

What Arab propaganda?

I am indeed stirred up by the anti-Jewish article taken from a propaganda piece so readily made available by the Arab information center, and just as readily disseminated in the *Gateway*. I would expect at least equal space to rebut those falsehoods and diatribes that are being circulated against the Jewish people.

The article implies that the term "anti-semitic" cannot be applied to Arabs since they are themselves Semites. The Christian thinker, Professor Franklin Littell of Temple University, notes that the term Anti-Semitism is an unsatisfactory and a misleading term which was created by the early anthropologists who erroneously believed that since etymologists had created systems of "Semitic" and "Aryan" language groupings (c.1740) therefore there must be "Semites and Aryans."

The precursor of hatred of Jews among the Arab terrorists, dating back to World War II, was the Grand Mufti who made common cause with the Nazis, who destroyed Jews with impunity. The Mufti wanted to rid himself of the Jews who settle today what we refer to as the Land of Israel. His spiritual grandchildren of the present, the Palestinian terrorists, clothe their true feelings in such statements as "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people".

While the rubric "Aryans" has waned since the Third Reich, the daily newspapers still carry owlish letters informing us that the Arabs cannot be anti-Semites because they are Semites themselves. Professor

Goitein, a distinguished Arabist at the University of Pennsylvania, concurs with Professor Littell's analysis that the term anti-Semitism was a derisive term never used for anyone else but Jews. It should be replaced by the term "hatred of Jews" so that the term anti-Semitism would not be misconstrued by such as the Arabs or those who are susceptible to their propaganda.

In 1947, the United Nations voted to partition the land which lies between the Mediterranean Sea and Jordan into two states — a Jewish state which is called Israel and an Arab State. How come almost thirty years later there is a Jewish state? What happened to the Arab state? The Arab nations, particularly Jordan who annexed that territory to its own land have made a mockery of any Palestinian entity. Egypt wants no part of the Palestinians in their midst. Jordan fought a fratricidal war with Palestinians in the early 1970's and the presence of the Palestinians in Lebanon has only served to exacerbate an existing crisis between Christians and Moslem Arabs that tears Lebanon apart.

The Arabs promised the Palestinians at the dawn of U.N. partition that they will cast Israel into the sea. The Arabs have tried to deliver as is evidence by several wars that they fought against Israel. Those Arabs who chose to live in Israel prosper economically, send their young to Israeli Universities, and have members representing them in Israel's Parliament. Strange as it may seem only in Israel do Christian, Moslem and Jew live together in relative tranquility; a

situation which is non-existent in any Arab countries bordering on Israel. How many Jewish students in Syria, Jordan, Iraq or Egypt are permitted to attend the universities?

Much was stated in behalf of the new democratic majority in the United Nations. Are they indeed democratic? Idi Amin's Uganda expelled thousands of Asiatics, the Soviet Union oppresses many more millions. The majority of nations in the U.N. today included a once democratic India are all functioning as dictatorships. Israel and the majority of other democratic governments of the west are faced with the tyranny of an unjust majority in the U.N. Professor Niebuhr made an apt point in his work "Moral Man and Immoral Society" when he stated the thesis that even if it is possible to associate individual men to an ethical standard groups or nations are governed by their needs and not by an ethical standard. His thesis is borne out in what is happening in the United Nations today.

The Arab propagandists try to influence public opinion by distortions when they refuse to mention the wanton attacks by terrorists on defenseless women and school children in Maalot, Qiryat Shemona, Jerusalem, Nahariya, etc., who are butchered or maimed for life. Israel has always protected Arab and Christian holy places yet the Arabs would spread the lie that Israel loots and profanes Arab holy places. The Israeli Ministry of Religion has continually expended funds for the construction of holy places of Islam and Christendom in the Holy Land.

Arab propagandists claim that Zionism is their enemy, not the Jewish people. Zionism and Judaism are one. The first Biblical book states, "In that day the Lord made his covenant with Abraham saying unto thy seed have I given this land". Gen. 15:18.

Innumerable biblical passages follow throughout the Holy Bible reconfirming this covenant to the children of Israel. The land of Israel is a barometer by which Israel throughout its long history of settlement from 1100 B.C. to the present could measure its faithfulness to God's covenant. For thousands of years the Jews have declared their undying love to the Holyland in the holy liturgy prayed thrice daily. The following statement by Paul in the New Testament Rom. 9:4-5 echoes all the words of earlier scripture "They are Israelites and to them belongs the sonship, glory, covenant, the giving of the law, the worship and the promises." Those who would try to separate Judaism from the land of Israel are guilty of the greatest calumny.

The charge of dual loyalty has again been laid against the Jews by Arab propagandists. "Zionism they say tends to separate Jewish communities all over the world from their host countries."

The Jewish people have served every country in which they have lived with great love and patriotism. Jewish law 1700 years ago taught the Jew, that the law of your host government is the first priority.

Who would deny the Italian a love for Italy as his ancestral home or Ireland for Irishmen? The patriotic Canadian Jew should not be denied that same right to love his ancestral homeland, Israel. Furthermore, man must be loyal to his wife and children yet he still has the duty to be loyal to his father and mother who bore him.

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Students should choose to pay more

I remember a time in the not too distant past when the issue of a fee hike sent numerous students across Ontario into paroxysms of anger directed at that most remote of human institutions, Queen's Park. Faced with increasing costs in post-secondary education and a taxpaying public which seriously questioned its returns from such an investment, the Davis government deemed it necessary to place a portion of the costs of education upon those most directly benefiting from the education system, namely the students.

Once again, students are faced with a fee hike of \$100. But Alberta, unlike Ontario, will have a "Heritage Trust Fund" which will grow to \$1.5 billion as of March 31 of this year if we are to believe *The Gateway* of January 15. Alberta students should be clamoring for the province to rescind the proposed fee hike and the 11% ceiling on grants to post-secondary institutions and dip into this fund.

Or better yet, have the province raise the price of oil to Ontario so that Ontario students pay the increase, and not Alberta students. A third possible solution would be for the University to sell some of its land holdings, funnelling the revenue it receives from the sales to those operations which will suffer as a result of reduced grants from across the North Saskatchewan.

Anything but a fee hike.

However, students in the province must do some rational thinking for a change, instead of being led by the nose by their pseudo-political student leaders, various organizations both on and off campus and by the media.

In all my time at university I have yet to meet the student who undergoes a minimum of three years of intellectual tension and strain, physical exhaustion, and emotional upheaval for the solely altruistic reason of contributing to the development of society.

So, then, why are we here? For some, it is out of a sense of family obligation, for others because they did not know what to do once they graduated from high school. Some enter these hallowed halls of ignorance after spending many years in that other world of hurly-burly beyond the University confines. There are those who want to use their time here as a stepping-stone to a government or corporate position. And then there is that small group of individuals whose only purpose is to gain knowledge in an attempt to understand themselves, their society, their heritage, and the world around them.

But do not let these nice rationalizations cloud the central motive: we come to university or community college because we decide to come. It is our choice, possibly made after a great deal of careful thought and the weighing of alternatives, but the decision is

made by no one but ourselves.

The corollary to this decision is that those who benefit first and foremost from a post-secondary education are those who pay the tuition fees and do the learning. Society neither compels us to come here nor receives the direct benefits from what we learn. If, as part of the registration requirements, we were required to work under contract for the government for a period of time upon completion of our degree programme, then a strong case could be made for total government subsidization of post-secondary education. But we do not sign such a contract upon registration; neither are we required to use our new knowledge and skills once we graduate. The decision is ours.

The question boils down to this: are the students in Alberta responsible enough to realize that accepting a fee hike of \$100, raising undergraduate tuition at the University of Alberta from \$200 to \$300 per term, is but a small price to pay for a service which they alone decide to enjoy and from which they are the first and largest beneficiaries? A term fee of \$300 would have been unimaginable at Guelph where I paid \$292.50 for one semester.

This province has many blessings, but it would appear that facing and acknowledging one's inner motivations and responsibilities is not among them.

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Board at that time) and there's not much love lost between them. Now, with the supposed announcement of McCormack opposing Mason for president there's sure to be dung flung.

Other notes show Dale Jansen (Commerce) running a slate and consolidation of the Zoeteman package. Noted poli sci fancy man Sher "The Bear" MacVean is said to have thrown his Irish sentiments in with the McCormack slate - that slate's theme song could be "The Emerald Isle."

Also if you see a six foot eight and one half inches har-binger of progressive conservatism, Wayne Madden, stalking about, ask him to explain to you (in 5,000 words or more) who he's supporting, and for what reasons. Our amused condolences to the unfortunate candidate, but when your policies match birds-of-a-feather routine.

Hut Flash! Ex-choirboy Jan Grude has announced his intentions to run on the Zoeteman slate as has Ken McFarlane. Although as yet politically low profile, they seem to be good enough chaps. Grude admits a penchant for money matters and bag-maneeing, and McFarlane, when he saw me taking notes, refused to talk.

Another unknown, Art Gorhan is rumored to have pitted his weight with Mason. Whatever that may be. And rumors being the order of the day, even our present returning officer Ken Reynolds is said to be eyeing an elected post

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