



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

Current Wisdom

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

The illustrious president of Yale University, Dr. Kingman Brewster, magisterially announces the needs of his children:

As we approach the bicentennial of the Republic, perhaps what we need most for 1976 is a resounding Declaration of International Interdependence. Maybe by 1987 we could then celebrate the two hundredth year of the Constitution of the United States with at least the beginning of global arrangements and institutions to safeguard the common defense and the general welfare of humanity everywhere. Then we could rediscover the sense of purpose, and once more know the satisfaction, of making them into a nation. We, in our turn, might save the peoples of nations by making them into a world community capable of survival.

—*Foreign Affairs*

ETHNIC AWARENESS

From *Time Magazine*, journalism's equivalent to the dime store, comes word of yet another delirious episode in the fight against racism. Another color barrier falls:

Previous winners of the "Black Man of the Year Award" have been Chicago Bears running back Gale Sayers and comedian Dick Gregory. The award presented by Holy Angels' parish in a black area of Chicago's South Side honors outstanding contributions to the race. The current Black Man of the Month: George O'Hare, a Sears, Roebuck executive who was awarded the plaque for his work with the late Martin Luther King, Jr. in Chicago and his efforts to improve education and other conditions in the city's ghettos. The fact that O'Hare is white did not trouble the parish. Said Pastor George Clements: "Blackness is a way of life, not merely a skin color."

—*Time*

QUESTION GIRL

Responding to the metaphysical inquiry "What's your idea of a Romantic Evening?" Miss Cheryl Kelton, Indiana University student, provides a fascinating glimpse into the mind of a cosmopolitan girl:

It's like when you go out to eat. I live in Illinois and there's this one restaurant where it's all candlelight and it's just gorgeous. There's this plush carpeting, too. Then after dinner you can go to a concert and then to a few bars after that, and then you go back to the room. This is going to sound funny, but then you have anchovies and crackers and wine.

—*Bloomington Courier-Tribune*

RAW FLESH

Shocking revelations by the New England Anti-Vivisection Society concerning the brutalization of American school children. Come home, America!

Both boys and girls in elementary schools receive scientific assignments in their biology classes that frequently entail vivisection of live frogs, mice, and even rabbits, who writhe under the inept scalpels wielded by childish hands.

It is a fact that less than one percent of the children performing these operations will ever enter medical school. Why then, must the overwhelming majority of young students be subjected to this cruel strain on their conscience?

More important, the cultivation of callous indifference to suffering can be emotionally upsetting to the young mind by participating in the harming or killing of God's lesser creatures. Experiments which result in considerable pain foster an improper regard for animal life and an unbalanced view of biology in the immature mind.

A proper regard for *all* lesser animals is instinctive in a young child and the teaching of abnormal conditions before the student has a sound grasp of normal physiology is against common sense and does not enhance scientific education.

—*New York Times*

MINISTER DOWN THE STREET

The indefatigable Arthur Schlesinger, M.A., brings us more Good News about the unbelievable George McGovern:

McGovern is simply not a believable radical, nor do voters, once exposed to him, perceive him as a menace to society. He comes on not as a bomb thrower, but as an old-fashioned American idealist of a traditional sort — the minister down the street or the teacher across the block; moreover, as a practical idealist who can pilot bombers, win Distinguished Flying Crosses, build party organizations, distribute farm surpluses abroad and win elections.

—*The New York Times Magazine*

THE GRAPES OF WRATH

Using the esoteric rhetoric of the New Democratic Party, Senator Kennedy addresses Mexican-Americans, and reveals the villainy afoot at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue:

Assailing President Nixon, Senator Kennedy said that Mr. Nixon "took pride in eating grapes" and ordered enough lettuce to feed the army for two years. "We know where he stands."

—*Associated Press*

AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY

In a recent interview, television's old master, Chet Huntley, fretted about how his medium had become "overly obsessed with the negative story — with tragedy, despair, and failure." We need to talk about what is right with America — so he proceeded to catalogue some of the rosier things he sees in the Republic. Ah, the intellectuals of the air waves!

The anxieties are eating away at us. We're not the self-confident nation we were after World War II. This damn war has demonstrated to us that we can't have our way, even militarily, all the time. We're going to have to bite the bullet and admit that we were virtually defeated.

The cities are getting worse and people are in despair over it.

Congress just has to reform itself or people are going to turn away in disgust.

A lot of people are in despair about our environment. I don't think there's any reason to be. If we spend the money we can clean this country up.

Many of the nation's best plans have become distorted. Welfare is a noble concept but suddenly the nation has found it is a way of life for several millions of persons.

The labor movement that was once a bright and noble concept forty years ago is a disappointment. It seems to me a lot of the organized leadership is pretty bad.

We're tragically short of outstanding political leadership right now. I'm confident that it will come along, but for some strange reason, we haven't had it recently.

—*The Chicago Daily News*

VARIETIES OF HISTORY

Noted historian, Tom Seligson, testifies to the stupendous achievements of our pop youth, the brightest generation since Attila's:

And as James Dean represented the young of the fifties with his unarticulated lack of ease and his alienation, Manson and Sirhan, with their social bitterness and criminal rebellion, signify the mood of the contemporary youth.

—*Evergreen Review*

THE CONTINUING CRISIS

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an eighth grade teacher of earth sciences. Mr. Acanfora is a militant gay. And in Memphis the police are spreading a rumor that a homosexual has raped seventeen male students. In such a climate of fear it comes as good news that a group calling itself the Citizens for Kennedy Committee has begun a drive for the 1976 Election of the Lion of Massachusetts.

● Though the press hardly noted it, peace groups scheduled their annual demonstrations for an immediate culmination of the war on November 18. The crowds were small but serious and high minded, many were beautifully dressed. Two student demonstrators died of gun shot wounds at Southern University igniting small demonstrations throughout the country. At the University of California at Berkeley one protestor ate a live chicken and spread the feathers in front of an army recruiting office.

● On November 17 Argentina celebrated the second coming of Juan Peron. While in Manila, where President Marcos has stated that he imposed martial law only after receiving instructions from God, about 100 masseuses demonstrated against governmental repression. Back in the States people talked of "Nixon

Prosperity," and in the middle of the month the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 1000 for the first time in history. George Romney left HUD, and in Brazil a shantytown was buried under an avalanche of garbage from the city dump. American tourists were cheered when they heard that in Italy one in every ten young women is a prostitute. In Los Gatos, California a sixty-eight year-old priest was stabbed to death while hearing confessions. And radio station KYXI of Milwaukee interrupted its early morning broadcast while disc jockey David Roberts hanged himself. A United States Court of Appeals removed contempt charges from the heads of the remaining Chicago Seven; Willy Brandt's coalition won a comfortable majority in the West German elections. And Honduras' General Oswaldo Lopez Arellano established a Pan American record by completing a bloodless coup so rapidly that it caused an "only brief interruption in international telephone service."

● All in all it was not much of a month. The President spent much of his time in Camp David. Senator McGovern's supporters slept behind locked doors expecting a "call in the night." The Miami Dolphins continued their unbeaten string. There will be no New Frontiers, no New American Revolutions, no ambrosia for the ideologues and the fabulists. It is the Year of the Running Back.

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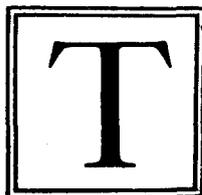
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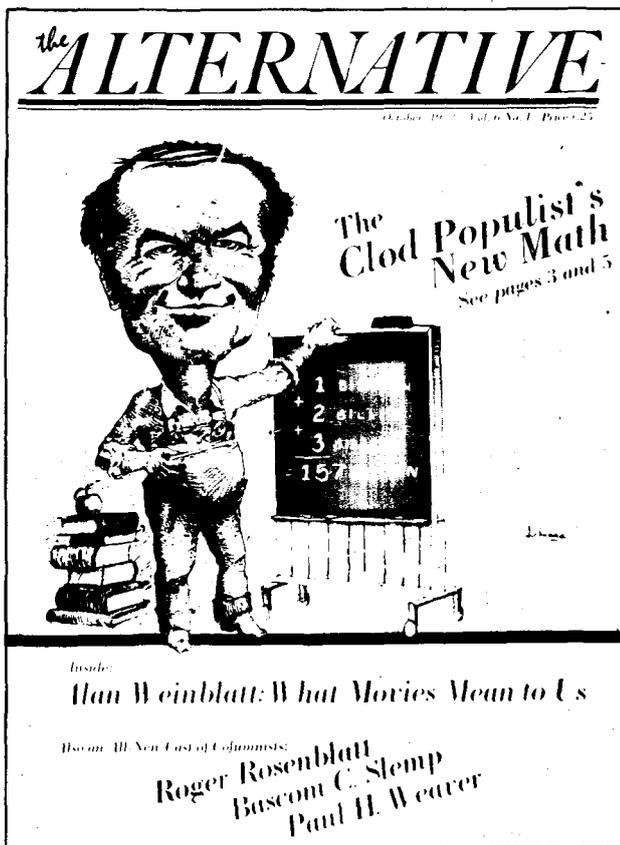
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