

ON THE UNIVERSITY RIGHT

THINKING AND TYRANTS

by J. Sanlei

In Hitler's National Socialist Germany and in the Cambodie of Pel Pot and in thousands of other temporal hells in the annals of infamy, there historically has been and continues to be, one group of individuals persecuted not for their so-called "race" nor for their political convictions and moral principles per se; but rather for the commission of the one "sin" above all others which causes tyrants to tremble I.E. Thinking. When the Rev. Martin Luther King shouted "I have a dream!", racists the world over should have shook with the sure knowledge that the dream would not die with the man, for the thoughts of great men and women can never be murdered. Like Joe Hill in the old union song, these thoughts and dreams live on to organize.

The Nazi bastards died (may they rot in hell) not because they were defeated in armed conflict; no, the real tragedy is that millions lost their lives in struggle against what had been a corpse since birth. The Nazi leviathan had been still-born in the

twisted minds of a few men who not only had stopped the "danger" of thinking within themselves but also had sought to root out thinking itself. They called their rise to power a "triumph of the will" in order to flaunt the anti-intellectual issue of their cause.

Likewise the Soviet Union, which regularly sends members of its own critical intellegensia to mental institutions, seeks desperately to quench the power of thought in their land. Communist Moscow (like Hitler's Berlin) is built upon unstable ground indeed, therefore, fears the earth-shattering power of thought among the masses. It too has become a corpse; but no ordinary cadaver is the USSR, for, like a vampire, it endlessly seeks after human blood.

It was once believed that a vampire could be brought to its knees at the display of a cross. Yet, for the majority of the civilized western world, the cross has been left to tarnish, having long since lost it's once uncontested sway over Western souls. Moral, philosophical, political and yes, intellectual decay have

chipped away at the very foundations of the earth's free societies (North America's included). Thus we are being faced with the increasing power of Communist (foremost Soviet) tyranny, just as almost by the hour we ourselves are losing strength.

To this fear may be added the very real threats of coup, revolt and sedition fostered by our own inaction and blindness from within our own ranks. No nation is entirely secure from this danger. Lisbon, Madrid, Paris, Rome, London, Bonn, Washington and even Ottawa may become targets for the enemies of liberty should not democratic forces act swiftly enough to restore, preserve and extend freedom's defences. From Australia to Austria, Western weakness in this task only further increases the potential of world war and all inclusive world violence. Abeyance of our sacred responsibility with regard to liberty carries with it a punishment not only swift and sure but befitting the crime - slavery for all generations to come.

This past Spring, I attended the graduation exercises of a well known New England prep-school. The key-note speaker was a moral-theologian from the Yale Divinity School. He warned that unless we, the people of the Western World, reassert our loyalty toward intellectual and spiritual strength, which are the fabric of our liberty, we will, in a short time, become the best "educated", best fed and best clothed concentration camp in human history!!

The purpose of university is to endow the society in which it functions with the greatest resource imaginable -- thinking women and men. Freedom, unlike tyranny, can only survive within a society built upon reason. Therefore, each of us at this university who makes the decision to become critical thinkers and reasoned human beings to the highest height our development and labour can become volunteers as well in the army of liberty, soldiers prepared to wage (the good fight with our minds). Civilization is in our hands - or rather, our minds!!

A THOUGHT



TRESPASSERS W

by Kent Walker

Students at UPEI were puzzled recently when they saw the Student Union Barn being torn down and then rebuilt in the center of campus. What was the reason for this?

The Student Union Executive was conducting an experiment; would the students visit The Barn more often if it was centrally located?

The study showed that they would. A large increase in student activity occurred in the week that The Barn was moved. Conclusion: re-locate the Barn and there will be more student participation.

Confused? You can relax now. This is merely a fictitious story, but the thought is worthwhile. What if The Barn were centrally located? Could it be done? Think for

a minute. What centrally-located building was renovated recently? Right. Memorial Hall. What would it be like if the Student Union was located on a floor in Memorial? Is it that impossible? All the main events (like "Guinness") could still be held in The Barn or the Gym. A floor in Memorial would give the Student Union more publicity and better student

involvement.

The Barn is a great place, but let's face it, it is old and poorly located, expensive to heat and there is a great amount of wasted space.

We're the ones that attend the University and pay the money. Shouldn't our opinions be asked for and considered with everyone else's?

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The World Problems Series of Lectures opens a new series on Wednesday, September 24, with His Excellency Augustin B. Gomez, Mexican Ambassador to Canada as guest lecturer.

Others

Dr. Reginald Stuart, co-ordinator of the series will act as moderator. Others on the panel will be Dr. Fernando Vidal, and Professor Gary Webster. The public lecture will be held in the Dr. MacKinnon Lecture Theatre at Holland College, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The topic for the evening will be "Revolution in Latin America".