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Mr. William J. Casey  
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Dear Mr. Casey:

Mr. John L. O'Neill, Jr. of the Department of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars has forwarded to me a copy of his recent correspondence with you regarding the authenticity of Mr. David MacMicheal's claim to be a former CIA analyst. A copy of Mr. O'Neill's letter is enclosed for your reference.

I would greatly appreciate your sharing a copy of your reply to Mr. O'Neill with me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

Bill Frenzel  
Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. Casey:

I had been contacted by Tim Dunn of the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group to debate David Mac Michael about U.S. Policy in Nicaragua on Friday, October 17, 1986. Unfortunately, I was scheduled to attend meetings in Detroit, Michigan that weekend and had recommended Earl Pike.

MacMichael claims to have been "a former CIA Analyst, a Counter-- insurgency expert, who once analyzed Central America intelligence information for the CIA".

I have heard that MacMichael never was a CIA employee but worked for a contract firm. I would like to know if MacMichael was a CIA employee.

To your knowledge, does MacMichael qualify to be a counter Insurgency expert regarding Central America?

I believe it is time to clear the air and correct the mis-statements and half truths by people such as MacMichael who seem to prosper on their criticism of our government.

While I realize there might be reason to say such information might violate the Privacy Act, there should also be reason to correct any false or mis-leading statements.

Sincerely,

John L. O'Neill, Jr.  
National Security Chairman  
Department of Minnesota  
Veterans of Foreign Wars

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# LETTERS

## Govt. lies

According to Jeane Kirkpatrick ("Journalists shouldn't be so gullible," Oct. 14), we must hold the press, not the government, accountable for the government's disinformation. Kirkpatrick equates the disclosures about disinformation with accounts of one ambassador's expenses. She claims that in both cases, the original news accounts "changed." And she chiefly blames the problem on "authoritative" but anonymous sources.

It would take a statement of equal length to untangle this mass of misrepresentation. Take only one example: the assertion that Bob Woodward's original account of disinformation "changed." Kirkpatrick writes that Woodward initially implicated top government officials in encouraging Gadhafi's assassination and targeting the press in their disinformation campaign. With more information, Woodward's story changed, said Kirkpatrick. Woodward wrote that the National Security Decision Document excluded assassination and specified that deception was to be directed against Gadhafi, not the U.S. press.

Let's look at the actual Woodward accounts. The original story (Washington Post, Oct. 2) says almost nothing about Kirkpatrick's first "implication" — assassination. It does refer to the "presidentially authorized, year-long CIA effort to oust" Gadhafi. Further, this story clearly states that "the mid-August

plan approved by Reagan did not specifically call for the planting of false stories in the U.S. media."

Woodward cites a whole series of deliberately false statements by U.S. officials linking U.S. diplomatic and military activity to action against Gadhafi. He quotes documents tying these statements to the disinformation campaign. But this takes up less than one-quarter of the story. Nowhere does Woodward say that this campaign made "the U.S. press the principal target." That is Kirkpatrick's, not Woodward's "implication."

How did Woodward's actual account "change?" We are given an alleged Woodward statement (but no source) negating Kirkpatrick's "implications." We find part of the statement in Woodward's Oct. 5, Washington Post report. The final decision document on disinformation, he writes, "did not mention assassination." He had just quoted a State Department working paper, which *did* mention it. But the rest of the alleged statement? It appears nowhere in this or any other Woodward account. It is another of Kirkpatrick's inventions.

Woodward's story did not change. It is not the conduct of Woodward but the conduct of our government that is in question. It was systematic lying inside and outside of government that led us into and kept us in Vietnam. It was systematic lying, again, that initiated and perpetuated Watergate. If now we shrug it off, because maybe we don't like Gadhafi, we only prepare the way for further disaster.



Is that what we really want?  
Eric Shambach  
Extension student

## Both sides now

Kudos to all who helped make last Friday's Nicaragua debate such a resounding success and to the audience's respect for rational, civilized discourse and debate. One may not agree with Earl Pike's views, but he obviously displayed a great deal of courage in accepting the invitation to appear in such a

hostile venue. As stated in the Daily's editorial ("Debate, at last, Oct. 16), "War advocates . . . must be heard and challenged." It is disturbing when anyone exhibits a reluctance to thoroughly examine arguments which he or she disagrees with.

Most of the questions asked evidenced similar views to those of MacMichael. There was, however, one question asked about alleged Sandinista religious persecution and press censorship. One could tell by the muted hisses and hostile grumbings from the rest of the audience that this was not a "correct" question. Although I oppose aid to the Contras, I am glad the question was

asked. The prime focus of such debate should be to address difficult issues and not merely provide a forum for prerecorded Contra- or Sandinista-bashing.

It is the mark of immaturity to be desperately attached to one's view that any counter ideas are perceived as an immediate threatening attack. Just as the unexamined life is not worth living, unexamined opinion is not worth having.  
Charles Betz  
Honors student,  
Freshman, CLA

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# editorials

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## Debate, at last

The campus is going to get its debate over the Reagan Doctrine after all. To readers of yesterday's Daily, the debate looked as certain as the latest CIA denials of involvement in Nicaragua. The Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, which in one day had invited and then canceled a pro-Contra debater, was sticking by its guns. It had found a critic of the Reagan administration against whom no pro-Contra debater could hope to stand — none, at least, that MPIRG could find locally or afford to fly in. Rather than risk the unpredictability of a dialogue, it canceled its tentative invitation to pro-Contra speaker Earl Pike, a Honeywell manager, and scheduled instead a solo speech by former CIA analyst David MacMichael. Fortunately — how fortunately remains to be seen Friday — Pike is back.

Such a debate should be of interest to the entire campus for deciding where each person stands on the crucial moral issue of U.S. aid to the Contras. This was close to MPIRG's original goal when it invited MacMichael and sought a CIA representative to debate him. Although admirable, this was also an unlikely plan, since the CIA has become extremely reluctant to visit campuses for any reason other than recruitment. MPIRG's decision to broaden the scope of the forum was admirable, too. But its plan to scrap the debate because it could not find a debater as knowledgeable as MacMichael — admittedly a rare species — cried out for reconsideration.

The issue is not whether Pike is the best choice to debate MacMichael. If sheer knowledge is the measure, Pike's qualifications — as a tested debater, as a defense industry specialist, as a public speaker

who gave some two dozen speeches on Central America last year and as an advocate of the Reagan administration's policy who maintains ties with the pro-Contra Midwest Council for Democracy in Central America — will probably never match those of MacMichael. But debates aren't won on the merit of who has the most information. And far from something to scoff at, Pike's credentials suggest that he is adequate for representing his position.

Now the debate will have a voice for the abhorrent policy of U.S. interference in Central America. Despite this newspaper's philosophical opposition to Pike's politics, we want to see him face MacMichael. War advocates, whether in Honeywell or elsewhere, are currently ascendant. Their voices must be heard and challenged if for no other reason than that public discourse is shaped outside the conclaves of last week's Progressive Student Organization meeting. A member of MPIRG says that PSO and the Central American Working Group (which co-sponsor the debate with MPIRG) balked at the initial invitation of "a right-wing ideologue" who is "moralistic." Too bad. Surprisingly enough, more heads are likely to be turned by hearing MacMichael rebut Pike, if he can, than by staging one more partisan attack. That is why we are glad that MPIRG has changed its mind and will present the debate at 12:15 p.m. Friday in the Mississippi Room of Coifman Memorial Union. Save us the best seats.

## Out, damned spot!

A scourge along our federal highways has reached Capitol Hill, and it's not Dutch elm disease. Billboards, competing for our attention along highways and rising on pylons from the East Coast to the Gulf of Mexico, have the Coalition for Scenic Beauty and other environmental groups outraged.

This "parasitic" pollution "scars the face . . . erodes the quality of life . . . undermines America's heritage and sense of place" — and causes traffic accidents, they say. In fact, highway beautification efforts and loopholes in the Highway Beautification Act have resulted in a renaissance of obtrusive billboards. A sensible amendment to the U.S. Senate Highway Reauthorization Act, currently pending in the legislature, has been blocked by mentalists hoping for an end to "billboard

The Highway Beautification Act, which was the pet project of Ladybird Johnson in 1966, was miserably intended to limit billboards on highways and prohibit them in scenic areas. It actually resulted in the federal government actually spending \$200 million last year to owners of signs for their removal — at the taxpayer's expense. And the number of billboards tripled at the state and local governments have no control over the kind or placement of billboards. Most billboard companies build shacks on rural roads beside their signs to sidestep commercial regulations.

The Senate amendment proposes to restrict billboards. But therein lies the rub. The billboards are paid a 50 cents per word honorarium to Congress for speeches and public appearances. If they return, congressmen "decide" to block legislation. The bad guys seem to reside in the House of Representatives. Their representatives they passed in August, sustain the statu

The Senate's amendment won't make a difference in the honoraria but might clean up the landscape by ending subsidies to billboard companies that illegal billboards be cleaned up at the expense would ease the financial strain on state and local governments power over their own landscape, communities can decide not their scenery or esthetics warrant public billboard removal in their area. Our scenic spots, 10,000 Lakes could only benefit from such a rebellion against scenic "parasites."

The proposal from the planning commission would rezone much of the neighborhood from R-3, which generally allows houses to have more than two units, to R-2B, which is more rigid and bans more than two units to a house.

"At least, if you do pass this measure, please consider a resolution to work with the University to provide alternative housing for students," Wilensky said. "Don't fall behind in what you're doing for students."

Council Member Van White (DFL-5th Ward), who represents the other part of the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood, supports the rezoning.

The zoning study is also supported by the Marcy-Holmes Homeowners Association, a group of neighborhood residents who say the city should phase out some of the many houses owned by absentee landlords and rented to students. Many of the houses, they say, do not meet city safety codes and are

area.

Robert Distad, the association chairman, said it wasn't his group's intention to displace students. "We want the continuation of the existing housing in the neighborhood," he said. "We want to retain diversity and the long-term presence of students." But he says unscrupulous landlords in the area are charging top-dollar rents for shoddily maintained housing.

One former student and resident of the neighborhood said he supported Distad's goals.

said quality was lacking in the neighborhood. "I was charged \$250 a month to live in a living room," he said of his former residence. "There was no heat in the bathroom. It was horseshit. As a student I felt I was being exploited."

The rezoning would also help diversify the neighborhood, said Wexler, who lived there from 1984 until early this year. "There should be families and other kinds of people there besides just students," he said.

may lose the function of the transplanted organ.

ALG prevents this rejection process by killing the T-lymphocytes or rendering them inactive. It is given routinely to the patient for about seven days after the transplant operation.

Because continued use of ALG alone may overly suppress the immune system, it is used in conjunction with cyclosporin, another widely used drug that suppresses tissue rejection.

Condie said that both cyclosporin and ALG have advantages and disadvantages, but, when used together, doctors can take maximum advantage of each drug.

"Nobody foresaw that these two drugs would work together so nicely," Condie said. "Rather than cyclosporin eliminating the need for ALG, it has actually increased the need."

ALG is currently being produced in Research East, a research and laboratory building near the East Bank campus. The basement of the Phillips-Wangenstein Building, which is part of the medical school complex, was also considered as a site, but the U.S. Food and Drug Administration requires that the drug be produced in a separate facility.

Condie said that by rescinding their offer to him, MPIRG has acted as a partisan advocate rather than the non-partisan organization it maintains to be.

"MPIRG staffers could reclaim some semblance of objectivity if they would return to the debate originally established," Pike said.

But Dunn denied his organization was partisan. They had tried to secure a pro-administration debater, he said. Also, the debate is non-partisan because no political parties are represented, he said.

# MPIRG dismisses debater supporting administration

By Tim Wolf  
Staff Writer

After scheduling a debate over U.S. policy in Nicaragua, the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group told one side's debater he wouldn't be needed.

MPIRG asked Earl Pike to defend the Reagan administration's Nicaraguan policy at a debate on Friday sponsored by MPIRG, the Progressive Student Organization and the Central American Working Group.

MPIRG asked David MacMichael, a former CIA analyst and critic of administration policies, to represent the opposing view.

Because Pike was dropped, the debate will now be an educational presentation with only MacMichael speaking.

Tim Dunn, MPIRG campus organizer, said Pike was dropped because the debate's sponsors felt it was unfair for him to go up against MacMichael. Pike would be less prepared than MacMichael, he said.

"We felt he (Pike) had no real background in Central America or with the CIA. Since the debate is specifically about Nicaragua, it would not have been a very good debate."

But Pike said he is qualified. "As a

keen and frequent speaker on Nicaragua, I felt my qualifications to speak on affairs there were equal to the occasion."

Pike has written a book about terrorism and has spent 24 years in the Marine Corps — 16 of which were with a bomb disposal unit.

But Pike's experience with terrorist bombing techniques does not qualify him to speak about U.S. policy in Nicaragua, Dunn said.

Dunn said the sponsors had wanted both sides represented at the debate. "Ideally what we wanted was the CIA."

The CIA declined, however. They next turned to an organization of ex-CIA agents, but could not afford to pay a representative to come to the University.

Then they attempted to schedule a local conservative to defend the Reagan administration's policies. Because none of the sponsors were

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## Kirt returns home after being listed as missing

Jane Anne Kirt, the former University student who had been missing for more than a week, returned to her parents' Excelsior home Monday.

The 23-year-old international relations graduate was the subject of an intense search after she disappeared without a trace last Monday.

The alarm was false, according to Charlie Palmquist, an officer of the Minneapolis Police Department's 5th Precinct.

"Miss Kirt left the city voluntarily for personal reasons and was not the victim of a crime," Palmquist read from an official

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familiar with conservatives, they turned to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for recommendations, he said. Their original choices were unavailable, so they decided to ask Pike, but later decided against him, Dunn said.

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"The U.S. has always demanded hegemonic control over the governments of Latin America," MacMichael said. "It wouldn't matter if the Nicaraguan government was made up of vegetarians."

When the Reagan administration took office in 1981, one of its goals was to overcome the Vietnam Syndrome, he said.

The Vietnam Syndrome refers to a perceived reluctance on the part of government officials and the American public to use force to stem the tide of communism after the wounds incurred in Vietnam, MacMichael said.

The Reagan administration saw Central America as an opportunity to stand up to the Soviet Union. MacMichael, however, called the administration's policies an "egregious failure."

But Pike cited a Gallup International poll indicating that over 90 percent of the Central American population sees Nicaragua as a

threat and that approximately 70 percent of the people favor U.S. aid to the Contras.

The Central American debate was sponsored by the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, the Central American Working Group and the Progressive Student Organization.



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# Ex-CIA analyst, author debate aid to Contras

By Tim Wolf  
Staff Writer

Administration proponents and opponents had it out over U.S. policy in Central America in Coffman Memorial Union Friday.

The debate featured David MacMichael, a former CIA analyst and outspoken critic of U.S. government policy and Earl A. Pike, a speaker, author, and advocate of the Reagan administration's Central American policy.

Included in the debate on Central American issues were: U.S. aid to the Contras, CIA activity, the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua, Cuban-Soviet involvement, and speculation on the future.

The debate produced applause, laughter, and some hissing from the standing-room-only crowd.

MacMichael said continued support of the Contras fighting the Sandinistas will eventually bring about a large-scale conventional invasion by the United States. He called the Reagan administration's support for the Contras a "policy of state terror, directed and funded by the U.S. government."

Pike countered by calling the Sandinistas an aggressive threat to the rest of Central America. "On the American continents there isn't a

more repressive regime."

Continued support of the Contras is the only chance to combat an aggressive world-wide marxist revolution and establish a representative democracy in Nicaragua, he said.

Pike said international reports completely document Sandinista repression. The 6,500 political prisoners in Nicaragua, the oppression of the Miskito Indians and the shutdown of La Prensa, an opposition newspaper in Nicaragua, illustrate this repression.

MacMichael questioned the accuracy of the reports Pike cited. He said a "very sloppy job" was done on the reports, which were completed in only a week.

After the debate MacMichael said, "If every police force in Latin America acted like the Nicaraguan police, you would not see thick volumes of human rights abuse in the area."

MacMichael said the Reagan administration is only continuing the traditional policy pursued by both Democrats and Republicans for the last 100 years. Whether it's called gunboat diplomacy, good-neighbor policy or supporting the "freedom fighters" — the same actions continue.

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## Way Rad!

Kevin Lavelly from the Alternative Demo Team showed off his high-technique Friday in front of Coffman Union. The team is sponsored Alternative Bicycle Repair Shop.



# Former CIA analyst expects escalation in Nicaragua

By Nicholas W. Pilugin  
Staff Writer

A former CIA analyst predicted in St. Paul Friday that Contra rebels may try to seize territory in Nicaragua, an action that could lead to direct U.S. military involvement.

David MacMichael, a counter-insurgency expert who once analyzed Central American intelligence information for the CIA, came to the Twin Cities Friday campaigning for Democratic U.S. House candidate Ray Stock, who's running against incumbent Bill Frenzel (R-3rd District).

"If this thing goes into next year," MacMichael said, referring to U.S. support for the rebels, "there will be a very great pressure on the Contras to seize some territory."

He said the Atlantic coast, around Puerto Cabezas, was the most likely point for such an attempt because it is where the Sandinista government is weakest.

MacMichael said if the Contras

attempt to seize territory, they will be immediately surrounded by the Nicaraguan army, a situation similar to the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. He believes that direct U.S. military involvement will then be likely, starting with a naval blockade, followed by U.S. troops.

"Believe me, a lot of Minnesotans will be coming home in plastic sacks," MacMichael said. U.S. military involvement in Nicaragua would continue for some time because the Nicaraguan army is well trained.

MacMichael called the recent downing of a cargo plane in Nicaragua "an important escalation" of the five-year-old war. He said that while this was the 17th aircraft to be shot down over Nicaragua, it was the first aircraft downed with an American crew. MacMichael also noted that there has been "frenzied recruiting" for American aircrews by air cargo firms such as Southern Air Transport, the company that owned the downed plane, that fly to Central America.

Another indication of impending escalation in the conflict is the sudden doubling in Southern Air Transport's fleet and government contracts. For 1986, Southern Air Transport received government contracts totaling \$42 million, about double the amount received in any of the last five years.

MacMichael said that while these contracts are for above-board services for the military and government agencies, he believes they are "well-padded" to cover clandestine operations.

Southern Air Transport was once owned by the CIA, and MacMichael charged that when the firm was sold to private owners, the agency agreed to use the airline for such missions.

MacMichael entered public debate over U.S. policy on Nicaragua 2½ years ago when he revealed that as a CIA analyst he had seen no evidence of alleged arms shipments from Nicaragua to Salvadoran rebels.



Photo/Wich

Former CIA analyst David MacMichael thinks continued support of the Contras in Nicaragua will eventually bring a large-scale invasion by the United States.

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## Local Democrat Stock uses Nicaragua crash as campaign issue

By Nicholas W. Pilugin  
Staff Writer

The cargo plane shot down over Nicaragua two weeks ago directed attention to U.S. policies in Central America.

central theme of his campaign.

Since the Nicaraguan government downed the C-123 cargo plane, Stock has used the publicity over involvement of U.S. firms.