



Brayings from the Left

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

HERBERT MARCUSE

You can't take this man (Spiro T. Agnew) seriously. He hasn't read my books. He knows nothing.

NEW REPUBLIC

The New Republic absolves itself of all guilt in this doleful line. Readers of The New Republic would never guess what philosophy has been monitoring the "thinking" for that last thirty years.

...we seem to be in one of those long periods when civilization, in decline, produces the kind of thinking appropriate to such decline.

Yet when is it that I have seen The New Republic celebrate itself as "the most influential journal in America"?

The New Republic sanely offers this bit of advice to bring us all together:

The campuses need dissent and their share of disruption. If there were no tensions on campus there should be a commission established to create one. (There has been. Ed.)

Ever observant, The New Republic dutifully reports the astounding gall of the Middle Americano, to wit that he seems to want the money he is taxed for education to be spent on education rather than politicalization:

...Agnew's attacks are beginning to have a disabling effect on the academy itself. The most current counsel the universities are being given is to avoid being "politicalized."

Penetrating note on the Presidential wardrobe and high diplomacy as reported in The New Republic, organ of enlightened Liberalism.

Then once upon a time and now Mr. Nixon clothes his views in a moralistic raincoat inherited from John Foster Dulles....No wonder Paris negotiations haven't got far.

CHICAGO TODAY

Report on progress in the British air force as appearing in the cosmopolitan Chicago Today:

Brian Haywood of Britain's royal air force set a world's record recently for walking backwards 12 miles in 2 hours 46 minutes--and imagine, he's only a corporal. In Washington, that man could be a policy consultant.

GEORGE MCGOVERN

(in a fund raising letter)

The next few weeks may decisively affect the most urgent alternatives our country has faced since I entered public office.

THE NATION

The Nation's Southeast Asian correspondent Prince Sihanouk reports that the American government is up to its old tricks of red baiting again. By the way his dateline was that stronghold of free enterprise, Peking.

For the readers of your esteemed magazine, I need not name the countries which the government of the United States has turned into satellites, on the grounds that Communism menaced democracy and liberty in those states....Yet when these peoples revolt, the propaganda apparatus of the United States treats them as Communists...The Cambodian people who remain loyal to their legal chief of state and who do not acknowledge the fascist and bloody dictatorship of the Lon Nol junta...are characterized as Communist by Washington propaganda.

THE WASHINGTON MONTHLY

Flexing his forensic muscle, an editor at The Washington Monthly previews the glorious result of a guaranteed income:

If people don't have to work in order to survive, they won't accept demeaning treatment. (Golly, what will happen to masochists, liberal professors and administrators?—Ed).

NEW YORK TIMES

Al Featherston, director of Center for Dialogue:

Black people are sick and tired of voting for crackers and participation in this jive political system.

Another magnificent blow for freedom is struck by the distinguished Congresswoman, Mrs. Rita (Fifi) Hauser. On marches the clown!

MARRIAGES ARE URGED

BETWEEN SAME SEXES - Special to The New York Times - St. Louis, Aug. 10--Mrs. Rita Hauser, the United States Representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, said today that laws banning marriages between persons of the same sex were unconstitutional.

Speaking on "Women's Liberation and the Constitution" at a section meeting of the American Bar Association, Mrs. Hauser said that such laws were based on what she called an outdated notion that reproduction is the purpose of marriage. She argued that overpopulation had made this rationale outmoded.

Limiting reproduction has now become the social goal, she said, "and I know no better way of accomplishing this than marriage between the same sexes."

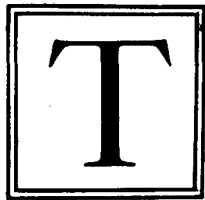
Items We Would Like to Read in the New York Times:

South Vietnam indicated tonight that it might not oppose international supervision of elections in North Vietnam if they were held under a coalition government--a government that the South Vietnamese are trying to promote in place of the present one in Hanoi.

rather than:

North Vietnam indicated tonight that it might not oppose international supervision of elections in South Vietnam if they were held under a coalition government--a government that the Communists are trying to promote in place of the present one in Saigon.

(NY Times 12-1-70)



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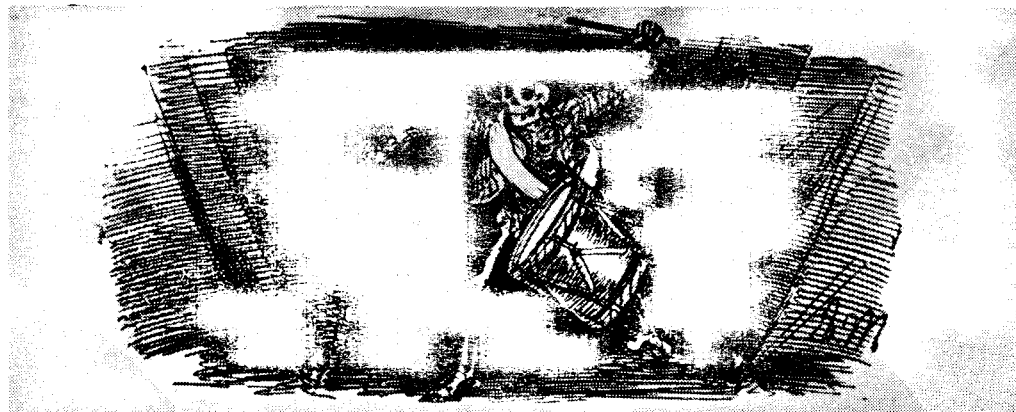
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