



Letters

Alternate solution given

In regard to the Feb. 22 Daily Nebraskan editorial pertaining to the Working Coalition's proposed amendment to elect senators according to their living units: I believe the author could have put more effort into finding out all the facts before stating that the Working Coalition's proposal was put together without careful thought and has many unanswered questions.

The proposals are only proposals and no matter what the case, there's going to be a number of hours spent working out all the fine details. Many questions have been answered at various debates throughout the campus and it seems to me that the author did not attend many of the debates.

The editorial agrees with what the Working Coalition says about the problems of the ASUN Senate but disagrees with the proposed solution. But the author neglects to point out that none of the other parties truly address the representation issue or provide an alternate solution to this issue.

We all know there is a problem with the way students are represented on and off campus, but it is not fair to criticize one party for making a good effort to solve a problem without even giving the party a chance.

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In each case, including El Salvador, this requires a preliminary decision as to whether the existing government merits U.S. support, or whether a risky attempt ought to be made to change horses in midstream. In the case of El Salvador, the conclusion was that Duarte's government did merit our support. The next question, logically, was what kind of support?

Economic aid is clearly essential, to ease such pressures on the Salvadoran government as can be eased in this way, and it has been forthcoming. Beyond that, however, military assistance is obviously important: especially helicopters and other means of rapid transportation, high-grade communications equipment, and the sort of relatively small arms needed to combat guerrilla forces. Instructors and military advisers are helpful too: The guerrilla forces, especially their commanders, are usually veterans of long training and experience in communist countries.

Foreign troops are rarely needed in such situations; there are usually plenty of native males willing to fight on the government's side. Vietnam was an exception because it had a long border with a powerful communist neighbor (North Vietnam) which enjoyed, in many respects, the role of a privileged and unattackable sanctuary. With the North Vietnamese army committed to battle in the South, outside help ultimately became essential.

It is possible that Nicaragua, whose "Marxist" army is far larger than any that could conceivably be required for defense, is being groomed for the role of a Central American North Vietnam. If so, it might at some future point become desirable to send foreign troops to El Salvador's assistance. But, for many obvious reasons, these ought not to be U.S. forces. A Latin American international brigade, whose very presence would emphasize the commitment of most nations of the hemisphere to the support of the Salvadoran government, would be infinitely preferable.

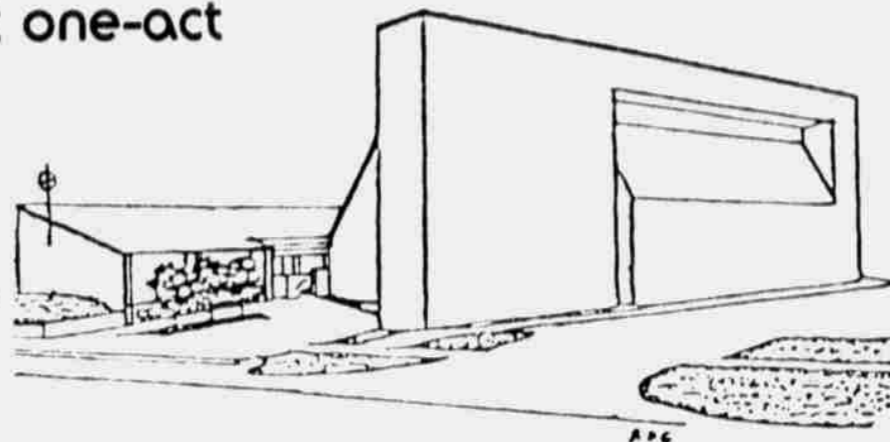
One way or another, though, the message of El Salvador must be the message of Verdun: They shall not pass.

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