

Dealing with the fallout will be at best a challenge and at worst a crisis for those left behind. It will require sacrifice and patience by overworked staffs. It will require sacrifice and patience by those needing care, as well. Emergency care will, more than ever, take precedence over elective procedures.

Some might feel the best way to bring the troops home soon, and to restore normalcy to all areas of our society affected adversely by the activation of our citizen-soldiers, would be to strike Iraq now. Some might argue the U.N. approval of "force if necessary" should translate into military action against Saddam with no additional delay.

War against Saddam's forces may eventually prove to be the only solution. Our leaders must not be stripped of that option by a wishy-washy Congress. It would be well if they were not hindered by mindless and counterproductive protest actions. But if war comes, it will be ugly and bloody. Wars always are.

Fighting should be the last option, after sanctions, diplomacy and negotiation have been given every conceivable chance. We cannot afford to let Saddam get away with his aggression, but we can afford some patience. It is far better to miss loved ones for many months than to welcome them home in body bags.

Letters

Don't nix project

Editor:

We now live during a period of time when uncertainty abounds. Now, more than ever, an uncertainty hangs over the economy, emitting a steady, dampening drizzle. As a national newspaper recently stated, "Oil prices remain high even though world oil production has returned to pre-crisis levels. Interest rates are slow to fall. Businesses are postponing investment decisions. And consumer confidence is plunging. Until all the uncertainty ends, an economic recovery is unlikely."

In this year of pessimism and economic decline, it is foolish to turn away the Seven Peaks Resort project. We have an opportunity to have a first class resort in our valley and the opportunity to provide thousands of jobs. The creation of jobs is imperative to continue the growth and success Utah Valley has experienced over the last several years.

Seven Peaks Resort will provide thousands of jobs and bring thousands of tourist dollars into our community. Dollars that can be used to repair our infrastructure, fund our schools, and lessen the tax burdens of the citizens of Utah County.

I applaud the efforts of Seven Peaks for their dedication in bringing a first class resort to our community. It is something we should all be proud of and hope for its success.

Chuck Warren
Provo

Sporting crime

Editor:

I was deeply angered when I saw the recent sports section of the beautiful mountain goat lying on other than the selfish magnificent animal sport of it is a

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Apology offered

Editor:

First of all I want to apologize to Professor Paul Cox. I never meant to imply that he was in the picket line.

I also want to praise him and the people on the picket line, for fighting for what they think is right. If 25 percent of the people in this country had the guts to stand up and fight the "secret combination," which is going all out to rule this country and the world, we could whip them.

My hard-headed German dad once told me, "If you get in a fight, even if you get whipped, let them know that they were in a fight." I have been fighting bad government with letters and signs on my truck for over 30 years, I do it to let off steam, so I don't get ulcers.

Is Seven Peaks going to do anything more to the mountains than Robert Redford did, or any other of the ski resorts? If not, why don't you fight all of the ski resorts and make them replant trees on the ski runs. Fair?

Bob Bormann
Provo

Where is Abby?

Editor:

"Where's Abby?" asks Ashley. Ashley is our five-year-old daughter. Abby is her six-month-old companion and friend. Abby has big brown eyes and a black and white coat and gives love freely. Abby is a springer spaniel and a lost member of our family.

I am a state park ranger and we live at Utah Lake State Park. We have no neighbors, no little playmates for Ashley to play with. Abby is Ashley's very best friend!

On Saturday, Nov. 24, at 4 p.m., Ashley let Abby out of the house. By 4:30 Abby was missing!

We searched all night and we continued to search! We have run ads, put up posters, offered rewards, contacted animal shelters in four cities. Whomever has Abby has not responded! Ashley still has faith Abby will turn. We will keep looking! A member of

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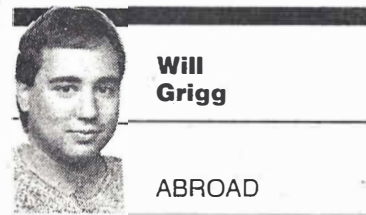
Mexico pulls back from socialism

The diminished role of ideology in Latin American politics has led to a dissipation of American interest in the region. With Daniel Ortega — formerly the Stalinist scourge of Nicaragua — now making a living as a used car salesman (of sorts), and Manuel Noriega living in America at public expense, few of the visible political traumas that occupied America's attention in the 1980s remain. This is a good time for America's Latin American foreign policy focus to shift to Mexico.

Mexico is in the 62nd year of the rule of the Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI), which has governed through a quasi-socialist oligarchy. The Mexican president functions as a limited-term dictator, ruling by decree through a congress which possesses a permanent majority. This arrangement has produced the predictable abuses.

Fifty years ago, then-President Lazaro Cardenas nationalized the petroleum industry. In the late summer of 1982, Jose Lopez Portillo confiscated 13 billion dollars that had been deposited in Mexican banks by American investors. Never content with half measures, Lopez-Portillo proceeded to expropriate the entire Mexican banking system.

I arrived in Mexico City shortly after the nationalization of the banks. The capitol was still recovering from the celebration that had been declared as an anodyne for the economic pain caused by the expropriation. In the middle of the business district there remained a prop from the bacchanal, a huge lighted sign proclaiming, "In celebration of the nationalization



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of the Bank of Mexico."

In less affluent segments of the city, other celebratory signs could be seen — spray-painted signs featuring a hammer and sickle and the declaration, "Ni un paso atras" ("Not one step backward"). With a government chasing away investment in its pursuit of socialism, and with an inner city infected with Sandinista-style cadres, Mexico City presented the aspects of a capitol ripe for revolution.

The presidential autocracy that cultivated many of Mexico's problems has yielded a providential development. Present Mexican President Carlos Salinas De Gortari, who is Harvard-educated but not otherwise handicapped, has taken not one but scores of "backward steps."

His campaign of privatization and political reform has been compared to Gorbachev's Perestroika. Although well-intended, the comparison ignores Salinas' true antecedent, Margaret Thatcher. Like Thatcher, Salinas has had to dissolve government monopolies in both the economic and political spheres, while also breaking the power of renegade unions.

Salinas has sold Mexico's state-run airline and the telephone company. He is reportedly considering the re-privatization of the banking system. By giving evidence of an appreciation for the free market and a disinclination to rule by caprice, Salinas has improved the climate for foreign investment in Mexico. This, coupled with favorable developments in the petroleum market (favorable for Mexico, that is), may accelerate the completion of the U.S.-Mexico free trade agreement that was discussed during President Bush's recent meeting with Salinas in Monterrey.

Salinas' term expires in 1994, and his reforms may prove to be eminently reversible. However, he may have formed important allies among significant Mexican elites. Octavio Paz, the Mexican poet and critic who was given the 1990 Nobel award for literature, has provided intellectual counterpoint to Salinas' political labors.

Paz, the son of a Mexican revolutionary and a former ally of left-wing extremists, has made the now-familiar journey from radicalism to reality. He has been critical of Latin American intellectuals who codded the Sandinistas, and now declares, "The Sandinista defeat, like the defeat of the Marxist Left generally, is the defeat of fantasy. The communist remedy to social injustice proved worse than the malady. Now our challenge is to find the imagination to address those injustices that have outlived their untenable solution."

Paz may play a significant role in the liberation of Latin American intellectuals from the bondage of second-hand ideological conceits.

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