

# Freedom in Zimbabwe at last

The long-awaited elections for Majority Rule in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, (hereinafter Zimbabwe) has given the Patriotic Front a landslide victory (77 out of the 80 contestable seats). This victory is saluted by all those who cherish freedom, love, human dignity and democracy. The elections in Zimbabwe have demonstrated the desire of the people of Zimbabwe to have leaders who will serve them in a dedicated manner. The people have rejected the self-appointed leaders, disowned the puppets of Smith and South Africa, and prevented a sell-out of Zimbabwe. The African Association of Alberta takes this opportunity to hail the people of Zimbabwe, the Patriotic Front and all those that worked for freedom and independence in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe was for many years subjected to colonial suppression and for over fourteen years they mourned under Smith's Unilateral Declaration of Independence. For several years the people of Zimbabwe struggled and died in a bid to secure freedom. We all believe that all the labours, all those

years of hope, all those years of human-sacrifice have at last been rewarded.

The African Association of Alberta is flabbergasted by the reaction and outlook of some elements in the free world, towards the election of Mugabe as the new leader of Zimbabwe. Mugabe's victory has been welcomed with fear and pessimism. Mugabe is termed as a communist, marxist, Russian lackey etc. This is regrettable. It is unfortunate that the world thinks that it must choose the appropriate leader for the people of Zimbabwe. The choice of the people of Zimbabwe must be respected, whatever it is. They have the right to choose whoever they want.

The AAA denounces these false prophets of doom. We hope they will be proved wrong through time. We denounce any attempts by enemies of Zimbabwe within and without; neighbouring or far; from the west to the east, to destabilize the incoming democratically elected government of Zimbabwe.

We would appeal to the whole world from the west to the

east to support the new government and help to reconstruct Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe will need your support and our support.

We pray for peace and tranquility in Zimbabwe. We wish the new leadership success in building a new economy and a new society in which there will be a peaceful coexistence of all races.

LONG LIVE ZIMBABWE  
LONG LIVE MUGABE  
Wangia C.W.W.  
Secretary General  
on behalf of AAA

## No info, no attendance

Regarding Gordon Turtle's Thursday editorial wherein he portrays students here as "thoughtless sheep" — I say lambshit! Lemmings would be closer to the truth.

No matter what breed I belong to, I still find it difficult to form an opinion on any subject until I am presented with some minimal amount of information. Sure tuition is going up sixty-four bucks... so what! Cutbacks? What's a cutback? And who is doing the cutting? Wednesday's Accessibility Forum may well have answered these and many other questions, but lo, I never heard about it until after its dismal flop.

If my students' Union expects me to come out to such an event, ingest knowledge, then create my own opinion, it had bloody well better tell me about the "happening" well beforehand! Judging from the barrage of posters, I'd bet there isn't a student on campus who is unaware of the upcoming Don McLean concert. Or who (what??) is playing for this weekend's Dinwoodie cabaret. Granted, SU had a few posters of its own up and a spot in *The Gateway*. Obviously, this feeble effort was not sufficient to arouse the mass interest needed to make something like "Student Awareness Week" a successful event. Further, the publicity that was presented didn't give a clear explanation of exactly why I should show up. What can I — a measly student, do to fight the evil giant, government?

If my attendance is solicited by the students' union to participate in a forum, when and where it's being held and why I should involve myself must be made painfully obvious — before I'll even give it a second thought.

After all, what I don't know won't hurt me, right? I said right??!

Murray Whitby  
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## Reader Comment

Mike Walker

Canada needs an independent foreign policy.

It must repudiate its history of support for militarism and imperialism.

Canada has been dominated for centuries by European and American militarists and imperialists. England dragged Canada into the War of 1812 to settle disputes purely between England and the United States. In the Boer War, Canada fought to maintain British rule and profit in South Africa. In World War I Canada fought for the British against Britain's rivals in imperialism, in what was surely the most hypocritical war of this century.

In all these wars, the Canadians who died were under the impression that they were fighting for "right" while the men they killed were fighting to propagate "evil." In reality, Canadians died to protect the interests of the British moneyed class.

Since World War II Canada has adopted the United States as its new master. The Cold War, Korea and Vietnam all saw Canada either actively or passively supporting the manipulations of the United States.

Naturally, the US was acting in its own best interests during this time. Canadians foolishly thought the US was fighting a fierce battle for what was good and right. (Among the Canadians obviously fooled was Joe Clark.)

Clearly, major powers do act in their own interests — or in the interests of their ruling classes — or they would fade from power. This is as true of the United States and the Soviet Union today as it was of the European powers in the last century.

So we should not be surprised by the blatant opportunism of the United States and the Soviet Union. Neither should we be so foolish as to believe that either represents "right." The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is little different from the American war in Vietnam. Both powers saw the potential gains from war; both went to war.

Canada, though, treats the two situations differently. If it objects to Soviet actions it can and does protest vociferously. If it objects to American actions, it is usually forced to remain silent.

This makes Canada a party to American imperialism, in the eyes of the world at least. If we reject imperialism, it becomes obvious that Canada's foreign policy must be flexible enough to react to any cynical action of the powers. It must be unfettered by alliances.

The simple conclusion: Canada should repudiate its historical dependence on the United States. Only then can it adopt a foreign policy based on conscience.



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