

The free world needs the US

Dear Editor:

I've grown a little tired of all this anti-American garbage that has been thrust into the Brunswickan lately attacking Mr. Tennant's sensible position on foreign affairs. That particular letter of Feb. 15th however, really ticked me off. The writer asks "How can you defend the actions of a nation solely motivated by greed and profit?" I ask the author, how can he be so idiotic as to think that is the basis of American foreign policy. Why would a nation motivated by "greed and profit" spend billions in Marshall Plan Aid after the Second World War with no recompense from aid recipients? - Aid which would only allow economics

to emerge in Europe that would compete with America for markets. Why would a "profit hungry" nation fight a war in Southeast Asia (in a country so war-ravaged as to be a virtual economic wash-out) that resulted in a net economic loss to that nation and a spiralling inflation rate? Why does a "greedy" nation spend more on Foreign Aid

in a manner surpassing most nations efforts combined - all in an attempt to aid Asian and African nations that consistently vote against the US at the UN and denounce America as "neo-colonialist"?

The reason is that the nation referred to by the author as

supposedly acting "without conscience" is perhaps the most conscience-ridden nation in the world; with a conscience built on an idealism that on most occasions is too "nice" for the cruel world of International politics. The US committed itself to the growth and defence of Europe in the late 40's and early 50's because its conscience would not allow it to withdraw into isolation enabling the Soviets to re-draw the maps of Europe as they pleased. The US went to Indochina not in hopes of showing up a dictatorship that would aid it in an economic rip-off but in the idealistic hope South Vietnam could one day make a choice about the form of Government they wished to see in place

in Saigon. The US has given economic and emergency disaster aid to "friend" and "foe" alike since the Second World War, with no hope of political or economic recompense for such aid, purely for humanitarian reasons.

The US has made foreign policy errors but what nation hasn't? US foreign policy has elements of economic self-interest within it, but what nation's foreign policy doesn't? How should the US government control American multinational corporations, that are virtually nations within themselves, conducting a "foreign policy" of their own sometimes at odds with US ideals? The left wing

authors of recent Brunswickan letters appear to desire that the US militarily overthrow every unsavory government it is allied with (instead of using subtle pressure to influence that state towards a humanitarian course) or simply abandon them to communist insurgents or the Red Army, neither of which have a great human rights track record. And while pursuing this crusading task commit economic/military suicide as a result. I simply don't see that as a desirable result as - like it or not - the Free World needs the United States.

Ronald Gaffney

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FRIDAY* FEBRUARY 22

FILM LAST GRAVE AT DIMBAZA-Carleton 139

SUNDAY* FEBRUARY 24

THERE WILL BE A MEETING TO DISCUSS the upcoming Caribbean Nite. After which there will be first rehearsals for the nite. Time: 1p.m. Place: SUB Rm. 103

MONDAY MARCH 25

THE WOODSHED WILL BE CLOSED for March Break on Feb. 25, 26, 27.

MONDAY MARCH 3

THE ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY PRESENTS "Excavations on Historic Grassy Island, N.S.," a guest lecture by Rob Ferguson of Parks Canada. 3:30 p.m. Carleton 217

TUESDAY MARCH 4

UNB CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP BOOKTABLE beside Blue Lounge in SUB. 11:30-2:30 p.m.
UNB FACULTY OF NURSING OFFERING health testing and counselling at public clinic today. Drop in basis between 2 and 4:30 p.m. in Rm. 4 MacLaggan Hall.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5

BUSINESS SOCIETY MOVIE-The Enforcer-starring Clint Eastwood and Harry Guardino at 7 & 9 in Tilley 102.
U OF CALGARY PHILOSOPHER KAI NIELSEN will give a paper on "needing a Moral Theory" at 3:30 p.m. in room 28, Tilley Hall. Coffee, etc.; half hour before.

THURSDAY MARCH 6

UNB CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TABLE in Head Hall, 11:30-1:30 p.m.
CALGARY'S KAI NIELSEN will give a paper, "Testing Moral Theories" at 2:30 p.m. in Room 28, Tilley Hall. Coffee, etc. half hour before.
CARIBBEAN NITE there will be a cultural display buffet supper and carnival type party. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. in SUB ballroom. \$3.50 adults, \$2.50 students and children. Tickets at SUB office and Overseas Student Advisor Office.

Libertarian Party ignored

Chatham;

Dear Editor:

I find it incredible that so little coverage is given to the smaller parties of our political system. We like to call our political process a democratic one, however, when it comes to covering the election campaign, the small parties are always ignored in favor of the three major propaganda machines. To illustrate this, one might notice that the Libertarians are given only 6 minutes on nationwide CBC radio free political broadcast time, compared to the several hours for the NDP, PC and Liberals.

It is nevertheless ironic that some of the most original ideas in this election are proposed by the Libertarian party. Like a breath of fresh air, they provide a contrast to the bribes of the 3 major parties. Essentially, Libertarians want people to leave each other alone. In particular, they want people in government to leave other people alone. The Libertarians are not a party to suck up to the voters; they believe in a free enterprise system of government where individual effort is rewarded. They don't promise to increase the size of the government in order to help support those on

welfare, they don't promise to supply everyone with free transportation or free meals for that matter. They are a realistic party and realize that nothing in life comes free. They suggest returning the economy into the hands of individuals, thus trimming the government to bare essentials. Taxes would be cut by up to 80 per cent and government interference would be curbed. The Libertarians believes in strengthening our armed forces, better law and order, and an increased border protection.

These, the Libertarians argue, should be among the very few functions of the government. Thus they propose the de-nationalization of the Postal Service, Air Canada, CN, CBC, etc. for they believe that efficiency comes only when the government's bureaucratic paws are removed and that prices drop only if there is adequate competition.

Not fitting into a convenient stereotype, the Libertarian Party is ignored by the media in favor of the various communist factions which will poll much worse. Opposed to all forms of collectivism and socialism, the Libertarians provide an opportunity for some original thought, as well as to give

some Canadians the opportunity to protest against mass mentality. I would suggest that all of you who are disillusioned with the three hypocritical parties take a look at the option of voting Libertarian on Feb. 18th.

T.V. Adelentade

The boys never understand

Dear Editor:

I was looking forward with great relish (and at least half a pound of good grade-A butter) to seeing *Last Tango in Paris* this weekend.

Wham and Bam! All of a sudden this chef-d'oeuvre is CANCELLED. Last minute like...

Is this another example of the stupid mother—ing useless censorship that we are subjected to, thanks to the boys and the girls in the band who never understood J.C., and how much longer will we put up with tight-arsed puritans controlling our destinies?

Everyone should be able to see what they want. Those who can't hack it can stay home and watch *Let's Make A Deal*

I am bored with it all.
Yours Truly,
Laurence Creaghan

"Panty arsonist" nabbed

Police in Redding, California think they've finally nabbed the "panty arsonist."

Last Wednesday, they arrested 27 year old Douglas Wright, and charged him with setting at least 10 fires in the Redding area. In all of the cases, police say, someone broke into an unoccupied house, stole all the women's underwear, and then used the panties to set the house on fire.

It took police almost two years to make an arrest. In the meantime the party blazes caused about 200 thousand dollars in damage. (NEWSSCRIPT)

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