

# Opinion

## Officer applauded for arrest

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of jabberers, and instances of rudeness in movie theaters would be sharply reduced.

But the law protects jabberers. Strangle one and you'll probably wind up in prison instead of being treated to a ticker tape parade, which would be your due.

Anyway, the five teenagers were sitting there jabbering. And every few minutes, they would fling some popcorn in the direction of the screen.

There was a time, in the pre-TV days, when this wouldn't have been tolerated. Ushers would have swooped down the aisles, shone their flashlights in their faces, and told them to knock it off. If they didn't, they would have been shown the door.

And if they resisted? When I was an usher at a theater on the West Side of Chicago, we were issued big, heavy-duty industrial flashlights. The sweet sound of flashlight against skull was like a melon being thumped for ripeness.

But today's theater owners are too cheap or timid to hire ushers. If you go to the lobby to complain, all you'll find is some wimp of a ticket-taker who will go hide in a stall of the men's room.

This night in Chattanooga, though, something rare and wonderful happened.

A man came from the lobby and told them to stop jabbering and throwing popcorn.

Naturally, they giggled. And in a few minutes, they were jabbering again.

Then the man again appeared. And this time he told them that they were being ejected.

They refused to go, so he grabbed the nearest one — a female creature — and hauled her bodily from the auditorium.

Even better, when he had her and her friends in the lobby, he informed them that he was a cop off-duty and working for the theater and the little obscenities were under arrest.

And they were. They were bundled off to the police station and charged with disorderly conduct and, in the case of the girl, with resisting arrest.

Unfortunately, they didn't try to escape, so he couldn't shoot them. But you can't have everything.

As evidence that jerkism isn't necessarily the result of social conditioning but might be genetic, the girl's family has been raising a terrible howl.

Brimming with indignation, they've gone to City Hall in Chattanooga and demanded that the policeman be suspended and that the theater be closed down.

Both demands have been denied, as they should be. If anything, the policeman should be promoted and a street named in his honor.

Some time soon, the crew of jabberers will appear in Juvenile Court and a trial will be held, if they can shut up long enough for anyone to be heard.

I know what the proper punishment should be. But it probably won't be imposed. Some wimpy appeals court would probably rule that it's cruel and unusual punishment to order the removal of five tongues.

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## Reagan met Khadafy on desert terms

I was impressed by Chris Welsch's article, (Daily Nebraskan, April 21), refuting the major arguments in favor of the raid on Libya. He echoed a now fashionable — and substantive — opinion that America's "blind alliance with Israel," indeed Israel's existence itself, is at the root of the violence emanating from the Arab world. But there are a few more kinks in this line of logic than he acknowledges. While it may ultimately lead to the same conclusion, for the sake of thoroughness I would like to make some points concerning the Arab situation. They are not irrefutable, but they do give a person pause.

### Guest Opinion

To borrow from Porgy and Bess, Arab nationalism "is a sometime thing." Palestinian refugee camps have become permanent fixtures on the landscape. We're not talking tent cities here. There are concrete buildings, water lines, and market days. But the Palestinians, in Welsch's own words "are used to poverty and have nothing they don't mind losing." Contrast this with America's generous, open-armed treatment of refugees from every corner of the world, people not even related to her by color or historic origin.

### Nationalism questionable

True, the Palestinians have not been given a homeland, and for this perhaps Israel, and by extension America, is to blame, but neither have they been given a home in the countries to which they fled, and the responsibility for this must be laid squarely at the feet of their

Arab brethren. This is where Arab nationalism falls to pieces. Show me the statistics on how many former Palestinians are now prospering in Riyadh, Amman, Cairo or Kuwait, and I'll show you the figures on the number of third world refugees or children of refugees who now own their own businesses in the mainstream of American life.

Indeed, Welsch, why is the Palestinian question a major issue in every Arab nation? For all their rhetoric and crocodile tears cannot hide the simple fact that the Arabs themselves have made no significant effort to assimilate them, nor alleviate their condition. The "major issue" amounts to a continuous round of buck-passing, treating refugees like hot potatoes. I just hope the refugees themselves aren't deluded into believing too much in Arab nationalism. The saddest argument in favor of a Palestinian homeland is that nobody else wants them.

### Desert values

There is still another underappreciated aspect to the Mideast situation that Welsch treats selectively. The Arab people, for all their oil money and modern appearance, still draw significantly on desert values. Certainly "an eye for an eye" is one of these. But those critics who dwell on the call to revenge alone, among all the desert values the Arabs bring to their modern world, are discarding many equally viable forces in their heritage. You don't call an Arab a liar, a thief, and a woman (reading weakling) without expecting a reprisal.

And if he doesn't come through with a suitable one, then you are justified in continuing to insult

him, as he has shown you to be right. If he does retaliate, in a degree suitable to the size of the insult, then you are still entitled to your revenge, but his retaliation has added an important dimension to the struggle: respect for one's enemy. You and your enemy, despite everything, are of one mind. You understand each other.

### Uncharacteristic silence

"An eye for an eye" amounts to more than "speaking to Khadafy in the only language he can understand," as Reagan has put it. It lets him know that we can deal with him on his terms — desert terms. Khadafy knows this now. Note his uncharacteristic silence. The other Arab nations know it too. Their governments' actions since the raid have been non-committal and at best, doing the minimum they can do not to lose face. They may not change their rhetoric, but there will be a significant though almost intangible difference in their attitudes. It would seem that President Reagan managed to mesh desert values and American ones into a single action that does some justice to each.

Welsch's article dealt well with the obvious intricacies of the conflict, but we dare not underestimate the viability of certain forces simply because they cannot be measured. Terrorism is psychological war, and one in which the terrorists have had the advantage for too long.

Our president recognized this, and at great cost, while the allies quiver in their corner, Reagan has paid the fiddler himself.

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