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matter you would have discovered that this "nice guy" is indeed extremely capable of doing this job.

It is discouraging that you considered the students of the University of Alberta (excluding yourself) neither intelligent nor capable enough of deciding on election day if they feel that Mr. Alpern is indeed competent at doing as you put it "nothing." I would suggest to you Richard, that if you were so concerned about this candidate being unopposed that you could have applied to run for this position. Or did this not occur to you? You seem to think that you can reach many students by placing an ad in the Gateway. You could have reached as many students by writing a letter to the editor, at a substantially lower cost. Or is a letter to the editor too low profile for one who considers himself a "sdisturber?"

I do hope that you will be at the forum on Wednesday so that you can justify the expense of \$500.00 for a campaign that cannot fail to bring the name of RICHARD STEDMAN to the attention of many of the students on this campus. I wish you luck with your "future" political aspirations on this campus, and congratulate you on the "splash" that you have made on the scene. Let us hope that next time you have a goal that is less self-serving and will have some benefit to others as well.

R.D. Appleton Science III

## Toys of the world, unite!

With all this talk about subliminal, satanic messages on records and such, do we ever stop to consider the Communist propaganda visible on the television set Saturday mornings? Of course not, most university students don't get up Saturday mornings to watch cartoons. It is the youth of our nation that are being lead into political subversion by a seemingly innocent cartoon.

Of course, I'm referring to the Smurfs. Smurfs may not be extreme left wing, but they are Socialist with shades of Communism. Consider the facts: • All the Smurfs are workers, proletarians if you will. They are not working independently but for the good of the State.

• All the Smurfs are subservient to Papa Smurf. All ask him for advice, all obey his commands. If you will note: He is the only one wearing *RED*! The rest are wearing the blue dungarees of workers, while he wears red, proud of his political nemesis. His name - Papa - reminiscient of the Fatherland.

• There is only one female Smurf. (And the 'Geers are sexist!) Her role in this society is merely for repopulation, so the Smurfs can populate the world with gayly-singing Communists.

This is not subliminal! It is presented quite matter-of-factly and straightforward to the kids. Kids who will one day grow up to be A.M.A. street crossing guards! There's a totalitarian state! One of those little subversive kids blows a whistle, and traffic is forcibly stopped in all directions. They, with the Smurf-mongers, could cut of transport in and out of the city, spread their propaganda through their Smurf T.V. records.

We as responsible members of society cannot let this go unopposed. We must fight the Smurfs! I'm suggesting the formation of O.R.G.A.S.M. -Organized Retaliation 'Gainst the Anarchic (sic) Smurf Movement.

... Think about it.

Trent Tucker Science II

P.S. Stay tuned to find out how Care-Bears, Cabbage Patch kids and Lotto 6/49 tickets are debasing the economy.



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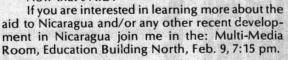
of the said amount would go in military equipment to the Salvadorean junta noted for its death squads. Alarmed by the growing popularity and increased successes of the FMLN, Reagan sought to increase the "aid" in the second year of the program. As a result the "aid" to El Salvador almost doubled.

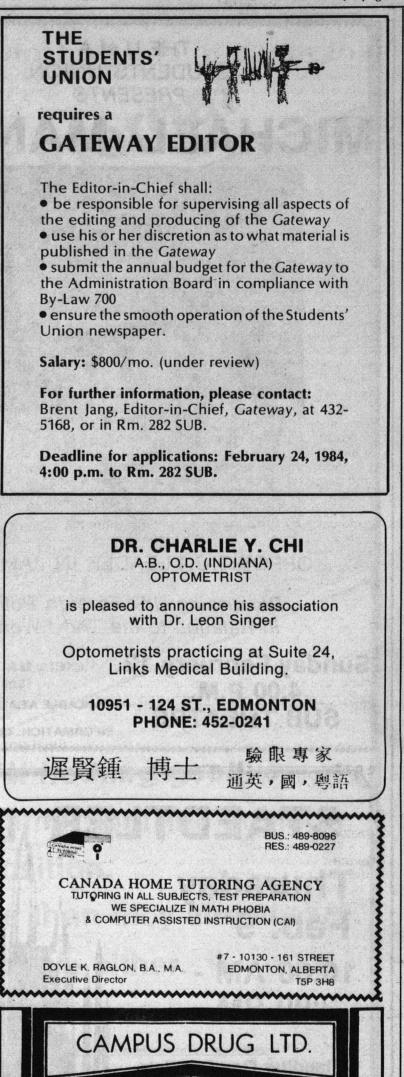
The Kissinger Commission gave Reagan's plans to pacify Central America a boost. The report became nothing more than yet another political maneuver to oppress Latin Americans through U.S. puppet regimes.

While pretending to unselfishly give Latin America dollars, the U.S. further protects its own interests at great costs of human lives. Surely, Latin America would be better off without "aid" if it is going to be limited primarily to military equipment for use against those fighting for justice and better living conditions.

Note to Readers: The Nicaraguan government has reported that the ship Lafeyette containing Canadian material aid has arrived safely at Puerto Corinto, Nicaragua. An official of the Nicaraguan Embassy said; "the enormous efforts of the Canadian Coalition for Aid to Nicaragua and its tools for peace offering that we have just received are another clear demonstration of the solidarity of the people of Canada from all walks of life with the Nicaraguan Revolution and the people of Nicaragua."

Now that's AID!





VENCEREMOS

## by Oscar Ammar

The Commission on Central America (headed by Henry Kissinger) recently submitted its report to Ronald Reagan. Basically, Kissinger concluded that increased aid to Central America is crucial to halt the Soviet-Cuban attempts to "export revolution."

"Aid," however, does not halt revolutionary processes since revolutions in Latin America are usually inspired by intolerable living conditions. In fact, "aid" perpetuates oppression and exploitation.

In the 1960s, for example, the Kennedy Administration sought to "aid" Latin America by introducing a program called Alliance for Progress. This program sought to provide military and technical aid to countries whose political views were compatible with those of the United States.

While one type of "aid" (military) would be used to suppress popular uprisings, the other (technical) would only serve to increase peasant exploitation by the oligarchies.

In his attempt to "stabilize" the region, Reagan, like Kennedy, introduced his own political instrument. He called in the Caribbean Basin. This program would provide Latin America and the Caribbean with a certain amount of "aid" in the five years to come.

Reagan would put his plan into effect by providing 350 million dollars to Latin America. Half

