

U.S. should become British colony again

By Rick Obritschkewitsch

Well maybe it's about time the United States stops fighting the urge, and once again becomes a colony of Great Britain. That's right, over 200 years ago we broke ties with Great Britain so that, for the most part, citizens of the United States could practice freedom of worship, among other things.

Our fore-fathers also decided that it would be better for us to have a president as the ruler of our country, rather than Royalty. Over the past couple of weeks, though, it is very apparent that many of our citizens regret the break with Great Britain.

First comes the issue of freedom of religion. Perhaps it wasn't freedom of religion we wanted after all. Maybe it was freedom of Christianity. With the reception that Swami Krishna Deva, the mayor of Rajneeshpuram, received, this would seem to hold true. It was not only that there were many calls complaining of the Rajneesh's visit, but some of the questions that were thrown at him, forced him to remain on the defensive during his entire presentation.

The way things are run down in the state capitol makes Salem seem like a zoo. Now, does anyone out there really think I should be ejected from Oregon for making a statement like that? Probably not. But Deva said pretty much the same thing. Of course as soon as he realized the reaction from the audience, he qualified it by saying, "I like zoos."

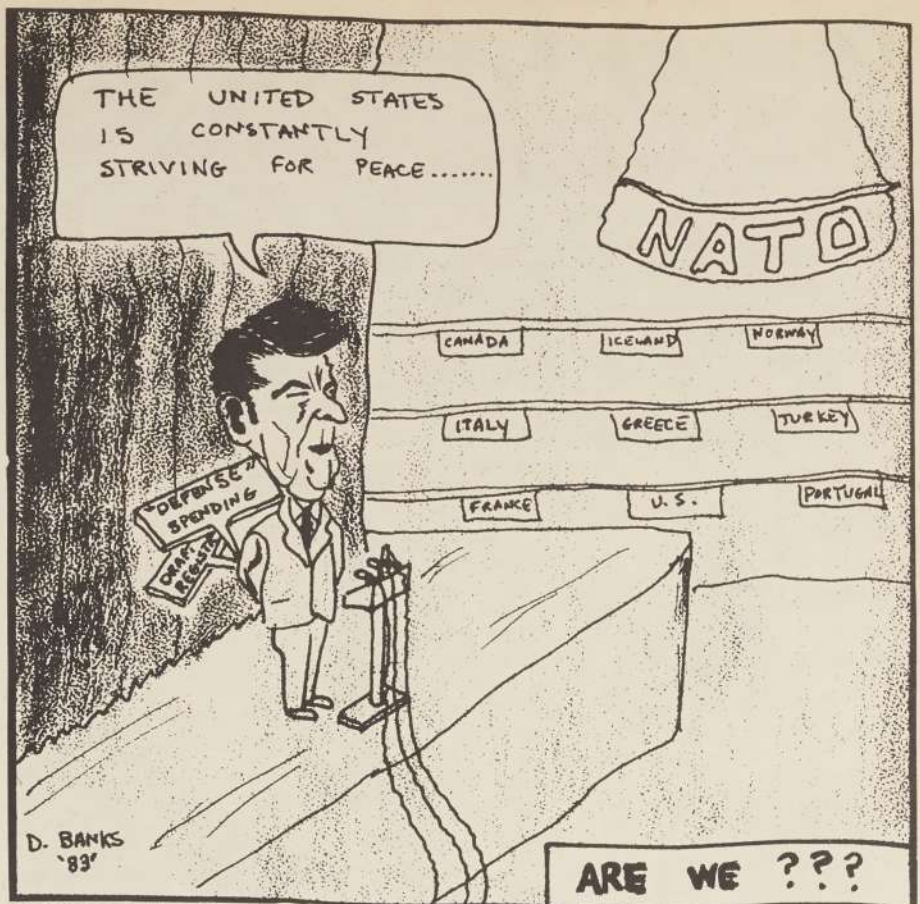
The sentiment toward religion has seemed to have changed to "freedom of

religion, as long as it's Christian." But then, the Jewish people are permitted to practice their faith in the U.S., although this is because Judaism is in the origins of all Christian religions, and Jesus was a Jew. Besides, Jews are really only tolerated in this country.

After seeing the recent trip the Queen made through our country, maybe we should once again join under Her rule. Every little segment of Her trip was reported by the press. For instance, a front page headline in the Wednesday, March 2 edition of the Oregonian read, "Queen takes 4-wheel drive to Reagan ranch for taco lunch." There has got to be more important front page news than that.

People were reported to have been waiting outside overnight just to catch a glimpse of the Queen.

So what is this attraction we seem to have for Great Britain's Dignitaries? Is it that we wish we were still under Her reign? Maybe. At least then we wouldn't have the terrible task of electing a new chief every four years. The way our voting turnout



always seems to go, maybe that isn't too far from true.

If anyone has a better reason for our obsession with the Great Britain way of life, please let me know. Cheerio, pip, pip and all that sort of root.

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E.T., go home . . . and stay

Brett Biggam

I love to go to the movies. Losing yourself on the silver screen for a good two hours is one of the best entertainments that you can find. A good movie stimulates your brain and gives you a boost. I do not, however, enjoy having to live in a movie twenty-four hours a day.

It gets pretty sickening when a movie gets so commercialized that every time you turn around it is staring you in the face.

I mean, of course, you cannot go anyplace these days without seeing an ET this or an ET that. It's getting pretty nauseating. There is ET clothing, and ET dolls, and ET sheets; and one of the most horrible of all, ET dishes. I cannot fathom why a kid would want to eat all of his oatmeal just so he could see a face that looks like an old wrinkled banana looking up at him.

The worst thing about it is that no one bothered to tell these ET fanatics that ET is not a pretty fellow. He is one of the ugliest things to come along since athlete's foot. His body is reminiscent of the pods in "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" and he sounds like a distorted '20s record.

Now I don't mean that "ET" was not a good movie. I thoroughly enjoyed it, and even saw it three times (once not by choice), but enough is enough. At least in the movie he got sent home. I think that that is where he should stay.

"ET" is not the only offender in the plague of movie worship madness. George Lucas has infected us with strains of this disease.

Of course, I am talking about the over abundance of "Star Wars" and "Empire Strikes Back" paraphernalia. Every toy department across the country has shelves and shelves of Yodas and R2-D2s and Luke Skywalker and every other character from the two movies.

I also enjoyed these movies but I do not want to see them every day for the rest of my life. I mean, what is a kid going to grow up like if his biggest dream is to have a pair of Darth Vader pajamas. I certainly wouldn't want my son to be a hero worshipper of something like that.

Movies have always played a big part in our lives, but for the past few years its just been going crazy.

It's time to leave the movies in the movie theaters, and to start living without them as an everyday influence. My suggestion? The next time you see a kid in an ET shirt, kick his butt home.

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