

# opinion

## Presidential paranoia

Is the president paranoid?  
Or is he using a scare tactic to undermine support for the nuclear freeze movement?

We had paranoia in the 1950s. Sen. Joe McCarthy waved lists of supposed communists in the state department. The United States was subject to months of paranoia and Congressional hearings to ferret out the commies in government.

That should have been enough of a trial of freedom of speech and political affiliation for one century.

But it wasn't. In the 1960s we saw scare tactics. This administration used the FBI to harass U.S. citizens protesting the Vietnam war. Time has shown that concern over U.S. foreign policy — not communist infiltration — fueled the anti-war movement.

Reagan alienates himself and divides the nation again with remarks like "foreign agents" back the nuclear freeze movement.

Reagan believes that a hard line and a strong military are the only ways to negotiate with the Soviet Union. To him the United States has few options.

The president would be better served if he questioned his sources of information about the nuclear freeze movement. He would benefit by discussion with the proponents of the nuclear freeze movement — whether he accepts their ideas or not.

If there exists such a "solid base of information . . . (the FBI) furnished to the White House quite some time ago," as an FBI spokesman recently said, then let's see it. Let the nuclear freeze initiators, such as Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield and 4th District Congressman Jim Weaver see who is duping them.

If the FBI knows of treasonous activity, they are obligated to investigate it.

If, however, Reagan and other military and federal personnel are using their position to scare would-be supporters of the movement or color the constitutional right to support a cause and voice it, then the president better beware.

The nation has been down this road before and the instigators have been ousted.

joan nyland

## suitable for comment

Lech Walesa, recently-released Solidarity leader, said he is ready to negotiate with the Polish government "not with me on my knees, but a fair, proper agreement."

An impossible, but wonderful, thought.

Walesa, incarcerated since last April in a supposed government hunting lodge, cannot negotiate fairly with a government that has no sense of justice — that does not weigh equally the sides of labor and government monopoly. A government whose very existence is based on the Red Army hovering at the border and totalitarian control of communication.

A "proper agreement" is unforeseeable in light of the

eight months of improper negotiations — negotiations in the street which have forced Solidarity underground and instilled the fear of reprisal.

"Break my will, then I'll agree" is the most inhumane of tortures — the Polish government resorts to such methods.

They know killing Walesa would have fueled Solidarity, producing a martyr and perhaps civil war. Even the Poles, an unusually strong people, have a threshold on how much political activism they can engage under conditions of depression and Polish winter.

The government waited for the national spirit to weaken and Brezhnev's death to be announced to let Walesa out.



...THIS, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT, IN ANY WAY, BE CONSTRUED AS A CHANGE OF ZOO POLICY.

## letters

### Misquoted

In the Friday Emerald I was misquoted in the following manner:

I absolutely do believe, and feel others should also believe, that the Soviet Union is a totally totalitarian state. I do not understand how I was quoted as having said the opposite. Perhaps this stems from a misunderstanding or was taken out of context.

I by no means ruled out the chances of Andropov becoming

Brezhnev's successor. On the contrary, I maintained that, unfortunately for the citizens of the USSR and us, he is the most likely person to be appointed (at least in the short-run). I also said that his appointment to this position would be a disaster to any human rights considerations in the Soviet Union. That was why I said I foresaw the Soviets appointing a more conservative leader.

Aside from these two minor discrepancies, I would like to commend the reporter for composing a rather good article. I recognize the difficulty inherent in integrating the statements of two different individuals into one coherent article.

Ronald Wixman  
professor, geography

### Editor's note:

Professor Wixman was wrongly attributed as saying that "People in the West ought to stop thinking of the Soviet Union as a totally totalitarian system." The quote is that of Prof. Joseph Fiszman.

Thirdly, what possible job opening can there be for a journalist who uses run-on sentences, is bigoted, and is sexist and narrow-minded. Really Scott, grow up.

Richard Silverman

### On reality

I know I'll feel better if I hear that journalism junior is majoring in the study and practice of libel. His assertions regarding the appearance, character and skill of the jugglers practicing on campus are only slightly less ludicrous than his accusation of physical assault.

What the fuck does he mean when he writes, "One of those no-good jugglers threw it at me . . ."

THREW IT AT HIM? Why? Why would a pacifist-wimp-hippie-drain-on-society-faggot-long-hair-juggler throw a club at a student who aspires to inform the world of reality?

Love, man.

Hilary Anthony

### Grow up

Retorting the letter on jugglers in the Nov. 11 Emerald, I would first like to ask Joan Nyland why such a blatantly fascist letter was printed.

Secondly, I would like to ask Scott how he would respond if he were to have some snob-nosed petite bourgeoisie come up to him and say "get a job you faggot." I think Scott might get a good taste of his own redneck-neo-fascism if he were cognizant enough to acknowledge the insult.

### Corrections

R. Carl Cole's letter entitled "No Communist" in the Nov. 11 Emerald had a typing error. The Register-Guard ads, referred to by Cole, were printed on Nov. 1, a day before the election.

Another error occurred in Kyle DeBord's letter "Against grain." The last sentence should have read, "A draft resister does as much to 'preserve our way of life' or 'defend freedom in the western world' as any U.S. Marine."

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