

DIMENSION

"As for liberals...their function ought to be to provide new ideas, and they don't come up with any."
— John F. Kennedy

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Is capitalism a synonym for racism?

Martin Radwin

More than any other system of social organization, capitalism has been the target of many distortions, misrepresentations, and smears. One of the recent and commonly employed smears is the belief that capitalism leads inevitably to racism, while political collectivism leads to peaceful and harmonious co-existence among peoples of all races. Is this assertion valid? Let us examine it critically, and we may dissolve the mounds of fog which have obscured all attempts to investigate it.

Racism is the doctrine that ascribes significance to a man's genetic lineage. It holds that man's traits, both physical and psychological, are transmitted genetically through the chemistry of the body. It holds that a man is to be judged not according to his thoughts and actions, but according to his ancestry.

The doctrine of racism, when put into practice, manifests itself in two basic forms. The first is that practiced by private individuals who have accepted the doctrine of racism. Thus, a man who believes that Negroes are generally inferior to caucasians may disassociate himself entirely from Negroes, refusing to deal with them in any way. The second form, immensely more destructive than the first, is that practiced by a government which has accepted the doctrine of racism. The most gruesome example of this second form was the practice of the Nazi Germany government, which sought and achieved the extermination of millions of Jewish Germans.

Statism

Why is racism, when practiced by the government, so immensely more powerful than any form of racism practiced by private individuals? The man in the previous example may refuse to rent or sell his property to a Negro. If he is an employer, he may refuse to hire a Negro. But he is not free to abrogate the rights of ANY individual, regardless of his race. He is not free to expropriate the property of any individual, regardless of his race. He is not free to enslave any individual. No individual of any race stands at his mercy subject to his arbitrary power. The government of a totalitarian nation, however, is free to pursue any policies it wishes, limited only by the whims of its leaders. It may expropriate, enslave, torture, mutilate, or exterminate any individual or group of individuals of whom it disapproves.

In comparison with the wholesale attack perpetrated against Jewish people in Nazi Germany, proclamations of racism in the United States are shallow indeed. This is not to say that various minority races in this country have not suffered at the hands of racist individuals. Rather, it is to say that no number of such racist individuals is capable of inflicting the pain and destruction perpetrated by totalitarian governments.

Some distortions

Where did the idea ascribing a casual relationship between capitalism and racism originate? Actually, this view is the concluding premise of a syllogism created after World War Two. By accepting the premises that 1) fascism leads inevitably to racism and that 2) fascism is not essentially different from capitalism, the propagators of the syllogism conclude that 3) capitalism leads inevitably to racism. Even the first premise (from which is mistakenly derived the belief that Communism leads to peaceful and harmonious co-existence among people of all races) is not entirely correct. Nazi Germany practiced racism of the most virulently brutal form possible. Fascist Italy, however, did not practice any comparable form. The second premise is totally and unequivocally false.

Government-practiced and enforced racism can exist only within a totalitarian state. A government whose every power is constitutionally delegated, whose every action is rigidly delimited and circumscribed, will not have the power to unjustly persecute any individual or group of individuals. Statism breeds racism; capitalism destroys racism. Before a government can resort

to threats, terror, and physical force to favor one group of individuals at the expense of another, a single principle must first be acknowledged and affirmed. That is that man's life belongs to the state, that men are to be treated by the state as cattle, ready to be led to the slaughterhouse whenever needed, expendable at a moment's notice. THIS is the basic principle behind every totalitarian state. This is the basic principle which unites all forms of totalitarianism, regardless of all the superficial surface differences which may



exist between them. And this is the principle that is furiously, intransigently, uncompromisingly rejected under capitalism.

Even in the United States, collapsing into statism at an astronomical rate, government-practiced racism is very rare. The principles of racism have been implemented almost exclusively by private individuals towards other individuals.

Racism may manifest itself only in this manner under capitalism; rigidly delimited to relationships between individuals. The government may not employ any form of coercion to attain values for one group of individuals at the expense of another. Thus, capitalism destroys the most maliciously destructive form in which racism may manifest itself--persecution of an entire race of people by the government.

But what about racism practiced by private individuals towards other individuals? Is capitalism able to prevent racism from manifesting itself in this form? The answer is...no. Racism of this form is not a political, but a personal problem. It is a personal problem of every individual who evaluates others, not in accordance with their strengths and weaknesses, virtues and their vices, but in accordance with their religion or race or ancestry or nationality. People's thoughts, premises, values, and attitudes towards others are not determined by the structure of the political system they live under. Capitalism is a system of political and economic organization based on the recognition of individual rights, including property rights, and in which all property is privately owned. Capitalism is the only system in which man can live in freedom, free to function, free to think, free to exchange in voluntary interaction and trade with other men. Capitalism can provide an environment in which each man is fully able to exist as a rational, creative, thinking individual. But it cannot guarantee that all men will in fact choose to think. This each man must decide for himself.

Capitalism cannot insure that all men will treat each other with honesty and justice. It cannot insure that individuals will not practice racism towards any
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The story of a Fix: How the TRITON TIMES Suppressed news

The story you see in the box at the right was all set to be published in the TRITON TIMES of April 11, 1972. Written by two TT staff writers, John Maxwell and John MacGregor, it dealt with an apparently flagrant violation of University regulations.

Now you see it

At the last moment, however, the story was removed from the pasted-up front page of the TRITON TIMES, and has never appeared in that newspaper.

Why was this story buried? Why weren't the students informed of its meaning? Who is responsible?

On April 11, when this news story was scheduled to appear, the citizens (many of them UCSD students) of Del Mar elected three members to their city council. One of those elected, by a narrow margin, was the person who is the principle subject of the buried story. Former AS President Tom Shepard, was violating University regulations by using the secretary, office, and telephones of the Associated Students in conducting his campaign for Del Mar's Council. University regulations forbid the use of University facilities for partisan political activity. Shepard was using facilities paid for by all UCSD undergraduates to assist his campaign in an off-campus election. Add to this the fact that Shepard was not a UCSD student at the time, and you have the makings of quite an explosive story.

And that's just the point. If that story had appeared in the TRITON TIMES election day, Shepard would have lost some student votes, and might have been defeated. Shepard was spared that indignity through the intervention of an important TRITON TIMES editor, whom we

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The story you weren't supposed to see

Former AS president Tom Shepard is using the Associated Students office and telephones to help him run his campaign for Del Mar City Council. According to University regulations, 'University facilities may not be used, directly or indirectly, for partisan political purposes.'

Shepard denies that he is using the AS office for his campaign, but in article in the March 31 edition of the TRITON TIMES, Shepard asked that any students interested in helping him in his bid for city council contact him at extension 1913, the extension of the AS office.

When the TRITON TIMES called for Shepard at the AS Office, Shepard came to the phone and gave out information about his campaign. He did not say the office was his campaign headquarters, but he did say that he was "around the AS Office a lot" and that messages related to his campaign could be left for him with AS Secretary Billie London.

Later, in the TRITON TIMES office, Shepard claimed that the only two phone calls he received in the AS Office were from TRITON TIMES reporters.

George Murphy, Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Student Affairs, stated that he had no knowledge of Shepard using the AS Office for his campaign, but that in principle it would be illegal. Murphy added that he would investigate.

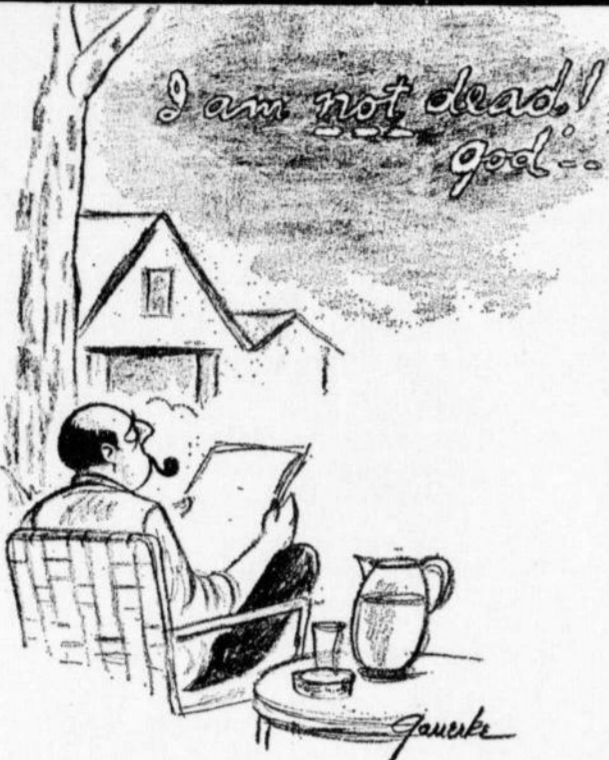
The Week



THE HOT-LINES- The 'Triton Times' recently broke the story of the Chancellor's extensive emergency communications system. Dissatisfied with the wasted time in dialing four digits before talking to other campus officials, the Chancellor has had seven 'hot-line' telephones installed. At a touch he can be in contact with Provost Stewart! What he would possibly have to say to the man we can't imagine. Which raises a question. Where was the emergency communications system when Congressman Ashbrook's speech was verbally trashed? For \$2300 a year, it should have done something.

WHAT PRICE CLASS SOLIDARITY? As noted page one of today's issue, former A.S. President Tom Shepard was elected to the Del Mar City Council. The manner in which Shepard manipulated the TRITON TIMES to provide false information, and quash unfavorable reporting, is covered in that story. Yet, all that aside, some very knotty problems are presented by the election. Just who is Tom Shepard? Why did he receive nearly all of the student vote in the election?

TOM SHEPARD- his is a name that has punctuated undergraduate politics at UCSD for five years. As a member of the AS Senate in 1967, Shepard built a popular base through the 'Shepard Questionnaire', an informal student poll run in the Triton Times. Running as the 'concerned' and 'relevant' candidate in 1968, Shepard survived two ballots to become AS President. Shepard's election is commonly considered the birthday of the AS Machine. Shepard originated and developed so many notable AS policies: high salaries for officers, strings-attached appropriations to the campus media to assure a favorable AS image, and the blurring of money and equipment that was bought by the students, yet ended up in the hands of private individuals. Shepard in his turn begat AS President Benjamin, who begat Palcic, who begat the present incumbent, Paul Kaufman. Shepard, though supposedly long out of AS politics, surfaced at an AS Council meeting last year. He, Benjamin, and former AS Senator Jim Magill asked the AS Council for \$500 to subsidize a study of housing patterns in the Del Mar area. It was clear at the time, that this was nothing



whatever but Shepard's Sociology project and that he was principally concerned about financing his private expenses from the public pocketbook. He got the \$500 of course, and later \$411 more came into the project to pay the salary of a student compiling the results of the survey. What was not revealed at the time, but which is now abundantly clear, is that Shepard used the results of his student housing survey as a motivational research survey for use in his campaign for Del Mar City Council. For the uninitiated, one of the most important preparations for a political campaign is finding out what bugs the voters, and what they want to hear. Shepard's A.S.-financed survey probed student opinion on housing, as well as asking other sociological questions. How many students who answered

in good faith knew they were being so grossly used? Shepard made the most of the survey by stressing housing and construction matters in the election. And as the TRITON TIMES informs us, Shepard carried the Del Mar 'student' precinct by 130 votes over his opponent Ralph Staver. That is almost exactly Shepard's winning margin in the election.

THE POINT-What is the point of describing this most recent high-light of Shepard's sordid career? Does DIMENSION expect that the administration will take action to prevent such flagrant mis-directions of the students' money? No, not any more than we expect Dean Murphy to do anything about Shepard's illegal use of the A.S. secretary and A.S. telephones during his Del Mar campaign. No, the point of this review is to reveal Shepard for what he is: a slimy, cunning, and thoroughly dishonest political hack who differs from Mayor Daley only in his age and hair-length. WHY then? How was Shepard able to fool so many intelligent students into voting for him?

CLASS SOLIDARITY- Shepard won with the same pitch that elected him A.S. President four years ago: 'it's Us against Them.' In 1968, 'Us' were the students, while 'They' were the administrators and Regents. Did Shepard have any real plans to attack the administrators? Of course not, he could only spend AS money with their consent, and he kept them happy. But Shepard DID beautifully exploit the issue, presenting himself as the champion of the students. In 1972, he used a slight variation on the theme. This time 'Us' were still the students, but 'They' were The Developers, the capitalist pigs. Shepard mouthed all the appropriate cliches, damned the developers, and stressed the 'popular' nature of his campaign. And the students bought it. Is this what the Student Movement has come to? Will we always, like Pavlov's dogs, salivate at the appearance of our own brand of 'image', packaged, candidates? Can any slimy hack win our votes by stressing his age, hair-length, and adherence to popular Liberal folklore? Apparently, the answer may be 'yes.' This generation is no better than the last in picking honest and efficient governors. In our time we will raise up our own Mayor Daleys even as we have raised Tom Shepard. Only that was UCSD's folly four years ago, will be the problem of the city of Del Mar for four more years. Perhaps we may have to admit, at last, that this is not the generation especially picked by the Lord to save the world.

Clap Hands, Here Comes Humphrey

I feel as if I had a whole new set of glands.
—Hubert H. Humphrey

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Tidbits

by Norm Olney

REMEMBER NOW, folks, that we are now celebrating with joyous abandon the 4th anniversary of the Paris Peace Talks. May we be as lucky in the years ahead...FORGET ABOUT THE Presidency. Is Ted Kennedy capable enough to be Senator? ...SUPPORT YOUR local politician— just as you would the victims of any incurable disease...NEWS ITEM, Feb. 22—'The Federal Government said today that the average American family on welfare was younger, healthier, and better fed than ever before.' Is this anyway to run a handout?...Graffiti on a wall in New York's Chinatown: 'Nixon for running dog-catcher.'...Caution: Being alive may be hazardous to your health...BECAUSE OF A steadily diminishing number of requests, I am proud to announce that there will be appearing in the near future the 'Worst of Tidbits' (Take note, Jefferson Airplane)... 'The hellish hell of compulsory heaven-on-earth-empirically isn't my pain of blueberries— E.E. Cummings.... Hundreds of youthful members of Jesus sects, many of them former drug users, have come down from the hills surrounding Saugus, California to register as Republicans, saying the Democrats are too soft on drug use. 'The conservative Republican viewpoint is the closest to the laws of God,' said a girl who had used drugs for 12 years before she was 'saved' in 1970. One registrar in Saugus said she saw 278 'Jesus people' register on two different days— all

'Capitalism'

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other individuals. But capitalism can insure that such policies will not be rewarded. Under capitalism, the measure of a man's rewards is, not his race, but his productivity. If a man refuses to rent or sell his property to another man for no other reason than the latter's race, he will have deprived himself of a profitable transaction. Or if an employer rejects a talented applicant for a job for no other reason than the applicant's race (and hires a man of lesser ability) he will have sabotaged his own business. People are of many different colors, but all money is green. Either a man's standard of economic value is race or profit, but not both. More importantly, however, under capitalism, no man stands at the mercy of any other man. No matter how many men reject him, a man will always find other men with whom he can deal to mutual benefit. So long as he selects goals that are primarily within his own power to achieve, he will be successful both as a man and as an entrepreneur. And so long as he dedicates his mind to the unclouded perception and understanding of reality, he will be free to travel unobscured, unobstructed, unlimited pathways.

Collectivism need not aim at the enslavement and annihilation of just one race of men. Collectivism (whether Fascist, Communist, or socialist) has sought—and achieved—the enslavement and annihilation of all men under its domination. Collectivism leads to enslavement and annihilation. Capitalism leads to liberation and life. And that is all that matters—to all men.

'Triton Times'

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shall call "Miss X." Miss X had previously interviewed Shepard for a long story appearing in the TRITON of March 31. The story, featuring kissy-kissy pictures of Shepard and denouncing the policies of some of Shepard's opponents (notably Councilman Ralph Staver). Miss X had also forced the rewriting of another interview which presented two of Shepard's opponents in a favorable light, Council members Rypinski and Staver.



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The 'rewrite' job made a mess of the story and introduced several factual errors.

Presiding over the final production of the election day TRITON TIMES the evening of April 10, Miss X spotted the story exposing Shepard's illegal use of AS facilities. Without notifying the writers of the story, or the news editor, Miss X removed the offending story from the front page of the TRITON.

Miss X, a fervent supporter of Shepard, thus confused loyalty with suppression of news. The free flow of information to the public was interrupted, and students voting in Del Mar went to the polls without the full truth.

What makes this story doubly disturbing, is that Miss X has just been elected editor-in-chief of the TRITON TIMES for next year. Will this mean that the TRITON will go back to its old role as stooge of the AS? Will the TRITON only tell us what its editors think we should know? Or will the paper continue, as this year, to tell the whole truth without fear or favor?

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Gary Keep

The deserter, then and now

The state of Alabama has finally gone on record as officially endorsing equal rights for women. The state legislature there this year passed a bill allowing female over the age of eighteen years to work in coal mines. Right on women's lib!



Gary '715' Keep

A peasant in a Russian village went to the polls on election day and was handed a sealed envelope to drop in the ballot box. He began to tear the envelope open when a Soviet official shouted, 'What do you think you're doing?' The peasant said that he wanted to see for whom he was voting. 'Are you crazy?' exclaimed the official, 'This is a secret ballot.'

Things That Bug Me: politicians who go back on their campaign promises (howdy Mr. Nixon)...the Vatican being part owner of a company that manufactures birth control pills...people of an older generation who judge members of a younger one by their style of clothing and/or length of hair....

Today, Sweden is the Mecca for deserters from the armed forces of the United States. However, it has not always been such a haven for military refugees. During the period immediately following World War II, approximately 3,000 German, Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian soldiers risked their lives crossing the Baltic Sea in rowboats, seeking asylum in Sweden. Many men from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania fought with the Germans in WWII against Russia, trying to free their countries from Russian occupation and domination. Some were former POW's, others were recruited by Germany after its forces had driven the Red Army from these areas. Though they were fighting for their countries' freedom, they were considered traitors by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The three thousand faced either slaughter or Siberia if

captured by Russian troops, but they escaped to Sweden. They sought asylum there, but were denied it. The USSR demanded their return, and Sweden obliged.

Sweden shouldn't feel so bad, after all, since it forcibly returned only 3,000 men to labor camps and/or death. The United States and Great Britain, on the other hand, forcibly returned about 2,000,000 to the same fate. Approximately 900,000 Soviet nationalists—not just ethnic Russians—fought with the anti-communist, anti-Stalin, German equipped and supported Russian Liberation Army (ROA). This force was under the command of Andrei Andreevich Vlasov, the Soviet General who had led the Russian defeat of German forces in the battle of Moscow, designated Hero of the Soviet Union, and bearer of the Orders of Lenin and the Red Flag. General Vlasov was captured by German troops after the battle of Wolchow, during the defense of Leningrad. He joined the Germans in their war with



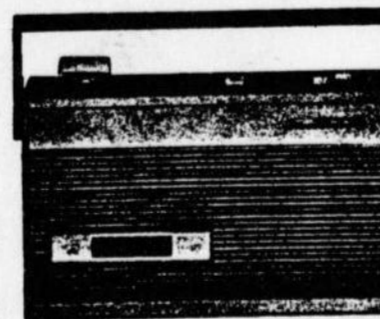
regime. After being returned to Russia after the war, Vlasov and his aides were tried for treason, sentenced, and hanged. The rest of the army was put into Siberian slave labor camps (they were pardoned in 1955). Besides these, another 1,100,000 Russian citizens were forced to return to their former homeland, without being asked if they so wished. Most were captured Russian soldiers, but Stalin decreed that any Russian soldier who was captured or surrendered was a traitor for not dying at his post. These were USSR nationals who fought with the Germans on other than the Eastern fronts. These men were doomed, some committed suicide rather than go back.

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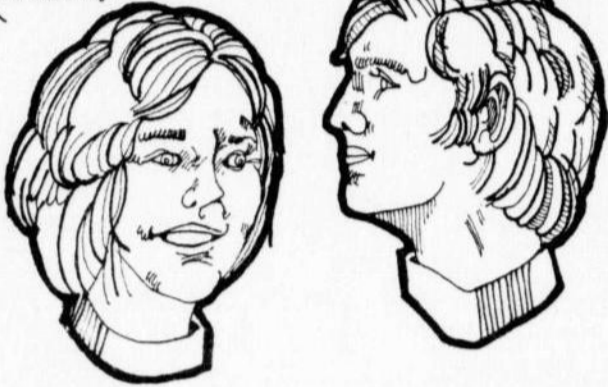
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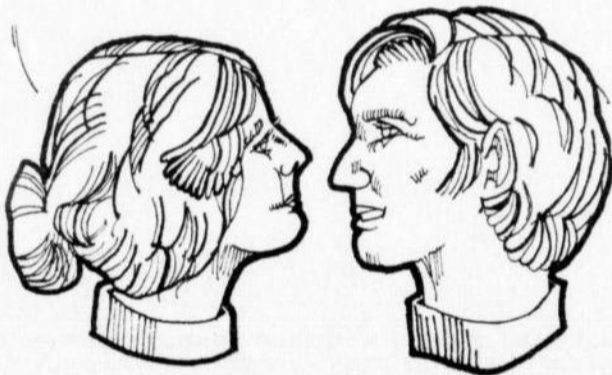
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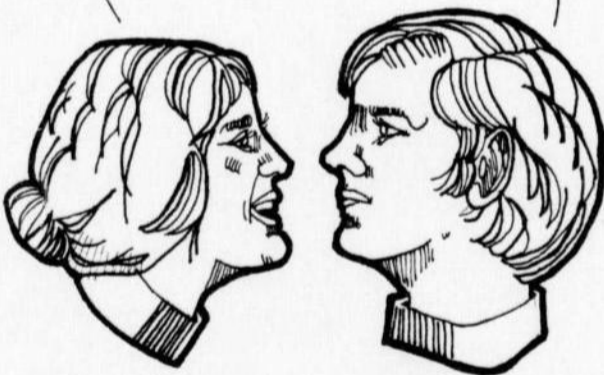
'I'm glad to see you're taking it so well. At least we still have each other.'

'Shut up.'



'Look, as long as we're here in DIMENSION again, why not get a free want-ad?'

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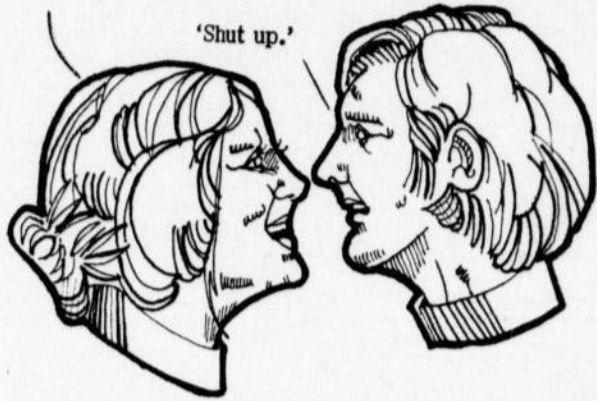


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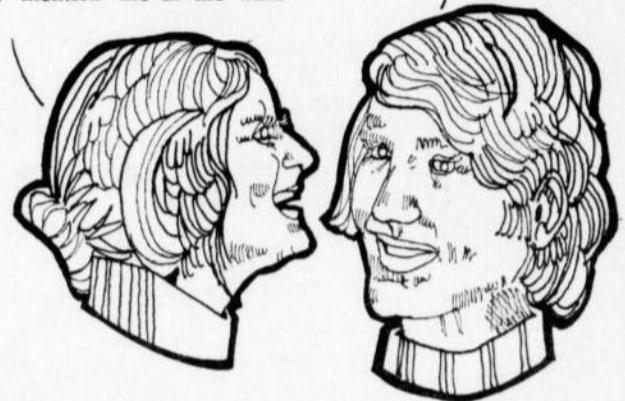
'Oh Paul, I can just see us! Traveling together through the small towns—'

'Shut up.'



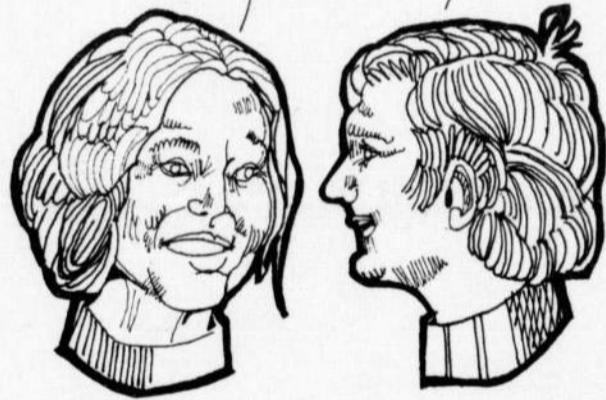
'Paul, you know I can't keep working at the Coffee Hut forever, why not mention me in the want-ad too?'

'Well, maybe...'

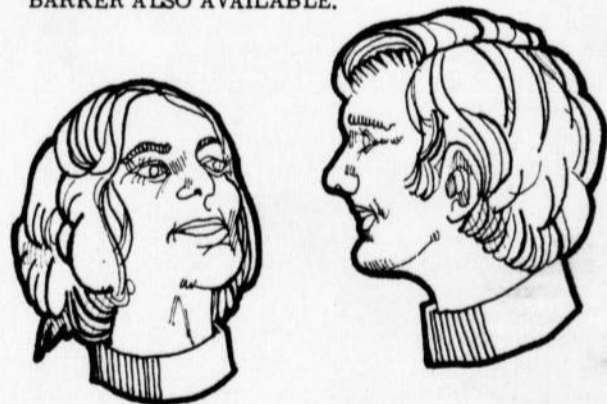


'Oh yes, Paul. Why, I could be a dancer in the carnival! Tell them what a real animal I can be.'

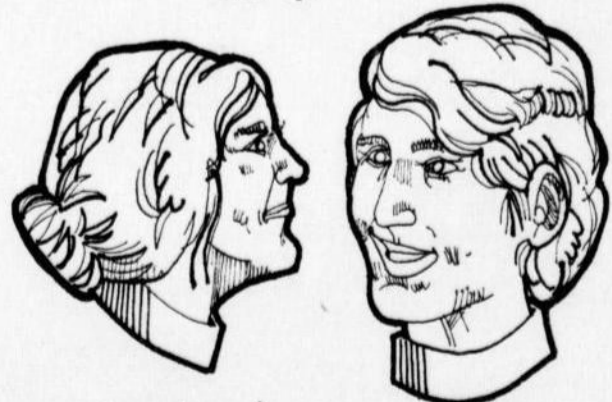
'Animal',eh,yeah...'



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