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A Stony Thing

A Murderous Thing





Mick Jagger

As if it were an ancient pilgramage to Jerusalem they relentlessly pressed on in the cold
grey morning to Altamont Speedway. The sheer numbers were
staggering — an umbroken line, ten
abreast for miles, and as you looked ahead and behind amidst that
mass of bodies there seemed to be
no end and no beginning.

Many who were unfamiliar with
Livermore (which must have been
19%) had parked their cars miles
sway from the concert, not realizng that ten or twelve miles stood
between them and Altamont. Freeways were turned into gig antic
barking lots as drivers tired of
waiting for traffic to move, Hitchikers stum bled by roadsides,
ome having come from hundreds
of miles away.

And when the rendezvous was finally reached and you stepped into
the arena to be counted among those
who were part of the Last Great
Psychedelic Electric Orgasm of
969, all you could say was "Holy
hit." Between 150,000 and 300,00 encircled the makeshift stage,

Dance of the Holy People

British Filming Technique

by Daylight

But after one of the most exploitive concert tours by any group of musicians foreign or domestic, the British Bandits known as the rollings tones decided the ultimate rip-off would be a movie with thousands of extras. "Now how do we get them?" asked Prick Fagger.

"I know," replied Sam Cunter.
"We'll give a free jam! All the freaks want to see us since they couldn't afford to make any of our concern."

"Goody, goody," said Soc Smelly. "We'll ask my friend The Devils to comes and play wit the crowd so we'll have pleaty of

"Oh,oh," exclaimed Sam Cunter, "Where will the fucking take place?"

"Well," said Prick Fagger, thoughtfully, "I like Golden Gate Park, but they get up-tight about a lot a screwing going on there." "Let's try Sears Point

"No, no!" screamed Sam Cumter. "They are unethica!, untrustworthy, low-life scum; and, besides, they want a cut of the film distribution rights."

Enter Cob Farter, owner of the Altamont Speedway. "Take my place, you poor, mistreated visitors from a foreign land. And if you screw to my satisfaction, I promise to continue fucking freak forever."

Meanwhile, over in Freakeley, the word flew hot and heavy up and down Telekrishna Avenue. "The Tones are giving a free concert. I knew they were good guys — no one will rent them a place."

'I heard it was postponed'
'No, man, it's going to be i

"Altamont! Where the hell is

Friday night 200,000 freaks and near-freaks de-funked their sleeping bags, gathered the last of their dope stash, and prepared for the holy pilgrimage to a non-existent free concert. By Saturday morning Hiway 50 is Jammed with people who like to be screwed and a number of freaks who like to be bashed on the head with pool cues and thrown off light towers. There are also a number of fools like myself who try to write about it.

Having parked my car twelve miles from the main gate, I proceeded to smoke a joint and contemplate my gullibility, when along came the good freak in his VW bus Inside, the bus was filled with holy people who kept looking up at the ceiling and murmuring sacree prayers such as Far-Out, Groovy, Outa-Site, Dig It, Right-On, Power to the People, I knew then that I was on the way to the sacred place. I bowed my head and joined in the prayers: Far-Out Groovy Outa-Site Dig It Right-On Power to the People Fuck Capitalism etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.

I leapt from the bus, ran the remaining two miles screaming the prayers I had justlearned, anxious to lay eyes on the shrine of the most high priests, the rollings tones—and, shit, they hadn't even finished building it us.

Sam Cunter was addressing the herd--oops, that is, the throng, "Let's get the ell off that lighting platform before somebody throws you off, (Go get 'em, mean devils) In about a half hour," said Sam, "the music will start; meanwhile, try to enjoy the

all we have right now."

I walked around trying to check out the vibes of the crowd and wanting to experience spiritual hiffilment to the utmost, when or my right I thought I heard harsh words: "You were mean to my dog, mother-facker, and I m cutting a window in you," Somehow, I had strayed from sanctified ground, So I inched my way closer to the stage. "Get the fuck back or I'm going to throw your ass back," Oh, oh, sacred ground is fast disappearing! What shall I do? There's a gift with her arms around a photographer's neck, she's choking him! Damn, holy people sure are famy. Who are those hairy bastards with only half a shirt on... they don't look like priests to me, Well, anyway the music is starting. Santana is getting all warmed up to turn us on. I wish those priests, or whatever they are, would get the fuck out of the way so I could see. Man, that band is groovy, the bass player is outastic, I feel it—spiritual revival—this is why I came, dancing everywhere in the crowd, chanting of prayers, groovy, groovy, far-out, RIIE - Oh, When suiddenly the music stops, big souffie on stage, can't see, in santanae, "Man, we don't dig that violent shif!" More halry priests jump on stage carrying staffs and shepherds rods, chanting their own special prayers like "Don't call me brother, mother-fucker," "Get back, you son-of-a-bitch." Holy people begin flashing peace signs as the priests begin to kick ass and I'm splitting, spiritual people are crazy. Besides, everybody knows church and state are not separate.

AT HIS SATANIC MAGESTY'S REQUEST

by Thomas Klaber

The way the straight press handled it, there was nothing bizarre or really strange about the stabbing of Meredith Hunter at the Stones concert at Altamont last Saturday, And maybe there wasn't Anywhere else in the world there is about one stabbing a day for every

There had been birth and deat at Woodstock, too — but Altamom was no Woodstock. For a few people that were right up in from of the stage last Saturday night when the Stones came on, Altamont was, well, talk about your hypnotizing hippies... There are a few who swear that what they saw at Altamont was a Ritual Death — a human sacrifice for His Satanic Majesty, Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones.

Riding the crest of the wave generated by their Los Angeles and Oakland concerts, the Stones dominated the mood of the Altamont festival. No person or group dominated Woodstock it was a total thing. But Altamont was the Stones. The Airplane was there, but Grace Slick's message for the night was "Somebody hit Marty (Balin, of the Airplane) in the face. Now where it is the sale.

where is that at?"

One thing that everybody agreed about was that it was the Hells Angels — acting as a "security force" at the request of Jagger, Rock Scully of the Grateful Dead, Emmit Grogan, and Sam Cutler and the Stone's manager — who were the source of the violence. Ostensibly hired to protect the Stones from the people, they did their job with the zealousness of Mayer Daley's finest during the Democratic Convention in Chicago last year.

The orthodox accounts of the death of Hunter, 18, who lived in Berkeley, have it that he was either on or behind the stage after the Stone's first number. He "got into a skuffle (reportedly) with several Angels." As he went down under them he pulled a revolver. When the Angels got up off him he was dead, stabbed to death.

But there are other stories. Eagle has a different story. He was front stage center when the Stones came on. And what he saw freaked him out so much that he still gets staken when he preservhers it.

Eagle's account of the death of Hunter differs radically from the straight press' and police reports What he saw was a planned ritual. a Black Mass, which finally gave Mick Lagger his "Satisfaction."

The way the lights were set up, Eagle said, illuminated the crowd in front of the stage. The lights were up and behind the bands, so that not only was the stage well lit, but the way in front of the stage.

Before the Stones came on, their manager took the mike and asked the Hells Angels to assemble in back of the stage. Then the Stones came on and did their first number. As soon as that number was over, a large number of Angels came pouring out from under the stage, right from under Mick's feet. They mauled and beat people out of the way, and formed a clear area in fron of the stage.

In the center of the clear area was Meredith Hunter and three Angels. There was little struggle, Eagle related, Hunter had no gun. The three Angels stabbed Hunter once each, and then retreated back to the stage. The whole thing was over in thirty seconds.

But Mick Jagger saw the action, Eagle said. Not only didhe see exactly what took place, but he knew it was going to happen ahead of time, he claimed The death was prearranged: "beautifully planned and beautifully executed" said Eagle.

He saw what was happening to Hunter, and looked up on stage and saw that Jagger hadto see what was going on. But Jagger said was, "Oh, something's happened, but the light's in my eyes." Bullshit says Eagle. He saw exactly wha happened to Hunter, and saw other people brutalized and beaten — not to protect Jagger, but for his "satisfaction."

Eagle said that he didn't understand what the whole thing was abou until he looked up and saw Jagger watching Hunter being killed. It was then everything fit into place. He said that the large number of Angels charged the crowd at once in order to clear the area so that Jagger could see the sacrifice, and at the same time scare, panic, and confuse the people in the audience so that they would not see what was happening.

Jagger had the people hypnotized, besides, Eagle said. "He's not Mick Jagger for nothing."

when this reporter asked Bagle why the people in front didn't let the rest of the audience know what was transpiring in front of the stage, he laughed. He said that for one thing, the people were in a

peatedly charged the audience after that, to keep them in panic. And the stabbing was planned so that the people in the audience would not see it.

"We were trapped, hemmed in by three hundred thousand people, completely at the mercy of the Angels." he said, "I just kept praying and chanting for the thing to end, All I lived for was to get out of that trap, I just prayed that the Stones would get off the stage."

A person who was listening to Eagle's story asked him why the audience didn't organize and defend themselves, "We were completely freaked," said Eagle, "How are you going to organize stoned, panic-stricken people? The Angels kept charging the crowd to keep up the confusion. You weren't in front, man. Tell me about organizing. I was the only one who even protested. I called up to Jagger, 'Do not sic the Angels on the people again, Mick Jagger!" But the other were just pleading with the Angels, and trying to get out of their way."

When asked why he thought Hunter was singled out to be killed, Eagle answered, "It was a black mass. Hunter was black. I think it was because black men have a reputation for guns and violence, They figured that the death of a black man would sound more plausible, with that story about his having a

Eagle said that earlier in the day, the people up front had a loving thing going. They were all sitting around with their arms around each other, "Altamont was no Woodstock, We can have a Woodstock, though. We just have to pur Altamont in its place, Like Crosby (of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young) said, 'We can do it with music'. If the Stones hadn't been there, we would have had a beautiful thing, a heaven on earth. But you can't do it with guards. Besides, if you need guards, get guards; not smacked out killers. Grace Slick doesn't need guards. Their vibes are so beautiful. If it had been their thing, it would have been so beautiful. But Jagger is a killer."

Eagle said that he was not on acid, only grass. He said that anyone who saw what happened saw a ritual death, but that the death was planned so that no one would see it, except of course, for His Satanic Majesty, for whose benefit the human blood sacrifice was intended, and whose eyes alone were supposed to witness the feast,



at the speedway, screaming, "I hate you, I hate you," wasn't an Angel, nor was the asshole who reportedly set fire to one or more of their bikes.

Before the final words are written about Altamont everything from the Stones to acid, from the Angels to the cat who owned the speedway, from the cold to the twelve mile played at Altamont Speedway. One of the festival organizers told an underground radio station in an interview that they had been asked by the Stones to act as security around the stage — that someone was needed to keep the screaming chicks and freaks away from the musicians. That the Angels didn't travel 300 miles for trouble, but were just doing their job. "Wha the fuck are they doing here," screamed one enraged kid—"tell them to get the fuck out of here and stick their bikes up their ass."

Common sense would seem to preclude blaming the fiasco on the Angels. From reports of those centered around the stage there can

lot of shoving, slugging, cursing etc., etc., etc., etc., But there were 250,-000 other people participating. It is hardly likely that even a group as infamous as the Angels could blanket a festival of a quarter of a million people and turn it into the bummer of the year. The freak who attacked Jagger of the Stones as he stepped from a helicopter hike, will be blamed as the cause for what didn't take place. There will be a hundred scapegoats.

There's a lot of full-of-shit people who have found a home in the people's revolution — they're stashing the bread away by the thousands. They'll even make money off of Altamont — and you and I make

It only takes a spark to explode 250,000 people, be they straight, stoned or otherwise, When some hasseling began near the stage at Woodstock, it was stopped before it swept away the reason why they had all come there. That didn't happen a Altamont-maybe no-one knew the reason why they were there.



RAFFERTY AND **DUDLEY SWIM IN CESSPOOL**

by Don Jackson

ASTRAL ASTRONAUT

The materialistic straight press recently unwittingly published evidence that man is more than a mind and a physical body. The front-page photograph in November 29's San Francisco Chronicle shows astronaut Alan L. Rates walking on the moon, as half a dozen other spacemen have done. But he is in the middle of "an eerieblue glow" that follows him wherever he goes.

UP and AP attribute the manifestation to "a trick of light", but still describe it as "unexplained," How CAN one explain a blue glow coming off a white space suit? The answer, of course, is that the blue light is not reflecting off Bates' space suit at all. It is radiating from Bates himself.
Paychic writers call this radiance the AURA, among other names, Every living human being an abservery animal and plant—has this aura, although it is usually invisible, Gifted "sensitives" see it all the time without trying, and other people can behold it occasionally through special glasses, or on drugs, and (at least in my own case) after contact with a psychic person who see the aura automatically. The human atmosphere cannot be written off as "imagination" or "the power of suggestion," because it has been seenby many people who had never heard of it.
Some will argue that although an invisible aura does exist, what shows up in the AP wirephoto may be an optical illusion anyway. But I note three attributes of said illusion which must also belong to Bates' aura.

First, the blue color. Relatively undeveloped personalities have



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hamburger trials planned



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Chairman of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party, at 2337 West Monroe, about a block from Chi-cago Fanther heads of the Chicago Elillary and the State of the State

Panther People Problem

Fuck Him In His Motherfucking Ass



Weather Bureau Predicts Reign

BY Tom

Two members of the Weatherman faction of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) were in Berkeley Monday, and gave a talk at the Campus YWCA on Bancroft.

Ted Gold, who recently returned from Cuba, and Linda Evans, a member of the Weatherbureau who is facing charges stemming from the Democratic Convention, who traveled to Hanoi to talk about Panther/prisoner swaps, and who was involved in the Pittsburgh High School jailbreak, attempted to clarify the Weatherman position, clear up some misconceptions, exhort the people to action, and answer questions.

Unfortunately, this reporter lost his notes on the talk, I guess this really doesn't matter, since all gut-level revolutionaries must have been there anyway, I hope some were hiding, however, since I only saw a couple hundred people there, and some of these seemed to be discussed.

I do remember the gist of the talk, in fact I knew it before I went, Linda Evans said "ultimate liberation, real liberation, only comes when you fight the state," The call was from armed struggle, and linking up with the rest of the Third World in an open, international struggle against the Oppressors.

Also, there was a new word: "affinity groups." An affinity group is a group of six to fifteen people who watch out for each other and can be strategically deployed in a violent action, The army used to call these "squads."

The only other thing I remember accurately was the large number of girls there with their hair set in two long braids.

L.A. Gay Power

By Don Jackson

The newly organized Society for Gay Power will hold a public meeting December 14 at 4 p.m., at the Homosexual Information Center, 3473 1/2 Cahuenga Blvd, Hollywood, The meeting is to organize Gays to fight the oppression of the Gay people.

An infiltration team from San Francisco's Committee for Homosexual Freedom will be on hand to rap with people about the ideas and goals of the Gay Liberation Movement.

The need for a Gay Liberation organization in Los Angeles is great. The oppression of Gays in $L_{\bullet}A_{\bullet}$ is worse than anywhere else in the Western World.

L.A. Gays have been floundering; stanuaed by the reign of terror which the L.A.P.D. has brought on them. Private clubs and bars have been raided with scores of arrests on what Gays consider "trumped up" charges.

December 6 another demonstration to protest the anti-homosexual laws was held: a motorcade through Hollywood. The cars, or "closets on wheels" as they were called by C.H.F. co-founder Leo Lawrence, were covered with placards such as "The Lord is my Shepherd; He knows I'm Gay" and "God laws us car years"

As usual, the demonstration was led by Rev. Troy Perry of the predominantly Gay Metropolitan Community Church People on Hollywood streets did not take the demonstration seriously. Many laughed and made fun of the demonstrators.

The incident shows the need for an effective Gay liberation organization in L.A. The squares won't laugh at militant Gay street people

A militant wave is sweeping the L.A. Gay community. Effective leadership and organization are lacking. Bay Area Gay militants plan to give their brothers in the South a little push by supplying these needs:

Leo Lawrence addressed an audience at the Haymarket on Dec 4. He said that the demonstration put on by Rev. Perry were non-revolutionary and would no succeed in implementing charge.

MICK JAGGER

The King and Queen

(LNS)

So Mick Jagger, by all accounts a rather BAD mothuhfuckuh, came home. Grotesque, lewd, and deranged. Satisfying.

Jagger's sassy strut and faggory pirouettes, black leotards and black muscle shirt (omega in the place of the Superman "S"), and a flippant red floor-length scarf decorate the heavy, hard-driving rock pulsar like lace draped over a lathe, Madison Square Garden's 20,000 rightful owners gape, scream, crawl up on the arms of their seats, dance, charge the stage, wave fists and other less organized clumps of fingers, and when Micky bawls we all bawl with him: "I can't get nooo... SA..TIS...FAC..TION!"

Securityhood the Peeg drags from the stage a girl reaching the violent climax of masturbation while a thousand others who charged the stage and didn't make it mash one another in the pit -- a freaked-out amueba of human flesh downing joints and chewing minced poppy seeds. Convulsions, spasms, fists -- Jagger answers with an affected postnasal drip, belly shimmies, and a spine whose erectness he probably owes to his father Joe, a physical education teacher. It's no capital crime.

But Satan is barefoot, a homespun boy, society's child. He dances the disease which this place is. He's the total impostor. The last of the great movie queens. The last of the great white pricks. Wealthy -- the tour will pay for two million-dollar bashes, Lazy, narcissistic, a good businessman -- the boy next door -- and the boy next door has made art out of indecent exposure. He lets it bleed and the slow songs crawl out almost menstrually. He beats it off and we all pound with him, Bad. Bad.

The only satisfaction that's left in the old culture is watching it writhe and collapse, watching lagger impersonate its writhing and collapse, hearing Jagger's moan which is a death moan and not the moan of orgasm. The old culture wasn't just a sneeze, It's been around for a long long time, it's a grand old lady, it's a dirty old man. And today it's Mick Jagger, Madison Square Garden, tripping out three stories above the tubes of the Pennsylvania Rail-

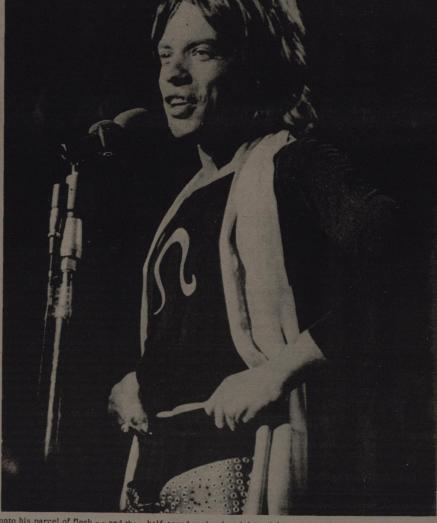
The performance is pure ritual, Jagger bounces around; he's effeminate. He's like a peacock, flinging and flapping his red scarf. The rhythms are hard, the music is tough and violent, but Jagger comes on soft and curvey. He projects the complete inversion of the Beatles' All-Amerikan Bungalow Bill. He's everyone's pervert, the King and the Queen.

And "Satisfaction" does it all.
Everyone leans toward the one figure
illuminated in the darkness. The
words say one thing, but the message is out of control. "Satisfaction" feels good because itsays
how really bad things are, There's
no satisfaction in school, in bed,
in the Army, on the job, in the
movies, And the wild response of
the crowd is the thing that proves
that's true. The whole audience
is moving heavy cause the song is
something they can feel. Total
revulsion at the death and sterility of bourgeois life and the demand
for some way out,

The lights go on. Everyone is up out of his seat, hands clapping; people are dancing. Everything is ready to bust loose. And then comes the Stones' last song. It's always "Street Fighting Man" — in San Diego, in Denver, in Chicago, in New York.In Chicago Mick introduced "Street Fighting Man" with the words, "This is for all of you and what you did to your city." In New York, a huge Amerikan flag hangs over the audience. And then there's that line, he sings it more than once, "The time is ripe for violent revolution." So our fists fly and Mick grants comething had

It's a turn-on badness. Don' matter how nice we were at Wood-stock or Washington, Everyone of us knows somewhere inside that the time will come when we'll have to be very bad indeed, Eldridge Cleaver: "Huey Newton is the baddest motherfucker ever to ster inside the pages of history." White history is just a few years behind, Our badness is coming, People gotta have satisfaction, People don't wait too long, People pick up guns. People smash states. People

But that's not what happened at the end of the concert. In fact, the way Jagger put things together, it wouldn't even have to fit very well. They finished their street-fighting song and left the stage. People shouted for more; but the Stones were gone for good. Everyone went home missing what might have been an appropriate ending. Mick Jagger's last song could have been "Come together right now over me," He'd drawn the sexual energies of a conjunctival of the stage of



onto his parcel of flesh -- and the crowd, both male and female -- seemed a lot more ready to come all over Mick Jagger than find their way to the discipline, modesty, and restraint needed to make a real live Revolution, A decadent air hung over the Garden.

And our current level of struggle -- clapping hands, cutting up, busting loose, fucking, blowing weed, and breaking windows -- is a far cry from seizing state power. The Vietnam war drags on. We aren't half as miserable as most of the world, And a lot of the Revolution so far is just a hip ego-trip. What do groupies, pimps, PR men, and ticket-takers have to do with the Revolution? Micky Jagger is still our wedream, our illusion of release a dream.

half-assed male-chauvinist prick, not a stone communist revolutionary.

But this audience, and audiences like it all over the country have struck terror into the heart of Amerika's parents. The music critic of the New York Times is terrified, He sees Mick Jagger as the Hitler of the 1960's, the audience as tomorrow's storm-troops. To him the emotions of Rock are the stuff of fascism. It's like a rally in Nuremberg, Jagger raises his fix and thousands of kids raise their fists. A lot of V-signs at first, but the face of the country of the

And the Times Man, besides feeling left out, also feels tha Jagger incites kids to violence He sees a Dr. Jekyll and a Mr Hyde in Amerikan youth. On peace marches, he overhears talk of love, pacifism, and non-violence, but at Stones' concerts it's all fighting, revolution, and blood. Beware the youth of Amerika he warns, and turns to put on his reviewer's copy of the new album by that nice California group. The Jefferson Airplane. What does he get:

"We are all outlaws in the eyes of Amerika

cheat, lie, forge, fuck, hide and

We are obscene, lawless, hideous, dangerous, dirty, violent and young"

And they sing it so sweetly. The Times Man doesn't like it at all. It isn't exactly the Revolution but it's close enough to come on the same of the sa

In essential ways, homosexual needs have made me a nigger. I have of course been subject to arbitrary insult and brutality from citizens and the police. But except for being occasionally knocked down. I have gotten off lightly in this department, since I have a good flair for incipient trouble and I used to be nimble on my feet. What is much more niggerizing is being debered and abashed when it is not taken for granted that my out-going impulse is my right; so aften, and naybe habitually, have the feeling that it is not my street. If don't mean that my passes are not and pted, many has a right to that; but that I'm not put down for making them. It is painful to be frustrated, yet there is a way of rejecting someone that accords him his right to exist and is the next] best thing to accepting him; but I have rarely enjoyed this treatment.

them. It is painful to be frustrated, yet there is a way of rejecting someone that accords him his right to exist and is the next] best thing to accepting him; but I have rarely enjoyed this treatment.

Allen Ginsberg and I once pointed out to Stokely Carmichael, how we were niggers but he blandly put us down by saying that we could always conceal our dispositions and pass. That is, he accorded to us the same lack of imagination that one accords to niggers; we did not really exist for him. Interestingly, this dialogue was taking place on national TV, that haven of secrecy. In general, in America, being a queer nigger is economically and professionally less disadvantageous than being a black nigger, except for a few areas like government service, where there is considerable for and furtiveness. (In more puritanic regimes, like present-day. Cuba, being queer is professionally and civilly, a bad deal.) But my own experience has been very mixed. I have been fired three times because of my queer behavior or my claim to the right to it—and these are the only times I have been fired. I was fired from the University of Chicago during the early years of Hutchins, from Manumit School (an offshoot of A.J. Muste's Brookwood Labor College), and from Black Mountain College. These were highly liberal and progressive in stitutions and two of them were communitarian. Frankly, my experience of radical community is that it does not tolerate my freedom. Nevertheless, I am all for community because it is a human thing, only I seem doomed to be left out.

On the other hand, my homosexual acts and the overtical im to the right to commit them have never disadvantaged me much, so far as I know, in more square institutions. I have taught at half a dozen State universities. I am continually invited, often as chief speaker. To conferences of junior high school superintendents, boards of Regents, guidance counselors, task forces on delinquency, etc., etc. I say what I think right, I make passes if there is occasion—have even made out, whic

Military Material" (they had such a stamp), not because I was queer but because I made a nuisance of myself with pacifist action at the examination center and also had bad eyes and piles.

Curiously, however, I have been told by Harold Rosenberg and the late Willie Poster, that my sexual behavior used to do me damage in precisely the New York literary world; it kept me from being invited to advantageous parties. I don't know. What I observed in the 30's and 40's was that I was excluded from the profitable literary circles dominated by Marxists and ex-Marxists, because I was kind of an anarchist. For example, I was never invited to PEN or the Committee for Cultural Freedom. Shucks! (When CCF finally got around to me at the end of the 50's, I had to turn them down because they were patently CIA.)

To stay morally alive, a nigger uses various kinds of spite, the vitality of the powerless. He can be randomly destructive; he feels he has little to lose and maybe he can prevent the others from enjoying what they have. Or he can become an in-group fanatic, feeling that only his own kind are authentic and have soul. There are queers and blacks belonging to both these parties. Queers are "artists," blacks have "soul" this is the kind of theory which, I am afraid, is self-disproving, like trying to prove you have a sense of humor. In my own case, however, being a nigger seems to inspire me to want a more elementary humanity, wilder, less structured, more variegated, and where people have some heart for one another and pay attention to distress. That is, my plight has given energy to my anarchism, utopianism, and Gandhianism. There are blacks in this party too.

My a ctual political attitude is a willed reaction-formation to being a nigger. I act that "the society I live in is mine," the title of one of my books. I regard the President as my public servant whom I pay and I berate him as a lousy worker. I am more constitutional than the supreme court.

In their in-group band, Gay Society, homosexuals can get to be fantasti

In my observation and experience, queer life has some remarkable political values. It can be profoundly democratizing, throwing together every class and group more than heterosexuality does. Its promiscuity can be a beautiful thing (but he prudent about VD). It myself human contact, so that it is a kind of model of the mass inacity of modern urban he if don't know in this set really the case just as, of the crowd who go lot at galleries, I don't know who are being posten to by the art and whot are being be yildered futther. "Is he intersted in me or ust in my skin." I have sax which him, he will regard me as nothing." I think this distinction is meaningless and disastrous; in fact, I follow up in exactly the opposite way, and many of my lifelong personal loyalties had sexual beginnings; but is this the rule or the exception? Given the usual coldness and fragmentation of community life at present, I have a hunch that homosexual promiscuity enriches more lives than it desensitizes. Naturally, if we had better community, we'd have better sexuality.

Sometimes it is sexual hunting first of all that brings

community, we'd have better sexuality.

Sometimes it is sexual hunting first of all that brings me to a place where I meet people -- e.g., I used to haunt bars on the waterfront; sometimes I am in a place for another reason and incidentally hunt -- e.g., I call on my publisher and make a pass at a stock-boy; sometimes these are both of a piece -- e.g., I like to play handball and I am sexually interested in fellows who play handball. But these all come to the same thing, for in all situations I think, speak, and act pretty much the same. Apart from ordinary courteous adjustments of vocabulary -but not of syntax - I say the same say and do not wear different masks or find myself with a different personality. Perhaps there are two opposite reasons why I can maintain my integrity: on the one hand, I have a strong enough intellect to see how people are for real in our only world, and to be able to get in touch with them despite differences in bakeground; on the other hand, I am likely so shut in my own

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How I also come on hasn't made for much sheets. Since I don't betray my own values I am don't use my wits to manipulate. Transpigel what I want since I don't betray my own values I am don't use for including and my aristocrable egalitariations puts people of I unless they are accure enough to be aristocratically egalitarian themselves. Yet the fact that I am not phony or manipulative has also kept people from disliking or resenting me, and I usually have a good have cruised rich, poor, middle class, and petit bourgeois, black, white, yellow, and brown; scholars, jocks, and dropouts; farmers, seamen, railroad men, heavy industry, light manufacturing, communications, business, and finance; civilians, soldiers and sailors, and once or twice tops. There is a kind of political meaning. I guess, in the fact that there are to many types of attractive human beings; but what is more significant is that the many functions in which I am professionally and economically engaged are not altogether cut and dried but retain a certain animation and sensuality. HEW in Washington and IS 210 in Harlem are not total wastes though I talk to the wall in both. I have something to no county me on trains and buses and during the though I talk to the wall in both. I have something to occupy me on trains and buses and during the increasingly long waits at airports. I have something to do at peace demonstrations—I am not inspirited by guitar music though no doubt the TV files and the FBI with their little cameras have probably caught pictures of me groping somebody. For Oedipal reasons I am usually sexually anti-semitic, which is a drag, since there are so many fine Jews. The human characteristics which are finally important to me and can win my lasting are so many fine Jews. The human characteristics which are finally important to me and can win my lasting friendship are quite simple: health, honesty, not being cruel or resentful, being willing to come across, having either sweetness or character on the face. As I reflect on it, only gross stupidity, obsessional cleanliness, racial prejudice, insanity, and being drunk or high really put me off.

me off.

In most human societies, of course, the sexual drive has been one more occasion for injustice, the rich buying the poor, males abusing females, ahibs using niggers, the adults exploiting the young. But I think this is neurotic and does not give the best satisfaction. It is normal to befriend what gives you pleasure. St. Thomas, who was a grand moral philosopher though a poor metaphysician, says that the chief human use of sex (as distinguished from the natural law of procreation) is to get to know other persons intimately, and that has been my experience.

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A criticism of homosexual promiscuity is that, rather than democracy, there is an appalling superficiality of conscience. If I happen to get on with someone, there is not a lot of lies and bullshit to clear away.

Becoming a celebrity in the past few years seems to have hurt me sexually rather than helped me. For instance, decent young collegians who might like me and used to seek me out now keep a respectful distance. instance, decent young collegians who might like me and used to seek me out, now keep a respectful distance from the distinguished man -- perhaps they are now sure that I muss be interested in their skin, not in them. And the others who seek me out just because I am well known seem to panic when it becomes clear that I don't care about that at all and I come on as myself. Of course, a simpler explanation of my worsening luck is that I'm growing older every day, probably uglier, and certainly too tired to try hard.

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As a rule I don't believe in poverty and suffering as means of education, but in my case the hardship and starvation of my inept queer life have usefully simplified my notions of what a good society is. As with any other addict who canot get an easy fix, they have kept me in close touch with material hunger. So I cannot take the GNP very seriously, nor the status and credentials, nor grandiose technological solutions, nor ideological

pources, including ideological liberation movements. For a starving person, the world has got to come across in kind. It doesn't. I have learned to have very modest goals for society and myself, things like clean air and water, green grass, children with bright eyes, not being pushed around, useful work that suits one's abilities, plain tasty for I and pecasional satisfactory nookie.

I apply property of sexual acts, and perhaps expressed by the mosexual acts, is that they are dirty, like life as Augustine said, Inter urinas et feces nascimur. In a torty as middle class, orderly, and technological as ours, it is essential to break down squeamishness, which is an important factor in what is called racism, as well as in cruelty to children and the sterile putting away of the sick and aged. Also, the illegal and catch-as-catch-can nature of many homosexual acts at present breaks down other conventional attitudes. Although I wish I could have had many a party with less apprehension and more unhurriedly — we would have enjoyed them more — yet it has been an advantage to learn that the ends of docks, the backs of trucks, back alleys, behind the stairs, abandoned bunkers on the beach, and the washrooms of trains are all adequate samples of all the space there is. For both good and bad, homosexual behavior retains some of the alarm and excitement of childish sexuality. It is damaging for societies to check any spontaneous vitaity. Sometimes it is necessary, but rarely; and certainly not homosexual acts which, so far as I have heard, have never done any harm to anybody. A part of the hostility, paranoia, and automatic competitiveness of our society comes from the inhibition of body contact. But in a very specific way, the ban on homosexuality damages and depersonalizes the educational system. The teacher-student relation is almost always erotic; if there is a fear and to-do that it might turn into overt sex, it either lapses or becomes sick and cruel. And it is a loss that we do not have the pedagogic sexual friendships

school systems. This is one among many reasons why they should be dismantled.

I recall when Growing Up Absurd had had a number of glowing reviews, finally one irritated critic, Alfred Kazin, darkly hinted that I wrote about my Puerto Rican delinquents because I was queer for them. Naturally. How could I write a perceptive book if I didn't pay attention, and why should I pay attention to something unless, for some reason, it interested me? The motivation of most sociology, whatever it is, tends to produce worse books. I doubt that anybody would say that my observations of delingquent adolescents or of collegians in the Movement has been betrayed by infatuation. But I do care for them. (Of course, they magh say. With stella friend, who needs externise?")

An evil of the hardship and dange of queer life in our society, however, as with any situation of scarcity and starvation, is that we become obsessional about it. I myself have spent far too many inxious hours of my life fruitlessly cruising, which I might have spent sauntering for notice purposes or for nothing at all, pasturing my soul. Yet I think I have had the stamina, or stubbornness, not to let my obsession cloud my honesty. I have never praised a young fellow's bad poem because he was attractive, though of course I am then especially pleased if it is good. Best of all, of course, if he is my lover and he shows me something that I can be proud of and push. Yes, since I began this article on a bitter note, let me end it with a happy poem I like, from Hawkweed:

We have a crazy love affair.

We have a crazy love affair, it is wanting each other to be happy. Since nobody else cares for that we try to see to it ourselves.

Since everybody knows that sex is part of love, we make love; when that's over we return to shrewdly plotting the other's advantage.

Today you gazed at me, that spell is why I choose to live on.

God bless you who remind me simply
of the earth and sky and Adam.

I think of such things more than most but you remind me simply. Man, you make me proud to be a workman of the Six Days, practical.

Paul Goodman

Let the heart's pain slack off To that secret place we go to in time Without rhyme's safety to assure us, All gift is, that perfect joy. Some sign. Smoke rising from parapets of glass.

No book I turn to but I hear An inner voice so dear say "Pass over the commands today; forget What is allowed, and what is not. What youth has got. The bizarre symptoms Of yesterday. The past equal to now."

No words here fit for print, no worlds either disclose themselves, just debris solid enough to erect a wall against all mentioned above; open only like doors to love.

John Wieners

"A MONSTER'S ON THE LOOSE."

Once the religious, the hunted and weary Chasing the promise of freedom and hope Came to this country to build a new vision Far from the reaches of Kingdom and pope

Like good Christians some would burn the witches Later some bought slaves to gather riches

And still from near and far to seek America They came by thousands, to court the wild But she patiently smiled, and then bore them a child To be their spirit and guiding light

Westward in saddle and wagon it went And till the railroad linked ocean to ocean Many the lives which had come to an end

We began the slaughter of the red man

But still from the near and far to seek America They came by thousands to court the wild But she patiently smiled and bore them a child To be their spirit and guiding light.

The Blue and Grey they stomped it They kicked it just like a dog And when the war was over They stuffed it just like a hog

But though the past has its share of injustice Kind was the spirit in many a way

But its protectors and friends have been sleeping Now it's a monster and will not obey

The spirit was freedom and justice Its keepers seemed generous and kind
Its leaders were supposed to serve the country Its leaders were supposed to serve the country
Now they don't pay it no mind
Cause the people got fat and grew lazy
Now their vote is a meaningless joke
They babble about law and 'bout order
But it's just the echo of what they've been told
Yes a monster's on the loose
It's put our heads into the noose
And just in these wetching And just sits there watching
The cities have furned into jungles
And corruption is strangling the land

The police force is watching the people
And the people just can't understand
We don't know how to mind our own business
The whole world has to be just like us
Now we are fighting a war over there
No matter who's the winner we can't pay the cost
Yes a monster's on the loose
It's put our heads in a noose
And just sits there watching

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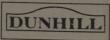
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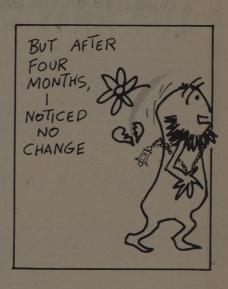




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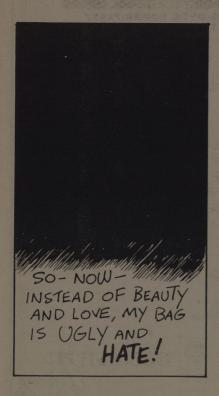




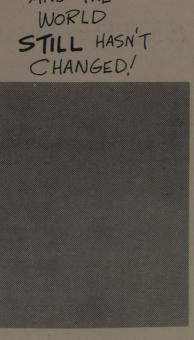




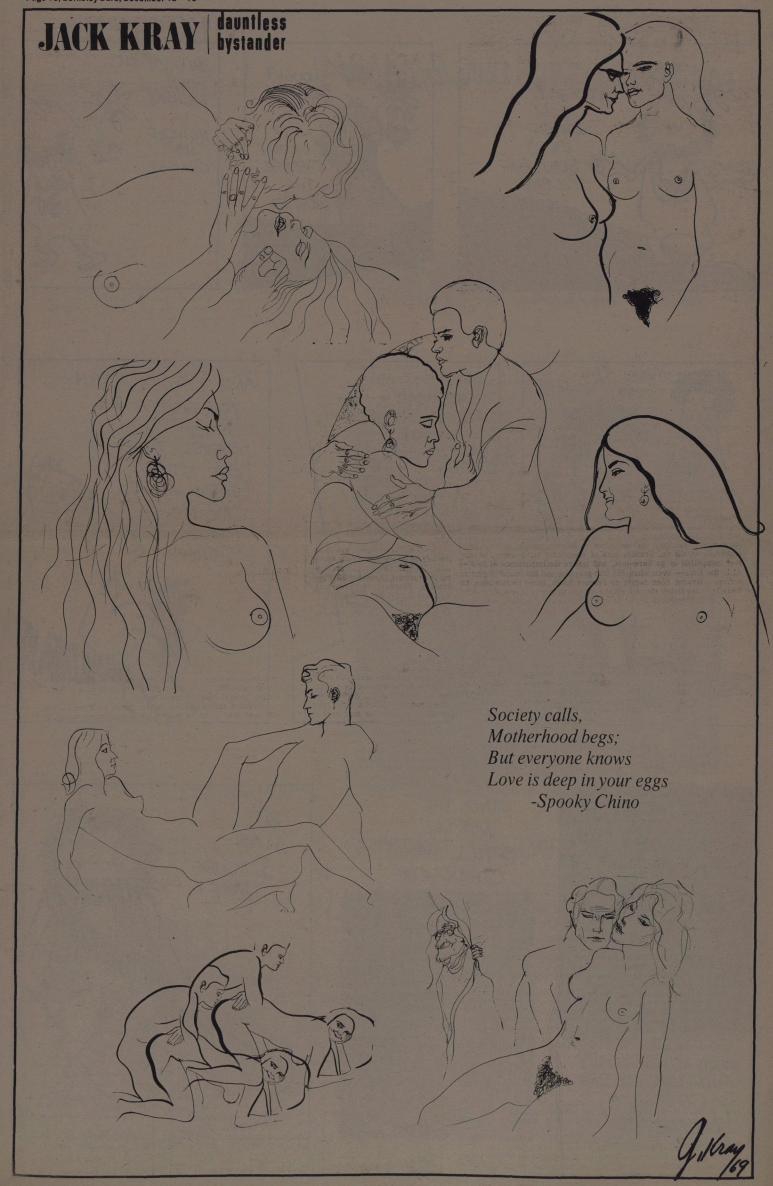




AND THE WORLD CHANGED!









ZODIACAL DRAFT

were 26.

Under the new system, a draft lottery will be held each year. There are 366 capsules in a bowl, each with a date of the year in it (including Feb. 29). The capsules are randomly selected, the first date drawn out being the birthday of those 19 year olds who will be the first to be called up.

Each capsule is drawn out, and the order of men called up will be determined by what order in the list their birthday falls into.

It is said that if one's birthday is in the first third of the list (lst 122 names drawn), one is almost certainly going to be called up. If one's birthday falls in the next third of the list, one is uncertain for a year, and if one's birthday is in the last third of the list the chances of being drafted are slim. The order of men called all of whom have the same birthday is determined of a second drawing. In this drawing there are 26 capsules, each containing a letter of the alphabet. The order in which the letters are drawn out is the random alphabetical order all men born on the same day will called up in.

The first date drawn was September 14 - a Virgo. Very apropos. The next few dates were April 24 (Taurus), December 30 (Capricorn), February 14 (Aquarius), October 18 (Libra), September 6, (another virgin), October 26 (Scorpio), September 7 (Virgo), November 22 (another goat), & December 6 (Sagittarious).

All of which doesn't end the war. But it is more civilized than being grabbed by roving squads of soldiers and forced to serve. Lincoln instituted the first draft during the Civil War, which you could get out of by hiring a substitute for three hundred dollars. The poor rioted in protest for four days in New York City, with much burning, pillaging, raping, and looting.

A handful of the "young unoffical advisors" made mildprotests against the new lottery, for whatever that's worth. David K, Parker refused to draw out any capsules, and so did three others. Four others made mildprotests against the new lottery, for whatever that's worth. David K, Parker refused to draw out any ca

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Food Tripping

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If you get about ten people together and each person chips in three dollars a week, you can put out some darn good meals.

The following recipe falls in the category of feeding "ten people or more on three dollars or less."

HOTPLATE SPECIAL

INGREDIENTS:

UTENSILS:

2 lbs. hamburger

LARGE POT

3 lbs. rice

LARGE FRYING PAN

2 lg tins tomato soup

HOTPLATE OR STOVE

4 onions (chopped)

1 tin corn

any seasoning you dig

A really great dessert idea is Indian pudding. It's super rich and heavy and a little bit goes a long way.

INDIAN PUDDING

INGREDIENTS.

1 cup margerine

2 cups wholewheat flour

Attention!

ANYONE SEEING CHERYL WALLENBURG: 5'4", 125 lbs., BLONDE HAIR, BLUE EYES, WEARING TAN CORDS, BLUE/WHITE & RED PLAIDSHIRT, MOCCASINS, AND A BLUE PEACOAT -- LAST SEEN AT THE STONES CONCERT, UP BY THE STAGE -- PLEASE CALL --- (209) 599-3416 collect.

handful of raisons.

DIRECTIONS.

Melt the margerine over a low heat, Add the sugar and stir for about five minutes. Then add the flour and raisons and stir until the whole thing is well mixed. Serve hot,

Hope to make this a regular food column, so if you have any good recipes that feed a lot of people for not too much money, or if you know of any good places to shop in the Bay Area, please write me c/o the Barb P.O. Box 5017 Berkeley 94715

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Dear Dave and Carel,
Here is an account of my recent 'round-the-world'
trip to meet an Indian 'Avatar' (Divine Manifestation).

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trip to meet an Indian 'Avatar' (Divine Manifestation).

Seven weeks in all but, in some ways, it seemed I was gone for aeons.

One night, at the hospital where I worked as night supervisor, a private duty nurse, whom I'd never met before, began to talk with me of Yoga and Indian things in general. Asking me to extend my hand, she placed a small rectangle of cardboard there and told me to close it. I immediately felt a marked spinal thrill move up my back. On turning it over, I saw the face of a smilling Indian man with a wealth of soft hair. "That", she said, "is Sathya Sail Baba...He created that picture."

Within a few weeks, after visiting a Yoga Centre in Mexico, reading an account of his life history, and that of his previous Incarnation, and seeing a colour film of a religious conference at Bombay, at which he presided, I left for India by air. All things had gone well. Kyo herself, suggested I go. I got leave-of-absence from my hospital, and was able to arrange the tour on a credit basis.

After leaving Los Angeles, we flew westward for hours in the dimly roaring tube over the glittering Pacific far below, Stopped at Hawaii, hot, steamy, with steep green slumbering volcances. Then on to Japan, Burly young Hawaiian Japanese pilgrims passed on their way to the tollet, with brown Buddhist rosaries around their knuckles.

Stayed overnight in Tokyo. Walked alone, a habit I've long enjoyed, moved by the aesthetic refinement everywhere apparent. Beautifully displayed cut sandwiches in red and green strata like the paintings of some gastronomical Paul Klee. In glass cases displays of miniature lacquered armour with cords of silver and scarlet. The crests of ancient heroes rose on the tops of the 'lobster-tail' helmets like golden horns and frozen iron fans. Everywhere one saw elegant calliography on the most prosaic signs.

I love the Japanese, who, like the Spaniards, so well use black, indicative of the great Void from which all things spring and in the end return to. This darkness is that of ultimate brillia

all things spring and in the end return to. This darkness is that of ultimate brilliance, though few realize this.

Then on to Manila for four days. A dark and blood-soaked land. One walks silent and subdued out of dungeons sodden with gloom and foreboding in which thousands died of suffocation, drowning, or were burned to death. Gunmen with great black sunglasses sit like jutting skeletons in unexpected doorways. The people in general are warm and expressive, poor and passionate. Met several 'Spiritistas' (spiritual healers, who perform surgery without instruments through psychic power and heal the incision with a pass of the hand). Hard to believe unless you see it, as I did. Manila is a good introduction to the teeming life of Asia with its poverty and vividness, where birth and death are alike raw and unveiled.

Next we flew to Hong Kong for another four days. A warm and beautiful harbour with snow-white buildings and anchored ships. Mainland department stores with great red banners shouting 'Follow Mao, the Pilot of the Revolution!' Deep below arcades I persuaded patient parchment-faced old men to bring out fragile old calligraphy and ancient Buddhas whose chiselling is half-removed by time.

I meditated in the local Indian (Hindu) temple, where in the pillared courtyard, I was borne on great waves of purest bliss. Here too we attended the Diwali Festival (The Feast of Lights (the Hindu New Year). One evening I visited a mosque where, under dim green arches Pakistani Muslims reclined on mats, reading great brass-bound copies of the Koran. An atmosphere of great peace.

We climbed the sacred mountain of Sha Tin in the New Territories. Up through tinny jukebox



gambling houses at the mountain's foot and by green streams associated with sewage on up the thousand steps through the shady forest. Above, one finds great towering Taoist Gods with horsehair beards and glaring eyes, and a huge gold Tibetan-style Buddha looming forty feet above to the dim ceiling with a calm gaze and blessing hand. These temples are served by tiny wizened nuns whose gongs beat hollow across the valley.

On to Delhi, dusty streets with scorched black

which perished all too soor By the temple gate sit the hunched-backed and grotes out, reaching scrawny he parting devotee.

We attended many Puja One learned to draw the temple gate sit the sacred as horizontally smorning as is proper for Young as is proper for Young marks the arms, necessarily smorning as its proper for Young marks the arms, necessar

ruined domes, Krishna monks with red and white foreheads, and hollow doorways pungent with piss. Glant haughty Sikhs stalk about with fierce moustachios and an air of impenetrable aloofness. Then South by plane to Madras and another world. Slender, almost black-skinned people, short and with large expressive eyes. Merry and timid, curious stared at point-blank range. Stripped to the waist they peered at our faces, laughing and frowning as we did. They spoke the rapid Tamil of the South and are of ancient Dravidian stock.

We drove west past vivid green paddy fields where country women in vivid red and singing peacock blue saris carried great brass water pots on their heads alongside the dusty roads.

Finally we drove into the old city of Tiruvannamalai below the great, green, stony hill of Arunachala, sacred to Shiva, considered by many Hindus to be the spiritual center of the Universe, Our destination was the ashram of Sir Ramana Maharshi, the great Tamil saint who died in 1950.

(An Ashram is a religious colony of devotees who practice Sadhan (meditation, austerities etc.) and self-less work there and live in the precincts.)

We stayed a week, living the traditional life of the religious devotee in India, which has changed hardly at all in the last thousand years. At three in the morning the great slow bullock carts go creaking by and the women make their first visit to the well, that centre of social activity. We became used to wearing Indian clothes (cool and suitable for the climate) for men a lungi (sarong) of cotton from the

triple brand of renunciation grow while in India and fitte well.

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Speaking of Sadhu (literall some eight million of them dusty roads and living in under roadside trees. They Gerua (Ochre-dyed) cloth, t renunciate. Each carries a and staff, which, beside a one spare robe they are a rule, is all they are allo to own. Apart from a few must not stay in one place On taking the vow of San they have their funeral cere come homeless, nameless

of taking the vow of same they have their funeral cere come homeless, nameless the Realization of Brahman We left Ramanashram a I had one more interestin commendation of a Europe two others visited a Yogi who had a small ashram to He is a very athletic look who looks about forty from cipline. He talked fluently Brahman and asked me if I aim of life? On my agreement or receive the initiation of D of Shiva as ascetic who sits is thus represented in magreed. (Prior to this he is

"The Truth

waist to the ankles and a white cotton 'T-shirt' or collarless shirt worn outside the lungi, Chapals or sandals with a loop for the great toe made up the ensemble. Sitting cross-legged on the floor to eat did not come hard to one used to Japanese practice. We ate the rice and curried vegetables from sewn leaf plates with our right hands...the left is used to wash the anus in the Turkish style tollets. The whole atmosphere was one of peace and inwardness.

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The influence of the dead sage is very powerful still. As he said to a devotee who mourned his dying, "Where will I GO? I am here always." and he is. Seated in meditation by the stone bull Nandi, the Mount of Shiva, (stands for the body which is the vehicle of the spirit (Shiva) I felt a great electric wave spread across my back from the spinal column, Mentioning this to some Americans who had been there for some time they told me that when Maharshi was alive he always 'greeted' visitors from where he lay in silence on the settee in the meditation hall. Since he has died many feel similar things on first arriving. Once more in the doorway of the small ashram library I felt his presence powerfully, the same first day.

I made the acquaintance of one of his disciples, a quiet gray-bearded monk, who had recently emerged from twelve years silence in a cave on the mountain slopes. He had a gentle but strong personality and would feed the monkeys and peacocks which his Master had loved so well. I felt a strong affinity with him.

Climbed the mountain twice to the retreat, Skandashram, where Maharshi had dwelt as a hermit for many years. A clear calm atmosphere prevailed there. One could look out over the tail Gopuram (flat, tapered gateway towers covered with ancient carving) of the great Shiva temple. Faintly one could hear the Brahmins chanting and the blare of conch shell trumpets.

We visited the temple with a guide. Deep & labyrinthine with the libations of Ghee (melted purified butter). In the inmost sanctum was the great Linga of Shiva, who, in one aspect, is the good of sexual reproduction. The image is completely asexual in effect, a blunted cylinder with fluted sides set in the ovoid Yoni or stylized female organs of generation. All this was of solid silver. We made a small cash offering and watched the presiding priest wave a camphor lamp (which

THE FIRST OF TWO LETTERS BY

my face for some time.)

He told us that he would psychic 'spinal passage,' the spiritual energy, woul tured as a colled serpent at the base of the spine.) It is six Chakra (lotuses or 'wh plexuses') on its way to the the Sahasrara Chakra, on though certain forms of discip until permanent union with 'Such is the alm of Kundalini Seated in the cross-legge with hands in the Chin Mud looped and joined and fing fixed on the Trikuta (spac where the Ajna Chakra is lothe 'third eye' of mysticism. In unison in a yoga method Gearing his power to my brain my right ear. I felt an is steadily straight up the spic rown of my head. The Sus Prior to this I had recited a Sirepeating it after him. The practised daily, reciting the phrase or syllable given Master to a disciple or dinitiation) synchronized with time, through faithful practic daini is rising, the mind is moves towards Liberation. If as very old, claiming that wi (a widespread belief that Ch who came to India to study spent some years there) he puru's guru (Guru means 'thundred years ago, was one inclure I saw) went about no blanket, because, through proches did not want to frighten the Jesus also gave off such a I find this and other things re But in India such things are without particular surprise.)

soon in the fierce sun outside, it the rows of beggars, many rotesque, who crawl and lurch y hopeful hands towards the

Puja (sacrificial ceremonies), the trident mark of Shiva with illy across the forehead each or Yogis, For special occasions , neck and chest too with his

We drove next in a rented car four hours to the north to the town of Bangalore on the Deccan Plateau in Mysore State. It is bracing and relatively cool and quite modern in many respects. It is and was a military town, much influenced by the British. Their mark is heavy here. The Indian armed forces are direct copies in almost every way of those of the departed 'Raj'.

Thirty miles from here, at a place called Whitefield, I met He whom I sought.

It was in the evening, we ran from our car to the side of a narrow path through willow trees. Lined along it, were men and women on opposite sides, after the usual Indian custom. Complete silence reigned, and at the end of the path beside which we had sat down stood a single figure in brilliant orange with a soft wealth of dark harr and with what I can only describe as a look of intense compassion on his face. He moved slowly forward, now and again touching the forehead of some baby or sick person held out for him to bless. As he drew level with me he made a corkscrew downward gesture that I was to come to know well, that of manifestation. Grey, perfumed ash appeared in his hand and he used this to mark those he touched. (This is one of the hallmarks of a manifestation of Shiva, Indian tradition claims.)

After returning inside the large house given him as a religious headquarters by a devotee, he invited us in.

We sat on the floor at his feet in the small dim room. The edge of his hair seemed lit by a definite light. He spoke in slow clear English, "Hello, how are you?... You would like something sweet?" and with the gesture of his hand he turned his palms upwards and his hands filled with a sweet golden-coloured sugar confection which he gave us each from his hand.

It's a funny thing with miracles and I saw Sai Baba perform many, as have many thousands of Indians and some Westerners, when performed by a Master, they appear natural and unaffected, and are, indeed,

Lies Within"

BY JOCK HEARNE

would clear the Sushumna, or ge,' up which the Kundalini, would rise, (often it is piccent while latent in its source litis supposed to pass through r'wheels') — really psychic to the thousand-petalled lotus, on the crown of the head. Thriscipline, this energy is raised with The Supreme is reached. ialini Yoga.

legged posture of meditation Mudra (thumb and forefinger fingers flattened,) and eyes (space between the eyebrows is located, here too is located ism.) He and I breathed deeply thod in the back of the throat my breath rhythm, he breathed an icy current rise swiftly & e spinal column and over the e Sushuma had been opened. ed a Sanskrit vow of dedication. The rest is up to me. I have give the Mantram (secret sacred ven by a Hindu or Buddhist or devotee at the time of an i with my breathing pattern. In ractice, little by little the Kunind becomes silent, and one ion. He described the practice at when Christ came to India at Christ was a famous Yogi, study advanced practices, and he practised this method, His ms 'teacher') who lived some one Ramilinga Swami (whose out muffled to the ears in a gh proficiency in the practice, ry physically luminous at night then the villagers. (He claimed ch a light.) (No doubt you willings reported here incredible, sare well known and viewed rise.)

merely an example of His nature. There is none of the showmanship of the conjurer. I realized the biblical miracles of Christ were not mere allegories but actual truths, as are such things as halos etc. To quote Francis Thompson 'Tis ye, tis your estranged faces, that miss the many-splendored things!' How true this is for nearly all of us most of the time. Artists and mystics sometimes penetrate the veil, but most folk are unable to see.

He took me in alone for a brief interview. Inside, he stood close to me. Short in stature, he had an intense clear gaze from which nothing is hidden. He said softly, 'What do you want? —Your eyes?' (he has performed many miraculous cures, both physically and psychologically). I said, "No, I've had astigmatism all my life." (It was not the short sight of the BODY that perplexed me.) He said rapidly in a warm way, "You are a man of meditation whose mind is sometimes restless and dark and concentration not good. You are coming to Puttaparthi? I will talk to you and give you something there." Throughout despite his very real Presence, one felt only the warmth and true benevolence. Each contact with him, near or at a distance, produced real joy in me and in most others I spoke to.

I lived in his Ashram in a small remote hill village for the next month. The living conditions were severe, but despite the mosquitoes, the dust and fecal smells hard floors, and cots on which to sleep, etc., my stay was a happy and deeply revealing one. Meditation and Japa (chanting silently a name of God with a Japa Mala or Hindu rosary) or singing the songs of adoration called Bhajan or Kirtan, one's life became purified. I cannot tell here of the great vivianess of day-to-day experience in that setting (It would take a book). One learns not by second-hand theory but by direct experience. During that time, his birthday was celebrated and some twenty thousand folk from all parts of India and abroad came to the valley. I worked as a volunteer in the Sevak (service) groups, carrying pitchers of water to

come filled with light and my abdomen will become warm. My meditation has indeed improved since that time.

Time and space compel me to hurry on I saw and heard of many other miraculous and benevolent deeds of Shagavan (Lord), the title of address used to Baba and like direct Divine Manifestations. I have no doubt he Is this, for he is no mere Yogi and his powers to read all minds and know instantly all secrets, to cross in perception time and space, are beyond our power to grasp, and have been His by nature, since his childhood openly, since birth in fact, He is to come to Europe and the U.S. this Spring. I saw at times an almost terrible aspect of Him. He gave me the vision of some great poised cobra, dark and still and untouchable in His essence. Words came to me spontaneously on first beholding Him...! The Lord is a crystal pillar. The Lord is a fire tower. The Lord is a dark serpent...The Lord Is...The Lord is a because you are my friend, I think you have sensed

Because you are my friend, I think you have sensed what manner of man I am at root. A quester and pligrim. A seeker for that Light which 'did not shine on dyke or ditch, nor yet on any sheugh, but on the banks of Paradise, that licht shone fair eneugh,' I have glimpsed it and will never abandon the search until I am as empty as the wind and still as a mirror lake. The truth lies within and this person seeks the roots, no more the leaves and branches. I have been blessed indeed to meet an aspect of the Lord Incarnate. Somehow He has lifted a shadow off me and in some sense I am become purified. Kyo and others have commented on some subtle change since my return. Now one must become more humble and drop the last fear-clutched tag-ends of the personal will, Must become an empty vessel for Being to fill.

I flew far and fast to the west through Beirut with its free port and whisky-guzzling tourists. Through the sombre and melancholy Prague where all things, even the subdued music, spoke of a hidden muffled sadness.

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the sombre and melancholy Prague where all things, even the subdued music, spoke of a hidden muffled sadness.

Was in London for four days. Enjoyed it there, Still a 'Hogarthian' place in many ways, Visited some old spots and met some new people, Enjoyed it in a relaxed way.

Then homeward bound across the Atlantic to New York and straight on to Los Angeles, arriving at three a.m. exhausted but happy. Kyo and I greeted each other warmly and I was back to work within several days. Jet travel against the clock is exausting and it takes a while to recover.

Sorry not to have written for so long and hope this makes up for it. If you like, you can show this to any of our friends who are curious as to my recent doings. I'm such a slow and poor typist that I'll probably never write another of such length about 'the Odyssey of Hearn.'

Now for YOUR news, Glad to hear that you and Carel now have good workshops. It's well worthtaking time out to do, You'll now have even more incentive to turn out work, Thought of you the other day when we visited the County Art Museum and saw their slowly growing collection of Major Henry Moore's, Good stuff, You must both come and look at them sometime.

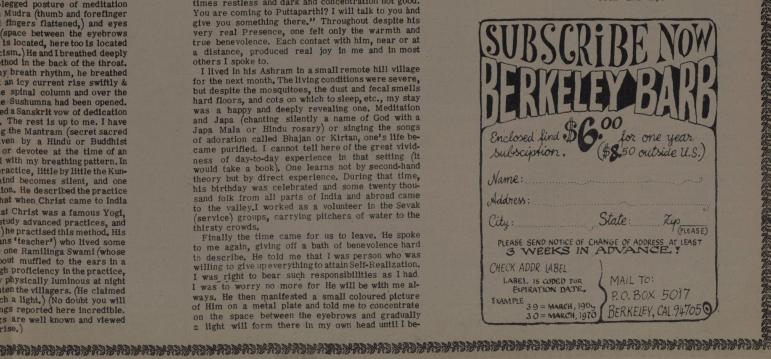
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Saw relatively little Indian art as my focus was elsewhere at the time. Had hoped to get a figure of Shiva as Nataraja (the four-armed black figure of the Destroyer dancing in the ring of fire that consumes the old Universe that the new may be reborn.) I guess I'll have to pick one up here. (the temple of the Ramkrishna Mission has a few for cale.)

well O Mars-halls, good greetings from thy Calif-ornian friends. I'll bid you goodnight, as its close to midnight, and I must work in the morning.

Fondest regards to you both from,
Jock and Kyo



Don Lev'son, a law student at San Francisco State, phoned the story of a rent strike at the apartment where lives with 25 other tenants, at 1660 Sutter St, in San Early and a half now, and since that time there have been two rent increases within olimprovements on the place, The last rent increases within olimprovements on the place, The last rent increases within olimprovements on their apartments were completed.

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dent didn't like it where he was living, he was free to go (if he gave sufficient notice.) He said that only nine people had signed the letter aforementioned, and that five had already changed their minds and paid their rent.

Obelian then told me that he came over from Russia twenty years ago, straight out of a German concentration camp, flat broke. He said that he had worked his way up from the bottom by "hard work, saving the pennies that came in, and minding my own business."

In another landlord/tenant incident, Leo Hearst, who lives at 6543 Telegraph Avenue in Oakland, walked into the BARB office to complain about being harassed, He said that he paid his rent on time, (\$80) and that Mrs. Joe Johanson, wife of the manager of the building, accepted it as usual.

But Hearst claimed they were harassing him. The next morning after he paid his check he woke up and found that his electric razor had been all gummed up.

He also feels that he is being irradiated, or being fed some poison, that is making the heat go out of his legs, He seemed to suspect the Johansons, but couldn't understand why they would do that to him.

This reporter couldn't understand how they could do it to him, and so sent him to the Legal Aid Society in Oakland Main office 451-9261.)

At the last report, both cases were still up in the air.

LADIES BEWARE

So, ladies, beware of these two gentlemen, unless you don't want to. But their victims report they're "not nice."

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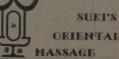
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This is my second commentary mailed by a friend in San Francisco to you. In case you didn't get the first thesis, here is a copy for you to publish in your forward looking underground success - the BARB, Publish this second item, too, and maybe there'll be more of the same forthcoming from this reverend scribe.

The youth of this unholy Nation

betters.

They must demand more bread,
How the fuck are the under-thirties going to have anything if
they don't demand EVERYTHING
that the old creeps have?

They must demand the immediate
eradication of all property rights
for anyone over thirty. Note, as I
said, only insofar as the so-called
rights of the old bastards are con-

cerned. All young people must demand THEIR rights to all public and all private property at all times and wherever found and lib-erated. If this is looting - so be interest.

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The young and beautiful must demand that anyone over thirty be deprived of the right to the pursuit of happiness; of the accumulation of wealth; of the holding of power. In fact, it would solve a myried of problems if the oldsters were deprived of their useless lives. Only, in this way, can the young, the intelligent, the brave and the bold inherit the earth. Is there any logical, intelligent reason why any youngster should have to wait until he reaches senility at the ripe old age of one score and ten before he can claim what belongs to him - and use it in the best interests of all those under thirty?

In all sincerity, why must black fight against white, rich against

poor, law and order types against beautiful youth?

Can't you and your wonderful readers see that the real war is yet to come — when youth battles against old age? Juveniles against seniles? Why wait? Why not demand this kind of combat NOW?

The world has had its full of fucked up females over thirty, It is crap-full with masturbating males who've become impotent in their declining year — 30 plus!

I say, let us youngsters demand our rightful share — that is, All that "belongs" to the loused—up, uptight shtoonks in their thirties—all of whom have reachedheir physical and mental nadir!

Then, and only then, those of us who have beautiful physiques, high intelligence and who are the ONL yones who have a right to live—will really fuck and enjoy life to the fullest extent!

Very sincerely,
The Right Reverend b. wright period, m.d., d.d.,

Dear BARB,

Now you got me pissed, (U.S. Army Killis 300 For Revenge)

I dare you to print any part of this — in context— and see if you're not wrong with your readers. I'll give you five hours to sell tickets to the balls kissing if I have to apologize,

You got a situation here where momma holds you while grampa rapes you. You get drafted and addy says: 'Son, I'm proud of you want so you, while grampa rapes you. You get drafted and addy says: 'Son, I'm proud of you want so you think he's the perfect picture of a native. Then he up and lobs this grenade into the pot parlor where your buddies are keeping a joint hot for you.

Suddenly you realize this is a civil war and every son of a bitch in Viet Nam is in it.

The Man sent'em the Ealize shat you need to before — no battlefields, none of that nice shit. What you fon't bot for double some candy ass in government because he is willling to take orders from the Big Man over here. All you know is that your about of hou hot of slopes are there all you to have you get burboo spikes to fight awar, your be solders to fight awar, your between the and the war, you get and they all look the same to you.

You got a situation here where momma

OTHER **SCENES**

by Kulamarva Balakrishna

What is good taste? The current guardian of Indian hypocricy, which once front-paged the revealing legs of Christine Keeler, has launched an attack on The Times of India for publishing four-letter words in a theatre review by a left-wing contributor.

Discussing the obsoleteness of the word obscenity, the contributor referred to Chel, Oh Calcutta and the musical Hair, all shows currently popular in the West.

The contributor said, "I certainly found it somewhat liberating to hear the word fuck in the musical HAIR."

To this the Current editor commented hypocritically: "This word which begins with "f" is a four-letter word, which despite my more sophisticated education than this goon I find difficult to reproduce. There are other words printed which are equally flithy !) a four-letter word beginning with "f" meaning passing wind; 2) a four-letter word beginning with "a meaning the rear lower part of a man or a woman's body; 3) a five-letter word, which is a four-letter word beginning with as a four-letter word beginning with a "s' and representing the secreta of the human body is also printed."

Why should editor Dosubhai be so indignant? I am sure he is well versed with the etymology of four-letter words. He has got no objection to their meaning; he would not be willing to swear he does not enjoy fucking. Dosubhai is not the lone fucker. There are others who enjoy suppressed feeling in arts. When Ara painted nudes worshiping Lord Ganapathy (the anti-obstructionist bachelor god) critics called his work obscene. The painting was, however, bought by a collector. Ara, as a true artist, defended himself quoting Indian mythology and the religious practice of the Hindus. In certain parts of Indian villages, he explained, clothings other than silk are considered impure for worshiping gods. Since the poorer sections cannot afford silk saris, women undressed before entering the god's room for worship. Ara then cited t

glossy hotels like the Taj Mahal. Young men put their cocks out anywhere on the roadside to piss. Sadhus run off with millionaires' wives with no ther intention than to transcendentally experience the full meaning of the earthly fourletters.

One of these 'holy' men, claiming to be God and owning three telephones, told a trial court recently he had been kidnapped by the woman in question because she believed him to be her reincarnated husband. The court did not believe him.

Still there are people in large numbers who are afraid of light, acting like prostitutes in purdah. The hypocrisy is not restricted to spiritual and moral life alone. It has corrupted political life as well, The national sentimentalism symbolised by national flags seeks to inhibit the freedom of creative men. An Irish painter here made some collages from rags resembling the national flags of various countries including India and the U.S. Four such paintings were shown by Phillip Martin in an exhibition of Auroville, the universal spiritual township near Pondicherry. A hue and cry was made by certain groups forcing the gallery to remove the controversial collages from the show. The police took a statement from

him that the collages were not made of flags but rags, with colours similar to that of some national flags.

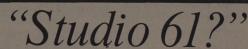
With the cow protection movement spreading throughout India, some hypocrites believing in "good taste," might as well begin a movement to clothe the sacred cows covering up the obscene parts of the animals' body. Even now the farmers do cover the animals to protect them against in leaving out that portion considered obscene by puritans free for gaze.

Inspired by this practice, a few hippies recently covered only their heads and backs in an interior village provoking the authorities to chase them out.

The counter-revolutionary forces entrenched in the establishment are worried by what they call this trend towards obscenity. They are contemplating a move to ban the entry of hippies into India by intorducing a bill in the parliament. The ban would mean that no young person with long hair, unconventional clothes and bohemian manners be permitted to enter the country. At the moment authorities only chase such revolutionaries into hide-outs being satisfied that the hide-outs do not constitute public places and therefore the arms of law of morals cannot reach there.









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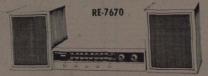
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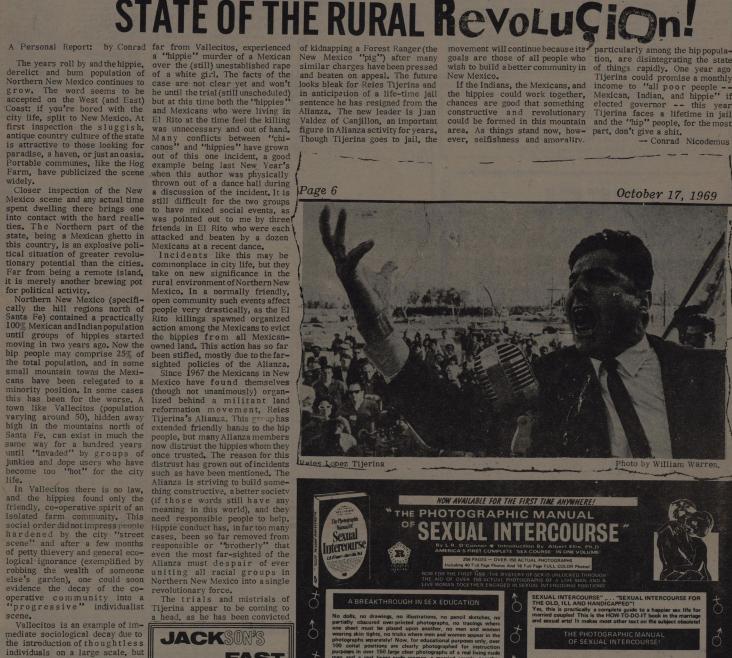


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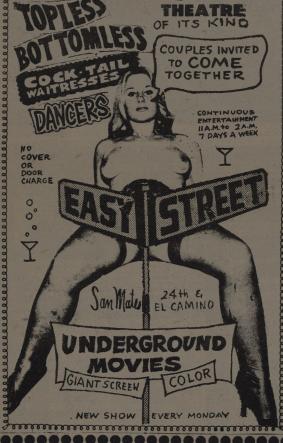
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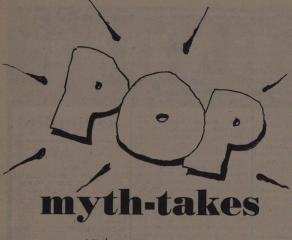
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But when Bob Dylan first sang The Times They Are A-Changing was he heralding a new movement? part of an ideological avante garde? a determining factor for anyone at anytime? a prophet? overinterpreted? a Great Man? a mediaguerilla? teaching? preaching? warning? aware of what he was doing? aware of what others were going to do to him? Is Rock an idea or a Durkheimian 'socila fact'?

Who's really in charge here anyway?

If Eric Burdon is one plane be-

ahead? If S.D.S. is a generational reincarnation of the '20's - Socialists, who (or what) are the Socialists a reincarnation of? If The Rolling Stones bad-rapped dope (Dylan already has -- Listen to Memphis Blue's Again: 'It strangles up my mind/and now people just get uglier/and I have no sense of time')', would YOU stop smoking/dropping/snorting/shotting? Would anyone?

"You're what's happening, baby' screams Murray the K; but how do you know what YOU are so you can figure out what's happening? 'I am he as you are he/ as you are me/ and we are all together', sing The Beatles (after three months of intensive transcendental meditation); but what the hell does that really mean? "Don't you know wit's going to be alright?" is their reply to the rising doubt; but what if your album sells somewhat less than \$22,000,000 worth its first week on the market? Who do you believe when the harmonics are equally complex?

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The Beatles and Dylan are as attuned to us as we are to them.

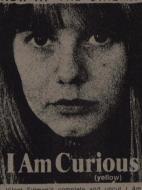
But their morphogenetic quality derives not only from their musical progressions and unfailing receptivity to our human condition, but from their mass canonization which is a consequence of their musical talents. This legitimation tends to reduce our natural scepticism and distrust to the point where Dylaisms and Beatleisms are quoted with religious reverence, and new albums are unquestioningly assumed to be repositories of contemporary truth and wisdom.

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Nashville Skyline and Abbey Road are both dynamite listening experiences. But both, significantly, represent reactionary departures from potentially confrontative trends, a looking backwards rather than forwards. Perhaps they have, again again, guessed correctly that many of us are looking for a safe way out, a strategic withdrawl, a return to the naivete and innocence from which they first awakened us. Get Back says it all. But is nostalgia any solution?

Only we can save ourselves. But if we insist on appointing leaders we should at least take care about where we permit them to lead us.

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When anything is dying before having discovered the reason for living, it feels cheated and in its frustration strikes out at those whose fortune it has been to exist at a time when all the necessary contingencies coincide to life the veil of blindness to truth and allow the path to satori to be perceived. . . perhaps from a distance, but still perceived, The dying culture, therefore, reinforces its blind faith in the only system it knows, and seeks to repress the coming birth. The old culture's representatives are, from ignorance, seeking to rescue youth from what they envision as catastrophe, for they have not yet seen youth's essential truth, and they fear for them. They do this from good intent, albeit based upon their absence of knowledge concerning what is true and what false. They must be forgiven for they have not known love, and therefore cannot possess the security necessary for tolerance. It is a plea to the culture of youth to teach them, to help them find love; not to leave them behind . . . and the only way they can say "We are ignorant, please, children, instruct us" is the way they are saying it.

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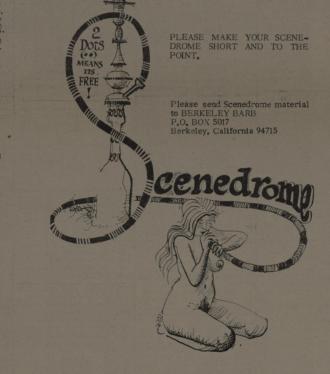
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