

# Emerald Editor

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to freedom. To prove to the world that we are right we must show it a prosperous country resulting from a truly capitalistic system. And this is exactly what our war for freedom in Viet Nam is doing! Just talk to anyone who has been to Viet Nam and he will tell you how much our industry is stimulated by pro-American companies investing in Viet Nam. Our patriotic labor unions realize that to withdraw would mean to put a million people out of jobs.

Only a traitor would want to degrade America in the eyes of the world by having millions of unemployed roaming the streets having to be fed by businessmen who have better things to spend their money on. Of course, not enough people (at least American and not Asians) are being killed to solve any labor problems so it would be silly to say that too many people are dying to help the economy.

The only way to keep our country strong and powerful is to keep our businesses going as hard as they can so the right thinking people will have the money they need for the authority they deserve. It is people like our President and Ronald Reagan who have made our nation what it is today and if there were more people like this defending freedom and telling the world what correct thinking is then we wouldn't have to allow all those intellectuals to

criticize and destroy the unity of the system that made America what it is today.

**Don Fitz  
Junior, Psychology**

### Prime Fallacy

**Emerald Editor:**

I hate to have to keep insisting on this point, but the letter of Miss (I presume) Kim J. Adams in the November 15 Emerald contains the same fallacy that I had noted in my letter in the November 14 Emerald.

First, for safety's sake, let me repeat that I share Miss Adams' negative judgment on the YAF flag-burning. However, I repeat that the USSR flag is not the symbol of any nation, nor is the ideology with which it is associated the ideology of any nation as such. It is a prime fallacy to equate the Soviet Union with Russia, or to regard it as a nation, which it is not, either constitutionally or in reality. Miss Adams might find the topic a rewarding one to investigate.

Miss Adams' reasons for objecting to the YAF action raise a problem. She appears to regard it as a principle that any "national ideology" deserves respect. Would she extend this principle to cover Nazism?

Miss Adams' judgment that the Bolshevik Revolution did much for Russia, and her implication that objections to the Soviet system are necessarily based on narrow-minded intol-

erance of "other socioeconomic-political systems," are also debatable. Since, as Mr. "Buzz" Willits demonstrated in these pages last year, anyone who ventures to take exception to the currently popular rosy view of the situation in the USSR will be immediately identified as a partisan of Nixon, Duvalier, and Franco, (and, oddly enough, Frodo Baggins, the one association I did not find objectionable).

I recommend that Miss Adams read the November 13 issue of I. F. Stone's Weekly and reconsider whether the 50th anniversary of Soviet rule ought to be honored. I trust Mr. Stone will not be vilified as a fascist because of his ability to call a spade a spade even if it is red; and this year I will take the easy way out and hide behind him rather than stating what I know to be the truth and awaiting the inevitable consequences.

**Stephen C. Reynolds  
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Department of Religious  
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### Represents Who?

**Emerald Editor:**

I resent and oppose being represented by the ASUO Senate as doing nothing, something which I do not actually support. I do not support legalization of the use of marijuana nor do I support the suggestion that the penalty for its use and/or possession be reduced. I feel that

the use of marijuana is unsafe, foolhardy, and damaging to the mind and body.

Please, Mr. Fagan, and all you "free-thinkers" of the ASUO Senate, if you must submit a statement supporting legalization of the use of marijuana and its penalty being reduced, do not presume to think that you represent the feelings of all students at the University of Oregon. Whether anyone else is possessed of the same convictions, I don't know; but YOU DO NOT REPRESENT ME in this piece of legislation.

**Margaret E. Daughity  
Junior, English**

### Speak For Yourself

**Emerald Editor:**

The ASUO Senate, that small and insignificant body of political imitators which represents a comparatively small segment of the University populous, is again on the road to outspoken failure.

This great body of minds has now decided to discuss and probably solve the problem of marijuana usage on the campus. Their answer will, I'm sure, be worth hearing—for minority groups do have a right to be heard.

It can be argued by these student officials that campus opinion can be implemented in influencing the laws of the state, and even the nation. This may very well be true. But the reality of their tragic flaw begins to appear. Their punch carries a cursory wallop, and for it to be thrown at all seems supercilious to the students themselves.

The Senators and other officers in this student government were elected in an extreme apathetic manner. Of the small percentage that voted for a candidate, an even smaller group voted on particular issues (and by issues I do not mean the candidates opinion on marijuana, the Salem rally, or Viet Nam). In effect, what we have running the campus government are a few people who were elected on no real political basis; people whose ideas on the "issues" were no issue at all.

The paramount fact that "our" representatives should either remember or learn is that they speak for a minority, not the University of Oregon. Certainly the entire student body is to be blamed for allowing this type of leadership to attain office, but given the fact that college students are generally not concerned with student government it might be expected that our officers would act with some restraint and direct their activities to more pertinent and isolated disputes.

Thomas Jefferson said "great innovations should not be forced on slender majorities."

The ASUO government should bear this thought in mind — for their being in office is by virtue of one of the classic majorities of all time; a slight majority of a not much larger minority.

So in dealing with the rally in Salem, the Viet Nam war, or marijuana usage, speak for yourself Scott; not for us. Or perhaps all of these actions are just a part of your bigger plan — to get students out of their apathetic stance and bring them to the polls. If this is your scheme you are headed in the right direction — for the misuse and misrepresentation of power, or just plain bad government, may wake us up and replace you all.

**Randy Miller  
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### To Maneman

**Emerald Editor:**

To R. A. Maneman, whose letter (of sorts) appeared in the November 20 edition of the Emerald:

Wow!—I'm really impressed. You know how to use four syllable words like all the Big Boys. I'm sure you must be horribly proud of your ability to turn even the most simple concept into a monstrosity of

polysyllabic terms.

Far be it from me to try to impinge upon your obviously very comprehensive grasp of all subjects under the sun but in the interests of education I would like to endeavor to explain the Emerald's requirement of a " . . . typewritten and triple-spaced letter."

If you were familiar with copy editing procedures, Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Maneman, you would be cognizant of the fact that it is immeasurably easier to correct errors when there is sufficient place to write in the corrected copy. This can best be accomplished when letters are triple spaced.

"Errors?" you say with mingled disbelief and horror. How could, say, a graduate student in counseling psychology, make (shudder) errors? I would direct your attention to a small mistake of grammar at the end of the second paragraph.

Unless the "what?" was intended to be a new invention in phrasing, the expression is "eh, wot?"

The second consideration, Maneman (do you mind too much if I make you titleless or sexless or whatever?) is that not everyone's concept of "legible" coincides. For the sake of fairness we would be required to give each potential correspondent a writing test to see if he had the minimum standards of legibility. This should appear impractical even to your theoretically oriented mind.

Appropos to this, I seriously doubt that there exists a student on this campus who has neither access to a typewriter nor the savoir faire to get one of his friends to help him out.

However, if there is such a blighted soul on this campus who feels a deep psychological need to communicate, let him solicit the aid of one of the many manuscript typists in the University area.

As you can see, Maneman, this really isn't as discriminating and unfair a policy as it may at first seem.

As a side comment, your condemnation of the students who write in defense of the Peanuts cartoon seems typical of the overall character pattern you exhibited throughout your letter. It is obvious that you are incapable of appreciating the worth of ideas put simply, clearly, and above all readably.

The cartoon form, when used skillfully, meets all of these criteria admirably. And Shultz is a master cartoonist. If this "meaty fare" doesn't suit your tastes, why not try being a vegetarian for a while and see how you like it?

In conclusion, Maneman, I hope that when you grow up, you will finally learn that the purpose of communication is to say something, not to exhibit your mastery of the dictionary.

**Barb Fields  
Sophomore, CSPA**

### Alternative

**Emerald Editor:**

I have written to Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota, urging him to become a candidate for President in the primary elections next year, and I urge all Oregon Democrats to do the same.

Senator McCarthy's name on the ballot will be welcomed by all citizens who are appalled not only by the extent of our involvement in Viet Nam but also by our increasingly powerful military apparatus, an apparatus which is becoming less and less responsive to the will of the people. It is extremely important that Democratic voters have the opportunity to choose an alternative to the Johnson administration.

Although the present prospect for Senator McCarthy's nomination is remote, his candidacy will not be quixotic. It is needed to provide an expression for all citizens seeking a path of responsible dissent.

**Lewis E. Ward, Jr.  
Professor of Mathematics**

Steve D'Arzian

## North Vietnamese Official Says North Winning War

**Editor's Note:** The following is the first of two articles by Steve D'Arzian, the College Press Service correspondent in Viet Nam. He stopped in Moscow on his way to Viet Nam. While there he talked to a North Vietnamese government official about the views on the war and about prospects for peace. The abbreviation DRV used throughout the article stands for the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, the official title of North Viet Nam.

MOSCOW (CPS) — Although it is clear that the North Vietnamese do not trust the U.S. government I found it relatively easy to talk to the North Vietnamese representative I met with on two occasions here.

He agreed to see me because I came as a representative of the college press — the North Vietnamese are very much aware of opposition to the war among college students.

All in all, I talked with the First Secretary of the DRV, Do Kiem, for about five hours. He spoke Vietnamese, an attache translated into Russian and my Intourist guide translated into English. We drank green Vietnamese tea and smoked Dien Bien Phu cigarettes. Do Kiem was extremely gracious throughout our discussions.

I went to our first meeting prepared with specific questions about the technicalities of negotiations. Some of these were touched upon at our second meeting, others were ignored.

It is my general impression that once the DRV is convinced the United States sincerely wants peace, these difficulties can be surmounted.

### Power Shifted

Americans should realize, whether it is true or not — at this point I have no way of knowing — that the North Vietnamese believe they are winning the war militarily.

In the last two years, the Secretary said, the balance of power has shifted. He believes the DRV and NLF forces now have the advantage.

In the last five months, the DRV claims to have killed 150,

000 troops, of which 70,000 were Americans. They also claim to have stalemated U.S. offensive operations.

Do Kiem said that 2,407 American aircraft had been downed by DRV or NLF fire. This figure includes 43 types of aircraft, including B52s. Later I saw an edition of the Herald Tribune, still published in Paris which said we had admitted to 2,709 losses, but that not all the losses were due to enemy fire.

The First Secretary also said that because captured pilots are now often older men, and of higher rank, the DRV believes the United States faces a pilot shortage.

### Economy Rising

In spite of the heavy bombing by U.S. planes, Do Kiem claims rice production in the North has been increasing, that industries have been started where there were none before, and that "the educational, cultural and medical aspects of life are being developed." In a country with a population of 18 million, five million young people are in school, including institutions of higher learning, the First Secretary said.

At the present time, Hanoi and Haiphong have not been leveled. American attacks on the port of Haiphong, I am told, have been carefully executed so as not to sink any foreign ships. Presumably some targets in both cities are still restricted.

### Nuclear Attacks?

I asked Do Kiem whether the North Vietnamese were prepared for the leveling of these cities or for the possibility that all the escalation is merely a prelude to nuclear attacks on China itself.

My question was misinterpreted to mean nuclear attacks on North Viet Nam. Do Kiem said they could absorb even that. "Modern weapons are useless in Viet Nam," he said.

Later another journalist told me the North Vietnamese are prepared for anything. They have already written off Hanoi, a city they regard as too French. They have drawn up plans for a new city.

"All the Vietnamese people believe in the victory over American imperialism," Do Kiem said.

Their belief in eventual victory is bolstered by a four-thousand year history of resistance to foreign domination. "In the 12th and 13th centuries the Vietnamese fought the Mongol invasions. Later it was the Chinese."

"More recently we have ousted the Japanese and then the French," Kiem said.

The North Vietnamese believe the Americans are just another group of foreigners to be expelled.

The theme of liberation, of the just struggle for self-determination, recurs throughout the propaganda Do Kiem gave me.

Ho Chi Minh has said, "nothing is more precious than a fight for freedom." These North Vietnamese pamphlets assert that the Vietnamese people will win their fight because of "moral superiority."

### Morale Maintained

They place considerable emphasis on non-military factors such as these, and on programs such as land redistribution, as the reasons the superior morale of the NLF forces has been maintained.

They believe their own morale is superior to that of the Army of the Republic of Viet Nam (ARVIN), whose lack of morale has often been noted in the U.S. press, and to that of our own forces as well.

The acknowledged corruption of the Ky regime is a strong factor in their favor, the North Vietnamese believe. They see the South Vietnamese government as a mere puppet of America and say that without its support it would fall in a day.

"The Saigon government is like a stable in which the horses are fighting for a piece of hay. They are even ready to kill each other for their own interests. And the Army of South Viet Nam is their back yard," Mr. Kiem said, explaining that the liberation movement has spread from the countryside to the cities.