

FEED-BACK

Letters to the Editor should be addressed to: The Brunswickan SUB, UNB

Dear Sir,

In reply to your article in last week's Brunswickan re: "JUDO DEMONSTRATION BY PRO'S," may I say that by presenting an "anti-establishment" report on this event does not enhance the good name of our university.

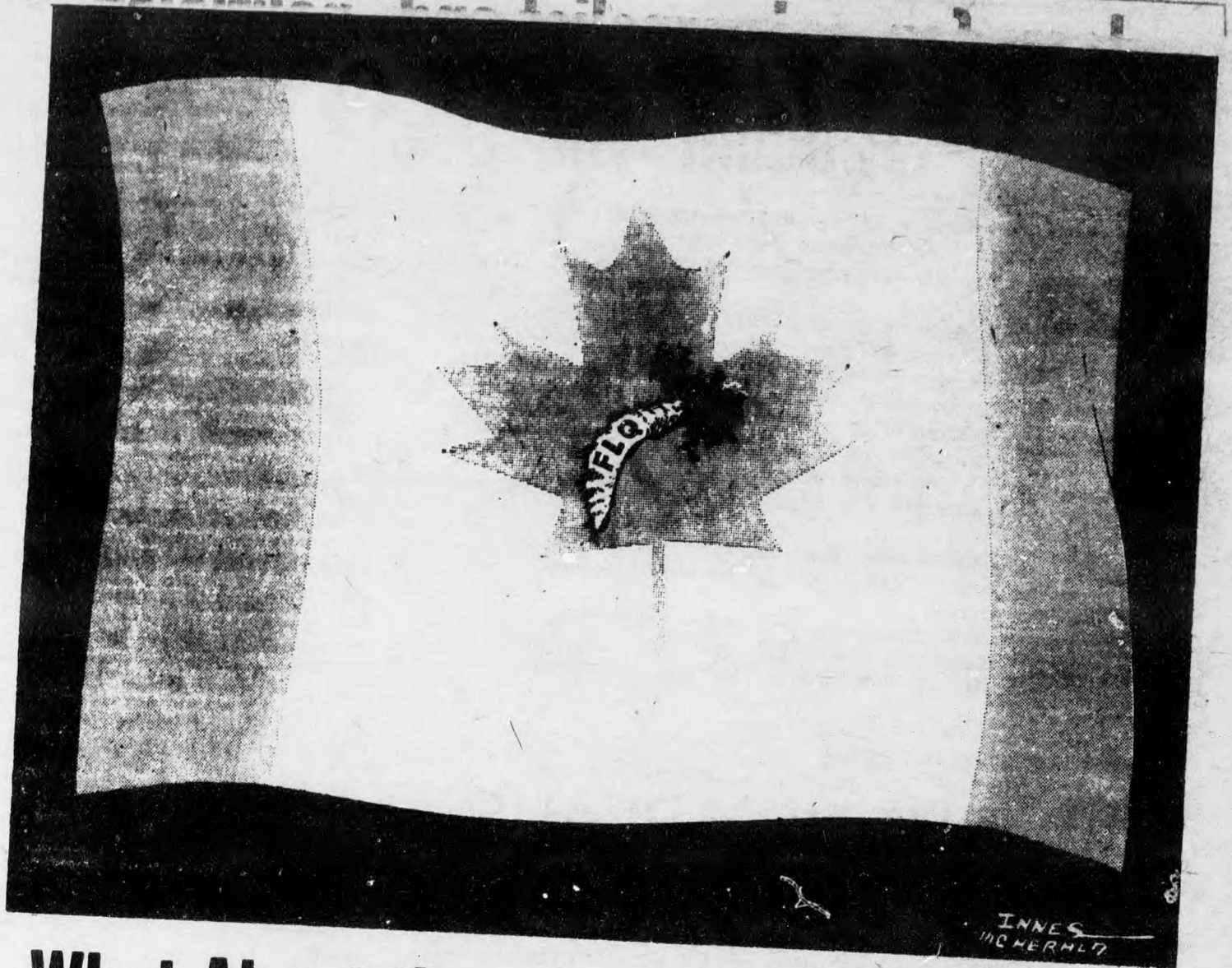
As one of the participants last Saturday I would like to point out that we of the club were very honoured and grateful that these people took time out from their itinerary to work out that we of the club work out with us. When reporting on the attendance you did not consider the time of the event which was late Saturday afternoon and that it was a long weekend. Many students went home. Those who participated (7) of us lived in town.

Sarcasm does not belong in a newspaper sports write-up. e.g. - "Guess who won... the mission representatives of course." This to my mind is entirely unnecessary. Our fellows did very well considering we won one of the three matches. The other two individuals who had considerably less experience than their opponents fought exceptionally well.

Those of us who participated considered taking the members of the goodwill team out to dinner but there were fourteen of them and seven of us. There were no funds available to do this.

In closing, sir, may I suggest that before reporting on a occurrence with those who participated and with those who have the facts.

Yours truly,
Harvey Bist
President, UNB Judo Club



What About the Next time ?

It's been a hard week for bleeding heart liberals who have been placed in the position of being subversive if they voice any degree of opposition to the recently imposed Emergency War Measures Act. This in itself has been a cause for serious misgivings.

The debate centering around whether or not the measure should have been imposed and whether civil liberties are more or less important than the safety of the whole nation. The staff of this paper serve as an example as the opinions diversify day by day with increasing intensity.

We make no value judgement on whether or not the action was correct for this will have to be the decision of historians who will possess better hindsight than the government had foresight.

Answering a localized threat with a generalized action may turn out to be the wrong decision but who can say which method of action is right. What the average Canadian knows about the situation is precious little and this makes it very easy to seek the security of the government leaders infinite wisdom that they must know more hence they must have made the correct decision.

We think it wrong to judge so quickly but we also think it is wrong for a society to so quickly and easily turn its basic tenets over to men who yell wolf and react when no one knows the extent of the wolves involvement.

Firstly we feel that members of a democratic society must remember that democracy, true democracy works for all times and all people. It is supposed to be open to all and for all but it is apparent that it is not.

Roger Chartrand, controversial labour leader in Quebec is a Quebecer who feels strongly, rightly or wrongly concerning the state of his nation and he does not subscribe to what is sometimes considered the normal aspirations for Quebec.

Yet he is in jail for his expressions of his opinions which happen to be against the government. Just where does he and hundreds like him stand in the Canada today.

If they can be justified in jail for their actions now how much easier is it going to be for another Prime Minister to suspend the civil liberties of this nation and justify the imprisonment of yet another controversial spokesman. A Prime Minister like the Mayor of Vancouver for instance.

This is what many bleeding heart liberals the country wide are asking themselves. What of the next time and don't let anyone be so naive as to think that there won't be a next time with those hardened radicals. How easy it will be will, depend on what public outcry does now and what citizens do between now and the next time.

First people of Canada must be taught more about their humane and civil rights and be taught to attach more value to them than they apparently have at this time.

We must be better informed as to the nature and extent of any future threats.

The remaining time must be spent legislating special laws to be only invoked by the parliament of this nation during time of real consequence.

It is not popular to be against the cool hand of authority that the Prime Minister is displaying at the present time for he if anything breeds the kind of trust (non political) that a leader needs at this time but if we are to continually be on a guard against unnecessary terminations of our rights then we must act on these proposals.

However no matter what is done, regardless of what the outcome is to this period of special laws in this country, two kidnappings and the murder of one man who knew the risks of the game before he started to play are hardly justification for suspending the liberties of every Canadian in any area of the nation.

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