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Israel: friend or foe?

By COREY INGOLD

Traditionally, the United States has refrained from strongly criticizing Israel in its fight against the Arabic nations. The Israelis have long been respected for their determination to preserve their heritage as a people. As a predominantly Christian nation, the United States has, in many cases, defended the "chosen people" rather than Muslims. Several years ago, Jimmy Carter was able to bring Israel's Prime Minister Begin and Egypt's President Sadat together and the historical Camp David accords were signed. That year, Begin and Sadat shared the Nobel Peace Prize. A step toward peace in the troubled Middle East had been taken.

This summer matters began to run a different course. Begin appointed Ariel Sharon, a hard-core Zionist, to the position of Defense Minister. If this wasn't enough to ruffle some feathers, his bombing of the Osirak reactor in Baghdad surely was. Then, the worst of his blunders took

place with the jet attack on Beirut killing many innocent civilians. The United States denounced these actions and began to reassess its commitment to Israel.

In all fairness to Israel, Begin has been under tremendous pressure. He and his Likud bloc party narrowly won victories in the past summer's elections. Also the Osirak reactor did pose a great threat to Israel and the Lebanese have treated Israel badly in the past. My main contention, though, is that a man apparently committed to peace should stand by those convictions no matter how much he despises his enemies, and Begin does, indeed, despise his with a passion. Sadat has stood firm on his word at Camp David and during a recent visit to Washington was greeted warmly. Should Begin suddenly reverse his recent war-like tendencies, he would possibly be deserving of the United States' trust and companionship. Until then, Israel stands as a country to be watched rather than be depended upon.

ADA representative speaks

By MAUREEN INGALLS

Charlie King, National Director for the Americans for Democratic Action Youth Caucus, spoke in the Belk Lounge on Monday, September 21st at 8:00 p.m. His topic was "An Active Response to Conservatism" and introduced many modes in which youth can involve themselves in responding to the national surge of conservatism.

A 1980 graduate of Brown University and a native of New York City, King rose up through the ADA ranks and is presently coordinating the various ADA internships and educational programs. His work has dealt mainly with college-age individuals from all regions of the nation.

In his speech, King argued that, while it is true conservatives are powerful, this power is minimal. According to King, the reason conservatism made such a sweep in the general election is the conservatives have a small, yet well-organized, core group. Early last year NCPAC (National Conservative Political Action Committee) had targeted several key Congressmen for downfall in the 1980 elections. Several were subsequently ousted, such as Senators Frank Church and

George McGovern. Terry Dolans, present head of NCPAC, had sent a warning to key liberal members of Congress. This message, according to King, was not properly heeded and through an impressive campaign including extensive ad campaigns and lobbying efforts, many senators were unseated. King also stated that several other factors contributed in the breakdown of liberalism over the past several years. These included the lack of apparent interest with the liberal ranks and the extremely well-organized nucleus of conservative interests.

The ADA Youth Caucus has cited several areas for improvement in its programs to reinstate liberalism across the country. By bringing more individuals to the polls, by educating them about their efficacy in the political system, and by better organization through participation in campaigns, ADA feels that a better awareness of conservatism can be possible.

In conclusion, Charlie King claimed that 1980 was an "aberration" but by no means untractable. Through his programs, he believes that one's own effectiveness is realized and utilized, and liberalism may once again be a strong force in government.

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There is hope for students

By KIM BECKNELL

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Do you (the student) learn enough? Are you able to write a coherent letter or paper without grammatical errors? And how would you rate your vocabulary? Such questions were raised at the symposium honoring the twentieth anniversary of St. Andrews. Unfortunately more professors than students attended. The symposium consisted of three speakers, with Dr. Edna Ann Loftus presiding. The theme of the symposium was "Liberal Learning in a Technological Age."

Dr. Malcolm Dobles, Dean of the College at Coker College, was the first speaker. He spoke on classical learning and how it has a greater contribution to make to education. He feels that people restrict feelings of themselves and for others to what

they can do for themselves. Speaking to students, he said a student is driven to find his own identity.

Dr. Reynolds Price, Writer-in-Residence at Duke University, spoke on the study of language. He was very brief in posing five propositions: 1- Language is the one indispensable skill. 2- In many, one's native language is not considered a necessary part of formal education, beyond the elementary level. 3- Our own culture can not make that assumption. 4- Mastery of a native language is a functioning of unremitting human attention. 5- As members of late twentieth century American culture, we have lost the desire for and skill of human attention.

Dr. Larry Churchill, President of Society for Health and Human Values, spoke on Ethics. He used the thesis "Technology dominates American culture." He feels that machines mediate environment, us-

ing examples such as: Teller H. MX. He said "Ethics has become technical skill."

Questions followed their introductions. Dr. Reynolds Price kept the audience "in stitches." He was very frank with his answers, not hesitating to oppose those who questioned him. Price gave the impression that students do not learn as much now as they may have thirty years ago. A mindful student quickly raised her hand in sarcasm, asking what students were supposed to do. Dr. Larry Churchill stood up for them, saying in some ways today's student learns more. There are more facilities for learning. Dr. Loftus advised students to read more. There is hope for them!

It is a shame more students were not present for the defense. I guess many were too busy reading and learning. By the way, could anyone tell me what happened to Luke and Laura that day?

Adherence to S.A. Honor Code

By IKE McREE

On behalf of the Judicial System of St. Andrews I would like to welcome all freshmen and transfers and express my sincere wish that the only time I meet any of you will be on a strictly social and not "professional" basis. This year the student body has the opportunity to take on more responsibility than ever before and the Judicial System is one way in which we can exhibit our acceptance of responsible action. Therefore, adherence to the Honor Code is the single most important way of proving to the faculty and administration that we, as students, deserve to be accepted as mature and trustworthy members of the St. Andrews community.

In the past the Honor Code was not enforced by the student body as it should have been and as a result the faculty and administration began to handle Honor Code violations. This resulted in diverse judgements as faculty members handled violations differently. Last year the student body began asking for more autonomy in student life and the Attorney General contributed to that call by initiating a strong response to Honor Code violators. As a result, the Judicial System once again offered an opportunity for students to handle their own affairs. I pledge to continue that tradition and will encourage the faculty and administration to allow us to enforce the rules

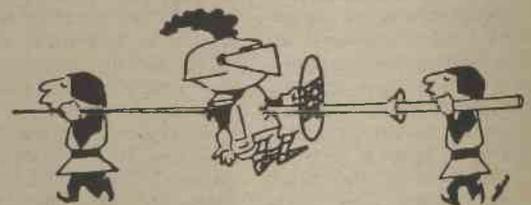
and regulations we have agreed, by enrolling at St. Andrews, to follow.

The Honor Code was created by the student body and simply states that lying, cheating, stealing, and the toleration of such is not acceptable at St. Andrews. Though it may not appear to be, the taking of silverware or dishes from the cafeteria is stealing. If you have read Food Service's pamphlet it is evident that stealing from the cafeteria has been a problem. When the cafeteria is forced to replace stolen items the money comes from the food budget, and the community as a whole suffers when food quality decreases and prices increase. The library as well experienced problems with books and materials taken without being properly checked out. I urge each member of the St. Andrews community to discourage these actions and I assure you that the Judicial

System, with your help, will do its part. Remember, the Honor Code is not something to be feared, rather, a code for which we should have respect and pride.

As Paul Dosal pointed out in the last issue of *The Lance*, there are procedures that need to be followed when problems arise. We must be responsible for our own affairs and prove to the faculty and administration our desire and ability to play an integral part in the life of St. Andrews. I encourage anyone with questions, comments, or problems to contact me (Suite 5, Albemarle) or a member of the Student Judiciary Board. The Cabinet is committed to the betterment of St. Andrews and seeks the student body's support in that endeavor.

Your Ally
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The St. Andrews seal, representative of the institution's purpose, has been immortalized in the memorial quilt presented to the school by the Dames of St. Andrews during the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration last week. The traditions of the institution are characterized by significant symbols on the St. Andrews seal. A shield is emblazoned upon the seal symbolizing the duty that the individual student strives to attain during college and throughout life. The lamp on the seal burns eternally and the words, "Excellence for Christ," describes a close spiritual community which promotes strong Christian ideals.

