



letters to the editor

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Mr. Jack Levine's letter of Jan. 31 is typical of the subjectivity that occurs when referring to situations such as the one in Iran. In one paragraph of his letter he states that the United States has no business interfering in other countries, yet he also states that the United States should publicly announce that we will not tolerate a military coup. And if such a coup should occur, Mr. Levine, what should we do then, since we should not meddle in the affairs of other countries.

Besides which, the United States has as much right to tell Iran what it can and it cannot do with arms it has bought and paid for, as Iran does to tell us what it can or cannot do with the crude oil that we had, until the strikes in the oil fields, bought from them.

Since everyone else seems to express their opinion on the subject these days, I will, also. I have to express my doubts as to the motives of one such as Khomeini, who refuses to accept an offer of a popularly elected government, and insists on the power being turned over to him and him alone. It sounds to me as if the Iranian people are willing to transfer the reins of government from the shah to a potentially more harsh dictator.

One has only to examine the records of the Inquisition or the Crusades, or look at other Islamic countries, where the penalty for petty theft is hacking off the offender's hand, to see what kind of inhumanities that can be and are perpetuated in the name of religion. Hitting close to home, I would ask, How many young Iranians will the Ayatullah allow to study among the "infidel" Americans or Europeans.

I would urge each and every citizen of the United States and Iran to give some objective thought to what is occurring in Iran. After all, one who makes his own bed is eventually going to have to lie in it.

Sherwood Boswell
Junior, History

I have read all the information given over the past year or so in various newspapers. When I read the letters in the *Daily Nebraskan* opposing the expansion I knew they were wrong, so before I spoke, I found out the facts. I talked to Board of Regents Chairman Ed Schwartzkopf.

He gave me the numbers and told me what was happening. I suggest future letter writers know the facts before they talk.

Don Arnett
Freshman, CBA

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True colors shown

If our present disposition were other than it is, the Free Chinese students would be afforded our greater attention. Sadly, however, our nation practices self-hypnosis when it comes to communism, something akin to the philosophic notion that if one doesn't wish something to exist, one need only ignore it. Now we have given the Communist Chinese recognition; we imply they have authority.

Our intellectuals who have been consistent in ignoring communism now apologize for Peking saying it is no worse than a "reactionary" Taiwan. Our short memories have lost their previous apologies made for Stalinist Russia, Cuba, Algeria, and Vietnam; what can be said about this inconstant lack of perception regarding our enemies?

We would be obliged to the Free Chinese if they impressed our misguided conscience. At stake are the values we presume so glibly today. Thomas Molnar sees the United States as one of the last institutions capable of contending with the "Revolution", i.e. communism. When the United States fails the "Counter-Revolution" our society is finished. How close are we to fulfilling this argument? Don't ask (communist) revolutionaries or their treasonous converts who speak with the guise of pacifism. Don't ask a president who cannot resolve to confront communism with intellectual and moral vigor.

I suggest we look to the Free Chinese. Their so-called "reactionary" premier was himself once a communist. Simon Leys, in *National Review* predicted, "When the Chinese Solzhenitsyns begin to expose the Maoist era in all its details, anyone who exclaims in horrified shock: 'My God! Had we only known!' will be a hypocrite and a liar." I think the Free Chinese have already shown us our hypocrisy.

Standford L. Sipple
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At whose expense?

Many people have expressed concern about how the Regents can spend money on Memorial Stadium while certain departments at UNL are below par. Although the claims about the College of Business, faculty salaries etc. may be true, it isn't true that the regents are squandering the taxpayers money. No Taxes will be spent on the expansion. The expansion will be paid off by people who buy football tickets.

In previous years the home team in the Big Eight Football games was required to pay one-half its profits to the visiting school. For NU, this averaged about \$195,000 per game. At the last Big Eight meeting, NU asked that a maximum pay-out figure be established. This was done and set at \$175,000 per game. So now the home team pays one-half its profits, up to the \$175,000. So NU will receive \$20,000 more per home game than in previous years.

The old rule made it economically unsound to expand the stadium because one-half of any profit went to the other team. But the new rule makes it feasible for expansion. The money for the expansion will come from the \$20,000 per home game (\$100,000-\$140,000 per year) and the profit from the 8,000-10,000 seat addition. Thus the project can be paid off in six to seven years.

In closing, I'd like to say that future letter writers should take the time to know what they are talking about.

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