

## Liberalizing search procedures

The state Supreme Court decided Thursday that police officers can no longer take persons into custody and search them after stopping them for minor traffic offenses.

The decision liberalizes this state's views of searching persons arrested for minor traffic violations.

It overrules a Court of Appeals' decision involving the arrest and search of Lee Hehman by a Spokane County deputy sheriff. Hehman was stopped for driving with a defective headlight. When stopped it was determined he had an expired driver's license.

He was then searched and the deputy found two pill boxes containing drugs. Hehman was later charged with possession of a controlled substance.

At the federal level a search such as this would be legal due to a 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Although such searches were also applied to the states in another 1973 decision, states are, fortunately, al-

lowed some discretion on the matter.

While some police no doubt would have been happier if the Washington decision had gone the other way, there seems to be no violent police opposition to the decision. Police in Seattle, Olympia and Spokane said the decision put into case law policies which are already in effect.

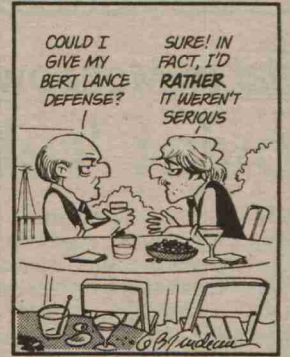
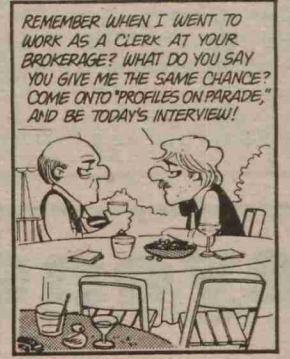
In fact, the most vocal criticism of the decision came from within the court. Justice Robert Brachtenbach wrote a dissent calling the ruling a "bizarre departure from the heretofore established rules."

Whether the ruling is an affirmation of policies, as the police say, or a departure from rules, as Brachtenbach argues, it is a welcome one in a time of diminishing rights in the area of civil liberties relating to arrest and prosecution.

-D.A.E.

## DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



## Your views

### 'Thanks'

Few students get much of an opportunity to let go and truly enjoy themselves for an entire weekend. With classes, work and other professional pursuits it is easy to get wrapped up in a routine which is almost void of human laughter. Whatever Mayfest 1978 was to you, to me it was a festive atmosphere filled with great music, funny clowns, good actors, bright colors and let me never forget the beautiful people. In my five years at Washington State University I have never been given such a feeling of community or such a chance to tell the rat race to go to hell.

The activities of this event must have taken weeks of planning, organizing and setting up (not to mention replanning, reorganizing and tearing down). Carroll Hayden, the Mayfest Com-

mittee and all the volunteers deserve at giant round of applause and the deep appreciation from all those who, like me, were able to laugh for awhile. Despite the weather I had a terrific time, as I am sure many others did. Thank you people of Mayfest 1978.

Gene Estabrook

### Funding

In my four years as a student at WSU, I have found few organizations as worthy of funding as the Gay Awareness Committee. Any committee which exists on this campus should provide some important services for the WSU student body. The GAC does exactly this.

The GAC forces the majority of students on this campus to deal with an important social

issue (homosexuality). By informing the WSU community about gay people, students are offered a chance to explore a world completely alien to their own. This exposure to views radically different from one's own is an integral part of any education. As a resident assistant for two years I have heard more heated debates about gays than any other subject. These debates force students to think through and crystalize their feelings on all aspects of sexuality. This educational function alone more than justifies funding for the GAC.

However, there is much more important justification. The discrimination and abuse that gay people are subjected to on this campus has the same stench that blatant race discrimination had several years ago. A committee which stands for

eradication of such sickening prejudices and ignorance is a moral necessity on our campus and the ASWSU Assembly has an obligation to fund such an organization.

The prejudices and ignorance have existed too long at WSU and often made myself and other heterosexuals embarrassed to be members of this student body. I urge all students with my convictions to speak up and urge our representatives to vote for funding the GAC in order to allow the masses to be educated.

Don Beck

### Consider

If you went to see "We are the Palestinian People," formerly entitled "Revolution Until Victory," you ask you to consider the following: this was a movie which presented simple solutions to complex problems. As such, it did no service to the cause of peace in the Middle East, no service to Jew or Arab.

Much of it was simply untrue. For example:

- The film talks of Jews coming to Palestine, later to Israel from Europe only. Yet half of the Jewish refugees to Israel fled the Arab countries (620,000 refugees). There was no mention of them anywhere in this film. Were they left out because it was too embarrassing to mention?

- The film accuses the Jews of collaboration with the Nazis. However, it was the Arab leader of Palestine, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who recruited Moslems to fight for Germany and who spent the war years in Berlin broadcasting pro-Nazi propaganda to the Middle East, while Jewish soldiers from Palestine fought together with the allies. Why was there no reference to the activities of Grand Mufti.

- The film says that the Jewish

soldiers who committed the attack on Kafr Kassim were fined one penny. This is not so. The officer in charge, Major Melinki, was sentenced to 14 years in prison and the other six convicted men were also sentenced to long prison terms and stripped of their rank. Why should it be necessary to lie?

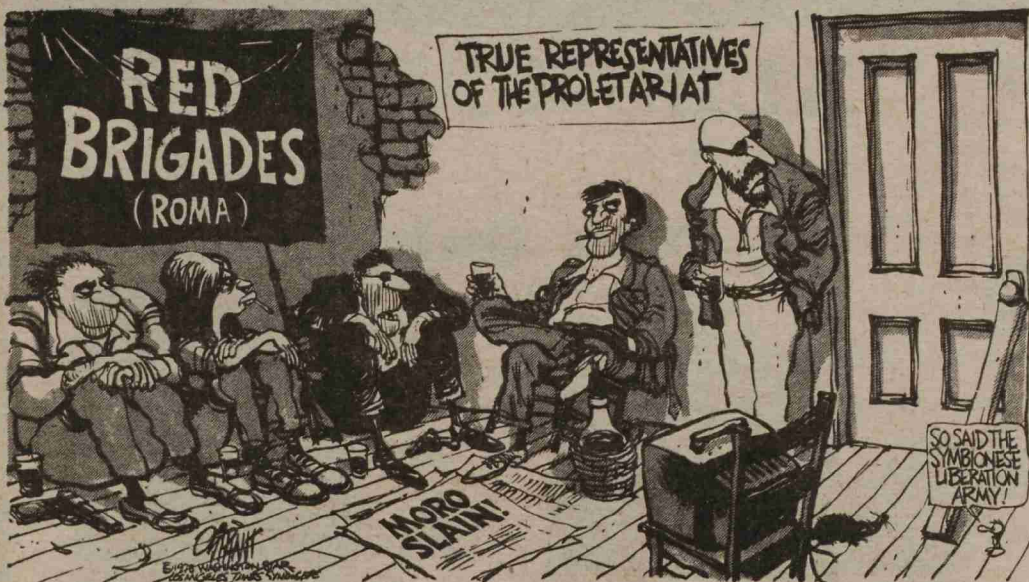
The movie accuses Israel of serving American economic interests and proves the point by showing some Beirut branches of U.S. institutions while clanging a cash register. These are no arguments, these are propaganda tricks. Who can take such an argument seriously?

- The film tried to give the impression that the Israeli government is imperialist and reactionary. They never reveal that Israel is a vibrant socialist democracy—the only socialist democracy in the Middle East. In the last election (1973), Israel's Arab citizens voted an even higher percentage of voting participation than Israel's Jews (78.6 percent). While the Arabs in Israel enjoy all freedoms, Jews in Arab countries, especially in Syria and Iraq, are deprived of all rights (including the right to leave these countries); harassed, persecuted, tortured and executed—all this for no other reason than the fact that they are Jews.

The movie differentiates between Zionists and Jews (Zionism simply means supporting Israel as a homeland for the Jewish people). In the most concrete sense, all Jews of Israel are Zionists, millions of American Jews are members of Zionist organizations and nearly any country. Why do the makers of this film go to such lengths to portray Zionists and Jews as separate groups whose interests are in conflict with each other?

Perhaps it is because the term "anti-Zionist" is more palatable

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"WELL, I EXPECT THE DOWN-TRODDEN WORKING CLASSES WILL BE BUSTING THE DOOR IN AT ANY MOMENT, SCREAMING FOR US TO LEAD THEM IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISTIC OPPRESSION..."

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