

Psychologist returns from USSR visit

USSR a 'wounded nation'

by Bill Doskoch

A recent visitor to the USSR says survival on this planet will depend on the western world's ability to relate to the Russians on a personal level.

Dr Frank Cardelle is a practicing

psychologist whose travels in the USSR helped shape the thoughts he presented in his talk on "The Inner Face Of The Enemy."

He related the title to a quote of a famous poet: "I have met the enemy and he is us."

Cardelle said, "We have never had to deal with the possibility of annihilating the entire human race."

He said the most common reaction to this concept is denial, but the reason relations have gotten this bad is the Jungian concept of "the shadow."

The "shadow" is a part of ourself we "put on hold."

If powerful enough, it can create anxiety, fear, paranoia and an enemy to justify these feelings.

Cardelle said we must confront the reasons behind our fear and discomfort with the Russians.

He found the Russian people to be very friendly, generous and sick of war.

He said the USSR "despite the control and dictatorship aspects, is a wounded nation" and has no desire to repeat the horrors of World War II in which they lost 26 million people.

In response, one agitated member said he did not trust the Russians at all, saying "the more missiles we point at them, the safer we'd be."

Cardelle replied "In that case, you'll never establish a dialogue with them."

He said "track two" diplomacy, which is relations outside of formal diplomatic channels, was making slow inroads inside the Soviet Union and would help to reduce tensions on both sides.

He felt that better education and information was essential so that in stressful times we would not fall prey to the traditional solutions offered by authority figures in government and the military.

Cardelle wanted people in the audience to think about his statements and ask themselves "if the negative energy we hang on to is worth it."

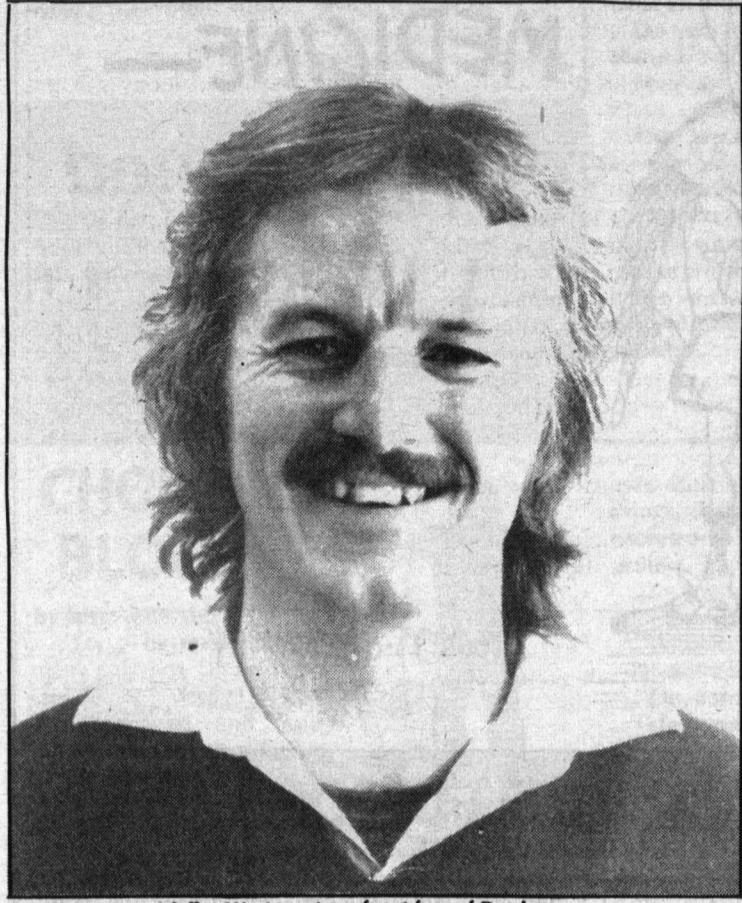


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Psychologist Cardelle: West must confront fear of Russians.



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Poison beats nukes

by Neal Watson and CUP News Services

The living will envy the dead in the aftermath of nuclear war, according to a popular peace slogan.

Some University of B.C. students have taken this slogan to heart and are circulating a petition asking campus' student health services to stock cyanide pills so students can commit suicide instead of dying from nuclear fallout.

Students for Peace and Mutual Disarmament want a referendum, similar to one held at Brown University on Rhode Island recently on the same issue allowing students "the choice of a quick painless death rather than the slow, inevitable death in world destroyed."

"The intent is to make students realize the gravity of the issue and of alternatives to cyanide pills," says peace group member Mark Fettes.

"Basically it's disarmament or

cyanide."

The peace group needs 500 signatures to call for a referendum. But even if the vote passes, the UBC student health services could refuse the request, as did the campus health centre at Brown University.

Reacting to the issue, U of A Health Services Director Dr. F.B. Cookson said, "As physicians, our primary responsibility is to preserve life not destroy it."

Cookson said Health Services would refuse any request by students to stock cyanide pills.

Brown's student leaders said students turned out in droves for the referendum, and the vote passed by a 60 to 40 per cent margin, 1,044 to 687. Although the event grabbed headlines in the U.S. and Europe, the students emphasized the non-binding referendum was a symbolic move to promote disarmament.

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