

Editor, the Sun, Sir;

We must strongly deplore the Sun's coverage of the recent Ku Klux Klan cross-burning and "initiation" ceremony at Stave Lake. Your unbalanced reportage of the event both obscures the real nature of the threat posed by the Klan, and lends unwarranted publicity and support to their actions. Your article gave no indication of the extent of the Klan's activities in B.C., nor of the range of groups whom they threaten. Not only the rights of racial minorities, but also the rights of workers, gays and lesbians, and women are under attack by the Klan. Their actions threaten women's rights to reproductive freedom, the civil rights of gays ~~and lesbians,~~ and lesbians, and the rights of working people to organize. The Klan ^{is} are not merely a lunatic fringe, easily dismissable as fanatics; they are the most obvious manifestation of a growing right-wing climate of bigotry, racism, and attacks on ^{human rights} civil rights. By reporting the Stave Lake events and failing to give adequate coverage of the many groups who are fighting back against the Klan, the Sun is failing in its responsibility to educate its readership, and is lending support to the Klan through its silence. When a cross-burning ceremony attended by 40 people is front page news, and an anti-racist rally attended by 275 people rates only a footnote to that story, ^{it} is clear that your stance on this serious question is highly biased. We strongly urge ~~you~~ you to give your attention, and your support, to the efforts being made to fight the Klan, and what it represents. The B.C. Organization to Fight Racism is very active against the Klan; there are people working withing the B.C. Teachers' Federation to fight racism in the schools and the spread of racist literature by the Klan to school children; our group, Bread and Roses, is organizing, as women, to fight against the Klan and the threat they pose to Women's. We all take the actions of the Klan very seriously; it is time the Sun did the same.

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