

Scan editor alleges American policy dangerous to new nations

By HELENE CHOMIAK

The United States is following a dangerous foreign policy among the underdeveloped nations of the world, says Rae Murphy, editor of the left-wing magazine, Scan.

"If it continues, what is happening in Vietnam will happen

throughout the world," he said Monday to 30 people in MP 126.

"The United States does not accept the existence of nationalist movements which develop in these countries."

When the United States calls Vietnam its line of defence against

Communism it minimizes what is actually at stake he said.

"The Viet Cong are fighting for national liberation, land reform, and industrialization," said Mr. Murphy.

It is almost tragic to see a village struggling to remove the last vestiges of feudalism, to try to industrialize, modernize, literize and at the same time fight a war, he said.

"When I toured Vietnam I saw people had finally come to the position when their backbreaking labour would be lessened," said Murphy, who was in North Vietnam last December.

"What goes on in the mind of a Vietnamese person of our age when they see this being destroyed?" he asked. "How is this reflected in the support of government policies?"

Imagine the sacrifice necessary to have built a two-storey kindergarten in an area which was once almost illiterate, said Mr. Murphy. "When the people are bombed, it serves only to unite them."

HO—WASHINGTON

Ho has the support of 80 per cent of the people in both North and South Vietnam. "He is regarded as another George Washington."

When the Americans leave, the people will set up a government that reflects the situation, he said. "The elections will be as democratic as the ones in Mississippi."

I don't think the political outcome is predetermined, he said. "There are significant political differences in the North and South."

If the Chinese had any idea to move into the power vacuum left by the withdrawal of the United States, the Vietnamese would fight against them, said Murphy.

"Although North Vietnam is crawling with Russian trucks and Chinese light arms, the people do not allow any foreign experts."

The Viet Cong movement is broadly based and does not depend on manpower from the North, he said.

"The United States could put 2,000 soldiers shoulder to shoulder on the 17th parallel which would stop any movement south and see if the war stops," said Mr. Murphy.

If the south asks for manual help, the army would march in, not sneak over the Ho Chi Minh trail.

"If we run short of North Vietnamese soldiers, we will get soldiers from somewhere else."

Unless the United States people force a change in U.S. Policy, there will be a third world war, said Mr. Murphy.

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SUPAmen mount soapboxes next week

The Student Union for Peace Action is taking to the soapbox next week.

A SUPA spokesman, Peter Boothroyd, told The Gateway that while they are willing to wait for the canvassing and soliciting rule to be dealt with by another monthly meeting of the Board of Governors they do not intend to be idle during that time.

"The war in Vietnam looks as grim as ever," Boothroyd said, "and some way has to be found to keep awareness of the situation there."

"Booths for disseminating and selling literature are still illegal apparently, but there is no rule against public speaking—at least none we can find."

Last month, Deans' Council upheld a decision of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board to fine SUPA \$50. SUPA has collected this money from members and sympathetic faculty.

Also, last month, the students' council and the General Faculty Council approved the suggestion of an ad hoc committee that the "canvassing and soliciting" rule be clarified to allow activities such as the SUPA booths.

The matter was to be dealt with at the February meeting of the Board of Governors, but because of

a lack of time, the matter was not brought up.

In an open letter to the board, SUPA blasted its "failure" to deal with matters of this kind.

SUPA plans to have a student speaker every day at 12:30 a.m. on a soapbox in the large concourse between the math-physics and chemistry buildings—site of the illegal "Vietnam booth" last December.

So far five students have already agreed to speak on some aspects of the Vietnam war and "the role of the university in this kind of situation."

From 1 to 2 p.m., hecklers, supporters and the interested are to be invited into an adjacent classroom for discussions where faculty will act as resource personnel.

The soapboxing is part of a general campaign to increase awareness of the war and the issues, Boothroyd stressed.

Other techniques will be a news sheet for mass distribution reporting the views of U of A faculty, and a public demonstration planned for the near future.

Nationally, SUPA has announced that it is planning a large demonstration in Ottawa focusing on the weekend of March 3. It will include a number of silent vigils and a teach-in.



—Neil Driscoll photo

RAE MURPHY
... Vietnam could happen throughout the world

Council rushes legislation; becomes tangled in by-laws

By EKKEHARD KOTTKE

A midnight motion to create a fifth executive position on students' council was lost due to "bungling and foolishness" of council.

This scathing criticism was levelled Monday by council members at their own operation in a discussion on a council motion to hold three meetings in one day in order to salvage the proposed position in the 1966-67 executive.

Pharm rep, Jim Miller, who had precipitated the final fall of the motion by successfully questioning the legality of the previous council meeting in a letter to the discipline, interpretation and enforcement committee, commented, "You are reconsidering your own foolishness."

The motion called for a change of the students' union by-laws. By-

law changes require a two-thirds majority at three meetings. With the closing of nominations less than 48 hours away it had become nearly impossible to squeeze in two extra meetings to accommodate the change.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS ROLE

The new position was to establish a foreign affairs chairman who was to:

- co-ordinate and improve Canadian and international affairs programs like WUS and United Nations Affairs;
- work with other students' unions in Alberta, especially with the proposed Alberta Association of Students' Unions.

Miller's letter regarding the circumstances of the introduction of the by-law change read in part:

"The regular students' council meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m. Feb. 14. This automatically scheduled the next meeting to be held the following Monday at 7 p.m. subject only to change if by official notice to all councillors.

"As it was, the second meeting came into being spontaneously almost immediately after a motion to extend was defeated.

"It is therefore my contention that the short meeting which ensued, wherein a motion was passed to effect a constitution change in the constitution of the students' union, was definitely invalid and illegal."

Eric Hayne, secretary-treasurer, discouraged an attempt to save the position by three successive meetings on Feb. 21, saying, "as far as this new position is concerned, we're going to look at a whole mess of constitution changes."

The motion calling for the three meetings was lost.

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