

WIENER BEDTIME STORIES

Reader disillusioned

Who was it who said, "An organization is but the lengthened shadow of one man?"

You Dragos Ruiu, Editor-in-Chief of *The Gateway*, were witnessed directing three pretend marshmallow roasters at the eternal flame in SUB on Friday February 3 at 2:00 p.m. Don't you know that the proper intent of a newspaper is to present the affairs of people as they are found? The fact that the *Edmonton Sun* has degraded itself with Sunshine bimbos and reconstructs almost every photo is no excuse for you. The *Sun's* motive is bucks and they've found their market amongst the semi-illiterate *Three's*

Company fans in the city. What was your motive other than laziness? The Students' Union supports *The Gateway* and pays for your salary and for the roll of film you wasted, so you should know better.

I hope you don't argue that the marshmallows were being roasted for eating because the eternal flame would make anything taste like gas.

Oh well, I'm sure we'll see your three facsimile marshmallow roasting pseudo-university students on Tuesday's intellectually dishonest front page. But will you print this letter?

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Cruise missile testing necessary



Canada has a long standing reputation as a non-aggressive nation. We are a leading contributor to United Nations' peace-keeping operations and we are not a nuclear power. In an article in the University of Waterloo's newspaper, *The Imprint*, the officer in charge of planning and staffing of Canadian peacekeeping initiatives overseas, Lt.-Col. Donald Ethell, was quoted as saying "Canada works for peace there is not one Canadian General who is not for peace."

In the wake of renewed testing of the US cruise missile over Canadian territory, that reputation is again under scrutiny. This particular issue does demonstrate a limited amount of Canadian support for nuclear weaponry. That amount, however, is necessary given the current situation of our national defense.

The desire to cancel cruise missile testing in Canada, though understandable, is hypocritical if a practical goal is not defined. Should Canada drop support of the cruise missile, and consequently the US and NATO to some degree, while continuing to rely on the US nuclear deterrent for its role in our national defense? Or do we withdraw completely

from those alliances? Either path seems impractical.

Why is it that we can even afford to be so morally upstanding in our stance against nukes? A parallel can be drawn to the country of Japan. The treaty they signed at the end of WWII effectively eliminated their ability, and need, to rebuild a vast military. As a consequence, Japan could (or had to) focus on undermining the US economically. The results are obvious.

Canadians have to admit that being neighbours to the US plays a big part in allowing us the luxury of a military and national policy with no nuclear weaponry. With only Canada's own government dividing Canada from US nuclear might, the Canadian government and military has no need to build up its own nuclear arsenal. The US is effectively forced to defend Canada lest we be invaded and the US suddenly have the world's longest undefended border to defend. Hence, we can readily afford to be staunchly non-nuclear.

Given this free boost to our defense, which we have thus far not shunned, why should we not shoulder some of the burden and allow testing over Canada? Can-

ada cannot just feed off of the US, even if we *can* always count on them to protect us out of a basic concern for themselves.

Furthermore, the fact that nuclear technology is here cannot be ignored or "just put behind us." Eliminating the East/West arms race does not even take into account the real danger of terrorism or Third World arsenals; 20/20 hindsight will not make nuclear weapons knowledge disappear. Nor will superpower requests, threats or demands make any difference to a small country or a group of "freedom fighters" who have nuclear weapons. They will use what is at their disposal, especially when the threat of reprisal is gone. How can we defend ourselves against such a threat unarmed? Can we at all?

It is an unfortunate fact, but in the present world, we must still be willing and able to protect our freedom and our peace. It is naive to think that we can bask in our peace and not still be vigilant. If Canadians honestly want to disassociate Canada from nuclear weapons, immediately and completely, they must be willing to accept the risk of abandoning all of her allies and having to defend herself with conventional weapons alone. It is a risk I am not yet willing to take.

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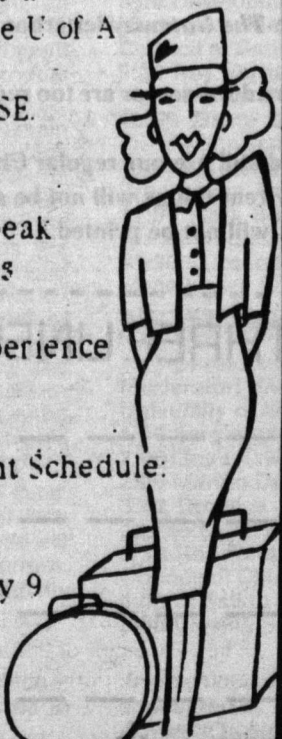
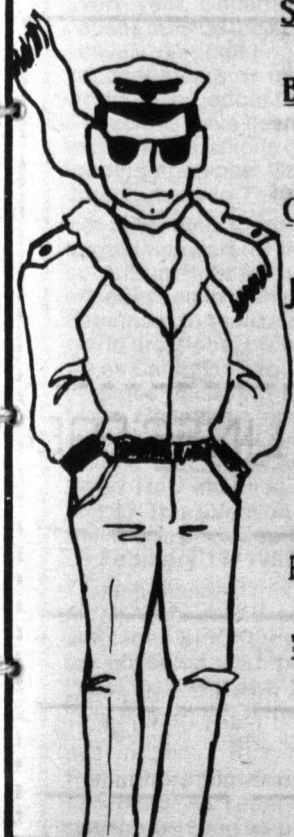
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