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## LAST CHANCE FOR THE BIG TREES

also Tom Robbins  
morning after pill

CONTINUING EVENTS

(B) Photography exhibit in the V.U. Art Gallery. Selections from George Eastman House. Artist include: Murray Risa, Jacqueline Thurston, Richard Schaeffer, Carl Sesto, Michael Simon, and ROBERT FRANK

(S) Contemporary American Ceramics on view at Seattle Art Museum Pavilion

★ Monday 26 (everywhere) not much

★ Tuesday 27

(S) Seattle - King county chapter meeting of (NOW) national organisation of women 7:30 pm 4001 - 9th Ave N.E.

How do your Children Grow-part 2 six female guest describe ways in which new awareness has reinforced their desire for greater freedom from their stereotypes and how a new outlook has affected husbands and children. Channel 9 10:00

Food Conspiracy Meeting 2 pm check co-op bulletin board for location

(B) Gay fine Arts Festival- Piano recital V.U. main lounge 2 pm free

VITAMIN CONSPIRACY! What next? 1:30 pm in the food co-op (B) PASSAGE MEETING Oh Boy!!!! 7:30 goodearth building

★ Wednesday 28

(B) Food Co-op Meeting yum 8:00 pm peoples office goodearth building

(B) LAND USE COMMISSION 8 PM Bellingham City Hall let's goooo!

(B) Gestalt, Zen, Sensory Awareness Collective. First meeting tonight at 2638 Xenia St. off Alabama. For more info call Nealy at 734-1749 or Bill at 733-2570

(B) Co-op APPLE Picking day 10:30 am meet at the store fun & friends

(B) PLAY - The Lavender Troubador Viking Union 450 8pm students .50 general 1.00

(B) Co-op Meeting 8PM peoples office Goodearth Building

★ Thursday 29

Operetta: Patience - by Gilbert and Sullivan. Directed by David Mason Fairhaven Auditorium 8pm FREE

(B) Gay Mens Rap Group VU 354 3 pm free  
FILM Le Boucher - Short-Sailing in the music auditorium 8pm students .75 general 1.25

★ Friday 30

Human Sexuality Workshop (WWSC) see community news for details

(B) Folkdancing Fairhaven Main Lounge Lounge 7:30 pm FREE

Gypsy Gypo String Band and open mike WWSC Coffee shop 8 pm free

★ Saturday Happy December First

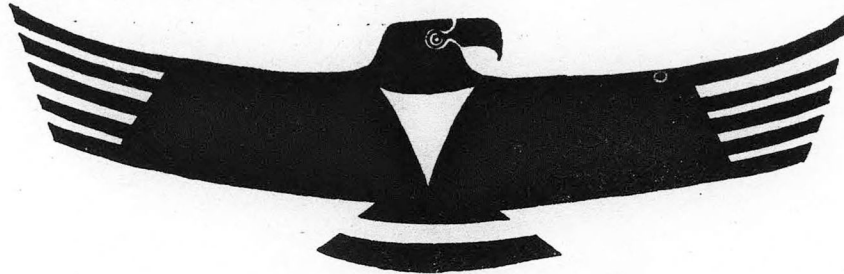
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(B) Ry Cooder in concert with a film a about blues great Mauce Lipscomb called "A Well-Spent Life" Music Aud. 8pm \$2.50\$ Advance tickets at Puget Sound Fairhaven Tavern and VU info desk

DANCE band from seattle United Flyte VU main lounge 9pm \$1.00

(S) Boogie! at the Showbox three bands tickets \$1.00 tickets 2.00 at the door First Ave.

# gimel beth



★ Sunday Dec 2

(B) "Travels With My Aunt" Music Aud. 6:30 & 9:00 .50

★ Monday Dec 3

Folkdancing 7:30 pm FREE Fairhaven Main Lounge

★ Tuesday, December 4

(B) NORTHWEST PASSAGE meeting 7:30 7:30 Good Earth Building 1000 Harris

(B) Food conspiracy meeting 2 pm check co-op bulletin board for location

(TV) ch9. "How Do Your Children Grow" 11 pm

★ Wednesday December 5

(B) Gay People's Alliance - Gay Women's Rap Group VU 224 at 3:30 pm

(B) Fairhaven Film Series presents "Fillmore" Music Aud. 6:30 & 9:00 pm 50 cents.

(B) Food co-op meeting. 3rd flr Good Earth Building 8 pm

(S) Leon Russel at Hec Edmundson Pavilion UW 8pm tickets \$6.00

★ Thursday December 6

(B) Land Co-op Potluck Dinner - 5:30 pm 409 Donovan. In particular we'll be talking about an imminent trip to southern Wash & Ore. to look for land. If you have any info about those areas, be sure to come. any questions? call Peggy 676-8616.

(B) Co-op Meeting 8PM peoples office Goodearth Building

(B) Continuing Studies presents "Fists in the Pocket" Music Aud 8pm 75 cents

★ Friday December 7

(B) Music Department presents Workshop bands and jazz concert. Concert Hall at noon. FREE!

(B) Fairhaven College presents International Folk Dancing 7:30 pm Main Lounge FREE!

(TV) ch 9. "Birth Control for the Sexually Active Teenager" 7:00 pm

(TV) ch12 "Ruldoph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" 8pm

★ Saturday December 8

(TV) ch9 "East Meets West" Ravi Shankar & Yehndi Mendhin in concert

(S) Steelhead/Salmon Sportfishing show Noon to 7pm North Court rooms Seattle Center

★ Sunday, December 9

(B) "Sometimes a Great Notion" 6:30 and 9 pm Music Aud. 50 cents.

(B) Whatcom Choral Society, 18th,19th, 20th cent choral music. Music Aud WWSC 3 pm

★ Monday, December 10

(TV) The Daycare Dilemma. Channel 9 at 9:30 pm. Casey Schwabland hosts.

★ Tuesday, December 11

(TV) Channel 9 6:30 pm. Medieval & Renaissance Art Cultural History -- "The Renaissance in the North: Van Eyck, Van der Weyden."

(TV) Ch. 9 10:00 pm. How do your children grow, part 4

(B) Northwest Passage meeting. It's time to start our Christmas special. Let's make it good. 7:30 pm. 1000 Harris.

(B) Food Conspiracy meeting 2 pm. See list in co-op. for location.

★ Wednesday, December 12

(B) Northwest Passage typesetting. Be a part of something special. 1000 Harris.

(B) Co-op meeting 8 pm. People's Office, Good Earth Bldg. 1000 Harris.

★ Thursday, December 13

(TV) Channel 9, "The Working Mother and Day Care" 10:30 pm.

(B) Northwest Passage typesetting and layout ongoing. 1000 Harris.

★ Friday, December 14

(V) Vancouver Bach Choir presents Handel's "Messiah" Queen E Theatre, 8 pm. \$3, \$4, \$5, & \$6.

(B) The Passage is getting put together. I am you; where is we?

★ Saturday, December 15

(V) Handel's "Messiah" again. see yesterday.

(B) Northwest Passage again. see yesterday.

(B) Join the Safeway boycott!

★ Sunday, December 16

(V) Handel again.

(B) Passage also. Lots to do.

Monday December 17

(B) Special Christmas issue of the Passage. Get yours today.

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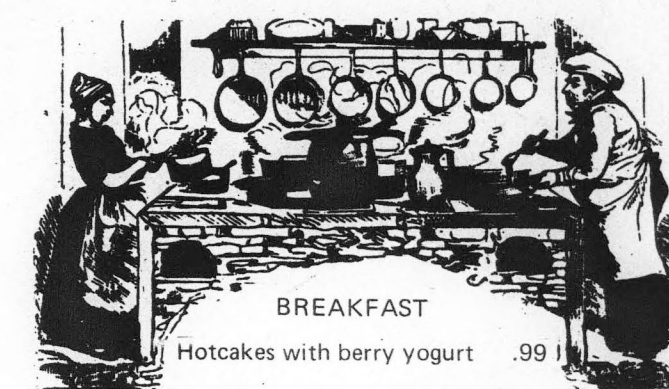
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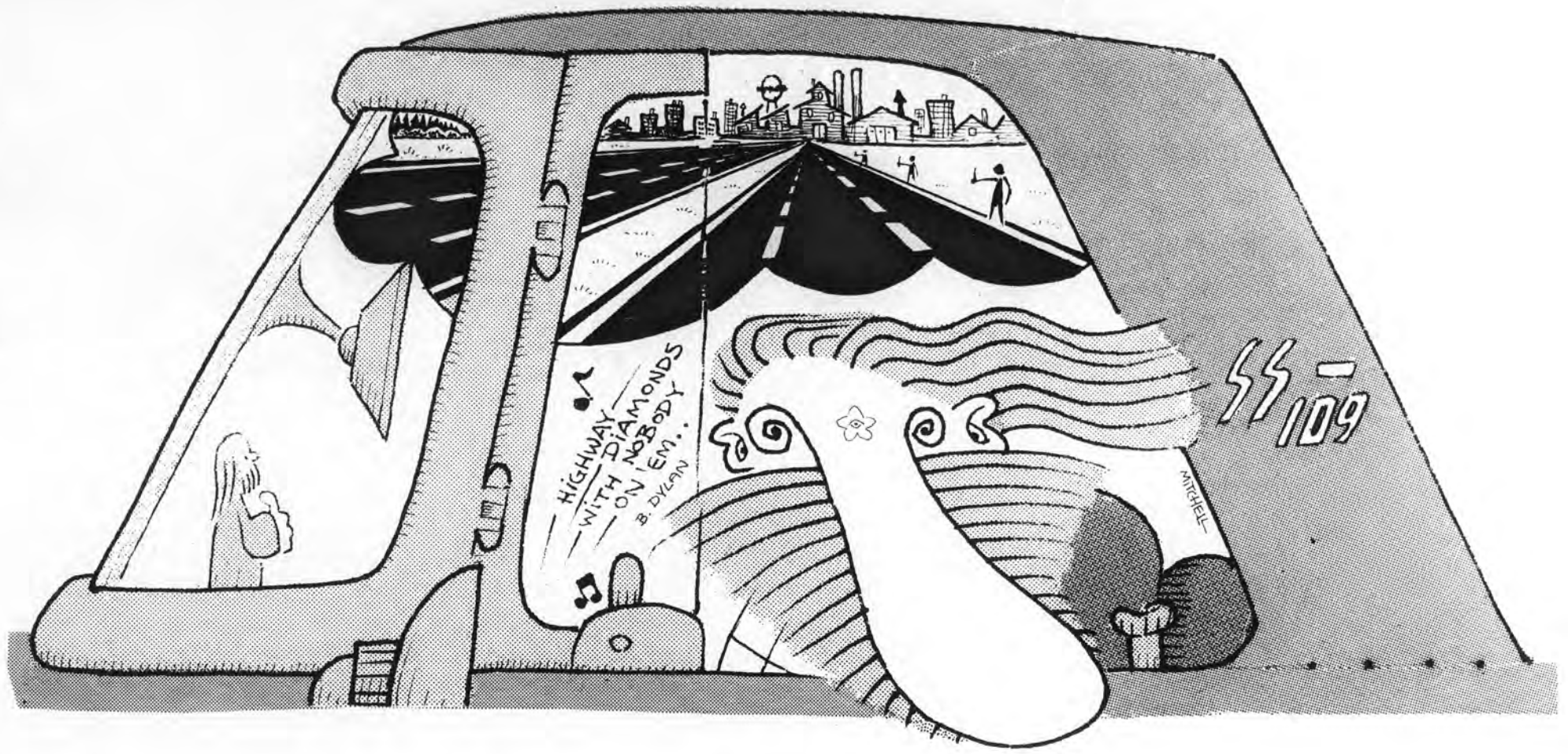
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# NOTE TO JFK

John! Ten years, now, since the throne was swept from the Eastern leadership to Corporate Houston NASAist Cultists. God help us!

Energy crisis makes your assassination/coronation look like small potatoes. Involves the development (read destruction) of Western Bloc, i.e. a new balance of power. Exeunt WWII.

Everyone stammering; curious, bewildered, shocked masses in unison, slow motion, looking for the judgement day. As looking through Window Pane waiting for the material world to fade. Inexorable feeling of life as we know it slipping away.

A Luddites dream come true. Maddening machines falling into lower, slower gear. Truckers switch rear ends.

Sniffed some Coke for the Seattle to Van Zandt run yesterday and oozed by other detroit behemoths at 53 mph. The Freeway, relic of a time gone by. Ah Pleasure Cruising. Each fourth day Amerika loses one. Ban Sunday driving, Jack? Caesar's week will take you nine full days.

Millions staying home or waking early. A complete rearrangement of psyche and regimen. All hail; the regime is changed, gearing down. Takes more personal "energy" (the magic word) to grow the same distance. Time becoming more valuable, creative, midst the heavens steady pace. All to the good. Greater individual accomplishment marks our day.

Nations stand on foundation of agricultural economy. Fuel Famine signals; isolationism, regional autonomy, diversification and final reduction of chemical aids. Organic living resurges. More Home Brew!

Jack, could you have decelerated gracefully or eased the mounting panic? Guns flowing out into the populous. Who up there could purge the NASAists, the warring imperators, the gluttons. Or is it all a hopeless loss of grace since smashing the atom, spitting on the Father?

Fright beginning to bubble up through bowels of the citizenry. People hoarding to evade the plague. Consumption of seeds exploding. Country roads heavy with vehicles hauling wood fuel while others still use electric dildos.

We finally entered the new era, the Tyrant last in line. (look out for the comet, bub!) Stragglers always get picked off. Depression been around for years. The meek shall inherit the Earth. Shoe now on the other foot. Hearing same old line from the Grand Ole Party these days, about free enterprise, letting the market establish its own price. The usual ploy once again, to benefit the rich, in time of crisis no less. It won't work this time around. Citizens will kill. Remember the Crash of '29 with guys flying out of skyscraper windows? They were pushed by those who were deceived.

Complexion of politics altering. No more jumping continental distances. Setting in of provincialism. Remainder of 20th Century to be devoted to Neighborhood. Concomitant: political decentralization of power, paper scarcity, smaller newspapers, fewer books to be countered with massive propaganda while public schools and electric tubes gradually burn out. People taking their own way.

Where to go Jack, perhaps to gain sight of what homo sapiens is doing here. At least we need perspective for moderate maintenance of mechanization purged of gimmicks and fetishes. Of what use is the electric comb. Price of Whole Wheat flour now on par with processed white. Enter a blend of ages and mellow accomodation - hopefully.

Laugh about the chase for Alaskan Crude. We've already switched gears. All souls beware the atomic energy freaks. Safe radiation comes only from ole sol. Nature has a logic of its own, lex naturales, eh Jack? Tampering with nature is inherently problematic. In this case it will alter the species as we know it.

Farewell Neighbor.

by Jeffrey Margolis

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# LETTERS

## magic mushroom misinformation

Dear Passage,

I was dismayed at your blanket approval of *Amanita Muscaria/pantherina* as an intoxicant. My first reaction was panic since I was informed by several professional mycologists that *A. pantherina* kills more people in California than any other mushroom. I made several calls around the state and I could not find any evidence supporting this. I am therefore, a bit redfaced about my initial ranting and raving - my apologies.

I do however, have some criticisms on your article. First: in a conversation I had with Dr. Lynn Brady of the University of Washington School of Pharmacy he claimed that *muscaria/pantherina* poisoning follows either of two pathways, one involving visual hallucinations and another 6-8 hours of involuntary muscular spasms. Brady also claimed that *muscaria/pantherina* should be considered as potentially deadly mushrooms.

Second: I feel that the article gave the impression that *muscaria/pantherina* were the only *Amanitas* in the woods. They are most definitely not alone, although not all are toxic. Also I do not recommend a dose of 1 mushroom (speaking of *muscaria* only). If you must try it, then start each time with 1/4 cup and work up slowly. Remember the alkaloid concentration varies from mushroom to mushroom and neighbors may be either weak or potent.

My only direct experience has been a call to St. Lukes Hospital to identify a mushroom in a poisoning case. The man had eaten *A. pantherina* and was in a coma. He had involuntary muscular twitching and was restrained. A striking impression to me of his plight was the fact that he was continuously in danger of gagging on his tongue and his eyes were rotating independent of one another. His recovery was complete, but would you conclude that he had a desirable or pleasant experience?

Other second hand experiences related to me about *A. muscaria* (Adam's Apples) have been mixed; some people have become sick and/or drowsy with none of the muscular or psychic effects. Two other cases related to insane trips with vivid hallucinations - in one case the individual had to be restrained.

Perhaps the PASSAGE could act as a clearinghouse for information on experiences with *muscaria/pantherina* and psilocybin mushrooms. There is very little information available about their effects.

If any PASSAGE readers have had first hand experiences with these mushrooms (good, bad or indifferent), I would like to interview them. I'd be

willing to summarize these experiences in an article in the PASSAGE.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Haard  
Assistant Professor

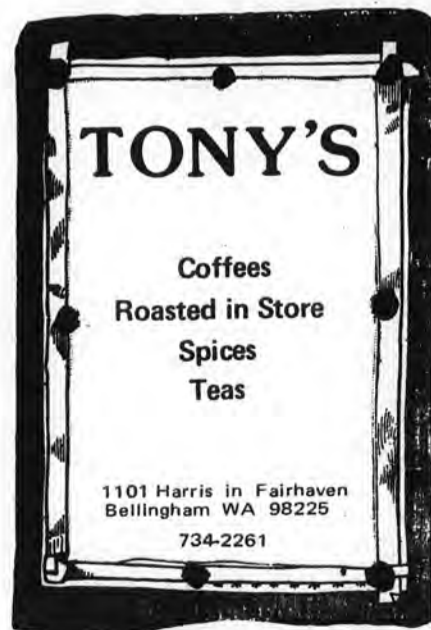
[Editor's Note: Professor Haard's address is Department of Biology, WWSC, Bellingham, Wa. The Passage would be glad to print additional information or letters of inquiry.]

## feminism or biological mysticism?

People,

After reading Jane Alpert's "Open Letter from the Underground", parts 1 and 2, I decided to write my reactions to a number of points she makes. As a feminist I appreciate that Ms. Alpert is working in the struggle yet I am compelled to question some of her theory.

In the first part of her letter Ms. Alpert tells of the "sexual oppression of the left," a male dominated, ego oriented movement, doomed to failure. And it's an important point to keep in mind that women can be exploited as much under state socialism as they can under capitalism as long as the essential framework of sexism is not eliminated. She says to drop out of male oriented politics, yes, work for women; but I would realize that in working for women I would be working for all people of both sexes. And I would say build a new politics of the left which is not leader or ego oriented, where passive folks of both sexes can take an equal

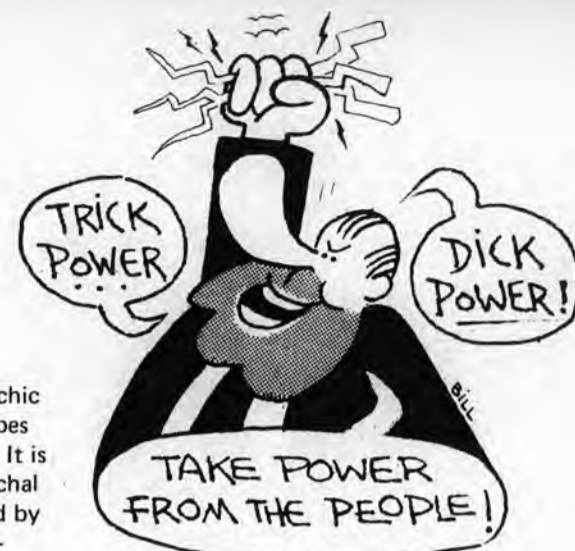


share of the decisionmaking and psychic space and where aggressive leader types can learn humility and cooperation. It is valid, I believe, that once the Patriarchal society and attitudes are transformed by feminism the other social ills will dissolve. But to say that we will ignore all other issues to work on consciousness raising, day care, abortion etc is to say that farmworkers can live in misery for another twenty years and then it will start to get better. It would be to say to the Saigon political prisoners that they are an unfortunate historical phenomenon of the Patriarchal society.

Jane Alpert's revelations concerning sexism in the Weather Underground are revealing. They illustrate the tendencies toward self-depreciation which characterize many women as they do members of other oppressed groups. It was sad to hear the weatherwomen saying that the oppression of others was more important than their own oppressions. And then, hearing them defend their sexist male leadership was reminiscent of Sammy Davis hugging Nixon. Ms. Alpert criticizes the Weather leadership for its sexism but doesn't point out the intrinsically egoistic and paternalistic nature of individual leadership itself. She says, "Stop letting men define your attitudes, behavior and standards." I say, stop letting anyone do this to you, male or female. We must remember that most of us were raised primarily by our mothers. Nowhere does she pose the idea of women working together with feminist men, yet she believes that a woman can still live with a man and indulge in affairs of the heart as long as they maintain an independent reality. She says, "Stop working with men but she condones the oppressive relationship of the couple.

She mentions the idiocy she sees in defining women according to their sex roles. But rather than working to do away with them she advocates a new way of relating to sex roles. She talks about mysterious "inner powers" that women can call upon to "create and achieve and succeed." Then she talks about building a "uniquely female culture". I agree that a feminist culture must be built but that it should give the submissive people of both sexes a chance to bloom and give the dominant people of both sexes a chance to become more sensitive to the needs of others. It is probably necessary for women, as an oppressed group, to develop self-esteem and mutual cooperation and affection by engaging in female exclusive activities. But this should not obscure the long-range goal of abandoning sex roles completely.

Instead of advocating this, Ms. Alpert resurrects the sexist mystification of motherhood. "Our (women's) felt experience of the biological difference between the sexes is one of immense significance." "Female biology is the basis of women's powers." She feels that mother-power was the basis of ancient Matriarchal societies. By linking behavior to innate biological predispositions Ms. Alpert mounts the steed that sexists and racists have ridden for years. To turn the old tables around and announce



ce that women are biologically superior is scientifically and philosophically bankrupt. This is not to say that there are not organic and glandular differences between males and females. But to say that these are the main determinants in behavior rather than enculturation is to deny our true capacity for change.

The emphasis she places on motherhood couldn't help but encourage women to procreate. This certainly is injurious to all organisms on this overpopulated planet. Unfortunately, Ms. Alpert's biological determinism obscures our real need to adopt many of the elements of the matriarchal culture. Tolerance, non-aggressiveness, consideration, cooperation, compassion and tenderness are sadly lacking in our society today.

It is imperative for our survival that we build a new culture. It would be sad indeed if we made the transition from the Patriarchal nuclear family to the Matriarchal nuclear family, as Ms. Alpert suggests. What we need is a society without sex-roles, without nuclear families in which people are loving to each other, and children are cared for and held in trust by all, regardless of biological technicalities. To do so we must work together to transform each other. Let us not limit our potential through a new brand of biological mysticism.

Jim Hansen

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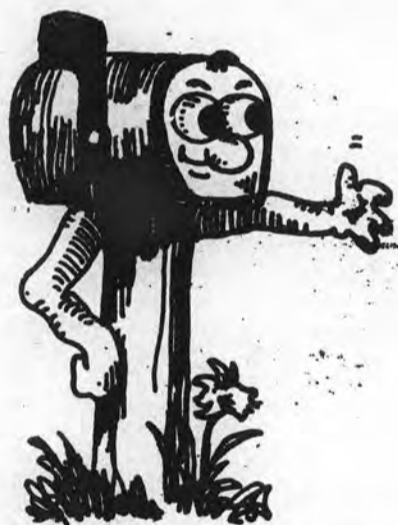
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# Energy, Growth, and the Death of Democracy:

Most of us are aware that there is a limit to the earth's resources and that we cannot forever consume more and more. But it seems we sometimes fail to realize that this will totally upset economics and politics as we know them. Our whole economy depends on consumer glut-tony. The process of ending our consumerism will inevitably change our political structure -- and the prospects for democracy don't look good.

Dr. Ophuls was political analyst for Afghanistan at the State Department for two years. From 1961 to 1963 he was vice consul and political officer at the U.S. Embassy in the Ivory Coast. Later he served as assistant to U.S. Ambassadors in Japan. He left the Foreign Service in 1967 and began work on his Ph.D. at Yale which he completed in June of this year.

The following interview is reprinted from Pacific Sun and was done by Steve McNamara, editor of Pacific Sun and a college classmate of Dr. Ophuls.

When shortages of things such as gasoline first cropped up months ago, some people said that in truth

you start from a very high absolute base, you are hard pressed to keep up with it. It's not so easy to manage growth when it involves very large numbers, when you have to consider bringing 10 supertankers a day into a port. And of course these management problems are compounded by political difficulties like the Arab oil boycott.

Then you say the problem is one of management, as well as running out of stuff in the ground?

Yes, at some point we run out of stuff in the ground. That's the ultimate limit. But there are all kinds of little limits that you encounter on the way. It would probably cost three billion dollars to get that last drop of oil out of the ground. At some point you reach diminishing returns in terms of extraction, in terms of shipping the oil around the world, for example. All these supertankers steaming around — it takes them five miles to stop. They are very unmaneuverable and the more there are the more chances you have of having serious accidents. The bigger and more complex the enterprise, the more chance there is for something to go wrong.

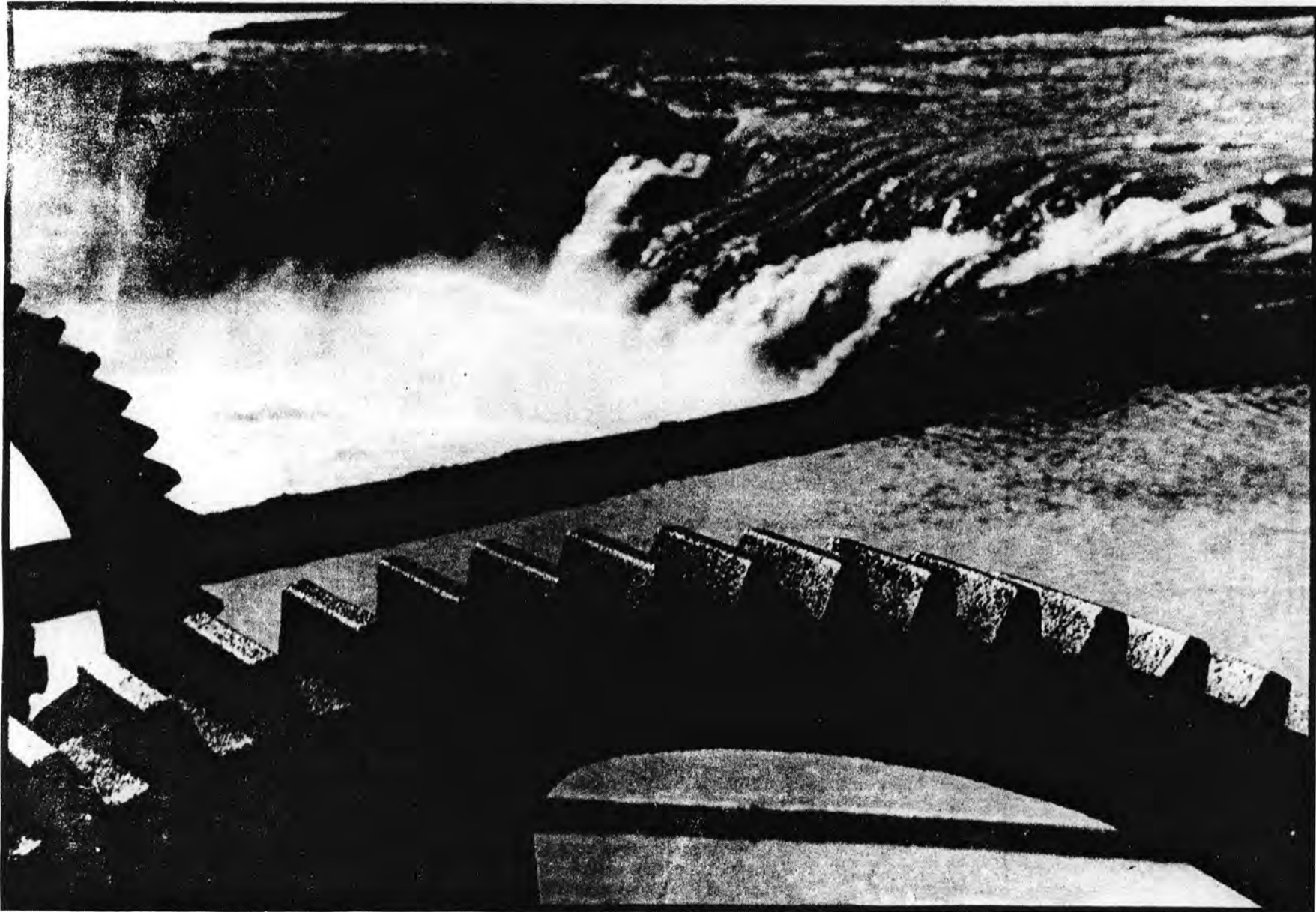
So then on a purely statistical basis, the chances of things going wrong are increasing all the time?

be going to hell in a handbasket, it is something that their children and grandchildren will have to face. You say that the crunch is coming sooner than that?

Yes. There are all kinds of difficult political and social decisions that we are going to have to make not 50 years from now, but in the next 10 years. It all has to do with the fact that we are nearing the top of the exponential growth curve.

Exponential growth seems very important to this situation. Maybe you had better explain it.

It's terribly difficult to explain, but I'll try. Exponential growth is basically compound interest. At first the growth is very slow. You put \$10 in the bank at five per cent and it takes forever to grow to \$20. But eventually you begin working on higher and higher amounts and the quantity involved gets astronomical, until it reaches an absolute limit. So if you are at Point A on the exponential growth curve, there isn't much change from one generation to another. Not that many more houses have to be built. Knowledge doesn't change so rapidly that fathers and sons hardly know each other. But when you get to the regime which has dominated the world since the Industrial Revolution, to Point B, you begin to have change



there were no real shortages, that the shortages had been caused by suppliers as excuses to raise prices. Are the shortages real?

There's a certain amount of truth in the allegations that some part of the gasoline shortage is manufactured. And it is definitely true that we haven't yet encountered physical limits in petroleum production. There's still oil coming out of the ground. The gasoline shortage is largely due to mismanagement on the part of both companies and the federal government. But this kind of mismanagement is an integral part of the entire environmental crisis. Growth now moves very fast. When

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Yes, the higher the volume, the greater the complexity, the more chance for a foulup to occur. The mechanic doesn't tighten one screw enough and the machinery blows up. Or the president of the company doesn't think about how much fuel oil he's going to need five years from now. The dimensions of our social machinery are such that with exponential growth we are obliged to plan ahead five years minimum — but more likely 10, 15 or 20 — and the penalties for being wrong are serious.

Lots of people seem to feel that while the world may

in very large increments. The same percentage of growth leads to enormous changes in quantity in small periods of time.

I liked the analogy they used in the book, "The Limits to Growth," the one about the lilies covering the pond. The idea was that every day the lilies doubled in number until they covered the pond and choked it off. But the intriguing thing was that the pond was only half covered the day before it was entirely covered!

That analogy gives a very good idea of how easy it is to become complacent about a problem where exponential

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growth is concerned. And it also gets to the core of the debate. The critics of *Limits to Growth* say, "It's true that if the pond remains the same size the lilies will eventually cover the entire pond and kill the fish. But in fact, thanks to science and technology, we have been continuously expanding the pond for the last 300 years." The essence of the argument is whether we can continue to expand the pond.

**Why can't we?**

OK, here are some figures on what happens when you get into exponential or "compound interest" growth: At five per cent rate of growth, the quantity doubles in about 15 years. So in about 30 years, say the year 2000, something growing at five per cent will have quadrupled in size. Now the demands made on materials, on the ecosystem, are in fact growing at about five per cent. So we are thinking in terms of quadrupling demands on our air and water resources by the year 2000 if the current rates continue.

**That doesn't sound easy to manage.**

No, it doesn't. You can also think in terms of what ecologists call "carrying capacity." Basically what this means is the ability of a given habitat or ecosystem to support the beings that inhabit it. Studies show that animals don't live at 100 per cent of carrying capacity.

**Why not?**

Because there are always fluctuations and over the years evolution has taught organisms to use population control to keep their levels around 60 per cent. Well, let's be generous and assume that human beings now use only 10 per cent of the carrying capacity of the earth. If we keep growing at five per cent, in 30 years we will be using 40 per cent of our carrying capacity. In 45 years, or in 2018, we would be using 80 per cent, way over the level which would be prudent. And in 2020 or thereabouts we would have reached the theoretical maximum of 100 per cent.

**Let's take something specific like the automobile and what happens with exponential growth. The car is a trademark of American technology. Since Henry Ford, "everybody" has had one. Can it continue that way?**

I don't see how it can. If the population of cars doubles and then doubles and then doubles again, there simply won't be enough land area to build the freeways or parking lots to put them on. And you can see all sorts of problems with smog and supplies of gasoline. So we are really pretty close to the ceiling of the automobile population. In fact, we're probably well over the level that's tolerable in terms of public health and the gasoline supply. There is bound to be a leveling off.

**How will that happen?**

That's the big question. Does it occur when all the freeways in the state knot up and the smog gets so bad that kids start to die? Does it occur as a result of driving up the price of cars to where only the rich can drive? Do you do it by decree, as in the Soviet Union, where only certain categories of people can have cars? These categories would be political: Senators and Congressmen and other political types, plus the people in the economic sector closely linked with them, plus a few top ballet or opera stars and an occasional writer. All the rest of us would be back to pounding the pavements.

**Let's go back to the problem of managing growth in large numbers. Are there particular problems?**

There's something called Murphy's Law. Anybody whose life depends on technology, such as a pilot, has heard of it. It goes something like this: "If anything can possibly go wrong, it will." No matter how perfect your procedures are, if you have 100 carrier planes, five of them are going to have some kind of failure. If it's a 747 you are talking about, then it's goodbye to 250 passengers. If you are talking about a breeder reactor, then it is much more serious than 250 dead passengers.

**How much more serious?**

Well, start with the fact that we will probably have a thousand breeder reactors strung up and down the two coasts by 1999. Then say that only one out of a thousand goes wrong every year. You spread plutonium around. If you inhale only a few particles you have a strong chance of getting lung cancer or leukemia. Plutonium has a half-life of 25,000 years, which means that it takes about

250,000 years for it to become harmless. So if you spread just a pound of plutonium around the Bay Area it would be one hell of a long time before it cools off again. That's the kind of technology we are thinking about having. And the regular nuclear plants we have now are already plenty dangerous.

**If they are so dangerous even now, why do we have them?**

There would be no nuclear generation of electricity these days if it were not for the Price-Anderson Act. It did two things: First, it limited the liability of companies from nuclear accidents. So suppose a plant blows up and does a billion dollars worth of damage. The company is not liable for a billion dollars because there is a ceiling set. I forget the exact figure, but it is considerably less. Second, commercial insurance companies providing insurance to the power generating companies are all reinsured by the government. They wouldn't touch it otherwise without the ceiling on liabilities and without the government reinsurance. So in effect the nuclear industry has been turned down for insurance as a bad risk. And if that happened to you, you'd say, "What's wrong with me that I can't get insurance?"



**And despite all this scary stuff there are going to be more nuclear plants and breeder reactors?**

Oh sure. That's the only way we are going to get around the fossil fuel crisis — pollution and exhaustion of supplies. Actually, we do have a lot of coal and oil shale. The problem is that to get at it economically we have to strip mine. Furthermore, if we really went seriously after all this coal, the places to strip would be the Iowa cornfields and the national forests. There is a lot of coal under all that corn and timber, but once we get the coal, no more corn and timber. So you are sort of pushed into nuclear power despite all the dangers.

**Why not stick with the reactors we have today?**

The kinds of reactors in use today will run through our available uranium very quickly. We have to go to the breeder reactors, which in a complicated technical way actually make a little bit more fuel than they use. But it is a very untried technology and, as one of its boosters has been honest enough to say, with this technological fix there is also a social fix, a Faustian bargain as he calls it.

**Sounds ominous.**

It is. We will have to have a cadre or priesthood of nuclear engineers who will plan and control this over generations, over far longer periods of time than anyone has been used to. With the breeder reactor you have the problem of waste which will have to be watched for a quarter of a million years. Recorded history is only six or seven thousand years old and think of how many dynasties and revolutions and upheavals there have been in that short period of time. To believe that somehow we are going to have stability that will give us perpetual care of these devices for many thousands of years seems to be utopian to say the least.

**The technical problems are staggering enough. Are there other problems, too?**

There are indeed. The political consequence of all this is: No More Muddling Through. That is basically the

system we have now. We don't plan, we don't think over the long term. We get together and palaver and hassle and we reach a compromise and every dog winds up with a bone. But with this new kind of extremely dangerous technology, the situation is just too precarious. It tends to lead us along to a kind of Brave New World type of highly controlled, complex, conditioned society.

**Well, what's the answer?**

That's the problem. The answer, unfortunately, is politically unpalatable. Stop growth. Make a transition to what people call the equilibrium society, or the steady or stationary state society. None of these means rigor mortis, but they do mean moving into some kind of reasonable balance with your environment. You can't have a society in which people are demanding ever more and more. And the problem is, "more and more" has been the basis of our society since the Industrial Revolution. The idea was that once you abolished scarcity, then poverty and crime and all the other things that are alleged to be a consequence of scarcity would be abolished, too. So scarcity vs. non-scarcity is crucial to every political and economic doctrine we have had in the last couple of hundred years. The Enlightenment, Marx — everybody started from that point.

**But now are we going to have to go with a new set of assumptions?**

The environmental crisis, if you want to sum it up in a few words, is the rediscovery of scarcity. But it is a different kind of scarcity than classical scarcity. That kind of scarcity was not enough land to go around, too many peasants and not enough stock. This new scarcity is more the scarcity of a spaceship, where there are no mines and no sewers and you have to keep re-using, recycling. Along with that kind of economy may also come spaceship politics. If you remember reading Plato's *Republic* in the Philosophy I course at Princeton, this is essentially his political philosophy. He likens political life to being embarked on a ship on a dangerous voyage. The rationale for leadership by the greatest man or the finest pilot or the bravest navigator is therefore inescapable. Well, if that's the situation we are going to be in, then only those who are the most competent are going to get to run the ship. That's the Faustian bargain. This priesthood of nuclear engineers and other people like them are going to have the deciding word.

**Do we have to accept these assumptions?**

Aristotle didn't. Aristotle said no, society is not like a ship on a dangerous voyage. It is more like a group of people sitting down to dinner and deciding on the quality of the chef's cooking. The diners have the final say; it's not the chef telling the diners what they have to eat. So that's what the argument is really about: it's the starting assumptions that are really critical. Is society now like a spaceship or a banquet hall? That's the question.

**Well, let's assume that it is like a spaceship or a lifeboat. How is this captain going to be selected?**

Here I run out of words except to say that it has been the subject of the great works in political and social philosophy since time immemorial. It is what Confucius was concerned about as well as Plato. And many of the sages of India. All of them, even Aristotle, stressed the

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# PAPER

## Gulf of Tonkin "Staged"

## Amnesty Sought

## US Schools Bombers

(PNS) State Department documents unearthed by Sen. James Abourezk (D-S.D.) show beyond a doubt that the film "State of Siege" was unerringly accurate in its picture of U.S. "counterinsurgency" programs in Latin America.

At one point in movie director Costa-Gavras' most recent film, a Uruguayan police officer was shown receiving training in the manufacture and use of explosive devices at a secret bomb school in the southwestern U.S. He was later linked to terrorist activities against prominent radical Uruguayans. Sure enough, the Abourezk papers

reveal, foreign policemen are taught the design, manufacture and potential use of homemade bombs and incendiary devices by CIA instructors at the United States Border Patrol Academy in Los Fresno, Texas.

At least 165 policemen--mostly from the Third World countries of Asia, Latin America and Africa--have taken this "Technical Investigations Course" since it was first offered in 1969, at a cost of \$1,750 per student. The tuition is paid by Agency for International Development (AID).

## Oswald-CIA Photos ?

(ZNS) Marguerita Oswald, the mother of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald says she has a "very interesting picture of Lee" that could shed some light on Oswald's alleged connections to the C.I.A.:

Ms. Oswald has declined thus far to show the picture to any newspeople or investigators; she states that the photo, taken while Oswald was in the Marines, shows him in a group with several officers in uniform from various branches of the military service.

Ms. Oswald adds that the photograph contains the names of the individuals in

the picture, and that none of the names, other than her son's, ever appeared in the Warren Commission report. She indicates that the photograph may show that her son was assigned to a special intelligence unit--perhaps with C.I.A. connections--within the Marine Corps.

Marguerita Oswald, who now lives in Fort Worth, Texas, says she will not release the picture unless she is paid for it. She explains that she is broke--and needs the money.

(ZNS) A former United States Senator--called as a witness in the Karl Armstrong trial in Madison, Wisc.--presented some dramatic testimony last week about the Gulf of Tonkin incident which started the Vietnam War.

Former Senator Ernest Gruening of Alaska, a man who has long opposed the war, charged that the Gulf of Tonkin incident which caused the United States to enter the Vietnam War had never occurred--but that it was staged.

Sen. Gruening read to the court what he said was a verbatim telegram transmitted to President Johnson in August of 1964. The telegram, according to Gruening, was sent by the commander of the U.S.S. Maddox to Pres. Johnson stressing to the chief executive that the Maddox had not been attacked by North Vietnamese forces, as Johnson was claiming.

Gruening read aloud portions of the alleged telegram: "Lyndon, (the attack reports) are a mistake." Gruening said that after Johnson received the message, he simply "pocketed" the telegram, and then informed Congress that American warships had been attacked on the high seas. This announcement by Pres. Johnson caused Congress to authorize American entry into the war.

Gruening's testimony was presented during the trial of Karl Armstrong an anti-war activist who is charged with setting off a series of bombs to protest the war. Armstrong is basing his defense on the argument that he was acting as a private citizen to stop the alleged illegal activities of his government.

Dick Bucklin, a 28-year-old Denverite who was Absent Without Leave (AWOL) from the U.S. Army for five years, is now in a maximum security detention cell at the Fort Carson, Colo., stockade.

Bucklin voluntarily returned to military control in Denver, Colo., on Oct. 4, 1973, at which time he stated publicly, "I believe I was correct in following my conscience. There will be no begging involved. I and all other war resisters are positively right in demanding universal, unconditional amnesty from the U.S. government." Supporters should write to the Commander, Fort Carson, Colo., 80913, demanding that Dick be freed from the stockade and granted an Honorable Discharge. Send a copy of your note, with a check if possible, to the Richard Bucklin Defense Committee, 1460 Pennsylvania Street, number 3, Denver, Colo. 80203 (phone 303-534-6285).

## Dylan Concert

(ZNS) If you're wondering how to get tickets to Bob Dylan's tour that begins in January, you'll have to wait until December 2 to find out.

Bill Graham, one of the promoters behind the Bob Dylan and The Band tour, reports that on that date, a full-page ad will appear in the largest newspaper in every city in which Dylan is scheduled to appear. The ad will explain the final dates of Dylan's tour, how to get tickets and how much they will cost. Until that time, no ticket information is being released.

Dylan, who is making his first concert tour since 1966, is now scheduled to do 39 shows in 23 cities.

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# RADIO

## Pulpwood Strike

### Jaworski "Launderers" CIA Funds

(ZNS/LNS) Leon Jaworski, the man selected by President Nixon to be the new Special Prosecutor, once aided in the secret channeling of C.I.A. money.

According to Jaworski's long-time partner John Freeman, both Jaworski and Freeman served together on the board of a Houston, Texas, foundation known as the M.D. Anderson Foundation. Freeman reports that an executive from the C.I.A. approached the Anderson Foundation in 1958 and asked them to serve as a conduit for funds from the C.I.A. to a New York organization, the American Fund for Free Jurists, Inc.

Jaworski's law partner says that a total of \$700,000 from C.I.A. sources was sent to the New York organization through the Houston Foundation --and that Jaworski had been briefed on the C.I.A. operation.

In 1967, it was publicly disclosed for the first time that the Jurist Organization and other groups, including the National Student Association, were being supported by C.I.A. funds. C.I.A. support of domestic groups is in violation of federal laws.

Among the things Jaworski, who replaced Archibald Cox as independent prosecutor, is supposed to be investigating is the laundering of money, donated to the Committee to Re-Elect the President, which was used to pay off the Watergate burglars. The special prosecutor is also supposed to investigate C.I.A. involvement in the break-in and other aspects of CREEP and Nixon administration illegal surveillance and dirty tricks.

The Gulfcoast Pulpwood Association, a union of black and white woodcutters and wood haulers, is on strike against the giant pulp and paper mills in Alabama and Mississippi.

Despite harassment by court injunction and other company tactics, the GPA has succeeded in nearly stopping the flow of pulpwood to the mills.

An official of International Paper Company testified in Federal Court in Mobile that on one day when his mill would normally receive 1,039 cords of wood, only 273 were delivered.

St. Regis Paper Company, American Can Company and Scott Paper Company are the companies being effected. Their consumer products include "Dixie" cups, "Northern," "Aurora," and "Waldorf" toilet tissue, "Viva" paper towels & "Cut-Rite" waxed paper, among others.

### Commodity - Backed Currency

Exeter, N.H.--a new international money system offering a commodity-backed currency that is devoid of inflationary and deflationary pressures has been established by Arbitage International Inc., a non-profit service institution headquartered in Exeter.

The new currency, called the Constant C, is redeemable in commodities as well as any national currency such as dollars, pounds, marks, yen and francs. It was formally issued in 1970 at a value of 20 cents to the dollar. Today, the Constant has a value of 23.3 cents, an increase of more than 15%. Since this increase is in proportion to the decline of the dollar's purchasing power, depositors maintaining checking accounts in Constants were effectively compensated for such inflation. . . and without risk, since all money is fully protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

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# Morning-After Pill

"Afterthoughts on the Morning-After Pill" was written by Kay Weiss, a medical researcher and founder of Advocates for Medical Information (1156 McIntyre Rd., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105).

This article was published in Ms. Magazine, Nov. 1973.

In light of the use of birth-control pills, we feel it is important to relay the facts about estrogen-based drugs so we will no longer be in the dark about women's health and future daughters to come.]

In the past three years, about 200 young women have been admitted to American hospitals with a rare type of vaginal or cervical cancer that was almost unknown before 1970. The only thing they had in common was that while they were still in the womb, their mothers had been administered diethylstilbestrol (DES), a synthetic estrogen, to prevent possible miscarriage. Between 1945 and 1965, the drug's peak period of use, DES was given to several million women despite the fact that its effectiveness in preventing miscarriage was questioned. (It's unclear how DES was supposed to prevent miscarriages.)

Many of the women were not given a choice about taking the drug. As one woman put it, "When I began spotting in early pregnancy, my doctor told me I might lose the baby if I did not take DES. I told him I had always spotted in early pregnancy, and that in any case I preferred to let nature take its course. He insisted that I must not allow a miscarriage and that DES would be a gentle addition to my own natural estrogen supply." The offspring of that pregnancy developed vaginal cancer when she was 14 years old. She died at 17. Her case is not an isolated one.

Many women were subjects of DES experiments. Every pregnant woman who registered at the Chicago Lying-In Hospital between 1950 and 1952 was automatically entered into a DES-in pregnancy study, and 840 women were given the drug. This study was conducted in an effort to compete with the research of a

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physician at a Boston hospital for women. This Boston physician had given DES to 675 pregnant women in a cooperative program with 117 obstetricians in 18 cities around the country. The women were told only that DES would help insure a "strong, healthy pregnancy." In 1958, in an article in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Vol. 75), it was stated that there was "no statistical evidence for the value of stilbestrol therapy," yet physicians continued to give DES to pregnant women.

Since the results of taking DES are usually not detectable in the offspring for from 10 to 20 years, no one knows how many more cases of vaginal cancer will come to light in the 1980's and 1990's as the daughters of women who have taken the drug reach puberty. If the cancer is detected early enough, they will live. If not, they will die.

It is not known exactly why DES affects the vaginal linings of the daughters of the women who have taken DES. One of the functions of natural estrogen is to renew the uterine and vaginal linings cyclically by sloughing off epidermal cells. Perhaps the introduction of synthetic estrogen during the fetal state causes changes in the developing epidermal cells, which result in precancerous conditions in some fetuses. During puberty, when the flow of natural estrogen in these female offspring begins, the cells begin multiplying, and the cancer enters its propagation state. (Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston have also established a connection between DES and the development of uterine-lining cancer in women who have taken the drug. (See Cutler, et al., in the New England Journal of Medicine, Sept. 8, 1972.)

What is known is that not all cases of vaginal cancer have been reported to the National Registry of Clear Cell Adenocarcinoma in Young Women, which was set up in 1972 at Massachusetts General. Few doctors are testing for this disease, and not all are reporting the cases they find.

When Charles Edwards, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, was asked in November of 1971 why he did not alert those young women whose mothers had taken DES during pregnancy to have immediate medical examinations, he responded that the FDA had to be "careful...not to create an emotional crisis on the part of American women." The Department of Drugs of the American Medical Association concurred: "An organized effort by the medical profession to inform all women who were given estrogen therapy...of the possible tragic consequences for the female offspring is of questionable advisability...a determination of risk must await the...reports of hospitals, physicians, and tumor registries."

The "no need to worry" doctrine too often means that the doctor does not know how to give, or has not even heard of, the Schiller test for vaginal cancer. (In this test, the vaginal walls are coated with an iodine stain to detect cancerous cells.) Although irregular bleeding is a symptom of vaginal cancer, women with this complaint are often treated with birth-control pills. If these women have undiagnosed vaginal cancer, the administration of more estrogen in birth-control pills is extremely dangerous. Estrogen has long been known by medical science to speed the growth of genital cancers.

It wasn't until 1971 that the FDA warned physicians against the use of DES in pregnancy. In August 1971 the New England Journal of Medicine also stated that "there should no longer be doubt that synthetic estrogens are absolutely contraindicated in pregnancy." Yet the June, 1972, issue of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology still advocated the use of DES for acne in pregnancy. (Besides the "antimiscarriage" uses, DES has long been prescribed for acne and thinning hair, for premenstrual tension, as hormone replacement for aging women, and to dry up the breast milk of new mothers who did not intend to nurse.) And in 1972, sales of DES by Lilly, the major pharmaceutical supplier, increased by four percent, totalling nearly two million dollars.

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This rise in use is partly due to the fact that DES is the only ingredient in a new drug, the "morning-after pill," which, when taken within 72 hours after intercourse, is supposed to slough off the uterine lining in such a way as to prevent implantation of a fertilized ovum, thus preventing pregnancy.

Ironically, while prescriptions for the morning-after pill—although then unapproved for this use by the FDA—were reaching an all-time high, American scientists, journalists, and interest groups were engaged in a national outcry against the use of DES as an additive in cattle feed. The FDA was permitting DES to be fed to cattle because it made the animals fatter on less grain, thereby saving cattlepeople \$90 million yearly. For nearly 10 years, scientists had been protesting this use of DES, because in animals given 20 milligrams a day, DES causes cancerous tumors.

But not until the first eight cases of vaginal cancer were reported in 1970 did anyone have clinical evidence that exposure to DES residues (which were showing up in beef liver in barely traceable amounts) could and might cause cancer in humans. In response to these reports, House subcommittee hearings were called in 1971 to investigate the use of DES in cattle feed.

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# NEW BUILDINGS, PROGRAMS = REFORMS ?

by Mike Turner

In December of 1970 a radical experiment in prison reform was introduced into Washington State institutions. The idea was organization, and to curb the bloody riots and incessant prison strikes of the last few years!

An organization called the Resident Government Council was formed with the idea of inmates governing themselves. The R.G.C. consists of 27 elected representatives who meet weekly to negotiate the grievances of the institutions population, and to prepare an agenda which consists of needed change. Once a month these are then presented to the Superintendent.

It has been my observation since I've been an R.G.C. representative here at Shelton Correction Center, that the R.G.C. and its functions are totally frustrated by an administration that dismisses valid proposals with weak excuses, and for no apparent reason.

It is fair to say that the administration is the keystone for any rehabilitative program. Its support is essential in order to avoid failure.

If you're not aware of it, the Wash. Corrections Center is the most modern penitentiary in the U.S., a model prison, with an acceptable physical lay-out and numerous academic and vocational programs available.

But for the most part these programs are non-functional due to lack of staff and unnecessary administrative controls.

It seems to me that there is more emphasis placed on the up-keep of buildings and grounds to please the outside tours that visit periodically, than there is on first time offenders. This is a disheartening misuse of tax dollars.

I feel that a more satisfactory use of tax dollars would be in utilizing the existing programs



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here to their full potential, rather than providing a pleasant looking front for the citizens of this state.

We, the residents of W.C.C. would like to see the administration use this institution for its stated purpose of training and rehabilitation.

If an honest appraisal is made of the way a resident progresses through this system, it will be obvious that this is a custody, time-oriented institution and not a training and rehabilitation system.

One piece of evidence that bears this out is the number of counselors we have here. Each counselor we have has a caseload of at least 60 men, while at Purdy (the women's institution) the ratio is 8 to 1. A caseload of this size only leads to frustration on the part of the residents and counselors.

Each shift of custody has at least three Sergeants and two Lieutenants, but the counseling

staff leaves at six p.m.

We, the residents would like to see those officers who are qualified, double as counselors.

We would like to see community based programs opened up to more residents. Although few residents here are dangerous or have records of violence, the number of qualified men on furloughs or work and training release programs is minimal, (about 12 to 15 a month) often outnumbered by the men in segregation.

The cost of maintaining one resident per year is \$11,000 and this is ridiculous when a man could be in the community supporting himself and becoming a useful member of society, while saving the state thousands of dollars at the same time.

I know there are a lot of misconceptions about today's prisons. The days of the striped suits and the ball and chain are no more, the men and

women in prison today are intelligent, middle class Americans, who would be able to function in society if given a chance.

All the prison reform and tax monies in the world isn't going to help if we take a new facility like we have here at Shelton, and run it under the pretense of rehabilitation. When in all actuality it's the same old story of alienation of its residents.

We need to do away with the whole penal system as we know it today, and introduce more community based programs for first offenders. We also need a more enlightened administration to carry out the programs in the manner they were designed for.

As it stands, rehabilitation isn't possible in this environment. It merely hardens first offenders into sophisticated criminals.

## CONS ARE PEOPLE

by Charles Sallee

Every time a tour comes through this institution, I find it extremely sad the way the people look down my tier and are amazed at what a "nice place" this is. If there ever was a place where the old saying "a nice place to visit but I would sure hate to live there" held true, this has to be it. Among the new buildings and landscaped grounds I can see where a visitor from the outside might think that this is a "nice place".

We are not allowed to talk to the people, who seem to enjoy their tour much like visitors to the zoo, and tell them what it is really like here. Sometimes a resident gets the chance to lead a tour through the institution but he is always hand-picked with great care and then must go through a briefing so he will know what to say and how and when to say it. I think that I can now see what it must be like for the animals in

the zoo.

In reality this place can be classified as a showcase prison. We are surrounded by new, modern facilities which for the most part are non-functional. Why is the library only open during school hours? Many of the people who work all day don't get much of a chance to take advantage of this vast stockpile of knowledge. Why can't some type of night school be set up? Watching TV is fine but it is really nothing more than a pacifying escape mechanism.

We are almost completely lacking of any type of hobbies that could help fill our time. Every time a proposal for any of these changes is brought up it is flatly rejected with no reasons given. There is a large, well-equipped industrial arts shop here, but only the people who are in high school are allowed to attend

classes there. Another policy of the administration is anything that is made here cannot be kept, but must be turned over to the state for sale to the public with no portion of the money returned to the craftsman who often puts many hours of work into a single project. This leads to a situation where there is no real incentive to do a good job.

When I was in high school our class went to visit a local prison and we had the opportunity to converse with part of its population. The one thing that really hit me hard was the fact that talking with the "convicts" was no different than talking with anyone else! I had actually believed that I would find the stereotyped convict in a striped suit. Breaking rocks. Animals. Boy was I wrong! They are real people! Human Beings! Just like everyone else, except WE got caught.

# LIBERATION OF A

wanting to get deeper in touch with ancestral/cultural roots; nostalgia for an unknown past; the desire to feel a part of a spiritual unity --- not unfamiliar feelings to most of us.

When I hear stories of my grandparents living in the ghettos of eastern Europe, where both daily routine and holy day ritual revolved around the synagogue (shule), I am especially moved.

Being Jewish. Mostly I forget that as a Jew from New York I am a part of a distinct subculture, almost as if from a separate country. Mostly I feel much more a part of the southside of Bellingham than I ever could on Kings Highway and Avenue J in Brooklyn. But every once in a while, I have an experience which touches deep within, reminding me of my foremothers/fathers.

I discovered a newspaper called "Chutzpah" in Seattle a few weeks ago. "Chutzpah" is a difficult-to-define Yiddish word; here's a definition offered on the cover of the paper itself: "Chaim Romatske, a Bundist, slapped the Police Chief of Lomze for not doffing his hat for the Red Flag. Now that's Chutzpah!"

The men and women who are the paper see themselves as part of a movement to build a radical Judaism, independent both of establishment Jewish organizations and of other groups on the left. The articles in the issue I saw (issue no.5) were both well-written and interesting. The following is a reprint from that issue.

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Chicago, Illinois 60660

The cost per issue is 25 cents; send \$1 for a subscription.

--Peggy Blum

I am a woman. That means I have certain concerns about women which I will speak about, but also it was through my experience, in part, in the women's movement that brought me back to Judaism. I know almost nothing about Israel! Not knowing about Israel is significant--the reasons for that are connected to reasons for my becoming active in the Jewish movement, and are the result of a dilemma which I believe many American Jews experience. Where I am at now is a basic commitment to the notion of a Jewish Movement as a legitimate part of the Left in this country. I believe that that movement, while it need to deal with the issue of the Middle East, needs to be primarily Diaspora-oriented; that is, it must deal first with the reality of American Jews.

I was brought up in a fairly religious and a very self-consciously Jewish home where being Jewish meant both a way of life and also being the target of hatred and/or persecution by other groups. I was brought up as much with the pleasures from the celebration of the holidays and the good food as the stories of the Christian boys beating on my father when he grew up in Brooklyn and the Holocaust in Germany. In high school when I became sensitive to the issues of Black Americans and the Vietnamese, I joined various civil rights and Peace groups with the awareness that my being Jewish was one of the major forces in my becoming active. Genocide is Genocide. And whether it is being waged against the American Indian, the Vietnamese, or the Blacks, I as a Jew feel now as I did then, personally threatened by it.

I got to college in 1965 and helped start an SDS chapter at my school. The next four years were marked by an increasing commitment to building a revolutionary movement in this country. I learned a lot during that period. I also unlearned a lot. I did a lot of what I still consider to be important work in the name of Black people and the Vietnamese. But I forgot about myself both as a woman and a Jew. I quickly learned from my friends in SDS that when we spoke of what brought us into the Movement, that the "alienated youth" theory was more acceptable than my Jewish theory. I was teased for still being so attached to my family that I occasionally went to Sabbath services with my relatives who lived near my college. I also read Karl Marx On



The Jewish Question and learned that religion was the opiate of the masses. I learned to repress a part of my identity that had always been important to me.

Towards the end of college and immediately after, I became attracted to the Women's Liberation Movement. I left the male-oriented Movement and became a member of an autonomous women's organization. My statement to the world, and to the Left more specifically, was that no longer would I devote so much energy to a movement dedicated to the liberation of everyone else but me. I was still for the liberation of everyone else but now I was for me, too. Being in the Women's movement has taught me that I could base my politics on experience rather than abstract theory and that my experience and feelings were legitimate. That has had an unmeasurable value in personal as well as political life.

## I was afraid that an anti-Zionist movement would stir up latent anti-Semitism.....

I have sadly and painfully learned though, that while so much else about me was supported by the Women's Movement my Jewishness was still unacceptable. There was a lot of talk about the high percentage of Jews in the Movement but that statement was always presented either accusingly or jokingly. It was never dealt with in a way that might have helped us to understand it or that might have helped us to feel good about ourselves. Further, a trend in the women's movement towards democratizing and egalitizing relationships within the movement which had the best intentions, also had the unfortunate side effect of attacking a style which many Jewish women have had to develop as a way of surviving. That aggressive, outspoken, and, at least superficially, self-assured style came under attack as oppressive and elitist. A set of values, not unlike those of upper class WASP society, and particularly the mode for women, came into being: be quiet, be polite, be restrained. I, as a loudmouth Jewish woman began to feel there was no place for me!

News of the Middle East started coming in increasing amounts. My family was frightened that the Jews would be pushed into the sea; and the Left supported Al Fatah. I felt very much in the middle - not an unusual

place for a Jew! All my life I was taught about Israel. How there was a place, one place in the whole world, where Jews could live freely and not be afraid to be Jewish. My rage at America and the whole world for being silent in the early days of Fascism was compensated by my joy over there finally being a place where Jews fought for Jews. My progressive leanings had always been pleased by the struggle for socialism which many Jews had brought with them to Israel.

The Women's Movement quickly made a heroine of Leila Kaled (Palestinian airplane hijacker) whose slogan was "My two goals in life are liberation for Palestine and liberation for women." I was afraid to say I was afraid of Leila because I was Jewish. I was afraid to learn that Israel might not be imperialist because that would bring me into heavy conflicts with my friends in

the Left; and I was afraid to learn that Israel might in fact be as imperialist as the leftist press was saying as that might bring me into heavy conflict with my family and my past. In either case, I was afraid that an anti-Zionist movement would stir up latent anti-Semitism in this country. I made a very conscious decision to read nothing about the Middle East, to shut out the news, and to talk to no one about it. I simply couldn't handle the contradictions.

About a year ago, I met a group of women from the women's and the gay women's movement in New York who had gotten together a Jewish Women's consciousness raising group, modeled after the women's groups we had all been in. I began to think a lot about my Jewish experience. After all, the women's movement had told me that my politics could be based on my experience and that my experience was legitimate. Several friends were eager to figure things out and we had many long but informal conversations about being Jewish and being Jewish women and where Jews are at in this country. We began to feel the need for a movement that would deal with our need for a Jewish community: a community unlike the Jewish communities in which we grew

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up because those were sexist and conservative but also unlike the Left or women's community of which we presently are a part because it is anti-Semitic.

I spoke in the beginning about my lack of a really thorough analysis of America and Jews, and the issues a Jewish movement has to deal with. I believe that my not having one is largely a function of my Movement experience and the pressures on me for so long not to raise the questions. I have spent most of my energy, since I realized that, reading and learning about Jewish history and understanding my own feelings and experiences. But I do have some thoughts about a larger analysis which I would like to discuss now. There are several questions one might ask. One is, why should a movement for and of Jews be leftist? Two, why should a leftist movement be specifically Jewish? Further, what within the established Jewish community needs to be changed? And finally, what are the forces in America that need to be responded to by such a movement?

The first question of why must a Jewish movement be leftist—While I believe that Jews are oppressed as

couldn't since they felt any such movement was potentially, if not already, racist and reactionary.

Another realm which I believe a Radical Jewish Movement needs to deal with is the traditional Jewish Community. For me, Jews are a nation, a people, with a common culture and history, and it is that part to which I have given most of my attention so far. But we also have a religion which I believe gave our people strength. For those people to whom religion is important, it is a legitimate form of community and belief. I, myself, do take pleasure in some of the ritual. However, many of the practices have been and are oppressive to women and those things need to be changed.

As a youngster, I was active in the Junior Congregation of my Hebrew School. I wanted to run for vice-president (I knew a girl would never win for president!). But that year my shul, which is Conservative, came under some pressure to return to some more Orthodox practices so the decision was made that girls could no longer read from the Torah, even in the junior congregation, so I was told I could not run for vice-president. Instead I had to run for Chief Hostess, who gave out the cookies

banner with a swastika, apparently in protest of our demonstration.

People often argue that most Jews in America have "made it." Why struggle? Well, first of all Jews' making it never seemed to have saved anyone. In Germany, before the war, Jews were more assimilated there than any other country. That was not a protection and I don't believe it would be here. Because of the unique position of Jews in this country, we are an easy scape-goat when the the country starts falling apart and fascism is on the rise.

Jews frequently work in positions between those in power and the most oppressed groups in the society. Teachers, social workers, doctors, merchants. Jews also frequently live in neighborhoods bordering on black neighborhoods. Jews respond to this in different ways; many become liberals, or radicals, thus trying to identify with the most oppressed; others, out of fear, identify with those in power, become conservative and frequently racist. Either way they become the target of the ruling group and the oppressed.

The Jewish Defense League is, I believe a response to some of these tensions as well as a desire of Jews to



Jews, Jews are also oppressed because of our positions in America. Jews are also oppressed, for example, as women, or gay people, working people, young, people, etc. Because we are in touch with our oppression as Jews we cannot forget the other forms our oppression takes. Also, I believe that only a movement which supports and is supported by the movements of other people can succeed. It is ultimately the same system which puts down blacks, Spanish-speaking peoples, Indians, Indo-Chinese, etc, which oppresses Jews. Part of our struggle is to support the struggles of those other peoples.

Then, one might ask, why need a separate Jewish movement since there is already a Movement in this country which is fighting against everyone's oppression? History and my own movement experience teach me that no movement can be trusted to fight for a group if that group doesn't self-consciously struggle for itself. Rosa Luxemburg argued for the Internationalist position and when Jews in Germany were slaughtered no one spoke out. As a woman, I learned a long time ago that unless we organized separately, then after the revolution there would still be sexism. Witness Cuba. Black people too, realized that an integrated movement would remain racist and it was their splitting from the civil rights groups that forced many of us to deal with our racism. Likewise Jews must fight for Jews.

I have learned this quite painfully. Once at a women's movement meeting I pointed out that we support practically every oppressed group in the world, yet say nothing about Soviet Jews. I was informed by one of my so-called "sisters" that the struggle for Soviet Jewry was reactionary! More recently I was part of a Jewish women's study group. We felt enthusiastic about exploring our collective as well as individual pasts. A group of us ended up in a major struggle at a larger women's meeting. Some women felt that Jewish activity made the Women's Movement appear "Zionist," despite the fact that they knew nothing of any of our positions on the Middle East. They also felt that it made it appear that the Women's Movement supported the existence of a radical Jewish movement and they

after the Service.

Recently, I went to a Jewish commune which holds "radical" services. While the place didn't have the ostentatious quality of many Jewish Centers, they still uttered the prayer "Thank God I am not a woman." Needless to say, I found that offensive. I later went to a Purim celebration there where in their satire of the Sotry of Purim they called Esther "a piece of ass" and attributed the liberation of the people to Mordechai! My feminism will not allow me to accept that part of the Jewish Movement which doesn't challenge the oppressive parts of the tradition.

Another important part of Jewish culture has been the sanctity of the nuclear family. This too must be struggled with since our community includes gay people and others who are struggling with the issue of new life styles.

Lastly, but in some ways most importantly comes the question of what is happening in America that warrants the building of a radical Jewish movement? I believe that anti-Semitic attitudes are still prevalent among most Americans. For evidence of that one need only speak to anyone Jewish—almost all of us will be able to recount painful experiences. Much of the anti-Semitism that I have been exposed to has been linked to anti-Communism: the president of the SDS chapter in school always received anti-Semitic phone calls when there were anti-war actions on campus; when I leafleted, people came over to me to tell me that their father or someone had died in World War II to save "my people" and now it is "we" who are making all the trouble! Countless times I was told in "academic" discussions that it was Jews' fault we were persecuted; we set it up by insisting on being different! Because I am middle class and for most of my life I lived in Jewish communities, the anti-Semitism which I have encountered has been verbal. Others have encountered job discrimination and beatings and threats on their lives. When I was marching down Mass. Ave. in Cambridge in protest of the American blockade of North Vietnam, an M.I.T. student opened his window and unfurled a 10-15 foot

NEVER AGAIN let the atrocities of other ages recur. My problem with the JDL is not the needs to which it is responding but to its answer. To identify with the Ruling Power in the way that JDL's super-patriotism, pro-war, racist, and sexist stance does is not only terribly oppressive but an incredible misreading of history. When has any government ever stood up for Jews when the chips were down? The answer to the problems of Jews has to be with a radical change in the institutions of America which at present create and confirm power relationships as a way of life. The response to the problems of Jews has to be a humane democratic movement which is also self-consciously Jewish.

Back to the issue of Israel. I still don't know very much about it but I am beginning to learn. Mainly I have learned that there is an Israeli left that believes in self-determination for both Arabs and Jews. I feel that as an American radical Jew I can support that left and any Palestinian Liberation group which also supports the right to Jewish self-determination. In that context it no longer freaks me out to criticize those Israeli policies which oppress Arabs.

In finishing, I wish to point out another element in American life which affects all of us on a day to day and psychic level. I am referring to the pressure to melt into the pot! In the United States, being different is a crime. Therefore, we get nose jobs, we straighten our hair, we change our names, we forget the language of our grandparents. In short, we hate ourselves. We hate ourselves in order to fulfill the American Dream. That kind of a dream is a nightmare. The movement that we build must above all else help us to feel proud and loving of ourselves and one another.

—Ruth Balsler

Photo on page 12 taken by Philip Garvin in his book, *A People Apart, Hasidism in America*, E.P. Dutton & Co., 1970. Photo on page 13 taken by Leonard Freed from the book *The Concerned Photographer*, Grossman Publishers, New York, 1968.

# More of sandra's song

Time embraces my heart in a grip of iron.  
 I struggle but lose my strength.  
 Memories of the Past float my mind  
 And live again for a short while  
 Thoughts of the present flow in and out  
 In no particular direction  
 Waiting for a path of importance  
 That never really comes.  
 Though my soul screams for release  
 My mind says 'Wait, your time will come.'  
 Though my soul feels impatience  
 It harkens to the wisdom of thought  
 And again reinstates itself in body and remains  
 Waiting for its time of freedom.

Do you know who I am?  
 Do you really know me?  
 Or is it that you only know  
 What you want me to be?  
 You have a picture of the Perfect  
 Or should I say, 'The Ideal Woman'  
 Just for you  
 But have you a picture  
 Of me as I really am; Or is it blurred  
 By a ceaseless plan to mold me  
 As you would like me to be?  
 Fortunately I see through your eyes,  
 Your words, and eyes, through your plan.  
 I don't want to be forever bowing my head to you.  
 I want to raise it to your level.  
 I want to be what you are and yet,  
 Still be me.  
 Is it too much?  
 Is it too little?  
 Neither.  
 It is equal.

Heart Of Soul  
 Can we measure the lessons learned by the Soul  
 As we do the days of Life?  
 How far ahead the Soul reaches  
 And how far back it evolves  
 Can we reason with our Hearts  
 As with our Minds?  
 Or is it in the same category with the Soul?  
 Is it not through the Heart of Soul that we learn?  
 Is not the Heart in truth a window to the Soul?  
 Are We not the Heart of Soul?

The fall of a tear seems so far  
 Yet so near  
 But the message is clear,  
 That Fear is a creation of the Mind  
 That doesn't exist in the creation of Time.

Believe in Three  
 And you shall see Two  
 Until you find One

by  
alexandra breland

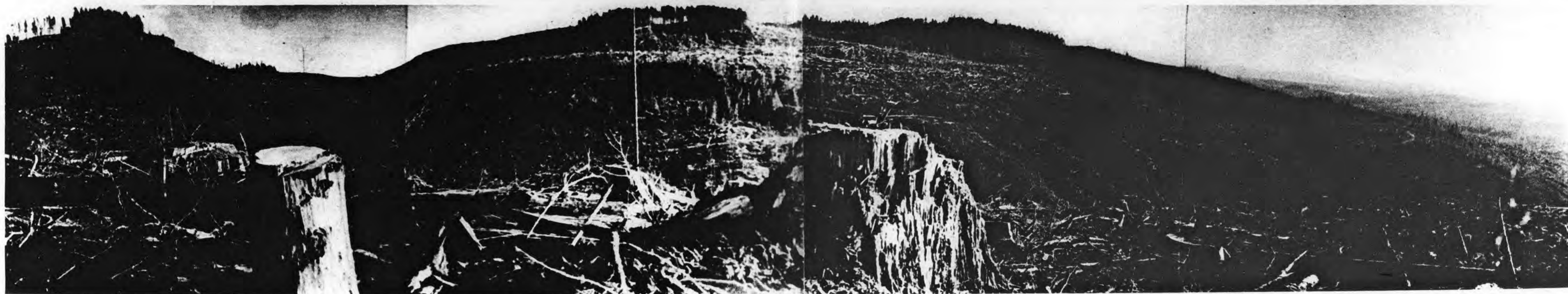


# pages from douglas r. redwood's "Scrapbook"

photos by Steven R. Johnson

One day this last September, I was cutting a hole in the roof getting ready to hook up my shack stove, looking forward to sitting on my duff after a summer of work. Steve Johnson, the photographer responsible for the photographs accompanying this article, stopped by to tell me that the Olympic National Park was getting ready to have public hearings on its new proposals for the Park. You had to write to Port Angeles before October 26 to request permission to speak. I got a letter back from R.W.

Allin (Superintendent, Olympic National Park, Port Angeles, Wa 98362) saying: "Your name has been listed to speak in behalf of yourself both at the master plan meeting on November 2 and the wilderness hearing on November 3 in Port Angeles....In order to provide an equitable opportunity for all citizens to be heard, and since testimony need only be presented once to become part of the record (duplication would serve no constructive purpose), it is necessary to limit persons to speaking at only one master plan and one wilderness hearing. This will assist greatly in providing time for the vast numbers of people who are requesting to speak.... Your interest in the management of Olympic National Park is appreciated. Sincerely yours....." Bla bla bla. Down at the bottom of the letter was this logo and motto:



Let's Clean Up America For Our 200th Birthday

On the way to Port Angeles, you could see the mountains, a clear sunlit snowy glory. And I thought, "The Park Department is managing all this! How wonderful!" (Are we living now in a time when people are drugged into thinking Weyerhaeuser etc. make trees and the Park Department makes mountains and rivers?) There were immense white clouds, the air was diamond.

SCENE TWO: NOVEMBER 2, FRIDAY THE LITTLE THEATRE OF PENINSULA COLLEGE. On the stage a table with about five bureaucrats sitting at it with ballpoints and charts, taking notes. To the right of them (from the audience view), a podium and microphone to which persons were called to testify, equitable and all, one by one. There were people speaking for horse clubs, thirty-five year old boy scouts, wilderness clubs up the wazoo, and there it was, the people, all so reasonable and apparently exemplary of the system's expressed ideals. Last came the individuals, alphabetically. Finally it came to the R's.

Douglas R. Redwood said:

"Part of the limitation that we're faced with in the planning is that so short a time has been given to speak here. I think the hearings should be extended for a longer period of time. Thirty days would not be too long for the Park Department to hear testimony from all the citizens. Seattle newspapers this morning carried no notice whatsoever of these hearings occurring here....."

"Page 2 of the Master Plan says:

"Many say 'the system should be protected and preserved,' while others say 'it should be used.' All are right. It should be protected, preserved, and used --but not as a museum piece, nor as an 'escape' for a fun time. Rather, it must be used to nourish and enrich the life of man..."

"I can see that the term 'museum piece' comes from the point of view of the loggers -- the people who are against 'environmentalists' who want to go to nature for silence and stillness -- and for the absence of things they left behind them. The Park Department, I say, should not try to define what an individual's relationship to nature is. When it does, when it tries to satisfy the needs of so many people, we get things like the plan for Kalaloch. It is rumored that the Park Department plans terraced blacktop parking lots so that the campers can get a view out over the roofs of other campers to the ocean.

"There's talk in the Master Plan about getting various groups and interests together to form a 'Planning equilibrium.' As far as I see the plan says that we need a plan. In a few instances the language has been clear -- the planned hostels for Enchanted Valley and Diamond Meadows, the horse trails, the tramway up some mountain, and we can more or less deal with those, but there's so many other vague statements it's hard to know what is being planned. None of these pieces has been signed. No individuals have been given credit. The Master Plan comes from 'The Denver Service Center.' It suggests that a great diversity of people should be called upon to give their view, but I see nowhere where a philosopher has been invited to join this group of sociologists and technocrats; I see nowhere where a poet has been requested.

"Page 7 says:

"The peninsula's economic pursuits have not changed drastically with time; they still reflect the pioneer days when man lived off the land."

This is hogwash. They're watching the same TV programs here as they are everywhere else. And they're not living off the land as they used to. Rather it's the corporate logging giants who are now living off the land.

"I will restrict the rest of my commentary for now to an area that I know and love and feel privileged to have found. I was raised in Grays Harbor county. In all the time I have lived in this state I have never seen a virgin cedar forest -- until I was at Shi-Shi. Many people don't know

that they exist. We have all seen immense stumps of cedar, they're everywhere. But there's virgin cedar inland from the beach, a twenty-minute walk. As you walk you lose the sound of the sea. Forest silence. You come to an immense cathedral of cedar trees. It would take 8 or 9 people holding hands in a circle to reach around the base of one tree. And what you learn there is something no Park Department can supply, or pretend to supply. You pass through this cathedral to Lake Willoughby which is a jewel of stillness. It's a place where clouds and rain and eagles have a home. Wild cranberry, sundew. But just beyond the lake (and it would come as no surprise to you if you spent any time on the beach, you can hear the noise on the beach), chainsaws, logging truck, dynamite.

"This land is privately owned: the ocean strip from the south of Ozette north to the Makah reservation. Shi-Shi beach is now partly owned by Clallam County as a result of the county trading Crown Z the beach for timbered county land elsewhere. And the county is planning to put a road in to Shi-Shi.) A partial list of owners includes I.T.T., Rayonier, Crown Z, Weyerhaeuser, Milwaukee Land Co., etc and by Eclipse Timber Co, based in Port Angeles. And although the person who shares ownership of the forest with Milwaukee Land Co recognizes its beauty and would not mind seeing it preserved, that person also wants to be compensated for millions of board feet of cedar. And with a new national cedar mill recently located in Port Angeles, it's easy to see that pressure will be great, it will be very hard to maintain the virgin cedar forest. Because virgin cedar cedar is being logged this very minute. South of Shi-Shi there is the largest clearcut in America, with 4 major companies at work there.

"It's impossible to describe the beauty of what is out there on the coast. The beach, the ocean, the great cedar. But I'd like to ask the Park Department when it thinks 'planning equilibrium' will be reached. The sooner the better. You can't have any faith in I.T.T., Rayonier, Crown Z and the rest of them. They have no conscience. But they present the image of an entity with a conscience.

"...The general aim of the Corporate Identity Program has been to put the company's 'best foot forward' -- to show the company as dynamic and forward-looking..."

Vol4, no.1, page 5, The Weyerhaeuser World."

SCENE THREE: THAT EVENING AT THE SAW-TOOTH, tavern-restaurant. People were congratulating Douglas R. Redwood for having spoken up. One man said, "You have a lot of friends, your views are shared." I looked at him and wondered why he hadn't spoken up himself. Well, as the evening wore on another man from a pulse-taking agency in California said, "Here's something for you. Ask the Park Department what is the status of the land in the Queets corridor and the Ocean Strip which was acquired by condemnation and not added to the Park." He explained that the land was acquired by Eminent Domain proceedings in 1940. (Eminent Domain is where you take away land from people who have it and assign it for public purposes.) Because of Statutory Limitations on Park acreage, the land was never added to the Park. Rumors are it has been logged, "without contract."

The evening wore on and I went with friends to rest and get ready for the next day. SCENE FOUR: NOVEMBER 3, LITTLE THEATRE OF PENINSULA COLLEGE. Yesterday we had a master plan meeting. Today it is called a wilderness hearing. Why this distinction, and what does it mean? It means that what we said yesterday to save the unprotected 7 mile Makah - to - Ozette stretch doesn't become part of the record to be sent to Congress. And it turns out that only in the MASTER PLAN (discussed yesterday) is there direct reference to this sensitive area. It says

"Consideration should be given to extending the ocean strip northward for 7 1/2 miles to the Makah Indian Reservation. This would protect the Point of Arches, other scenic shorelines and marine tidelands. Lake Ozette and its scenic east shore would be regulated under a cooperative management agreement to formalize the development and management that will occur in the area."

I tried to get more information. Someone out in the hallway showed me a copy of a mimeographed brochure published by the Park Department. An Environmental Ecological Impact Study. I read the section concerning the beach (Shi-Shi and adjoining uplands [extending inland to Willoughby Lake, Seaford Lake, just north of Ozette]). It mentioned logging, etc and merely recommended "further study" of the area. This clearcut north of Ozette gets bigger every day. While the Park Department sits on its bum passing out sugar-candy leaflets to make themselves look good. They had a chance years ago to acquire this land and they muffed it. And generations are going to have to pay for it. Unless the logging is stopped and the Park Department wakes up and takes a stand.

IN CONCLUSION:

In the Wilderness hearings, many people spoke, but they were limited to 5 minutes. The Park proposes an addition of nearly 835,000 of wilderness. There were 2 days of testimony. One in Aberdeen, one in Port Angeles. That works out to be, roughly, one hour of testimony from citizens for every 60,000 acres to be considered.

The language of the Master Plan and the Wilderness Study makes it sound as though the greatest danger to the Park is from recreational use by private citizens. And in a sense it is true. But remember William Blake: "A truth that's told with bad intent beats all the lies you can invent."

The danger to the Park (and to the wild land of this only remaining wilderness beach in America without a highway), the real danger, obvious, visible, undeniable is the logging corporations.

"You and me," I said at the hearings, "we are not cutting down virgin cedar forests. But the Park Department publications want us to think we're the danger." I was interrupted and told that my time was up. "At the very best, these hearings are a sham," I said.

But a sham doesn't have to stay a sham. Write to the Park Department. You have until December 3 to get a written statement to them. It must be included in the record that will eventually be sent to Congress, where the matter will be decided. Ask that this area be added. Its north and south boundary (from the Makah Reservation to Ozette) is clear. The eastern has not been determined. The Northwest National Seashore Alliance recommends 1 1/2 to 2 miles. The Dept of Natural Resources thinks, "1/4 mile is adequate buffer." Five miles inland from the sea would be best. A hundred miles, better yet.

"What is your aim as a poet?" I was asked. "It's very modest," I said: "I'd like to drive Weyerhaeuser etc out of the virgin cedar, the ancient holy meeting ground of the coastal Indians. Failing that, I'd like to drive Weyerhaeuser etc out of the Northwest." Can't do it alone.





EVERETT SHINGLE WEAVERS  
woodcut by Charles Krafft

TWO POEMS AGAINST THE LOGGING COMPANIES

I: CROWN ZELLERBACH

"evergreen"

This is not the tree Aesop saw.  
This is not the tree that was made into Spanish ships.  
This is not the tall spirit the coast Indian knew --  
Quinault, Makah --  
they waited out heavy rain  
under cedar and fir  
waited  
felt that peace,  
what was there.  
This is not that tree.

This is the tree the saw went racing through  
head to foot  
deafening the ears of sawyers.  
This is where and endless string of quiet days went,  
"shot to hell."  
Men in business suits walked through these woods  
with gold watches ticking in their pockets.  
They heard fir needles fall, heard wind.  
Chose money.  
Can't smell the sweet cedar any more.

II: WEYERHAEUSER

Everybody knows  
about the rotten air of Everett, Washington.  
Everybody knows  
how the fish go belly-up in the water.  
But this town is a text Weyerhaeuser can't seem to read.  
This is the book  
that will close over their frail wings.  
And not open again.

Robert Sund

## DREAMS

i dreamed that my lover had drowned,  
on one small sip  
from a glass tumbler of water,  
all shiny, slivered with ice

and i, sheathed in green  
like a ripe, stiff blade  
of bermuda grass, was trying  
to get in, into the funeral parlor

where the wax rites are  
said, murmured like leafy ashes  
on the cold, marble plate,  
the living,  
the dead

in yet another dream my  
my father came back to me,  
spread out like a peacock under a  
golden raintree,  
and would not tell me where he'd been



## a note on the value of scientific communications research

### THE CHILDREN

we go through the white  
nitrate-like pills  
as chinese firecrackers  
on the fourth of july,  
very american, very clean

100 yesterday from the  
institutional machines, which i've  
hidden, sachet for the throat-  
choking scarf, in my dresser drawer

ah, you should have been  
at my grandma's hydrangea-bushed  
house, i'd pull a stool next  
to the m&ms she'd bought

they'd be gone,  
just like that

just like every drug  
we ever got

we're the consumption-craved  
children of the bourgeoisie,  
you, with your taste for roast beef,  
and me, with four pairs of shoes

i put it on a political plane  
and call us imperialists,  
gobbling up everything we're not

we're rotten,  
we stink, we walk like  
a dream with its head chopped off

it's alive, with a fever,  
hadn't somebody better feel it,  
make sure it's all right

when you're sick,  
when you're full of the reeking puss,  
then it's never your fault



kites and keys,  
the lightning flash,  
oh, icarus, your wings  
are burning, melting so  
close that i must touch

the crayoned drawings  
on the open classroom wall,  
teaching chaos i can't control,

little braided, black and  
chalk-kneed girls hanging  
onto me, a fool,  
the impotence of knowledge,  
the womb which empties only

some blank defense  
against the cataclysmic, apocalyptic terror--  
pickpocket in the subway, train, the  
madonna's sweet son,  
the eventual fat blue pig with his iron armory  
and the unruly boy:  
the oppressors, the oppressed

their guns, centered by a long, deep hole  
are thrust at me--waving, titillating the  
accusations of  
nigger--vile, disgusting whore

sweating under the  
terrarium lid, your botany  
strangled by a satin string

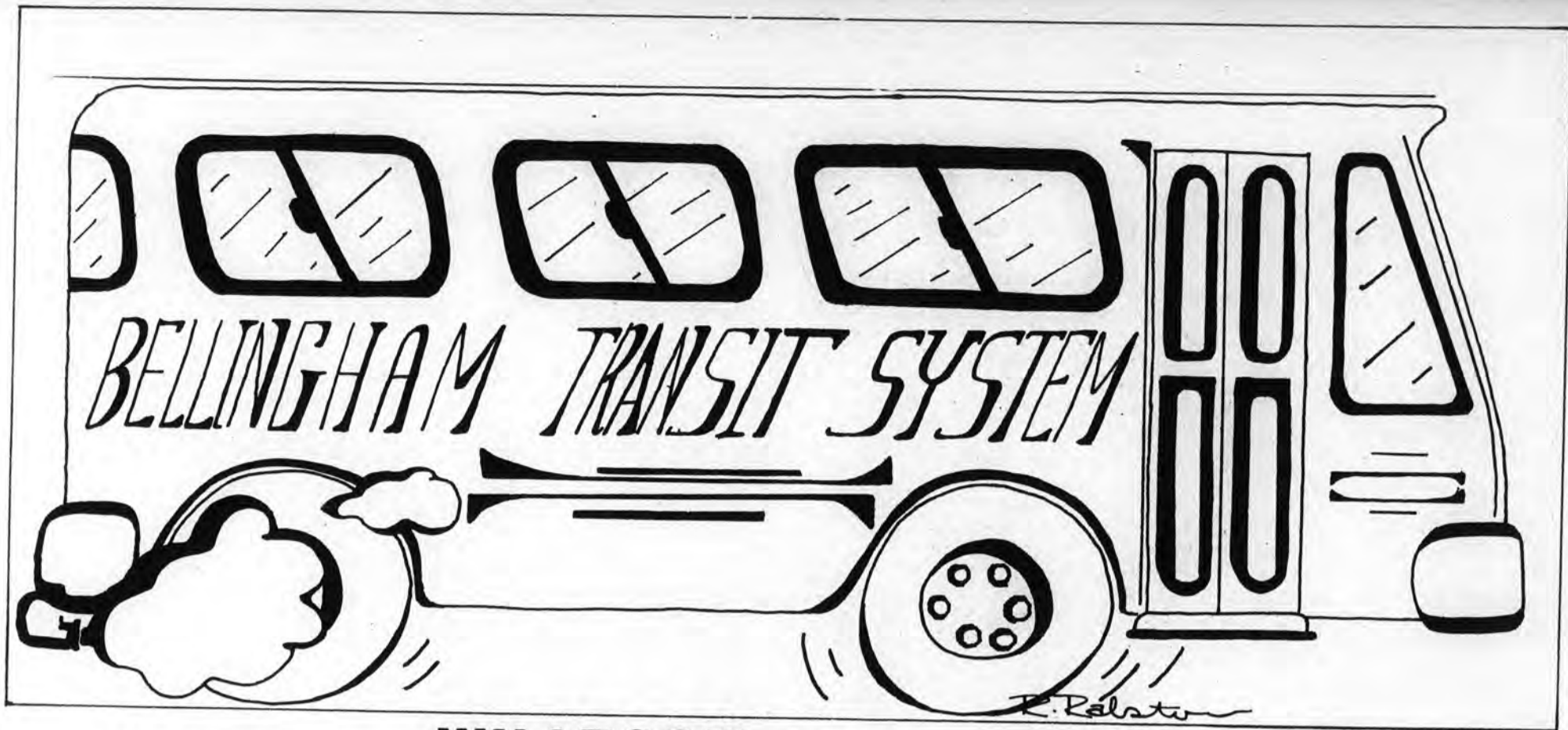
still the historical charade  
blurts across the tv,  
oh, lover,  
they won't stop the festival for me and  
all my warnings:  
dialectical materialism vs.  
the evolution of the deed,  
an unholy matrimony

einstein, their hero, bombs  
blaze his territory.  
this is the map, semantics  
or relativity:

at the end of the cosmos  
is a void, black  
as can be

POEMS: michelle celarier

GRAPHICS: brian rosenblatt



## CATCH A BUS

As of January 1, you can ride your Bellingham City Transit bus for only 15 cents. The fare was recently reduced from a quarter for regular fare to the 15 cent fare for kids, senior citizens, 9-to-5'er's, and especially you.

The original proposal before the City Council was for a 10 cent fare for the senior citizens. Here the Transit Company intervened and protested that a rate reduction should benefit more than a small segment of the population. They proposed an all-over rate reduction. So everyone benefits — cheapo transportation for all, the more people that ride the bus, the less traffic congestion and air pollution. Bellingham may well become a better place to live.

You can get a bus schedule with a slightly out of date map from any driver. They are a little confusing though. At least now the departure times are posted at the downtown bus stops in front of and across from Pay N' Save at Magnolia.

## SEATTLE SUN RISING SOON

The Seattle Sun, a new community based newspaper, is rising from Seattle's need for a responsive public forum. It will cover current events within the city including organizations, the urban environment, cultural and entertainment activities, consumer affairs, business, schools and government.

The Sun will be distributed free, initially to the Capitol Hill, Cascade, Eastlake, Portage Bay, Montlake and University districts. It will be run by a board of directors chosen by members of the Seattle Information Project. To become a member, send \$10.00 to The Seattle Sun, c/o Smith, Kaplan, Withey, Smith Tower, Seattle 98104. All members of the Project will have a direct say in the Sun's editorial policy.

## WHATCOM COUNTY: RIGHTS & ISSUES

by Jim Johnson

**VETERANS:** If you have less than an honorable discharge or an honorable discharge with one of the many discriminating code numbers on your DD214 help and possible relief is on the way.

Take your discharge and DD214 plus any other pertinent papers or information to your local Red Cross. The Red Cross will help with all paper work needed to get your discharge revised in Washington, D.C. with the military discharge review board. The Red Cross is seemingly pro-veteran and serviceman.

If you have an honorable discharge but have had employment or other problems, a discriminating code number on your DD214 may be the cause. For more information contact Gerry Wolfe at 676-3460 VVAW/WSO at Western Wash. State College.

**WELFARE:** There is a possibility that some bad news may be coming for recipients on January 1, 1974. Will some recipients be switched to the Social Security program because of a disability or possible disability? Will this switch in programs cause a loss of food stamps? Does a welfare recipient have rights?

If you are a recipient, or a concerned citizen, who wants to protect their families and themselves then you must get busy. Find out what's happening and do something about it before it's too late. For many January 1, 1974, may be too late. Will you be one?

**VITAMINS:** Big Brother FDA is looking out for us again. Some time during 1974 the FDA is not only going to create a new class of criminals but also created will be a new black market — an underground outlet for VITA-JUNKIES.

Did you drop a capsule of vitamin A this morning that contained 25,000 USP units or a hi-potency D tab? Well, this morning you were legal but next year you had better have a prescription. If you don't have one you will stand a chance of being busted. If your daily hit per A or D capsule is 150% or less of

the recommended daily allowance you are safe as these will be obtainable over the counter.

Dr. Linus Pauling wrote the following excerpt in a letter to Rep. Froelich (R-Wis) "If the proposed limitations of the sale of vitamins were extended to food, a prescription would be required to serve 1½ oz. of broiled lamb liver or 2 oz. of sweet potatoes."

Apparently it has been alright for us to be constantly subjected to cyclamates, dyes, preservatives and other noxious additives such as diethyl estill bestrol (DES) in our meat. Seemingly, it has also been alright for us to be subjected to pesticides, herbicides and other chemicals and no prescription was needed for this crap. The FDA feels that Vitamins A&D taken in large amounts are toxic and must be regulated.

Regulation will not stop at vitamin A&D as there are bills being proposed to regulate under prescription all vitamins and minerals.

It looks to me that now because mega-vitamin therapy is gaining recognition in the treatment of mental illness, retardation, alcoholism, arthritis, etc., the American Medical Association wants to capitalise on it. After decades of putting down vitamins, the AMA now wants to regulate them via prescriptions and they are taking legislative action to do so. However, the Hosmer bill, which is supported by the National Health Federation seeks to stop regulation of vitamins and to protect your personal and constitutional right in taking them. This bill carries several different numbers such as HR6043, HR643, HR7241, etc.

Write to your congress person and ask him or her to co-sponsor the Hosmer Bill Hr643 with a notation of thanks if he or she has already done so. Floyd Hicks (D-Wash) supports this bill so let us protect our rights by getting other congress persons to join him.

Dr. W. D. Currier, Pasadena, Cal., says "The so called recommended daily allowance has no meaning in most physical and mental illness." Excerpt from the National Health Federation Bulletin, July-August, 1973. The NHF is an organization dedicated to the protection of health freedoms. For more information write: National Health Federation, PO Box 688, 212 West Foothill Blvd, Monrovia, Cal. 91016

## UFW STRUGGLE

Last weekend witnessed Bellingham's fifth consecutive picketline at Safeway. Forsaking the lure of warm hearth and friendly mug, 12 picketers worked to convince a limited number of hardy shoppers that they should shop elsewhere. We didn't turn away as many shoppers last weekend, but from talking to those we turned away, we're confident that they're not coming back. And next Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. we will be there. Join us.

## BODY WORKSHOP

"... Without shame the man I like knows and avows the deliciousness of his sex,  
Without shame the woman I like knows and avows hers"

Walt Whitman

It has suddenly become acceptable to discuss sexual concerns which only a short time ago were considered taboo. Yet many of us feel poorly prepared to deal effectively with these contemporary issues, ranging from masturbation to homosexuality.

Participants in the Human Sexuality Workshop will have the opportunity to examine their own attitudes, values and perceptions. The workshop will focus on several key aspects of human sexuality, including sexual behavior, personal and impersonal sex, sex roles, etc.

Highlights of the large group sessions will be multi-media presentations including color slides, music graphic drama and a series of thought provoking films. The films will explore many dimensions of human sexuality with topics such as masturbation, same-sex relationships and heterosexual relationships. Small group sessions will provide each participant the opportunity to explore with others his or her concerns and to share in reactions to large group presentations.

There are two scheduled Human Sexuality Workshops planned for this academic year, Nov. 30-Dec.1, 1973 and Feb. 8-9, 1974. For information contact The Drug Education Program 530 N. Garden St., Bellingham.

# community news

## FOOD COOP

**Apples:** Apple picking day on Wed. Nov. 28. Meet at the co-op at 10:30. We're trying to get enough apples to store for continued eating all through the winter. A good time for those folks to work who would rather fulfill their rebate requirement outside of the store. No chemical or pesticide apples will be picked.

**Rice:** Organic rice is difficult to get at present. Our main source is from Chico-San in California and they are currently involved in a court case with the farmers, tying up the rice. We have some organic rice in the store and are asking folks to buy only 5 lbs. maximum so that everyone will be able to get some. We might be able to bulk order non-organic rice if people are interested in this.

**Cheese:** There has been talk of a good buy on cheese up in Vancouver -- 30 to 37 cents a pound for sharp cheddar. If interested find out more info from Richard the Baker.

**Barley:** We have a large supply of barley at this time. It might be a good idea to try some and work on new recipes and protein combination.

**Rye flakes:** These are good and cheap and we have lots now. Try some with your rolled oats or just all by themselves.

**Cabbage:** Cabbage for the picking at Joe's. We have purchased all but one of Joe's last rows of cabbage. It is free for those who want to pick it. At the store we are selling it for 5 cents a head or \$1 per crate. It's small but still tasty, get it before that inevitable nor'easter freezes it out. Joe Bertero, corner of 32nd and Taylor.

**Local Produce:** We are getting really fine organic carrots from some friends in the county and will have them hopefully throughout the winter.

**Local squash** is still on hand and very inexpensive.

We are selling sprouts in the store now but want everyone to know that they can easily make their own and we have the alfalfa seeds and mung beans needed to do so.

**Vitamins:** Vitamins are going to be heavily curtailed come the new year, so we are trying to get it together to help folks buy a bunch before this happens. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 1:30 in the co-op. All ye who who are interested please come.

**Cashews:** It was decided at the last co-op meeting that any profits from Mozambique cashews will be set aside and sent to the Mozambique Liberation Fund.



photo Rod del Pozo

We need more people to help install the compressor unit on the new cooler; electricians and mechanics are in demand.

The financial situation is still acute; the tax figures are almost completed and it looks like the basic figure is in the neighborhood of \$900.00. It could be a lot worse, and might be, depending on the amount of late-payment penalties they want to lay on us.

We are pursuing grant possibilities to help us out and also thinking of other fund-raising activities. A pre-Christmas Bizarre Bazaar is being talked about and will be discussed further at next week's meeting.

meeting on Wed. Nov. 28 at 8 pm. Carnival type ideas, crafts, baking trips, eating trips, wine tasting etc. are all be-

ing considered. Let's get it on.

Recycling ideas are also in the wind. Possibilities include a day-after Christmas city-wide paper/cardboard collection and a day-after New Year's Eve bottle collection. If the energy exists we could do a lot and make some money to pay those taxes!

A Co-op Cook Book is also being discussed. If you have any good originals and want to share you could get them in print. Drop off any recipes and ideas in the Suggestion Box by the check-out stand.

An apple-drying production may be getting underway also. If interested leave a message in Elsa's mailbox (inventory for Janus, CC Grains).

Well, it was a fine Thanksgiving feast, enjoyed by all to say the least.

## CYCLE SMASH CITY NEGLECT

Do you know anyone who has been struck by a car while cycling this year? There have been 20 such accidents so far this year. The 72 total of 26 was a 23% increase over the previous year. The 6 year record shows all of the cyclists and some of the motorists involved have sustained injuries.

About 5 o'clock one afternoon last week Debbie Stern was struck by a mail truck as she was riding down Indian St. through the intersection at Maple. Debbie was in a coma for 2 days in critical condition and is now recovering. Her husband Doug asks that anyone who witnessed the accident call 734-4937 and that ~~any~~ all be careful to wear our bike lights and consider buying crash helmets.

For 11 months now, the Bellingham Bicycle Lobby has been working on a plan of bicycle lanes for the city. The city planners, council and mayor have shown little initiative in promoting bicycle safety. The City Planning, Traffic Engineering, and Police departments have been co-operative but not supportive. The city has done nothing. If the plan were to have been implemented last week, Debbie would have been in a bike lane and the mail driver would have seen a CAUTION! CYCLIST LANE sign and been alerted to look for her warning light.

Those interested in providing some safety measures for cycle riders can write or call Council people and the mayor asking for action on bicycle safety. The mayor expresses great interest in the energy crisis. Why don't we ask him to do something to promote the use of one of the most effective energy saving devices, the bicycle?

## ZEN GESTALT

We are trying to get together a group of people who are interested in integrating Gestalt, Sensory Awareness (Charlotte Selver's) and Zen. Gestalt is a method of experiencing and expressing emotions in the now. Sensory Awareness is a method of relearning how to sit, stand, lie and walk with awareness. "In zazen (Zen meditation) one is struggling not to escape from oneself but to become oneself entirely." Our emphasis will be on free exploration. We will be setting up workshops in sensory awareness here in Bellingham with Seymour Carter from Esalen Institute in Big Sur and in Gestalt with Tom Sandborn in Vancouver. We will also be exploring tapes from Esalen in these different areas. First meeting will be Wednesday Nov. 28th at 7:30 pm at 2638 Xenia Street (off Alabama). For more information call Nealy at 734-1749 or Bill at 733-2570.

# DEAR SHIRLEY

Formerly The  
Ladies-Aid Corner.

Dear Shirley,

I just couldn't go on reading your column without letting you know how I feel about your title. I think it is unfair to men. I'm tired of reading about women this, women that, in you paper. It's about time the NWP took us all into consideration. May I suggest the title "People's-Aid"? Thank you for letting me get this off my chest.

Jay, FlatChest

Dear J.F.,

I think you're absolutely right! I didn't chose the title Ladies-Aid to purposely provoke you or any of our readers.

It was thoughtless of me to choose a title just because it brought back pleasant memories of my relationship with my mother. The times when I would help my mother into her girdle and watch her pluck her eyebrows, powder her underarms, and put on her nicest dress, all in preparations to go to her Ladies-aid meetings. The main

function of these meetings was to aid the church by raising money for S.S. Equipment, provide food for needy families, serve at weddings and anniversaries. In the course of such work they would gossip, gripe, share their problems, recipes, and in a word aid each other.

Our Ladies-aid meetings, although of a different style, serve much the same needs, a place to come together, eat together, talk and work out our children problem, work problems, men problem, In a word we 'aid' each other.

And so, our Ladies-aid meetings continue at Camilla's every thursday evening—Pot Luck— everyone, children, women and men are welcome! I will take your advice and change the title of this column to Dear Shirley, which can be masculine or feminine and of course it means 'People-aid'.

Thank you for writing,  
Shirley

Now a few household hints:  
Young people— a nice gift for the family and cheap too: Put a sweet potato (light green leaves) or a yam (dark green

leaves) in a pot of water and you'll have a nice house plant.

The next time you bake pumpkin pie heat the pumpkin mixture before putting into the pie shell and it will bake faster. One teaspoon of vanilla in cranberries is good.

Cut your thread on the bias and the needle will be much easier to thread. Buttons sewed on with crochet cotton will rarely come off.

Jeff send in your home remedies for what ever ails you. That's all folks til next week.

Miscellaneous:

Free Store looking great who do we thank?

Beauty aid from Spain

In a bowl put the white of an egg, a teaspoon of fat free dry milk, and a 1/2 teaspoon of honey. Beat with a fork until mixture is blended. Apply to a very clean face, including the throat and keep it on for about twenty minutes. It's better with your shoes off, lying down in a darkened room. Remove with tepid water and rinse again with ice water or skin lotion.

And Now a poem by 11 yr. old Martha.

How To Greet The Seasons

The way to greet winter,  
Is to shout;  
'Helloooo!

And watch it hellool over the white,  
bleak snow.

And the way to greet Spring,  
Is very gently;

Dance on lush grass in a soft yellow gown,  
and whissper, "hello."

And remember,  
The seasons don't have to come if they don't want to;  
They do it for you!

The way to greet summer,  
Is stand straight as a statue and frown,  
And just as Summer is about to moon away;

Blurt out a smile and let the spark le reach your eye,  
And grin, "Hello".

And the way to greet Autumn,  
Is casual style;

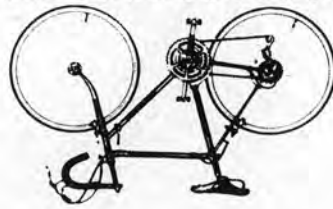
Pick up a red, crumbly leaf and lean against a tree and slither down into a seat.

And just when you know the moment is right;

Look up, and under your breath,  
Say, "hello".

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i love you children  
way down inside  
where i cry  
i cry

children you are very big  
and important to me

but you are so small  
i am so big  
i feel stupid

once i fought you  
trying to win  
and be victorious

you saying there are no victories

when i am deaf  
your words call me  
when i am blind  
your faces shine

the faces of children  
are in my dreams  
faces of pain and wonder

a man hits a dog  
the dog cries

children cry  
i cry too

i feel now the pain i caused  
i ache  
the pain twist my gut

i am now a child and  
i big is yelling at me  
pushing me  
screaming names that kill

it hurts me now

oh how i must have hurt  
you when you were small

when i was to big to see  
the pain in your faces

i see your pain now  
i hear you cry

no more pain please

child come  
i will hold you



poem sandra ward  
photos billy patz

# ECO- Predator Poisons Pressed Again

Predator poisoning was outlawed by Congress last year. A new bill introduced into the House of Representatives would expand the predator control program and authorize the use of M-44 cyanide guns and strychnine.

Both the House Merchant Marine Committee and the House Agriculture Committee are being pressed by wool manufacturers and others to pass bill HR 4759 on to the House floor.

The poisons in question are a danger to people as well as the coyotes, eagles, wildcats and other predators they are intended for. Livestock protection is the reason cited for killing wildlife predators.

## Leukemia Deaths Skyrocket

In 1962, the nation's fourth nuclear power facility went into operation in Charlevoix, Michigan. Some figures recently made public by a resident of the area around Charlevoix, Martha Drake of Petoskey, Michigan, indicate that living around a nuclear power plant may not be as safe as the power companies and the Atomic Energy Commission would have people believe.

Infant mortality was up 0.2% in Charlevoix County, while the figures for the state as a whole were down 10% from 1962 to 1967, the first five years of the nuclear plant's operation.

Immature births were up 21% for the county while down 1% for the state? cancer deaths were up 35% for the county while down 4% for the state as a whole. Leukemia deaths were up 139% in the county, with no change recorded for the state as a whole during the same period.

## Radioactive Leak

Both nuclear waste evaporators at Hanford Atomic Energy Works near Richland, Washington, have been shut down after 7,000 gallons of high-level radioactive waste spilled out of one of them two weeks ago.

The evaporator which leaked went into operation November 1 and was constructed at a cost of seven million dollars. Both were shut down until the cause of the leak is known.

## Aerosol Sprays Deadly

Don't use aerosol sprays. They are dangerous to your health. Both the Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency have condemned the sprays as potentially dangerous.

According to the FDA's Pertussin decongestant spray has killed at least 21 children, and has been taken off the market, by the federal agency's order.

The EPA has called use of aerosols just another form of air pollution, and claims they are especially dangerous since they are used in the home an hundreds of products.

Hundreds of chemicals go into such sprays, and the effects of many of them are unknown.

# WAR GOD

Brand's multi-media presentation WAR:GOD consists of two slide projectors and a stereo soundtrack. It lasts a half hour and deals with polarity. Combat represents humanity's worst side, and mysticism and art represents our best in the slide show.

There are 6400 possible slide image combinations in WAR:GOD, so that the show is never the same twice. After watching the presentation, many people were visibly moved by it. It was the most effective one that I have ever experienced. One particular image which wrenched my heart was an overlap of a starving child and the blast of a nuclear bomb. A stereo soundtrack contrasted and highlighted the images, sometimes beautiful, sometimes tragic.

Photographs of emaciated and dead Dachau prisoners, execution of Viet Cong suspects, starving Biafran children, combat scenes and nuclear explosions showed our inhumanity.

Human potential was expressed vividly in photographs of Whole Earth, artistic creations of our worldwide experience of God, nature's beauty and happy children.

WAR:GOD was first performed in 1967, before



STEWART BRAND

the birth of the Whole Earth Catalog. By 1967, Brand already had an impressively wide range of experience. After spending time in the pre-Vietnam army, he took part in some of the first LSD research, lived on several Indian reservations and produced a slide-film presentation called "America Needs Indians".

From 1964 to 1966, Brand spent time with Ken Kesey and the Merry Pranksters and was involved in the early Acid Tests. In 1966, he produced the famous Trips Festival, a three day rock-light show event in San Francisco, designed and organized Whatever It Is, an all-night multi-stage event at the Experimental College of San Francisco State College; and received his Acid Test Diploma from Neal Cassidy at Acid Test Graduation. Incidentally, he also got married that year, too. He married Lois Jennings, an Ottawa Indian from Washington, D.C.

"I was a bachelor once, was married, and I'm a bachelor again," Brand said.

In 1968, Brand began editing the Whole Earth Catalog.

Brand is again getting ready to edit another edition of the Whole Earth Catalog: the Epilog. The issue is to deal primarily with energy, and that topic is the reason the Whole Earth Catalog will be published

New developments in technology dealing with

energy during the last three years were the deciding factors in the production of the epilog. Part of it will be published in the spring in Harpers Magazine, and the book will be published in its entirety next fall. It will be at least as big as the Last Whole Earth Catalog.

The profits from the last catalog have been put to good use. The catalog was published by the Portola Institute, which has since been dissolved and reformed into a foundation called 'The Point'.

The Point is currently using the profits of the Last Whole Earth Catalog for energy research, particularly with solar power, and social research, such as the prostitutes union in San Francisco.

Brand's recent involvement in a 'new games tournament' is an example of some of the social experiments associated with the cultural quest. Brand feels that one of the reasons this country and others are tending towards more violent conflict is the reduction of personal physical participation in conflict games. The idea of the games was to find new ways for people to relate to each other, relieving

frustration, having a good time - but not hurting each other. Board games, computer chase games and harmless physical exertion games such as fencing with styrofoam 'boffers' and a 600-person tug-o-war were tried out.

Stewart Brand is as common, as they say in my family's native Ozarks, as dirt. Dirt in the sense of good, rich earth.

As editor of the Whole Earth Catalog, Brand passed up the opportunity to make a lot of money. The WEC became a best seller, and despite efforts to break even, has to date racked up well over \$1 million in profits.

Brand spoke on the Western Washington State College campus in early November. I spent part of two days listening, talking with him, and watching. He is an interesting man to watch.

A tall, lanky man, Brand gives the impression of a man just off of the land, in tune with nature, unpretentious. One blinks when a word like "cybernetics" or "co-evolution" pops out of his mouth with the assurance of familiar ground.

Brand gave two presentations during Western's celebration of Earth Week. One was mostly a question and answer period with students and the other was a showing of his multi-media presentation WAR:GOD.

"We're slipping into darkness, as far as the energy crisis goes," Brand said, during his oral presentation.

Brand began his question-answer period with a short film condensing 24 hours in the life of earth, as seen by satellite.

"It's a home movie," he said. He mentioned that the technology to photograph the earth from space existed from the first Sputnik.

"It took them ten years to think of it, though," he said. Brand himself thought of it before NASA did, and in 1966 he created a street seminar and button campaign entitled "Why Haven't We Seen a Photograph of the Whole Earth Yet?"

Most of the questions from the Western audience dealt with energy, ranging from the present energy crisis to the future needs of humanity.

"Sell your big car while you can still get some money for it," he suggested.

Since so much fuel is needed in agriculture, he said the energy crisis will inevitably lead to a food crisis.

"It is time to start enjoying an austere life," with everyone learning to utilize much less energy and material luxuries, he said.

Brand suggested solar power and methane digesters as alternate means of power production in the home. Both are available now in some limited forms, and many are listed in the Last Whole Earth Catalog.

When asked about the back-to-the-land movement, Brand said it is not dying. It is less fashionable, less visible. Rather than talking about it, people are doing it.

Energy experiments, better built homes and better group organization are making a "second generation" better prepared to undertake the adventure.

"There is not so much shouting but more action," he said.

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# AN AGE ENDS

The Age of Fossil Fuels is coming to a smoking, grinding halt, and it could be a nasty business for all concerned.

The use of fossil fuels will continue for quite a while, yet. In the United States, natural gas reserves are expected to last another 15 years at projected use rates. Domestic oil supplies will go out within a few years after that. Exploration for new reserves is getting more expensive and more technically demanding, because all the oil that is easy to reach is already being tapped. Offshore rigs are risky ventures at best. And it is a race against time, if the supply is to be kept close to the projected demand.

Eventually, the final crunch will come -- there will be no more tapable reserves.

Coal is the only fossil fuel that is plentiful. It is already feasible to produce oil from coal. The only problem is that we will have to rip up the entire countryside to get it.

Where will it end? There are several limiting factors.

The fossil fuel age will end when the world's population growth outstrips the ability to produce fuel. Or when the world's food production is slashed because of poor distribution. Or when pollution chokes the ability of the earth to maintain productive life.

The only thing certain is that eventually, the benefits of fossil fuel consumption will no longer outweigh the destruction caused by its use.

Other fuel sources may make the transition relatively easy, if those sources can be developed in time, and if they can prove themselves safe. Nuclear fission is effective, but its waste is deadly.

The "crunch" will come during the next thirty years, as the present sources of oil and gas are used up.

Oil is necessary for transportation and heating in societies like the United States. It is also necessary for the production of plastics used by nearly every person in the U.S. and for medicine. If you are a hermit in the woods and don't go to a doctor, you don't use plastics. Otherwise, you do.

The most significant use of fossil fuels today and in the future is in agriculture. The world is home to 7 billion people, and will be the home of many more than that in a few years. Those human beings, including yourselves, are dependent on food grown and harvested with fossil fuels. There is no other way to feed 7 billion people.

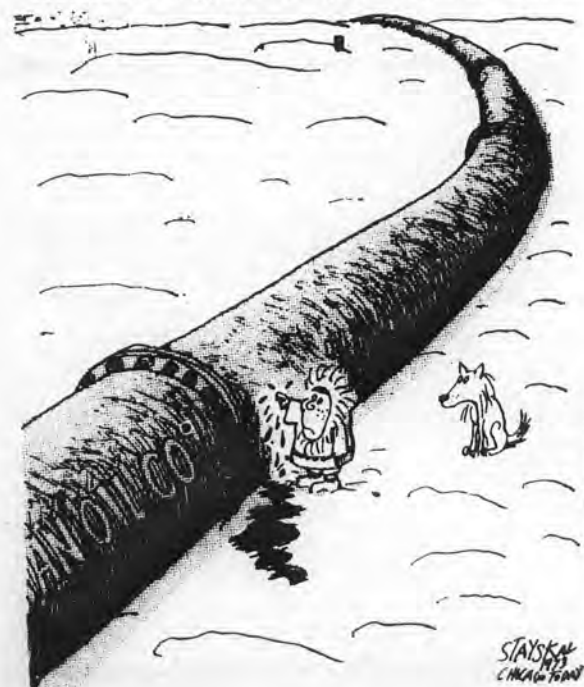
It has been estimated that ten times as much energy is used in agricultural industry as is harvested. As long as man used only himself and a team of animals, the ration balanced in favor of the harvest. Today, the necessity of feeding 7 billion people means huge energy consumption.

What will happen as the sources of fuel are emptied? Try global starvation of millions of people.

As Stewart Brand said when he was in Bellingham, fuel crisis leads to food crisis.

New sources of fuel are necessary. Solar power is the most agreeable source. It is free to use, and not conducive to power politics by government.

Control of energy by a government is a knee to the groin of individual freedom. It is imperative that sources of energy be developed which will allow peo-



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ple to produce their own power.

Only people who control their own food supply and energy resources are free from totalitarian government.

## 50 M.P.H.

Returning from a Seattle Thanksgiving, I set my speedometer at 54 miles per hour and tried to keep it there. Signs not-quite-whisked past at that speed declaring a 50 mph speed limit. New Signs.

I set my speed at 54 mph because I wanted to see how many people were obeying the new law. My results coming home Friday night were markedly different than my observations going to Seattle Thursday morning.

Thursday, my companions and I were pleased at the apparent success of the limit. Nearly everyone seemed aware and responsive to the need to conserve fuel. Or so we thought.

At 54 mph Friday night, I should have passed quite a few cars traveling at the set limit. I passed none that I recall. I was passed by an estimated 70 to 80 cars speeding at between 55 and an estimated 75 mph, including one state trooper not in pursuit of another vehicle.

The conclusion I reluctantly drew was that people were responsive to the new emergency measure -- so long as the sun was shining (sort of) and the drivers were conspicuous.

Few campers seemed to be on the road, and I saw no Winnebago - types. Thanksgiving is not a "camper holiday" really, so one can draw no significant conclusions as to why campers weren't out and about.

Cadillacs and Riviervas -- Riviervas have been cited as the worst gas hogs on the road, at 6 miles per gallon -- were out in force, as were the big-engined, high-assed sexmobiles. Many were topping 70 mph by my estimate.

Interestingly enough, many drivers slowed down some when I laid on my horn. This turned into an interesting psychology experiment I relished. Guilt seemed to be a big factor in people's reactions. If I may judge.

The will of the people may not be there yet.... but the consciousness is lurching towards a new horizon -- one it may take a little longer to reach at 50 mph. Or will it?

The 50 mph speed limit could be a prescription the United States has needed for a long time. Anyone who has ever been able to compare the United States to any other country recognizes the hyperactivity present in American life.

One has only to go back about 15 or 20 years, before most of the freeways were built, to see how much things have speeded up in mid-century American life. People drop like flies because their hearts can't take the pace.

Not all of this speed can be attributed to automobiles. Throw in conveyor-belt-assembly-line-mass-production, MADison Avenue style "consumerism", computer technology and cybernetics and synergy, throw away everything, several million tons of coffee and several billion cigarettes per year with a few unknown factors, and you have a good idea why these hearts won't take the pace.

The phrase "speed kills" reverberates through one's brain with all its connotations (especially if one has a last name like mine).

Could it be that a 50 mph speed limit might be the first break in the chain of ever spiraling acceleration leading to a bulging GNP (for a few) and choking rivers (for the many)?

When people find out that the energy crisis is real, that the 50 mph speed limit will be enforced, that the Great American Dream, if not dead, certainly is not what they thought it was... when people shakily realize these things, will they secretly breathe a sigh of relief?

Anyone who has ever driven at rush hour in Southern California, eight lanes wide, 70 mph and bumper to bumper, sure as hell will.

It may take people some time to realize that their lives will be less hectic, more calm, easier and safer. And, could it be?.....happier?

The answer to the last question may not be answerable, because the coming months are going to bring many new things to worry the minds of people who may be cold for the first time in their lives.

# NOTES

## Music

### for the Whales

Paul Winter, leader of the musical group Winter Consort, has written to the Sierra Club offering his services and those of Joni Mitchell, Judy Collins, Pete Seeger and others to perform benefits to raise money for the protection of whales and other endangered species.

## Nader Calls Nuclear Pollution Worst

"It doesn't make sense to replace the present energy crisis with a long-term radioactivity crisis," according to Ralph Nader. Nader and scientists from the Union of Concerned Scientists challenged President Nixon's plan to encourage the development of Nuclear power plants.

Nader announced the findings of a year-long study by the UCS on the long-term implications of nuclear power. The UCS claims the study is the first analysis of the problem done independent of the AEC and the nuclear-industrial complex.

The report emphasized the dangers of nuclear wastes.

"The radioactive wastes created in nuclear power plants are the ultimate pollutant," the report said.

## Hole In The Dike

Governor Jimmy Carter of Georgia recently vetoed a \$170 million reservoir on the Flint River and called for a congressional investigation of the "apparent" bias of the Corps of Engineers, who proposed the project.

Carter said that the Corps has consistently over-exaggerated its estimates of the benefits to be expected from a dam at Spewrell Bluff, 50 miles south of Atlanta, while playing down the expected costs and defects of the project.

Carter based his decision partly on a study by the Federal General Accounting Office which accused the COE of manipulating facts and figures to overestimate power-producing and recreational values of the reservoir. The GAO study describes how COE officials at the highest levels decided in a meeting last May to make the project, which has been on the drawing board for more than 20 years, look more feasible and attractive.

## Auto Anti-Pollution

### Work Progress

The Environmental Protection Agency has confirmed that a 1973 Chevrolet Impala, modified with a Honda Compound Vortex Controlled C Combustion (CVCC) engine, has demonstrated that a full-size car can meet the 1975 EPA auto emission standards.

The Impala met the emission standards in two out of four tests, for carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons as well as the 1976 interim standard for nitrogen oxides. Problems associated with restarting the car after the engine was hot caused the failure of the other two tests, and can be corrected with "further engineering effort," according to the EPA.



# street drugs - ...in a capsule

## DRUGS IN THE BELLINGHAM AREA

Probably the majority of us can look back to High School days when the "Drug Culture" was just a mythical "in or out," and hadn't been thrown in societies face. Today we find drugs in every community, school, neighborhood, and the problem continues to grow. The folks here at the WWSC Drug Information Office thought we would throw together a bit of our information, in the hopes of getting a little of yours in return. We "push" information, and answer questions straightforward! We neither condone or disapprove of the use of drugs, however they do exist. We're merely here to help. From information received through our office analysis program, and widely researched statistics from the "Do It Now" foundation, of Phoenix, Arizona, we give you the following results and information.

As this proposed "drug culture" has progressed there has been a substantial change in demand and availability of different drugs. Marijuana is accepted as non-important, and the demand for LSD has been greatly decreased by desires for a milder (organic) trip. This brings us to the particular subject of Mescaline, PCP, and the organics.

Although many people can quote you the effects of Mescaline, truth of the matter is that only a few in this whole nation have ever actually experienced it. The following statistics are published by "Do It Now."

1. Only one batch in one thousand, anywhere, is really Mescaline or Psilocybin. These statistics also cover THC (tetrahydrocannabinol).
2. "Organic" mescaline and Psilocybin are just as much a myth as synthetic Mescaline and Psilocybin. They rarely appear, unless you make them yourself out of the original products.
3. Acid and PCP are so incredibly cheap to manufacture, and real Mescaline and Psilocybin (along with THC) are so expensive that ripoff chemists are not going to lose money just because there is a larger demand for the latter substances. They don't care what you're taking-only what you think you're taking.
4. Origin of a drug is no endorsement of its' quality. Boston, St. Louis, Los Angeles, and Miami have just as big a ripoff problem as anywhere else.

Sellers may resort to pushing acid, PCP and other substances as Mescaline, THC, Psilocybin etc., for a variety of reasons. General distrust of



acid and other related substances requires it, as well as increasing demands for "organic" substances, and due to the economics of drug manufacture. For example, a teaspoon of Mescaline will bring upwards of \$8.00 while the same amount of LSD will bring \$96,000 after normal street cutting. Good business states LSD, while buyer and seller both say Mescaline, THC, etc. By no means is this always the dealers' fault. Chances are that he may actually believe it to be real Mescaline etc. Analysis lets you both know what's what.

Another danger common to drug sales, is that of adulterants. From our office analysis returns, the most commonly found in this area range from PCP, to Caffeine. It is here that the real danger with unawareness lies. The following are commonly used adulterants with their medical statistics, etc.

1. PCP, Phencyclidine, Sernylan, Angel Dust, etc. This substance when induced contains analgesic properties which react upon the central nervous system. It was first used in experimental morphine substitutions during the first World War, but was discontinued because of undesirable effects on humans. Present use finds it as a veterinary anesthetic, produced by Parke-Davis. While low doses produce sedation, high doses have been known to produce convulsive seizures. Treatment for PCP is extremely dangerous, because the physician rarely knows what the drug actually is. For example, Chlorpromazine (Thorazine) usually works quite well as a counter-agent to LSD. However, should the acid be or contain PCP, it adds to the effects of the drug and often produces respiratory arrest.
2. Strychnine--Symptoms of what appear to be strychnine poisoning are evident

in many "bummers." However, statistics show a lack of the chemical in much analysis data. The University of the Pacific has found that excessive doses of LSD (over 250 micrograms) can in many cases emanate the beginning signs of strychnine poisoning. Also, many impurities and the faulty manufacture of LSD can produce these symptoms. In essence, it may be present often, or not at all.

3. Caffeine--Out of five alleged speed samples sent for analysis from our office during the past two weeks, three returned as Caffeine. Caffeine has been turning up quite regularly as a substitute for much of the speed received at our analysis center, which is located at the School of Pharmacy, University of the Pacific, in Stockton, California.
4. Procaine--Approximately 50% of all Cocaine samples sent for analysis return as Procaine. Procaine is used in dental surgery as a local anesthetic, and produces a numbing effect similar to that of Novacaine (the two are related). It may resemble the throat numbing effects of Cocaine, but once again it's a ripoff!

In essence, the street drug scene in this area is as it is everywhere, one big mess! Be sure of what you're taking, it's your body and your mind. The Drug Information Center will answer any questions you may have to the best of our ability, and completely without bias. We have analysis . . . Use it!

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# ANOTHER ROADSIDE ATTRACTION

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What I'd really like to say about "Another Roadside Attraction" is that it has Everything. But, as Lawrence Ferlinghetti chose that particular comment to put on the back of the book, I'll choose other words. The name dropping may not impress you unless you're an admirer of L.F.'s, but perhaps you'll find interest in what this Cosmic Fazed Cookie has to relate about the book and its author. If it does n't matter who says what about books, then for you the medium is the message. Therefore I wish to leave my ill-formed literary manners by the bedside in reverence for the "wise idiot" of the book, Ba Ba of Bow Wow, who asserts that "Life is a fortune cookie in which someone forgot to put the fortune." I forgot to put the fortune in this alleged-review interview. I suggest you read the book and cast your own.

I can tell you that the book is full of magic. Early in the story Ba Ba of Bow Wow tells Amanda, young clairvoyant beauty, "Logic gives man what he needs. . . magic gives him what he wants." He speaks of the magic that mushrooms, butterflies, babies, Afro-Cuban jazz, baboons, and cowgirls possess.

Amanda's face is described in one scene as being "flushed with that passionate serenity that is evidently known only by those who live outside of man's laws and according to nature's. A woman with such a breathless aura could only find a lover in the likes of lusty John Paul Ziller, settling down on Interstate 5 between Everett and Mount Vernon. They transform Mom's Little Dixie Bar-B-Que into the Capt. Kendrick Memorial Hot Dog Wild Life Preserve. It is described with such vividness that on your next trip south you'll find yourself looking for the giant hot dog that proclaims the location of their restaurant-roadhouse to the flashing, passing traffic. After all, the author claims, "All of the story is true but none of it happened."

Don't assume this book is just a kooked out love story. . . it's more than that. It's the type of book that tells you Billy the Kid was an outlaw for the fun of it and then adds that "Another Roadside Attraction" is that, too. But don't jump to any conclusions. . . enjoy the paradox of Everything.

## The Man that Writes with a Magic Wand

When Tom Robbins came to Western Washington State College for the Whole Earth Festival Celebration last month curious people came to hear what he had to say about his book. I was to do an interview but the more I thought about it the more absurd it seemed. Others asked him, "What about Amanita Muscaria? . . . how did you find LaConner? . . . Isn't John Paul Ziller an archetype?"

The one thing that puzzled me was why did this man that called himself



"a recluse in the western mist" want to step into the collegiate world to answer questions from hungry mouths? You might say it was his curiosity. Somehow I got the distinct feeling we were all here to entertain him.

My question was answered without ever being asked. Someone out of the crowd asked him something inaudible to me. The reply was, "By the way, the author of "Another Roadside Attraction" is dead. I'm new and I hope you are, too." In later meetings we never have discussed the book but I have learned much about him.

The trouble with expecting anything from Tom Robbins is that he is unpredictable (it might have something to do with being a magician by trade). Jean Paul Sartre said, ". . . it is a question of style." Robbins wrote, "Mystery is a part of Nature's style."

The most admirable thing about Tom is that he demands to be recognized as a person first and author last. If you learn to remember that lesson about writers, you'll be better off, he advises. There were times when Tom was let down, too, though. He elaborated by explaining that his meeting of a greatly respected author, Alan Watts, turned out a disappointment. He held a copy of "The Wisdom of Insecurity" with admiration. So it goes. . . Alan Watts died of a heart attack that night, November 16, and to Tom it isn't a mystery why he died.

Back home in LaConner Tom secretly studies under a Zen master. The Master is two years old and his name is Fleetwood. "He is the apple, the pineapple, the mango, the orchard of my eye."

Despite the fact that he would rather sit on a hollow log in the forest and write amusing letters to his friends, he does frequent the local tavern occasionally, encountering the phenomenon of being a backyard celebrity. "I know a hit when I see one," he says, as a funky country tune he selected from the juke-

box crooned, "Well-I-I, it's beer drinkin' music. . ."

When Tom left the table to dance (and whoop, whoop it up) a young man came over and whispered in my ear, "Is that Tom Robbins?" I nodded and he grinned, alancing back at the dance floor where Tom's white tennies had taken flight like you would not believe.

When Tom came back, not the least out of breath, the young man came over again to tell him how much he had enjoyed the book. "How'd you get yer inspiration?" he queried and then added with his own laugh, "I had you figured fer a junkie er sumthin'." (I smiled at this point, knowing that he really is a junkie. . . of life and mayonnaise.) "Well, it's just what's in my head," he offered deadpan as he gulped his beer.

Later that evening another man gasped when he introduced himself as Tom Robbins, extending his hand for a brief

handshake. "I've been wantin' to mee-choo for a long time!" the man exclaimed as his eyes lit up.

"Tom, we have things to talk about!" the man pleaded and reached for his shoulder like he was afraid Tom was going to leave.

"I just live up the hill. I'm usually home. . . come and talk to me sometime," he replied calmly and sincerely.

So there he lives and there he works on his second book, "Even Cowgirls get the Blues." If the old Navajo man was indeed telling the truth when he told Amanda, "The function of the artist is to provide what life does not. . ."

Mr. Robbins may or may not provide for you, yet he is still a person with nothing to lose and nothing to gain." He is definitely an outlaw for the fun of it.

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# the LAVENDER TROUBADOUR

In the summer of 1973, twenty nine people burned to death in a New Orleans bar, in a fire set by prejudice, ignorance, and misunderstanding. The absurdity of the fact that these people died because they were homosexual left pain and rage in the hearts of gays across the entire nation. This incident is not an isolated one. Gay people have been exposed to this kind of violence ever since the beginnings of written history. In the past this violence has kept the pride, dignity, and the right to live in our own unique life styles stuffed in the closet. The

The play, "The Lavender Troubadour", attempts to relate these facts by exposing all to the pain, suffering and frustration of what the "closet" entails.

The Seattle premiere of "Troubadour", last summer brought a variety of enthusiastic responses, all of which left those who saw the performance deeply affected. One woman wrote, "No one laughed. A lot of people cried. I was so moved by the impact of the performance that I made a very major mistake with the lighting....the "troubador" is not just for gay folks. It's for everyone to see how ridiculous and tragic oppression is".

Robert Sirico, the pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church in Seattle, said of the play, "It was like a sponge that you wanted to keep squeezing." Due to the intense audience involvement it was necessary for the last part of the play to be rewritten since some members of the audience were so deeply moved that they had to leave to pull themselves together.

"The Lavender Troubadour", is a story of two lesbian women whose relationship reveals the substance of gay oppression. This is a play which was designed not to merely throw around words like oppression, prejudice, etc., but to allow the audience gay and straight, to live the pain of this struggle for one night.

The Gay People's Alliance of Bellingham is proud to present this performance of "The Lavender Troubadour". We would like to personally invite you to this performance because it was written for you no matter what sexual orientation you might share.

Yours in Peoplehood,  
Members of the Gay People's Alliance,  
Bellingham

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Scientists testifying at subsequent Senate hearings to get DES out of beef described it as a chemical of "bizarre and far-reaching properties, chief of which is that it is a spectacularly dangerous carcinogen," and that the minute amount present in beef liver, three-tenths of a microgram, was "too high a concentration for such a powerful cancer causing drug."

In Aug., 1972, the FDA banned DES from cattle feed, but did not ban the 250-milligram dose of DES for women in the new morning-after pill.

Any woman who takes the 50-milligram dose daily for five days, which constitutes the morning-after pill, is ingesting 835,000 times the amount of DES that the FDA has declared "unfit for human consumption" in beef.

When some concerned women formed a group called Advocates for Medical Information and visited FDA officials in late 1972, they charged that millions of women were being given a massive dose of an experimental drug in the morning-after pill. The women alerted the media to the fact that this was the same drug reported to have caused vaginal cancer in female offspring. This caught the FDA in an embarrassing position. Said a spokeswoman for the group: "In order to undercut our complaints that women were being used as guinea pigs with an experimental, FDA-unapproved drug, on Feb. 21, 1973, the FDA approved it."

The tragedy is compounded since the morning-after pill is only 60 per cent effective in preventing pregnancy, according to estimates made by physicians with Ralph Nader's Health Research Group. In Oct., 1971, an article appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association which established the popularity of DES as a morning-after pill by informing physicians that DES was 100 per cent effective in preventing pregnancy. But investigations (by Advocates for Medical Information on the campus where the study of the morning-after pill's effectiveness took place) revealed that a large number of the women students in the study had not been followed up to determine if they had remained pregnant.

If a woman is more than 72 hours pregnant when

she takes the morning-after pill, it will not abort the embryo she carries, but that embryo will have been subjected to 40 times the amount of DES reported to have caused vaginal cancer in some female offspring. If women are not informed of the cancer-causing potential, they will not know that they should consider a therapeutic abortion if the pill fails.

Endometrial aspiration (a simple, painless procedure for early abortion) could be performed on those few who prove to be pregnant. But it is easy to see why endometrial aspiration is not being offered to millions of coeds. Nader's Health Research Group claims that universities are receiving grants from the National Institutes of Health to research various aspects of the morning-after pill. The amount of money received, and the prestige awarded to the researchers, gives many institutions ulterior motives for not providing endometrial aspirations. Once again, women all over the country—this time college coeds through their college health centers—are being entered into experiments, without their knowledge, to test the effectiveness of DES.

If researchers informed each woman of the alternatives to the pill as well as its possible side effects, as federal law obliges them to, few women would choose to take it. Where private gynecologists are concerned, it is often easier to push a prescription across a desk than to spend 20 minutes performing endometrial aspiration.

Many women turned to the morning-after pill when adverse side effects made them stop taking birth-control pills. "I thought it was manna from heaven when the doctor told me there was a morning-after pill available," said one woman. "I finally went off birth-control pills because I had so many problems. Then a friend pointed out to me that taking the morning-after pill is like taking a twenty-four months' supply of birth-control pills."

Excessive amounts of estrogen have been associated with serious side effects for many women. Thromboembolism, headache, accentuation of latent diabetes, nausea and depression are among the more commonly known. If a woman experiences serious side

effects from taking one-half milligram per day of estrogen in the birth-control pill, she risks dangerous ones from the 250 milligrams in the morning-after pill.

The Advocates' survey of 80 women who took the morning-after pill showed that virtually all had experienced severe nausea. Many were unable to keep down the 10 pills in the series, and some stopped taking them. Yet none were told that unless all 10 pills were taken, pregnancy would not be prevented, and another fetus would be exposed to DES.

Even worse, the morning-after pill is being given to a generation of young women whose mothers may have taken DES during pregnancy. These "DES daughters" may have precancerous conditions or undiagnosed cancer. Rather than testing these daughters for the presence of cancer, doctors are prescribing more DES in the form of the morning-after pill. Few women are asked their medical history before being given the morning-after pill.

Experts in hormonal cancer at the National Institutes of Health, Drs. Roy Hertz and Mort Lipsett, have stated that "DES is such a powerful carcinogen that it is used as a model for producing artificial cancers in animals." Other physicians have stressed that all estrogens given at comparable doses and for comparable periods of time as DES would cause the same carcinogenic effects (by accelerating the growth of cells). Yet the Center for Population Research of the National Institutes of Health is currently awarding contracts to university health services and family-planning agencies to test the effectiveness of other estrogens in place of DES as a morning after pill.

If the FDA were less protective of the profits of large drug companies, and the medical profession were less eager to do competitive research, we might assume that neither would want to repeat the mistakes of the 1940's and 1950's with a new DES drug. Nader's Health Research Group commented, "The story of the morning-after pill gives chilling witness to the recalcitrance of the FDA, the medical profession, and the drug industry to learn from tragic experiences."

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 need for a kind of excellence in political life that would certainly go against the grain in our political culture. In Aristotle's society you get an acceptance, for example, of slavery as being an institution that was necessary to make sure there was this cream of people at the top capable of directing affairs. And when he said that the diners should judge the quality of the chef's cooking, he wasn't talking about everybody. He was talking about those diners who were qualified to be judges by virtue of their education, etc. So it does seem to me that whatever kind of answer you come up with, in political terms it does mean more authoritarian and less libertarian, more communalistic and less individualistic societies. It doesn't mean that we are going to have an absolute monarch. But it does mean that the pendulum is going to swing back toward the other pole.

**There are a lot of dangers implied in all this.**

The dangers are of course enormous. The evils of classical politics are very well known: that once having put power in the hands of a few, the oligarchy or the monarchy, there is serious danger that power that is not by the people and of the people will not be for them, either.

**I gather that in some ways we are sort of going backwards.**

In a way, yes. If you look at the political philosophy of John Locke or the economic philosophy of Adam Smith you find them based on essentially cornucopian assumptions. Thinkers of previous eras could not use these assumptions because they were not true. But if we are now in a situation where the exponential growth curve has to level off, then we are back to the kind of political, economic and social assumptions that were characteristic of the time before 1650. To be sure, thanks to science and technology, we can't ever go back to the same world, but it is going to be much more like the pre-modern world than what we ourselves have known.

**Give us some of the ways in which we will.....**

I really can't be more specific. It is going to depend too much on the accidents of history. You can't make any predictions about what is going to be, nor can you really prescribe what it ought to be. What I have said is that it will be much more communalistic, much less individualistic, much more authoritarian and much less democratic or, in our sense, libertarian. The kind of democracy that we have — laissez-faire, mass democracy characterized by muddling through — is out. It is not going to work. And this is true, incidentally, whether or not you accept the *Limits to Growth* argument of running into scarcity or whether you accept its critics' argument that our technology will provide. Because you simply cannot have the man on the street making decisions on nuclear technology.

**Maybe at one point the person in the street will say, "O.K., I'll accept less electricity but I'm not going to let you build all those generators and set up those nuclear priests."**

This could be the trade that people will eventually make. It's conceivable that people will say, "I'll walk, but I want to maintain the power to make decisions." It is also equally, or more, conceivable that people will prefer to retain affluence and give up a certain amount of political autonomy. After all, for many people democracy is largely symbolic already. They don't feel like the man at the town meeting, standing up and having his say. You just can't do that as an individual anymore. The best you can do is join forces with other people in a club, in the League to Fight Indecency, or whatever. But it's not the same thing.

**You once mentioned something that intrigued me, about people having an energy allotment which they might be able to trade or buy or sell.**

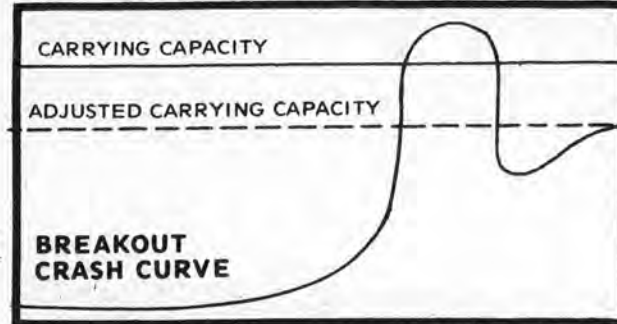
One possible long range technical answer would be to have a dual currency system. The price tag on a typewriter or sofa or car would have the price in dollars — the wages, the material, the overhead involved in building it. But it would also have an energy price attached to it — the amount of energy it required entirely apart from the cost in dollars. And everybody would have a ration book with *erg* coupons or BTU coupons or whatever. When you bought something you would have to pay the cash price and you would also have to pay the energy price.

**Are there other ideas along that line?**

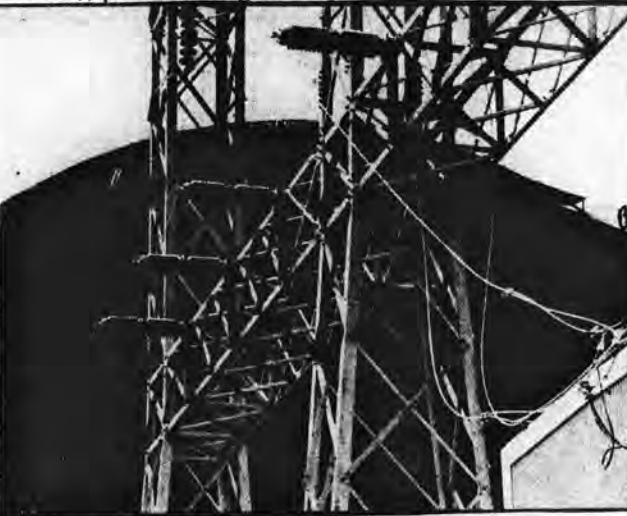
Herman Daly, who is perhaps the leading thinker in the field of stationary state economics, proposes that the government appropriate all resources — energy and materials — and set a limit each year on how much it is ecologically advisable to use, and then auction this quota off to the highest bidder. He believes that the resulting prices would reflect the true ecological — and not just financial — costs of production, and that energy-conserving, non-pollution technologies would be favored.

**What do you think are some of the more difficult decisions?**

The really big problem is that these decisions have to be made now, or very soon. If we expect to make this a smooth leveling off, instead of the kind of thing the *Limits to Growth* study shows, then we have to make decisions



very soon. If you don't, you can get something shown in this graph which in biology is called an "outbreak and crash." Growth continues over the level where it can be sustained over the long term, then it runs out of steam and crashes. Maybe it can creep up again. But maybe also we destroyed some part of the resources we need in the crash and so the equilibrium level is now considerably lower than it used to be. That's really the tragedy of it. It is hard to believe that in the near future you are going to have a massive awakening to the difficulty of our situation, and to the necessity to start planning and to making painful changes.



**Most people don't seem to realize that these shattering changes are on the way.**

As a nation we have been extraordinarily lucky. We had this cornucopia which allowed us all sorts of liberties and freedoms which we took for granted. Democracy is all very well when things are going well, when there is always *more*. But when things get tough, politics gets more like a poker game where there is no money added, where if I win, you lose. So if you get richer it comes out of my hide. Things can get pretty nasty then. The history of democracy when there is not a widespread value consensus is not a pretty one. Political theorists have always known that democracy is the hardest of all political systems to operate. It requires the people to determine the nature of the common interest and then to impose on themselves the sometimes onerous laws necessary to achieve it. It's much easier if you have somebody who does all this for you. Particularly if you are in violent disagreement about what the common interest is.

**Are you talking just about the modern era?**

Oh no. Take the history of Athens. The poor citizens would manage to outvote the rich citizens and then they would confiscate their wealth, drive them out of the city, do all sorts of bad things to them. Then the old guard would come back and you would have a regime where only the fat cats benefited, until there was another revolution. This is the very thing that drove Plato to write *The Republic*. In one of his letters, he said that the perpetual rise and fall of regimes in Athens made him "giddy." And of course he also had a personal motive: in the most recent revolution they had dislocated his family and taken away its wealth. But it was true; Athens in those days was like this. Governments rising and falling. Every time there was a war, if the war went badly they sacked the generals and put in a new pair. And so on. So democracy is an extraordinarily fragile and difficult social system.

**But can't it continue to work for us?**

Now that we are coming up against limits where hard choices have to be made, where sacrifices have to be made, there is some question as to whether we as a people are ready to face up to this kind of self-discipline. It's never happened to us before. We've been able to muddle through, to have a more or less amicable discussion over the spoils in exploiting this virgin territory. We can't do it anymore. There's a marvelous Will Rogers observation: he said in effect that we Americans are lucky. Want to grow some corn? Go out and homestead. Want oil in our houses? Go drill a hole in our backyard. But one day all of these things are going to run out and *then we are going to find out what kind of people we are*. I think that's true.

**How do you think we'll do?**

I hate to be pessimistic but I don't really think that Americans as a whole are capable of facing up to these hard choices and making these kind of self-disciplined policies and imposing them on themselves. I guess I can say this in part because I have experience in Japan even in a modern age with a relatively free market economic system, they still remain extraordinarily communalistic. I suspect the Japanese would adapt rather well to a stationary state economy. That's what they lived in for half a millenium. Their country was closed. They had to live in a spaceship. Maybe this is the answer to people who say, "Don't tell me about *Limits to Growth*. I don't want to hear about it because the thought of not being able to grow and living in this kind of stable society is so horrible I don't even want to think about it." The cultural achievements of the Tokugawa Era in Japan are widely admired all over the world. It was the era before the Meiji Restoration, before the opening of Japan. Kabuki, Japanese literature, haiku, Zen, brush painting, everything like that. Of course with that also went a political repression of the peasant class which you wouldn't want to endorse. But I'm convinced that's not a *necessary* feature of such a society.

**This is all pretty much of a downer. Do you see anything hopeful?**

If by "hopeful" you mean do I have any solutions to this, then the obvious answer is no. But I do have my definite preferences. I would prefer that we make a choice for an ethic that says the important things are not material, the things we need more and more of are not that much of an ecological drain. We could discipline ourselves, listen to people such as Thoreau or the Taoist philosophers. How do we get there from here? It takes a political miracle. As Plato says, there has to be a king who is a sage from birth. Eastern philosophers also tend to have the sage as the model, the man who has achieved through strenuous self-discipline a certain wisdom and spiritual enlightenment. At any rate, I'm afraid the answer, if there is an answer, is very likely to be one that involves fairly maximum leadership, probably religious or quasi-religious in nature. That has been the historical pattern. But basically the answer is inside people themselves. They have to be willing to discipline themselves. If they aren't, the discipline will be placed on them from the outside. There will be some Malthusian catastrophe, or the technocrats will be in charge, or some crazy Messiah will emerge from the backwoods just as Muhammad did.

**That's pretty heavy stuff when viewed from the present and our immediate past.**

True. Americans tend to think we are on a constantly upward surge. Things are good now, and they are going to get better and better. But in reality we are nearing the end of a kind of freak period in world history. It lasted a couple or three hundred years and in it a small number of people have had a tremendous number of resources. These people had a political idea that happened to suit the physical situation and so they were able to spend 300 years muddling through. Rather than things getting freer and freer and us getting richer and richer, we will be looking back on this period as a sort of aberration. There is a kind of natural law in the way civilizations rise and fall. In one way or another the fetters will be placed on men. It is simply a question of how. We still have very wide options to decide what form the future will take. We could, if we decided now, preserve almost everything that we really cherish and that is really necessary to our style of life. What we would be giving up would be from my point of view, and the point of view of the sages, of trivial importance.

photos by Tom Jones of "Maine Times"

# Cale & Cooder

One of the most imaginative and overlooked Britons of late is John Cale, of Velvet Underground and cello, bass and piano. No one who has heard Velvet Underground or Nico albums could expect what was to follow in Cale's career. In fact, not many have heard, and this is why I'd like to expose this secretive giant.

John Cale's program is to expand the limits of his musical expertise as far as possible. He has a wide command of string instruments, using each in many settings—rock 'n roll, modern classical, "jazz." Those familiar with the violin of "Heroin" have an idea of his bounds.

Cale's solo career began on record with two keyboard-oriented albums on Columbia played in an improvisational setting, "Church of Anthrax" and "Vintage Violence." On the former, keyboard and sax experimenter Terry Riley co-produced a heady and imageristic mix of themes regarding religion, famous places and chaos. Nary a word was spoken in comment, but the swirling rhythmic reeds and piano told the whole story. Texturally, it compares with Miles Davis' "In a Silent Way." Generally, it was ignored and now languishes in cut-out racks.

John switched to Reprise and brought out "The Academy in Peril" in June, 1972. Using the same instruments (guitar, piano, a string section, violin and can be likened to the "modern classics." The "Academy" album presents a challenge to the listener to accept his music, reflect this music, understand its personality.

The orchestral themes are titled "John Milton," "The Philosopher," "The Academy in Peril." In its presentation and scope, it represents a modern "Rhapsody in Blue."

The music itself varies from slide acoustic guitar, piano solo, violin solo and combinations of them all. It sounds bizarre, admittedly, but this album is a vast step forward in modern music. It is an instrumental portrait of a chaotic society and the men and ideas involved.

John Cale's latest effort, released February, 1973, is "Paris, 1919". Again the theme of the album circles around the nebulous aspect of social chaos—frustration, war, non-communication. The lyrics, aptly, are chaotic. Topics here range from "Macbeth" to "Paris, 1919" to "Child's Christmas in Wales." Surprisingly, this album falls most closely into a "soft" rock category. Employing Lowell George on guitar and Richie Hayward on drums (of "Little Fear"), "Paris" is more a conventional modern album—short songs with lyrics, guitar-bass-drums format. It is anything but ordinary.

Using his fine writing and exceptional arrangements between Cale's violins and George's slide guitars, "Paris, 1919" comes across as a critical but subtle look at the world. It is almost apolitical, more concerned about coping with chaos. That chaos is reinforced by a pervasive sense of surrealism in the lyrics.

Certainly, John Cale and imagination are not for everyone, but almost as certainly, something for all.

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With the onset of a Ry Cooder concert here on December 1, some will be wont to ask the nature of such a being.

There are many pickers around who play derivative music. In this sense, derivative refers to "rooted" music of at least three types: (1) regional music—such as Chicago Blues, (2) artists and music "schools" that played a heavy part in the development of an artist—say, the influence of B. B. King on Eric Clapton and (3) a sense of direction by performing songs which clearly indicate "roots." Ry Cooder has a stake in each category, though none more strongly than the third.

The past of Ry Cooder consisted primarily of session appearances on slide guitar, mandolin and guitars. Cooder was usually involved in rhythm parts or instrumental breaks on albums varying from Randy

Newman to Crazy Horse to the Rolling Stones. From 1967 to 1971, he probably participated on more than twenty albums.

This reviewer's introduction to Ry Cooder came on three albums bought in a two-month period early in 1971. The stunning bottleneck guitar on Randy Newman's "12 Songs" enhanced an immense appreciation of that album. The slide guitar work on "Crazy Horse" and "Let it Bleed" was equally impressive.

In spring of 1971, I then, with apprehension, clasped a copy of "Ry Cooder," released on Reprise. One glance at its cover revealed a great deal—a homespun-appearing person with a firm foot in the hallmarks of the past.

Likewise, the album is a distillation of low-key blues and modern songs, all with strong emphasis on the number's place in Americana. The songs range from Woody Guthrie to Randy Newman to Huddie Ledbetter. Showcased are his bassy blues voice, his fine mandolin and slide guitar.

The next opus, "Into the Purple Valley," released January, 1972, is an obvious step into the past. The first album is in some ways a sampler; the second is a closer look at Cooder's musical antecedents. Purple Valley shares the same sense of history as the earlier album, but is far more embellished in its arrangements and less of a straight-blues approach. There is considerable polish to the entire program. Rather than being a deficit, this approach opened the door to a wider audience. It is more melodic and less "purist," aided in part by Jim Keltner, Chris Ethridge and Van Dyke.

Conspicuous on its cover is a 1940 Buick and appropriate duds—the inside anthology contains Johnny Cash, Woody Guthrie and Washington Phillips (a spiritual). These songs were performed with additional horns, vibes and keyboards. In summary,

"Into the Purple Valley" is a kaleidoscope of modern white blues—exceptionally enjoyable.

The most recent installment in the Ry Cooder drama occurred September, 1972, with the release of "Boomer's Story."

This latest album takes the low-key blues format of the first album and blends it with a multi-cultural song anthology ranging from Mexico to railroads to urban "pop" songs.

Again, the tone of the album was indicated by the album art—a simple, friendly portrait of Ry. "Boomer's Story" is essentially a guitar-piano blues done in meticulous, harmonious fashion. Each song is performed with an ear to the blues in each song, despite the variety of origin. It's a simplistic collection of stories about railroads, hobos, presidents and good eatin! The instrumentals, "Maria Elena" and "Cherry Ball Blues" compliment the sense of culture and history.

In concert, Ry Cooder plays solo guitars of all colors and sings his blues favorites. He is a virtuoso both ways; good blues need good company.

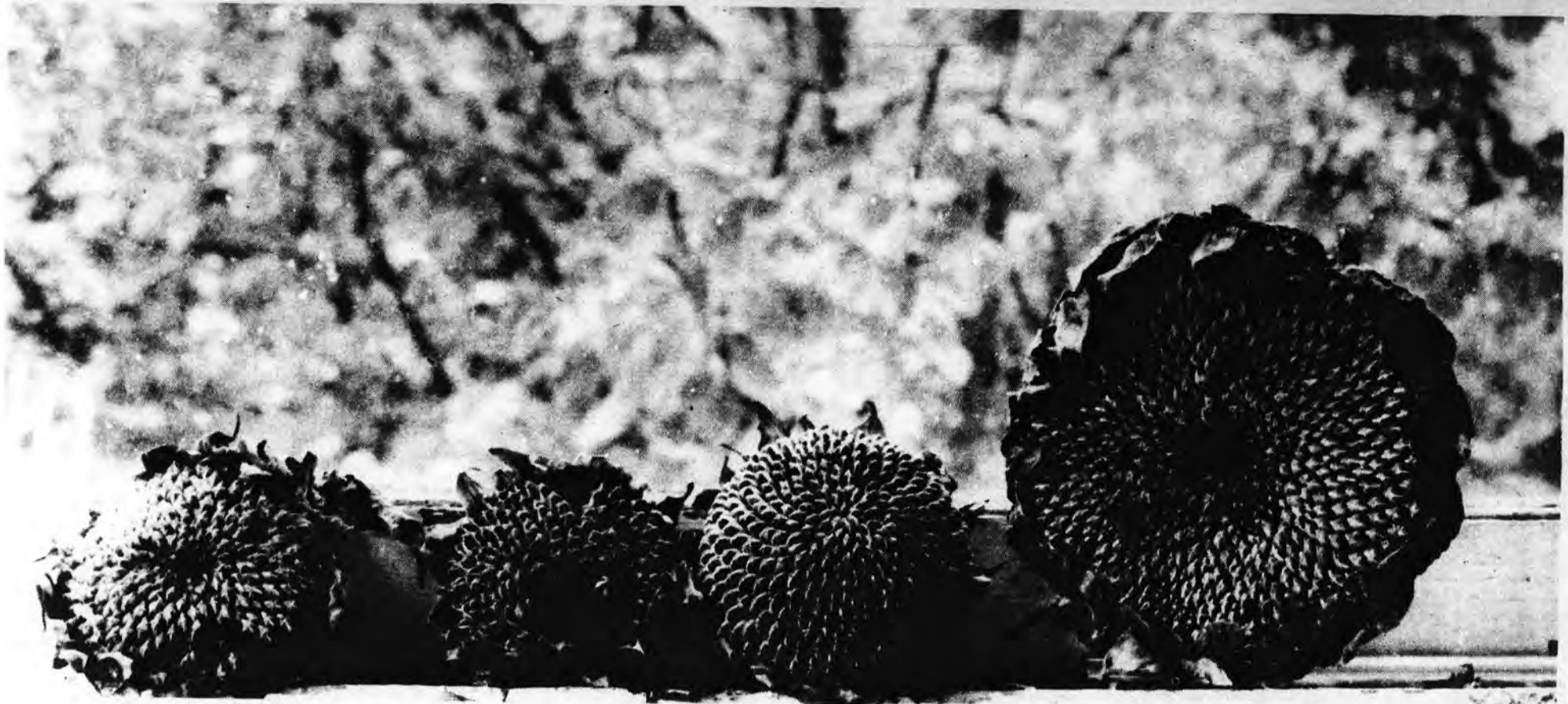
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Ry Cooder will be appearing at Western Washington State College in Bellingham on Saturday, December 1, at 8 p.m. in the Music Auditorium sponsored by the A. S. Program Commission. Tickets are \$2.50 each.

Tickets are available at the Viking Union Information Desk on campus, Puget Sound Records and the Fairhaven Tavern in Bellingham and also at Concerts Box Office in Vancouver, B.C.

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