure to mention the actual conditions that were in place at that time in the States for blacks.

For him or anybody to be able to justify talking about the "deviance" of blacks during such a chaotic period when it was the blacks who were being tear-gassed, bitten by dogs, jailed, and in some cases even killed (four little girls in a church); for him or anybody to make references to blacks in the 50s-60s without the mention of them having had to risk their lives to sit at a lunch counter; for him or anybody to mention blacks in any context without acknowledging the damage that racism has caused our nation over the many centuries is undeniably a position that warrants investigation, particularly if one holds a position in an "institution of higher (?) learning".

Benoit is certainly correct about one thing: American statistics from the 50s-60s are "classics" and are most appropriate for a deviance class. It's important that we put this deviance issue into its proper perspective, however. Rosa Parks was jailed, Martin Luther King Jr. was jailed and later assassinated. James Meredith walked a thin line. If one wants to talk about "deviance" during the 50s-60s in the States, let's talk about these topics . . . then perhaps the real "deviants" will be exposed.

Taryn Goree



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