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A Fearful Reality

"Bombs cannot quell the determination of the Vietnamese people."

"With United States support, Francois Duvalier has made the black republic of Haiti into the poorest country in Latin America."

"Korea, like Cuba, is ready to fight against imperialism whenever necessary to defend her national territory, her homeland, and her principles."

Similar statements occur either as headlines or leads throughout GRANMA, the official organ of the Communist Party of Cuba, published weekly as a news review in three different languages and widely spread around the globe.

Nearing their one hundredth issue, GRANMA consistently supports the liberation of the people of the world from capitalistic and imperialistic government. The staff of GRANMA and their contemporaries are striving to become good salesmen as they are good propagandists, for they are constantly distributing their weekly review to the youth of French, English and Spanish speaking nations. Many college and University newspaper editors and student government presidents are receiving weekly complementary issues, with the hope of thorough circulation within the student bodies.

We are all well informed of the recent racial riots occurring within our country, and have been informed by the people involved in the rioting, that their main objective was to overcome the suppression of the black race by the whites by means of force, since the pacifist approach has not reached the desired goals as quickly as they wished. We also know of the recent campus demonstrations and the march on Washington, in which the majority involved were American youths in protest to present the military discipline of the United States government. Each person involved supposedly has the conviction that he is right in his beliefs. But in each case, rioting and demonstrating, there had to be an official organ to start the mass organizing of these people. It is believed by many Americans that communists, both within and outside of our country, are responsible for the organizing of these protest groups, in an attempt to both weaken our internal structure, and produce more material for their propaganda.

In an attempt to inform students at St. Andrews of the type of one-sided features and news articles edited by a communist newspaper, back issues of GRANMA have been placed in the De Tamble Library and soon will be available in the Student Affairs Office library. To fully realize the reality of the communists drive for power, one needs to be exposed to the fearful and demanding statements of their powerful news media. Exposure to GRANMA reveals the one-sidedness of their arguments. From this exposure, we can then decide for ourselves what road of defense is best for the individual. Before we engage in protests, we should be sure who our leaders are, and whether or not they stand for the ideals that we as individuals represent.

Letter to the Editor

The Social and Problematic Aspects of Alcohol

Dear Sir:

Reflecting on the over-all situation at Saint Andrew's College may I make the following observation? The problem is not whether or not students shall be permitted by consent of the college to possess alcohol in their rooms because this is done in many instances without approval of the college. The basic issue is not the ownership or possession of alcohol but the use of alcohol.

Social drinking is drinking with other persons at times and places prescribed by cus-

toms, social approval and other vital facts as related to the use of alcohol. Drinking alone, drinking to relieve tension, drinking to relieve boredom, drinking to relieve any emotional crisis or problem, is not social drinking but problem drinking.

It am aware of the tremendous hypocrisy, ambivalence and contradiction in regard to the custom of the use of alcohol in our present society, but this is something imposed by society - not by Saint Andrew's College. A public school

or college cannot establish a cultural or social use of alcohol but is in itself bound by the cultural and social attitudes of the immediate community and those persons who own and control the school or the college. In other words, a public school cannot take the lead in attempting to establish cultural and social norms for drinking, and a private school or college cannot move far ahead or lag far behind the custom of that group which owns, supports or controls the institution.

In all fairness to the administration of the school, the student body must be willing to assume responsibility for enforcing the rules and exercising discipline even to the extent of recommending expulsion if a student repeatedly drinks in a fashion contrary to the accepted norm. I would hazard a guess that if the student government took over this responsibility you would suddenly discover that this group would then be in virtually the same position as the administration at present is now in, namely the impossible task of trying to deal with a very complex problem which has facets both in the area of law, social custom, morals, ethics and to a great extent the field of mental health.

Finally, as I pointed out last night, this is not a matter between the school administration and the student body. This is a matter between administration and students as a unit as this unit fits into the total social structure which we call society. I personally would not be opposed to the possession of alcoholic beverage within a college room, but as a matter of avoiding problems connected with use of alcohol, I would be extremely opposed to drinking within an individual room unless it were an announced, approved social gathering under conditions in which no excessive use of alcohol were experienced by any individual.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH L. KELLERMANN

A film on the growth, development, decline, esthetics and problems of "the city" will be shown in the LAA next week. Narrated by Lewis Mumford, the film runs for three hours.

"Aien" of St. Andrews—Scotland Attacks U. S. Vietnam Policy

The following is excerpted from the Aien, the newspaper of the University of St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland. The opinions expressed are those of the student government president.

The U.S.A. will not leave Vietnam, for it would result in a serious economic slump. Half of the American economy is making a bomb out of the war. Most Americans have a neurosis about Communists. They are not in face fighting a communist movement, but a nationalist movement by the North Vietnamese Communist Government, independent of it. Nevertheless, they believe they are fighting Communism, which

to them is anathema. They often don't realize that the communists are ordinary people with human vices and virtues.

The Armed Forces like war; ordinary soldiers hate it; Generals love it. Civilians are divided. The U.S.A. believes it has been invited by the people of the South to defend them. In fact it was called in by the notorious despot Dlem, who got in with U.S. help. Even if President Johnson wanted to get out, it would be impossible; apart from the physical difficulty of evacuating troops, the U.S.A. is too deeply committed for a long phasing-out to be inevitable. However, the longer Americans stay, the more deeply they will be committed.

The only solution to stop this horrible and vicious war is to be found at the conference table. The U.S.A. MUST do something to try to bring about an unconditional pause in their bombing program, which is incredibly expensive and futile.

For what do Americans want? They didn't intend to win the war, for if they did, they would bomb seriously, invade and capture the North and cut off the Vietcong. There is no doubt that they are strong enough to do this, and almost before the Chinese would realize what was happening. If they don't want to win, which we must assume from the facts, then they must want the North to sue for peace. As a matter of pride, they want the enemy to come to them, even at the cost of \$10,000 million and the loss of countless lives of both sides. This is a ridiculous price to pay: especially when almost the whole world is against them. To stop the war in the hope that conferences can result is the only sensible course, the only human course, and the only course which will restore the U.S. image and self-respect.

A Dialogue About Campus Drinking

"The time has come for St. Andrews students to prove their capacity for responsibility. The drinking bill offers the students a perfect opportunity to openly display such mature judgement."

"Have we really the maturity to accept this privilege gracefully? The chance we would be taking to find out--and its possible results--could be disastrous."

"Until given the opportunity to prove our merit, we must continue to operate on sub-adult mores."

"Can we not experience adulthood without alcohol? Drink will not make the man."

"Reality cannot be ignored. Drinking is a reality and occurs legally only 7 miles from Laurinburg, if not 700 feet from the student center."

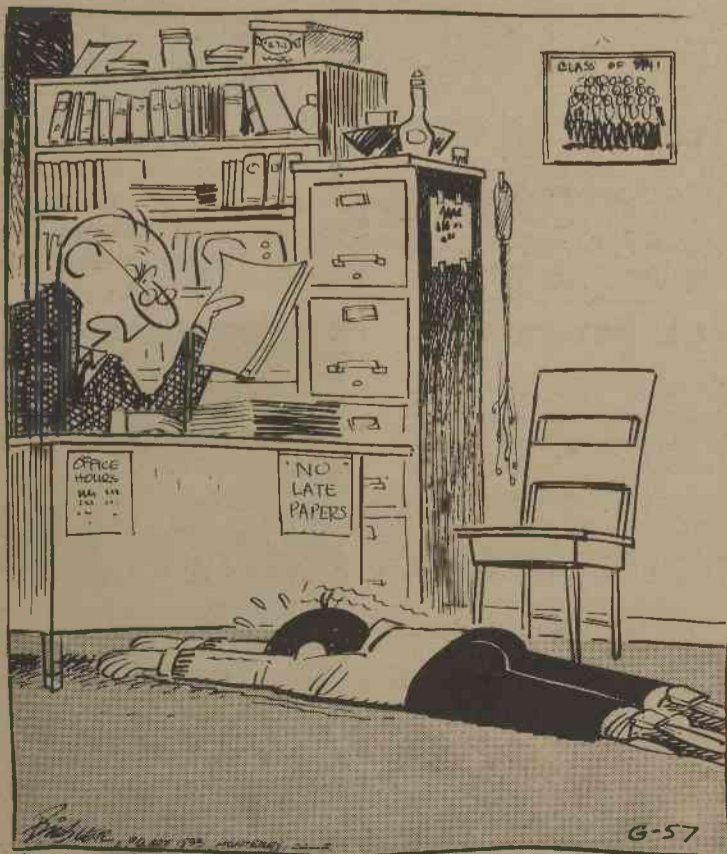
"Perhaps nearer still. Yet can the pending regulations reform these local Saturday-night sots?"

"Reformation is not the case; legality of alcohol on the campus is. Liquor is a normal and an accepted form in adult recreation; St. Andrews students are taught as adults; they should be governed as such."

"To consider drinking a recreation is surely a misnomer; drunkenness is no sign of maturity, and admittedly there is no scarcity of weekend drunkards here."

"Drunkenness is not necessarily the ultimate consequence of a social drink. Drunks are here as well as any other college--legalizing alcohol on campus will neither prevent drunks nor permit them."

"A drunk is a drunk, legal or non. Social drinking is an art, a grace, and it must be taught. Only then can students accept alcohol as adults."



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