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IN KEEPING WITH OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO DO OUR OWN THING WHEN IT COMES TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WE CLADLY OFFER OURSELVES AS COURIERS OF PEACE IN THE SAD AND SENSELESS MID-EASTERN MESS. SHOULD EL FATAH CHOOSE TO RESPOND, THE PAGES OF THE EAST VILLAGE OTHER ARE AT THEIR DISPOSAL.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FATAR

our goals, we do not understand your strategy.

feel that it is essential for us to start discussing these ings NOW. To this end, we invite you to begin discussing with the solution to the differences between our peoples here, in e open, in the pages of this press. We are sure that what you ite in the interest of Peace will be printed, and we are sure at anything sent to the press in our country will be printed.

The National Union of Israel Students

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THE CLOCK IS TICKING FAST AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT. IF AND WHEN THE REAL SHIT HITS THE FAN IN THE MIDDLE EAST, VIETNAM WILL BE JUST A MININIGHTMARE OF THE PAST.

THIS MAY BE THEIR LAST CHANCE AT SOME REASONABLE DIALOGUE.

LET'S NOT FUCK IT UP WITH HANGUPS OF THE PAST.

PEACE * SALAAM * SHALOM *

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DON'T PAY IT!

It's Illegal and Unconstitutional

The subway fare increase is illegal and unconstitutional. The government owns the subways and only the elected officials have a right to increase the fare. They cannot delegate this right to non-elective officials. They have illegally passed the buck to the Transit Authority.

The City Council Wouldn't Dare!

The only time the City Council tried to raise the fare was in 1948 when it voted 18-2 against an eight-cent fare!

The Councilmen well understand that the taxing authority is invested in elected officials and cannot be legally delegated to others. But these cowardly and crooked politicians proceet to transfer their duties to the TA. And they allowed the TA to pass the present exhorbitant fare increase—

Secretly and Without a Public Hearing

the tiny clique responsible for this swindle announced it one day and virtually carried it the next. The people weren't even allowed to discuss the conditions of a subway they them selves were supposed to own! If we, the people, own the subways, why can't we call our managerial employees to order? Why didn't they dare to let us in on their plans?

Why Didn't the People Vote On It?

There is supposed to be a people's referendum on any fare increse. This was implicit in the measure by which the city took over the subway system in the first place. And the very fact that a referendum had to be held at that time should prove that a referendum must surely be held now — on a move which imperils the very livelihood of so many of the city's residents.

Don't Blame the Subway Workers!

The subway workers are allegedly getting an 18 per cent raise (in two years). But all the other workers are paying a 50 per cent fare increase — RIGHT NOW. Who gets it? The bankers who used to own the BMT and the IRT and who now milk the subways by drawing hundreds of millions in tax-free interest on city bonds!

The Subways Belong to the People

The subways were built by the people; they are operated by the people; they are financed by the people; and they have been paid for ten times over by the people.

It's About Time the People Rode Free on Their Own Subways

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Dear EVO-

I'm writing you this letter because you're my only "hometown" newspaper worth writing to, besides I don't think the Daily NEWS would consider printing this letter as a public announcement.

I split from the USS WASP 15 months ago and according to the NEWS, I've been a "deserter" ever since. Since "Tricky Dicky And Company" has been pulling off a lot of mean shit lately, I think the time has come for me to tell "What Every Boy Should Know About Sweden". First and foremost—you're safe here!! Uncle Shit is a pretty ugly figure in the eyes of the average Swede, so they'll do a lot to help you.

But before anyone decides to split to Sweden, there are a few things you should realise before coming there and not after. Although the Swedish government will pay you to go to school to learn Swedish, you should realize it is a hell of a hard language to learn. The government will find you a place to live, but don't expect anything that resembles good. There is a pretty big housing shortage here. Forget all the dirty little stories you've heard about Swedish girls. The truth is Swedish girls on the whole are no prize. They are probably the most neurotic in the world. Sweden is a damn cold country both mentally and physically. It's also small if you happen to be from New York.

Stockholm is the only city here worth talking about. If you're a doper, you should know that hash goes for \$2 a gram but trips are \$10 each. If you're not dealing, the cops won't truck with you.

For all those in college-you must have 60 credits before you can enter the University in Sweden. If you're a worker, the average pay is about \$100 a week but 30% gues to tax.

The last and maybe mos important thing to realize is that you're going to become very lonely Although almost all Swedes car speak English, it's very hard to make your feelings understood. As I said before Swedes are a cold people.

If anybody out there has any questions about Sweden, or the draft dodgers, or doctors here, feel free to write besides, I feel pretty lonely myself and would dig getting mail from "My Fellow Americans."

Peace Roy Krzeminski % STARFELT Henriksdahlsringen 99 VII Nacka 5. SWEDEN

She Is Curious (Pinkoe

Dear EVO-

Could you tell me if the RAT is male or female. I'm just beginning to believe in Woman Power, and I'm too shy to ask RAT. This might hurt its (?) feelings.

Love
Originator of GIAW
(God is A Woman)
Anna Maria Leving
ED—Actually, the RAT is a rodent
hermaphrodite compensating for
feelings of sexual inferiority on both

There's A Big Purge A-Comir',

Dear EVO-

The righ young Gods deign to "de their thing" upon their heavenly electric stage... high above the masses of the peasantry... who wallow about and squat down in a "New Year's At Times Square" type limbo to attend the pointless sermons; to be exorbitantly taxed; to be in youthfully sincere, idealistically innocent adoration of the well-payed gods. The "movement" sacrifices its self-image to pay homage (and bread) to the well-payed Gods. Beautiful? Can we get any LOWER? We could go straight, I suppose—still....

There IS NO DREAM!!! The root festival is no religion! Must ou movement continually bow to and surrender to and beg from capitalis schemes only to fill heads with momentary sugar plums to avoid the pain of the present? Give up these absurd adorations of the false abstract candy-cane phalluses and PREPARE FOR THE PURGE. Fo while we dream away our lowly existences, the much hater ESTABLISHMENT is quite down to earth in plotting our extinction. Happy New Year and may the Good Lord have mercy on us and give strength and wisdom to those who are right.

Mose ED Quite so, but have you eve thought of using a magnifying state to write with? We got one of thos

Hoover Rips Off Sputnik

J. Edgar Hoover of the fbi is celebrating his 75th birthday, and the Times and what all are letting upeasants know what a misunderstood bureaucrat he really is, so I thought would share some thoughts with you that LNS apparently thinks are too hot for them. J. Edgar makes a bideal over how he won't ask anything this men that he won't do himself like how he even went and sho Johnny Dillinger with a bang bang when Dillinger had a turncoat gir friend with him, and J. Edgar went

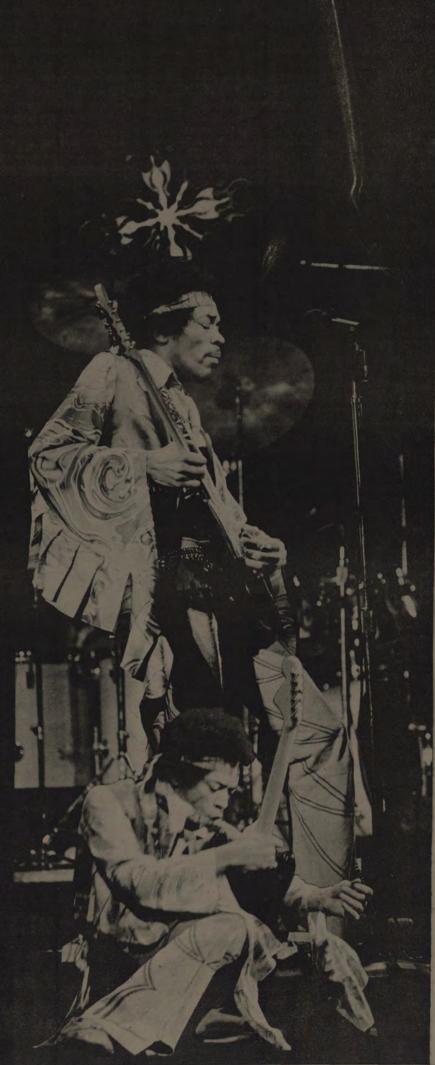


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YOUNG LORDS





TUESDAY, JAN FIFTH: AS OF THIS WRITING THE YOUNG LORDS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE EVICTED FROM THE SPANISH METHODIST CHURCH ON 111TH STREET AND LEXINGTON AVE. IN EAST HARLEM SOMETIME TODAY OR EARLY TOMORROW(WED) MORNING. A CONTEMPT OF COURT CITATION WAS ISSUED YESTERDAY FOR THE LORD'S FAILURE TO RESPOND TO AN INJUNCTION TO QUIT THE CHURCH LAST FRIDAY.

THE LORDS OCCUPIED THE CHURCH AFTER SERVICES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ªTH, AFTER PRESIDING REVERBING CARZANA REFUSED TO ALLOW THE PREMISES TO BE USED FOR A CHILDREN'S REAKFAST PROGRAM.

A PREVIOUS OCCUPATION ON DECEMBER 7TH ENDED IN A POLICE RAID AND 13 ARRESTS-INCLUDING THAT OF LORDS NEW YORK CHAIRMAN FILIPE LUCIANO WHOSE WRIST WAS BROKEN IN THE MELEE. THE LORDS HAD BEEN MEETING WITH CARZANA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS BUT THE REVEREND CLAIMED THAT THE CHURCH WOULD SET UP IT'S OWN BREAKFAST PROGRAM.

THE SECOND OCCUPATION HAS BEEN MARKED BY HIGH FESTIVITY-AND SOME FEAR. BLACK, BROWN, RED YELLOW AND WHITE RADICALS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SLEEP IN THE CHURCH AND SHOW THEIR SUPPORT. THE REGULAR PARISHIONERS, IN TURN, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO CONDUCT THEIR USUAL SERVICES.

"THIS IS THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH" LORDS INFORMATION MINISTER YARUPA SAID OVER THE WEEKEND." TO MANY PEOPLE IT REMAINS A SACRED PLACE AND IT IS A SACRED PLACE FOR ALL OF US. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NOW WE HAVE WON THIS BATTLE AND THEY CAN NEVER TAKE THE VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH AWAY FROM US."

THE PROGRAM IN THE CHURCH HAS INCLUDED A LIFERATION SCHOOL TEACHING MATH, SPANISH AND PUERTO CHURCH AWAY FROM US."

THE PROGRAM IN THE CHURCH HAS INCLUDED A LIFERATION SCHOOL TEACHING MATH, SPANISH AND PUERTO RICAN HISTORY TO THE CHURCHEMS AS SUBSTENTIAL MEDICAL PROGRAM: A PREAFFAST PROGRAM AND FREQUENT POETTY READINGS AND MUSICAL CONNERTS BY SUCH PERFORMERS AS CHEZ MARTINEZ AND PEPPY AND FLORA. A SPECIAL CLEANUP ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO LEAVE THE CHURCH"FETTER LOOKING" THAN WHEN IT WAS FIRST OCCUPIED.

VAS FIRST OCCUPACY OF WHITE RADICALS SEIZED THE OFFICE OF THE RELIGIOUS CENTER AT 1/75 RIVERSIDE DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE YOUNG LORDS.

(A MORE DETAILED REPORT ON THE YOUNG LORDS WILL FOLLOW NEXT WEEK)

LET IT BE(ATLE)

LET IT BE(ATLE) LET IT BEatle "Me I just wait so patiently With my woman on the floor We're just trying to do this jigsaw

Before it rains anymore.

When the train left the station It had two lights on behind. Oh the blue light was my baby And the red light was my mind." LET IT BE ... atle

let it beATLE

Pick as many as you like before proceeding to GO!

-James Lichtenberg



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No year would be complete without it, even if it took right up to the 52nd week to happen, talk of the Beatles splitting up. "It's the 27th time," said a gentleman at Capitol records, "Everytime they finish a record John talks about going his own way ... No, there is nothing official about it, but with the Beatles you never know. If it's going to happen it will." Lennon did two interviews in England, one in the New Musical Express and the other in Melody Maker, venting frustrations that go all the way back. Paul is the chief villain, the super-slick organisation man and John is the

But don't panic. Three more Beatle Ip's will definitely be sold, an

album of oldies but greaties, never before albumized should be in the stores as you read this under the title to Capitol, a beautifully re-mixed version of "Hey Jude" and the nearly inaudible "Old Brown Shoe" "Paperback Writer", "Lady Madonna" and much much more. The other two lp's were to be the double album "Get Back", whose release has been pushed back coincide with the release of their film, and both film and album will now be called "LET IT BE" (any similarities to titles living or stoned is pure). If they're going to imitate anyone it might as vell be Jagger and Co.; certainly this year if you had only one album to buy (a colossally absurd idea) I think

it should have been "Let It Bleed" The Stones are the only Titans who continue to thrive (if in a somewhat ghastly atmosphere) as the Beatles and Dylan start to fade. (Oh yes, there's "Tommy" too, well, it's absurd ... "she knows too much to argue or to judge" B. Dylan, "Love Minus Zero/No Limit".)

Of the albums that have crossed my path in the last several months, none has given more sweet stoned pleasure than Neil Young's 'Everybody Knows This Is Nowhere". The dark genius of the Springfield and now Crosby, Stills, Nash, Young, Taylor and Reeves, Young is unquestionably one of the most gifted writers and performers anywhere. It's not noisy and it's

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DON'T TELL ME I'M GONNA GET A THIS Government and it came, acco to the rubber stamp on the co-from the offices of the good Leon by david Farbstein of the 19th Congres District; hell, I couldn't go w Wow! Imagine 175 questions and answers "interestingly and accurately portrayed" no less; well, there was no mistaking that invitation. I was feverish with anticipation. The first question seemed straightforward enough: "What is the Y0-Y0

purpose of the American Government?" The answer could have been written by any fifth grader who had memorized the preamble to the Constitution, "We the people of the United States in Order to form a more perfect union... do establish this Constitution for the United States of America." Fine answer but no answer at all, it merely explained the government by saying that it was a product of the Constitution, but didn't explain what the Amerkcan government's purpose was or indeed what purpose meant (it was all preamble I kept telling myself). Alright, the writer of the booklet was overwhelmed by the question and sought the easy way out. No one's perfect and why not give the House of Representatives a second chance So far so . . . just as I expected, I read

"How are both democratic and republican principles of government embodied in the government of the United States of America? (Two for one question, the big one) Ah, here was a question which was sure to be chock full of the right phrases, plus a little tub-thumping and mug-wumping to be sure. And the answer: "The national government is a form of representative democracy; a pure democracy (where all affairs remain in the hands of the people) is not practible because of the geographical size and large populations, and the fact that the masses of citizens do not have sufficient leisure for the continuous direct participation in public business." I puzzled over the last part of that answer, such anti-language, this new government shorthand slang. Perhaps they meant that the average citizen didn't have the time to serve on special subcommittees and take junkets around the world. Perhaps it meant that the citizen can't be bothered with all the needless protocol which goes on in Washington and passes for human relations. Perhaps the answer meant that normal citizens, like Dostovevsky's Grand Inquisitor, do not feel the compunction to take the worries of their fellows on their own shoulders as our public servants seem so fond of recalling only at election time. Perhaps the answer meant that ordinary citizens weren't qualified to judge what was right for them and that those magically democratically elected representatives knew (Continued on Page 16)

Confederation or the Declaration of

Independence which appeared in my

high school history text which sought

to explain exactly the nature of

American government. Whenever

anyone did manage to explain the

Constitution he would use terms

which were indigenous to the

document itself, newspeak of the lowest form ... and bad logic to

So here was a booklet about the

United States, maybe I was going to

learn something, get an insight to

clear up all that leftist confusion.



JIMMY, WAS A JET IN THE U.S. AIR-FORCE HELPING TO FIGHT THE VIETNAM WAR. HE WAS VERY PROUD OF THIS AND OF HIS SHINY WINGS AND HIS PRETTY GLASS CUPOLA AND THE FLUFFY, WHITE CONTRAILS HE LEFT IN THE AIR, OF COURSE, JIMMY WAS TOO SMALL TO BE A REIL BOMBER, IT WAS JIMMY'S JOB TO FLY OVER PLACES TO BE BOMBED...

...AND FIND THE TARGETS. THEN
HE WOULD TELL THE BIG JETS
WHERE TO BOMB, AND FLY
BACK HOME. SOMETIMES, IT
MADE JIMMY FEEL SAD TO
SEE THE BIG JETS FLYING
OVERHEAD ON HIS WAY HOME.
HE WISHED HE COULD DO SOME
BOMBING BUT HE KNEW HE
WAS TOO LITTLE!

THOME. THE
OTHER JETS
PAYED LITTLE
ATTENTION TO
JIMMY, ESPECIALLY HIS HERO,
SAM SUPERSONIC. SAM
WAS THE BIGGEST JET ON THE
BASE HE FLEW
HIGHER AND
DROPPED BIG
GER BOMBS
THAN ANY OTHER
JETS LOOKED
UP TO SAM.

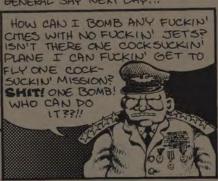


L'HERE WAS ONE BAD JET ON
THE BASE, BILLY BLOCK BUSTER WHO MADE FUN OF
JIMMY SOMETIMES. "HA, HA!",
HE WOULD LAUGH,
YOU'RE JUST TOO FUCKIN'
SMALL FOR THIS AIRFORCE;
WHY DON'T YOU
FUCKIN' GO BACK TO
FUCKIN' PALISADES
PARK?



THEN ONE DAYTHE BIG JETS RAN A MISSION OVER A BIG CITY IN VIETNAM AND ALTHO THEY MANAGED TO DE-STROY MANY VALUABLE SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, DAMS, RESERVOIRS AND CHURCHES, THE ENEMY'S FLAK GUNS DROVE THEM OFF, MANY OF THEM NEVER CAME HOME. THE ONES WHO DID, INCLUDING BILLY AND SAM, WERE HURT SO BADLY THEY COULDN'T FLY FOR DAYS,

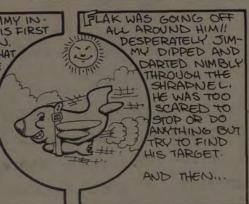
"SON OF A BITCH!", DIMMY HEARD THE BENERAL SAY NEXT DAY...







BO, OFF FLEW JIMMY INTO THE SKY ON HIS FIRST
BOMBING MISSION.
HE WONDERED WHAT
IT WOULD BE LIKE
TO BE SHOT AT.
"WHAT DO YOU DO
AFTER YOU'VE
BEEN SHOT?"
JIMMY JET WON
DERED, BUT BEFORE HE COULD
THINK OF AN
ANSWER... HE
FOUND OUT!!!

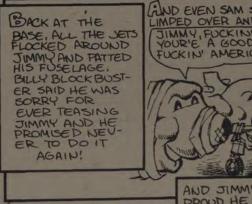






JUND THEN, FAR BEHIND. HE HEARD THE BOOM OF HIS FIRST BOMB GOING OFF AND NOW HE WAS PROUDER THAN EVER!



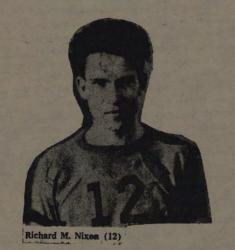




BO TODAY, JIMMY
JET IS THE HAPPIEST JET IN THE
U.S. AIRFORCE
AND WE SHOULD
ALL THANK HIM FOR
SAVING US FROM
COMMUNISM.
DON'T YOU WISH
YOU COULD BE
LIKE JIMMY
JET?







POOR PARANOIDS

I'M A CREATURE OF HABIT! WHY DO I HAVE TO SIT DOWN AT THE DAMN TYPEWRITER EACH WEEK AND HAVE TO TURN OUT A PIECE! I HATE THIS DAMN TYPEWRITER! BESIDES, I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY.

ALMANAC

BY ALLAN KATZMAN



One of the potentially good things about the present ferment in the art world is the way it is pushing stodgy institutions to show that they are "with it." Unfortunately this does not work out well in practice, since these attempts at being with it often make it painfully clear how totally without it these institutions are. Like the current SPACES show at what more and more people are referring to as the "Modern" Museum, with Modern in quotation marks.

The SPACES show is five to ten years behind the pop world in its content and must make everyone painfully aware that there are now two cultures in this country, the real one and the plastic one to be seen at the "Modern." This show should make everyone realize that it is no longer the "Modern" which sets trends in the art world—though god knows, it did enough harm while it was setting the trends—but the real culture, the pop culture, the freaks and the people.

The most successful part of the show is the strobe light environment in the garden by a group called PULSA. This gives you an idea of the standards, since as any one can tell you people were doing strobe things at discotheques five years ago. But for this contribution to high culture the PULSA group has been given fellowships, research grants, the sponsorship of Yale University, and the imprimatur of the "Modern."

The other five rooms, and the atmosphere connecting them, are not very exciting rehashes of the happenings and *environments attempted over the last ten or twelve

One of the potentially good things THE EMPERORS NEW BALLS by ALEX GROSS

years. One man has an all-white room, another has an all-black one, a third uses fluorescent tubing with singular clumsiness, a fourth has a refrigerated room with trees planted in an improvised garden, a fifth seeks to mystify you with pieces of canvas labeled in German. No doubt it is all very stirring stuff for the "Modern," but it does not add up to very much. It would not even be worth discussing but for the dangers of the pseudo-theories that purport to justify it.

Happenings and environments are among the most important phenomena of our time, not just artistically but socially, but what we have at the "Modern" is not only the sorriest selection of these seen in a long time but in reality a continuation of all the old hypes and frauds perpetrated by the "Modern" in the fifties. In the act of transferring these genres to the museum the curators have emasculated them into what usually passes for art on Fifty-Third Street and turned them into something vague, vacuous, and without meaning for self or society.

We have all heard the usual defenses for this sort of art advanced by the minimal and conceptual apologists—we know that we are supposed "to see space anew," "to come to a fresh awareness of reality," or "to explore the seeming emptiness of the universe." Much the same

apologies were put forward for abstract expressionism a decade ago, and what we have here are much the same defensive explanations advanced out of the same vacuum of sense and feeling. This is the art of an age (or perhaps of a social stratum) that does not want to look very deeply into itself for fear of what it may find.

In a previous article I have spoken of Eisenhower Art (or IKE ART) and the tasteful vacuities of the fifties, and in the SPACES show we have what may be a perfect example of NIX ART or Nixon Art, the drab evasions of the seventies. Let us be thankful that it does not represent the whole, or even a significant part, of today's real culture.

The all-white room and the all-black room are the real giveaways-they are the twin cliches of the so-called "modern" style. The all-white rooms and all-white walls of the "Modern" were at one time considered the pinnacle of taste and exuded high cultural ecstasy to those who walked among them-today they seem merely drab and unimaginative. And the black room is even more revealing-if the uptown art world has a single esthetic slogan nowadays. it is "Put It In A Black Plexinlass Box." It is perhaps the ruling cliche, and an artist who makes almost

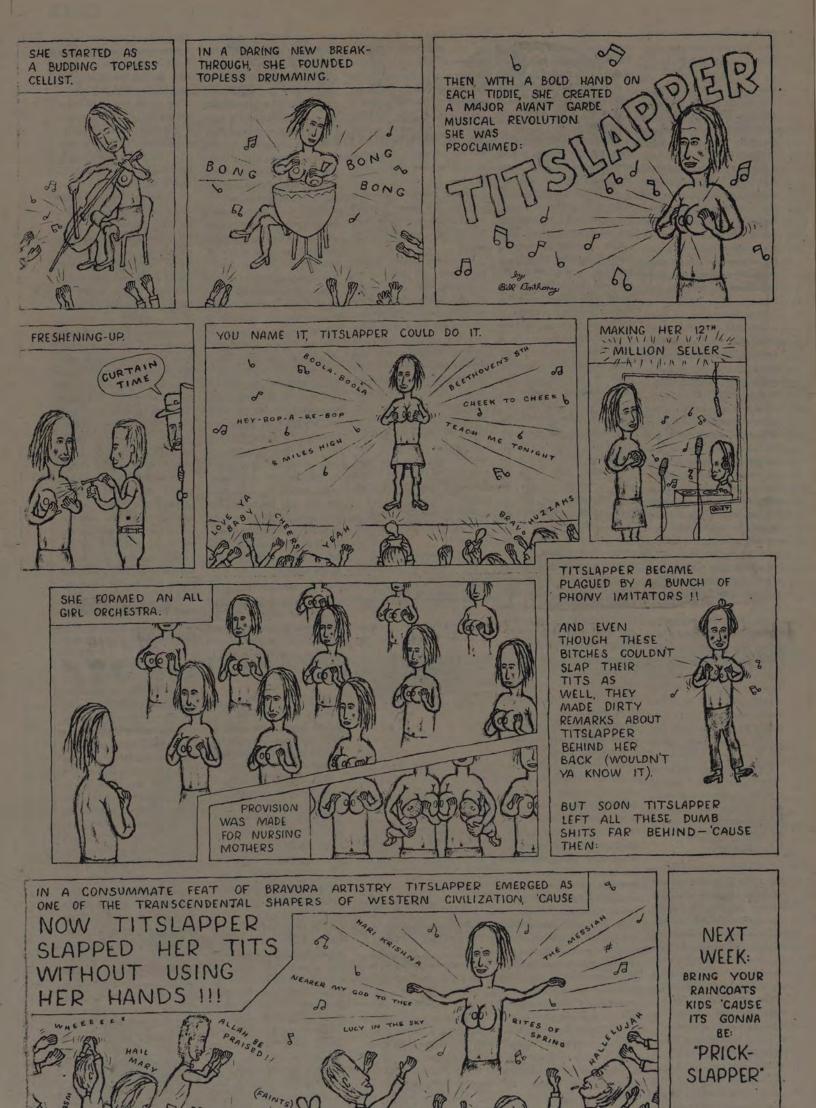
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Ceremonies December 31, 1969

New York City





NEWSSPEAK

better . . . and D.C. ain't. Ashtabula. Perhaps . . . but I didn't know, 'it was all news to me what the book said, the little orange book.

Paging through the whole of the 175 questions about the United States government was a heartening experience. I noticed that most of the questions were about proceedure, protocol and the mechanics of government; they had little to do with the philosophy behind why such a government existed. Maybe none was needed, maybe a government only exists by the force of the rhetoric in which it can clothe itself. The mantle of authority thrust on the shoulders of the legislators is ine, symbolizing the power of the State, but more likely the

Our American Government" will never make the best seller list (they're giving it away for the asking). Unfortunately, very few people will read it because it comes from the government printing office through the House of Representatives. It should be read by every radical in the country. More can be learned about the United States Government than all the gassings of civilians in demonstrations, all the massacres, police actions, and poverty wars. The only way one can realize the government mentality is to read what it says about itself, and how it defines and qualifies what it says. Reading this informative little booklet gives a macabre insight into the way our world can end ... in a jumble of officialeze jargon and double entendres. (For another example of a well-meaning document sans booklet there's always Stalin's edition of the Soviet Constitution of 1937.)

The implications of the booklet are staggering. What matters in affairs of state is not what is done (very little is done anyway according to a recent Times front-page story which denounced federal poverty programs as meaningless and badly organized). No, actions do not a government make. The most important thing a ment does, is to set the stage for democratic power. It doesn't matter what is done as much as the way in which something is done. The business of government becomes the business of entertainment and public relations... show biz. (Anyone considered lobbyists who spend their time wining and dining prospective senators and congressman as base public relations men, or just simple press agents? Next time you're down in D.C. check out your friendly lobbyist, not your congressman, and chances are you'll find both at the same whorehouse). Everyone knows that the President of the United States uses the news media as public relations. Cut to take 69" "Take this

re, son, while I'm standing v this colored fella, bring the picture back to me and then we'll caption it ... or, if we leak the story that Spiro got busted in Flagstaff, Arizona for peyote, maybe we'll be able to keep the war going and get those dope fiends on our side" ... So it

Nowhere in this little pam there any exigesis of the Constitution. Nowhere can one find a philosophical discussion of Constitutional issues. Everything is defined by the thing it defines, the Constitution by constitutional language. Most of the questions are taken up in learning the mechanics of Congress or the Senate. For that alone, Citizen Everyman (sans street-issue culottes) could get annoyed. That such a cumberso set of regulations and proceedures



could even hope to run a country the size of the United States boggles the imagination and incidentally the swift function of governing. That the men entrusted to such power as they have (neatly and quite sweetly defined in the Articles of Confederation) have to act on such paltry philosophical basis as denoted, presumably in this book is a wonder . . . a wonder that they don't choke in their own red tane.

Power to the people? Nowhere in this booklet is either "people" or 'power' defined (just like the Radical Ultra Left), or even mentioned. If one happened on this booklet from another country, laughter would erupt. That such a country could be run by such antiquated rules which make no allowance for technical problems, progress, or even electricity . . . Not only is behavior ritualized, but the newspeak of the ritual is taken to have meaning!! There's always the little red book, pink book, yellow book, always Kropotkin, Bill Heywood, Rosa Luxembourg and a host of other radicals to follow. But OUR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT What Is It? (an ungainly child who is just learning to use its hands and head) How does it Function? (by the grace of god and a little help from its friends). If radicals want to get food for thought, they can send for House Document No. 530 from the 89th Congress, 2nd Session), costs a few cents but crystalizes the Conspiracy and the Panthers grievances . . . right Mom, it condemns its own inefficiency with its own language.

BE(ATLE)

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comewhat subtle, but his music glides you down into real and dark mbiguities of experience (like the Beatles of "Norwegian Wood" or the Stones of just about everything they do). Young draws on folk and country, the way Jagger and Richard each then putting the music through his own head until he has refined and created something absolutely

Young and his moonlight group Crazy Horse hold one of the prom for the early part of the next decade. So, perhaps, if it comes to fruition, does a group which Boz Scaggs (he released a very enjoyable if not violently distinguished album called "Boz Scaggs", produced by Rolling Stone editor Jann Wenner) is putting together with pieces of the Sir Douglas Quintet, a Texas honky blues group of mind-blowing grass root reality that pinwheeled out of existence in San Francisco I really like the chemistry of that, sure hope

And another year has gone by, but we have yet to deal with the super fantastic all-time greatest skeleton in the closet of rock-why one of the most beautiful, richest and mysterious albums ever done. Van Dyke Parks "Song Cycle" was a \$38,000 loss for Warner Brothers records. But that's something worth getting into all by itself. If you don't know it and would like to start things off with a difficult but potentially incredibly satisfying musical trip, do "Song Cycle". It may help to be very stoned on something sweet, and it may take sevaral good hard listens. I hated it the first several times, and thought the friend who turned me on to it had freaked completely. He had, of course, but sometimes its not on the surface. May old acquaintance be revived. Come down off those methadrine horses into the lazy meadows of timeless beautiful things.

Charity is unacceptable. At a time when both financial and political means are available for a valid. continuing, dignified alternative to noverty (social injustice), to promote a system of charity rather than insisting on real changes is copping out. ("Alice in Wonderland" may still be the ultimate political allegory, When voicing his objections to publicly supported and available birth control, the Archbishop of Washington, D.C. said, "Why that would kill off the poor. It's genocide!" Certainly a worthy successor to the congressional remark objecting to the proposed \$1,000 per person income tax deduction, "Why, it would give people with large families a tax advantage." And Alice picked up her flamingo and knocked the hand grenade (disguised as a crocket ball) right up the steps of the injustice Department.)

But, unfortunately, although change is now and things that see solid are not, there are still a lot of people suffering poverty as a consequence to the injustices of our social structure. It was a fine gesture, Kenny Rankin, to do a show at the Electric Curcus (the Sunday before Christmas) admission being a gift for a child. Deftly coordinated beforehand through Inspector Fink and distributed through the auspices of the 9th precinct, another distinguished effort (in the vein of the Fillmore/Fuzz football games) to let the blue meanies know that freaks are fine people, baby lovers not be eaters. After all, we've been officially endorsed by evangelist Billy Graham (at the Miami Festival)-"I love these kids"-who smilingly listened as a happy long hair told him he was praying for "good weed". (Jesus, that's just all right with me.)

The Electric Circus gig was also deftly coordinated by Rankin and Mercury records to coincide with the release of his second album "Family". The cover features two fantastic photographs by Richard Avedon (the "lead" photographer who did those four beautiful acid-photography Beatles portraits) the front one especially showing a naked (but modest) Rankin with his two naked (and equally modest) beautiful daughters. Musically the album has no relation to its title, but is a collection of some fine songs including the most tragic rock song ever written, Stephen Stills' "Four Days Gone" (heard in the original on the Springfield's "Last Time Around"), "Dock of the Bay" and While My Guitar Gently Weeps" Hope this will be taken in the friendly spirit in which it is said, but, after meeting him, I think the album is vastly over-produced and over-slick. Little of his dense New York personality and humor comes through, which is a real loss. He was raised 'uptown', lived on the roofs, and was bannished from Johnny Carson's show, where he appeared several times, after he told an interviewer about his childhood as far from affluent New Yorker and mentioned (horror of horrors) that some of his friends were junkies. (So, if you're interested in making it with Carson don't tell anybody about your friends.) The only original song on the album he wrote with his wife, Yvonne, "Soft Guitar" which is simply that. He does play the guitar very well, and described a jam with Jimi Hendrix at Hendrix's upstate home, just the two of them, Hendrix playing an accoustic steel string guitar. He was tripping, said it went fantastically well, and the night ended with a mystical experience on a hillside of virgin woods as the sun came up in a halo of trumpets. "I reached out and touched the sky."

Ingenuous interviewer: 'Why don't you do an album called Wise pop star: Why don't I do one

lled "Sugar Bags"? Kenny Rankin's next album will probably be called "Sugar Bags", and if you think about his boyhood

Child of the '50's though it was, when the '50s ended rock had too, almost. Ray Charles and a couple of others kept the coals glowing in the early '60s until the energies of the folk movement, Dylan, Beatles, Stones. Airplane et al. made it the most significant cultural and revolutionary force of the decade. The '60s are really the decade of Rock, and inspite of the somewhat freaked vibrations of the last couple of weeks. Woodstock and Altamont (Stones free concert) are the evident manifestations of rock's universal

The Museum of Modern Art (far from a revolutionary or even 'modern" institution but interesting to watch as a reflection of the established powers) chose 11 films as the trend setters of the '60s. Only three are American movies, 'Psycho", Warhol's "The Chelsea Girls" and . . . ready . . "Easy Rider". In announcing the choices the following clarification was made: 'Some of the films-particularly 'Easy Rider'-point to where it is going from now on." Very interesting, 'Easy Rider' could not have ever come to be without rock. Apart from the incredibly heavy contribution which already composed and together songs made as a sound track (most of the time their lyrics were as significant as the dialogue) the whole film was saturated with the strength and feeling of rock. Richard Goldstein said (in the New York Times), talking about the essential simplicity of rock: "Why the Beatles would sacrifice 46 of their 48 channels to recapture it. And Dylan had to cut his hair and 'throw it all away' to seem naive again," He also felt that the same essential simplicity was part of the movie: "That's why 'Easy Rider' comes so close to capturing the feel of rock on film and that's why the score (which is simply a dozen very good songs) seems so natural. It's almost like hearing music



So, rock and roll, not only ampion in your own right (or "write" as Mr. Lennon would say) you are also a basic force in a completely different art form. Looks like you're "here to stay" for lots of reasons. Happy New Year.

BALLS

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anything will be told that it would look better in black plexiglass or in a black plexiglass box. Here again we see the social and cultural evasions-the gallery owner who recommends black plexiplass, or the collector who prefers it, is doing more than showing that he has overcome his repugnance to plastic as a material. He is also showing his preference for a material in which he can see his reflection, but only in a vague and flattering way, not his true reflection at all. So all-pervasive is the black plexiglass syndrome that even artists who consider themselves revolutionaries have been trapped in it and have begun to believe it is good because it is the only way they have been able to sell their works.

Once again there are those who will defend all of this, be it minimal, conceptual, or black plastic, but then there were also plenty of people to praise the Emperor's New Clothes. Today there is a new fashion—one no longer praises the Emperor's clothes but shows how hip one is by praising his nudity. This would all be very fine except for one problem: the Emperor doesn't have any balls either.

The real scandal is that there are far better artists around than the ones Jennifer Light has included in this show, artists whose work can set the mind afire and light up the walls and streets and clouds of this city with new brilliance and turn the interior of our homes and minds into blazing citadels of alertness and self-knowledge. It ought to have been Miss Licht's first obligation to find out who these artists are, but she chose to rely on in-group established names instead. Symptomatic is the appointment of Claude Picasso as photographer in residence and the special press release devoted to him-Mr. Picasso is no more or less competent than any number of other photographers and was probably chosen because of his father's name.

Even more scandalous is the undemocratic turn art has taken in its technical and environmental orientation—the fact is that few artists can afford to work in the new media because of the great expenses involved. There are any number of ideas going around, but the main places to go for support, the "Modern" and E.A.T., are unsympathetic except to big names and the well-connected, and the Howard Wise Gallery, which is one of the few places that does encourage experimentation, is not set up to handle the growing crush.

But the greatest scandal of all remains the Modern's" handling of the My Lai massacre poster, a scandal which threatens to make last year's troubles over Bates Lowry look tranquil by comparison. The great majority of the museum's executive staff had agreed to join the Art Workers Coalition in sponsoring this poster when a single negative word from a single trustee set the entire staff aquiver with fear.

In the meantime the Coalition has brought out the poster by itself—everyone from the printer to the suppliers of the paper to Life Magazine (which provided the color separation) donated their work free of charge. Only the museum held back. Now there are reports of growing dissatisfaction among the younger members of the museum staff. And it may yet be that one or more of the executive staff will show some courage, though this looks doubtful at present.

Copies of the poster are being distributed through many channels (free of charge) and are available at 729 Broadway, corner of Waverly Place, second floor. And meetings of the Art Workers Coalition, which are open to all, continue to be held at the same address every Monday evening at eight o'clock.

LETTERS

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with only about thirty armed men. Now a few years ago J. Edgar fired one of his stalwart men for being a bit too manly. The rascally fellow had a girl friend stay overnight with him, and that's (gasp!) immoral. Now, as everyone knows, J. Edgar never married. The logical conclusion must be that J. Edgar must be a 76-year-old virgin, which makes him and the Pope members of a very exclusive club.

The Russians launched the first satellite on Oct. 4, 1967. WKCR, which is the radio station at Columbia, was the first station in the USA to broadcast the thing's beep. The next morning a couple of fbi-men came by and casually showed their credentials and took the tape. It has never been returned, replaced, or paid for. That sounds like the fbi are a pack of thieves. But at least they

Tom Hamilton Flushing

ED-Maybe those beeps were Morsi code for dirty words, and that vio lated FCC regulations.

Printer Seeks Employ
Dear EVO-

I'm writing this letter in the hopes that you or someone you know needs a movement printer. I worked for the Southern Conference Fund for three months. I did most of my work in the darkroom and leaning over the light table, but I helped run the offset press, too. I'm not mechanically inclined, but I'm a hard worker when it's for the movement. I enjoy printing, and I don't need much money.

Some details: I'm 19, and female. I've had one year of college, at Florida PresEyterian College. I quit SCEF because they fired their four best organizers, leaving them with twenty full time fund raisers, and three full time organizers. Since then

I've been travelling around the South, and now I'd like to go to the East for a while.

If you or anyone else is interested, please let me know as soon as possible at 7308 Glades Avenue, St. Louis Missouri. 63117.

In the struggle,
Pam Klein
ED—At the present time, this publication could only use a 19-year-old
girl printer for decorative purposes,
but we'll spread this around, and
when you get here, give us a call

GOD BLESS US ALL

Bob Dylan 105 Second Avenue New York 10003 Dear Bob.

I've never come into personal contact with you, but I just met a brother named Paul here in Reno. He turned me on to your address, and I thought I'd write to you.

I am not very familiar with the "program" you and John and "Alex" have, but my interest is pretty keen.

I've looked for the clues, and I've found just a few. What I really need is a push, I guess.

Right now, I'm in jail, but that will only be until 1973. These John Birchers don't like my brand, I guess.

Anyhow, I'm only me and if I tried to get abstract or heavy, it would probably only confuse both of us. But peace is in my mind tonight. Jesus was born tomorrow. I have no desire to protest the war, or any war. War and anger is merely ignorance.

I just thought I'd say to you that I am proud to be associated with you in the search for universal peace. "You can have your cake and eat it too," If you could, I'd like to hear from you. Maybe we can do one another some good.

A Brother, Fred Evams Box 2915 Reno, Nevada Dear EVO Readers:

If your memory serves you well you'll remember I'm the one who wrote a series of articles interpreting the poetry of Lennon-McCartney, Jim Morrison and Dylan, Well it's like some of those articles have been stoned prophetic. First of all in my article about Dylan's JOHN WESLEY HARDING I predicted that his next L.P. would contain simple poetry ostensibly on the level of the moon-spoon-June shit cranked out by tin pan alley. Dig NASHVILLE SKYLINE. Then in an article about THE REATLES TWO ALBUM SET I said that the Beatles put old timey songs on their albums in a "sort of last ditch effort to get old people hip". I said that the song LETS ALL GET UP AND DANCE TO A SONG THAT WAS A HIP BEFORE YOUR MOTHER WAS BORN expressed this idea. In an interview in Melody Maker Lennon was quoted as saying-"The Beatles can go on appealing to a wide audience as long as they make albums . . . which have nice little folk songs for the grannies to dig". Also I said George Harrison was the most radical of the four and in an interview in Screw, Lennon said the same. Lennon has acknowledged the fact that I have gotten into his lyrics more than anyone else in GIVE PEACE A CHANCE, (the single) In this song they sing-"Let me tell you now everybody's talkin' bout WEBERMAN*, evolution, masturbation etc. (it's revolution and not Weberman on the Plastic Ono Rand version though).

But this isn't what I'm'writing to you about. I want to tell all EVO's readers that I'm going to be playing my full collection of rare Dylan Tapes on WBAI-FM starting 1/10/70. The programme is called MUSIC FROM THE DYLAN ARCHIVES and will be rebroadcast on Jan. 14 at

A.J. Weberman

ED: -Wasn't it Weatherman?















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It's Good enough for me-Give me that old Bolshivism, etc.

(Verses repeated with Trotsky, Stalin, Krushchev, Castro, Mao, Ho, others.)

They also had several impressive chants:

WE SHALL SUPPORT EVERYTHING THE ENEMY OPPOSES AND OPPOSE EVERYTHING THE ENEMY SUPPORTS, CHINZAI MAO! MAO! MAO!

Ultimately, the ringleader Howie Swerdloff would call the meeting to order and work would begin. The writers would sit to typewriter and begin finishing off their stories. One of the girls, and sometimes the noble men themselves, would sit at the IBM typesetter and begin working on the copy that was ready. As the galleys came off, they would be pasted up on the dummies-ripped off, laid down again, argued over, and finally thrown in for good and all. After about two hours of sustained effort, it would be time for chow-call. Someone would go down with the meagre collection of bread; he would return with a bizarre assortment of orange juice, chocolate milk, dark bread, cheese, tuna fish, cookies and cigarettes. All the remains were thrown on the floor of course.

Work would continue into the night, long after the "adults" split. There was a very speedy atmosphere about it all. Occasionally one of them would express a fear about the homefires.

"I haven't been home for three days."

"Fuck it."

"Yeah, but they know I haven't been to school. And I was supposed to go home and get my Chanuka presents."

"Where did you get that new shirt?"

"They gave that to me the other day. An advance."

"Fuck them, anyway. We have to get this out."

"Mark Rose, get to work."

"I'm tired, man. I haven't slept for days. I'm strung out, too."

"Well you gotta get your ass in gear. We don't have much time left."
"All right, just give me a few

minutes."
"Well hurry up. You're the biggest fuckoff around here."

"Fuck you, man."

"Hey, don't give me any shit."

"Fuck off."

"You fuck off!"

"Listen you fucking prick, either you start working or get the fuck out of here! What the fuck do you think this is?"

"Fuck off,"-and Mark Rose

would doze of

Mark Rose was the most obnoxious of the lot. He was a short, wiry kid, some 15 years of age, and quite exceptionally talented. He designed the paper and for all his vast immaturity and vast inferiority of character, he did a supurb job. He was also given to composing such rhymes as this:"

Eat me, beat me, anyway you treat me-

As long as you suck me, it's all right-

He had terrifying physical courage. He had no inhibitions about attacking someone twice his size, myself for one. I was doing paste-up work on the legit Free Press one night when he popped over and demanded that I give him the glue-can I was using.

"Fuck you, I'm using it."

"We bought that fucking glue! I want it back!"

"Fuck off, punk."

I was standing at the work table. The little bastard punched me in the stomach. It didn't hurt too bad.

"Try and do that again," I told him.

He did it again. He was too small just to waste, so I contented myself with denting his head ever so lightly with a Webster's Complete and Unabridged Dictionary. It didn't daunt him, though.

Work would continue, then slack off again—then they would resume their singing.

On the first day of cancer, your nose will turn to rot

La-la-la, la-la-la la-la-la-la-la

On the second day of cancer your teeth will turn to pus, etc.

They would stand up on the desks, and dance on the floors, and two of them would climb over the transom windows between offices. and sing to the crowd below-and the whole thing would be like some grotesque Hollywood-production number. One night, they were in a rousing chorus of "Get a Job," and the sound carried for blacks. The lead baritone was Counselor Johnson himself. They shouted and sang and danced and roughhoused, and FI managing editor Jim Buckley (and future co-publisher of Screw) was working on a story and asking them very politely to shut up for God's sake, but they didn't hear him and he finally picked up a chair and threw it at the wall. It broke through the wall and was stuck and suspended in

mid-air. The singing stopped,
"Will you please shut up? I have
some work to do," Buckley said
quietly.

"Sure, Jim."

The little creeps stole everything in sight. Edwards, for lack of a doorknob to his office, finally put a chain through the lock hole, then around through a hole in the wall, then he padlocked it. He put up several signs: "No High School Kids Allowed." "High School Kids, Hands off." It didn't work. They finally broke out in somehow, and wrecked the place.

By the time the Spring Offensive arrived in the schools, the New York Free Press was dead, and the office was gone. Sordid. Wiped out. Looked like Hiroshima. The kids moved to

other quarters.

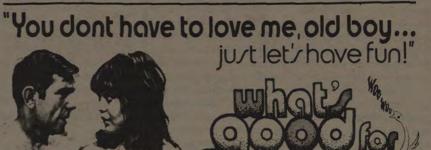
The Spring was the highpoint of the HSFP history. True to the Mayor's paranoia, the paper was integral in most of the action that occurred on an intellectual level, if nothing else. Within a matter of weeks, however, school was over, Howie Swerdloff and a few others had graduated (right out of a gig on the paper, in fact: that's the rule), and the High School Free Press was for all intents and purposes—dead.

This unhappy state of affairs went en until just a few short weeks ago when Issue 9 finally appeared. Published out of the Firehouse, a radical media commune on East 11th Street between B and C (the building ally is an abandoned fire house: The kids rented and renovated it), and typeset on the Guardian machines, the paper has all the terrible qualities it did last year. One of the best items in the new issue is 'The Troublemaker's Communique No. 3," a confidential report by the High School Principle's Association on how students should be handled in confrontations.

Some handy advice:

Anticipate the mood of your student body, the demands of the militants. Determine your posture in advance, not in the shrill atmosphere of charge and counter-charge. The demands are predictable demands, and the predictable demands are subject to pre-planned responses.

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still has me remembering and mulling over its various tastes and sensabilities like so much bittersweet root. And End of the Road, the very first film made for me!!! no kidding. This film may be appreciated by lots of other people, but it was made for me. It took away my breath, it took me away with it to a strange new territory where cosmopsis and the

living can sometime seem less important than being and nothing . . . and horses, too.

Ida-Eyed a play by Richard Foreman may have been the one most incredible theatre experience of the year, including Le Living . . . The Moke-Eater as performed by The Playhouse of the Ridculous directed by John Vaccaro... the single, Stone, by The Stones... Woodstock

A record called Environments

pically Ultimate Sa being the best balling music ever, because the sea is a mother's heartheat and uterus and lover and loved and the record can be played at ple time for at least more before. More about the record: the other side is The Optimum Aviary, and bird sounds, from experience, need: little if any light, a sense of humor, plus company has to like birds . . . did you love the birds at the zoo? Otherwise, get Sounds of a Tropical Rain Forest from Cornell (African Bird Songs is the real title) or Voices of Night (Frogs & Toads) also from Cornell University. No I am not kidding; frogs turn into princes,

the sounds of frogs-have you en heard the little green tree frogs who look like David Webb rare jewels or maybe the tears from Rapus think about it. Them. The record. Or don't, of course, I think I'm getting Music is obviously going in new and perhaps different directions; when music comes out of the wells like humidity and dryness, then the music playing may be something like these environment records, or some of the new stuff Miles Davis has on tane. strange, floating sounds, all water and air, no violence or heartheat, waiting for the beings to empathize and play the final instrument-their

hat else: Led Zeppelin at the hich I will remember too late, that's

Let us hope 1970 is your Spring. Oh yeah, Seth Allen in Futz, because his acting should be could be used as a show and watch and learn in various acting studios . . . and what happened in 1969 which didn't happen in 1968 . . .? 1967 . . .? 1847? well . . 1969 was the year Dylan stopped telling us all our fantasies and began to sing about his own dreams . . . and Dick Nixon became president of the United States (well you understand that's when he really got into gear, after planning for 3 months what to do if he didn't get killed before the Inauguration) . . . Do you remember who won the Kentucky Derby?... by now I'm babbling (Tricky Dicky, thoughts of, always makes me babble). It was the year Vogue not only featured bare breasts and bodies (which has been going Inner for a long time) but suggested that bare-breast would be the popular way to go horsebackriding in the foreseeable future.. assuming you have perfect breasts and a beautiful bay stallion to hold between your thighs . . . or maybe a motorcycle . and I was 22 years old during the year 1969, this time around . . .







(Continued from Page 13) Broad. I rapped to her about Flo Kennedys I Ching reading on the Viet Nam War problem

The Ox Caught on the Fence. The Ox can't go forward. The Ox can't go back. Dig it. The Ox is caught on the fence! And that's us or them or whatever. Then, the Honorable William C. Hecht began to administer the Oath of Office. "Who's he?" I asked the tycoon chick. "Hes the Justice of the Supreme Court of New York." "THE JUSTICE? Or just a Justice?" The wind blew her four hundred dollar maxi coat open and I got a gander of legs that made me dizzy. Suede panties! Dig it, no more skirts at all! And fantastic legs that go up and down like young trees and these boots she was wearing. What legs! Whats happening to Wall St. and the world? Does the Gnome of Zurich know? Revolution everywhere! She gave me her card and moved in closer to get a better look at John Vliet Lindsey.

A great little blonde chick was in the crowd. A chick motorcyclist. She was rapping with Harriet Golden who does these Moon Drawings . . . A red helmet and a black BMW. I got close up and the red helmet had these little Chiquita Banana stickers on each side. Her name was Sydney and she had biked up in this cold to see Lindsay inaugurated. Now and then amongst the pantheon of young turks and old fart trotters spread out across

the City Hall steps a maxi would flap open in the cold wind and Zap! A EROTIC 70'S groovy pair of gams would be revealed like erotic magic right in your eyeballs. Great! New Era! Here comes the Skin Seventies! After Mayor John's rap the High School Chorus got going again. There was a whole passel of good looking chicky poo girl kids in that outfit. A big rhubarb started over by the statue of Nathan Hale. It was Titus in his Weatherman helmet. The phone co. conservative started to roll his window up and Titus snatched his copy of KISS, spluttering about he thought he had a poem in this issue. "Wanna hear a poem?" he kept saying to girls going by. The phone co. bully got out and began wrestling with Titus for the paper. "Grab him, goddammit! Grab him!" one of the head cops yelled at a TPF squad. "Don't you know what Weatherman means? Next thing you know ZXCVZXCVZXCVZXCVZXCVZXCVZXVZXCVZX Black Panthers will walk off with the TV trucks-don't you guys know nothing?" They threw Titus overhand into a pie wagon on his face. "!Arriba la revolucion!" Titus sputtered snarling at the cops. The Right Reverend Richard B. Martin the Suffragen Bishop of Long Island was giving a prayer and I didn't want to miss that so I wedged through to Sydney the Blonde BMW valkyrie. Zod had laid some Full Moon pills on me a month ago. Part psilocybin, part THC; he makes different mixtures for each full moon. Anyway I was out of Dristan and Contac so I'd dropped

the Full Moon pill and it may have been the stuff but this guy Sobel started the Administration of the Oath of Office all over again. He's a Judge of the Surrogate Court. Chamberlain said, "This is where I came in." Diana Vander VIis and Alice Polesky pulled up in a cab. "Did we miss the Oath of Office?" they were screaming. "It's come around the second time," Taylor Mead said. "It's just awful. I'd rather hear a Gerard Malanga poem." A bunch of Brooklyn Hassidim began nudging each other and muttering in Yiddish as Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman did some religious readings. "It's like when the TV channel goes off the air." Lichtenstein murmured. An old Scholar Booker began beating his forehead against an icy tree trunk; "Isroyel! Isroyel!" he yelled, his payess flapping in the cold sleet wind. The Honorable William B. Groat began the Administration of the Oath of Office again and many people started to leave. All our feet were like cold lead. John Vliet was up there looking beautiful. Nearby in Little Italy a whole bunch of Proccacino people were making believe today was just another day. Then Sandy Garelik began his rap. Lots of people had their Lindsay, Perotta, Garelik buttons and old Abe Beame was just beaming, so big you could feel it all the way to Brooklyn. At the Benediction everybody began to split. The worst weather in the world: damp, icy, slushy, freezing. Titus showed up again, his white weatherman football helmet all

scuffed, a little dot of blood on his lips from a loose tooth. "Y'know what happened, Al?" he drooted. 'That cop looked familiar . . . I asked him if he knew Brian Duffy . . . a guy I knew in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the thirties . . . turns out it's his father! So they let me go!'

I can't tell you how the recessionnal went, I had to get up to the EVO's office above the Fillmore East Funhouse on Second Ave.

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droped on about the miseries of being a Jew in Eastern Europe, I ald wonder if it was possible to be anymore unfree than I was in ish. Who the flick cared about matzoh in Moscow? I couldn't even wear sandals to school without having teachers and students stare at place thought I was some kind of leprosized witch just because I dressed slightly different from them and because I went to foreign movies and read books. "In Russia," Colvin would lecture, "a Jew cannot go to

"In Flatbush." I would muse. "a person cannot grow!"

If life at Wingate was asphyxiating, there was always one slight reprieve. Saturdays. Each Saturday, Carol and I would troop off to Manhattan for the afternoon. We would browse through glamous midtown, write obscenities on subway posters, stare at beautiful shop windows and fantasize about the kinds of lives we'd lead when we were old enough to flee Brooklyn.

Evenings we would dash down to the West Village to play at being "beat." For the price of a cup of coffee at the Figaro'or the Cock and Bull we'd be entranced by super-spade poets like Ted Joans cursing out the culture that we too hated. Sometimes, freaky looking men at nearby tables would try to pick us up. Nothing ever happened. We were really too shy and too conventional for that. But the idea that a REAL hipster might find us

It was during one of our Saturday forays into fantasy that Carol and I encountered the Woolworth picket line. How odd to see people marching for something they believed in. In Flatbush the only ideology we ever encountered was Materialism. Crass, crass Materialism. Who were these people and why did they bother to march around in the cold city slush for someone down in North Carolina? I must have stood staring at them for a good ten minutes. And finally someone looked back at us.
"Why don't you join the line?"

beckoned a denim-clad, blonde young man with a whispy mustache.

"Will I get into trouble?" I asked most unheroicly.

"I doubt it," he laughed. "This is all quite legitimate. The NAACP is sponsoring this action."

Carol and I conferred. What if someone took our names down? God-forbid someone from Booklyn should see us on the picket-line. We had told our mothers we were going to the movies. What if we got into trouble? Oh, to hell with things like that. Let people from Brooklyn see us. Marching might be fun. Bettcha Jack Kerouac marches.

So without even having the slightest understanding of the politics of the act we joined the civil rights demonstration. It seemed like a rebellious thing to do, rambunctious, beautiful, alive. "TWO, FOUR, SIX, E I G H T , W H Y D O E S WOOLWORTH'S SEGRAGATE?" I didn't know why Woolworth's segragated. I didn't have the foggiest notion why anybody segregated. Racism just didn't seem nice. And besides, I was so desperately trying to free myself that I would risk the scourge of my McCarthyite (Continued on Page 22)



COMING OF AGE

environment to do something, ANYTHING, that seemed alive. I was in the Movement as a charter member. For me, the sixties were on.

TEN YEARS LATER, eight years removed from Flatbush, I still can't get on a southbound IRT express without feeling horrible pains in the pit of my stomach. But Flatbush . . . or at least the kids who live in it. have changed a lot. Sure the frivolous jocks and dollies that I went to Wingate with have grown to be the petty businessmen and housefraus that they were meant to be. But the younger sisters and brothers of my classmates lived through a decade that was eyeopening and astounding. The New Frontier. Freedom Rides

Political assassinations: Kennedy, King, Malcolm, Kennedy. FSM. The Mississippi Freedom Summer. Vietnam, Laos. Cuba. LBJ for the USA. The attempted annihilation of the Black Panthers. In spite of Brooklyn, these kids have been watching and learning and growing.

There's a lot of pot smoked in Flatbush these days. And Wingate High School has a big SDS contingent making life for Dr. Colvin or whomever has replaced him, quite, quite difficult. What is nice is that it seems a lot easier to be young now than it was ten years ago. Kids seem to respect each other. The enemy isn't the rebel, but the pig institutions made by those over thirty. And, if it matters, almost everyone these days seems to have long hair. Sandals, too are very

But in Michigan today there's a man named John Sinclair who, in the last months of the sixties, was sentenced to ten years of hard labor for passing two sticks of grass to a federal agent. Sinclair, whose wild, long mane made him a symbol for the young people who wanted to bury the America of napalm and Motorola, was a leader of a mid-west revolutionary youth organization called the White Panthers. As the manager of the rock-group, the MC-5,

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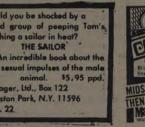


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