

# Sadat's peace in the Middle East: the other side of the coin!

by Reza Rizvi

The West, and the American media in particular, have depicted the late Egyptian President Mohammad Anwar-el-Sadat as a champion of security and peace in an unstable Middle-East. I, and others like myself, question Sadat's so-called 'peace'. Did he really fulfill the mission that he set out to accomplish, to attain a long-lasting and comprehensive peace? I would say that he was hopelessly unsuccessful. The peace he acquired at Camp David is a fragile peace, a peace that sacrificed an important principle. In the name of peace Sadat bargained away the homeland of millions of Palestinians now living as refugees in Syria, Lebanon and other neighbouring Arab states. The Camp David accord was simply an agreement between individuals and not a pact between nations.

Any comprehensive peace plan obviously needs the support of the governmental framework but more importantly, the overwhelming popular participation. The Israeli-

Egypt Peace Plan, initiated by the U.S., lacks any such support within Egypt, not to mention outside Egypt. Al-Da'wah, a prominent Egyptian newspaper, recently contained 'a list of honour' of those who refuse to deal with Isreal. This list of honour includes the following sections of the Egyptian society: the labour unions; religious groups, both muslim and non-muslim; Cooperative Union of Farmers; the Syndicate of Lawyers; the Syndicate of Teachers; the Syndicate of Merchants; the Syndicate of Engineers; the Syndicate of Medical Doctors; two former Vice-Presidents; two former Prime-Ministers; several ministers; the majority of businessmen; and most important, the Student Unions, are just a few of the long list.

The Student Unions have always taken an active part in opposition to Sadat's peace plan and so-called reforms initiated before Sadat's assassination. The regime has been watching the campuses for the last few years and has arrested its leaders from time to time; but refrained from an all-out strike,

until a few weeks before Sadat's assassination when several hundred student leaders were put behind bars.

The support outside Egypt is just as discouraging. The Arab states who are directly involved, bitterly oppose the Camp David Accords and have since branded Sadat as a traitor for deserting the rights of the Palestinian people. Actually, the pretext of peace has provided Isreal with the golden opportunity to attack its Arab enemies in the region, once Egypt extended a friendly hand.

After 1978, when Egypt and Isreal met at Camp David, the Zionist forces have accelerated their cruel, malicious terrorist attacks such as the raid of the Iraqi nuclear reactor and the merciless bombings by Israeli jets (American supplied) of civilian targets in South and Central Lebanon.

Despite world-wide indignation Israeli bombings continued unabated and daily, with heavy civilian losses. Hundreds have been killed, thousands injured, and almost 400,000 people (half the population of Southern

Lebanon) have been forced to become refugees in their own nation, moving northward for protection. This process was started by the full-scale Israeli raids and invasion of the area, including the grand invasion of March 1978. All such Israeli aggression towards its neighbours must stop immediately, if the region is ever to see peace become a reality.

Also, Isreal and the U.S. must realise that sooner or later they will have to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization in seeking a solution, as noted recently by former U.S. presidents Ford and Carter. Isreal can no longer side-step the PLO and/or the question of Palestinian autonomy.

Peace in such an unstable area is not achieved by the Israeli return of captured Egyptian land, but by addressing the question of the Palestinian right to self-determination and self-rule. The 'Fahd formula', an alternative eight-point peace plan initiated by the Saudi's, is a step in the right direction. It calls for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from land seized during

the 1967 war and the creation of a Palestinian state with the Arab sector of Jerusalem as its capital. In return, the Arabs will recognize the right of all states in the region to live in peace. This latest plan already has the support of several Gulf States along with the Palestine Liberation Organization, and it is expected that the Islamic First Ministers' Conference, to be held in Morocco next month, will unanimously support the Fahd plan.

We all want to see peace and stability not only in the Middle-East but also in other parts of the world. Maybe, the Middle-East will someday see peace, which is unquestionably desired by all. Let us hope that cooler heads prevail and a negotiated settlement is reached in the very near future.

Arabs are not jubilant at the death of Sadat, but at the hope that Egypt may return to the 'Arab bock'. The Middle-East desperately needs a solution, but certainly not the one acquired by Sadat, which is not peace, but sadly a 'mockery of peace'!

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ity that ultimately rests on plentiful energy and food, how can we raise the condition of our own poor, of afford to give foreign aid?

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### Strip show hyperbole

To the Editor

I find it incredibull how accurately some of the letters and articles you print describe the engineers' actions after a strip show. After the Oct. 8 show, me and the rest of the degenerates went out on the town and broke our old rape record with a new grand total of 753 women. Shucks, I'll be darned if one fella didn't get hisself seven women without help from the boys to hold but one of them down. All in all, the night went pretty good cept fer a couple of the fellows left their genitals exposed on a park bench and plumb forgot to pick them up Friday mornin. Yes siree. Nothin quite like a strip show to get the old juices flowin.

Sexistly Yours

Dave Keigan  
Third Year Engineering

### Opposition to striptease widespread

To the Editor,

With regards to the "exotic dancers" -- rumor has it that people who strongly oppose Council's condoning of the recent striptease show are a mere handful. These few objectors include the Newman Society and a few women. I feel

this rumor is unsubstantiated.

I for one, being a guy who has no connections with the Newman Society, also feel that such events should not be allowed. I have listened and talked to fellow students of both sexes, and I know that many feel the same way that I do.

Sincerely,

Martin Mack

### Will protests catch on?

To the Editor,

Well, Dalhousie, you did it again... I embark on a journey which takes me over 4000 miles, to the other end of this country, just to get away from you, and what happens... I pick up the student newspaper and see that you have made the front page:

"Halifax: 5,000 Protest Cuts"

The article reads that the student body organized a march on the government in order to voice your concerns over the impending financial cutback of funds previously allocated for post secondary education. Here! Here!. Hats off to the whole lot of you. On page 3 of this same newspaper, the Student Executive urges the university population to get out and be heard, using you for an example. Their idea of a "protest" is for interested students to show up at the first meeting of the University Board of Governors to air their complaints. Hmph... sounds like a pile of crap to me. Nobody will show; apathy will prevail.

Where is the revolutionary spirit that is alive and well in Halifax? Son of a bitch, there's nothing I'd like better than to get out and organize a protest; march on the legislature! Ooh! I guess I'll just have to go and

beat my head on the wall to release this frustration being caused by this bureaucratic bungling. But... I'll save some for my return... you never know, maybe these protest marches will catch on. Long live the Chicago Seven! Maritimes are ô1.

Temporarily Removed,

Spud

### Response from Council

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to last week's editorial entitled "Dal's Laissez-faire Council." This editorial is a direct insult to those Councillors, such as myself, who voted against allowing the Engineers to hold an activity in the Student Union Building because it would feature strippers.

The **Gazette** informs us that the purpose of Council is to "guard our student fees, promote goodwill, responsibility and progressiveness in the student body it represents."

It is unfortunate and indeed ironic that the **Gazette** has failed to tell the students that Council has lived up to this very ideal.

The **Gazette** failed to tell its readers that Councillors were responsible for printing up information sheets explaining why students were being asked to march against cutbacks. Another information sheet explained to students why they should join Council committees. These sheets, along with election proxy forms, were distributed by Councillors to students in Shirreff Hall, Howe Hall and Fenwick Place.

A similar information blitz took place on the day before the provincial election. The end

result was that several hundred students voted -- students that would not have otherwise done so.

Councillors also did a lot of work in the actual preparation of the march.

The **Gazette** is somewhat irresponsible in its failure to report these very positive Council endeavors.

If the Student Council is to be taken seriously when it represents students' views to the Faculty, the Administration, the Community, the Provincial and Federal Governments; it must be perceived as having the active support and interest of the entire student body. By ignoring the positive actions of the Council and emphasizing only the two negative issues, the **Gazette** turns students away from the Council and thus erodes the support we need.

Such an unbalanced reporting fosters ill feelings. Does the **Gazette** seriously believe they are serving the students by promoting a negative image of the Council?

I might remind the Editor that the **Gazette** most certainly does not have a monopoly on idealism (although some may argue that you have cornered the market on a particularly self-righteous crackpot form of idealism).

Still, from time to time I am an optimist and right now I'm optimistic about the **Gazette's** chances of becoming a more responsible paper.

After all, at the first meeting of the Communications Committee, the **Gazette** expressed its openness to constructive criticisms and suggestions, concerning its coverage. Perhaps

now it is I that am being the crackpot idealist by assuming that relations between the **Gazette** and the Council can improve.

Yours truly,

Martin Baker,  
Council Member

### Defeated MLA talks out of wrong hole

This is a copy of a letter sent to Mr. John Buchanan, Premier of Nova Scotia

Mr. Buchanan:

I was very displeased when I read a newspaper account of a remark made by defeated MLA Pat Hunt. Mr. Hunt's statement was: "I feel like Anwar Sadat - gunned down by my own troops." I feel this statement to be in very poor taste considering that the assassination of the Egyptian President is such a recent event.

I find it ludicrous that Mr. Hunt can equate his loss in the election with the loss of a man's life. It reflects very poorly on your Party, Nova Scotians, and Canadians as a whole.

A member of a political party must choose his wards carefully and keep in mind that many will read his statements.

The remark was acutely out of line with the seriousness of the two events. Mr. Hunt's loss was a hard knock to take for himself, but the loss of a human life is the worst tragedy of all.

I hope you will bring my remarks to the attention of Mr. Hunt. I also hope that Mr. Hunt will refrain from further statements of this nature.

Alison Fraser  
3rd Year English Major