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letters

Dam Com mies, anyway

In Cambodia today, there are 60,000 communist led insurgents fighting and killing to take over the country. They are terrifying the Cambodian citizens, who are fleeing for their lives. They called it the Khmer rouge, but that's just a fancy name for the insurgents. The question is whether these 60,000 rebels represent the view of the 7 million people. Certainly not. Most have fled behind the government forces for protection.

There is also an estimated 14,000 advisors from North Vietnam and since from North Vietnam you can assume that they are backed by the Chinese with advisors as well as ammunition. The United States is aiding because the people request it; they do not want to live under the communist rule. The argument of oil used in the rally was out of stupidity. If the oil would be developed there wouldn't be enough to make a dent in the United States consumption to bother with. It would be enough for their own countries to use if the fighting would stop. So it is a most unreliable source.

It's this communist aggression that we in the free world should put down our foot against them. Look at Vietnam. The north has started an invasion of the south despite the peace agreement. So those who claim the United States as the aggressive one are merely showing their ignorance. And those of us who live in the western world who allow this to go on are merely saying that aggression pays. If you think the communist way of living is right then why don't you go and live in an communist government country and leave the rest of us alone.

C.D. Organization

Savard's mind confused

Mr. John Savard made the following erroneous statement in his Mar. 27 letter: They (China) conquered the nation of Tibet in 1950, a nation independent since 1911. This is utter nonsense! Tibet has been part of China for centuries and never declared independence. In his confused mind, Mr. Savard probably mixed up Tibet with outer Mongolia which was granted independence around 1911 while inner Mongolia remains part of China.

Hing-Lan Lam
Grad. Studies

BBC rules out democracy

The Board Building Committee has recently passed a change in the structure of the North Garneau Management Committee that is totally unacceptable.

This change will enlarge the Committee to six. The Committee was formerly comprised of four members: two students

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from the community and two representatives from the University.

The North Garneau Community requested that their two representatives be elected. Now we receive a suggestion that the Committee be enlarged to six; two members appointed by the University Administration and one additional member appointed by C.D.C., one student appointed by Students' Council, who can not be a member of the North Garneau Community, plus two elected representatives from the community.

This enlargement of the Committee will effectively dilute any community democracy possible. It is difficult, as the University well knows, to get two student representatives to sit on a committee, much less to get three students to sit on a working committee over the duration of the summer break.

The interests of the community are clear. We are concerned with providing and maintaining the community atmosphere of North Garneau. In a society where most communities are being divided by large roads, weakened by the frequency of moving, and wiping out by development schemes, we feel the maintenance of the academic community in North Garneau should not be administered away by streams, systems and programs of the University.

The basic group leasing policy is one of these streams. The University's basic group program systematizes life for a student in North Garneau. This system was introduced to ensure the community be made up mainly of students. However, there are other, more effective ways that students can be given priority, without changing the nature of the community by demanding that students move in and out of the community in large groups.

We feel the request to increase the number of members of the Committee is an attempt by the University administration to dilute the effectiveness of the community input, for reasons of administrative facility. We oppose such a bid for dominance and ask that this proposal be

reconsidered and in the interest of just democratic principles, the elected student representatives of the community should be given parity on such a committee.

Sincerely yours,
The North Garneau
Tenant's Association

Aerosols threaten life

I'm sure most everybody has heard something about the potential danger of freons. But it seems that nobody is really very concerned about it.

Freons, or fluorocarbons, are a family of gases which are mass produced for use as a cooling agent in refrigerators and as a propellant in aerosol cans. They are ideal for these uses because they are virtually inert, but it is this same characteristic which has prompted many scientists to single them out as an ozone destroyer. These gases remain unchanged until they have diffused up into the ozone layer, which takes about ten years. There the freons are broken down by intense ultraviolet light, which in their turn are thought to break down the ozone molecules.

The maintenance of this ozone layer is crucial to all lifeforms because it filters out most of the ultraviolet radiation entering Earth's atmosphere. Without this protective filter, the Earth would be as barren as the moon.

Because of the ten year lag period, we don't reap the benefits of freon production immediately. However, non-partisan experts generally agree that even if we were to stop freon emission immediately, we can expect in ten years an additional 250,000 cases of skin cancer and 30,000 related death per year in the world.

What has Dupont (the world's largest freon producer) have to say about this? They demand scientific proof "beyond a reasonable doubt." In other words, in ten years there

are an unusual number of people with cancer, they'll consider finding a substitute to freon. Personally I don't want to risk getting cancer just to keep Dupont's profits high.

It seems as though the government isn't about to take the initiative to force industry into halting freon production, so its up to us.

Obviously we can't stop using refrigerators, but we can stop buying aerosol can packaged products. Besides changing our buying habits, lets also let our government and such companies as Dupont know we are concerned.

I hope you will consider this seriously. If you don't, we may not have to worry about the possibility of nuclear war, or even, (imagine this Manfred) whether or not nonsmokers stand up for their rights.

John Walker

Confrontation draws near

What is this joke I read in a column of your paper on March 6, 1975? The title goes somewhat as "mouthy boys", and it seems they are addressing it to the All-Canadian, Red Deer College Champion Beer-Swilling Team.

It is obvious to see why Red Deer Champs are called "mouthy boys", since they can take on any quantity of beer required to beat, oh, just a sec, what's their name, oh! yes!, the Henday Flappers, headed by Rick MacDonald who is thought of as a sucker, not a drinker. Anyway, that's minor.

The Red Deer College Team does hereby announce a challenge to 9th Henday flaps to a beer-swilling contest to be held during a cabaret, on Friday, April 4, during the second band break. (That's if the flaps can get their feet out of their mouths by then.)

I am proposing a committee of two individuals, one from each institution, to set the rules, regulations, and judging of the