



“Whom the gods destroy they first make mad.” – Euripides

THE TURTLE AND THE HARE-BRAINED

The distinguished senator from Massachusetts notes another clique of Robber Barons flagrante delecto: Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) warns that 95 per cent of all pet turtles shipped in the United States are contaminated with salmonella bacteria, although the turtle farmers claim a much lower number — 25 per cent.

—Cincinnati Enquirer

A NATION OF SOMNAMBULATING EINSTEINS

When the New Enlightenment filters down to a woman of the cloth merri-ment ensues.

Grades and class rankings are “in-human” ways of rating students and do more harm than good, two Mid-western educators told the North Central Accrediting Association meeting here yesterday.

Such evaluations lead to “injustices which students, teachers and principals can no longer countenance,” said Sister Mary Simpson, principal of St. Teresa Academy in East St. Louis.

“Probably every secondary school principal here today has known an underachiever in the 9th and 10th grades who suddenly wakes up and wants desperately to attend engineering school, but his class rank places him below half in his class,” she said.

—Chicago Tribune

BEYOND BUSING

What will the pointy heads be telling the little children next?

A small shopowner in the municipality of Caruaru in Northeast Brazil told authorities he had withdrawn his 8-year-old son from school because he had been told by his teacher that man had landed on the moon.

“Nowadays they teach things that haven’t happened,” said Severino Salvino da Silva, 45.

He said the space trip saga was “an invention of newspapers and professors who do not believe in God.”

—UPI

NEWS TWISTERS AGAIN

Tsk Tsk, Agnew’s assault on the media finds an unexpected ally:

Near-Neanderthal publisher, William Loeb, had insulted Mr. Muskie

—The New Republic

CORVAIRS AND SNAKE OIL

Ralph Nader’s years of studying the scheming ways of big business have not been wasted. Recently a cunning advertisement actually signed by him appeared in the *New York Times* with this enterprising attachment. On to General Motors ...

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WONDERS OF SCIENCE

From the newspaper advertisement of a renowned Midwestern chiropractor, one can easily perceive that this arcane science might soon render Dr. Spock obsolete as well as leeches and horse hairs:

Q. I read in a popular child care book that spanking a small child could be injurious to his spine, and that it might create serious problems in the future. I don’t believe in beating a child but our little boy responds very nicely to a little swat on his behind. What is your opinion, doctor?

A. Please don’t get me into the middle of the age-old controversy about sparing the rod or vice versa. Just let me tell you about the structure of your little boy’s body.

Remember the song that goes, “knee bone connected to the thigh bone, thigh bone connected to the hip bone, hip bone connected to the back bone,” etc. Every parent should keep that song in mind when punishing a child.

GNOSTIC STUDIES

Sister Annie Gottlieb peers into the future presumably after a tour of the Bronx zoo:

We are moving “beyond all known standards ... to a species with a new name, that would not dare define itself as a man.”

—The New York Review of Books

THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG DOG

Signs that the cultural renaissance has seeped into the Dallas Cowboy’ locker room as revealed in a rare and very special interview with Mr. Duane Thomas, running back:

“Art held me back — it being impossible to leave the world of football until I had brought forth all I had felt called upon to produce.”

Promising a return to what he called “the highest perfection,” he said he would again some day stir the same feelings in football crowds that Beethoven “Eroica” — or Heroic — Symphony evokes from music lovers.

—Associated Press

BELLES LETTRES

The multifarious capacities of the New China man continue to dazzle the decadent West. Compare this artful poem, written by Papa Mao, with any of the paltry poesy ever penned by old Adolph:

The Long March

The Red Army is not afraid of hardship on the march, the long march.
 Ten thousand waters and a thousand mountains are nothing.
 The Five Sierras meander like small waves,
 The summits of Wumeng pour on the plain like balls of clay.
 Cliffs under clouds are warm and washed below by the River.Gold Sand.
 Iron chains are cold, reaching over the Tatu River.
 The far snows of minshan only make us happy
 and when the army pushes through, we all laugh.

—New York Times

THE RED SCARE

It’s dog eat dog in the exotic rough and tumble of U.N. literary circles:

Vallery Ivanovich Markelov a United Nations secretariat editor arrested Monday night on espionage charges, had extensive technical engineering training, records indicated yesterday.

Yesterday the 32-year-old stockily built Russian was held in \$5,000,000 bail by United States Magistrate Max Schiffman in Brooklyn.

Monday night’s arrest took place in a parking lot after a reported meeting in the Wah Lum Chinese restaurant in Patchogue, L.I.

CONTINUING CRISIS
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Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. On Sunday, April 16, a gay group gathered in Trenton, New Jersey to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Adolph Hitler, the German nationalist, and sing "Happy Birthday Dear Fuehrer." Though the assembled throng was reticent concerning its own achievement, one young man (the one wearing glasses) asseverated that Mr. Hitler would have been eighty-three years of age this month. For the fourth year in a row, Mr. Juanito Piring of San Fernando, Philippines had himself nailed to a wooden cross, and back in the States, Senator Muskie withdrew from active campaigning in the primaries on the same day Mr. Bobby Baker won parole.

● In Illinois it was politics as usual. Appearing before an audience of Loyola University students, the Democratic senatorial candidate, Mr. Roman Pucinski, swallowed a live goldfish while assuring students America was coming "back to normalcy." Mr. Vel Bolderson passed away and an unidentified assailant shot the Italian civil rights activist Mr. Crazy Joe Gallo while he dined at Umberto's Clam House.

● Mr. Gill Hodges, Mr. Kwame

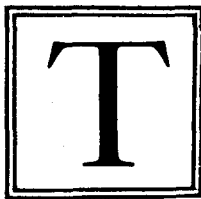
Nkrumah, and Adam Cleyton Powell expired while the luxury automobile that Rudolph Valentino had purchased for his 1923 honeymoon with Natasha Rambova was sold to "a collector." The Italian newspaper *Il Gorno* reports that 14.7 per cent of Italy's prostitutes hold university degrees and 41 per cent hold junior high school certificates. Alene Bertha Duerk has become the Navy's first woman admiral. And the lovely Christine Jorgenson, who underwent a surgical sex transplant, began a speaking tour of the great universities of the country. According to Jorgenson, its sexual surgery twenty years ago marked the beginning of the sexual revolution.

● America's baseball season did not begin until April 14 due to a strike by the performers, and, in Spain, the bullfighting season still is being jeopardized by striking members of the Bullfighters' Association. So by the end of April most Americans found themselves agreeing with Mr. Eliot's judgment of that month. The ITT controversy continued to drag as did: the unpleasantness in Ireland, the debate over British entry into the Common Market, the air bag controversy, the bumper controversy, the busing controversy, the Paris Peace Talks, the various FTC probes, the debate over Kleindienst, a bewildering

government antitrust suit against television networks, the Red Chinese table tennis tour, Senator Proxmire's investigations of this and that, the cholesterol controversy. The month that began with Mr. Robert Kasen, editor of the Teamster Union's official publication *Focus*, criticizing the media for portraying the typical working man as an oaf named Archie Bunker ended with Senator McGovern promising to end the Bunker-Nixon tyranny.

● And for those who had so hoped this spring would mark an incipient greening — well Kenya announced a ban on hippies. Judge Muju Pufewbop of Ndoia, Zambia convicted two moonshiners and coerced them into giving away two hundred cases of confiscated spirits. The new morality suffered a set back in Plymouth, England where a Victorian judge fined Doctor Peregrine Slemn \$520 for taking off his pants while conducting an examination of a nude nineteen-year-old girl. And the United States is trying to deport Mr. John Lennon and the striking Oko Yono, despite the humanitarian lobbying of Mayor Lindsay.

● What kind of month was it? Well, in Sacramento, California the *Good News Paper*, which printed only good news, folded. □



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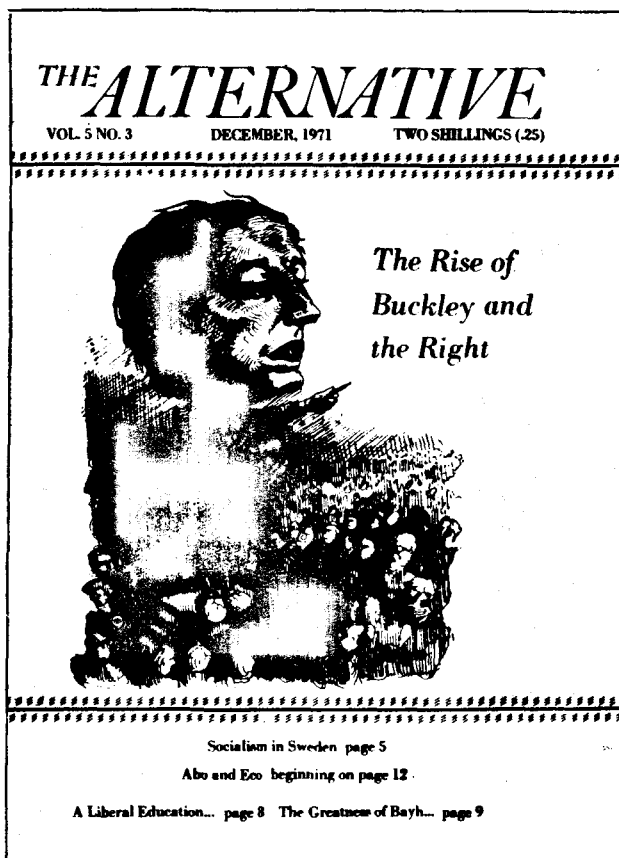


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