

*"Whom the gods destroy
they first make mad"— Euripides*

Current Wisdom

STRAIGHT SKINNY

The illustrious New Republic digs up another disturbing bit of information on Washington in The Age of Nixon:

White House aide Charles Colson, whom speculation has linked to the Watergate affair, was a captain in the Marines.

— *The New Republic*

UNCOMMON WISDOM

Hardheaded Political Analysis by Sydney J. Harris, a savant and dabbler in make-believe:

If there were some way we could examine the private lives of public men — with a sort of psychic X-ray — I think we would discover that the loving faculty in them had been dammed up and diverted into channels that ran toward power and position and conquest.

— *The Chicago Daily News*

SUGGESTED READING

That same awesome intellect takes time out to suggest an elegant perusal into Belles Lettres.

Between junkets to old folks' homes and schools for the blind, Mrs. Nixon should read *The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia*. This is a shocking book.

— *The New York Post*

SHOW BIZ

Norma Lee Browning goes to great lengths to capture a moment which will live in history:

HEARTBREAK TIME: It's touch and go whether dancer Ann Miller will be able to open in "Anything Goes" in Toledo, Ohio. We talked to Annie by phone at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis, where she was injured on opening night about midway thru her performance to a packed house — 12,000 persons — at the Municipal Opera. "I've got a helluva flap on the head, and I guess my brains are all addled," she said in a typical Ann Millerism, for which she is famous.

— *The Chicago Tribune*

POLITICAL PRISONERS

Another political prisoner, Mrs. Clifford Irving, spouse of the modern Boswell, delivers a touching exordium before being clapped into a Swiss Calaboose!

I came here of my free will and I trust that I shall soon be a free person again, with a passport and able to travel to see my family and everybody.

— *Mrs. Clifford Irving*

A PHILOSOPHY OF POLITICS

George McGovern, U.S. Senator and Doctor of Philosophy, exhibits his abundant knowledge of political philosophy:

I just deny this left and right and center nonsense. I haven't had one single voter since I've been campaigning in fifteen months, come up to me and say, I'm against you because you are not a centrist. I don't even know what that means myself, how could I explain that to anyone else? I don't know what left and right are. Is it left to be against this stupid war. Is it right-wing to be against pollution?

— *George McGovern*
CBS News
April 26, 1972

RELIGIOUS AWAKENING

Harriet Van Horne speaks the wisdom of the half-aware:

To anyone even half aware of the repression, the corruption, the total depravity of the Thieu-Ky government, this pledge of allegiance from Mrs. Nixon and her daughter can only be regarded as political blasphemy.

— *The New York Post*

THE SEX OF POLITICS

World history as viewed through the puffy eyes of Sydney J. Harris, columnist and sexual psychopath:

Since political power goes to those who crave it and combat for it, and since those who crave it (in my opinion) are enjoying it as a substitute for the erotic pleasure they cannot achieve, it is hardly surprising that most leaders have plunged their nations into bloodbaths with dismaying regularity throughout the centuries.

— *The Chicago Daily News*

THAT McGOVERN MAGIC

During the New Democrats' Crusade for the New Age, an ex-professor of history speaks:

The Nixon administration is the most morally bankrupt administration in the entire history of our country.

— *Senator George McGovern*

HURRICANE HUBERT

CBS records the fortissimo sound of Senator Humphrey gusting through the spring primaries:

We don't need a rich America, we need a decent America. We need a just America. We need a humane America. And we need an America that's proud. With all of its citizens, all of its citizens having a great joy in saying: I'm a citizen of the United States, that's the only title I need. I can go anywhere in the world, anywhere in this country, because I'm a citizen of the United States. Give me your hand friends, and give me your help. Go on out and help me win this election, and there will be a new day in America for every American, I guarantee to you.

— *Hubert Humphrey*
CBS News
April 21, 1972

STOMACH DISORDERS

Columnist Carl T. Rowan displays that incomparable logic which compensates for his apparent lack of formal education and has made him a sought-after commentator and oracle:

All this babble about quotas reminds me of the comment of the big-coral guru of the GOP, John Wayne. "I believe in white supremacy until blacks are educated to the point of responsibility," he said. "I don't believe in giving authority and positions of leadership and judgment to irresponsible people."

Some of the people deploring "quotas" these days would retch at being compared with Wayne, but their argument is about the same. If you see that blacks are so bad off, and you refuse to admit that they are being discriminated against, you have to believe that they are bad off because they are inferior.

There is no black escape from that imprisoning white judgment.

— *The Chicago Daily News*

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that the value of science is not a scientific fact, and that he, too, makes use of the values of logic and epistemology.

Like positivism, behaviorism has done much to undermine the philosophical and religious roots of freedom, roots which we who believe that man has dignity and more than just instrumental value must conserve and defend. Sam Adams was correct when he said that "the truth is, all might be free if they valued freedom, and defended it as they ought." We ought not to remain complacent as the scientific *hubris* which manifests itself in such pernicious movements as positivism and behaviorism rejects the "divine spark" within man.

The behaviorist contends that there are no activities (e.g., the utilization of our rationality) and that there is no such thing as principled behavior (i.e., behavior that is influenced by consciously entertained generalizations), since man's behavior, he further asserts, results from processes outside of his control.

However, what occurs when the behaviorist is challenged to prove his assertions? Does he not, in fact, engage in activities, in principled behavior? The obvious answer is: Yes, for if the behaviorist is to validate his point of view, he must search for evidence, appeal to the norms of inquiry, consult the princi-

ples of logic. By engaging in these activities the behaviorist—by his own behavior—refutes his own elaborate theories. We have to remember that for any theory to have a chance to validate its truth-claims, it must allow for a defense; this the behaviorist does not sufficiently take into account. Perhaps C. D. Broad was not unduly harsh when he said that behaviorism is "so preposterously silly that only the very learned men could have thought of (it)."

We come, finally, to the acquired freedom of self-perfection. This notion of freedom makes it possible for one to be living in a concentration camp or jail and still be considered a "free man," as long as he is virtuous. Saint Paul, for example, was warned that if he continued preaching he would be sent to prison. But Paul, unwilling to compromise his moral principles even at the expense of his own life, continued his efforts to propagandize Christianity. As a result, he had to accept the loathsome consequences. Although it is impossible to claim that he was free in Hobbes' sense, Paul, according to proponents of the third meaning of freedom, was indeed a free man.

It is important to note, however, that holding to one meaning of freedom does not preclude one from holding to other senses as well. In fact, it is my view that Adler's three senses of freedom are vitally interrelated. The absence of external impediments facilitates the im-

plementation of courses of action freely decided upon by the individual. And unless the individual possesses the inherent power to choose among alternatives, he cannot become truly virtuous, for the meaning of virtue resides in the free choice of good over evil.

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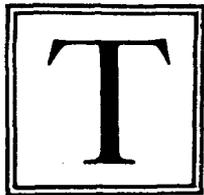
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