

## NOTE OF THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Crisis in the United States...: Many protesters have taken over buildings at universities all over the country like Columbia University, Yale University, George Washington University UCLA and a dozen more around the country, disturbing the peaceful atmosphere necessary for the students to learn while they are getting ready for their final exams. There are numerous barricades at the entrance of the institutions with Palestinian flags on windows while the American flag is taken down and burned. The order on the campuses is perturbed and the law enforcement so far has dealt with the events. Human rights observers have also witnessed the aggressivity of the students on the campus and the Press is present reporting on the situation,

An unrest against Israel- Hamas war is obvious and students' protesters are carrying furniture's to barricade themselves on the campus. Such incidents were also witnessed in the late 60's with the civil right movement and the anti-Vietnam war protest. The protestors occupied building on the site of the private universities which consisted in a violation. We were not mature enough in the 60's to understand better the situation but it is like all Deja-vu again. We can certainly understand that the revendications are different in nature.

Radio stations and Television chains and their representatives are on site to report the student activities and it is difficult to not imagine the presence of a manipulating hands or a political movement behind what we are observing. Multiple tents have been installed on the yard of the universities and some students seems to claim support to the dead Palestinian children in Gaza.

Multiple arrestations of students and teachers have demonstrated that we are not dealing only with students but they are manipulated by many entities and political group who have no relation with universities. Police forces, National guards and the FBI forces have understood it well and are ready to move and restore normalcy. Students are requesting to have the terminal exams cancelled or postponed because of such turmoil and their inability to study. The white house remains silent in order to avoid losing more Palestinian votes in the next elections to come. The democrats want to remain in power and for the first time, we have seen Americans attacking and criticizing openly the actions of Israel for its survival.

The atrocity of the war in Gaza and the starvation of a population as well as the death of a young population, are reported at the United Nations. There is

a menace of sanctions against Israel but vetoed by the United States like if they were not aware of the situation, time ahead.

Last Monday afternoon, dozens of officers in riot gear stormed the University of Utah trying to break up an encampment outside the university president's office. The Police forces dragged many students off by their hands and feet, snapping the poles holding up tents and zip-tying all those who refused to disperse. Seventeen people were arrested. In New-York, the Police easily took control of the yards and stormed the building from the students using ladder and sophisticated arms like pepper sprays to subdue aggressive students. They and proceeded to many arrests.

All appear to be safe on the campus at New York University, for now because the Jewish institution has requested that the Police take the yard back from the protesters. The yard was cleaned. There were no more camp overnight for the students, and many passed the night in jail after being arrested. The student may use a legitimate exercise of their freedom but they can't confuse that excitement to the violence and the hatred again Jews, Israel and United states they carried out.

Suspensions and sanctions will be taken. Other goes to claim that students with so much hatred and taking the opportunity to burn the United Sates flag or destroying or painting the statues on the campus should have a harsher sanction going to an expulsion from the campus and even from the country. They were told that being a student in the States was a privilege not a right.

Crisis and turmoil in Haiti...: the installations of the responsible of the government were installed and we hope that more wisdom can be distilled among members of the administration. More can be said about Rene Vertus, this legendary goalie of the Haitian Football National team of Haiti, also trainer of the National team who participated in the 1974 World Cup in Germany, who left us this week to join his Creator. He may be one of the last witnesses to have known our Olympian Sylvio Cator during his adolescence. May he rest in peace.

Finally, in this Newsletter, we will portray Professor Frantz Medard MD, dean of the medical School, our Alma Mater and chief of the Service of Medicine, in a posthumous homage. I will also remind everybody that the month of May, brings the attention to al the mothers in the world. In this spirit, we would like to wish them a "happy mother's day".

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