# Sculptors of the Future

"The Mind as Nature," by Loren Eiseley (Harper & Row. 60 pp. \$2.75), and "Fostering Intellectual Development in Young Children," by Kenneth D. Wann, Miriam Selchen Dorn, and Elizabeth Ann Liddle (Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, Columbia University. 140 pp. \$3.75).

By FRANK G. JENNINGS

WHETHER he stands in the toystrewn world of the nursery school or presides at a graduate seminar, the teacher is fingering the reins of the future. For those who are aware of this, it is terrifying and exhilarating. Those who are insensitive can quite literally be killers of the dream. Loren Eiseley in the fifth John Dewey Lecture, "The Mind as Nature," states the case with courageous beauty: "The educator can be the withholder as well as the giver of life."

The second book under review here is a footnote to Eiseley's thesis. Dr. Wann and his associates, working with three- to five-year-old children, express this concern: ". . . We might be underestimating young children's ability to understand and interpret their world and as a consequence [are] unnecessarily limiting their experiences. . . Put very simply, children are capable of considerably more intellectual achievement than they are generally allowed to reach. They are intensely interested in the world around them. They are capable of handling, understanding, storing, and using great amounts of information. They can and do deal with concepts and logical relationships that are far more complex than many they will later encounter in their first years of "formal" study.

Recently there has been much urgent talk and earnest research into the nature of creativity. There is a recurring theme to the effect that there is so much more that we could do so much better, had we been given the proper guidance early enough. As Eiseley reports, "There are subjects in which I have remained dwarfed all my adult life because of the ill-considered blow of someone nursing pent-up aggressions, or words more violent in their end effects than blows."

"The Mind as Nature" is a brave little book. Eiseley begins with a brief and painful account of his own childhood. "I would have been diagnosed today by social workers as a person suffering from societal deprivation and headed for trouble." There were no books in his home. His mother was stone deaf. His father was a former itinerant actor turned laborer for survival who could "still declaim long rolling Elizabethan passages caused shivers to run up my back." There were no friends. No visitors came to the home. And vet the mind of the boy was not lost. It found its way through the competing worlds of childhood. There was a teacher somewhere, and "a kindly scientist engrossed in studying some huge bones." The boy became an anthropologist, a teacher and a writer of surpassing charm and insight. Anvone who has not read his "Immense Journey" or his "Firmament of Time" should buy them, too, when he purchases this book.

Eiseley writes, "The teacher is a sculptor of the intangible future. There is no more dangerous occupation on the planet, for what we conceive as our masterpiece may appear out of time to mock us—a horrible caricature of our ourselves." But, says Eiseley, the true educator fights not only for the sake of the future but "for the justification of himself, his profession, and the state of his own soul."

"Ours is an ill-paid profession and we have our share of fools. We, too, like the generation before us, are the cracked, the battered, the malformed products of remoter chisels shaping the most obstinate substance in the universe: the substance of man."

It is hard to resist the temptation to let such an author speak for himself.



But better to promise the drama and the insights that await the reader of both of these books. For, as I suggested at the beginning of this review, "Fostering Intellectual Development in Young Children" is the sculptor's material and "Mind as Nature" is the program the artist-teacher must follow.

The former book is the report of research done in five private schools in and around New York City. Dr. Wann and his associates were able to demonstrate what some teachers know, that children, very young children, can be taught reasoning and logic, that they can deal with scientific concepts of considerable complexity, that they do have a great capacity to handle the symbols and the structure of our language, and that even in their love of fantasy, they are clearly conscious of the real world around them.

Eiselev is right when he says that teachers have the most dangerous profession, and the most rewarding. Thev have the dual role of conservators and creators. The quick, open interest of the child presents possibilities that tomorrow's world can be better, freer and safer. The burgeoning commitment of the college student can be a sign that some teacher had been successful. But there is terror for the teacher too, when he feels that he may have failed to recognize a touch of talent, when he may have allowed a mind to sink into the humdrum depths of bland conformity. Man is so various a creature that there can be no simple rule or test to indicate when or how he matures. Eiseley makes the wry comment that it is uncertain whether Darwin or Wallace could have passed a modern college board examination. The competent teacher needs to depend more on insight than on instinct. He must never grow indifferent to the presence of rousable interests and talents. Whether it be a child gasping with wonder at the shape of a leaf or a graduate student trembling on the verge of a new organizing principle, the teacher must be able to exploit that creative

Dr. Wann repeatedly makes the point that "Adult guidance is the key to programs which extend and develop the mental capacities of children. Young children are continuously involved in the process of concept development. They explore; they seek answers to their questions whether adults help or not . . ." There is challenge and excitement in both of these books. In one a group of scientists describes the range and power of the child's mind and demonstrates this in the poetry of the child's own language. In the other, a poet who is a scientist seeks to describe the very limits of the teacher's art.

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time for the faculty to reassert, really use, and thus preserve its traditional power to determine what is to be taught in its name. But to do so the faculty as a whole must first face up to the reasons for its present impotence, its apparent lack of concern, and its resulting failure to take concerted and courageous action. One reason, often cited, may be that the university faculty as a proud, powerful, and all-inclusive body, has given way to a congeries of provincial and professional groupings, each devoted to its limited interests and largely unconcerned about what happens elsewhere on the campus. Wholeness has been replaced by excessive departmentalization and par-

Closely related is the growing tendency of the individual faculty member to forget that, first and foremost, he is a university professor. Instead, he tends to set limits to his loyalty and even to his professional pride. Often he prefers to call himself simply a professor of chemistry, of history, or of psychology-and nothing more. He is content to live and let live and thus to shrug off responsibility for university errors so long as they do not seem to affect him or his special field of interest. He forgets, of course, that such errors are committed in his name and with at least his tacit approval as a member of what pretends to be the academic governing body of his university.

THERE is also a kind of professorial courtesy that often makes the single faculty member, good, bad, or indifferent, almost a law unto himself. It finds its origin in the high principle that the man who knows the subject best has the sole right to determine the number and nature of courses to be taught in his particular area of specialized learning. To question this right is, in the opinion of some, to come close to setting limits to academic freedom. The principle is a good one to start with but, carried to extremes, it has only one logical consequencethe denial of any effective control over teaching and degree programs by a university faculty. The wishes of every individual must be allowed to prevail, no matter how weak or wasteful his proposals may seem to be in the judgment of his campus colleagues.

Still another difficulty has been the old, old tendency to regard a specific course as the personal property of the man who first developed and taught it. This tendency is very strong at the higher levels where a good many senior

professors have established their private domains which, by campus tradition, must neither be challenged nor invaded. Woe be it to the brash youngster who even hints that there might be other ways to teach the material at hand, or to gather scattered fragments into a new and stronger whole. Often the result of this assertion of personal property rights is a vast barrier, built stone by stone over many years and firmly anchored across new and possibly better approaches to learning.

It is entirely unfair to blame our university faculties alone for whatever is puerile or profligate in their teaching today. Powerful outside influences have been at work and, to a large degree, they too are at fault. One great force of this kind has been a widespread obsession with the immediate dollar value of a diploma. This has led to heavy pressures for curricula and courses designed primarily for a quick pay-off on the first job.

SUCH pressures frequently come from relatively small but well-organized vocational associations, each apparently convinced that it must have its own highly specialized degree program in order to keep pace in status and employability. Thus a new curriculum is established and a new department or school created. Then there follows, almost as the night the day, the drive for more staff, more courses, and more fragmentation. Quite often, both courses and staff duplicate what may be found elsewhere on the campus with only slight differences in applications to specific vocational purposes.

Faculty resistance to demands of this kind is difficult indeed. It is almost impossible when the university administration is more interested in courting the favor of pressure groups than in speaking up for the essentials of higher education. The argument usually advanced is that a public agency has no choice but to serve the public need and the public will. But even this seemingly persuasive and powerful line of reasoning should not be allowed to force the members of a university faculty to become stock boys in a supermarket or a discount house.

Another external force with which the faculty must contend in meeting its academic responsibility is the accrediting association or the certifying board, usually staffed and largely guided by full-time professionals whose first loyalty often leaves them with little concern for what happens to higher education as a whole. Their primary function, the one for which they are paid, is to make sure that the student gains as much proficiency

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as possible in a certain vocational field. With telling effect, they use their great power and influence to insist that priority be given to curricular requirements carefully tailored to suit their special purposes. Time and again the fear of being removed from an accredited list-or even of being put on public probation-has forced distinguished university faculties to approve curricula and provide courses that would otherwise be rejected as unwise or entirely unacceptable.

For whatever reasons, internal or external, there can be no honest doubt that a considerable number of our larger universities have allowed their teaching programs to get badly out of hand. This situation cannot endure. There is great need for firmer and, hopefully, wiser planning and control, and this need will soon be revealed and reflected in public demands for reform on the campus.

The important question is whether the need will be met by university faculties-or by some yet-to-be-determined administrative agency or process. It seems abundantly clear that

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the faculties have their work cut out for them if they hope to keep this vital part of their academic authority from becoming either a myth or a memory.

How can this hope be realized? First of all, there must be a revival of faculty loyalty to the university as a whole-to a single entity committed to a common effort in higher education. This means an end to the separatist attitude of live and let live, to the tendency to shrug off personal concern for whatever does not seem to endanger the special interests of the smaller group or even the single professor. It means an acceptance of individual responsibility born of jealous pride of membership in an honored profession and in the community called the university. A strong sense of faculty indignation, or even outrage, at some of the things that have been happening under the guise of higher education would do no harm.

But loyalty, pride, and readiness to accept responsibility will not be enough to get the job done. There must also be a new and university-wide commitment to fundamental purposes and standards of quality. This is a task for the faculty as a whole, working from recommendations arrived at through intensive study by the wisest and toughest minds available on the campus.

Beyond this declaration of institutional purpose and quality there will still lie the difficult, day-to-day responsibility for seeing to it that these broadly stated policies are adhered to in practice. General meetings of the entire faculty, or even of a relatively large council or senate, cannot be relied upon to meet this need. Power to act, subject to appeal, must be delegated to some special agency created by and answerable to the faculty. It would be the duty of this agency, composed of strong, experienced, and widely respected professors, to deal with actual courses and curricula, making sure that they measure up to the standards established by the faculty for the university as a whole.

The university administrator will

also have an important part to play if he really believes in faculty control of teaching. He must realize that, in his countless off-campus relationship it is his job to speak up for the true meaning and values of higher education-to fend off demands for weak or grossly wasteful programs of instruction, rather than to curry public favor and popularity by bending under every pressure. Working with other college and university administrators, it is also his job to see that the powers



of accrediting bodies and certifying boards are kept within proper limitsthat they are not allowed to become harmfully dictatorial forces robbing his university of its autonomy and needlessly depriving his faculty of its essential right to keep its academic hous

It may be too late for some university faculties. Perhaps, through lack of concern and long neglect, they have already allowed their collective control over teaching to become either a myth or a memory. Some may have no taste for the difficult task of establishing quality and strength where there is now weakness and waste. But the issue is one of fundamental importance. If full faculty control of teaching is allowed to slip away for reasons of either disinterest or timidity, then university professors will have taken a long, long step toward the debasement of their once proud profession. They will be far along the way toward becoming little more than employees who are hired to perform tasks determined by others.

# However Paint Runs Down a Page

By Claire Burch

OWEVER paint runs down a page it makes a picture. Turn it upside down. Another. The world is a picture God made on an off day using one of twelve hundred mediums at his disposal. Patterned and orderly, but in the left upper corner a loaded brush produced a drip that He let stay because (no reason He'd stake His reputation on) it sort of seemed to make the greens work better.

# **Teacher Shortages**

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ncrease in the tax rate. At this price the community can offer high-quality education in *all* subjects.

To prevent deterioration in particular fields by offering higher salaries in them alone is no more than common sense. If your left front tire needs repair, you put resources into repairing it. You don't spread those resources thinly by putting them into overhauling the entire car. School officials don't put a thin coat of paint over the entire school when the auditorium needs freshening up. We get more from our resources by using them where they are needed *most*.

As teachers and school administrators will immediately recognize, several practical difficulties would be encountered in departing from conventional salary schedules. The difficulty that educators usually emphasize most is the possible impact on teacher morale. It is asserted over and over that any new kind of salary step would shatter morale, apparently forever.

Despite all the dogmatic pronouncements, this difficulty is probably an illusory one. First, the claim that salary differentials would shatter morale is Jased upon repeated assertions, not on any systematic compilation of evidence. Second, a recent study by Chandler and Mathis (professors of education at Northwestern University) indicates that school systems with merit pay schemes, which are departures from unified salary schedules, do not have noticeably lower morale than schools with unified schedules. Third, other institutions that employ similar personnel do not have unified salary schedules, yet morale in these institutions cannot be said to suffer from the lack. (The university teacher of Greek will regard it as highly regrettable, but hardly as degrading, that the professor of medicine receives twice his salary.) Fourth, the unified salary schedule itself provides for certain kinds of salary differentials, and all we are suggesting is another.

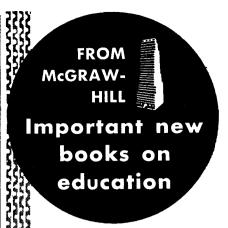
There would be some resistance and disappointment, of course, if such additional salary differentials were introduced. Some teachers would hate to see others get raises that they did not receive. As Mark Twain said, "Most of us can't stand prosperity—someone else's, that is." Besides, with additional ay differentials there would be fewer or smaller across-the-board salary increases, and many teachers would therefore have to forego some of the increase they might otherwise have had.

Those teachers—the ones whose skills are not relatively scarce-would naturally resist the introduction of the new schedule. (Removal of tariffs on cloth would be resisted by domestic textile manufacturers, too.) But resistance and disappointment do not mean permanently lowered morale, especially if care is taken in explaining the issues and implementing the new policy. Certainly the ground should be well prepared before making any change. The understanding of the teachers should be particularly sought. It is important for them to understand the allocative function of salary differentials and realize that other professions have salary differences for types of training and subject matter specialties. It is perhaps still more important for them to see that the alternative to these pay differences will soon be the deterioration of the school's teaching

Another practical difficulty about having additional salary steps is that they would increase administrative burdens. Without any doubt, the unified schedule simplifies the problems of school administrators—by eliminating certain choices that would otherwise have to be considered. With an additional set of steps, there would be more salary configurations to be considered and perhaps some hard choices to make. Administrators and boards of education would have to decide which skills are the most difficult for them to recruit. (They can usually name those skills immediately.) They would have to determine the kind and size of the new salary steps. But these decisions are by no means impossible-and the format of the new schedule need not be complicated. School officials might simply add a footnote to the present schedule specifying the new steps, providing, say, a 15 per cent increment for a major in mathematics and a 10 per cent step for a major in subject X or for a minor in mathematics.

THERE might be difficulties, particularly in smaller schools, in handling dual assignments, since some teachers have to handle classes in more than one field. If the increments were paid for types of training, however, it would not be necessary to worry about the assignment. A superintendent would not pay extra for a mathematician and then have him teach mostly in physical education, just as a university would not pay extra for a professor of medicine and then assign him most of the time to teach economics.

There would be the problem of adjusting to future changes in the demands for various skills. But further adjustments of these salary steps could be made, not every year to be sure,



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but when really needed. And, in any event, it is hardly sensible to retain one absolute salary structure just because a better one might ultimately become obsolete, too.

If we consider the introduction of additional salary differential in the schools, we can indeed see some practical difficulties ahead. But the fact that there are some difficulties does not foreclose the issue. The question is not whether there are difficulties, but whether the payoffs outweigh the efforts required to achieve them. It is more difficult to provide education through the twelfth grade than to stop at the ninth, yet we rightly choose to provide instruction through the full twelve grades. Similarly, it is more difficult to introduce additional salary differentials than to stick with the status quo, yet the change to the new policy may be called for. Boards of education, school administrators, and other citizens need to consider now the adoption of additional salary differentials, seriously weighing the potential gains against the difficulties. As we see it, a threestep salary schedule will be essential in the coming years if individual districts and the nation as a whole are to provide adequate education at accept-

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its first eight years, has been a potent and positive force toward the improvement of teacher education programs. For example, its standards have contributed to increased subject-matter requirements for prospective teachers; to the widespread acceptance of the idea of a campus-wide committee responsible for teacher education policy—a committee on which the academicians are represented along with the specialists in education; to improved student teaching programs; to more extensive and better planned teaching majors; to the development of higher standards of admission and retention; and to improved libraries.

No one interested in teacher education believes that NCATE's standards and procedures are perfect or even nearly so. The Council itself and its constituent members are committed to a continuing study and revision of both standards and procedures. It is obvious that any accrediting body will make mistakes and that some of the judgments it makes will be widely disputed and misunderstood. It is equally obvious that the process of accrediting has served and can serve as one useful means of quality control.

Don Davies, Executive Secretary, National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards, National Education Association.

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It is difficult to determine just what Mr. Koerner was attempting to accomplish. There is little in the presentation to justify its being considered an appeal to reason rather than an appeal to the feelings, to tradition, to the maintenance of a status quo.

Few, if any, of the objections to the five major NCATE regulations seem to have any substance which can be adequately defended. Surely no strong academic community, after careful consideration, would care to take a stand against the NCATE requirements on the basis of these objections.

When the article is stripped of all irrelevant objections it seems to me that a strong case for the endorsement of the NCATE requirements is left.

C. L. Wear.

Lincoln, Neb.

James D. Koerner's article is an excellent piece of work on an important topic. As a member of this college's committee on teacher education in the midst of preparations for an NCATE "visitation" I appreciate his remarks.

ROBERT W. SELLEN, Associate Professor of History, Baker University.

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MR. KOERNER DID yeoman service to the cause of education in his description and criticism of NCATE. It often occurs to me to wonder if there is any real necessity for the NEA and its wide-ranging subsidiaries.

Super-organization may be called for a business and industry and space exploration. But education is something else again, demanding that its organizers be "humanistically" educated—and this they in large numbers obviously are not.

And consider this anomaly: with a doctor's degree and no "education" courses I am good enough for the faculty of a liberal arts college or university, or even for an average teachers college; but unless I have a certificate for attendance on courses in "methods" and "laboratory experience" I am unfit for a public high school.

A. M. WITHERS.

Athens, W. Va.

AN UNBIASED EVALUATION of NCATE has been greatly needed. Mr. Koerner's article will encourage many institutions that have been shocked by NCATE's so-called standards to speak up.

Thomas C. Donnelly, President, New Mexico Highlands University. Las Vegas, N.M.

#### ON VISITS AND VISITATIONS

REGARDLESS OF Mr. Koerner's opinion of college accreditors, his sarcastic reference to their use of the word "visitation" was misplaced. Their campus inspection trips in fact, are aptly described by the worwhich the "Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary" defines as follows:

"1. A visit, especially an official visit, as of a bishop to a church, college, etc., in his diocese. 2. A visiting of affliction or punishment, or rarely, blessing, especially as a divine dispensation; hence, a severe trial or affliction. 3. [cap.] Eccl. a. The visit of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth before the birth of Elizabeth's son, John the Baptist. b. The church feast (July 2) commemorating this visit. 4. Resort to a place by birds, mammals, or other animals, at an unusual time or in unusual numbers."

ROBERT C. HARRIS.

Philadelphia, Pa.

#### STUDENTS AND REALITY

I WOULD LIKE to commend Professor James K. Feibleman for expressing in his final paragraph of "What Happens in College" [SR, Oct. 20] a point that needs considerably more emphasis in American education—namely, that college training often misleads the student when it teaches him the ideal and ought-to-be conditions of life at the expense of the real and actual conditions of this world. Too much of our education at all levels is either so pastminded or idealistic that it commits the student faces when he enters the world outside of school campuses.

As a high school teacher, I am also concerned with this problem. When former

students return for a visit, they frequently complain about the insufficient information given them about the "outside." What we need, as Professor Feibleman implies, is more stress on the practice half in the ory and practice approach in the courses oriered our youth.

RALPH BECKER, John Hay Fellow, Harvard University.

Cambridge, Mass.

ONE OF MY STUDENTS recently asked me, "Why do people go to college?" I wanted to be fair and give both positive and negative reasons, but my reasoning power failed me. Thanks to Mr. Feibleman and his well-written article, I can now offer an intelligent answer to this most important question.

(Mrs.) Bonnie Squires, Yeadon High School.

Yeadon, Pa.

I AGREE WITH Professor Feibleman's observation that most college training is inadequate in preparing the student for what he will encounter in the "brute facts" of the world of practical affairs.

Colleges would do well to consider seriously the values of such a program as that of Antioch College. Here is a combination of a liberal educational philosophy and a demanding performance philosophy. The student is constantly exposed to the opportunity to test his ideas, his preconceived notions, his judgment, and his ability in various kinds of job situations as well as

the classroom. He may get discouraged and quit, but at least he has the chance to learn to know himself, the world of facts, and the world of ideas during his college years. Although he will still need more training in the employment field he chooses, he won't be a scared and inexperienced neophyte.

HELEN RUNNER.

Golden, Colo.

#### ON NOT KIDDING WILLIE

THE EDITORIAL "Who's Kidding Whom?" [SR, Oct. 20] disturbed some of the first grade teachers of Round Lake, Illinois. Most of us have deplored the "gobbledygook of pedagogy," the tendency of administrators to undersell achievement and overplay "readiness." We have resented the controlled publications of primary textbook publishers. Since our aims reach beyond the desired results of the "experts" in the reading field, we have been forced to make and remake our phonetic worksheets each summer vacation.

We now send a letter to parents listing our goals for the first grade. Papers are sent home either at the end of each day or in a booklet at the end of the week, whichever method the individual teacher prefers. In contrast to Willie's in the editorial, these papers range in marks from or to Good and a perfect paper has a

r. We too believe that "We serve them ill when we deny them the accurate and frank information that is the prerequisite for human growth and progress.'

IMOGENE CASHMORE.

Grayslake, Ill.

#### ANY SUGGESTIONS?

In fifteen years of college teaching I have never been as excited about a course as an experimental one scheduled for January. To give it the best chance of success I need the help of SR readers.

One of our most popular courses in the Department of Sociology has been "Social Problems," and I have leaned heavily on contemporary literature—largely paperbacks -for collateral material. Since the residual value of such a course is in attitudes developed rather than in the mastery of factual material, I plan to experiment with one section, dispensing with the textbookand-lecture approach. Instead, we shall seek the most revealing insights we can get from fiction or biography.

How much more understanding an undergraduate gets of the problem of alcoholism from reading "I'll Cry Tomorrow," of juvenile delinquency from "Knock on Any Door," of urban corruption from Lin-coln Steffens's "Autobiography." No chapter in any textbook can equal such pieces for clarity of insight into the problem, especially when elaborated by carefully coordinated class sessions to supplement them and tie the experience together.

But what are the greatest sources? I need help. Ordinarily a "Social Problems" course covers the following areas: alcoholism, crime and juvenile delinquency, drug addiction, homosexuality, interracial and intercultural conflict, mental illness, poverty, prostitution, unemployment, war, and white collar crime. Because of the breadth of the material, the class will be given special training in speed reading to enable them to read at least two titles in each area during the semester.

Can SR readers help me? I shall appreciate any suggestions I receive. Paperback editions are preferred by the students because of the convenience and economy, but the adoptions will not necessarily be so restricted.

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# Geography

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successive years, that is for all years in primary and secondary education except for the first three years of the elementary school and for the last year of the middle school. His teacher is likely to be a specialist in the teaching of geography who has had advanced training in geography as a discipline, probably at a pedagogical institute. The Soviet approach to the teaching of geography and history is not one of amalgamation but rather of individual courses in each discipline taught by teachers specifically qualified in the subject.'

From this and other reports it is reasonably safe to conclude that geography is in a strong position in the Soviet Union today. Although World War II jolted many of our citizens into a realization of the importance of geography, this lesson was largely forgotten in the postwar era. The appearance of Sputnik I gave us a second jolt. We are now in the process of reappraising our educational system, its goals and methods.

One of the results of this reappraisal has been the establishment of a joint committee of the National Council for Geographic Education and the Association of American Geographers to study ways for improving the teaching of geography in the high school. It is a national paradox that a subject that enjoys a respected place on the campuses of most colleges and universities, and one so vital for adult citizenship, should be so grossly neglected in the high school social studies curriculum. Perhaps the work of this committee will bring about needed improvement. In the meantime, what concepts do high school students in your community have concerning the geography of the Soviet Union, China, and India? (A study of high school seniors in the city of Columbus and in Champaign County, Ohio, revealed that 55 per cent of them considered their understanding of India inadequate.)

And what about geography in the elementary school? Is geography being taught in the schools of your community? Has your Johnny's teacher had a course in geography? When was the social studies curriculum last revised? Parents should know what is being done, and school authorities should continually evaluate present practices to see if there is need, or room, for improvement in the teaching of important understandings which will be needed by the citizens of tomorrow. An objective survey will in many cases indicate the desirability of restoring geography to the position it merits in the school

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- G. The adverse position regarding (2 wds.).
- H. Vinous.
- The number of those that "safely lay in the shadow of the fold" (comp.).
- J. Rice and meat (usually ham) cooked together (Louisiana specialty).
- inadvertently; unconsciously.

#### WORDS

94 150 218 122 12 6 118 145 62 159 178

- 65 147 28 190 102 93 82 75
- 133 90 213 29 111 192 56 81 183 100 43
- 92 125 163 2 141 160 49 67
- 152 142 96 109 136 131 34 121 63 176
- 72 66 181 74 51 108 220

32 7 54 38 143 161 177 71 123 193 113

194 163 76 70 97

168 175 78 132 30 151 188 127 164 219

138 87 73 95 101 162 5 86 119

120 24 1 18 20 135 196 207 106 47 155

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- L. Pitti-Sing said a beautiful maid was a cheering this to a "man afraid" (3 wds.).
- M. Labeled.
- N. Comely young women in bathing suits.
- O. Took a little bite.
- P. Position of great precariousness (4 wds.).
- Q. "All our yesterdays" (2 wds.).
- R. German cartographer, credited as first to call the new world America (1470-1518; Latin version of his name).
- S. Describing a famous "evening" in the recent theater.
- T. Containing, or forming, a ninety-degree shape (comp.).
- U. Polish noblewoman, mother of Napoleon's son who became pres. of the legislature 1865.
- V. In geometry, a contact having three or more points in common.
- W. Went in a hurry (2 wds.).X. Sifting and examining present considerations pro

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# WORDS

148 77 165 198 53 60 180 211 40 201

126 117 182 79 203 41

16 80 104 149 26 184 9 42 22 19

205 23 36 57 45 154

171 110 13 167 137 217 85 206 11 144

186 200 55 37 3 158 68

21 17 58 105 189 215 202 31 166 50 39

107 116 216 52 130 88 4 128 173

172 27 208 195 199 112 64 169 46 59 89

44 8 157 187 170 210 84 204

61 191 83 139 179 25 48 114 91 99

124 35 174 69 156 146 14 134 214

15 209 129 197 212 10 140 98 115 185

## DIRECTIONS

To solve this puzzle you must guess twenty-oda WORDS, the definitions of which are given in the column beaded DEFINI-TIONS. Alongside each definition, there is a row of dashes—one for each letter in the required word. When you have gnessed a word, write it on the dashes, and also write each letter in the vorrespondingly numbered square of the puzzle diagram. When the squares are all filled in, you will find that you have completed a quotation from some published work. If read up and down, the letters in the diagram have no meaning. Black squares indicate ends of words; if there is no black squares in the right side of the diagram, the word carries over to the next line... When all the WORDS are filled in, their initial letters spell the name of the anthor and the title of the solver are this acrostic feature and the relative shapes of words in the diagram as they develop. Authority for spellings and definitions is Web-re's New International ioners, Second Edi-

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Solution of last week's Double-Crostic will be found on page 10 of this issue.