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EDITORIAL

One more kick...

Long before the New Right became fashionable in America, Alexander Solzhenitsyn was rationally making the classic case for an anti-capitalist defence against Communism.

The great Soviet dissident laid it before the AFL-CIO in his first public appearance on this continent in New York, in the summer of 1975. (the speech was reprinted entirely in *National Review* August 29, 1975.)

"We are there (in the Soviet Union) from birth. We are born slaves. I'm not young anymore, and I myself was born a slave; this is even more true for those who are younger. We are slaves, but we are striving for freedom. You, however, were born free. If so, when why do you help our slave owners?"

"I think... that we should at least permit this socialist economy to prove its superiority. Let's allow it to show that it is advanced, that it is omnipotent, that it has defeated you... Let us not interfere with it. Let us stop selling to it, and giving it loans..."

"But can the free and varied Western system follow this policy?... Let us stop playing up to them, let us stop competing; let us stop elbowing each other and clamoring 'Me, me, let me have a concession, please, give it to me.' If this sort of unity cannot be achieved in the West, then I'm afraid that Lenin will turn out to have been right.

He said, 'The bourgeoisie will sell us the rope, and then we shall let the bourgeoisie hang itself.'

The Right has added the fitting extension to Lenin's prophecy: The Allies are selling the Soviets the rope to hang us with. And on credit. (At least Lenin expected to have to pay for it.)" Brian Crozier, in *National Review*.

Richard Viguerie, who is not unusually bright, was however right on track when he said recently:

"I do not feel a compulsion to help those who are trying to destroy me."

Viguerie has been credited by no less a prominent liberal figure as Ralph Nader, with distinguishing America's Wall Street policy from America's Main Street policy.

Wall Street, representing all the excessiveness of irresponsible free market capitalism (supported ironically by government tax concessions), has shown its willingness to live morally and conscientiously with the same people who are trying to destroy Main Street.

In a recent *Christian Science Monitor* series, young Soviet officials said Western complaints about Soviet human rights violations were tantamount to an invasion of Soviet sovereignty. Our human rights violations are none of your business, they said.

Lenin wrote: "We cannot support the slogan 'Peace' since we regard it as a totally muddled one and a hindrance to the revolutionary struggle."

Read: War is necessary. What America lacks is the spirit to withstand the thinly-veiled Soviet offers of 'Peace.' Their overall aim, which has been articulated time and time again, is to destroy the way of life known in the West, which is the best life the world has known.

Tom Wolfe said that modern American society has failed to produce a singly heroic and eloquent advocate. That is true largely I suspect because in the freest nation on Earth, greedy faceless individuals and corporations have perverted America's political will. In the freest nation on Earth, the mass media has used the Freedom of Information Act to demoralize the public spirit, to discredit government indiscriminately, and recently to discredit the media itself, so that American society, and much of the world that depends on its leadership, is floundering.

Thomas Jefferson said that America was the world's last Best Hope. Today we say 'Better Red than Dead.' There is a world of difference.

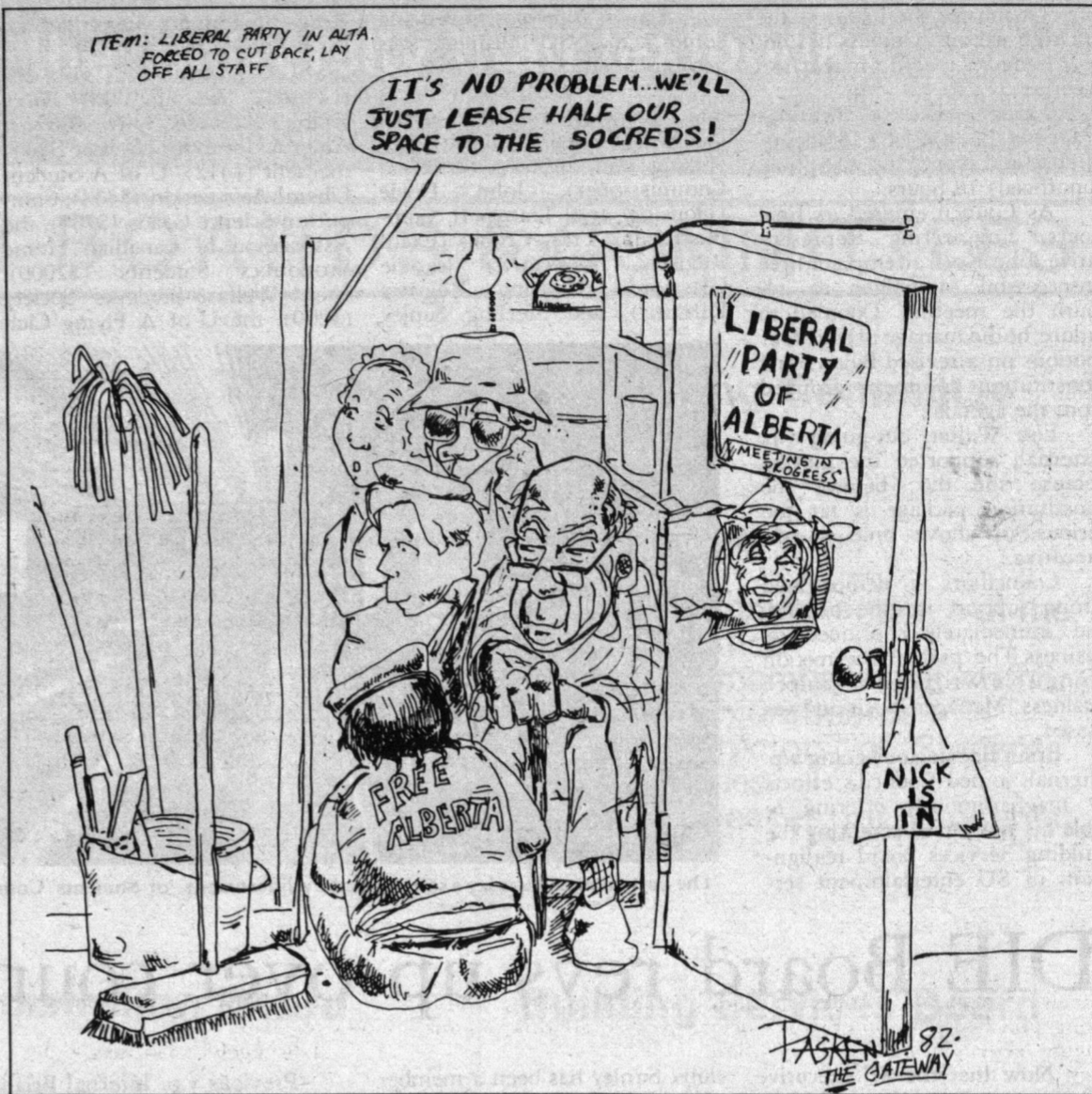
Peter Michalyszyn

...and one more.

National Review on the Soviet Menace: "Shhh. Lower your voice. The West is sleeping."

"So much of left-wing thought is a kind of playing with fire by people who don't even know that fire is hot."

George Orwell.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cold war hysteria ridiculed

Nothing fuels the arms race here in the west better than Cold War hysteria and the supposed military threat posed by the Eastern bloc. This threat, however, does not bear up to historical analysis nor to the current statistics on the "balance of terror" between the two super powers.

A 1979 report by the London based Institute for Strategic Studies maintains "there exists an equality between the NATO nuclear forces and (those of) the Warsaw Treaty Organization."

The United States have in every case been the first of the two superpowers to introduce every major nuclear arms innovation. This includes the Atom bomb (1946: USA, 1950: USSR), medium range missiles (1953: USA, 1959 USSR), Intercontinental missiles (1955: USA, 1957: USSR), submarine-launched missiles (1959: USA, 1968: USSR), the Cruise missiles, latest generation (1976: USA, — USSR) and the manoeuvrable re-entry vehicles (MARV's) (1985: USA, — USSR).

An article in the *Toronto Star* asks: "How real is the Soviet threat? ... In the field of strategic nuclear weapons a crude balance continues to exist between the super-powers... Neither side can destroy all its opponents' missiles and would be inviting its own destruction were it to launch a nuclear surprise attack."

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This balance would no longer

exist with the deployment of the offensive Cruise and Pershing II missiles.

By allowing the cruise missiles to be tested at Cold Lake, Canada is in essence, supporting the U.S. Pentagon's latest offensive escalation of the nuclear arms race. Being tied to the U.S. militarily and in foreign affairs, leaves Canada a sitting duck in event of a nuclear war. Canada's independence and the well-being of the Canadian people can only exist in a world at peace.

Canada and the United States are currently negotiating an agreement that would permit the

US military to test new nuclear weapons systems, including the Cruise missile in this country. You can stop ratification of this nuclear testing agreement by: - signing the "Ban the cruise missile test" petition displayed at a table in HUB.

• attending a rally and march, protesting the proposed testing of the cruise missile, meeting at the Federal Building 108 St. and 100 Ave. And you can join the University of Alberta Group for Nuclear Disarmament at its next meeting, 4 p.m. April 8 at Rm. 280 A SUB.
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Thanks and advice

In the wake of an electoral defeat, I feel compelled to put a few thoughts on paper.

First, thanks to all who helped in the two election campaigns this year. Certainly I, and those who ran with me, couldn't have mounted any serious effort without the dozens of people who donated their time and skills.

Second, the election outcome fades in significance when placed in context. The reasons we ran for office — the fight against cut-backs, the ongoing battle for quality accessible education, and the need for a truly strong Students' Union devoted to serving students' interests — are as real now as they were two weeks

or two months ago. These are not just election issues, they are enduring issues that must be addressed continually through the year.

I sincerely hope the new executive and council will recognize this, and not lose sight of the central role the Students' Union must play in facing these issues.

Finally, I fully plan to be on campus next fall, continuing with the work I've done this year on a number of fronts, especially but not limited to funding of the university. I hope I can work again then with the dedicated people I've worked with this year.

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