

# DIMENSION

'Let every nation know... that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.'

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## Technology: In Service to Whom?

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Throughout history, science and technology have been smeared, denounced, and hated. They have been often viciously attacked by such groups as the Marxists, medievalist-existentialists like Fromm, transcendentalists such as Thoreau and Emerson, and finally the New Left movement. At one time or another, they have been blamed for practically every problem of human existence. Today they are but vanishing remnants of an abandoned civilization, of a world retreating to the mores of prehistorical savagery. At the risk of being unfashionable in today's intellectual climate, I shall describe what life was like in the United States a century and a half ago. Back before the extensive development of the villainous Frankenstein of technology.

### Yellow Fever

The science of immunology was just beginning to be investigated, and throughout Europe widespread epidemics of small pox, yellow fever, bubonic plague, and typhoid fever would engulf entire villages leaving a trail of pain and sickness and death. Knowledge and techniques in the fields of medicine and pharmacy were thoroughly inadequate, and people stricken with illness could expect little help from either doctors or pharmacists. Conditions in hospitals were often too horrible to describe in words.

There were no automobiles or complex systems of roads or highways. Instead, there were horse-drawn carriages which travelled along unpaved dirt roads. They were excellent for people who didn't want to go anywhere, because they went nowhere. Even at a blistering pace of five miles an hour, passengers could feel the bumps and jolts of the ride, so they were in no danger of falling asleep.

But even if better transportation were available, where was there to go? There were no movie theaters; motion pictures had not yet been invented. People could attend an occasional concert or play, but the science of acoustics was not greatly advanced, and difficulties were likely to be encountered beyond the first few rows. Those with impaired hearing were likely to experience difficulty and discomfort regardless of where they sat, since hearing aids had not yet been invented.

There were very few good mattresses, and few people slept in comfort. Summer days and winter nights were often rather unpleasant, if not unbearable, since electric heaters and air conditioners had not yet been invented. There were no washers and dryers for clothes or dishes, and there were no vacuum cleaners or garbage disposals, so women seldom were confronted with the problem of how to spend their leisure hours most constructively.

### No 8-Hour Day

Nor were men faced with such a problem. Men and boys worked in the fields or in primitive factories for 12 to 16 hours a day in unbearable drudgery, with seemingly no hope to rise to anything better, with no improvement in sight. There were no restaurants or cafe-

terias in which to eat, since electric refrigeration had not yet been invented to preserve foods. Neither were gas or electric stoves available. Meat was invariably tough, especially after being broiled to a crisp to kill all the bacteria, but eating it was probably worse. A large portion of fruits and vegetables were inevitably devoured by insects, since insecticides were not used, but it would have been cruel to have deprived the insects of their fair share. Milk tended to attract bacteria unless people drank it immediately, and hideous illness and death from drinking contaminated milk was not

hundreds of millions of people perished-- people who perished without ever knowing of advanced technology.

No amount of evasion can conceal any further, the fact that it was in the capitalist United States that people were, for the first time, elevated above that form of existence. An existence under which thousands of previous generations had perished. It was in the United States that men and women were able States that men and women were free to produce without governmental interference, and science and technology



### Illusion...and Reality

uncommon, particularly among babies.

An enormous percentage of the population was illiterate, and those who were able to read generally could not afford the rather great expense of books. In addition, there was no electric lighting, and people who were far-sighted or near-sighted were required to rely on rather imperfect lenses. How many millions of people lived their entire lives in a world forever out of focus before the science of optometry began to emerge?

There were no jet airplanes on which people could fly from Los Angeles to London in 12 hours. Indeed, there were many people who never ventured more than 20 or 30 miles from their homes in their entire lifetimes.

Throughout almost the entire duration of mankind's history, living conditions were drastically more horrible than this. Even throughout most of the world today, people are subsisting in stagnation and misery, subjugated under the absolute rule of totalitarian governments. Thus have

were free to develop unrestrictedly. It was the capitalist United States that brought more happiness and enjoyment to more people than all of the dictatorships and slaughterhouses of the world put together, both past and present.

This is my tribute, not only to science and technology, but to this greatest of nations. One which offered, for the first time ever, an environment in which people could live in freedom and prosperity. One in which science and technology could flourish and bring man to achievements which had never before been conceived. It is my tribute to the shopping centers and restaurants and banks and department stores and theaters all around us which have added so much to our lives. It is my tribute to freeways and automobiles and railroads and airplanes, which have kept the country moving forward to greater and greater achievements. It is my tribute to telephones, which have linked the entire country together and have made possible rapid communication between na-

tions. It is my tribute to television, which has enabled me to see live color pictures from the surface of the moon. It is my tribute to medicine and immunology, which have saved the lives of millions of people. It is my tribute to the skyline of New York, which offers a sight of grandeur never to be equalled by any product of nature. And finally, it is my tribute to the ingenuity of the American people, whose productivity and inventions have benefitted the world.

Yet throughout the centuries, technology has been viewed with anger, mistrust, hostility, and downright hatred. It has seldom received more than a minute fraction of the recognition it has so deeply deserved.

In today's atmosphere of cultural and intellectual disintegration, it is becoming extremely difficult to reveal one's advocacy of reason and technology without being branded as a vulgar materialist or a selfish individualist, an advocate of smog or water pollution, or a general desecrator of our natural environment.

This type of intellectual intimidation has won only by default of those alleged defenders of technology who have never dared to challenge it.

### Technology-Nature

One of the most destructive fallacies perpetrated by the anti-technologists has been the technology-nature dichotomy: the idea that technology has alienated man from his natural environment. That technology has doomed mankind to living in an artificial environment. The notion that the rise of a division of labor in industrial production has destroyed the factory worker's creativity and originality and alienated him from his existence, than men will eventually be reduced to unthinking robots.

Ironically, it is the proponents of this dichotomy, through their advocacy of a 'return to nature,' who wish to see all mankind reduced to this state forever. Men cannot live the creative life when they must devote the whole of their existence to obtaining enough food and water to survive until the next day. Men cannot really live when they must struggle every second of their lives against the unendurable physical hardships of nature.

There is no way ever to win such a battle; man is the loser to any flood, any storm, any plague which should chance to occur. He may survive once or twice or three times, but each victory is only one more stay of execution until the next disaster.

### Up the U.S.I

Yet the greatness that was New York City has collapsed into decay and decadence. In an age when man is exploring the moon, 300,000 people converge on Woodstock for a festival in celebration of drunken mindlessness. In an age of reason and science, people are retreating into the 'age of Aquarius,' of astrology and numerology, of witchcraft, of Eastern mysticism.

Today, the conflict has reached its climax. If the United States is to abandon science and technology, let it do so with full knowledge of that which it has abandoned and of that which it shall obtain in its place.



# The Week

■ **DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR?**—Okay you long-suffering people in Psychology classes, here's your big chance. Remember the Coast Cruiser, the money-losing bus operated by the AS government? The one that has last year's AS president driving at \$2.91 an hour? Now, you remember. Well, your friend and his, the current AS president Paul Kaufman, has big new plans for the bus. Specifically, he plans to spend \$13,000 for a new bus; which bus will be a double-decker, DIRECT FROM LONDON, ENGLAND! Kaufman hopes to hornswoggle UC president Charles Hitch into ponying up the money. EOP: cut back. Construction: cut back. Faculty pay: cut back. Coast Cruiser: way up. Now, here's the contest: submit your essays of 250 words or less to DIMENSION, explaining the tensions which have driven Kaufman to this latest scheme. The winning entry will merit a \$1 (count 'em, one) prize and may be published. Go to work!

■ **SWEET SUE**—Speaking of interesting cases, President Kaufman's girl, Sue Adjemian, has scored again. Already she had racked up a good paying job at the AS-supported Coffee Hut. Boyfriend Paul appoints the Chairman of the Coffee Hut committee. Now she has taken an all expenses paid trip to our nation's capitol, Washington, D.C. Seems a large company was looking for student leaders to attend a conference. By merest chance, Sue got the nod and the October vacation. You gotta know the Right People...

■ **MASTERS OF DECEIT**—DIMENSION's managing editor, Jim Sills, is proud to announce his election as a member of the UCSD Russian Club's publicity committee. Comrade Sills was the handpicked, and only, candidate picked by the Party bosses.



"So much for the consumer vote. Now, if we can get Charles Reich to balance the ticket, we'll have the non-consumer vote."



jail for carrying a pistol and its ammunition in the passenger area of his car. Carr screams, 'repression' and who can doubt he has been unjustly treated by hideous monsters...

■ **PASSING THE BUCK**—UCSD's own circus, the Communications Board, has finally abdicated its responsibility, and will leave funding of the campus media to a referendum. The vote will ask students which media they like and where the money should be spent. The election will probably take place next January. Stay tuned for more details...

■ **SUGGESTED READING**—If possible, try to wangle some Nov. 22-26 copies of the 'Evening Tribune' and read Allan Merriew's story on Third College. It covers the story in unsurpassed detail. While sometimes slanted in favor of Third College, it is still the best done anywhere.

■ **SPEAKING OF REPRESSION**—Here's a brief listing, starting with the most recent, of violent and coercive acts at UCSD. January '71: Prof. Arthur Jensen is shouted down by SDS and Third College students. Nov. '70: Al Capp is run off the stage in the Gym by about 35 protestors. May '70: Urey Hall and building 2A are taken over and occupied by the S.D.S. Money is stolen, private correspondence is lifted and reprinted. Several students are attacked. May '69, SDS goon squads attack students trying to attend classes in their so-called 'student strike.' May '69: Militants break into and occupy the Registrar's Office demanding the approval of a radical Third College plan. February '69: SDS'ers physically bar a Marine recruiter from an employment office, thus 'protecting' students who might want to talk to him. November '68: A mob of 250 students march through and disrupt several classes in protest to Governor Reagan. ....

■ **HEE HAW!**—Remember the famous David Harris-Joan Baez marriage? The political-personal union that made the Habsburg matches look amateurish by comparison? Well, having cranked out a couple of albums taking full advantage of Harris' imprisonment, our beloved Joany Phony has got into her 'XKE and lammed out. The sequestration was announced last month in California. Thus endeth romance.

■ Each quarter of its three year existence, DIMENSION has presented an award to an outstanding member of the UCSD community. The award, named for its first recipient, is voted to those who have shown the moral courage and stamina to oppose the forces of Unreason. This quarter's winner of the Charlie Chong Memorial Award is a rather unlikely individual. She has made her name as a liberal, and as a force at the TRITON TIMES, that seemingly perennial spokesman for the AS and administration. This year, however, the concerted attack of KSDT, Third College, and the AS on the Triton Times budget has forced an awakening. Through long hours of acrimonious debate, which were particularly painful to her, she fought to keep the Triton Times solvent and independent. For the first time in memory the TIMES has editorialized against the AS and administration, and has ceased to be the AS public mouth piece. Thus, an encouraging, independent future lays ahead for the TRITON TIMES. One in which no group will win social favors.

The editors are proud to announce that Miss Molly Selvin, editor-in-chief of the Triton Times, is the winner of the Charlie Chong Memorial Award. She will receive a generous prize.



holds that salvation is possible, 4) expects the salvation to come about through an actual historical process, 5) thinks man himself can bring the change about, and 6) believes that he himself holds the key to salvific change.' In the Christian sense, then, gnosticism is heretical.

We are now at the crux of the matter. From the gnostic heresy developed the liberal heresy, which is the political manifestation of gnosticism in the Western world. The liberal heresy claims that man, through his rationality and institutions, is capable of producing the good life; no mention is made of God or any transcendent values. Though the liberal may believe in Almighty God, on Earth he pictures the Prime Mover to be Almighty Man. The road to the good life is laid down by Progress, their pseudo-deity

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## Objective Values?

Dear Editor

Granted that the intellectual interests of the present undergraduates are uninspired, Kevin Olson's article ('The Discontents of Student Culture', DIMENSION Nov. 10) conspicuously fails to demonstrate more than concern. In particular, it fails to demonstrate the conclusion of your piece, that the solution to this lamentable state of affairs is a return to a belief in 'an objective moral order.' This belief, inspiration of fanatics of all stripe (religious, Nazi, Communist), is unsupported by reason.

Also I note that the 'not inconsiderable worth' of Plato, Newton, Einstein and Mozart does not lie in their moralizing.

While I believe that it is desirable that humans in social circumstance have definite values inculcated, I fail to see that:

- this should constitute a 'system' as in 'value system.'
- these values should, or can, be seen as in any way being 'objective.'
- these values should be 'based on the standards of tradition.'
- the other qualities which you attribute to values are applicable

In short, I do not see why a value needs to be more than a value—a value does not need to be objective in order to be a value, or a desirable value.

The problem, I suppose, is that many people have accepted this bit of fallacious reasoning: Values are culture relative. No values are objective. Therefore, one should (can) have no values.

The conclusion does not follow from the premise. But I reject the argument because it is logically unsound, and take the premise to be an empirical fact. You apparently reject the premise. I think that your position is not rigorously defensible.

Thank you,

Dave Cole  
Philosophy Department

Yet, since Keating and Sills seem to run everything, how could someone interested, really do what they want?

Thank you,  
William Randolph

Mr. Randolph:

Mr. Keating and I have 'run things' only to the extent that we have been forced to. Neither of us wishes to spend 30-35 hours a week keeping DIMENSION and the Right alive. We have had no choice.

We will have a similar lack of choice at the end of this year when both of us leave UCSD. If DIMENSION and an active opposition to the mindlessness of the radical Left are to survive, persons like you must come forward. Mr. Keating and I have been honored to be your lobbyist the last few years.

in the Muir Apartments, or to call 223-7774 after 6 p.m.

## More 'Discontents'

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Kevin Olson ('The Discontents of Student Culture', DIMENSION, Nov. 10, 1971) presents us with a strange set of conflicting propositions. First he remarks that anti-intellectualism is fairly common on university campuses. There is a certain degree of truth in this claim, and I deplore this as much as he does. Further reading, however, makes it clear that Mr. Olson's notion of 'anti-intellectualism' is a peculiar one, to say the least. Anti-intellectualism, in Mr. Olson's terms, apparently consists of an inability

cannot prove that Navaho is superior to say, English or German. The question is not a meaningful one, just as the question of cultural superiority is not meaningful to an anthropologist. It is this objective framework which makes rational, intellectual work in linguistics or anthropology possible.

Furthermore, I am quite sure that Chomsky would not hold that no idea can be considered to be superior to some other, possibly conflicting, idea. In fact I am sure that Chomsky, or any other 'relativists' that Olson mentions, would be delighted to demonstrate to him the superiority of their ideas to his.

Questions of cultural or linguistic superiority may not be meaningful to an anthropologist or a linguist, however they appear to be avidly pursued by those of Mr. Olson's temperament. If they could 'prove' somehow, that English or German is a better language than those of some non-Western culture, than their own prejudices would appear to have some support.

Mr. Olson tells us that we should reaffirm our devotion to Western society, while rejecting the 'utopianism and collectivism that formed the scourges of its history,' and he implies that this will solve the problem of anti-intellectualism in the university. I think that it is finally becoming generally recognized that the real scourge of Western society has been its barbaric treatment of those cultures that we have deemed inferior to ours. It appears to me to be the infantile, 'distorted reasoning of Mr. Olson and those of his persuasion that represents the true anti-intellectualism in the university, and in the 'outside world.'

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Timothy Smith  
Assistant Professor  
Linguistics Dept., UCSD

The editors reply:

Professor Smith: Your analysis is remarkable for its breathtaking superficiality. (1) I never said that Chomsky was the creator of linguistic relativism, merely that he is a proponent of it, which I am sure you will agree with. I am sure, also, that Chomsky considers some ideas to be superior to others; this is evidenced by his asinine criticisms of American foreign policy. (2) It is true that relativism may be useful in certain modes of study, such as anthropology or linguistics. What I object to is the extension of this philosophy into the practical world, where big fish eat little fish who don't defend themselves. Relativism, when it comes to mean the absence of values or moral judgments, is a poison eating away at the integrity of a civilization and is weakening its ability to stand up to aggression. In other words, if we were to be governed by anthropologists, linguists, or people who share your world view, it would be a short reign. I suggest you rearrange your notion of barbarism.

Kevin Olson

Prof. Smith:  
You say there has been no connection between linguistic acceptance of cultural relativism and the rise of political anti-intellectualism of the Marcuse-New Left style. (You know, like trying to run Professor Orr ('anti-socialist element') off campus, or Professor Muninger ('racist teaching'), or Professor Penner ('war research') or...) Yet, is it only a coincidence that the Modern Language Association was one of the first scholarly academic organizations to be taken over and used as a propaganda outlet by the New Left, a few years back? I think not.

Jim Sills

Oh, Know?

Editor:  
I find it hard to believe that your paper would run dissenting opinions. You wouldn't print a letter I wrote, would you?

Ray Thompson

No. —ed.

# Correspondence



Mr. Olson, awakened from his pseudo-intellectual slumbers, replied as follows:

Dear Mr. Cole:

You fail to understand that what is needed are culture-wide values, not merely values for each individual. Therefore, (a) we need a value system, in order to make our values into a coherent whole, (b) we must assume that they are objective, in order to be able to make judgments, and (c) these must be based on the standards of the tradition of Western civilization, for the simple reason that one should choose principles over heresies.

I agree with your syllogism, but also do reject the premise, and am prepared to rigorously defend my position. For a more authoritative defense, I would suggest James Burnham's 'The Suicide of The West.' (It's about liberalism).

## A Real Opportunity

Dear Editor:

DIMENSION carries little blurbs that invite new staff members in each issue.

p.s. anyone interested in keeping the old rag going is urged to drop by Suite K-7

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which, by being manipulated by Government, shall eventually bring the New Age.

In short, the liberal believes that man, through his own actions, can eventually erase his faults, thereby eliminating war, poverty, suffering, and a thousand other things which proclaim our imperfections. Thus we are told that world government or disarmament or population control will save us.

The conservative, by contrast, notes that technology, if wisely applied, can ameliorate some of these evils for a certain length of time; but he also notes that man rides a sinusoidal curve and that after every rise comes a fall. In religious terminology the conservative would say that man suffers from Original Sin, which means that he has, and always will have, ineradicable flaws in his nature. No prestidigitations by machine or government will bring the Millennium. The liberal heresy is thus based on an illusion.

## Bootblack

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Dear Senator McGovern:

My, how good it is to hear from you! Mr. Hoover informed me of your recent trip to South Vietnam, and Mr. Helms even showed me a few pictures of you at that church meeting. Frankly I am not very certain why a church meeting full of antigovernment and antiwar forces in South Vietnam would have any Communist agents in it at all. You surely would not find any Communists at an antiwar or antigovernment meeting in NORTH Vietnam, though a few police might drop in.

My guess is that the Chief of Saigon's Police is either antireligious or he had had a bad night

at the baths. Maybe he takes the public statements you make in America more seriously than we do. Or perhaps he just wants to hurt your chances of becoming President of all the people. But do not fear, no one is going to hurt your chances now.

Next time you're in the neighborhood, stop by. My son wants to challenge you to a game of jacks.

—GWP



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# Organization V. Individual

William Stoddard

Every organization naturally tends to grow to the limit of the resources available to support it. Further, every organization naturally grows in such a way as to best exploit these resources and keep them coming in. This tendency takes precedence over any other aims of the organization. Once in a very long time, some man of unusual character will destroy his own organization before it gets out of touch with reality, as Stewart Brand destroyed the Whole Earth Catalog; but this becomes impossible once it's out of his control. An illustration can be seen in the history of the Communist nations: they have been promising for decades the withering away of the State, and the State has merely become larger and more oppressive.

The tapeworm lives in the human digestive tract. It starts out as a single tiny segment of flesh; but once it becomes firmly attached, so that it can't easily be expelled, it starts to expand. It ends up hundreds of segments long, living off of food diverted from the nourishment of the human body, contributing nothing, and scattering its eggs through the world by way of human feces.

If one can imagine a tapeworm lecturing its victim on its own moral virtues and functional necessity, one will have a good portrait of the Associated Student Government (not to mention others more widely known.)

## The Current Cause

To understand an organization, one should start out by paying little attention to the moral proclamations of its participants. Moral proclamations, after all, are cheap. Look, instead, at how it is supported. Any thing can claim to be serving your best interests, any con artist to be supplying you with useful, even essential, goods and services. Politics attracts its share, or more than its share, of thugs and con artists. Listening to them is revealing psychologically, but their statements seldom contain facts, and never the important ones. Look at what they do, and at what enables them to do it.

An organization depends on people's participation and support. When these are voluntary, it takes forms ranging from a communal or fraternal group to a private firm operating on the free market. When they are compulsory—based on force, fraud, or license from higher authority—the forms range from slave farm and drafted army to criminal gang and political oligarchy. Here at UCSD, there exists a good sample of the latter.

There is a key principle in terms of which organization can be studied: those which depend on your informed and willing consent will serve your needs, since they will lose your support if they do not; those which depend on compulsion will fail to serve your needs, since their own survival requires that they specialize in the functions which support them—and these will go on however bad they get, as long as their apparatus of compulsion is good enough (viz. The Coast Cruiser—ed.)



A voluntaristic association falls apart when people find that it can be replaced by a better one; this happens everywhere from love relationships to law firms. A

compulsory one falls apart only when it becomes incompetent at compulsion. Naturally, the first type work to serve people's needs; they would cease to exist otherwise. Naturally, the second type go through a division of labor, and end up populated by those skilled in misleading the people, in forcible repression, and in selective ass-kissing. (Right on—ed.) These are, after all, the skills on which their funds and their prestige alike depend.

## Heroic Theme

A good example is before us in the ASUCSD (Associated Students of UCSD). This organization, naturally, can offer you fine platitudinous clichés about its service to the students. The platform of the Nazis contains similar platitudes; the various communist regimes do not lack for assurances for their people. But, in fact, the ASUCSD is based on two and only two important facts: the University administration is ready to compel everyone



(THIS YEAR'S A.S. PRESIDENT IS SWORN IN)  
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to back student government, unless a great many students actively oppose them, thus making available a large amount of money; and, two, this money can be spent in ways which enhance the egos of student politicians through prestige, not to mention enhancing their wealth. (Did you know that last year's AS president is now driving a bus supported by AS subsidies, \$2,000 so far, one which is more expensive than driving, less convenient than hitchhiking, and thus too little used even to break even, nay even to pay for its own drivers' salaries? We were wondering last year why Palcic was so devoted to the Coast Cruiser; now we know—it got him a job.)

## Philosophically Illiterate

Any organization such as the AS is necessarily inequitable. If it were to spend our money as we wanted, then it would not have to force us to give it up by way of a \$6 quarterly charge. (Which charge is enforced by the administrators, since you can't register for classes without joining and paying.) If AS served us each of us would willingly contribute to support the services he actually used, rather than do without. The money lost by extra payments for some services would be balanced by money not lost on services we don't use. In other words, the AS could more justly be replaced by a network of families, clubs, entrepreneurs, communes, symposia, and other such groups. Nor would it be necessary to dissolve the present organization; it could easily remain in existence, supported by voluntary fees and voluntary membership, as long as its services were of use to some of us. After all, at most of our high schools, membership in the AS was voluntary, yet they stayed solvent since enough students were interested in football and dances. Is our own ASUCSD

saying it lacks the appeal of even a phony high-school government? To be sure, with voluntary membership, the AS might shrink; it need not vanish. All that the present arrangement does is to create an endless struggle among various interest groups for handouts and influence to use against each other. Student life sometimes takes on the appearance of a minor war because of this process; and such warfare serves no useful function.

## The Value of Work

Given that the students could be better served by having no enforced government, why do we still have one? A partial answer can be found in two motives of the AS: they don't want to engage in the hard work of actually serving students' needs, work at which, in any case, they have developed no skill. And, secondly, the AS officers feel dependent on the ego reinforcement of acting as little tin gods. As David Shaw wrote last year on AS President Paul Kaufman's campaign, 'He really wants to be prom queen.'

## Unfinished...

For someone used to the artificial games of student politics, doing without his weekly fix of authority over others can be terrifying. Paul and his friends are returned on by having blacks, women, conservationists, and the other self-defined interest groups come to them for support—support with money compulsorily extracted from the same people who make up these groups, and from others who would have nothing to do with any of them voluntarily.

## Imperfect Finis

But there is a deeper reason why people support the AS oligarchs. This has to do with the idea of unity. Many people want to feel that we are all together, and that Daddy is looking out for us. Well, Daddy is human too, and he isn't going to do a very good job as long as you stay dependent on him. As for community, the richest and most creative communities have been those in which many traditions, cultures, disciplines have come together in fermenting confusion. The ancient Greeks are one example: a quarrelsome mix of Indo-European, proto-European, Egyptian, Phoenician, Mesopotamian, and Mykenian influences. This was a community which generated the first great age of human creativity, of the affirmation of the splendor of man's existence. To try to be united and in agreement—usually imposed agreement—can only be called retreat from this challenge of greatness. The University has the power to generate this creativity, more than any other institution in America; why should we stifle it in political bargaining? Caligula, the notorious Roman emperor, said, 'I wish the human race had one neck, and I would cut it.' The AS is more modest: it gives us no sword, but only a leash. We would do far better to accept our own diversity and build on it, instead of forcing each other's support. Let us leave each other in peace, if we cannot work together by mutual consent without imposed 'law and order.' We will all learn far more that way. ■



# Ethnic Culture: Can You Meet the Test?

Remember the Black Culture Test recently published in the TRITON TIMES? Well, we don't know when to leave a good thing alone, so we have acceded to the demands of two other ethnic groups to publish similar culture tests.

1. If a man is called a 'ho-dad' then he is—a Polack, a surfer, an ashtray, a mulatto.

2. If a Poor White Trash reader thinks your newspaper is 'boss' then he is: saying he likes it, five years behind current slang, thinks it is racist.

3. The opposite of 'teeny-bopper' is: Fox, Jane Fonda, Bella Abzug, John Kenneth Galbraith.

4. George 'Cornpone' Wallace got famous for playing: chittlins, a kazoo, his mouth, the part of a bigot.

5. Rice-a-roni, a white soul food, will taste rubbery unless you: throw up, throw it out, eat at Colonel Sanders.

6. The first American pioneer to take up residence at now predominantly black Washington, D.C. was: Johnny Appleseed, the Swamp Fox, Commander Whitehead, John Adams.

Many whites think Oct. 3 should be declared a holiday because on that day: Jefferson Davis was born, Belgian refugees escaped from black terrorists in the Congo, Spanish Catholic armies drove the Moors out of Spain, Annette Funicello got her first bra.

## Flip Wilson the Traditionalist

Jay Parker

Whether you're talking to the lady who works part-time at Sears or TV critic Harry Harris, you are guaranteed to evoke excitement when discussing Clever Clerow, better known as Flip Wilson.

A middle-aged woman who works part-time for one of the Sears department stores in Philadelphia, was asked what night she would like to have off. Her instant reply was "Thursday of course, Flip Wilson is on." TV critic Harry Harris and others have named Flip Wilson "Comic of the Year." Legions of Americans, black and white, have rearranged their schedules to make it possible to view Flip.

In this observer's opinion, Flip Wilson is the greatest entertainment phenomenon since the aborted "Amos and Andy" radio and television show, and rivals it in popularity. According to the New York Daily News radio and TV critic Ben Gross, "Amos and Andy" changed everyone's life-style during its run. Critic Gross recalls that before the advent of the transistor radio one could hear the "Amos and Andy" show while strolling down the streets of any American city. Gross said just about all homes would have their windows up and the show turned up in volume.

There is sufficient empirical evidence to demonstrate Flip's near-equal popularity. The "Flip Wilson Show" had, at the start of 1971, garnered a 27.1 per cent "AA" (average viewing) national rating and an



## Poor White Trash

8. Donald Frishman recently was released from North Vietnam. Name the remaining 1500 'Hanoi Brothers.'

9. Two members of Ghengis Khan's army were white. Name them.

10. Name three stars of the Roller Derby.

11. Dorothy Provine made white cultural history by being the first person to advertise her body in a telephone booth, her ignorance, or 'Fornicatique.'



## Tierra del Fuego

9. Many Tierra del Fuegos think February 30 should be made a legal holiday in Tierra del Fuego because it was on that day—the slaves were freed in Costa Mesa, Muttentoch Chomper was born, Ugg, Fooga died, Nepalese audiences first discovered Bernstein.

10. The first priest to perform open-heart sacrifice was a Tierra del Fuego... Who was he?

11. A Tierra del Fuego chiropractor developed the technique for extracting and preserving human skulls from captives. What was his name?

We heartily concur with the authors of the Black Culture test and other 'culture' tests, in their clear demonstration that racial differences are important and should be emphasized.

Therefore, we of the Center for the Study of Tierra del Fuego Culture have put together this test for rating your 'Tierra del Fuego Culture I.Q.'

1. If a man is called a 'gour', then he is—a queer, a drunkard, a Peruvian, a priest.

2. If a Tierra del Fuego reader of your paper thinks it is really 'up', he means it is—down, printed on peyote leaves, up shit creek, more recent than Magellan.

4. Muttentoch Chomper got famous playing what musical instrument—kazoo, harpsichord, chombone, his nose.

5. Who did Ugg, Fooga kill in the famous flues legend—Juan Peron, one million germs on contact, Pimp the Pacific Penguin, Billy Graham.

6. Jazz pianist Leonal Camal Bernstein adopted that Arabic name after he was discovered by Nepalese audiences and became famous. Tierra del Fuegos know him under his previous name, which was—Tom, Dick, Harry, Joe.

7. Cheap chompers taste condomy unless you cook them long enough. How long should they be cooked—nine months, 'many, many moons', one wink of a penguin eye, they always taste that way.

8. The first peon to settle on the site of what is now Bixli, Mississippi was a Tierra del Fuego. What is his name?

for the Young Americans for Freedom in Washington, D.C. He is also the Director of YAF's Speakers' Bureau and a member of Negro Airmen International.



Sen. Kennedy Meet Sen. Kennedy

"In an emotional exchange with relatives of U.S. prisoners and men missing in action, Kennedy harshly dismissed President Nixon's proposed trip to China as a 'smoke screen.' 'While he's over there in Peking your husbands and sons are rotting,' Kennedy told the families."—United Press International dispatch, Sept. 28, 1971.

"...rarely, I think, has the action of any President so captured the imagination and support of the American people as President Nixon's magnificent gesture last week for the improvement of our relations with China.... President Nixon will carry the prayers of every citizen with him to Peking, and the cause of peace will be richer."—Sen. Kennedy in the Congressional Record, July 19, 1971.

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# Van den Haag's 'Jewish Mystique'

Michael Kogan

Like most Jews, I love to read—like most everyone, I love to read about myself. This double passion for 1) reading and 2) self-examination sends me off in the direction of the nearest bookstore whenever I happen upon a review or announcement of a new "book about the Jews." Weekly perusal of the national best seller lists has led me to conclude that I am far from alone in these habits. Week after week, one finds that a majority or at least a large minority of the books so listed are either by or about Jews. It may well be that Jews make up the single largest group among the American reading public—a remarkable possibility when one considers that only three percent of our population is Jewish. We do know that the State of Israel boasts the highest per capita book sales in the world. From the figures available, it is clear that the Israelis devour books with the same ferocity with which the Arabs

would like to devour the Israelis.

HO Boy!

The result of all this has been a continuous flood of books of Jewish interest—some excellent, some ghastly, most of only passing interest. Lately there have appeared so many works belonging in the last two of these categories, that I was hardly prepared for what I found between the covers of *The Jewish Mystique*. I opened the book as a skeptic; I review it as a convert. It is compact, to the point, occasionally truly original, often insightful, very often highly amusing, and always absorbing. It is written with a sympathetic understanding of its human subject which may be accounted for by the author's psychoanalytic training—or simply by his essential humanity and goodwill which shine from every page of the book, yet never cloud his vision nor lessen his objectivity.

Dr. Van den Haag begins his study with a short yet comprehensive discussion of Jewish character, religion, and history. He observes, correctly, that all three are inseparably intertwined and he clearly knows his subject when he writes:

The endogenous Jewish self-image, carefully cultivated in a lifelong process of education, remained strong enough to vouchsafe survival and self-respect. The essence of it was that God had chosen the Jews for a special destiny which required their suffering and absolute fidelity to the laws He had given.... Survival—survival as Jews—for millennia was their first priority. For that they suffered; for that they bore burdens no slave could be lashed or bribed into bearing; for that they underwent toil which no pleasure or pain addressed to the senses would lead one to undergo. For that, they survived.

Here, as elsewhere, Van den Haag rises to his subject and offers us heroic writing for a heroic theme. But, he is also perfectly capable of using humor to make his always telling points. In his chapter on "Why Anti-Semitism," we find the following conversation:

"Everything that is rotten in the world," said the anti-Semite to the Jew, "is the fault of the Jews."  
"That's true," said the Jew with great conviction. "You're absolutely right. The Jews and the people who eat bananas."  
"Why the people who eat bananas?"  
"Why the Jews?"

But, he does not dismiss anti-Semitism with a joke—or even with a simple description of its various manifestations.

Jewish IQ

True to his psychoanalytic calling, he offers an analysis—introductory and generalized, to be sure, but strikingly accurate as far as it goes—of the psychological roots of this irrational hate-projection which has so long afflicted the western world.

Elsewhere in the book, Dr. Van den Haag deals with the potentially explosive question of whether Jews are more intelligent than other people. His most interesting remarks in this regard deal with genetic continuity and patterns of breeding. He points out that for a period of perhaps one thousand years, the best minds in the Christian world entered the priesthood; pledged to celibacy, they failed to reproduce, thus impoverishing the gene pool and lowering the general intelligence level of Christian Europe. Meanwhile, back in the ghetto, the best Jewish minds, entering the rabbinate and heeding the Divine command to "be fruitful and multiply," did just that and enriched the Jewish community with great numbers of intellectually superior offspring—this, steadily raising the average Jewish I.Q. level.

Decay

Having dealt with the sensitive issue of Jewish intellectual superiority, the author moves on to a question of almost equal volatility—that of the Jews and the radical left. His psychological treatment of the question of Jewish political behavior is as clear, as honest, and as accurate as any I have ever read. He is careful to define the exact nature of the problem:

Although few Jews are radicals, very many radicals are Jews: out of one hundred Jews, five may be radicals, but out of ten radicals, five are likely to be Jewish. Thus it is incorrect to say that a disproportionate number of Jews are radicals but quite correct to say that a disproportionate number of radicals are Jews.

Van den Haag concludes his book with a lament for the "vanishing Jews" of America. His statistics on Jewish rates of intermarriage (rising) and birth (declining) will give pause to readers concerned with Jewish survival; but, at the same time, it is difficult to imagine that a people who resisted and outlasted Nineveh, Babylon and Rome will finally be destroyed by Scarsdale.

But, regardless of what the future holds, there are certainly enough Jews around at the moment to make this book a best-seller—and if the Jews don't do it, the gentiles will, because "you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy" Van den Haag's *The Jewish Mystique*. Pick it up, and, in the deathless words of Jennie Grossinger, "hearty appetite!"

Michael Kogan

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## Brayings from the Left

"Whom the gods destroy they first make mad." --Euripedes

Crazy Times

Shocking racial remarks, allegedly showing minority inferiority, from that once serious journal of UCSD vegetarians:

'Last Spring twenty percent of the first year students at the UCSD Medical School failed to pass their written final exams. All of those who failed were minority students...'

Crazy Times

Free enterprise rears its ugly head at the 'Crazy Times':

(an advertisement) 'Cruise on in to Expresso City (Muir Snack Bar) and pick up on some coffee.'

Paul Kaufman

Why do students cheat on exams? The worldly-wise A.S. President, Paul Kaufman, finds the real villain:

'The University structure is a major cause of student cheating.'

Herbert Marcuse  
Herr Professor on Spiro Agnew:

'You can't take this man seriously. He hasn't read any of my books. He knows nothing.'

Crazy Times

The simon-pure 'Crazy Times' tells of terrible goings on at the Communications Board.

'Statements by Paul Saltman (Revelle provost)...are clearly an attempt to intimidate the Communications Board.'

(Can you IMAGINE anybody trying to intimidate the Comm. Board? Not the 'Crazy Times' certainly.)

UCSD Students for Muskie

Humor from the local Pole-boasters:

'The Presidential contender most favored by college students is Senator Edmund Muskie.'

TRITON TIMES

Brilliant news prediction from a 'T.T.' editorial:

'Mounting protests throughout the nation are forcing President Nixon to halt the (Amchitka) test.'

Kathy Esty

Kathy Esty, abortion fighter, reveals all:

'Because of the restrictive abortion laws in the U.S. today, 1,000 women are forced to criminal abortionists each year and because of this, at least four women die each day from abortions.' (Psst. Kathy, four times 365 days equals 1460, which is more than the 1,000 you say visited the abortionists.)

Crazy Times

Brilliant and relevant social analysis from the local organ of the Council on Foreign Relations:

'TV viewers in Guatemala get a steady diet of stereotypical life of the wealthy and middle classes of Mexico and the U.S.'

Manuel de Jesus Hernandez

The former editor of 'Third World' makes a stirring call for Chicano unity:

'Mrs. Banuelos belongs to the old breed of Mexican-American, the kind that build their business enterprises in the Barrio by exploiting Chicanos, green card holders and illegal aliens.'

Cool and calm replies to criticisms of Third College, as reported in the Triton Times:

Tommy Calimee

(to a Triton Times editor)

'You mother f.....s didn't tell me you were running Sills' story. You're lucky some of the brothers didn't come by and f.k up the TRITON TIMES office.'

Carol Mills

In a letter to the Triton Times:

'I had not realized that the anti-intellectualism of Agnewism had permeated to such an extent.'

Sheila Roberts

In a column in the Triton Times:

'The dog (Third College critics) is barking louder and louder and a muzzle has to be put on in order that he may not disturb others. It is our duty as a minority group (Third College students) to seize these dogs...'

Memorable quotes from the Communications Board Follies:

Mike Kessel

'Crazy Times' friend Mike Kessel, a Comm. Board member, gives constructive criticism of the Triton Times:

'Maybe the students want a rag sheet.'

Belinda Morton

A.S. President Paul Kaufman appointee, Belinda Morton, makes just one thing perfectly clear:

'I have no biases.'

## Tidbits

by Norm Olney

Julian Bond, the young, black, Democratic Georgia state senator who was nominated for the vice-presidency at his party's national convention in 1968, told the 'Atlanta Constitution': 'The question is: Is the United States ready for a Polish President? Certainly I have no prejudice in this regard and I would not object to a Polish President, but could we elect a Polish President in the U.S. right now. I wonder....' This has been generally ignored in all the flurry about Senator Muskie's opinion that a Negro for VP would not help either national ticket next year: The Senator said the same thing to a group of black leaders in Atlanta five months ago and nobody paid any attention to it at the time... Senator Edward Kennedy, touring Europe to study the socialized medicine plans of various countries, spent a total of three and a half hours in Denmark, prompting Copenhagen's biggest newspaper, 'Berlingske Tidende', to question how much the Senator could learn about that country's medical plan in such a short time... I dreamed I could wear a Maidenform bra... Twiggy... Smokey the Bear is a hairy boy Scout... In India that war between Gold Spot, the Indian orange drink sensation, and Coca-Cola reached even into the august Parliament when leftist members demanded to know why the government had not at least nationalized the American Corporation's mammoth syrup works in that country's... The National Organization for Women observed Women Achieve Week this summer but refrained from calling a massive strike similar to last year's strike which paralyzed the nation... In other activities of Women's Lib, the national president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Fred J. Toote, divulged to an executive session of the World Women's Temperance Union that last year, Americans

spent \$2.5 million an hour on demon rum. Women's Achievement Week failed to receive W.C.T.U. support... In Spivey's Corner, North Carolina, Mr. Paul E. Parker, 80, was defeated by Mr. Leonard Goodwin, 67, in the Third National Hollerin' Contest. Mr. Goodwin blasted a verse of the hymn, 'Amazing Grace', ending with an extraordinary corn shucking yell.... The American Dreamer is rated Z... Congratulations to the Four Freshmen of Argo 620 for setting a new long distance record (their \$194 phone bill for the first month....)

A recent article in the San Diego Union points out that UCSD spends \$99.3 million per year and has 6200 students. For those of you with a non-mathematical bent that works out to be approximately \$16,000 per year per student. Never underestimate the power of research, no matter what its AMES.... The same article states that more than 25 percent of this present crop of 6200 are majoring in biology, or plan to do so. Is this a case of over-reaction?

This quarter's Angela Davis-sawed-off shotgun award, has been given to Prof. Herbert Marcuse.....



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Dear Mr. Plunkitt:

Just two short years ago I was a happy Pugwash booster with not a care in the world. Then, in a moment of weakness, I agreed to be the interim Chancellor at UCSD until a permanent Chancellor could be found. Imagine my horror when it took some two years to find a successor!

Most of the time I have avoided controversy by keeping my mouth shut, staying in my office, and letting George Do It. But, of late, some of those people at Third College have been after me. About 40 persons of color confronted me near

my office complaining of how the police objected to students carrying handguns and ammunition together in their cars. I am in a terribly nervous state, and Dutch is pretty upset too. My days at Pugwash seem like a dream!

Very sincerely yours,  
A concerned UCSD scholar

Dear 'scholar':

Since you have chosen anonymity I will not reveal your name, though you will remember me from Pugwash. Ah, to be in Yugoslavia in the summer!

I am sorry to hear of your recent difficulties. But, I think I have the solution to your most pressing crisis. Simply follow the shining example of your predecessor, Dr. McGill. When militants took over the Registrar's Office, he granted them complete amnesty. The gentlemen at Third College are merely looking to make a little political smoke, and are not concerned with you. I recommend you appoint a Committee to Study the Situation.

-GWP

Dear Mr. Plunkitt:

I was happy, a few months ago, to retain your column for my newspaper. Since then, however, it has been the subject of numerous complaints.

The most serious of these concerned your recent letter from a Mr. Charles Manson, wherein

you metaphorically compared him to Senator John Tunney. The complaint said that this was disgusting and an insult. Could you please comment?

Very sincerely yours,  
Jim Sills  
Managing Editor  
DIMENSION newspaper

Dear Mr. Sills:

'Metaphorically', my, what big words you use. Stop listening to that pseudo-intellectual girl with the cork sole shoes! Do you want to end up in her condition? Pull yourself together man! Next thing you know you'll be dancing in the middle of the afternoon and God knows what else.

As to your question, I must agree with the complaint; it was an unfair insult to his character. I have had a turnkey friend of mine deliver my personal apologies to Mr. Manson.

-GWP

Dear Mr. Plunkitt:

Like why is it every time I try to go to church or something a bunch of Neo-McCarthyites claim I am associated with COMMUNISTS, you know? I mean that while on my recent fact finding tour of South Vietnam I was merely doing a little heavy rapping with a few antigovernment and antiwar idealists and the fascist pigs tried to bust the place, you know what I mean? Real freaky. And the place was a church! What gets into people? Why do they always have to resort to name calling and ad hominem arguments?

Yours for a better World,  
Senator George McGovern

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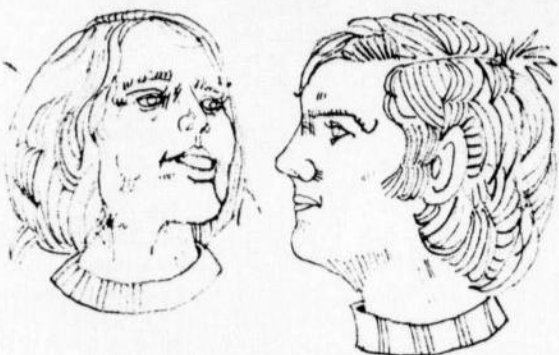


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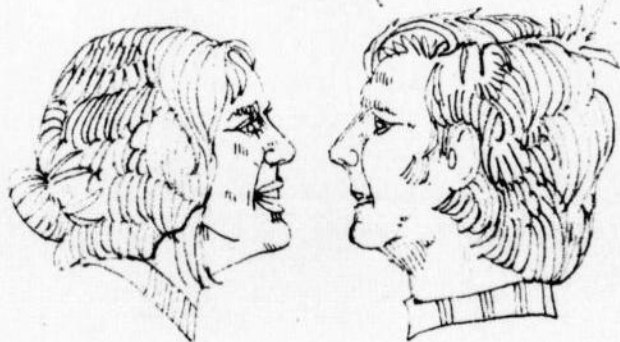
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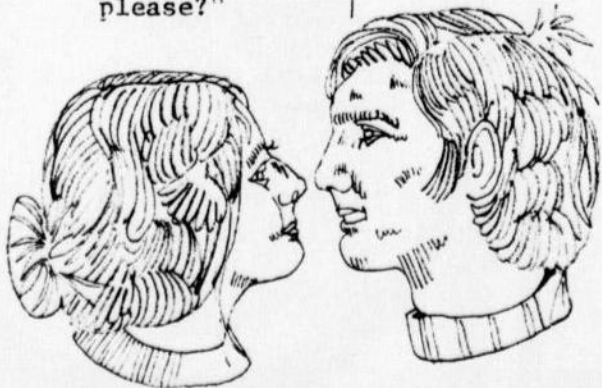
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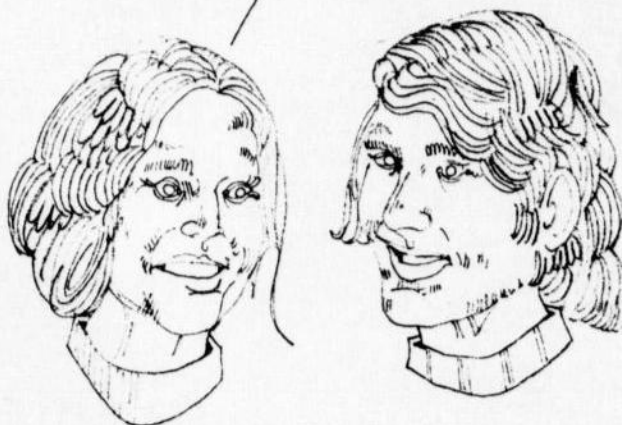
"But that's not true, dear, you're such a good boy, Paul."



"Hey, Sue, CAN that 'Good Boy' stuff will you...please, pretty please?"



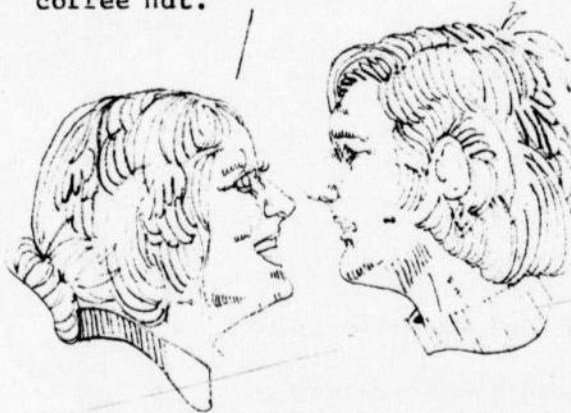
"Oh, did I tell you about my trip back East?"



"Yes, you mean that company that gave you an all-expense-paid trip to Washington?"



"Gee Paul, thanks for recommending me...and thanks for my job at the coffee hut."



"Oh, that's OK. If you want, you can read all about it in this week's DIMENSION issue. They printed it on page two, those rascals."



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