

# Moderate labelling apology Group for no-nukes

I apologize for publicly presenting Oscar Ammar as a moderate. Obviously what he tells me in private and how he presents himself in public (as President of the Arab SQTUDENTS' Association) are not one and the same.

In my last letter I stated that the Star of David is a political symbol as well as a religious symbol. In this letter I shall discuss the political significance of the Moslem crescent moon on the P.L.O. flag.

The P.L.O. flag is a banner for a revolution. What are the goals of this revolution? According to the Fateh it is:

"The creation of a new unitary democratic, non-sectarian Palestine where Christians, Jews and Moslems will have equal rights and obligations without discrimination as to race, color or creed".

Oscar Ammar clarifies this by saying Jews of European origin are not welcome. Presumably these are the Jews to be driven

into the sea, a position Oscar Ammar now wishes to maintain.

Disregarding this unpleasantry, how seriously are we to take the P.L.O.'s purported goals? The crescent moon on their flag indicates that they desire an Islamic Revolution.

In the two Islamic Revolutions we have observed to date; i.e. Irans under Khoumeini, and Libya's under Khaddafi; there has been no tolerance for the pluralism the P.L.O. claim they will respect.

Furthermore, all historical precedent contradicts the purported goals of the P.L.O. Peace and coexistence have never been possible after a protracted and bloody conflict. One group always has to dominate and repress. A few examples I can cite are Yugoslavia, with Croats v.s. Serbs; Turkey, with Armenians v.s. Turks; and Lebanon with Moslem Arabs v.s. Merionite Arabs.

Perhaps Canada is a lucky exception, but then the English

Canadians never did have a bloody and protracted conflict with the French Canadians.

Anyone who claims a P.L.O. victory will establish peace and coexistence is either naive or hypocritical. The goal of the P.L.O. is the ultimate defeat and repression of Israeli Jews (if not their annihilation).

Because Oscar Ammar supports the P.L.O. he sees the situation as black and white. Either you support the P.L.O. or you support Zionism.

According to those like Oscar Ammar any moderate position is tantamount to "Belonging to the Ku Klux Klan and loving blacks at the same time".

Of course this is not true. In my next letter I will outline the cogency of the moderate position. It contradicts the policies of the Likud and the P.L.O. but is nonetheless supported by many Arabs and Israelis alike.

Thomas Mueller  
Science

With the current political leaders in power, there has been an upsweep of concern over the presence of nuclear armaments. Groups and individuals have begun to take action in this particular area by becoming aware of the issues and expressing their opinions and concerns.

Recently, a series of lectures, films and speakers were presented at the University as part of "Disarmament Week."

As a follow-up, ENUFF, Edmontonians for a Non-Nuclear Future, is co-sponsoring a public meeting on the medical effects of nuclear war. Dr. Donald Bates, a professor in the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University, as well as a member of "Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War," will be giving a slide illustrated talk on the medical effects of nuclear war and will also be dealing with the 'issue' of prevention of nuclear war.

Following Dr. Bates' talk there will be time for questions and discussion. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge and all interested people

are invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to health professionals.

The meeting will take place on December 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church (125 St. 110 Ave). For information contact Dr. G.P. Weih — 452-3138 or Terry Padgham — 454-2865

Cheryl Davies  
Arts III

## Book 'em!

Dear Sir,

I have been following the Gateway's stories about the Police 'stealing' the newspapers.

It concerns me when this so called 'democracy' we have resembles a police state; where police are able to control the people by covering-up their actions.

It also concerns me when the police are able to commit crimes and get away with them. Why should the police be above the law? Are not officers of the law there to uphold the law as well as obey it?

Why does Former Supreme Court Judge Wishart Spence state that police officers may commit surreptitious entry into private places to gather evidence? What gives the police the right to do these things and get away with them, when the MacDonald Commission clearly says that these things are against the law? If I had done these things I would have been thrown into a cell as fast as anyone else; yet the officers involved in this farce are only being officially reprimanded.

I say to hell with that. They should be arrested. It's as pure and simple as that.

I feel it's the Gateway's obligation to press criminal charges against these officers. If not for the Gateway, for the protection of journalists working now and in the future.

How did the story on page sixteen of the November nineteenth issue of the Gateway interfere with the police inquiry?

It's a sorry world when we can't tell the good guys from the bad ones.

Matthew P.A. Morales

## Thrice thou hast misread

In reply to a letter in the November 26 edition:

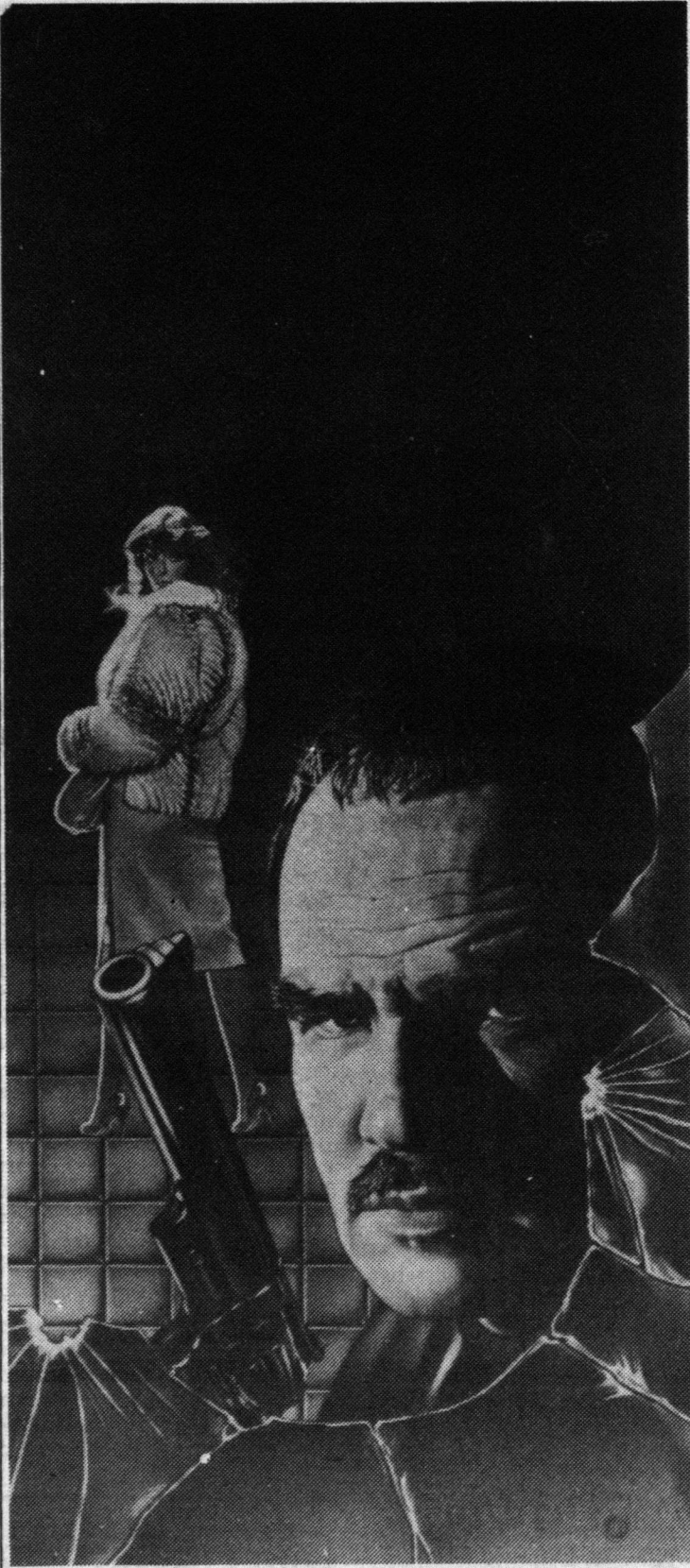
Evidently Mr. Cohen CAN NOT read but when he manages to do so he mis-reads. In specific he has been told three times this year, not only by myself, that such factors that he mentions have been examined in Ireland.

A 1981 poll showed approximately 80% of the population of Northern Ireland was in favour of remaining British (Mori 1981), including over 40% of the Catholic population. The 1976 referendum showed the same figures. Indeed when compared with two studies from 1962 and 1966 the percentage of Catholic support for retention of the present status has increased.

In view of these facts what can Mr. Cohen say to a small percentage of sociopathic utopian marxists who are running rackets, bombing schoolchildren, and terrorizing the innocent.

Finally, to put one last point to rest, the Gaelic peoples were not native to Ireland, can we then hold them responsible for their long dead ancestors and, perhaps return them to central Asia? Free Derry — From the I.R.A.

Alastair MacDonald  
Soil Science I



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