



## We may unwittingly invite another Hitler

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"I'm not here to think. I'm here to be entertained."

Unfortunately, this attitude is too much a part of our world. As members of a global community, there are times when we must think. The recent UNLV production of Bertolt Brecht's *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* is a piercing example of one such time.

The students in the theatre department have worked very hard to present a production of the German playwright Brecht. While it is understandable this is not traditional "Vegas fare," it troubles us that many people left the show after half an hour without attempting to understand the message of the playwright.

*The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* is a metaphorical presentation of the horrifying rise of Hitler. Through the use of theatrical language, the director and playwright presented a disturbing look at how Hitler came to power; namely, that the public let him get there.

What concerns us is that

conditions in our country today have striking parallels to those that surround the rise of Hitler. Brecht was affected by this rise and needed to prophetically declare that Hitler will rise again as long as we invite him to take control of our lives.

Those who have laughingly walked out of the theatre are the very people who Brecht sees as sending the invitation to a new Hitler. In Brecht's own words:

"If we could learn to look instead of gawking, we'd see the horror in the heart of farce. If only we could act instead of talking, we wouldn't always end up on our arse. This was the thing that nearly had us mastered; don't yet rejoice in his defeat, you men! Although the world stood up and stopped the bastard, the bitch that bore him is in heat again." From *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*.

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## With RU486, are we being told the truth?

by Georgia West

The drug RU486 has been hailed (*The Rebel Yell*, Feb. 27) as the "new drug in birth control devices for women." This two-step abortion technique was developed by the French doctor, E. E. Baulieu. This technique consists of RU486 plus prostaglandin and causes cramping and expulsion of the developing fetus.

It is being withheld in the United States for many reasons, not simply because of "threats of boycotts from fundamental religious groups" (as stated in the above cited article). There is growing concern about the

safety of RU486.

In the Sept. 21, 1991 issue of the British medical journal *The Lancet*, six French scientists reported two case studies in which the abortion attempt failed and both women decided to continue their pregnancy. One child was born full term without apparent injury. However, the other baby suffered multiple deformities of the internal organs and lower extremities. The authors sounded a warning regarding the "deleterious effect" of RU486.

Questions regarding the safety of RU486 have also been raised by the pro-abortion feminist authors of *Misconcep-*

*tions, Myths, and Morals*. This book is strongly critical of the RU 486/prostaglandin technique. Janice Raymond, one of the authors writes that the "drug cocktail" is dangerous. This conclusion was reached after much extensive analysis by Raymond and co-authors Renate Klein, a biologist and Lynette Dumble, a research scientist.

Michele Hoffman, in an article published in the Oct. 11, 1991 issue of *Science* magazine, discusses the debate within the pro-abortion camps. Complications such as nausea, vomiting, and extensive bleeding and heart attacks are

brought up as well. Hoffman states that, "for the first time, a split has occurred in the pro-choice forces with each side of the feminist lobby questioning the other's motives."

The World Health Organization has advocated lowering the dosage of RU486 by two-thirds to one-half. This recommendation was based on tests conducted on 1,188 women at 22 centers in eight countries in which the dosage was lowered and produced the same rate of complete abortion. Yet according to Arielle Mouttet, head of international marketing for Roussel Uclaf, the manufacturer of RU486, the company is

opposed to lowering the dosage.

"One possibility we would be afraid of is a rise in the rate of failed abortions with lower doses of RU486," Mouttet said.

Clearly, there is much to be studied regarding the safety of RU486 before it is used in the United States. If more people were aware of the potential dangers of RU486 and prostaglandin, separately and together, perhaps they would not be swayed by the eager pro-abortionists who simply minimize the risks and, instead, divert public attention to the "fundamentalist" groups trying to keep RU486 out of the United States.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Re: Roderick Colebrook's letter to the editor of 3/5. Colebrook's letter was a classic example of government propaganda used to convince people that government is necessary and beneficial.

Government is a parasite. As such, it cannot exist apart from its host, the taxpayers.

Rulers plunder the public, take a share of the booty, and then shower the people with "bread and circuses"

(student government sponsored concerts, parties, lectures, Scantrons and employment) to gain their support.

As the great French political philosopher Etienne de la Boetie explained: A ruling minority can maintain its position over a majority only so long as it has its support.

Support need not be active but can be in the form of passive resignation, as is true at UNLV. A government without support cannot endure, but will soon collapse under resistance of the

masses.

Governments attract those most adept at accomplishing their ends through coercive rather than voluntary means. The most proficient liars, knaves, thieves and bullies rise to the top. Student government is not different — it is a training ground for tyrants.

The ruling elites benefit most from student government. Many of them receive tuition waivers, stipends and other perquisites like plushly remodeled offices.

Those who don't believe they benefit from student government's existence should not have to subsidize those who do.

Until student government is abolished or at least made voluntary, Colebrook and his minions will continue to suck like harpies on students' wallets.

Yours for a government-free world,

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