

## A MORAL QUESTION

With regards to the calls for the resignation of Bipin Lakhani for his position as "Director of Social and Cultural Affairs" ensuing from his distribution of posters criticizing Menachem Begin, I feel a little tolerance on the part of individuals representing all fronts is called for. In the first place, York is an academic institution. For such an institution to function effectively there must exist an environment conducive to a free and unhampered flow of opinion. I submit that the ill-will which has up to now been generated over this controversy has no place on this campus!

Secondly, I will address the larger issue joined by Mr. Bipin's posters. While I have personal reservations about the direct attack upon an individual (an unfortunate by-product of the turbulent times in which we live) involved, I see Mr. Lakhani's actions as an effort to get individuals on this campus to enlarge their perspectives a little. I for one would define myself as pro-Zionist (I define in the biblical sense-as referring to a

believer in the right of Jews to a homeland which is politically secure). Political security carries with it a "price". That price ultimately is respect for the aspirations of group defence, cultural and religious affiliation existing both within and without a given national boundary. Terrorism is, of course, an opinion which violates the mutual respect necessary for peaceful co-existence. However, at this point in time when representatives of the PLO (notably Yassar Arrafat) are making conciliatory overtures. Why rock the boat? What can possibly be lost by taking them at their word? Certainly, if something emerges from the dialogue, its conceivably possible that the overall global production of armaments may be reduced just a little--and in a time of worsening worldwide recession, need I say more?

Chesley Wilton

## THE ACCUSATIONS

I wish to speak to accusations levelled against myself in Bipin Lakhani's speech of defense against

calls for his resignation.

In his speech, Bipin Lakhani tried to compare his "atrocities", a quote taken verbatim, to the fact that last year the York Student Fund printed my picture in *Excalibur*.

First, if Bipin would notice that the picture taken of himself in *Excalibur's* October 28th issue is as large if not bigger than the one printed of myself. The main difference is that I was successful in booking David Steinberg into Burton Auditorium at no cost to York and all monies raised from the two shows performed would go to the York Fund. Bipin Lakhani's picture, however, was printed because council reps were calling for his resignation for using council money in printing what I would term hate literature and for his lack of ability for not being able to represent all CYSF constituents.

Further, whereby a council tribunal totally cleared the York Student Fund and myself of wrongdoing, especially since permission was first gained in order to print the picture, we cannot say the same for Bipin Lakhani who proceeded to print and distribute hate literature

without informing council members. Even more so true, in order to divert the issue at hand Bipin Lakhani stated that the picture of myself cost \$1000 to print. The truth of the matter is that the picture ran one-eighth of a page, thereby costing under forty dollars.

Finally, to add insult to injury, Bipin Lakhani tries to make other council members look stupid by purposefully lying to them. First, he states that the hate literature was in his filing cabinet for a day, then he states they were in there for two days, whereas the truth of the matter lies in the fact that the hate literature was in his filing cabinet for over two weeks. Whereas Bipin Lakhani states that the posters were not distributed around campus we know this to be not true because a poster was found hanging in CYSF and a number on a table in Central Square. We know them to be the same posters that Bipin duplicated because on Bipin's original copy he blanked out information. On the posters found distributed the same information was blanked out.

Finally, Bipin Lakhani must resign, not because of his political

beliefs as he would suggest that we are trying to impeach him on, but because he used council money to print hate literature and on the fact that he is unable to represent all CYSF constituents as outlined in the CYSF Constitution.

Bipin trying to make false accusations and trying to change the issue won't sway the truth. Bipin Lakhani, don't take us council members to be as irresponsible as you have been.

Mark Pearlman

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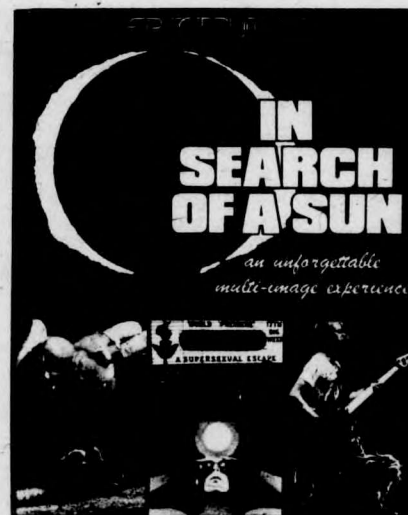
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