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A commentary on the latest rounds of Peace Talks

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The recent arms talks in Geneva left a general feeling of optimism, especially in light of the fact that Schultz appeared willing to place Reagan's "Star War" plans on the table. This optimism was to be short lived though, because no sooner had Schultz returned to the States when Weinberger stated Schultz did not have the authority to include the SDI (Space Defensive Initiative) in upcoming agendas.

The SDI casts the American defense plans in a new light. For many years it has been the general consensus that the U.S. included its NATO allies under its "umbrella" of defense, but this new plan has caused many to wonder if this is actually the case. In fact, there is some question as to whether or not the States is using Western Europe as a buffer zone, much as the Soviet Union is doing with the Eastern European countries it controls.

Why this concern over the creation of a "Fortress America"? The SDI is designed to stop missiles in three stages

-boost, space and re-entry. This would give the U.S. approximately 30 minutes of warning while Western Europe would have only 10 minutes of warning. Because of this and their close proximity to the Soviet Union many Western Europeans wonder if the SDI is really being designed with their defense in mind.

Should the Americans go ahead with plans to build such

a system there will certainly be a Soviet response, something that will surely lead to yet another arms race.

If the Soviets are unable to match the SDI and should they feel the Americans have created an impenetrable umbrella, the danger of a preemptive strike increases. If the Soviets can match the SDI what is the use of the French

and British independent nuclear arsenals?

In addition to seeing the SDI as a defense system for the States many Western Europeans believe this system grows from a war-fighting as opposed to war-preventing, mentality. Reagan's rhetoric about the SDI making nuclear weapons obsolete appears to them to be a cover for a drive by the U.S. military to achieve the impossible goal of surviving a nuclear

exchange - a frightening step toward suicidal over-confidence in an age of nuclear weapons.

Finally, the U.S. appears willing to postpone work on the SDI until more research is done (a bizarre proposal in itself since research should be constituted working on the SDI). By the time this research is completed it will be too late to stop deployment, if events in recent year are any indication.

Yearbook account closed to Burns

On January 3rd and 4th, Clayton Burns, former Ad Manager of UNB's Yearbook "Up The Hill", charged \$24.45 worth of merchandise to the Yearbook's account at Covey the Stationery. This obviously creates a problem in that Burns is no longer associated with the Yearbook and has not been since the end of November 1984.

The Brunswickan spoke with Mary Scovil, Manager of Covey's warehouse and Betty Grant, store Manager, and both stated that Burns did in fact charge the items to the Yearbook. Scovil added however, that on January 17th, Covey's was notified by the UNB Student Union that they were not to accept any further charges made by Burns in the

name of the Yearbook.

Ann Ogilvey, an Office Clerk with the firm, checked the invoices and informed the Brunswickan that a 1985 Daily Appointment book.

Apparently Burns also has a \$520.13 outstanding debt with the Student Union. The Brunswickan spoke with Doug Burgess, Vice-President Finance, and he said that the bill is broken down as follows:

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| Contingency Loan | 310.00 |
| Brunswickan | 190.00 |
| Brunswickan | 2.00 |
| Brunswickan | 8.70 |
| Paid on account | 190.00 |
| N.S.F. cheque | 190.00 |
| S.R.C. | 6.63 |
| S.R.C. | 2.54 |
| S.R.C. | 0.10 |
| TOTAL | 520.13 |

According to Burgess, a final notice was sent to Burns by Aubrey Kirkpatrick, former Comptroller of the Student

Union and the \$520.13 is to be paid no later than January 25th.

The \$310.00 contingency loan was given to Burns as an advance on commissions for ads in the Yearbook. This is standard practice. The ad manager of the Brunswickan has done this on occasion as have former ad managers of both the paper and the Yearbook. However when one receives an advance on commissions it is done with the understanding that the money be paid back within one month if the ads were not sold.

Monthly statements for the \$310.00 have been sent to Burns since September but thus far the Student Union has had no response from Burns.

The Brunswickan tried to contact Burns for comment but were unable to reach him by press time.

Business Society robbed

The Business Society fell victim to a theft of over \$600.00 in cash from the Grog Pub, Arms dinner ticket sales and membership sales over the past weekend. The money which was placed in a cashbox in the filing cabinet of the Society's office in Tilley Hall was discovered missing Monday morning by Faith Burnley, a Business Society executive member. The theft, which also included a Society rugby shirt was reported to both Campus Security and the City Police immediately Monday morning.

A spokesman for the Business Society says the money from the Friday after-

noon pub was counted and placed in the office at 7 p.m. to be deposited first thing Monday morning. There is some question as to whether the office door was locked after 7 p.m. As security locks all rooms and the building itself by 10 p.m., the theft possibly occurred during those three hours as there were no signs of forced entry into the Society office. The incident is still under investigation by the Fredericton City Police.

The theft, according to Prince Varma, Society Vice-President, "will definitely curtail any future activities which include guest speakers, conferences and scholarships."

Students Help Ethiopia

A six-week campaign by students at UNB has raised \$22,000 in aid of famine vic-

tims in Ethiopia. Calling themselves Students Help Ethiopia, the group established trust accounts at every local bank, set up collection booths around the campus and at area malls, and organized a Skate-a-thon. UNB graduate student Richard Hutchins, who fasted publicly for a week, raised \$10,000 of the total.

The money will be channelled through the YMCA, which operates two refugee settlements for Ethiopians in the Sudan. The funds, matched three-for-one by the Canadian International development Agency, will support an emergency feeding program for children and provide beds, blankets and utensils to new arrivals at the settlements.

Students Help Ethiopia had hoped to challenge other Canadian universities to respond to the famine in Africa. As far as the group is aware, however, UNB is the only university in the country to mount a large-scale fund-raising effort.

Fed. of Youth cont'd

November and feels that the \$2,000 went to Elm City instead.

When the Brunswickan approached Bosnitch concerning the debts he stated that he was uncertain as to how much money is owed to Elm City and that SUB Holdings has never sent an invoice to the Federation of Youth. Bosnitch also stated that "no money is being withheld...that the money is coming in three installments and at least one has been received."

Concerning the \$3,000 debt to the Student Union Bosnitch first stated that they "Have not received an invoice" then later stated that he was "not sure there is a \$3,000 debt." He subsequently said that "if there is an outstanding bill it is either being processed or is already paid."

Bosnitch said the "Federa-

tion of Youth is not in financial difficulty of any type" and that the Federation has been pledged more financial support than any other Provincial Youth Federation in Canada." He also said that "private companies are being solicited for funding for permanent organization (of the Federation)" while in his press release he stated that "the New Brunswick Federation of Youth has been pledged support by the Canadian Secretary of State, private sponsors and other government departments."

Bosnitch told the Brunswickan that the Secretary of State has pledged \$8 million nationwide for 1985 (IYY) and in view of this and other pledged funding to the New Brunswick Federation of Youth, the Executive of the Federation "will continue to actively prepare for major youth events."