

Monologue

Idle Hands

By J. Dana Haynes

Israel, one of the few foul-weather allies the United States ever had, has become the focus of a great deal of bad feelings lately. Not only in the States but all across the world.

The question is, why? It all started with Israel's invasion into Lebanon and culminated in the much publicized massacre of Lebanese refugees.

As a result, a wave of anti-Israeli (not necessarily anti-semitic; there is a difference) sentiment has swept the Western world. And the people of Israel have staged mass no-confidence rallies to protest the Knesset's hand in the massacre.

Finally last week, several members of the United Nations, including Libya and Kuwait, proposed barring Israel from the General Assembly. In response, American Ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick announced that, whither goest Israel, so goes the U.S. This despite a recent Associated Press/Harris pole indicating that popular support for Israel is waning in this country.

This lack of confidence is truly unfair. The massacre of innocent refugees is, admittedly, a terrible event. But what the rest of the world seems to be forgetting is that Christian Philangist soldiers were responsible, not Israelis. The evidence now indicates that the Jewish military was aware of the slaughter and could have intervened. To fail to do so was a gross error, and the blame must rest squarely on some of the highest brass in the Israeli military, including Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

But to blame the entire country is ridiculous. Sharon should be replaced, perhaps. And even Prime Minister Menachem Begin has been without fault here. However, Begin, like Ulysses S. Grant, has not a superb military man who isn't of much value in peace time. That does not make his entire country bad, anymore than Richard Nixon's corruption made America corrupt.

Part of the blame must fall on the television news medium. The recent war in Beirut was cursed by being readily televisable. How many filmed accounts of the North/South Yemen war do you remember seeing?

The American audience was spoon-fed miles of footage showing the shattered and gutted wreckage of Beirut and the conclusion was drawn that this was the handiwork of the Israelis. What the people and the press seemed to forget was the war which raged in that city for the past seven years. Not even half of the damage inflicted on Beirut was the work of the Jewish army.

TV news isn't the only culprit, either. One Associated Press story that ran on the front page of the *Oregonian* this summer told of the Israelis raining bombs on Embassy Row in Beirut. The headline screamed the fact and the first column of paragraphs told of the various outraged delegates.

In the second column, the writer mentioned the street in front of the consulates was lined with Syrian-owned, Russian built rocket launchers.

It is this sort of editorial neglect that has thrown so much suspicion and ill will on the people of Israel. True, the current government may be too militant for its own good, and certain members of the military did indeed sit idly by while refugees were being obliterated by Philangists. But this does not make the whole country less worthy of our trust and friendship.

Next time someone thinks the entire country of Israel is tainted, one should make note of the anti-government rallies in the streets of Tel Aviv and ask oneself; when was the last time the citizens of any Arab country protested over the killings of Jews?

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Draft rider discriminatory

By Doug Vaughan

"I have just got a feeling that it will become some kind of nightmare," the College's Financial Aid Officer Scott Fischer said.

The nightmare he is talking about is the financial aid rider, or amendment to a bill, that was passed by Congress last month. The bill requires that all males between the ages of 18 and 24 who apply for financial aid must be registered for a potential draft. The bill is not only discriminatory against a small group but it is also going to cause a lot of confusion.

The biggest burden is going to be in the hands of financial aid offices. Even though the rider is supposed to put as little load as possible on the offices the early signs are not inviting. Fischer feels that, at the moment, no one knows what is happening. He also thinks the government might come up with a simplified plan but at this time he doubts it.

One main concern is that the federal government is using

the financial aid offices as a tool to single out the non-registered students. If the government is going to try to single out non-registrants, then they should do it through the courts in a legal manner.

One other problem that arises is the verification of the student's registration. The bill does not state how a student is supposed to prove he is registered. It also fails to state how the financial aid offices are supposed to confirm the registration. One way that they can verify this is to have the student sign a document saying that he is registered. This plan has a flaw when you consider that the non-registered students failed to cooperate with federal draft laws in the first place. Who is going to prevent them from lying on an affidavit? The only way that is foolproof is to have the Department of Education do a computer check with the Selective Service and compare with the financial aid records which will cause confusion in the financial aid offices.

The bill also discriminates.

It singles out males and goes on to single out males attending college. Furthermore, it decreases the group to males attending college and applying for financial aid. In other words, it affects low-income students.

"It is at the expense of a group of people who do not deserve to be singled out any more than any other group," Fischer said.

The only reason the government has singled out this group, Fischer feels, is because it is easy. He said that this is one of the few areas over which the government has authority.

Whether or not their authority is enough reason to enforce the draft in this manner remains to be debated. The bill will not only single out a minute group, but it will also cause confusion for a lot of people in financial aid offices nationally.

I am 18 and registered. I do not work in a financial aid office, but I agree, it will be a nightmare.

Dialogue

Anger, embarrassment assail Nastari

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter in hope that I might get the attention of a particular group of students. The type of student I'm referring to can be found in the Community Center Mall eight days a week (or so it seems). I realize that probably 30 percent of them are sincere, polite individuals. The other 70 percent, I believe, are majoring in MTV-101.

It isn't anybody's business how these students (adults?) waste their time, and they will let you know it too. The prime example (fiasco) I must point to was the October 18th Candidates Fair in the Community Center Mall. The (your) student government sponsored this event as a service to students or anyone who was

interested. We did not try to force anyone to listen, in fact, it would have been nice if people would have just left if they were bored.

The list of speakers included: John Heubusch (speaking on behalf of Congressman Denny Smith), Senator Ruth McFarland, State Representative Joyce Cohn, and Dr. Andy Moschogianis (Oregonians for Clean Air). These people took time out of their busy schedules to meet with Clackamas' students (probably for the last time).

I could not bring myself to believe that anyone could be so rude to our public servants that mean so much to all of us. Students (like myself) often wonder why they don't have the representation they need.

The answer is simple; most students aren't willing to listen, or shut-up so others can.

I was also distressed to see that the newspaper media were there to write all of this down. I don't like to see this type of abuse leveled at anyone, let alone our state and national representatives. I apologize to the few people who wanted to listen but were unable to do so.

P.S.: If I get a response from this group, then this letter has served its purpose.

Sincerely,

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