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### PLAYS

**ADVISE AND CONSENT**—All manner of conspiratorial doings in Washington. The point at issue is whether the President should appoint as Secretary of State a professor who, in his past, has leaned a trifle to the left. The melodrama, by Loring Mandel, who based his play on the novel by Allen Drury, is ideologically limp, but it does have some superficially exciting scenes. Ed Begley, Richard Kiley, Chester Morris, Henry Jones, and Kevin McCarthy portray some of the agitated legislators. (Cort, 48th St., E. CI 5-4289. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

**ALL THE WAY HOME**—Tad Mosel's moving adaptation of James Agee's novel "A Death in the Family." Colleen Dewhurst, Arthur Hill, Aline MacMahon, Lillian Gish, John Megna, and Tom Wheatley all figure in it to good advantage. (Belasco, 44th St., E. JU 6-7950. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:40. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2, Saturdays at 2:40, and Sundays at 3.)

**BECKET**—A three-week return engagement of the Jean Anouilh play. Laurence Olivier has switched from the title role to that of Henry II, and Arthur Kennedy portrays the Archbishop. Opens Monday, May 8. (Hudson, 44th St., E. JU 6-2237. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30; opening-night curtain at 7. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

**BIG FISH, LITTLE FISH**—Several peculiar types, none of them very interesting, are assembled in this comedy by Hugh Wheeler, which tells of a melancholy man hog-tied by his devotion to his seedy and demanding friends. There are, however, excellent performances by Jason Robards, Jr., Hume Cronyn, George Grizzard, Martin Gabel, Ruth White, Elizabeth Wilson, and Sandor Szabo. Frank Overton will temporarily replace Mr. Robards starting Monday, May 8. (ANTA Theatre, 52nd St., W. CI 6-6270. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

**COME BLOW YOUR HORN**—An inconsequential comedy about a man who is dedicated to manufacturing artificial fruit and has great difficulty in getting his two sons to share his interest. Hal March and Warren Berlinger are the sons, and Lou Jacobi is the father. (Brooks Atkinson, 47th St., W. CI 5-1310. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:40. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:40. Special performance for the Actors' Fund Sunday evening, May 7.)

**CRITIC'S CHOICE**—A drama reviewer finds himself emotionally knotted because his wife has written a lame-brained play that he must review if he is to preserve his integrity. Henry Fonda is the distraught critic, and Mildred Natwick, Virginia Gilmore, and Murray Hamilton assist him in trying to put a little ginger into the affair. (Ethel Barrymore, 47th St., W. CI 6-0390. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:40. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:40.)

**THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE**—A kind of religious mystery drama, adapted by Dore Schary from a novel by Morris L. West, which describes the investigation of a potential saint in southern Italy by a Vatican representative. The play, in which Leo Genn and Sam Levene are conspicuous, sprawls all over the place, and neither its dramatic nor its philosophic content is particularly noteworthy. (Billy Rose, 41st St., W. WI 7-5510. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:40. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:40.)

**AN EVENING WITH MIKE NICHOLS AND ELAINE MAY**—A pair of hilarious mimes in a sequence of satiric skits that takes pot shots at everything from the Tennessee Williams school of playwriting to the Parent-Teacher Association. (Golden, 45th St., W. CI 6-6740. Nightly,



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**A FAR COUNTRY**—A play concerned with one of Freud's first attempts at psychoanalysis, in the course of which he cured a young woman of her conviction that her legs were permanently paralyzed. There isn't very much in the way of suspense in this drama by Henry Denker, but the writing is honest and the performances by Kim Stanley, Steven Hill, and Sam Wanamaker, who enact the principal roles, are laudable. (Music Box, 45th St., W. CI 6-4636. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:40. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

**MARY, MARY**—The dialogue of this comedy by Jean Kerr is funny, and the characters are vivacious, so the fact that the plot—which has to do with a young couple trying to get together after an estrangement—isn't overly original is not terribly important. Barbara Bel Geddes, Barry Nelson, Michael Rennie, Betsy von Furstenberg, and John Cromwell are all entertaining in it. (Helen Hayes, 46th St., W. CI 6-6380. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:40. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:40.)

**RHINOCEROS**—Translated from the French of Eugene Ionesco by Derek Prouse, and directed by Joseph Anthony, this satire about

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people who would rather sink to the level of swamp animals than risk nonconformity in the modern world is savage and funny, and Zero Mostel, Eli Wallach, and all the others in the cast are to be highly commended. (Longacre, 48th St., W. CI 6-5639. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:40. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:40.)

**A TASTE OF HONEY**—Shelagh Delaney, a North Country English girl who wrote this play when she was nineteen, has assembled an odd and frowzy lot of characters for her work—a prostitute and her paramour (Hermione Baddeley and Nigel Davenport), her love-lorn daughter and her paramour (Frances Cuka and Billy Dee Williams), and a homosexual pal of the girl (Frederick Combs)—but they're intensely alive, and their dilemmas compel our attention. (Booth, 45th St., W. CI 6-5969. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

**LONG RUNS—THE BEST MAN:** Gore Vidal's view of what might take place during the jockeying for position prior to a Presidential nominating convention. With Frank Lovejoy and Lee Tracy. (Morosco, 45th St., W. CI 6-6230. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)... **THE MIRACLE WORKER:** Patty Duke plays Helen Keller as a child, learning to break out of the prison of deaf, sightless muteness, and Suzanne Pleshette is now the teacher who rescues her. The author is William Gibson. (Playhouse, 48th St., E. CI 5-6060. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:30. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2, Saturdays at 2:30, and Sundays at 3.)... **THE TENTH MAN:** A play by Paddy Chayefsky dealing with a Jewish girl presumably possessed by an evil spirit. With Alan Manson, Jacob Ben-Ami, and Martin Wolfson. (Ambassador, 49th St., W. CO 5-1855. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:30, and Sundays at 8. Matinéés Saturdays at 2:30 and Sundays at 3. Closes Saturday, May 13.)

### MUSICALS

**CAMELOT**—Very large, very lovely, but not very stimulating, even though Alan Jay Lerner, Frederick Loewe, and Moss Hart, the "My Fair Lady" triumvirate, all had a hand in it. Richard Burton, Julie Andrews, Roddy McDowall, and Robert Goulet are prominent in King Arthur's court, which, as designed by Oliver Smith, is truly spectacular. (Majestic, 44th St., W. CI 6-0730. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:35. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:35.)

**CARNIVAL!**—The Drama Critics Circle picked this as the best musical of the season, and they might have been right. It has to do with life among a clutch of tent-show performers wandering about southern Europe. Adapted from the movie called "Lili," the play has ingratiating performances by Anna Maria Alberghetti, James Mitchell, Jerry Orbach, Pierre Olaf, and Kaye Ballard, and includes a most diverting quartet of puppets manipulated by Mr. Orbach. Bob Merrill did the music and lyrics, Michael Stewart wrote the book, and Gower Champion supervised the whole lively affair. (Imperial, 45th St., W. CO 5-2412. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

**DO RE MI**—Several underworldly types of the sort that provided Damon Runyon with his stock in trade try to horn in on the jukebox business in this rather lethargic comedy, which has a book by Garson Kanin, music by Jule Styne, and lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green. Phil Silvers and Nancy Walker do their best to keep things lively. (St. James, 44th St., W. LA 4-4664. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinéés Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

**THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD**—A merry, if simple-minded, musical adaptation of "Lysistrata," in which Cyril Ritchard, Janice Rule, and Dran Seitz, among others, prance about to good effect. The book was written by Fred



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Saidy and Henry Myers, the lyrics by E. Y. Harburg, and the score by the perdurable Jacques Offenbach. (Martin Beck, 45th St., W. CI 6-6363. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinées Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

**IRMA LA DOUCE**—A musical farce originally created for French consumption. The book and lyrics leer along about a trollop and the company that keeps her, and the choreography displays more enthusiasm than ingenuity. Elizabeth Seal plays the prostitute, and Keith Michell is cast as her particular boy friend. (Plymouth, 45th St., W. CI 6-9156. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinées Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

**THE UNSINKABLE MOLLY BROWN**—There may be an occasional lag in this rhythmical description of the ascent of a poor girl from the backwoods of Colorado to the glittering social heights of France, but all in all it is most satisfactory entertainment. Tammy Grimes is lively and unpredictable as the lass, and the score, by Meredith Willson, is as chirky as a summer band concert. (Winter Garden, Broadway at 50th St. CI 5-4878. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinées Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

**WILDCAT**—A host of primitives are let loose in the Southwestern oil fields in this account of a rambunctious dame's attempt to come up with a bonanza as a petroleum promoter. The music and lyrics, by Cy Coleman and Carolyn Leigh, and the book, by N. Richard Nash, are pretty weak, and the direction and choreography, by Michael Kidd, are for the most part lethargic. Lucille Ball is the dame. (Alvin, 52nd St., W. CI 5-5226. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinées Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

**LONG RUNS—BYE BYE BIRDIE.** Gretchen Wyler and Gene Rayburn in a musical that has to do with rock 'n' roll, adolescence, and spring-time. Music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Lee Adams, and book by Michael Stewart. (Shubert, 44th St., W. CI 6-5990. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8:30. Matinées Wednesdays at 2, Saturdays at 2:30, and Sundays at 3.) . . . **FIORIELLO!** The Little Flower transplanted to the stage and set to words and music by Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock. Tom Bosley is Fiorello, and Howard Da Silva is one of the Mayor's intimates. (Broadhurst, 44th St., W. CI 6-6699. Moves on Tuesday, May 9, to the Broadway Theatre, Broadway at 53rd St. CI 7-7992. Nightly, except Sundays and Monday, May 8, at 8:30. Matinées Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.) . . . **MY FAIR LADY:** Shaw's "Pygmalion," turned into a musical by Lerner and Loewe. Michael Allinson and Margot Moser now head the cast. (Mark Hellinger, 51st St., W. PL 7-7064. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinées Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.) . . . **THE SOUND OF MUSIC:** A sentimental confection, by Rodgers and Hammerstein, in which Mary Martin becomes the stepmother of seven wide-eyed children of the Trapp family. Theodore Bikel is their papa. (Lunt-Fontanne, 46th St., W. JU 6-5555. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30. Matinées Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays at 2:30.)

## OFF BROADWAY

(Confirmation of dates, curtain times, and casts is generally advisable.)

**NEW YORK CITY CENTER LIGHT OPERA COMPANY**—"South Pacific," with Allyn Ann McLerie and William Chapman, is the second in a series of four shows by the company. (City Center, 131 W. 55th St. CI 6-8989. Nightly, except Mondays, at 8:30. Matinées Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30. Closes Sunday, May 14.)

**THE AMERICAN DREAM and THE DEATH OF BESSIE SMITH**—The target of the first and newest of these one-act plays by Edward Albee is that vast, placid sediment known as the American middle class (middle-aged division), which he demolishes with a comic agility that is not in the least hobbled by the startling bitterness underlying it. The production, directed by Alan Schneider, sustains Albee's quicker-than-the-eye mockery right up to the last word. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of the second play, a bundle of maledictions about Southern racism, which tends to drown out the majesty of Bessie Smith (who never

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appears), and is more tract than drama. (York Playhouse, First Ave. at 64th St. TR 9-4130. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:40; Saturdays at 7 and 10; and Sundays at 3 and 7:30.)

**AMERICAN SAVOYARDS**—A seven-week season of Gilbert and Sullivan. Thursday through Sunday, May 4-7: "The Mikado." . . . Thursday through Sunday, May 11-14: "The Grand Duke." (Greenwich Mews Theatre, 141 W. 13th St. CH 3-6800. Thursdays at 8, and Saturdays and Sundays at 4 and 8:40.)

**THE BALCONY**—Life inside a fancy bordello during a revolution, as imagined by Jean Genet. The perverse fantasies of the customers are presented as sardonic commentaries on a rotten society and whatnot, but the play is more gaudy than persuasive. Directed by José Quintero. (Circle in the Square, 159 Bleecker St. GR 3-4590. Fridays at 9:30; Saturdays at 7 and 10:30; and Sundays at 8:40.)

**THE BLACKS**—The American premiere of Jean Genet's play (translated by Bernard Frechtman), with an all-Negro cast directed by Gene Frankel. Opens Thursday, May 4. (St. Marks Playhouse, 133 Second Ave., at St. Marks Pl. OR 4-3530. Opening-night curtain at 7:30; thereafter Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:40; Saturdays at 7 and 10; and Sundays at 3 and 8:40.)

**CALL ME BY MY RIGHTFUL NAME**—A weedy play about the difficulties that two young symbols—one Negro and one white—have over a white girl, played with great lissomeness by Joan Hackett, who had to get her start somewhere. The author is Michael Shurtleff, who once read "The Waste Land" attentively. (One Sheridan Square, W. 4th St. and Washington Pl. YU 9-1334. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:30; Saturdays at 8 and 10:45; and Sundays at 3 and 8:30.)

**THE CONNECTION**—Jack Gelber's curious and compelling play about dope addiction and a number of other things. (Living Theatre, 530 Sixth Ave., at 14th St. CH 3-4569. Wednesdays at 8:30; Saturdays at 10:30; and Sundays at 2:40.)

**THE DECAMERON**—A musical based on Boccaccio's tales, with a book and lyrics by Yvonne Tarr and music by Edward Earle. (East 74th Street Theatre, 334 E. 74th St. LE 5-5557. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:30; Saturdays at 7 and 10; and Sundays at 3 and 7:30.)

**EVENINGS WITH CHEKHOV**—A triple bill, composed of "The Anniversary," "On the High Road," and "The Wedding." (Key Theatre, 4 St. Marks Pl. GR 5-9748. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:40; Saturdays at 7 and 10:30; and Sundays at 3 and 8:40.)

**THE FANTASTICKS**—This musical comedy about a lovesick boy and the lovesick girl next door will be chiefly of interest to those with a large tolerance for whimsy. (Sullivan Street Playhouse, 181 Sullivan St., at Bleecker St. OR 4-3838. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:40; Saturdays at 7:30 and 10:30; and Sundays at 3 and 8:40.)

**GALLOWS HUMOR**—Jack Richardson's new play consists of two closely twined one-act comedies set in a death cell and the hangman's kitchen and dealing with two quite different

conformists—the prisoner and the executioner—who, one way or the other, never manage to fight their way out of their respective paper bags. Richardson's satire is muffled considerably by the bedroom-farce air he casts over the proceedings, which are handled very nicely by Vincent Gardenia, Gerald Hiken, and Julie Bovasso. (Gramercy Arts Theatre, 138 E. 27th St. MU 6-9630. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:45; Saturdays at 7 and 10; and Sundays at 3 and 7:30.)

**HAMLET**—A practically uncut version that diddles and blurts along for more than three hours, and is notable only for the rare moments when twenty-seven-year-old Donald Madden, as Hamlet, discards his dewiness and gives as good as he takes. The direction, by Stuart Vaughan, puts one in mind of a track meet. (Phoenix Theatre, Second Ave. at 12th St. AL 4-0525. Wednesdays at 7:30; other nights, except Sundays and Mondays, at 8:25. Matinées Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:25.)

**HEDDA GABLER**—Anne Meacham concocts a Hedda Gabler who is at once cruel, knifelike, and hypnotically beautiful. Frederick Rolf, as Judge Brack, and Mark Lenard, as Eilert Lövborg, are equally effective. The hand of David Ross, who produced and directed, is everywhere evident. Highly recommended. (Fourth Street Theatre, 83 E. 4th St. AL 4-7954. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:40; Saturdays at 7 and 10; and Sundays at 3 and 8:40.)

**IN THE JUNGLE OF CITIES**—The American premiere of this 1922 Brecht play, which deals with a mysterious struggle that takes place in Chicago between a prairie boy and an Oriental lumber dealer just before the First World War, is given a superior production—one that is possibly better than its materials deserve. (Living Theatre, 530 Sixth Ave., at 14th St. CH 3-4569. Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays at 8:30.)

**KING OF THE DARK CHAMBER**—An Indian play that incorporates stylized acting with singing, chanting, dancing, and pantomime, all of which is supposed to tell how a king and queen, symbols both, get around their philosophical and spiritual differences and achieve union. Some of the play's brain food gets lost in transit, but there is always something handsome to see and/or hear. The author is Rabindranath Tagore. (Jan Hus Auditorium, 351 E. 74th St. LE 5-6310. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:30; Saturdays at 7 and 10:15; and Sundays at 3 and 8:30.)

**KRAPP'S LAST TAPE and THE ZOO STORY**—Two stimulating one-act plays, excellently performed. The first was written by Samuel Beckett and the second by Edward Albee. The entire enterprise employs only three actors—Herbert Berghof, Jordan Charney, and William Daniels. (Cricket Theatre, Second Ave. at 10th St. OR 4-3960. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:40; Saturdays at 7:30 and 10:30; and Sundays at 3 and 7:30.)

**LEAVE IT TO JANE**—This musical antique, by Jerome Kern, P. G. Wodehouse, and Guy Bolton, first saw light in 1917, and the intervening years have only added lustre to its appealing idiocy. Dorothy Greener and Kathleen Murray are in the talented cast. (Sheridan Square Playhouse, 99 Seventh Ave. S., at Sheridan Sq. CH 2-9609. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:40; Saturdays at 7:30 and 10:30; and Sundays at 3 and 8:40.)

**LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE**—A satire on old operettas that is much too amiable to achieve a great deal in the way of parody but is good fun all the same. (Orpheum Theatre, Second Ave. at 8th St. OR 4-8140. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:30; Saturdays at 7 and 10; and Sundays at 3 and 8:30.)

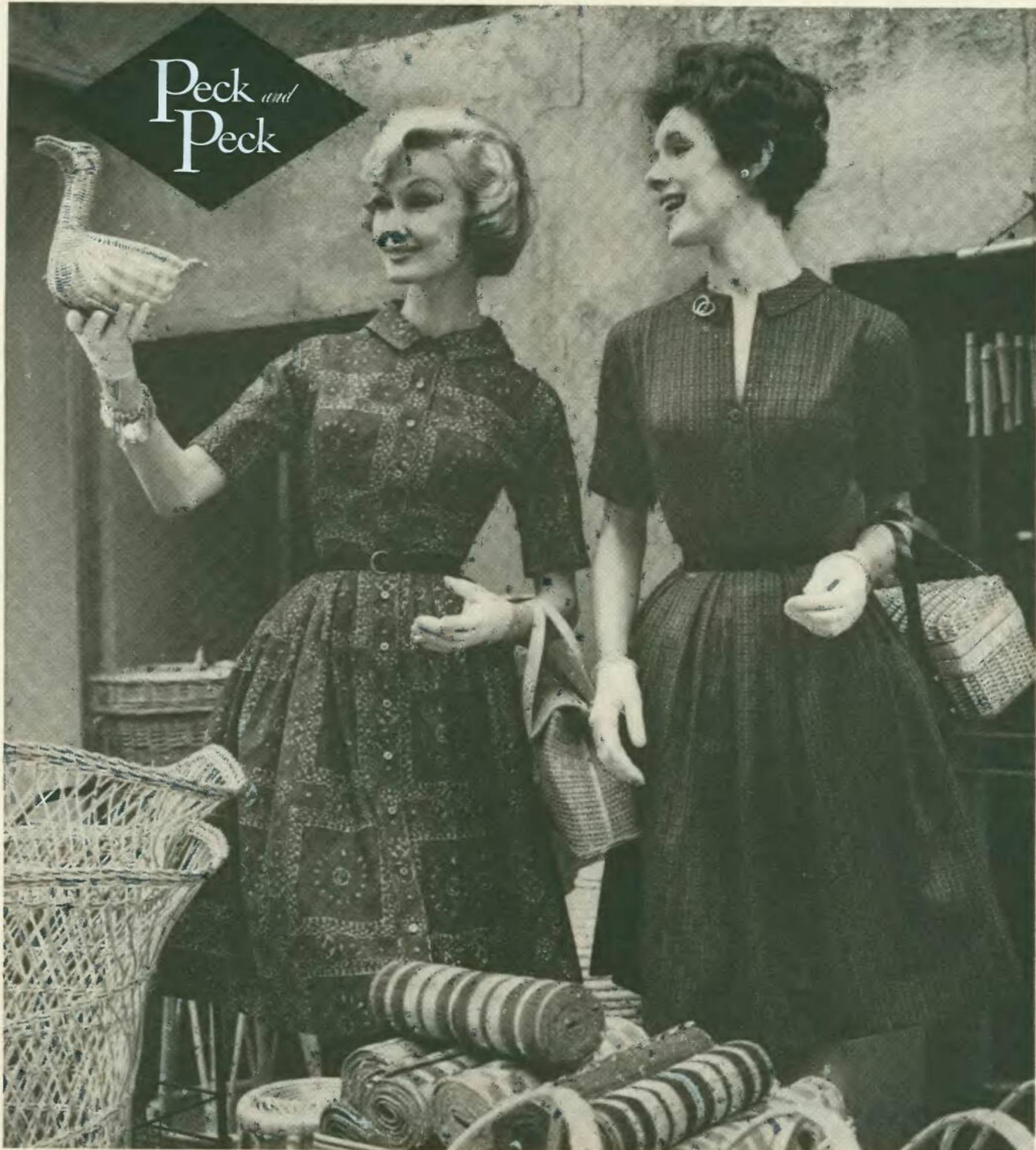
**MANY LOVES**—Three prose playlets within a verse play, all by William Carlos Williams. (Living Theatre, 530 Sixth Ave., at 14th St. CH 3-4569. Tuesdays at 8:30, Wednesdays at 2:40, and Saturdays at 7.)

**PHILOKLETES and THE WOMEN AT THE TOMB**—The first play is by George Maxim Ross; the latter, a curtain-raiser, is by Michel de Ghelderode. (One Sheridan Square, W. 4th St. and Washington Pl. YU 9-1334. Saturday at 2:40 and Sunday at 11. Closes Sunday, May 7.)

**ROOTS**—An attempt by the twenty-eight-year-old English playwright Arnold Wesker to record each and every banality in the life of a poor



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and uneducated Norfolk family, which likes its vowels shut tight, its meals heaping, and its moments of silence deep and meaningful. The results are fine eavesdropping—just that and no more. (Mayfair Theatre, 235 W. 46th St. CI 7-6180. Nightly at 8:30. Matinée Saturday at 2:30. Closes Saturday, May 6.)

**SMILING, THE BOY FELL DEAD**—The Horatio Alger story, done without wit, grace, or point as a musical comedy. The book is by Ira Wallach, the lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and the music by David Baker. Harnick alone reveals inspiration. (Cherry Lane Theatre, 38 Commerce St. CH 2-3951. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:40; Saturdays at 7 and 10; and Sundays at 3 and 8:40.)

**THE TATTOOED COUNTESS**—Irene Manning in a musical by Coleman Dowell, based on a book by Carl Van Vechten. (Barbizon-Plaza Theatre, Sixth Ave. at 58th St. LT 1-1222. Mondays through Fridays, except Tuesday, May 9, at 8:30; Saturdays at 7 and 10; and Sundays at 2:30 and 8:30.)

**THE THREEPENNY OPERA**—Ralph Henry Barbour didn't like it. In the cast are Charles Rydell and Marion Brash. (Theatre de Lys, 121 Christopher St. WA 4-8782. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:40; Saturdays at 7 and 10:30; and Sundays at 2:40 and 8:40.)

**UNDER MILK WOOD**—Still another attempt to transpose Dylan Thomas's long poem about the irregulars of Llareggub onto the stage. Not unexpectedly, only about half of Thomas's tropical verbiage comes through the various antics that director William Ball has devised to keep his cast—an exemplary and exuberant one—busy. (Circle in the Square, 159 Bleeker St. GR 3-4590. Mondays through Thursdays at 8:40, and Fridays at 7. Matinées Thursdays and Sundays at 2:40.)

**A WORM IN HORSE RADISH**—Another visit, done in bold stereotype, with a poor lower East Side Jewish family circa 1900. Eli Mintz, as the patriarch, comes very close to making his materials, which were baked at home by Esther Kaufman, seem far fresher than they are. The rest of the cast straggles far to the rear. (Maidman Playhouse, 416 W. 42nd St. BR 9-2084. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:40; Saturdays at 7 and 10; and Sundays at 3 and 7:30.)

**NOTE**—Four characters in search of an author are meanwhile writing their own skits, often as they go along, throughout the casually entertaining potpourri at the *Premise*, an orderly little coffee-and-pastry shop at 154 Bleeker St. (LF 3-5020). The schedule: Tuesdays through Thursdays at 8:30; Fridays at 8 and 10:30; Saturdays at 7:30 and 10:30; and Sundays at 3 and 8:30.

## BALLET AND DANCE PROGRAMS

**AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE**—Final performances of the engagement—Thursday evening, May 4: "Theme and Variations," "Lady from the Sea," "Glazunov Grand Pas," and "Fancy Free." . . . Friday evening, May 5: "Les Sylphides," "Points on Jazz," "Caprichos," and "Rodeo." . . . Saturday matinée, May 6 (primarily for children): "Giselle" and "Bluebeard." . . . Saturday evening, May 6: "Glazunov Grand Pas," "Miss Julie," "Don Quixote Pas de Deux," and "Bluebeard." (Broadway Theatre, Broadway at 53rd St. CI 7-7992. Evenings at 8:30. Matinée Saturday at 2:30.)

**MOISEYEV DANCE COMPANY**—A hundred dancers and a symphony orchestra from Moscow. (Metropolitan Opera House. OX 5-6157. Nightly at 8:30. Matinée Saturday at 2:30. Through Saturday, May 6.)

**JOSÉ GRECO**—With his company of Spanish dancers, singers, and musicians. A three-week engagement that starts Tuesday, May 9, and will run through Sunday, May 28. (Royale, 242 W. 45th St. CI 5-5760. Nightly, except Mondays, at 8:40; opening-night curtain at 8. Matinées Saturdays at 2:40 and Sundays at 3.)

## MISCELLANY

**THE CIRCUS**—Better hurry. (Madison Square Garden. CO 5-6811. Mondays through Thursdays at 7:30; Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30; and Sundays at 6:30. Matinées daily at 2.

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Through Sunday, May 14. . . . The doors open an hour before show time for those who like to roam around among the sideshows and the menagerie in the basement.)

## NIGHT LIFE

(Some places where you will find music or other entertainment. They are open every evening, except as indicated.)

### DINNER, SUPPER, AND DANCING

**EL MOROCCO**, 307 E. 54th St. (PL 2-5079)—A rock garden better known for its hardy perennials than for its modest violets. Freddy Alonso's Latin band and Joe D'Orsi's orchestra perform for anyone who'd rather dance.

**PIERRE**, Fifth Ave. at 61st St. (TE 8-8000)—"Anything Goes," which is almost, but not quite, being revived in the Cotillion Room, shows what can happen when the pristine innocence of Early American dialogue is brought up to date by someone who is not P. G. Wodehouse. It's well sung, though, by Wilbur Evans, Jimmy Carroll, and a new sprig of catnip named Marie Santell. At dinnertime on weekdays, and at dinner and suppertime on Fridays and Saturdays, is its custom. There's also a plentiful supply of dance music. Closed Mondays. . . . Stanley Worth's quartet, or a reasonable facsimile, hums music at cocktails, dinner, and supper every evening in the Café Pierre, whose population runs to founding fathers and their dancing daughters.

**PLAZA**, Fifth Ave. at 58th St. (PL 9-3000)—Eartha Kitt, whose songs now and then imply that she'd just as soon be a rich man's darling, is brightening the dinner and supper hours of the Persian Room in a way that should make her everyone's darling. Ted Straeter, bandsman and fashion plate, and his swarm of musicians (part champagne, part gin-and-tonic) alternate with Mark Monte's crew of Latin lovers in supplying dance music the whole evening. Closed Sundays. . . . Leo LeFleur's orchestra (only for listeners) flows gently in the Palm Court from four to seven and in the Edwardian Room at dinnertime. . . . The Rendez-Vous, pale and cool and beautiful and dignified, is where Irving Conn's and Nicholas D'Amico's orchestras dispense both prancing and listening music after eight-thirty. Closed Mondays.

**ROOSEVELT**, Madison Ave. at 45th St. (MU 6-9200)—Jimmy Palmer's dance band whispers no louder than the wind in the willows as it executes its simple maneuvers in the Grill. Closed Sundays.

**ST. REGIS**, Fifth Ave. at 55th St. (PL 3-4500)—The Maisonette, an affair of state, has dancing with every course to Milt Shaw's baby band and Walter Kay's trio. Twice during the evening there are song recitations by Dorothy Shay, who believes in such hobgoblins as the village idiots of the Ozark Mountains. Closed Sundays and Mondays.

**SAVOY HILTON**, Fifth Ave. at 59th St. (EL 5-2600)—Life is but a dream as the dance band of Gunnar Hansen and the Latin trio of Marco Rizo roll quietly but merrily through the Roman moonlight that bathes the handsome Columns. From seven-thirty to eight-fifteen, the music is solely for musing; thereafter it's for exercise. Closed Sundays.



. . . The only murmuring in the stately rosewood forest known as the Savoy Room comes from the piano of Ray Hartley, who begins at cocktails and ends at supper. No music Sundays.

**SHERATON-EAST**, Park Ave. at 51st St. (PL 5-1000)—*Comme il faut*, never come as you are, is a primary consideration in the Embassy Club (Chauncey Gray's orchestra and Quintero's rumba band for dancing, from eight-thirty or nine to one-thirty or two) and in the Knight Box (Jani Sarkozi and his violin, from eight or so on). Closed Sundays.

**WALDORF-ASTORIA**, Park Ave. at 49th St. (EL 5-3000)—Gordon and Sheila MacRae, who are doing what amounts to a miniature revue, and a thoroughly cheerful one, bow out of the Empire Room on Thursday, May 4. Next evening's arrival is Tony Martin, a singer of they-loved-me-in-Las-Vegas stature. Dinner and supper is when the performers perform, and there are injections of dance music by Emil Coleman's mighty band and Theo Fanidi's smaller collection of crickets. The music begins at seven-thirty. Closed Sundays. . . . The bosky dell called Peacock Alley has music for contemplation from seven-thirty, music for footwork from eight-thirty until one or two. The Sunday pattern is dance music, and nothing but, from eight to one.

**NOTE**—The Rainbow Room, one of the almost topless towers of our own Ilium, is serving the drifting-and-dreaming music of Michael Forman's trio from cocktails through dinner, except Sundays. The address: 30 Rockefeller Plaza; the phone: CI 6-5800.

### SMALL AND CHEERFUL

(No dancing, unless noted.)

**LITTLE CLUB**, 70 E. 55th St. (PL 3-1800): A real New York cityscape, made up of people who honestly believe that only one state has yet been admitted to the union. They are accompanied during dinner by piano music. After the theatre, the small and handsome Plush Room accommodates Jane Harvey, a persuasive singer who knows many good songs. Closed Mondays. . . . **GOLDIE'S NEW YORK**, 232 E. 53rd St. (PL 9-7245): "Hail, hail, etc." is the national anthem of the holidaymakers, three generations deep, who assemble in this chipper bar-and-grill. Bob Printz, romance in his fingers, runs a piano by himself from five-thirty to eight; Goldie Hawkins and Wayne Sanders appear thereafter as soloists and (following the theatre) as a Sunday-punch team. Closed on the Sabbath. . . . **DRAKE ROOM**, 71 E. 56th St. (PL 5-0600): A suite of practically ambassadorial rank, in which Cy Walter is doing the knowledgeable pianoforte recitations between cocktails and one in the morning. Forrest Perrin is the Sunday driver. . . . **MONSIGNORE**, 61 E. 55th St. (EL 5-2070): Doing as the Romans do, which involves simultaneous dining, expatiating, and listening with one ear to Herman Honigsberg's wagonload of touring violins and a brace of touring guitarists. Closed Sundays. . . . **IN BOBOLI**, 1591 Second Ave., at 82nd St. (TR 9-3777): A Northern Italian restaurant that can easily be mistaken for a Northern Italian opera house. From Thursday through Sunday, there's activity by Aldo Bruschi's piano, oboe, concertina, voice, and trio, to which (after ten) there's skirmishing on the dance floor. Tuesday through Saturday evenings, Mr. Bruschi is also impresario and basso profondo of a toy but eager opera company that believes implicitly in Puccini. Closed Mondays. . . . **CHATEAU HENRI IV**, 37 E. 64th St. (RE 7-8818): Not a castle in Spain, or even in France, but in never-never land. Wandering from pillar to post of the dining hall, Norbert Faconi addresses his you-were-meant-for-me fiddle from dinner through supper every night but Sunday. . . . **MALMAISON**, 10 E. 52nd St. (PL 1-0845): In the bar of this example of the good life, Jules Kuti has a go at his piano, off and on, from five to eleven. Closed Sundays. . . . **EL CHICO**, 80 Grove St., at Sheridan Sq. (CH 2-4646): Andalusian gypsy moths, dying furiously in the flame of flamen-co love. There is dancing for such customers as are not overwhelmed by the passion of it all. Closed Sundays. . . . **WAVERLY LOUNGE**, 103 Waverly Pl. (AL 4-0776): Laurie Brewis, whose file case bulges with musical-comedy

He loves my Mommy's Arpege!



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tunes, is at the piano after nine in the bar of the Hotel Earle. No music Mondays. . . . **CAFÉ CARLYLE**, Madison Ave. at 76th St. (RH 4-1600): Social whirlwind is the favorite party game in the bar, where George Feyer casually rumples a piano with the back of his hand. He begins at eight-thirty and goes through the supper hour. Closed Sundays. . . . **ROMA DI NOTTE**, 1528 Second Ave., at 79th St. (RE 4-3443): The night people of the Eternal City, keeping up (between seven courses for dinner) with a round of strolling minstrels, who are augmented, after the theatre, by such *con amore* singers as Angelo Cristalli, Mario Lima, and Candida Pilla, who certainly love their work. Closed Sundays. . . . **CHARDAS**, 307 E. 79th St. (RH 4-9382): Johann Strauss countryside under a continuous but gentle bombardment of zimbalon, bull fiddle, piano, heart-of-oak tenor, and wispy soprano. Tibor Rakossy, a true operetta hero, is the tenor. Dancing. Closed Mondays. . . . **LUAU 400**, 400 E. 57th St. (EL 5-6555): A Polynesia that's not much more than forty-five minutes from Broadway but that's still able to go native in its bill of fare and its music. A set of string men whang away in the main room; George Taylor, an American tourist, is on hand every night but Sunday to make the piano in the bar sound Manhattan. Everybody else works every night of the year. . . . **BARBERRY**, 17 E. 52nd St. (PL 3-5800): It could be taken for a breezeway in old Segovia, but you'll quickly discover that all the other visitors, including the chef, are from the New World. Conrad Monjoy's piano cajoles the diners with pillow talk during the evening. The concert ends at twelve on weekdays, at one on Saturdays; no music on Sundays. . . . **LA ZAMBRA**, 14 E. 60th St. (EL 5-4774): *Se habla español*, mostly with piano and guitar that keep fairly late hours. Closed Sundays. . . . **ESSEX HOUSE**, 160 Central Park S. (CI 7-0300): In the Casino-on-the-Park, an establishment where everything is done on tiptoe, Steven Weltner composes calm, collected strophes at his piano between cocktail time and suppertime. His night off is Sunday. . . . **VIENNESE LANTERN**, 242 E. 79th St. (TR 9-7760): An international settlement, despite the name, since the singers, amateur and pro, who show up as the night wears on come from every and any where. The principal one is now Monica Boyár. Closed Mondays. . . . **STANHOPE GATE**, Fifth Ave. at 81st St. (BU 8-5800): The wee bar of the Hotel Stanhope is a perfect sounding board for guitarists, and Renato Rossini happens to be a prince of this particular realm. Nine-thirty to one is his playing time. No music Mondays. . . . **LEFT BANK**, 309 W. 50th St. (CI 7-3470): Cal Bostic, a new jump-tune singer and pianist, stirs up quite a ground swell in this small and comfortable art gallery. The other amusement is something to talk through. Closed Sundays.

## BIG AND BRASSY

**LATIN QUARTER**, Broadway at 48th St. (CI 6-1735): Any quantity of fine, upstanding young ladies who are too lazy even to get dressed but never too tired to appear in public. They're led by an imp of Satan named Gloria Le Roy. This girls' world is visited by Frank Libuse, a gadfly who knows precisely how to make low comedy comic, and the Crosby Brothers (Phillip, Dennis, and Lindsay), a young glee club that operates with such ease and offhand humor that it may have been supervised by an older relative. Dancing. . . . **COPACABANA**, 10 E. 60th St. (PL 8-0900): Vocal exercises by Johnny Mathis, who brings a will-o'-the-wisp quality, an implication of youth eternal, and a sound that is both true and flexible to bear on his work, fragments of which are hardly worth the singing. The décor is a troupe of eight girl balletomanes, whose every visit to the floor is a maiden voyage. Dancing for the guests, too.

## SUPPER CLUBS

(No dancing, unless noted.)

**BLUE ANGEL**, 152 E. 55th St. (PL 3-5998): Adam Keefe, a compulsive talker frightened at birth by Hollywood movies, pays them back in full, with disinterest; Leon Bibb, whose hobby is folkways, explains why in a voice compounded of skill and substance; Dick Gautier, recent-

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ly from "Bye Bye Birdie," muses his cosmic and/or comic thoughts aloud. Jimmy Lyons' glittery trio (Beverly Peer and Joe Puma are his aides) and Otis Clements' piano calk the minute hiatuses in between. . . . ¶ In the lounge, except Saturdays, Alex Fogarty plays lingering water-color piano from six to eight, and early in the morning there are outpourings of piano and/or trio. . . . **UPSTAIRS AT THE DOWNSTAIRS**, 37 W. 56th St. (CI 5-9465): The bitter truth about practically everything that has to do with us mortals is set forth in "Dressed to the Nines," this season's Julius Monk merry-go-round. The soothsayers, sharp as so many little razors, are Ceil Cabot, Gordon Connell, Bill Hinnant, Gerry Matthews, Mary Louise Wilson, and Pat Ruhl. William Roy and Carl Norman staff the up-and-coming two-piano orchestra. The *horas de verdad* are nine-fifteen and midnight. Closed Sundays. . . . **DOWNSTAIRS AT THE UPSTAIRS**, 37 W. 56th St. (CI 5-9465): A new midnight star, Sylvia Copeland, is shedding a special West Indian phosphorescence over the undergraduate dormitory of the Julius Monk *lycée*, not to mention the chansons she dallies with. There are also, grouped around a piano, the Three Young Men, who work in some bright and original choral effects when Paul Trueblood and Robert Colston, a double-piano squad to remember, aren't doing their own bright keyboard effects. The pianoforte twins begin at nine, the chanters at ten. Closed Sundays. . . . **BON SOIR**, 40 W. 8th St. (OR 4-0531): Sylvia Syms, who can be anyone from Isolde submitting to Miss Otis regretting, is applying her patent basso profundo to the lyrics around here. Along with her, the customers get the time-honored early settlers—Tiger Haynes and his Three Flames, makers of brash music; Jimmie Daniels and his boulevardier songs; and the interlude piano of Loumel Morgan and Peter Daniels. The other guest, Phil Foster, is funny in street-urchin fashion as long as he refrains from turning blue. Miss Syms and Mr. Foster disappear on Sunday, May 7; the important arrival on Tuesday, May 9, is Frank Baxter, wit. Closed Mondays. . . . **CAMELOT**, 158 E. 49th St. (EL 5-4135): There's life in the old world yet whenever Bobby Short's voice and piano come into headlong collision with his assortment of rise-and-shine ditties. An assiduous trio keeps pace with him. His pink-and-black setting will remind nostalgic venerables of the Volstead Act, Scene 1. . . . **CHÂTEAU MADRID**, 42 W. 58th St. (PL 3-3773): The main arena is full of a Latin-American hurly-burly that can scarcely justify its existence, but it does contain Trini Reyes, whose footwork is even



better than what the light-on-their-feet guests can accomplish. And in the neighborly alcove off the bar, beginning around ten, the flamenco guitar of Juan de la Mata and the flamenco voice of Domingo Alvarado tell a thousand and one tales of the power and the glory of Spanish love life. Sundays, the sole activity in the whole shop is a matinée tea trot. . . . **KING ARTHUR ROOM**, 151 E. 50th St. (PL 8-0310): Mabel Mercer, a destiny who has shaped not only the ends but the whole lives of many other intoners of ballads, is weaving sunlight and shadow together into a fabric that no one else can quite duplicate. Sam Hamilton's thoughtful piano is the perfect counterpoint. This eyrie is upstairs inside the Roundtable. Closed Sundays. . . . **SHOWPLACE**, 146 W. 4th St. (AL 4-5648): "Stewed Prunes," a tiny Greenwich Village revue into which more than the customary amount of care and feeding has gone, occupies the second floor of this establishment. Its two boys and one girl—Richard Libertini, MacIntyre Dixon, and Lynda Segal—go through it, largely in both poignant and pointed pantomime, at nine and twelve every night but Tuesday.

## MOSTLY FOR MUSIC

(No dancing, unless noted.)

**EDDIE CONDON'S**, 330 E. 56th St. (PL 5-9550): Two old schoolmates—Mr. Condon and Max Kaminsky—are reunited for the purpose of old-school jazz, the sort that blends with lamb chops and ale. Bob Wilber and Benny Morton are among those who vigorously bring up the rear. Closed Sundays. . . . **BASIN STREET EAST**, 137 E. 48th St. (PL 2-4444): Sarah Vaughan, who is up in the emeritus crowd, is testing her voice for sound. Also on hand is Al Hirt's crew of New Orleans roustabouts, who often like to play the fool, an instrument not recognized by Local 802. Finally, there's Larry Storch, a gagman individualist who can be a bit too rugged. Closed Sundays. . . . **VILLAGE VANGUARD**, 178 Seventh Ave. S., at 11th St. (CH 2-9355): Sunday, May 7, is closing time for the old-school band of Jack Teagarden, an archive of vast renown and a singer whose homemade tenor could have been equalled only by Bunny Berrigan's. Junior Mance's taut trio, modern as Metrecal, goes away the same night. On Tuesday, May 9, another generous portion will be served up: Lenny Bruce, a free-associational disquisitioner whose mouth is full of pins and needles, plus a quartet headed by Roy Eldridge, one of the three or four wise men who were in on the birth of the first American New Wave. Afternoon sessions every Sunday from four-thirty to seven. Closed Mondays. . . . **JIMMY RYAN'S**, 53 W. 52nd St. (JU 6-9800): One of the two plantations left on a once flourishing thoroughfare. An old Southern cottage industry, sometimes a trifle too artful-and-crafty, is still being carried on here by Wilbur de Paris, Sidney de Paris, Russell Procopé, and Wilber Kirk, to say nothing of Don Frye, the intermission pianist. Mondays, Tony Parenti and Zutty Singleton join Mr. Frye in giving the varsity a little competition. Closed Sundays. . . . **HICKORY HOUSE**, 144 W. 52nd St. (CI 7-9524): Billy Taylor's light-hearted, light-fingered ode to progress ends on Sunday, May 7, when his trio takes wing. On Tuesday, May 9, Don Shirley and his threesome, who are inclined toward rich, beautiful poesy in their instrumentation, come aboard. No action Mondays. . . . **NICK'S**, Seventh Ave. S. at 10th St. (CH 2-6683): The Bourbon Street Six is using this bar-and-grill as its levee this season. There are jam sessions on Sunday afternoons at five, in addition to the evening session; the place is closed Mondays. . . . **METROPOLE**, Seventh Ave. at 48th St. (CI 5-0088): There's nothing very secret about the weapons employed hereabouts, as even passersby quickly discover. The matinées are run by the trios of Tony Parenti and Johnny Letman; the soirées are run by the Salt City Six (off Mondays), Cootie Williams' quintet (off Tuesdays), and Sol Yaged's quintet, which performs only on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. The row begins at 3 P.M. Mondays through Fridays, and ends at 3 A.M. On Saturdays and Sundays, it begins at 1:30 P.M. Saturday nights, the Williams contingent moves to the upstairs alcove, which is dark the rest of



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the week... **THE EMBERS**, 161 E. 54th St. (PL 9-3228): Eddie Heywood's sturdy trio, which rarely deviates from its norm, calls it a night on Saturday, May 6. The quartet guided by Erskine Hawkins will sit tight, and on Tuesday, May 9, it will be reinforced by the threesome of Teddy Wilson, a pianist who likes, reasonably, to live in his glorious past but is nevertheless aware of the present. Sundays offer potluck bouts between extra hands... **HALF NOTE**, 289 Hudson St., near Spring St. (AL 5-9752): The missionaires of progress in their farthest-south settlement. Joe Newman's quintet has the floor. Closed Mondays... **BIRDLAND**, 1678 Broadway, at 52nd St. (JU 6-7333): Gerry Mulligan is now leading from strength, with a dozen disciples behind him, but the sound is predominantly symphony, not sizzle. The quartet assembled by Toshiko Akiyoshi and Charlie Mariano, whose persuasive interplay can almost lose itself in a room this big, does its level best just the same. Dizzy Gillespie's band succeeds this group on Thursday, May 11. Mondays, when the regulars are sent to the showers, are guest nights... **VILLAGE GATE**, 185 Thompson St., at Bleecker St. (GR 5-5120): This cave of the winds is vibrating to the tune of Herbie Mann's Afro-Jazz sextet, whose drumfire, punctuated by Mr. Mann's flute, throws the nightly meeting open to percussion. This group blasts off on Saturday, May 6. Miriam Makeba, a harbinger of spring who sings with the voice of ten thousand turtles, will keep on doing her one-of-a-kind African ballads. On Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, Horace Silver's quintet will also perform. Closed Mondays... **FIVE SPOT**, 5 Cooper Sq. (GR 7-9650): Yusef Lateef's quintet is demonstrating how far out the Near East has gone in jazz. This happens every evening but Tuesday, which is given over to catch-as-catch-can sessions by stand-ins. Cecil Taylor's triad is another exhibit. The scenery is extremely earthbound... **JAZZ GALLERY**, 80 St. Marks Pl., west of First Ave. (AL 4-4242): Babs Gonzales is now doing the singing around here, and it can sound very much like bop. Closed Mondays... **CENTRAL PLAZA**, 111 Second Ave., at 6th St. (AL 4-9800): An ancestral hall for ancestral music. Among the exhibits on Friday and Saturday, May 5-6, should be Buster Bailey, Conrad Janis and his Tailgate Jazz Band, Red Allen, Tony Parenti, Johnny Letman, Dick Wellstood, Gene Sedric, and Panama Francis.

## ART

(Unless otherwise noted, galleries are open from around 10 or 11 to between 5 and 6.)

**GEORGE BELLOW**s—Landscapes and figures, chiefly; through May 27. (Allison, 32 E. 57th St.)  
**ARNOLD BLANCH**—Semi-abstract landscapes and seascapes; through Saturday, May 6. (Krasner, 1061 Madison Ave., at 81st St.)  
**CÉSAR**—Metal sculptures (1953-61) and drawings by a contemporary Paris artist; through Saturday, May 6. (Saidenberg, 10 E. 77th St.)  
**FRED CONWAY**—Abstracted nature scenes, primarily in oil, by an artist known for his murals; through Saturday, May 6. (Grand Central Moderns, 1018 Madison Ave., at 79th St.)  
**JOSÉ DE CREEFT**—Figurative sculptures, most of them in marble; through Saturday, May 6. (The Contemporaries, 992 Madison Ave., at 77th St.)  
**STANLEY FEIN**—Expressionistic figure paintings,

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drawings, and washes; through Thursday, May 11. (Phoenix, 40 Third Ave., at 10th St. Daily, except Mondays, 1 to 6.)

**STEPHEN GREENE**—Blue abstract paintings; through Saturday, May 13. (Staempfli, 47 E. 77th St. Closed Mondays.)

**GEORGE O. (POP) HART**—Drawings, 1905-30; through Saturday, May 6. (Zabriskie, 36 E. 61st St.)

**MARSDEN HARTLEY**—Drawings and pastels of landscapes and figures (1908-42); through May 27. (Babcock, 805 Madison Ave., at 68th St. Closed Mondays.)

**INGRES IN AMERICAN COLLECTIONS**—A loan exhibition of paintings and drawings gathered from private and public collections. For the benefit of the Lighthouse, the New York Association for the Blind. Through Saturday, May 6. (Rosenberg, 20 E. 79th St.)

**DAVID JACOBS**—Welded-metal sculptures; through Saturday, May 6. (Barone, 1018 Madison Ave., at 79th St.)

**OSCAR JESPER**s—Sculptures in bronze and granite, as well as a group of drawings; through June 5. (Landry, 712 Fifth Ave., at 55th St.)

**BUFFIE JOHNSON**—Abstract paintings; through Saturday, May 6. (Thibaut, 799 Madison Ave., at 67th St.)

**LEONARD KESL**—Paintings; through May 16. (Highgate, 827 Third Ave., at 20th St. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11:30 to 5:30.)

**DONG KINGMAN**—A series of water colors of Hong Kong by the Chinese-American artist; through Saturday, May 13. (Wildenstein, 19 E. 64th St.)

**JOHN KOCH**—Still-lives and interiors with figures; through Saturday, May 13. (Kraushaar, 1055 Madison Ave., at 80th St.)

**OSKAR KOKOSCHKA**—A previously unexhibited series of twenty-six drawings of a woman friend; through May 20. (Bayer, 51 E. 80th St. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 1 to 6.)

**ROBERT LA HOTAN**—Abstract Expressionist paintings; through Thursday, May 11. (James, 70 E. 12th St. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 1 to 6.)

**RICHARD LYTLE**—Paintings; through Saturday, May 6. (Borgenicht, 1018 Madison Ave., at 79th St.)

**LUCIANO MINGUZZI**—Semi-abstract bronze sculptures by a contemporary Italian; through Saturday, May 13. (Viviano, 42 E. 57th St. Closed Mondays.)

**MIRKO**—Bronzes, mostly, and wax pastels by a leading Italian sculptor; through May 27. (World House, 987 Madison Ave., at 77th St.)

**JOAN MITCHELL**—Abstractions; through Saturday, May 13. (Stable, 33 E. 74th St. Closed Mondays.)

**ROBERT MOTHERWELL**—Abstract Expressionist oils and collages; through Saturday, May 6. (Janis, 15 E. 57th St.)

**LOUISE NEVELSON**—Abstract sculptures of gold-painted wood; through May 20. (Jackson, 32 E. 69th St. Closed Mondays.)

**BEN NICHOLSON**—His first showing of pictures here in five years; through Saturday May 13. (Emmerich, 17 E. 64th St.)

**GEORGIA O'KEEFFE**—Recent paintings and drawings; through Saturday, May 13. (Downtown, 32 E. 51st St.)

**ALINE PORTER**—Abstract paintings; through Saturday, May 13. (Parsons, 11 E. 57th St.)

**GORDON RUSSELL**—Landscapes, still-lives, and flowers; through May 20. (Durlacher, 11 E. 57th St.)

**KURT SELIGMANN**—A retrospective of paintings, sculptures, graphics, and collages, dating from his early Surrealist period; through Saturday, May 13. (D'Arcy, 1091 Madison Ave., at 82nd St.)

**FRANK STOUT**—Non-figurative paintings; through May 18. (Tanager, 90 E. 10th St. Daily, except Mondays, 1 to 6.)

**REUBEN TAM**—Landscape paintings of the Maine coast and of his native Hawaii; through Saturday, May 6. (Alan, 766 Madison Ave., at 66th St.)

**WAYNE FRANCIS WILLIAMS**—Welded-metal and cast-bronze sculptures; through May 20. (Walker, 117 E. 57th St. Closed Mondays.)

**JANE WILSON**—Large Midwestern and Long Island landscapes; through May 27. (De Nagy, 149 E. 72nd St.)

**MASTERPIECES**—A loan exhibition of paintings and drawings by Mantegna, Rembrandt, Gainsborough, Renoir, Toulouse-Lautrec, and others. For the benefit of the Citizens' Committee for Children of New York. Through Saturday, May 6. (Wildenstein, 19 E. 64th St.)

**AFRICAN ART**—Statues and masks carved of wood and ivory, plus some cast in bronze, make up a survey of various tribal styles from the Mali Republic through Sierra Leone, Liberia, the Ivory Coast, the Congo, and so on; through May 31. (Segy, 708 Lexington Ave., at 57th St. Mondays through Fridays, 10 to 5:30; Saturdays, 2 to 5:30.)

**AMERICANS; GROUP SHOWS**—At the **ARTZT**, 142 W. 57th St.: Paintings by the gallery artists—Erik Hoberg, Murray Finkelman, Edwin Koch, and others; through June 6. (Mondays through Fridays, 11 to 5; Saturdays, noon to 4)... **CASTELLANE**, 19 E. 76th St.: Herman Maril, Minna Harkavy, and Maynard Sandol are three of the participants in a painting-and-sculpture show; through Saturday, May 6... **CITY CENTER GALLERY**, 131 W. 55th St.: The May exhibition consists of paintings chosen by Henry Botkin, Betty Parsons, and Adolf Dehn; through May 26. (Mondays through Fridays, 1 to 5)... **MIDTOWN**, 17 E. 57th St.: Water colors by William Thon, Edward Betts, Jason Schoener, Robert Vickrey, and Fred Nagler; through Saturday, May 13... **MILCH**, 21 E. 67th St.: Childe Hassam, Hobson Pittman, and Leon Kroll are three of the nineteenth- and twentieth-century artists represented in a showing of oils and water colors; through June 17... **PERIDOT**, 820 Madison Ave., at 68th St.: Lithographs by New York artists, including Robert Goodnough, Costantino Nivola, and Bernard Pfriem; through Saturday, May 13... **SMALL**, 8 E. 75th St.: Drawings, past and present, by Josef Albers, Julian Levi, Milton Avery, and other contemporaries; through Saturday, May 13. (Closed Mondays.)

**AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS; GROUP SHOWS**—At **CORDIER & WARREN**, 978 Madison Ave., at 76th St.: Paintings by the gallery group, including Fritz Bultman, Romare Bearden, and Jean



# GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN

Dubuffet; through Saturday, May 13....  
**DEITSCH**, 1018 Madison Ave., at 79th St.: Original prints, from Goya through the German Expressionists; through Saturday, May 13....  
**GRAHAM**, second floor, 1014 Madison Ave., at 78th St.: "Romantic Paintings," an exhibit of works by (for instance) Arthur B. Davies, John Hoppner, and Henri Fantin-Latour; through May 19. (Closed Mondays.)...  
**PERLS**, 1016 Madison Ave., at 78th St.: Paintings and sculptures by Pascin, Braque, Calder, and other modern masters; through June 16. (Closed Mondays.)

**FRENCH; GROUP SHOWS**—At the **HANN**, 611 Madison Ave., at 58th St.: Paintings by such artists as Bonnard, Braque, and Picasso; through Saturday, May 13....  
**HUTTON**, 41 E. 57th St.: "La Scène Française," an exhibition of nineteenth- and twentieth-century paintings by, among others, Vlaminck, Renoir, and Buffet; through May 27.

## MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES

**METROPOLITAN MUSEUM**, Fifth Ave. at 82nd St.—"Color in Prints," about seventy examples showing the development of color from Gothic woodcuts to contemporary prints; starting Friday, May 5. (Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 to 5; Sundays, 1 to 5.)

**MUSEUM OF MODERN ART**, 11 W. 53rd St.—Paintings, sculptures, collages, and other works by the School of Paris artist Max Ernst; through Monday, May 8....  
**America Seen—Between the Wars**, forty paintings from the twenties and thirties (by Charles Burchfield, Edward Hopper, Thomas Hart Benton, O. Louis Guglielmi, and others) drawn from the Museum's collection....  
**A retrospective of about three hundred photographs by Edward Steichen**. Dating from 1895 to the present, they include cityscapes, landscapes, nature studies, nudes, abstractions, and portraits. Through May 21. (Weekdays, 11 to 6, and Thursday evenings until 10; Sundays, 1 to 7.)

**BROOKLYN MUSEUM**, Eastern Parkway—The Twenty-first International Watercolor Biennial, made up of more than two hundred paintings from Germany, Great Britain, and the United States; through May 28....  
**Paintings and drawings of birds, acrobats, people playing games, and so on**, by Manfred Schwartz; through May 14. (Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 to 5; Sundays, 1 to 5.)

**SOLOMON R. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM**, 1071 Fifth Ave., at 80th St.—An exhibition of paintings and sculptures (Rousseau's "The Football Players," Cézanne's "The Clockmaker," and Brancusi's "White Seal," to mention a few) acquired during the past eight years; through May 31. (Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 to 6, and Wednesday evenings until 9; Sundays, noon to 6.)

**JEWISH MUSEUM**, Fifth Ave. at 92nd St.—Semi-abstract and figural sculptures (in wood, marble, bronze, and granite), together with graphic art, by Peter Lipman-Wulf; through June 15. (Mondays through Thursdays, 1 to 5; Sundays, 11 to 6.)

**MORGAN LIBRARY**, 33 E. 36th St.—"Recent Acquisitions," an exhibition of drawings, manuscripts, letters, bookbindings, and printed books; through June 16. (Weekdays, 9:30 to 5.)

**MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK**, Fifth Ave. at 104th St.—"King Arthur on Broadway," a display of photographs, programs, and posters retracing the dramatic, operatic, and screen versions of the Arthurian legend since it first appeared on the New York stage, about seventy-five years ago. (Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 to 5; Sundays, 1 to 5.)

**MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS**, 29 W. 53rd St.—"Modern Mosaics of Ravenna," an exhibit including designs by Afro, Chagall, Campigli, and other European painters; through May 14. (Weekdays, noon to 6; Sundays, 2 to 6.)

**WHITNEY MUSEUM**, 22 W. 54th St.—"The Theatre Collects American Art," an exhibition presented by the Friends of the Whitney Museum and consisting of paintings, drawings, and sculptures (by such artists as Lyonel Feininger, Hans Hofmann, and Alexander Calder) owned by Lillian Hellman, Henry Fonda, Richard Rodgers, and other

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people connected with the theatre, motion pictures, radio, and television; through May 16. (Daily, 1 to 5.)

## MUSIC

(The box-office number for Carnegie Hall is CI 7-7460 and for Town Hall JU 2-4536. Other box-office numbers are included in the listings.)

### OPERA

**XAVIER SYMPHONY SOCIETY**—Vincent La Selva directing the last in a series of performances of Menotti's "The Saint of Bleecker Street." (Xavier Theatre, 40 W. 16th St. Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7, and Saturday and Sunday, May 13-14, at 8. No tickets necessary.)

### ORCHESTRAS AND CHORUSES

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA**—Elias Dann conducting, with Konrad Wolff, piano. (Mc-Millin Theatre, Broadway at 116th St. Saturday, May 6, at 8:30. For free tickets, call UN 5-4000, Ext. 2081.)

**ARS NOVA ORCHESTRA**—Robert Mandell directing an all-Mozart program, with the glee clubs of Fordham University and the College of New Rochelle; Ellen Faull, soprano; Joan Caplan, mezzo-soprano; Charles E. Green, tenor; and Daniel Ferro, bass. (Carnegie Hall, Thursday, May 11, at 8:30.)

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA GLEE CLUB**—Bruce Montgomery directing. (Town Hall, Thursday, May 4, at 8:30.)

**HUNTER COLLEGE CHOIR AND UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA GLEE CLUB**—A joint concert, with Anders Emile and Bruce Montgomery directing, and with Bruce Prince-Joseph, organist, and a chamber orchestra. (Hunter College Assembly Hall, Park Ave. at 69th St. Saturday, May 6, at 8:15. For tickets, call TR 9-2100, Ext. 325.)

**INTERRACIAL FELLOWSHIP CHORUS**—Harold Aks directing, with Jeanette Scovotti, soprano; Shirley Verrett-Carter, contralto; David Dodds, tenor; Abraham Lind, baritone; and the Interracial Orchestra. (Town Hall, Sunday, May 7, at 8:30.)

### RECITALS

**THE WEAVERS**—Folk singers. (Carnegie Hall, Saturday, May 6, at 8:40.)

### MISCELLANY

**OPERAS-IN-BRIEF**—"The Marriage of Figaro," the last in this season's series of abbreviated operas presented by the Amato Opera Company. (Town Hall, Tuesday, May 9, at 5:30.)

**JAZZ CONCERT**—Dizzy Gillespie's band and Lennie Dale's dancers in a program called "Sounds and Movements." (Hunter College

Assembly Hall, Park Ave. at 69th St. Friday, May 12, at 8:30. For tickets, call PL 5-3524.)

## SPORTS

**BASEBALL**—Yankees vs. Detroit. (Yankee Stadium, Friday, May 12, at 8, and Saturday, May 13, at 2.)

**CREW**—Compton Cup Regatta: Harvard, M.I.T., and Princeton. (Cambridge, Saturday, May 6.)...  
**Blackwell Cup Regatta**: Columbia, Pennsylvania, and Yale. (Harlem River, Saturday, May 6.)...  
**Goes Trophy Regatta**: Cornell, Navy, and Syracuse. (Annapolis, Saturday, May 6.)...  
**Adams Cup Regatta**: Harvard, Navy, and Pennsylvania. (Cambridge, Saturday, May 13.)...  
**Carnegie Cup Regatta**: Cornell, Princeton, and Yale. (Princeton, Saturday, May 13.)

**GOLF**—Long Island Golf Association Richardson Memorial Tournament. (Seawane Harbor Club, Hewlett, L.I. Friday through Sunday, May 5-7.)

**HORSE SHOWS**—Sugartown Horse Show. (Newtown Square, Pa. Saturday, May 6.)...  
**Keswick Hunt Club Horse Show**. (Keswick, Va. Friday through Sunday, May 12-14.)

**HUNT RACING**—Virginia Gold Cup Association. (Warrenton, Va. Saturday, May 6.)...  
**Radnor Hunt Club**. (Malvern, Pa. Saturday, May 13.)

**RACING**—At **AQUEDUCT**: Weekdays at 1:30; through Wednesday, May 31. The Carter Handicap, Saturday, May 6; the Idlewild Handicap, Wednesday, May 10; and the Withers, Saturday, May 13....  
**GARDEN STATE PARK**, Camden, N.J.: Tuesdays through Saturdays at 2:30; through Tuesday, May 30. (A train leaves Penn Station at 11 and connects with a train for the track at North Philadelphia.)...  
**CHURCHILL DOWNS**, Louisville, Ky.: The Kentucky Derby, Saturday, May 6.

**TRAPSHOOTING**—Amateur Championships of America, sponsored by the New York Athletic Club. (Travers Island, Pelham Manor, Friday, May 12, at 11; Saturday, May 13, at 10; and Sunday, May 14, at 11.)

**TROTTING**—At Yonkers Raceway: Weekdays at 8:25; through Saturday, May 20.

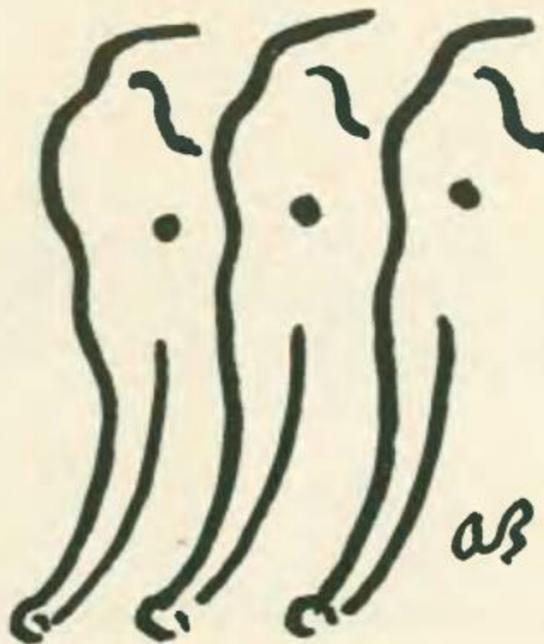
## FOR CHILDREN

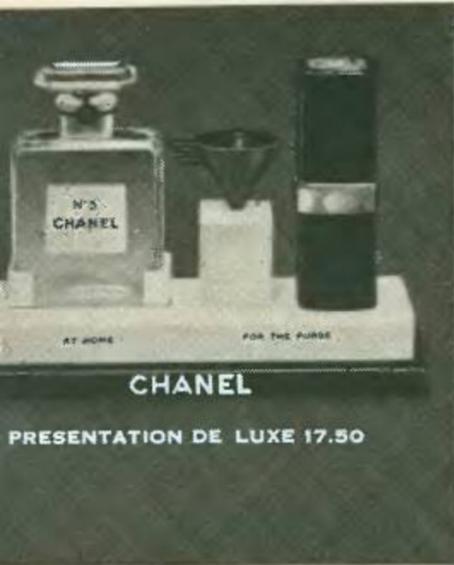
**BALLET**—The American Ballet Theatre presenting a program primarily for children: "Giselle" and "Bluebeard." (Broadway Theatre, Broadway at 53rd St. CI 7-7092. Saturday, May 6, at 2:30.)

**STAGE SHOWS**—By the **PEGGY BRIDGE MARIONETTES**: "Little Brave Sambo," plus Leroy the Magician. (Jan Hus Auditorium, 351 E. 74th St. Saturdays at 3. For tickets, call AC 2-3831.)...  
**CAVKAP PRODUCTIONS**: "The Frog Prince." (Theatre East, 211 E. 60th St. TE 8-0282 Saturdays at 1, 2:15, and 3:30, and Sundays at 2 and 3:30.)...  
**LITTLE GOLDEN THEATRE**: "Young Abe Lincoln." (Eugene O'Neill Theatre, 230 W. 49th St. CI 6-8870. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4:30; Thursdays and Fridays at 4:30 and 7; and Saturdays and Sundays at noon, 2, and 4.)...  
**MERRI-MIMES**: "The Littlest Tailor." (Cricket Theatre, Second Ave. at 10th St. OR 4-3960. Saturdays at 1, 2:30, and 4.)...  
**MUSICAL THEATRE FOR CHILDREN**: "The Willie Tree." (Sheridan Square Playhouse, 99 Seventh Ave. S., at Sheridan Sq. CH 2-9609. Saturdays at 2:30 and Sundays at 1.)...  
**PILGRIM PRODUCTIONS**: "Peterkin Papers." (Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave. ST 3-6700. Saturday, May 6, at 3.)

**JUNIOR MUSEUM**, Metropolitan Museum, Fifth Ave. at 81st St.—"How to Look at Sculpture," an exhibit of more than a hundred works, dating from early Egyptian times to the twentieth century, together with displays demonstrating the sculptor's basic materials and techniques. (Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 to 5; Sundays, 1 to 5.)

**HAYDEN PLANETARIUM**, Central Park W. at 81st St. (TR 3-1300)—The new show, "On the Shoulders of Giants," concerns great astronomers of the past. (Mondays at 2 and 3:30; Tuesdays through Fridays at 2, 3:30, and 8:30; and Saturdays and Sundays at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8:30. Extra performances





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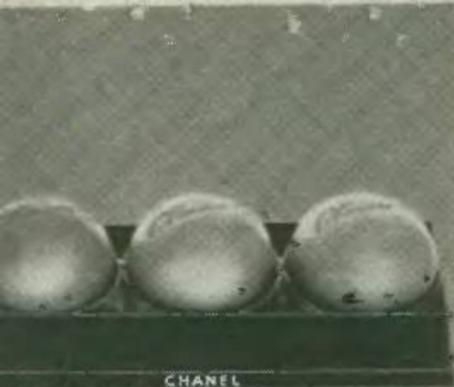


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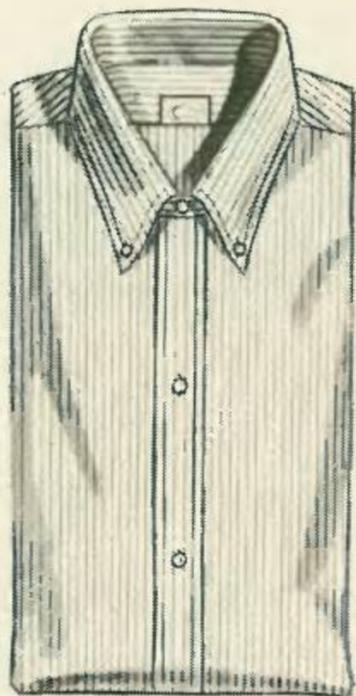


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## GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN

Saturday mornings at 11.)... Every night except Monday, a half-hour conducted tour of the Planetarium starts at 8.

**MOVIES**—"Springfield Rifle," with Gary Cooper and Phyllis Thaxter. (New-York Historical Society, 170 Central Park W., at 77th St. Saturday, May 6, at 2. Admission is free.)

### OTHER EVENTS

**UNITED NATIONS**—Visitors may attend periodic meetings of the Security Council and regular sessions of various commissions and committees. A limited number of tickets are available, but only to those applying for them in person at the admissions desk in the public lobby no earlier than thirty minutes before the start of each meeting. Meetings usually convene at 10:30 or 11 and at 2:30 or 3 Mondays through Fridays. (General Assembly Building, First Ave. at 45th St.)... Hour-long tours leave the lobby of the General Assembly Building every ten minutes or so from 9 to 4:45 daily.

**UNITED STATES WORLD TRADE FAIR**—Textiles from Nigeria, chocolate from Switzerland, caviar from Iran, and automobiles from Italy are among the wares some sixty nations are displaying at this fifth annual show. (Coliseum, Columbus Circle. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 10; Fridays, 1 to 10; Saturdays, 11 to 10; and Sunday, 1 to 7. Through Saturday, May 13.)

**AMATEUR NEEDLEWORK OF TODAY**—Among the items on view are handbags, tapestries, rugs, pictures, chair covers, screens, and religious vestments, in petitpoint, gros point, and crewelwork. For the benefit of the Friendship Fund of the Lighthouse, the New York Association for the Blind. (The Lighthouse, 111 E. 59th St. Daily, 11 to 5:30; through Saturday, May 6.)

**GARDENS**—Some of the city's private gardens and penthouse terraces will be opened to the public on Tuesday, May 9, from 2:30 to 6, in a benefit exhibition arranged by the City Gardens Club. Those on display belong to Mr. and Mrs. R. Keith Kane and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brownell, 121 E. 78th St.; Baron Waldemar von Zedwitz, 812 Park Ave.; Mr. Edwin Harris, Jr., 232 E. 68th St.; Dr. and Mrs. Detlev Bronk, President's House, Rockefeller Institute, 68th St. and East River; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Morris, 439 E. 51st St.; and Mr. and Mrs. André Surmain, 249 E. 50th St. (For information about tickets, call TR 9-0173 Mondays through Fridays, 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.)

**AUCTIONS**—At the Parke-Bernet Galleries, 980 Madison Ave., at 76th St. (Exhibition hours: Tuesdays, 10 to 8, and Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 to 5.)—Thursday, May 4, at 1:45: Chinese jade, Indian and Siamese sculptures, early Chinese dynastic bronzes, pottery and porcelain, Japanese screens, and Chinese and Japanese paintings; from the collections of Captain Emerson C. Morris and others... Friday and Saturday, May 5-6, at 1:45: English and American furniture; Canton, Worcester, and other old porcelain services; table glass; Georgian and other silver; miniatures, paintings, drawings, and Currier & Ives prints; and Oriental rugs. From the estate of Gilbert H. Montague and from other sources... Wednesday, May 10, at 8: Continental and British paintings, from the Italian primitives to the nineteenth century, by such artists as Tintoretto, Van Dyck, Tiepolo, Gainsborough, and Corot; from several collectors, among them Marguerite A. Keasbey. Exhibition starts Saturday, May 6.

**MUSEUM OF MODERN ART FILM LIBRARY**—Two programs in a series of documentary films called "The Flaherty Tradition, 1950-60"—Through May 6: "The Undeclared" (1951) and "Angry Boy" (1951)... May 7-10: "Land of the Long Day" (1952) and "Out of Darkness" (1955). (Showings at 3 and 5:30. A limited number of reservations are available, but only to those applying for them in person at the Museum, 11 W. 53rd, after 11 on the day of the showing or, if it is a Sunday, after 1.)... NOTE: On Thursday, May 4, at 8:30, there will be a showing of "Pygmalion" (1938), with Leslie Howard and

Wendy Hiller. Tickets may be obtained at the Museum.

## COMING EVENTS

(A check list for readers who plan ahead.)

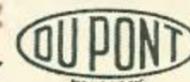
- AUTOMOBILE RACING**—At THOMPSON RACEWAY, Thompson, Conn.: May 21. . . . BRIDGEHAMPTON RACE CIRCUIT, Bridgehampton, L.I.: May 27-28. . . . INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY: May 30. . . . LIME ROCK PARK, Lime Rock, Conn.: June 3.
- BASEBALL**—At Yankee Stadium: May 14, May 16-17, May 21-22, May 24-28, and June 5-12.
- BOXING**—Archie Moore vs. Giulio Rinaldi, light heavyweights, 15 rounds. (Madison Square Garden. June 10.)
- CREW**—Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges Championship Regatta. (Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, Mass. May 20.) . . . ☐ Yale-Harvard Regatta. (New London. June 17.)
- DOG SHOWS**—Ladies Kennel Association of America. (Garden City, L.I. May 20.) . . . ☐ Greenwich Kennel Club. (Greenwich, Conn. June 10.)
- HORSE SHOWS**—Devon Horse Show. (Devon, Pa. May 27 and May 29-June 3.) . . . ☐ Fairfield-Westchester P.H.A. Show. (Stamford, Conn. June 4.) . . . ☐ Upperville Colt and Horse Show. (Upperville, Va. June 9-11.) . . . ☐ Helping Hand Horse Show. (Old Westbury, L.I. June 10.) . . . ☐ Sands Point Horse Show. (Port Washington, L.I. June 11.) . . . ☐ Ox Ridge Hunt Club Horse Show. (Darien, Conn. June 15-18.)
- HUNT RACING**—Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club. (Media, Pa. May 20.) . . . ☐ Adjacent Hunts Racing Association. (Purchase. May 27.)
- RACING**—At PIMLICO, Baltimore: The Preakness, May 20. . . . EPSOM, England: The Derby, May 31. . . . BELMONT: June 1-30. The Belmont, June 3. . . . MONMOUTH PARK, Oceanport, N. J.: June 9-Aug. 5. . . . ASCOT, England: Royal Ascot Race Meeting. June 13-16.
- SOCCER**—International Soccer League at the Polo Grounds: May 17, 20, 24, 27, and 30, and June 4, 7, 10, and 14.
- TENNIS**—Church Cup Matches. (West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills. June 9-10.) . . . ☐ Sears Cup Matches. (Baltimore. Md. June 9-10.)
- TRACK MEETS**—I.C.A.A.A. Championships. (Downing Stadium, Randall's Island. May 26-27.) . . . ☐ New York Athletic Club. (Travers Island, Pelham Manor. June 3.)
- TROTTING**—At ROOSEVELT RACEWAY, Westbury: May 22-July 29. . . . SARATOGA RACEWAY, Saratoga Springs: June 8-Sept. 2.
- MUSIC**—At TOWN HALL (JU 2-4536): New York Choral Society, May 21. . . . ☐ Paulist Choristers, May 25. . . . CARNEGIE HALL (CI 7-7460): University of Michigan Symphony Band, June 2.
- DANCE PROGRAMS**—Moiseyev Dance Company, at Madison Square Garden, May 16-20.
- THEATRE**—Some productions scheduled to open during the next several weeks: Revivals of "Porgy and Bess" and "Pal Joey," the last two offerings in the City Center Light Opera Company's spring season. . . . ☐ Eddie Foy and Art Lund in "Donnybrook!," a musical based on Maurice Walsh's story "The Quiet Man." Johnny Burke did the music and lyrics and Robert E. McEnroe the book. . . . ☐ "Mandingo," a play by Jack Kirkland, taken from Kyle Onstott's novel of the same name, with Franchot Tone and Brooke Hayward. . . . ☐ A dramatization by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee of Maurice Edelman's novel "A Call on Kuprin," starring Jeffrey Lynn, Eugenie Leontovich, and George Voskovec.
- POETRY READINGS**—Robert Graves. (Kaufmann Concert Hall, Y.M.H.A. AT 9-2400. May 22.)
- OTHER DATES**—May Garden Show of the Horticultural Society of New York, at Essex House, May 17. . . . ☐ Armed Forces Day is Saturday, May 20. . . . ☐ Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit, May 26-June 18. . . . ☐ Memorial Day is Tuesday, May 30. . . . ☐ United Nations Trusteeship Council meeting, June 1-July 28. . . . ☐ Commencements: Vassar, June 5; Barnard and Columbia, June 6; N. Y. U. and West Point, June 7; Dartmouth and Smith, June 11; Yale, June 12; Princeton, June 13; and Harvard, June 15. . . . ☐ Second-quarter Federal and New York State income-tax payments are due Thursday, June 15.



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## GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN MOTION PICTURES

FILMS OF MORE THAN ROUTINE INTEREST ARE DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION

**L'AVVENTURA**—This Italian movie has won, and may deserve, several foreign citations for its technical prowess. Its ideas and characters, on the other hand, are dim, and its running time is from here to eternity. (Beekman, 2nd Ave. at 66th, RE 7-2622.)

**BALLAD OF A SOLDIER**—A Soviet film about the war that is less a drama than a collection of memorable photographic essays. Director Grigori Chukhrai tells his story of a young soldier's short leave by concentrating on the faces of two young lovers, played by Vladimir Ivashov and Shanna Prokhorenko, and by viewing the carnage through their guileless and tragically youthful gaze. (Murray Hill, 160 E. 34th, MU 5-7652.)

**BREATHLESS**—A brilliant, nervous, consistently exciting New Wave film from France, written and directed by Jean-Luc Godard. Photographed in Paris, it deals with a young car thief and his American mistress, and manages, without obviousness or moralizing, to comprehend the very modern nihilism that drives them to their doom. Jean-Paul Belmondo and Jean Seberg are the young lovers in what must be called a contemporary masterpiece. (Fine Arts, 130 E. 58th, PL 5-6030.)

**LA DOLCE VITA**—The pleasures and vices of Roman society, as herein revealed, haven't changed much since the days of the Twelve Caesars. The movie also reveals a number of other things, among them that Federico Fellini is a script-writer and director of dazzling imagination, and that Marcello Mastroianni, who plays the leading role, is the brightest star to appear here in quite some time. (Henry Miller, 124 W. 43rd, BR 9-3970. Weekdays at 8 and Sundays at 7:30. Matinees Wednesdays at 2 and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30. Reserved seats only.)

**DON QUIXOTE**—Cervantes' picaresque classic in a faithful, sometimes dull, but largely rewarding translation into Russian, of all things. Director Grigory Kozintsev's extraordinary eye for color, and a marvellously sensitive performance by Nikolai Cherkasov, who plays the Mad Knight, outweigh the oversimplifications of the plot and the misfortune of an awkward job of dubbing. (55th St. Playhouse, 154 W. 55th, JU 6-4590.)

**ELMER GANTRY**—Dark doings among the revivalist crowd in the twenties as interpreted, often cogently, by Richard Brooks, who based his findings on the Sinclair Lewis novel. Burt Lancaster and Jean Simmons are the most conspicuous Gospel shouters, and Edward Andrews, Arthur Kennedy, Dean Jagger, and Shirley Jones render excellent support. (Trans-Lux Normandie, 110 W. 57th, JU 6-4448; May 4... Gramercy, Lexington at 23rd, GR 5-1660; starting May 10, tentative.)

**EXODUS**—Perhaps the only way to face this interminable account of the founding of modern Israel is to take along a light lunch; goodness knows there's little enough in the plot to feed on. Paul Newman, Ralph Richardson, Eva Marie Saint, and Lee J. Cobb head a large and luckless cast. (Warner, B'way at 47th, CO 5-5711. Weekdays at 8 and Sundays at 7:30. Matinees daily at 2. Reserved seats only.)

**GENERAL DELLA ROVERE**—Here is a practically flawless picture on a major theme—the making of a brave and honorable man out of what has been a vain, craven, and dishonest one. Vittorio De Sica superbly enacts this remarkable transformation, and Hannes Messemer is nearly as good in a secondary role. The picture was directed in masterly fashion by Roberto Rossellini. (Greenwich, Greenwich Ave. at 12th, WA 9-3350; and Midtown, B'way at 100th, AC 2-1200; through May 9... Gramercy, Lexington at 23rd, GR 5-1660; through May 9, tentative.)

**THE MISFITS**—Modern-day mustangs and lonely ladies are some of the too obvious symbols in this Western parable written by Arthur Miller, but the performances of Marilyn Monroe and the late Clark Gable almost compensate for all the sugar candy. Montgomery Clift, Eli Wallach, and Thelma Ritter are

other members of a fine cast, which was directed by John Huston. (Symphony, B'way at 95th, AC 2-6600; starting May 10.)

**ONE EYED JACKS**—As the director of this movie about revenge in the old West, Marlon Brando has supplied a good many new ideas and twisted a good many standard ones into new shapes. As its star, his performance as a bandit and killer is unpredictable and nothing short of brilliant. (Capitol, B'way at 51st, JU 2-5060.)

**A RAISIN IN THE SUN**—Ruby Dee, Claudia McNeil, Sidney Poitier, and Diana Sands head the cast of this movie about the domestic fun and domestic clashes of a Negro family. Most, though not all, of the clashes are the result of a check for ten thousand dollars that points the way out of the Chicago slum in which the family is stuck. (Forum, B'way at 47th, PL 7-8320; and Trans-Lux 52nd St., Lexington at 52nd, PL 3-2434.)

**SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY MORNING**—In his own adaptation of his novel about a defiant young factory worker in a British provincial city, Alan Sillitoe has provided the actors with some of the most pungent dialogue to be heard in any movie in years. Albert Finney, in the lead, is a delightful embodiment of the Bronx cheer. (Baronet, 3rd Ave. at 59th, EL 5-1663.)

**SHADOWS**—An episodic movie, all of it improvised by a group of young and unfamiliar players under the directorial guidance of John Cassavetes. The results of the improvisations are always surprising and, occasionally, quite wonderful. (8th St. Playhouse, 52 W. 8th, GR 7-7874.)

**SONS AND LOVERS**—This first screen adaptation of D. H. Lawrence's 1913 novel concentrates so closely on the author's superlative dialogue that there is almost no time for the camera to catch up with the streets, fields, and houses of Nottingham, the English coal-mining town in which the story is set. Trevor Howard, as the brutal, drunken Morel, turns in the best performance of his career, and Wendy Hiller, as his long-suffering wife, is appropriately long-faced. However, Dean Stockwell, as the Morel's troubled, gifted son, seems more troubled than gifted. The direction, by Jack Cardiff, and the script, by Gavin Lambert and T. E. B. Clarke, are reverent. An English-American production. (Thalia, B'way at 95th, AC 2-3370; May 5-8.)

**TUNES OF GLORY**—Sir Alec Guinness wins the actor's Victoria Cross for his daring and endlessly subtle performance as an alcoholic colonel who destroys his enemy and himself in a frightening struggle for the command of a peacetime Highland regiment. John Mills is almost as fine as Sir Alec, and Dennis Price, Kay Walsh, and Gordon Jackson also flash their tartans. (Little Carnegie, 146 W. 57th, CI 6-3454.)

### REVIVALS

**THE CRANES ARE FLYING** (1960)—A Russian picture dealing with a family caught up in the horrors of the Second World War. With Tatyana Samoilova. (Thalia, B'way at 95th, AC 2-3370; May 5-8.)

**GONE WITH THE WIND** (1939)—Nearly four hours of Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable, and thousands of others. (State, B'way at 45th, JU 2-5070.)

**THE MAGICIAN** (1959)—Ingmar Bergman's study of the effect that a troupe of magicians has on the household of a Swedish merchant. (Art, 36 E. 8th, GR 3-7014; through May 9, tentative.)

**SEPARATE TABLES** (1958)—Terence Rattigan's play about some sad and lonely people living in a threadbare hotel in Bournemouth. With David Niven and Deborah Kerr. (Symphony, B'way at 95th, AC 2-6600; starting May 10.)

**WILD STRAWBERRIES** (1959)—Victor Sjöström plays an eminent physician in this Swedish film directed by Ingmar Bergman. (Art, 36 E. 8th, GR 3-7014; through May 9, tentative.)

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## THE BROADWAY AREA

- ASTOR**, B'way at 45th. (JU 6-2240)  
"The Alamo," John Wayne, Richard Widmark.
- CAPITOL**, B'way at 51st. (JU 2-5060)  
ONE EYED JACKS.
- CRITERION**, B'way at 44th. (JU 2-1706)  
"Pepe," Cantinflas, Dan Dailey, Shirley Jones.
- DEMILLE**, 7th Ave. at 47th. (CO 5-8431)  
"Spartacus," Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier. (Weekdays at 8:15 and Sundays at 7:30. Matinees Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 2:30. Reserved seats only.)
- FORUM**, B'way at 47th. (PL 7-8320)  
A RAISIN IN THE SUN.
- HENRY MILLER**, 124 W. 43rd. (BR 9-3970)  
LA DOLCE VITA (in Italian).
- MUSIC HALL**, 6th Ave. at 50th. (CI 6-4600)  
"Parrish," Troy Donahue, Claudette Colbert.
- NEW EMBASSY**, B'way at 46th. (PL 7-2408)  
Through May 5: "Follow a Star," Norman Wisdom.  
From May 6: "Hitler's Executioners," a documentary film.
- PALACE**, B'way at 47th. (PL 7-2626)  
Through May 9: "The Great Impostor," Tony Curtis, Edmond O'Brien.  
From May 10: "The Secret Ways," Richard Widmark, Sonja Ziemann.
- PARAMOUNT**, B'way at 43rd. (WI 7-9400)  
Through the afternoon of May 4: "All Hands on Deck," Pat Boone, Barbara Eden.  
From May 4, at 8:30: "Return to Peyton Place," Carol Lynley, Jeff Chandler. (Opening night will be a benefit for the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund.)
- RIVOLI**, B'way at 40th. (CI 7-1633)  
"Mein Kampf," a Swedish documentary on the rise and fall of Hitler's Reich, with an English narration.
- STATE**, B'way at 45th. (JU 2-5070)  
GONE WITH THE WIND, revival.
- VICTORIA**, B'way at 46th. (JU 6-0540)  
"The Alamo," John Wayne, Richard Widmark.
- WARNER**, B'way at 47th. (CO 5-5711)  
EXODUS.

## EAST SIDE

- ART**, 36 E. 8th. (GR 3-7014)  
Through May 9 (tentative): WILD STRAWBERRIES and THE MAGICIAN (both in Swedish and both revivals).  
From May 10 (tentative): "The League of Gentlemen," Jack Hawkins, Nigel Patrick.
- ACADEMY OF MUSIC**, 126 E. 14th. (GR 3-2277)  
Through May 6: "Operation Eichmann," Werner Klemperer, Ruta Lee, and "Crime in the Streets," revival, Sal Mineo, John Cassavetes.  
May 7-9: "Herod the Great," Edmund Purdom; and "The Plunderers," Jeff Chandler, John Saxon.  
From May 10: "The Great Impostor," Tony Curtis, Edmond O'Brien; and "Curse of the Undead," Eric Fleming.
- GRAMERCY**, Lexington at 23rd. (GR 5-1660)  
Through May 9 (tentative): GENERAL DELLA ROVERE (in Italian); and "Paris Hotel" (in French), revival, Charles Boyer, Françoise Arnoul.  
From May 10 (tentative): ELMER GANTRY; and "The Apartment," revival, Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine.
- MURRAY HILL**, 160 E. 34th. (MU 5-7652)  
BALLAD OF A SOLDIER (in Russian).
- TRANS-LUX 52ND ST.**, Lexington at 52nd. (PL 3-2434)  
A RAISIN IN THE SUN.
- SUTTON**, 3rd Ave. at 57th. (PL 9-1411)  
Through May 7: "The League of Gentlemen," Jack Hawkins, Nigel Patrick.  
From May 8: "Two Women" (in Italian), Sophia Loren, Eleanora Brown.
- R.K.O. 58TH ST.**, 3rd Ave. at 58th. (EL 5-3577)  
Through May 6: "The Facts of Life," Bob Hope, Lucille Ball; and "The Police Dog Story," James Brown, Merry Anders.  
May 7-9: "Herod the Great," Edmund Purdom; and "The Plunderers," Jeff Chandler, John Saxon.  
From May 10: "The Great Impostor," Tony Curtis, Edmond O'Brien; and "Curse of the Undead," Eric Fleming.

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- FINE ARTS**, 130 E. 58th. (PL 5-6030)  
BREATHLESS (in French).
- PLAZA**, 42 E. 58th. (EL 5-3320)  
"Never on Sunday" (in Greek and English), Melina Mercouri, Jules Dassin.
- BARONET**, 3rd Ave. at 59th. (EL 5-1663)  
SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY MORNING.
- BEEKMAN**, 2nd Ave. at 66th. (RE 7-2622)  
L'AVVENTURA (in Italian).
- 68TH ST. PLAYHOUSE**, 3rd Ave. at 68th. (RE 4-0302)  
"The Bridge" (in German).
- 72ND ST. PLAYHOUSE**, 1st Ave. at 72nd. (BU 8-9304)  
Through May 9 (tentative): "The Wackiest Ship in the Army," Jack Lemmon, Ricky Nelson.  
From May 10 (tentative): "The Grass Is Greener," Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr.
- TRANS-LUX 85TH ST.**, Madison at 85th. (BU 8-3180)  
Through May 9: "The Great Impostor," Tony Curtis, Edmond O'Brien.  
From May 10: "The Big Circus," revival, Victor Mature, Red Buttons.
- R.K.O. 86TH ST.**, Lexington at 86th. (AT 9-8900)  
Through May 6: "Operation Eichmann," Werner Klemperer, Ruta Lee; and "Al Capone," revival, Rod Steiger, Fay Spain.  
May 7-9: "Herod the Great," Edmund Purdom; and "The Plunderers," Jeff Chandler, John Saxon.  
From May 10: "The Great Impostor," Tony Curtis, Edmond O'Brien; and "Curse of the Undead," Eric Fleming.
- ORPHEUM**, 3rd Ave. at 86th. (AT 9-4607)  
Through May 10: "The Facts of Life," Bob Hope, Lucille Ball; and "The Police Dog Story," James Brown, Merry Anders.

## WEST SIDE

- BLEECKER ST. CINEMA**, 144 Bleecker St. (OR 4-3210)  
May 4: "Nosferatu" (in German), revival; and "Drôle de Drame" (in French; also known as "Bizarre, Bizarre"), revival, Louis Jouvet, Françoise Rosay.  
From May 5: "The Woman in the Moon" (silent), Fritz Rasp.
- WAVERLY**, 6th Ave. at 3rd. (WA 9-8038)  
Through May 6: "Make Mine Mink," Terry-Thomas, Athene Seyler; and "Village of

the Damned," George Sanders, Barbara Shelley.

May 7-8: "It Started in Naples," Clark Gable, Sophia Loren; and "The Fugitive Kind," revival, Marlon Brando, Anna Magnani.  
From May 9: "The Brothers Karamazov," revival, Yul Brynner, Maria Schell; and "The Scapegoat," revival, Alec Guinness, Bette Davis.

**8TH ST. PLAYHOUSE**, 52 W. 8th. (GR 7-7874)  
SHADOWS.

**5TH AVE. CINEMA**, 5th Ave. at 12th. (WA 4-8330)  
"The Virgin Spring" (in Swedish). Max von Sydow, Gunnel Lindblom.

**SHERIDAN**, 7th Ave. at 12th. (WA 9-2166)  
Through May 10: "The Facts of Life," Bob Hope, Lucille Ball; and "The Police Dog Story," James Brown, Merry Anders.

**GREENWICH**, Greenwich Ave. at 12th. (WA 9-3350)  
Through May 9: GENERAL DELLA ROVERE (in Italian); and "Dreaming Lips" (in German), revival, Maria Schell.

From May 10: "Butterfield 8," Elizabeth Taylor, Laurence Harvey; and "It Started in Naples," Clark Gable, Sophia Loren.

**GUILD**, 33 W. 50th. (PL 7-2406)  
"Please Turn Over," Ted Jay, Jean Kent.

**55TH ST. PLAYHOUSE**, 154 W. 55th. (JU 6-4590)  
DON QUIXOTE.

**TRANS-LUX NORMANDIE**, 110 W. 57th. (JU 6-4448)  
May 4: ELMER GANTRY; and "The Apartment," revival, Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine.  
From May 5: "Return to Peyton Place," Carol Lynley, Jeff Chandler.

**LITTLE CARNEGIE**, 146 W. 57th. (CI 6-3454)  
TUNES OF GLORY.

**PARIS**, 4 W. 58th. (MU 8-0134)  
"Love and the Frenchwoman" (in French), Martine Carol, Dany Robin.

**LOEW'S 83RD ST.**, B'way at 83rd. (TR 7-3190)  
Through May 10: "The Facts of Life," Bob Hope, Lucille Ball; and "The Police Dog Story," James Brown, Merry Anders.

**NEW YORKER**, B'way at 88th. (TR 4-9189)  
Through May 8: "The World of Apu" (in Bengali); and "Flowers of St. Francis" (in Italian), Aldo Fabrizi.  
From May 9: "Kanal" (in Polish), Tadeusz Janczar.

**SYMPHONY**, B'way at 95th. (AC 2-6600)  
Through May 9: "Ocean's 11," Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin; and "The Grass Is Greener," Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr.

From May 10: THE MISFITS; and SEPARATE TABLES, revival.

**THALIA**, B'way at 95th. (AC 2-3370)  
May 4: "The Cat" (in French), revival, Françoise Arnoul; and "Sinners of Paris" (in French), revival, Bela Darvi, Charles Vanel.

May 5-8: SONS AND LOVERS; and THE CRANES ARE FLYING (in Russian), revival.

From May 9: "The Adulteress" (in French), revival, Simone Signoret, Raf Vallone; and "The Devil's General" (in German), revival, Curt Jurgens, Marianne Cook.

**RIVERSIDE**, B'way at 96th. (MO 3-4530)  
May 4: "Sanctuary," Lee Remick, Yves Montand; and "Ferry to Hong Kong," Curt Jurgens.

May 5-9: "Operation Eichmann," Werner Klemperer, Ruta Lee; and "Al Capone," revival, Rod Steiger, Fay Spain.

From May 10: "Herod the Great," Edmund Purdom; and "The Plunderers," Jeff Chandler, John Saxon.

**MIDTOWN**, B'way at 100th. (AC 2-1200)  
Through May 9: GENERAL DELLA ROVERE (in Italian).

From May 10: "Confess, Dr. Corda!" (in German), Hardy Kruger; and "The Sins of Rose Bernd" (in German), revival, Maria Schell, Raf Vallone.

**OLYMPIA**, B'way at 107th. (UN 5-8128)  
Through May 10: "The Facts of Life," Bob Hope, Lucille Ball; and "The Police Dog Story," James Brown, Merry Anders.

**NEMO**, B'way at 110th. (MO 6-8210)  
Through May 6: "Operation Eichmann," Werner Klemperer, Ruta Lee; and "Al Capone," revival, Rod Steiger, Fay Spain.  
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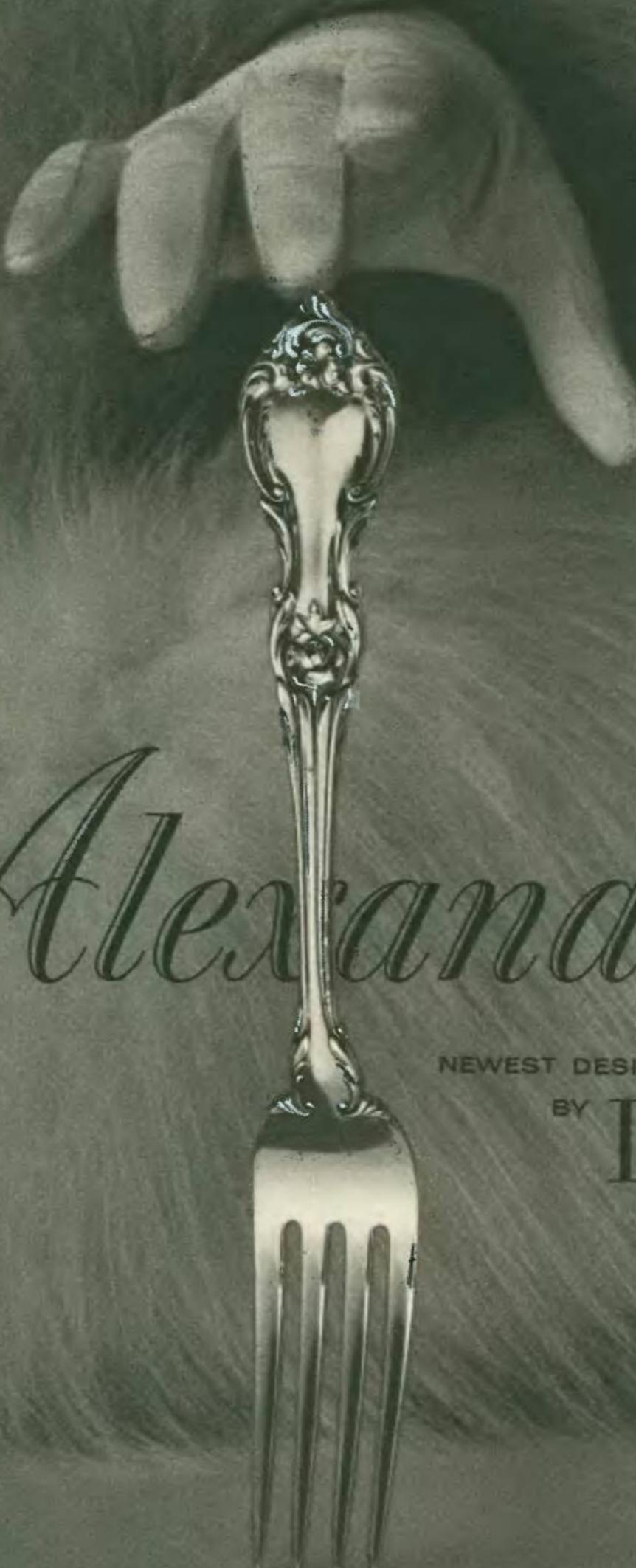
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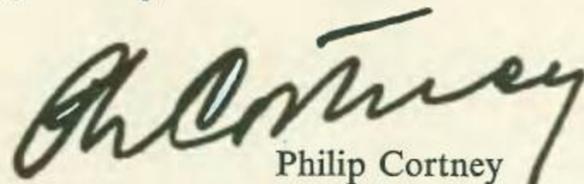


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*Ordinarily our Berlitz reports are accompanied by a cleverly conceived bit of cartoonery which prominently features an owlish, bespectacled, mortarboarded little chap, recognizable to the cognoscenti as: "The Man From Berlitz." In the above illustration "TMFB" is nowhere to be seen. We feel that an explanation is necessary.*

There came to Berlitz in Boston one day, a Professor of Archeology, a practical man who knew where to find a practical solution to his language problem. He was about to leave for the Andean Plateau of Peru and felt that a working knowledge of Spanish would be helpful in dealing with the local citizenry. Berlitz pointed out that Spanish was the language spoken to tourists, llama buyers and archeologists. But, the language the Indians spoke among themselves was *Quechua* (KEH-chwah). The Professor was further assured that Berlitz could teach him to speak Quechua in the short time before his departure.

Our action now shifts to Peru. The Professor, as you can see from the above, is permitting himself a brief moment of un-professorial exuberance. He has just made a rare archeological discovery. How did it come about? . . . Earlier today he gathered his crew together and said to them the Quechuan equivalent of, "Any of you guys know any ruins around here that nobody's ever been to before?" The next thing he knew, the Professor was taken to the kind of ruins that most archeologists only see in their dreams. "This is fantastic!" the Professor exclaimed, "How come you never took anyone else here?" The Indians' reply was enough to gladden the heart of "The Man From Berlitz", all the way back in the United States (which is why he isn't in the picture). "Boss", the head Indian said, "nobody ever bothered to speak to us in our own language before."

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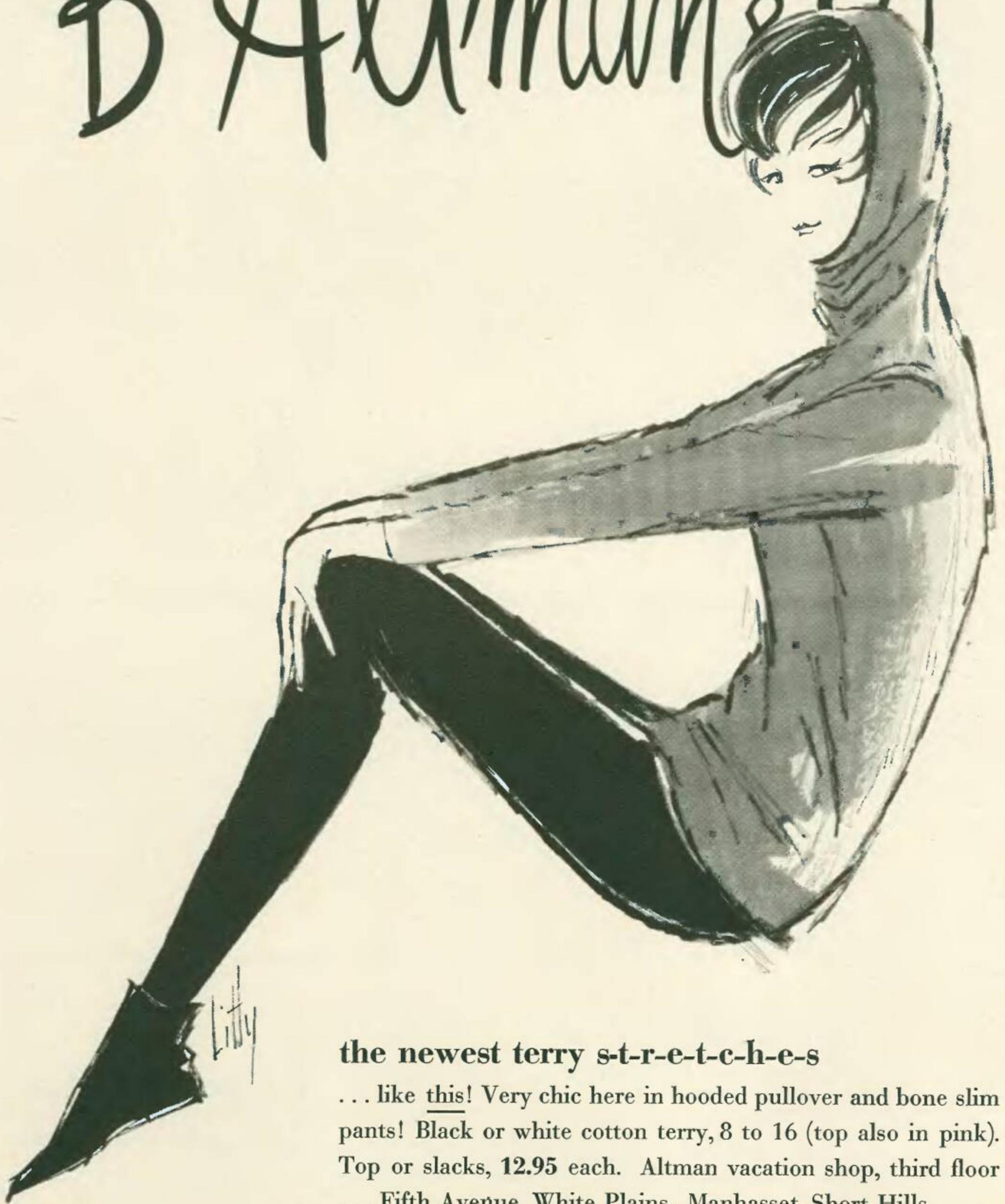
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## THE TALK OF THE TOWN

### Notes and Comment

THE eminent Russian historian Michael Rostovtzeff (non-Communist) wrote of the reign of the Roman Emperor Commodus, 180-92 A.D.: "The army, once the servant of the Empire, became its master, and acted through rulers whom it raised up and pulled down according to its own caprice." The agent in the raising and pulling was the Praetorian Guard, which consisted of mercenaries, as, by then, did the whole mobile portion of the army—the striking force. The happiest event of the past week ended a parallel phase in the history of the French Empire-Commonwealth—a phase that began in the mid-fifties and reached a paroxysm in May, 1958, when the French Army pulled down the Fourth Republic, and again just the other day, when four generals at the head of the purely mercenary Foreign Legion seized Algiers as a preliminary to seizing all France, in order to eternalize the Algerian war. If, through the passivity of civilians and civilian soldiers, they had had their way, their action would have culminated in the reconquest of painfully liberated France by perhaps ten thousand German mercenaries, chiefly ex-Nazis.

Now that the generals are out, like the unfortunate Carthaginian general Bomilcar, who operated in the same territory and, Diodorus relates, "made an attempt to overthrow the government with 4,000 mercenaries," we sincerely hope that General de Gaulle will dissolve the Legion. Lucius Septimius Severus, the second or third Emperor after Commodus, "easily defeated the Praetorians," says Rostovtzeff—though that triumph could hardly have been easier than General de Gaulle's last week—and thereafter "cashiered all the Praetorians and chose the best men of his own army to fill their places; most of them were Illyrian and Thracian tillers of the soil." Tillers of

the soil make more dependable supports of a free state than footloose aliens do. They are attached to its earth through their roots—the relatives they leave behind—and they intend someday to go back to it. *Vive une Légion Paysanne*—



an élite corps of *Fusiliers-Agriculteurs*! They will be less eager to traipse off to distant lands to *fusiller* other *agriculteurs*, and at the same time will be more *solides* to defend the home fields.

The mercenary soldier is a cruel and costly anachronism in an age when men fight, if they must, to live the way they choose. The mercenary fights to collect his pay—a frivolous reason, barely sufficient even in frivolous wars. A man fighting for *any* principle has a right not to be killed by a man fighting for no principle, or just for the hell of it. The danger of the mercenary, in some periods, ancient and modern, is that in a society too puzzled, or muzzled, or apathetic, or cynical, to fight at all, like Renaissance Italy or the later Roman Empire, the mercenary will fight a little bit and that will be enough. We had a moment of anguish last week when we feared that this might happen in France.

North Africa, by coincidence or for reasons that we haven't time or space to inquire into, has forever been a leading sphere for both the recruitment and the employment of mercenaries. The Moors and the Spanish Foreign Legion flew up from Tetuán in 1936 to take Spain for Franco; the paratroopers of the French Foreign Legion marched into Algiers last week to take France for four Bomilcars like him. The mercenary, by the nature of his trade, is alone in an alien land, to which he feels no loyalty. He is asocial and in too many

cases anti-social, because he is often a fugitive criminal. For his comfort, his indulgences, his promotion, his punishments, his life, he is dependent on his officers. He has no rights. Therefore he follows. His immediate superiors, who may be mercenaries, are dependent on their superiors, who may not be, and they on their generals, among whom the incidence of political ambition nowadays is unfortunately high.

As for "Beau Geste" and Ouida and Edith Piaf's song about her Legionnaire, we can do without them if General de Gaulle can, and we hear he prefers Racine anyway.

CURIOUS midtown pedestrians and irritated midtown street-sweepers who may have wondered, on a warm, windy day last week, why Forty-third and Forty-fourth Streets east and west of Fifth Avenue were awash with loose sheets of printed material bearing the type face and literary aura of this magazine are hereby reassured that *The New Yorker* has not embarked upon a campaign of teaser advertising. All that happened was that one of our winter-weary editors opened his twentieth-floor window for a breath of April, whereupon April entered his office with a shout, collected a double



armful of galley proofs that had been stacked on his desk, and flung them into the sky. And what a brave springtime sight they made as they took wing—poems, short stories, reviews, anecdotes, and articles climbing the dusty air in a white cloud and shedding paper clips as they whirled off to meet readers on their own, without benefit of binding, continuity, newsstand price, or final editing! Having thus cast our ballot for a



"A Cuba Libre? You trying to start something, Mac?"

messier but more literate New York, we apologize to the Department of Sanitation, but we are opportunistic enough to want to take advantage of this involuntary distribution of flyers. Attention, all readers unbearably titillated by scraps of material that have fallen into your hands! We have extra copies of all the lost galleys. We shall publish, in due time and *in toto*, all the writing that escaped last week. In the meantime, watch the sky! Watch these pages!

**INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE:** The Hysong Funeral Home, in Washington, D.C., displays a sticker on one of its front windows pointing out that it is a member of the Welcome Wagon International.

A store in Lexington, Kentucky, called Trader John's advertises "pre-owned appliances."

### Promises

**I**N the wake of the Russian coup and the Cuban fiasco, and on the verge of the Algerian revolt and a gondolier strike in Venice, we spent a day building

castles in Flushing Meadow Park, anticipating, among other things, the "peace through understanding" that is to be the theme of the next New York World's Fair. April 22, 1961, had been chosen for the celebration of World's Fair Preview Day (three years to go), and at the preview we found ourself surrounded by more than fifteen hundred dignitaries and photographers of dignitaries who had been invited to participate in the reveries of the New York World's Fair 1964-1965 Corporation (Robert Moses, president).

About half of us sailed into Queens on the Miss Liberty, a Circle Line sight-seeing boat; the rest travelled by car, bus, or helicopter. During the cruise, we were treated as conventional tourists and asked to note the usual landmarks: "... and here we come to the Triborough—Triborough Bridge." On the whole, however, our attention was claimed by our shipmates. The photographers tended to cluster around a continuously smiling girl in a pink coat, who turned out to be the present Miss Rheingold, and a lady in a yellow coat, who was Jinx Falkenburg. Miss Falkenburg was eventually identified as our official hostess, and she also functioned

as the leader of a group of native (i.e., costumed) girls, identified as Hostesses from Around the World. Among the less official celebrities we noticed Al Capp (cartoonist and columnist), Edward Stone (architect), Judge Samuel Rosenman (former Roosevelt speech writer), William Lawrence (*Times* writer), Burr Tillstrom (puppeteer: Kukla, Ollie, etc.), and several people who looked familiar but were not immediately identifiable. One woman, who was certainly rich, if not renowned, remarked that the Miss Liberty wasn't nearly as large as the boats she was accustomed to chartering for her parties.

At the World's Fair boat basin, we were hailed by six apparently Hawaiian dancers (female) and by a singer of Hawaiian songs and an electric-guitar player (both male). The dancers were reported to be the Lanai Girls, and orchids that were presented to the female guests were from Orchids of Hawaii, Inc. It presently became clear (when Arthur

Treacher appeared at lunch to make it so) that these players were subliminally urging all of us to attend this summer's Jones Beach Hawaiian spectacular, "Paradise Island," which is also a project of Mr. Moses, as well as of Bill Berns, communications vice-president for the World's Fair and creator of World's Fair Preview Day. The Polynesian welcome corroborated the psychic distance that Mr. Berns and the sudden spring weather ("Moses said it wouldn't rain") had effected between us and the past few weeks of continual crises.

We travelled by bus from the dock to the past (1939) and future fairgrounds—six hundred and forty-six acres, still more or less bare, which someone described as the new Promised Land, with the former Parks Commissioner as "another Moses." Seats and a platform had been set up near the planned site of the Fair symbol. The Tylon and Perisphere of 1939 were no longer there, and the Unisphere (an armillary sphere intended to represent "peace through understanding in a shrinking globe and an expanding universe") was so far just a thirteen-story pledge by United States Steel. Once

erected, the Unisphere is expected to remain on the site permanently, surrounded by a dodecagonal pool three hundred and fifty feet in diameter, but on Preview Day all we saw there was an unpainted hexapodal viewing tower, decorated with masses of World's Fair balloons (white). Other promises include a moving sidewalk, global television, and no midway honky-tonks. While we waited for the scheduled speakers and speeches, the Department of Sanitation band, dressed in olive drab with gold trim, played "An Affair to Remember" and some military airs. The field was thick with photographers and broadcasting equipment. On either side of the rostrum were flags of all—or at least a lot of—nations, and additional white balloons. A dust storm preceded the arrival of Moses, Mayor and Mrs. Wagner, and Queens Borough President Clancy.

Following "The Star-Spangled Banner," Miss Falkenburg introduced the United Nations Singers, who sang in Italian, Nigerian, Chinese, and Oklahoman. The speeches consisted of the fewest possible words from Moses; a progress report (eighty nations visited, thirty-four committed to exhibit) by Thomas J. Deegan, Jr., chairman of the executive committee of the Fair Corporation and president of a public-relations firm bearing his name; a formal pledge of a Unisphere by Richard Sentner, executive vice-president of U.S. Steel; praise for his borough by President Clancy (who was introduced by Moses as the King of Queens); and, finally, a fairly long and formal speech by Mayor Wagner, in whose honor the Sanitation Department musicians played "Happy Birthday." The Mayor, frowning his usual troubled frown, assured us that the Fair would be "educational and instructive . . . diverting and entertaining." Keeping an ear on the speakers, we kept an eye on Joe Louis, who was lingering, taller and heavier than anyone else there, on the border of the crowd.

Once the speeches were over, everyone edged toward the New York City Building for lunch. Our meal, served in an ice-skating rink (minus ice), was

undoubtedly one of the most epic catering jobs ever accomplished. The more than fifteen hundred of us were confronted with a buffet that looked at least a mile long and that was covered with stuff ranging from curried chicken and head cheese to roast beef and turkey (carved by a costumed chef). Beer and coffee were served at the tables. The highlights of the banquet were the appearance of Eartha Kitt, singing "C'est Si Bon," which she dedicated to Robert Moses, and a further celebration of the Mayor's birthday, in which he was decked with leis by the Hawaiians who had met us at the dock.

**O**VERHEARD on the Long Island's 8:45 A.M. from Great Neck, one well-tailored man to another: "The real problem of today is to discover a new I.B.M. and have the courage to stick with it."

Cats

**A**CCORDING to Milan J. Greer, the burly proprietor of an establishment at Lexington Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street that is known, all

too alliteratively, as Fabulous Felines and can be summed up as the world's largest pedigreed cattery, with a hundred and twenty-five aristocratic cats in residence and a couple of thousand graduate aristocrats scattered throughout the city and environs, this country is currently riding the crest of the greatest cat wave in history. Mr. Greer, who buys, sells, and breeds cats, told us, in the course of a visit we recently paid to F.F., that there are seven hundred thousand more cats than dogs in the United States and that the postmark of F.F.—"Dogs Are Passé"—is turning from prophecy into fact. "All this 'man's best friend' stuff is garbage," Mr. Greer growled. (If there is any feline that Mr. Greer resembles, it's a grumpy lion.) "A dog is simply a very insecure animal. Loyalty and affection? Bosh! A dog has to ingratiate himself with people or he'd starve to death. If a dog has a personality, it's the personality of a human being you wouldn't want to know. Cats, on the other hand, make no pretense of affection. If you treat them right, they'll respect you, but they won't come a step closer than that."

Mr. Greer grumpily went on to say



"But now is the time to start appreciating me, Doris! Before I become famous!"

that he had made Fabulous Felines a fairly formidable place to enter, because he was determined to keep his cats from being indiscriminately doted on. "If I spot somebody who wants a cat to lavish affection on, I hurry him straight out of here," Greer said. "A pedigreed cat is nothing less than an animated objet d'art, and to consider it in any other light is crueler than tying a can to its tail. Cats have gained a bad reputation in some quarters because they've been pampered and have become neurotic. Cats like to be treated rough. That's one reason men make better cat owners than women do." Greer took a swipe at a red Persian, which skillfully eluded him. "My first duty to my cats is to find customers suited to them," he continued. "The basic quality that I look for in a customer is a very strong ego. If a man's ego is fragile, a smart cat will make him feel pretty silly. People who lack confidence are better off with dogs, or even with other people. Once I'm satisfied with the size of a customer's ego, I face the next question, which is whether the customer is a Siamese type or a Persian type. A few weeks in the wrong sort of home will turn even the best-behaved cat into a J.D."

Mr. Greer guarantees the health of his cats up to the age of eight and a half months. "This guarantee turns me into a sort of walking Blue Cross for cats," he said. "Certain health problems for cats in a big city are easily predicted. One problem that you mightn't predict is that cats have very poor depth perception and often fall off apartment balconies and other high places. A cat has a good chance to survive a fall of as much as ten stories." He introduced us, in a gruff, offhand fashion, to three sleek blue cats with green eyes; one was named Serge, and the others—Serge's kittens by a cat named Natasha—were Jarmilla and Maruska. "Serge and Natasha are the only Russian Archangel cats ever to leave the Soviet Union," Greer said. "Archangels are the traditional cats of the Czars. The breed is at least a thousand years old. I recently sold Natasha for a thousand dollars—the highest price ever brought by a cat. I'm hoping to get four thousand for Serge."

The most popular breed of cat sold at F.F. is the Siamese, a good specimen of which brings about sixty-five dollars. Curiously, the breed has fallen on hard times back in its homeland, and Mr. Greer has just arranged to ship a Siamese to the King of Siam—Thailand, that is—for the purpose of improving the stock out there. F.F. is the world's

biggest breeder of Burmese cats, which come in beautiful shades of brown and have golden eyes. "About the only important species we don't carry is Manx," Greer said. "I used to carry them, but a neighbor turned me in to the A.S.P.C.A., thinking that I was catching alley cats and cutting off their tails. I didn't want to be bothered with that kind of thing. Next to Archangels, our most expensive cats are Abyssinians, which start at a hundred and seventy-five dollars. My partners—Miss Bobbi Thompson and my wife, Eileen—and I are trying to breed a variety of long-haired Burmese. It won't be ready for another three years. We *have* developed the Golden Siamese, a cross between a Siamese and a Burmese. It's a fearfully intelligent animal—it will bring you a leash when it wants to go out—but it isn't pedigreed yet. We've bred it successfully for five generations, and we need seven before we can register it. We're also working on a miniature Siamese, which will weigh a pound when fully grown. We've got it down to four pounds already, and all of our expected four-pounders are sold out until 1963. Cats never play and have no sense of humor. All their antics are premeditated. They're always in training, and they are very serious about it. The only toy I approve of for a cat is a rabbit's foot. No cat goes out of here without one. Sometimes I sell a cricket in a cage with a cat—a pet for a pet, as it were. Crickets give a cat the same kind

of rapture that catnip does, or scratching. Purring doesn't necessarily mean that a cat's happy. A purring cat died in my arms once, and I know *he* wasn't happy."

### Newcastle

**A**N athletic friend reports that he came upon the following sign in Macy's Sports Department:

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### Before the Fête

**W**E'VE had a longing these spring days to go to public school again—specifically, to P.S. 77, at the corner of First Avenue and Eighty-sixth Street. For there, one day last week, we had the privilege of watching several dozen honest-to-goodness sidewalks-of-New York sixth-graders rehearse folk dances for the Fifty-fourth Annual Park Fête, sponsored jointly by the Board of Education and the Girls' Branch of the Public Schools Athletic League. In the next three weeks, according to the 1961 Park Fête program, arranged by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Friedman, a saintly veteran of thirty-nine years in the public-school system, and a corps of devoted aides, there will be thirteen thousand children dancing around hundreds of Maypoles on green lawns in the five boroughs:

The Bronx—Monday, May 8th (in case of rain, May 10th). The Lawn of Fordham University

Queens—Tuesday, May 9th (in case of rain, May 12th). Cunningham Park—Athletic Field

Richmond—Tuesday, May 16th (in case of rain, May 18th). Clove Lakes Park

Manhattan—Wednesday, May 17th (in case of rain, May 19th). Central Park—The Sheep Meadow—66th Street & West Drive

Brooklyn—Tuesday, May 23rd (in case of rain, May 25th). Prospect Park—The Long Meadow—Prospect Park West & Third Street

"The Park Fête is a great joy for all of us. We never stopped holding it, through two World Wars," Mrs. Friedman told us over the telephone from her office at the Board of Education. "We're all very excited about this year's. P.S. 77 is *very* enthusiastic. I'd like to visit them with you, but I'm going to a Park Fête band rehearsal on Staten Island. Ask for the principal, Mr. Efram Feld."

At the ancient (1883) red brick schoolhouse, we went through the timeless portals, to be met by the classic





*"That's what makes this such a wonderful country, sir. In Russia, the extras wouldn't be optional."*

school-hall aroma; found the principal's office deserted; and, outside it, found, sitting on a lonely bench under a bulletin board ("Class 6-1 Visits the New York Times. . . . Headlines—Why are headlines of a newspaper important? Read a headline and think about it. . ."), a nine-year-old boy in a Cub Scout uniform. We said hello, and he said, "By mistake, I fell off a chair in the library. So the teacher thought I was *throwing* the chair at her. So I'm here, waiting for the principal. He's in the play yard—that room over there at the end of the hall. I never *threw* that chair."

"Stick to your story," we said, and hurried over to the play yard, where Mr. Feld, a slightly built man with graying hair, a ragged, graying mustache, and a brown-and-orange polka-dot bow tie, stood in the center of a group of nine circles, eight children to a circle. He was just winding up an exhortation. "You've got to work *together!*" he said. "You rehearse like any chorus or any dance group! That does not mean. . . ." Mr. Feld paused and looked into the eyes of a nearby skinny, serious, blond twelve-year-old

girl, who was a good head taller than the two males at her sides—one colored, one white, and both impatient to get started. "That does not mean," Mr. Feld repeated more slowly, "that you are going to be hired by the Metropolitan Opera House." He gave a good-natured ha-ha, and then soberly continued, "Mrs. Fleischer will now give you instructions. Follow instructions, boys and girls, and the result will be beautiful! Mrs. Fleischer!"

As Mrs. Fleischer, a cheerful-looking woman in a cotton print dress and spectacles, took over, Mr. Feld joined us and shook our hand. "Look at them," he said, pointing to the sixth-graders as they held hands and got ready to dance. "The pleasure of this work is that when administrative burdens become too onerous, we can always watch the children. Ah, here's our real spark, Al Matheson." He introduced us to a red-haired, freckle-faced young man who was wearing shell-rimmed glasses. "Al is health counsellor for the East Side school district. He's the one who gets the *boys* to dance."

Mr. Matheson beamed at the children in pretty much the same way Mr.

Feld had. "I love it," he said. "I like to take my coat off and get out and dance with them. There's something about a man teacher, when the kids see him dance, it breaks down the idea it's sissyish to do it. I develop a lot of little jokes that I use to relax them. Like making references to my own two left feet. It gets them going."

Mrs. Fleischer started up a gay tune on a portable record-player.

"'Captain Jinks,'" Mr. Matheson said. "Go to any one of twelve schools of the nineteen in the district from a Hundred and Sixth to Eleventh Street, on the East Side, and you'll see them rehearsing like this. This is one of the schools that were under-utilized two years ago, so they brought children in from the overcrowded schools in Harlem. At first it was rough. Now it's wonderful. They integrated beautifully. See all these kids dancing together?"

"Beautiful," Mr. Feld said as the children stamped their feet, held hands, clapped hands, and held hands again in "Captain Jinks."

"When you see this, it's a great thrill," Mr. Matheson said. "It's one



*"He retired last January, but he's been tapering off gradually."*

of the great joys of working with children. Look at that little Negro boy in the coat."

"He won't take the coat off," Mr. Feld said. "The sleeves of his shirt are too long. The children in this school run the gamut from wealthy to poor. This is my first school as principal. The day I arrived, I heard rumors that the school was going to close. I hate to see it go. Where are the children going to go? They're tearing down the old buildings and putting up luxury apartment houses. Beautiful, but who can afford to live in them? The position of the parents is clear: Keep this school open until they get a new one. Just today, I met a man who went here in 1906. A grandfather now. When I told him P.S. 77 is going to close, he was very upset. Hello, Mrs. Eisenson."

In came a short, eager-faced woman, who told us she was the remedial-reading teacher in the school.

"We have ten classes of aphasic children here, from the School for the Deaf," Mr. Feld said. "They all dance."

"They're terrific," Mrs. Eisenson said.

"The Sicilian Tarantella," Mr. Matheson said as the children whooped

it up with handclapping, finger-snapping, and hand-waving.

"I see some of the kids I work with," Mrs. Eisenson said. "I'm getting a different view of them. They're very graceful."

"This is the most valuable thing," Mr. Feld said. "Getting the children out there all together, dancing together."

"We're doing eight dances on this year's program," Mr. Matheson said, "in addition to the bugle call 'To the Colors,' the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, singing the fourth verse of 'America,' and, of course, the finale, with 'The Star-Spangled Banner.' Each school decorates its own Maypole."

"Last year we had green and lavender," Mr. Feld said. "This year, Mrs. Fleischer says, they want Shocking pink and red. The boys will wear red bow ties and green cummerbunds."

"Green with the pink?" Mr. Matheson said.

"Now, children," Mrs. Fleischer was saying, "carefully take your partner's hand and make a circle, girls on the outside."

"She's showing them a new dance," Mr. Matheson said. "The most difficult dance in the Park Fête—the 'Fado Blanquita.' A Spanish dance. Children

tend to take big steps. They've got to take little bits of steps for this one. *Very difficult.*"

The "Fado Blanquita" was mastered, winding up with an exuberantly shouted "Olé!" Mr. Feld then took his place in front of the dancers and said, "Now it's time for relaxation, but before you go, I want to tell you your dancing has filled us with a tremendous amount of admiration and given us a tremendous amount of enjoyment!" The dancers, smiling and with mustaches of perspiration on their upper lips, were dismissed.

Mrs. Fleischer came over to where Mr. Matheson was standing with us. "Mr. Matheson is our guiding star," she said.

"You're the one," Mr. Matheson said.

### *So Long*

IN Pennington, New Jersey, the other day, a gentleman who had put a house up for sale was asked by a real-estate broker to fill out a form that included, among other questions, an inquiry about his reason for selling the place. The gentleman's answer was brief and unsettling. "Disposing of Mother," he wrote.

## EARLY MORNING OF A MOTION-PICTURE EXECUTIVE

One of the smallest minorities in Hollywood nowadays is the group that believes James Joyce's "Ulysses" will be made into a superior movie... behind the entire hoopla is Jerry Wald, the producer... he prepared a memorandum... that included the following: "The way I would like to see this story on the screen is to oversimplify it. It has three levels: Stephen Dedalus, the intellectual; Leopold Bloom, the passive, ill-informed victim of habitual feelings, and Mrs. Bloom, sensual, carnal, wholly natural. Thus, the three leading characters represent Pride, Love, and The Flesh. My feeling is that this project is really in its purest form: father searching for his son and son searching for his father. It is a highly controversial book and out of it could be created a motion picture as exciting as 'Peyton Place' but on a higher level."—*The Times*.

... yes a quarter after what an un-earthly hour I suppose they're just getting out on the lot at Fox now Marilyn Monroe combing out her hair for the day let me see if I can doze off 1 2 3 4 5 where was it in Jerry's memorandum yes oversimplify O I love great books I'd love to have the whole of Hollywood filming nothing but great books God in heaven there's nothing like literature pre sold to the public the treatment and the working script by Dalton Trumbo and the finished picture in color and Todd A O as for them saying there's no audience interest in pictures based on great books I wouldn't give a snap of my two fingers for all their motivational research indie exhibits whatever they call themselves why don't they go out and make a picture I ask them and do a socko 21 Gs in Philly and a wow 41 in Chi ah that they can't answer yes in its purest form father searching for his son and son searching for his father chance for myriad boffolas there old man staggers out one door of pub where the beer and the boffola foam while kid goes in other O I love a good laugh Stephen Dedalus the intellectual we might try to get Paul Newman for the part he's a strong BO draw in Exodus certainly he'd do very nicely too better soft pedal the egghead bit though make him a newspaper reporter have to shoot a lot of location stuff in Dublin by the waters of the Liffey by the rivering waters of we might fake it on the back lot and bring it in under three

million or else knock up the budget and spot celebs the way Columbia did with Pepe it coined a huge forty five thou in its first week on Bway gives the property a touch of class I wonder could we get Bobby Darin on a percentage deal to sing Galway Bay I better have Sammy check in the morning where the hell Galway Bay is its somewhere around Dublin surely long color process shot of the bay at dusk cut to faces of old women in black shawls and the women in the uplands making

hay speak a language that the strangers do not know a scene which it will knock them out of the back of the house in Terre Haute

the alarmclock in the maids room clattering the brains out of itself better take another second and try to sleep again so as I can get up early Ill call a title conference at ten wait now who was it yes Kirk Douglas already made Ulysses the old story though this ones on three levels we might call it Pride Love and The Flesh that has a nice sound to it Ill have Sammy get ahold of Central Registry and see if the titles reserved Leopold Bloom the passive ill informed victim of habitual feelings problem on the religion bit though dont want Bnai Brith down on our necks well give him an Irish name in any case Leopold Malone and his loving wife Molly sensual carnal wholly natural she wheels her wheelbarrow through streets wide and narrow personally Id like to build the script around Molly and get MM for the role so why am I after worrying we cant go wrong



"Today is Thursday!"

with Maureen OHara flashback to Gibraltar where she was a girl a flower of the mountain yes so are those bimbos all flowers of the mountain lap dissolve he kisses her under the Moorish wall we might send down a second unit to get some outdoor Gibraltar stuff cut in a flamenco dream sequence shoot it there and dub it on the soundtrack later yes chance too for widescreen color background O the sea the sea there crimson sometimes like fire and the glorious sunsets and the figtrees in the Alameda gardens yes well have Louella bawling like a goddam baby baaaawwaaaaaww at the world preem

ah well theres no talking around it were one of the smallest minorities in Hollywood nowadays us thinking that James Joyces Ulysses will be made into a superior movie TJ saying to me Harry youre one hundred per cent crazy him with his two dollar cigars and his Irving Thalberg award chasing those little chits of starlets and he not long married Mouth Almighty I call him and his squinty eyes of all the big stuppoe studio heads I ever met God help the world if everyone out here was like him yes always and ever making the same pictures showdown-atshotguncreek whatever he calls the new one ah God send him more sense and me more money O he does look the fool sitting at the head of the conference table as big as you please he can go smother for all the fat lot I care Im unabashedly intellectual and Ill make this movie or Im walking off the lot this day week Ive still got my integrity after all how long is it Ive been out here wait yes since 1923 O I love lying in bed God here we are as bad as ever after yes thirty eight years how many studios have I worked at RKO and Fox and Metro and Paramount where I was a young man and the day I talked to deMille when he was making the original of The Ten Commandments and yes he wouldnt answer at first only looked out over the set and the thousands of extras I was thinking of so many things he didnt know of yes how someday Id have my own swimming pool and go to Vilma Bankys parties and all the long years since Joan Crawford in Our Dancing Daughters and Richard Dix and yes the year Metro missed the boat on Dinner at Eight and Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers and Asta rrrrrfffff rrrrrfffff and the andyhardy series and The Best Years of Our Lives and O all the Academy Award dinners yes Disney going about smug with his Oscars the Levant what year was it

## NEXT DOOR

The home for the aged opens its windows in May,  
And the stale voices of winter-long  
Flap from their dusty curtains toward our wood  
That now with robin-song

Rouses, and is regaled. Promptly the trees  
Break bud and startle into leaf,  
Blotting the old from sight, while all the birds  
Repeal the winter's grief

Pitilessly, resolving every sigh  
Or quaver to a chipper trill,  
And snaring the sick cough within the rapt  
Beat of the flicker's bill.

Must we not see or hear these worn and frail?  
They are such hearts, for all we know,  
As will not cheat the world of their regard,  
Even as they let it go.

Seated, perhaps, along a shady porch  
In the calm, wicker stalls of age,  
Old cronies and played-out cronies, they project  
Upon a cloudy stage

Gossip of strong-man, dancer, priest, and all  
They knew who had the gift of life,  
Artisan, lover, soldier, orator,  
Wild bitch and happy wife,

Lying the more as recollection fails  
Until for their enchanted souls  
The players are forgotten, and they see  
Only such naked roles

As David was, or Helen, and invent  
Out of their fabulous memories  
Alcestis climbing home again, with big  
Death-bullying Heracles.

Is it like this? We have no way to know.  
Our lawn is loud with girls and boys.  
The leaves are full and busy with the sun.  
The birds make too much noise.

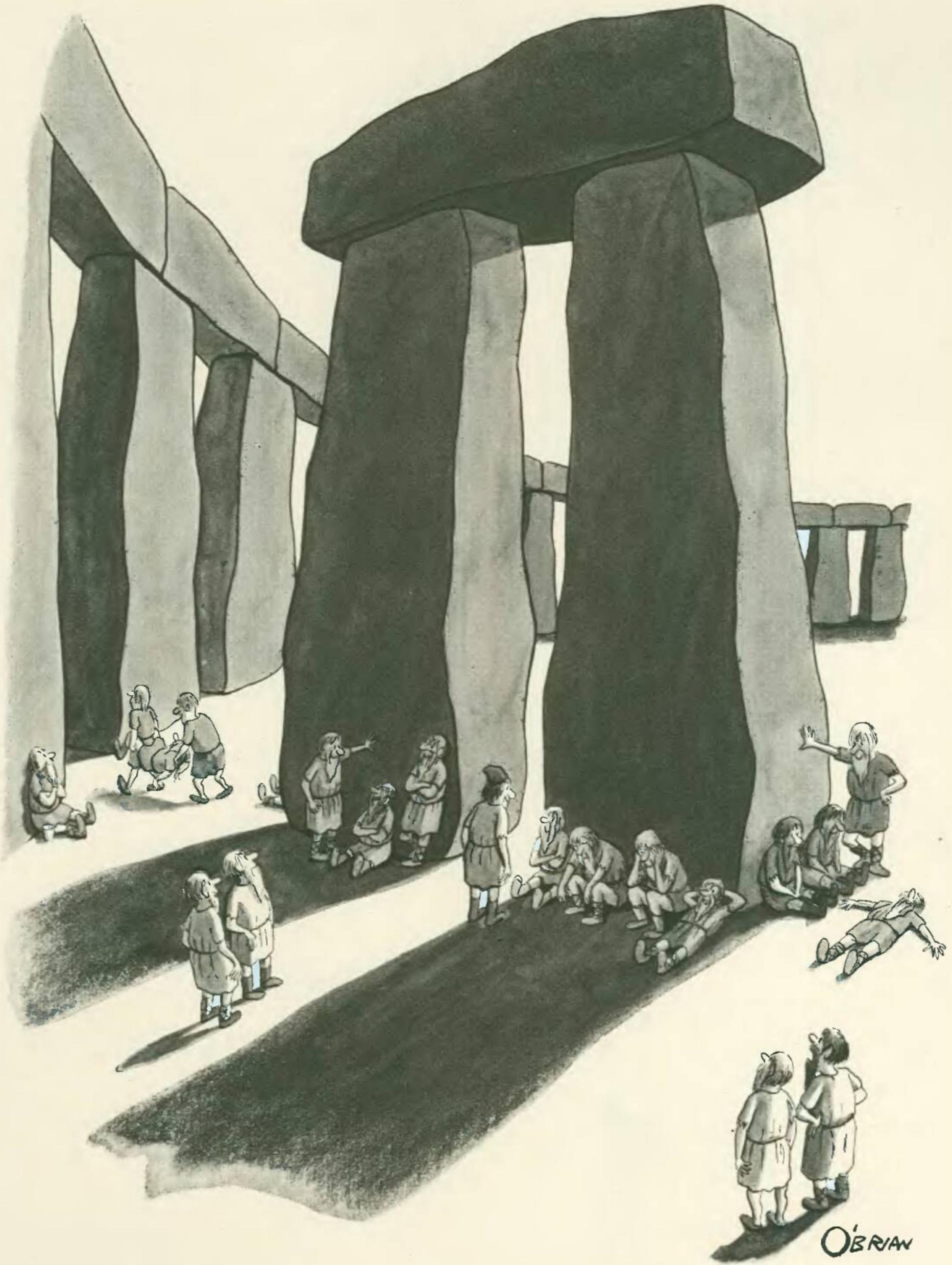
—RICHARD WILBUR

Gert and I took the cruise there I never miss his TV show and Rhonda Fleming with her hair all red and flaming and Sandra Dee and VistaVision and stereophonic sound cleaning up in the foreign



market and Ben Hur and the night TJ asked me what my next project would be when was it yes the night they screened Psycho in Santa Monica eeee-eeeekkk its an Irish story I told him like The Quiet Man or shall we get Rock Hudson I was just thinking of it for the first time yes and I had Sammy give me a five page synopsis and the day in Romanoffs I asked Jerry Wald about it yes Ulysses by James Joyce which it is a highly controversial book and I asked him yes could out of it be created a picture as exciting as Peyton Place and yes he said yes it could yes but on a higher level Yes.

—THOMAS MEEHAN



O'BRIAN

*"Well, we've done it, but don't ask me how."*

## A JOURNEY TO THE SEVEN STREAMS

MY father, the heavens be his bed, was a terrible man for telling you about the places he had been and for bringing you there, if he could, and displaying them to you with a mild and gentle air of proprietorship. He couldn't do the showmanship so well in the case of Spion Kop, where he and the fortunate ones who hadn't been ordered up the hill in the ignorant night had spent a sad morning crouching on African earth and listening to the deadly Boer guns that, high above the plain, slaughtered their hapless comrades. The great Glen of Aherlow, too, which he had helped to chain for His Majesty's Ordnance Survey, was placed inconveniently far to the south, in the mystic land of Tipperary. But townlands like Corraheskin, Drumlish, Cornavara, Dooish, the Minnieburns, and Claramore, and small towns like Drumquin and Dromore, were all within a ten-mile radius of our town, and something of moment or something amusing had happened in every one of them.

The reiterated music of their names worked on him like a charm. They would, he said, draw fairy tunes out of the stone fiddle of Castle Caldwell, and, indeed, the night he decided to hire a hackney car—a rare and daring thing to do in those days—and bring the seven of us out to see, in one round trip, those most adjacent places of his memories and dreams was the night that he told us the story of the stone fiddle and the drowned fiddler, and recited for us the inscription carved on the fiddle in memory of the fiddler.

"In the year 1770 it happened," he said. "The landlord at the time was Sir James Caldwell, Baronet. He was also called the Count of Milan; why, I never found anybody to tell me. The fiddler's name was Denis McCabe, and by tradition the McCabes were always musicians and jesters to the Caldwells. There was festivity at the big house by Lough Erne shore, and gentry there from

near and far, and out they went to drink and dance on a raft on the lake, and wasn't the poor fiddler so drunk he fiddled himself into the water and drowned."

"Couldn't somebody have pulled him out, Da?" I asked.

"They were all as drunk as he was. The tradition has it that he was still sawing away with the bow when he came up for the third time. The party cheered him until every island in Lough Erne echoed, and it was only when they sobered up that they realized they had lost the fiddler. So the Baronet and Count of Milan had a stone fiddle, taller than a man, made to stand at the estate gate, as a monument to Denis McCabe and as a warning forever to fiddlers either to stay sober or to stay on dry land. 'Ye fiddlers beware,' my father recited, 'ye fiddler's fate. Don't attempt the deep lest ye repent too late. Keep to the land when wind and storm blow, but scorn the deep if it with whiskey flow. On firm land only exercise your skill; there you may play and safely drink your fill.'"

Travelling by train from our town to the seaside, you went for miles along

the green and glistening Erne shore, but the train didn't stop by the stone fiddle, nor yet at the Boa Island for the crossroads dances. (Always when my father told us about those dances, his right foot rhythmically tapped the polished-steel fireside fender, which had "Home, Sweet Home" lettered out on an oval central panel.) Only the magic motor could bring us to the fiddle or the crowded crossroads. "Next Sunday, then," he said, "as certain as the sun sets and rises, we'll hire Hookey and Peter and the machine, and head for Lough Erne."

"Will it hold us all?" my mother asked. "Seven of us, and Peter's big feet, and the length of Hookey's legs?"

"That machine," he said, "would hold the Twelve Apostles, the Connaught Rangers, and the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo. It's the size of a hearse."

"Which is just what it looks like," said the youngest of my three sisters, who had a name for the tartness of her tongue. She was a thin, dark girl.

"Regardless of appearance," he said, "it'll carry us to the stone fiddle, and on the way we'll circumnavigate the globe—Clanabogan and Cavanacaw, Pigeon Top Mountain, and Corra-duine, where the bare-footed priest said Mass at the rock in the penal days, and Corraheskin, where the Muldoons live . . ."

"Them," said the third sister.

"And Cornavara," he said, "and Dooish, and Carrick Valley, and your Uncle Owen, and the two McCannys, the pipers, and Claramore, where there are so many Gormleys every family has to have its own nickname, and Drumquin, where I met your mother, and Dromore, where you"—he pointed to me—"were born and where the mail train was held up by the I.R.A. and where the three poor lads were murdered by the Specials when you were a year old, and the Minnieburns, where the seven streams meet to make the headwaters of the big river. Hookey and Peter and the ma-



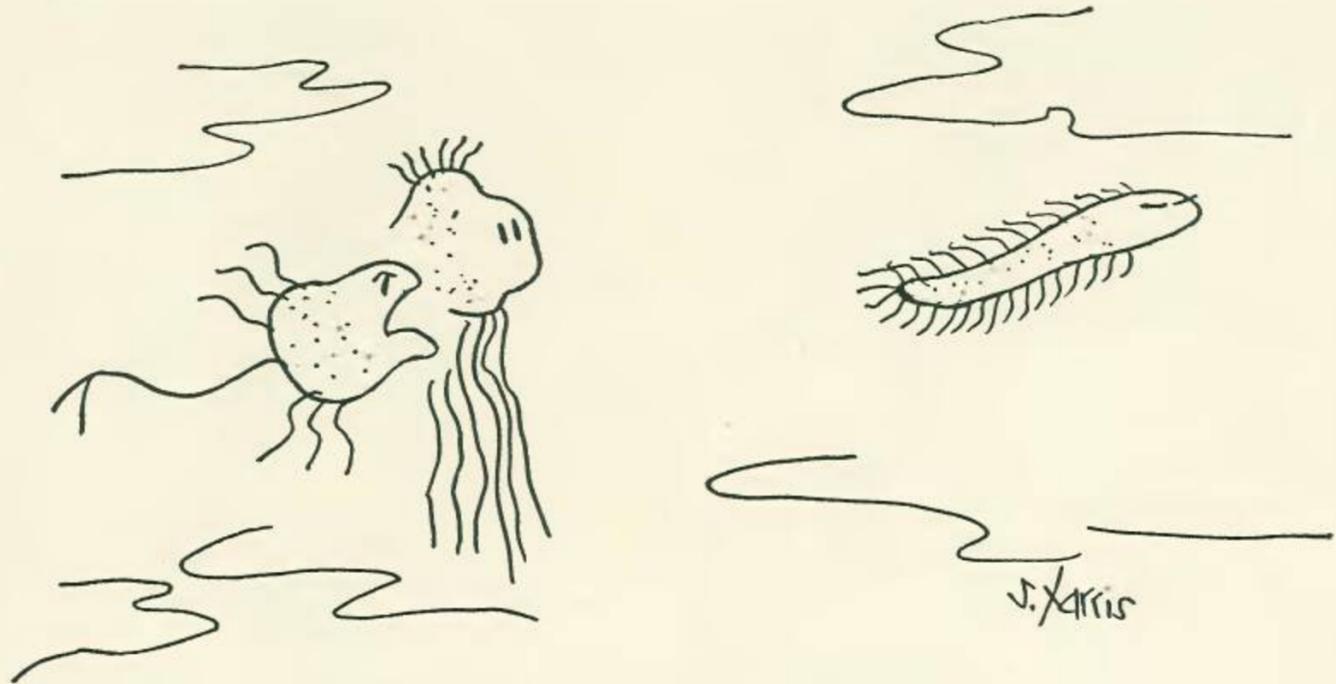
"Mom, Dad, quick! The man is going to show a drop of perspiration magnified a thousand times!"

chine will take us to all those places."

"Like a magic carpet," said my mother—with just a little dusting of the iron filings of doubt in her voice.

THOSE were the days, and not so long ago, when cars were rare and every car—not just every make of car—had a personality of its own. In our town, with its population of five thousand, not counting the soldiers in the barracks, there were only three cars for hire, and one of them belonged to Hookey Baxter. He was a long hangle of a young fellow, two-thirds of him made up of legs, and night and day he was whistling. He was as forward-looking as Lindbergh, and he dressed like Lindbergh, for the air, in goggles, helmet, and leather jacket—an appropriate costume, possibly, considering Hookey's own height and the altitude of the driver's seat in his machine. The one real love of his young heart was the love of the born tinkerer for that hybrid car, the fruit of days spent, deep in grease, giving new life and shape to a wreck he had bought at a sale in Belfast. The original manufacturers, whoever they had been, would have been hard put to it to recognize their altered offspring.

"She's chuman," Peter Keown would say, patting the sensitive, quivering bonnet. (Peter meant "human." In years to come, his sole recorded comment on the antics of Adolf Hitler was that the man wasn't chuman.) "She's as nervous," he would say, "as a thoroughbred." Peter was Hookey's stoker, grease monkey, and errand boy, and the truth was he was somewhat in awe of the tall, rangy metal animal. Yet, wherever the car went, with the goggled pilot at the wheel, there the pilot's diminutive mate was also sure to go. What living Peter earned he earned by digging holes in the street, as a laboring man for the town council's official plumber, so that, except on Sundays and when he motored with Hookey, nobody in the town ever saw much of him but the top of his cloth cap or his upturned face when he'd look out from a hole in the ground to ask a passerby the time of day. Regularly, once a year, he spent a corrective month in Derry Jail, because his opportunities as a municipal employee and his weakness as a kleptomaniac meant that good boards, lengths of piping, coils of electric wire, monkey



*"I can't stand his more-contagious-than-thou attitude."*

wrenches, spades, and other movable properties faded too frequently into thin air.

"A wonderful man, poor Peter," my father would say. "That cloth cap with the turned-up peak. And the thick-lensed spectacles—he's half blind—and the old tweed jacket too tight for him, and the old oxford bag trousers too big for him, and his waddle of a walk that makes him look like a duck about to apologize for laying a hen egg. How he survives is a miracle of God's grace. He can resist the appeal of nothing that's portable."

"He's a dream," the third sister said, "and the feet are the biggest part of him."

"The last time he went to Derry," my brother said, "all the old women from Brook Street were at the top of the Courthouse Hill to cheer him as he passed."

"And why not?" my mother said. "They're fond of him, and they say he's well liked in the jail. His heart's as big as his feet. Everything he steals he gives away."

"Robin Hood," said the third sister. "Robbing the town council to pay Brook Street."

"The council wouldn't sack him if he stole the town," my eldest sister said.

"At the ready!" my father roared. "Prepare to receive cavalry!"

In the street below the house, there was a puffing, grinding commotion.

"God bless us, look at Peter!" my father said. "Aloft with Hookey like a crown prince beside a king. Are we all ready? Have you got the sandwiches and the flasks of tea and the lemonade?"

A lovelier Sunday morning never shone. With the yellow canvas hood down and reclining in voluminous bal-

looning folds, and the high canary-yellow body glistening after its Saturday wash and polish, and the radiator gently steaming, Hookey and Peter had drawn the car up at the foot of the seven steps that led down from our door. There was something of the Citroën in the hood and the broad back seat that could hold five fair-sized people. But, to judge by the radiator, the absence of gears, and the high, fragile-spoked wheels, Citroën blood had been crossed with that of the Model T.

The stragglers coming home from early Mass, and the devout setting off early for late Mass, paused to witness our embarkation. Led by my father, and in single file, we descended the seven steps and ascended nearly as high again to take our places in the machine. There was Hookey at the wheel, then my brother and father, and Peter on the outside left, where he could leap in and out to perform the menial duties of assistant engineer, and, in the wide and windy acres of the back seat, my mother, myself, and my three sisters.

High above the town, the church bell rang. It was the bell to warn the worshippers still on their way that in ten minutes the vested priest would be on the altar, but it could have been a quayside bell ringing farewell to a ship nosing out across the water toward the rim of vision. Peter leaped to the ground and removed the two stones that, placed before the front wheels, acted as auxiliaries for the hand brake. Hookey released the brake. The car was gathering speed when Peter scrambled aboard, settled himself, and slammed the yellow door behind him. Sprung fuel, we glided down the slope, back-fired twice loudly, ascended a hill, swung left along John Street, and

cleared the town without incident. The sound of the bell died away behind us. My mother expressed the hope that the priest would remember us at the offertory. Peter assured her that we were all as safe as if we were at home in bed. God's good green Sunday countryside was softly all around us.

Squat to the earth and travelling at seventy, you see nothing from cars nowadays, but to go with Hookey was to be above all but the highest walls and hedges, to be among the morning birds.

"Twenty-seven em-pee-haitch," Hookey said.

"Four miles covered already," said Peter.

"The Gortin Mountains over there," my father said. "And the two mountains to the north are Bessy Bell and Mary Gray, so named by the Hamiltons of Baronscourt, the Duke of Abercorn's people, after a fancied resemblance to two hills in Stirlingshire, Scotland. The two hills in Stirlingshire are so called after two ladies of the Scottish court who fled the plague and built their hut in the wildwood and thatched it with rushes. They are mentioned by Thomas Carlyle, in his book on the French Revolution. The dark green on the hills by Gortin Gap is the new government forestry. And in Gortin village, Paddy Ford, the contractor, hasn't gone to Mass since, fifteen years ago, the parish priest gave another man the job of painting the inside of the sacristy."

"Five miles," said Peter. "They're spinning past."

"Running sweet as honey," Hookey said. He adjusted his goggles and whistled back to the Sunday birds.

"Jamie Magee's of the Flush," my father said. He pointed to a long white house on a hill slope and close to a water-falling stream. "Rich as Rockefeller, and too damned mean to marry."

"Six miles," said Peter.

Then, with a blast of backfiring, the wobbling yellow conveyance came to a coughing, miserable halt. The air was suddenly gray and poisoned with fumes.

The two older sisters, tall and long-haired and normally quiet girls, went off into the giggles.

"Isn't it providential," my mother said, "that the cowslips are a glory this year? We'll have something to do, Henry, while you're fixing it." Hookey had been christened Henry, and my mother would never descend to nicknames. She felt that to make use of a nickname was to remind a deformed person of his deformity.

## BLUE FLAG

Blue as the blowpipe's petal of flame,  
the flag, afloat at the crest of the wave  
of its leaves, unfurls an ephemeral crown,  
three-tiered, nine-rayed, and girdled with jade.

Sealed, to begin with, in tissue, and stuck  
to the stem in a curve like a locust's wing,  
it rides into light in this envelope lean  
as a leaf, too thin to hold a thing,

it would seem, till it opens and shows a ship-  
in-a-bottle surprise: slim as a moth  
at birth stands an elegant spindle, sea purple  
and patched with gold, that turns, no sloth

so slow, to a lily of chiselled gauze.  
In curves as sharp as if carved with scalpels  
from paper-thin slices of stone inked in,  
pen-fine, with damson lines like the marble's

veins, it spreads its spurs. It shows  
its colors in yellow carpets plumed  
with plush for the feet of the bee as she feels  
her way over azure bridges and perfumed

paths, through tunnels down to the well-hid  
wells where the diamond drop of nectar  
is. All this to bring, spring  
after spring, the seed to the bud to the flower

to the bee, again, again, and again  
with undiminished *esprit*, to bear,  
once more, the same lambent form as before,  
jewel-winged, a weld of blue fire and air.

—DOROTHY DONNELLY

The fields and the roadside margins were bright yellow with blossom. "Gather ye cowslips while ye may," my father said. He handed the ladies down. Peter had already disembarked. Submitting to an impulse that had gnawed at me since we set sail, I dived forward, my head under Hookey's left elbow, and butted with both fists the black rubber punch-ball horn. Out over the fields went the dying groan of an old, pain-ridden ox.

"Mother of God!" my father said. "That's a noise and no mistake. Here,



boy, go off and pick flowers." He lifted me down to the ground.

"Screw off the radiator cap, Peter," Hookey said.

"It's scalding hot, Hookey."

"Take these gauntlet gloves, man alive. And stand clear when you screw it off."

A geyser of steam and dirty hot water went heavenward as Peter and my brother, who was always curious about engines, leaped to safety.

"Wonderful, the age we live in," my father said to my brother. "They say that over in England they're queued up steaming by the roadsides, like Iceland or the Yellowstone Park."

"Just a bit overheated," Hookey said. "We won't be a jiffy."

"Does it happen often?" my father asked.

Ignoring the question, descending, and opening the bonnet to peer and poke and tinker, Hookey said, "Do you know a funny thing about this car?"

"She's chuman," said Peter.

"You know the crossroads at Clana-



*"Successfully completed a correspondence course is my guess."*

bogan churchyard gate," Hookey said, "the story about it?"

"It's haunted," my father said.

"Only at midnight," Peter said.

"Do you know," my father said—adopting, as was his right and nature, the role of raconteur—"that no horse ever passed there at midnight that didn't stop, shivering with fear? The fact is well attested. Something comes down that side road out of the heart of the wood."

Hookey closed over the bonnet, screwed back the radiator cap, and climbed again to the throne. He wiped his hands on a bunch of grass pulled for him and handed to him by Peter. Slowly he drew on his gauntlet gloves.

Bedecked with cowslips and dragging me along with them, the ladies rejoined the gentlemen.

"Well, would you credit this now?" Hookey said. "Peter and myself were coming from Dromore one wet night last week."

"Pouring rain from the heavens," Peter said. "And the top was leaking."

"A temporary defect," Hookey said.

"I mended it. Jack up the back axle, Peter, and give her a swing. And would you credit it, exactly at twelve o'clock midnight she stopped dead at the gate of Clanabogan churchyard?"

With an irony that was lost on Hookey, my mother said, "I could well believe it."

"She's chuman," Peter said.

"One good push now and we're away," Hookey said. "Maybe," he said to my father and brother, "you'd lend Peter a hand."

Twenty yards ahead, he waited for the dusty pushers to climb aboard, the engine chug-chugging, little puffs of steam escaping from the right-hand side of the bonnet. My father was thoughtful. He could have been considering the responsibilities of the machine age.

"Contact!" Hookey said.

"Dawn patrol away!" said Peter. He mimicked what he supposed to be the noises of an airplane engine, and with every evidence of jubilation we were once again under way.

It was a day made for jubilation. The fields, all the colors of all the crops,

danced toward us and away from us and around us. "The lambs on the green hills," my father sang, "were gazing at me, and many a strawberry grows by the salt sea, and many a ship sails the ocean;" and the roadside trees bowed down and then gracefully swung their arms up and made music over our heads; and there were more birds and white cottages and fuchsia hedges in the world than you would readily imagine. "The bride and bride's party," my father sang, "'to church they did go. The bride she goes foremost, she bears the best show—'"

"They're having sports today at Tattysallagh," Hookey said.

"But I followed after, my heart full of woe, for to see my love wed to another."

We swept by a crossroads, where people and horses and traps were congregated after last Mass. In a field beside the road, a few tall ashplants bore fluttering pennants in token of the sports to be.

"Proceed to Banteer," my father sang, "to the athletic sporting and

hand in your name to the club committee.' That was a favorite song of Pat O'Leary, the Corkman," he said, "who was killed at Spion Kop."

Small country boys in big boots, knickerbockers, stiff celluloid collars that could be cleaned for Sunday by a rub of a wet cloth, and close-cropped heads with fringes like scalping locks above the foreheads, scattered before us to the hedges and grass margins, then closed again and pursued us, cheering, for a hundred yards. One of them, frantic with enthusiasm, sent sailing after us a half-grown turnip.

"In Tattysallagh," my father said, "they were always an uncivilized crowd of gulpins." (He had three terms of contempt: "gulpin," "yob," and, when things became very bad, "yahoo.")

"Cavanacaw," he said, as we drove along, "and that lovely trout stream the Creevan Burn. It joins the big river at Blacksessiagh. That there's the road up to Pigeon Top Mountain and the Mass rock at Corraduine, but we'll come back that way when we've circumnavigated Dooish and Cornavara."

We came to Clanabogan. "Clanabogan planting," my father said.

The tall trees came around us, and sunlight and shadow flickered, so that you could feel them across eyes and hands and face.

"Martin Murphy, the postman," he said, "who was in the Survey with me in the Glen of Aherlow, worked once at the building of Clanabogan church. And one day the vicar said to him, 'What height do you think the steeple should be?' 'The height of nonsense, like your sermons,' said Martin, and got the sack for his wit. In frosty weather, he used to seal the cracks in his boots with butter, and although he was an abrupt man, he seldom used an impolite word. There's the church and the churchyard and the haunted gate and crossroads," my father said.

We held our breath, but it was no day for ghosts, and, in glory, we sailed by.

"She didn't hesitate," Peter said.

"Wonderful," the third sister said.

It was more wonderful than she imagined, for the haunted gate and crossroads of Clanabogan was one of the few places that day that Hookey's motor machine did not honor with at least some brief delay.

"I'd love to drive," my brother said. "How did you learn to drive, Hookey?"

"I never did. I just sat in and drove. I learned the basic principles on the county-council steam roller in Watson's

quarries. Forward and reverse."

"You have to have the natural knack," Peter explained.

"What's the cut potato for, Hookey?" my brother asked.

"For the rainy day. Rub it on the windscreen, and the water runs off the glass."

"It's oily, you see," Peter said.

"Where do you keep the petrol?" my father asked, sniffing.

"Reserve in the tins clipped on the right running board. Current supply in a tank under the front seat. Six gallons. You're sitting on it."

"Twenty miles to the gallon," Peter said.

"We're good for more than a hundred miles."

"God Almighty!" my father said. "Provided it isn't a hundred miles straight up. 'T would be sad to survive a war that was the end of better men and be blown up between Clanabogan and Cornavara. On a quiet Sunday morning."

"Never worry," Hookey said. "It's outside the bounds of possibility."

"You reassure me," my father said. "Twenty miles to the gallon in any direction. At least we'll all go up together. And turn right here for Cornavara," he said. "You'll soon see the hills and the high waterfalls."

We left the tarred road. White dust rose around us like smoke. We advanced half a mile on the flat, attempted the first steep hill, and, gently, wearily, without angry fumes or backfiring protests, the tremulous car came to rest.

"We'll hold what we have," Hookey said. "Peter—pronto. Get the stones behind the back wheels."

"Do you buy the stones with the car?" the third sister asked.

"We'd be worse off without them," Hookey muttered.

Disguised as he was in helmet and goggles, it was impossible to tell exactly if he was wounded by her hint of mockery, but my mother must have considered that his voice betrayed pain, for she looked reprovingly at the third sister and at the other two, who were again impaled by giggles, and withdrew them out of sight down a breen toward the sound of a small stream to—as she put it—freshen up.



"Without these stones," Peter said, panting, "we could be as badly off as John MacKenna, and look what happened to him."

"They're a necessary precaution," Hookey said. "Poor John would never use stones. He said the brakes on his car would hold a Zeppelin."

The bonnet was open again and the radiator cap unscrewed, but there was no steam and no geyser—only a cold, sad silence, and Hookey bending and peering and probing with a pincers.

"She's a bit exhausted," Peter said.

"Going at the hill with a full load overstrained her," Hookey said.

"We should walk the bad hills," Peter explained.

"Poor John MacKenna," Hookey said, "was making four fortunes driving crowds to the Passionist monastery at Enniskillen to see the monk that cures people. But he would never use stones, and the only parking place at the monastery is on a sharp slope. One evening, when they were all at devotions, doesn't she run backwards and ruin all the flower beds in the place and knock down a statue of our Lord?"

"One of the monks attacked him as a heathen that would knock the Lord down," Peter said.

"Ruined the trade for all," Hookey said. "Now the monks won't let a car within a mile of the place."

"Can't say as I blame them," my father said.

Suddenly, mysteriously, responding to Hookey's probing pincers, the machine was again chug-chugging. But, with or without cargo, she could not

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or—being weary and chuman—would not assault even the first bastion of Cornavara.

"She won't take off," Hookey said. "That run to Belfast and back took the wind out of her."

"You never made Belfast in this," my father said.

"We did, Tommy," Peter said apologetically.

"Seventy miles there and seventy back," said my father incredulously.

"Bringing a greyhound bitch to running trials for Tommy Mullan, the postman," Hookey said.

"The man who fishes for pearls in the Drumragh River," Peter said.

They were talking hard to cover their humiliation.

"If she won't go at the hills," my father said, "go back to the main road and we'll go on and picnic at the seven streams at the Minnieburns. It's mostly on the flat."

So we reversed slowly the dusty half mile to the main road.

"One night in John Street," Peter said, "she started going backwards and wouldn't go forwards."

"A simple defect," Hookey said. "I remedied it."

"She stopped when she knocked down the school-children-crossing sign at the bottom of Church Hill," Peter said. "Nipped it off an inch from the ground, as neat as you ever saw. We hid it up a laneway and it was gone in the morning."

My father looked doubtfully at Peter. "The wood of the post would always make firewood," he said.

Peter agreed. "You can trust nobody."

Hurriedly trying to cut in on Peter's eloquence, Hookey said, "In fact, the name of Tommy Mullan's bitch was Drumragh Pearl. Not that that did her any good at the trials."

"She came a bad last," the irrepressible Peter burst out. "And to make it worse, we lost her on the way back from Belfast."

"You what?" said my father.

"Lost her in the dark, where the road twists around Ballymacilroy Mountain."

"You lost the man's greyhound!" my mother said, awed. "You're a right pair of boys to send on an errand."

"'Twas the way we stepped out of the car to take the air," Hookey said. By the husky note in his voice you could guess how he suffered at Peter's shameless confessions. "And Peter looked at the animal, Ma'am, and said maybe she'd like a turn in the air, too. So we took her out and tied her lead to the left front wheel. And while we were standing there, talking, didn't the biggest brute of a hare you ever saw sit out as cool as sixpence in the light of the car. Off like a shot, with the bitch after."

"If the lead hadn't snapped," Peter said, "she'd have taken the wheel off the car or the car off the road."

"We should have brought a greyhound along with us to pull," my father said.

"We whistled and called for hours, but all in vain," Peter said.

"The hare ate her," said the third sister.

"Left up the slope there," my father said, "is the belt of trees I planted in my spare time to act as a windbreaker for Drumlish schoolhouse. Paddy Hamish, the laboring man, gave me a hand. He died last year in Canada."

"You'd have pitied the children on a winter's day," my mother said, "standing in the playground at lunchtime taking the fresh air in a hilltop wind that would sift and clean corn. Eating soda bread and washing it down with buttermilk. On a rough day, the wind from Lough Erne would break the panes of the windows."

"As a matter of curiosity," my father asked, "what did Tommy Mullan say?"

"At two in the morning in Bridge Lane he was waiting for us," Peter said. "We weren't too happy about it. But when we told him she was last in the trials, he said the bloody bitch could stay in Ballymacilroy."

"Hasn't he always the pearls in the river," my mother said.

So we came to have tea and sandwiches and lemonade in a meadow by the crossroads in the exact center of the wide saucer of land where seven streams from the surrounding hills came down to meet. The grass was polished with sunshine. That plain seemed to me then as vast as the prairies, or Siberia. White cottages far away on the lower slopes of Dooish could have been in another country. The chief stream came for a long way through soft, deep meadowland. It was slow, quiet, unobtrusive, perturbed only by the movements of waterfowl or trout. Two streams met under the arch of a bridge, and you

could go out under the bridge along a sandy promontory to paddle in clear water on a bottom as smooth as Bundoran strand. Three streams came together in a magic hazelwood, where the tiny green unripe nuts were already clustered on the branches. Then the seven, made into one, went away from us with a shout and a song toward Shaneragh, Blacksessiagh, Drumragh, and Crevenagh, under the humpy crooked King's Bridge, where James Stuart had passed on his way from Derry to the fatal, brackish Boyne, and on through the town we came from.

"All the things we could see," my father said, "if this spavined brute of a so-called automobile could only be persuaded to climb the high hills. The deep lakes of Claramore. The far view of Mount Errigal, the Cock of the North, by the Donegal Sea. If you were up on the top of Errigal, you could damn near see on a clear day the skyscrapers of New York."

"What matter," said my mother. "The peace of Heaven is here."

FOR that day, that was the last peace we were to experience. The energy the machine didn't have, or wouldn't use, to climb hills or to keep in motion for more than two miles at a stretch she expended in thunderous staccato bursts of backfiring. In slanting evening sunlight, the travelling commotion startled birds and sent horses and cattle racing around pastures. When we came again to the crossroads at Tattysallagh, the majority of the spectators—standing on the road to look over the hedge and thus save the admission fee—lost all interest in the sports, such as they were, and came around us; and, to oblige them, the right rear tire went flat.

"Peter," Hookey said, "jack it up and change it on."

We mingled unobtrusively with the gulpins.

"A neat, round hole," Peter said.

"Paste a patch on it."

The patch was deftly pasted on.

"Take the foot pump and blow her up," Hookey said.

There was a long silence while Peter, lines of worry on his little puckered face, inspected the tube. Finally, he said, "I can't find the valve."

"Show it to me," Hookey said. He ungoggled himself, descended, and surveyed the ailing member. "Peter," he said, "you're a prize. The valve's gone and you put a patch on the hole it left behind it."

The crowd around us was increasing, and highly appreciative.

"Borrow a bicycle, Peter," Hookey said, "and cycle to the town and ask John MacKenna for the loan of a tube."

"To pass the time," my mother said, "we'll look at the sports."

So we left Hookey to mind his car, and, being practically gentry as compared with the rustic throng around us, we walked to the gateway that led into the sports field, where my mother civilly inquired the price of admission of two men who stood behind a wooden table.

"Five shillings a skull, Missus, barring the cub," the younger of the two said. "And half a crown for the cub."

"It seems expensive," my mother said.

"I'd see them all in Hell first, let alone Tattysallagh," my father said. "One pound, twelve shillings, and sixpence to look at six sally rods stuck in a field and four yahoos running round in rings in their sock soles."

We took our places on the roadside with the few who were still looking over the hedge. Four lean youths and one stout one in Sunday shirts and long trousers, with the ends tucked into their socks, were pushing high-framed bicycles round and round the field. We saw two bicycle races and a tug of war.

"Yobs, and the sons of yobs," my father said. He led us back to the car.

Peter, soaked in perspiration, had the new tube on and the wheel ready.

"Leave the jack in and swing her," Hookey said. "She's cold by now."

There was a series of explosions, and the watching crowd drew back in alarm. Peter screwed out the jack. We scrambled aboard. Exploding, we departed, and when we were a safe distance away the watchers raised a dubious cheer.

"In God's name, Henry," my father said, "get close to the town before you blow us all up. I wouldn't want our neighbors to have to travel as far as Tattysallagh to pick up the bits—the yobs and yahoos here don't know us well enough to be able to piece us together. A pity we didn't make it as far as the stone fiddle," he said. "We might have heard good music. It's a curious thing, but in the townlands around that place the people have always been famed for music and singing. The Tunneys of Castle Caldwell, now, are noted. It could be that the magic of the stone fiddle has something to do with it. Someday," he said, "we'll head for Donegal. When the cars, Henry, are a bit improved."

He told us about the long windings of Mulroy Bay. He explained exactly how and why and in what year the fourth Earl of Leitrim had been assassinated in Cratloe Wood. He spoke as rapidly and distinctly as he could in the lulls of the backfiring.

Then our town was below us in the hollow, and the Gortin Mountains, deep purple with evening, away behind it.

"Here we'll part company, Henry boy," my father said. "'Tisn't that I doubt the ability of Peter and yourself to navigate the iron horse down the hill. But I won't have the town blaming me and my family for having hand, act, or part in the waking of the dead in Drumragh graveyard."

Sedately, we walked down the slope into the town, and talked with the neighbors we met, and asked them had they heard Hookey and Peter passing, and told them of the sports and of the heavenly day it had been out at the seven streams.

MY father died in a seaside town in the County Donegal—forty miles from the town I was reared in. The road his funeral followed, back to the homeplaces, led along the Erne shore, by the stone fiddle and the glistening water, across the Boa Island, where there are no longer crossroads dances—every roadside house has a television aerial. It led by the meadowland saucer of the Minnieburns, where the river still springs from seven magic sources. That brooding place is much as it was, but no longer did it seem to me to be as vast as Siberia. To the left was the low sullen outline of Cornavara and Pigeon Top, the hurdle that our Bucccephalus refused to take. To the right was Drumlish. The old schoolhouse was gone, and in its place a white building ten times as large, with drying rooms for wet coats, fine warm lunches for children, and even a gymnasium. But the belt of trees that he and Paddy Hamish planted to break the wind and shelter the children, when they stood in the yard and ate their lunches of soda bread washed down with buttermilk, is still there.

Somebody tells me, too, that the engine of Hookey Baxter's car is still with us, turning a circular saw for a farmer in the vicinity of Clanabogan.

As the Irish proverb says, It's a little thing doesn't last longer than a man.

—BENEDICT KIELY

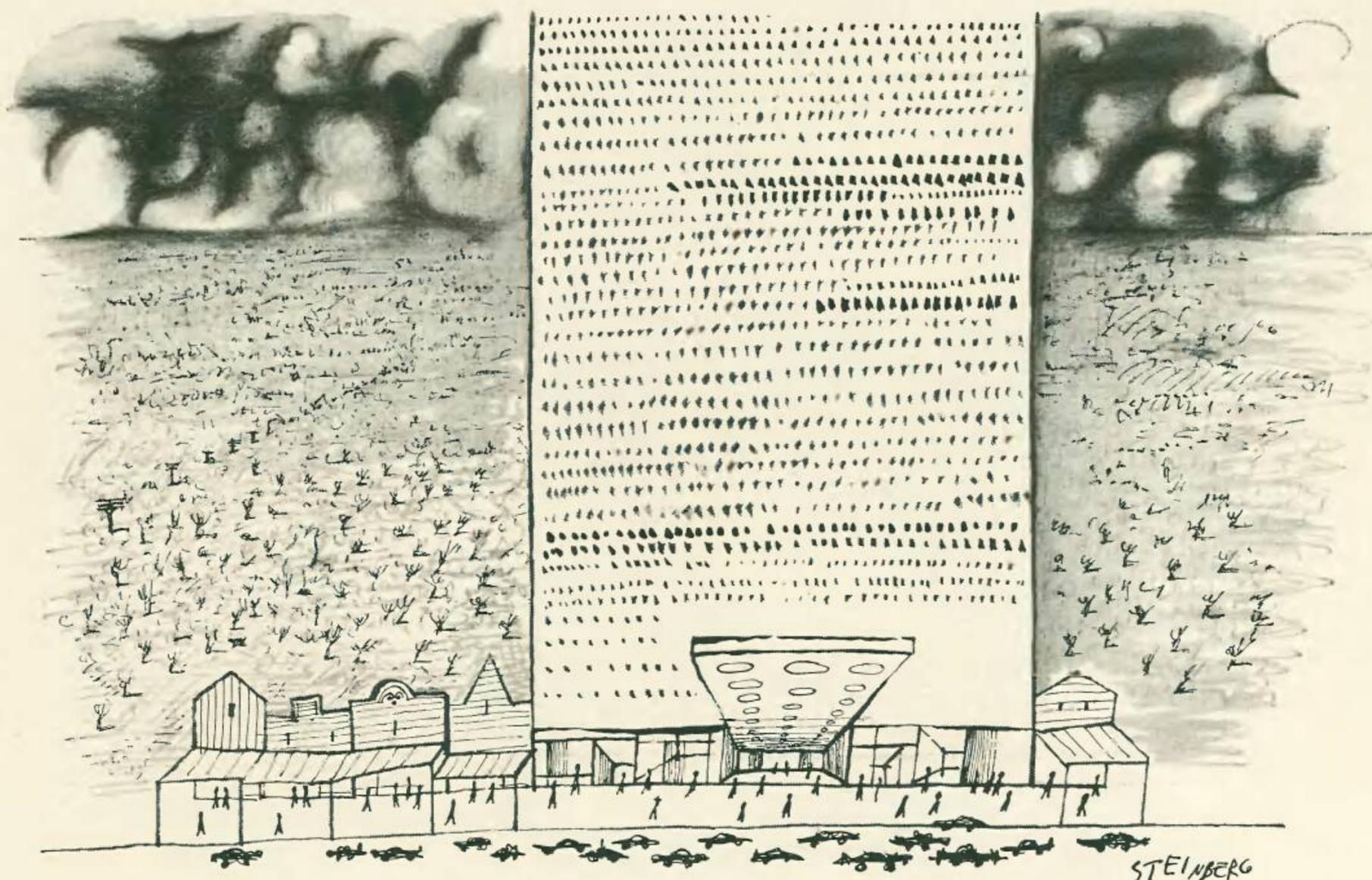
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**P**OOR people take comfort in the thought that, unlike themselves, rich people do not know how to have a good time. "We may not have much money," those without it tell one another in quiet desperation, "but we sure have a lot of fun." The view that fun and money are mutually exclusive has also been sedulously documented by the non-poor. In his masterwork, de Tocqueville, who never had to worry about the rent, flatly declared that in democratic countries like America "the rich do not know how to spend their leisure." The millionaire George Bernard Shaw had one of his characters in "The Millionairess" ask, "Why is it that people who know how to enjoy themselves never have any money, and the people who have money never know how to enjoy themselves?" More recently, Sloan Wilson, the author of "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit," whose income is now comfortably beyond that of the average man in that uniform, consoled the poor with this contribution to their folklore: "No matter what praises are sung of leisure,

those who have the most of it in the United States seem to be the most miserable." If Texas millionaires, who probably have more leisure than any other group in the United States, are miserable, they are devilishly artful at concealing it. Indeed, to observe them not only confutes the opiatic notion that people with money do not know how to enjoy themselves but raises the question of whether they know how not to. Texas millionaires work even harder at having fun than most Americans, who, of course, are famous for wearing themselves out having fun. They can hardly do otherwise, for they are obliged to run faster and faster just trying to stay abreast of their ever-increasing leisure, or "discretionary time," as the sociologists call the hours left over from eating, sleeping, and earning a living. It is the cross we have to bear as the most leisured civilization yet. The average wage earner in this country, according to a recent study, has at his disposal, aside from time to sleep, the awesome equivalent of two hundred and thirty full sixteen-hour days off a year. Texas million-

aires are in a more ticklish situation, since they could, if they cared to, dispense with all activity involved in making a living, and wind up with every day off. To avoid this fate, most keep some kind of office hours, ranging from those of Kay Kimbell, who says "I'm passionately devoted to work" and proves it by arriving at his office at seven-thirty in the morning and not leaving it until twelve hours later, to those of E. E. (Buddy) Fogelson, who is interested in the higher things in life and manages to polish off his office chores in about three hours, beginning at five in the afternoon. Even taking into consideration occasional hard days at the office, most Texas millionaires have an extraordinary amount of discretionary time on their hands, and it is a tribute to their energy and ingenuity that they have learned how to use it by steadily expanding ways in which to pleasure themselves. At home and abroad—at Maxim's in Houston or Maxim's in Paris, at the Four Seasons in New York or the Seven Small Houses in Copenhagen, in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas or the Colosseum in Rome, at

the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth or the running of the bulls in Pamplona, at the Fiesta in San Antonio or the Mardi Gras in Milan, on the beach at Corpus Christi or the sand of the Riviera, shooting ducks in the Gulf, elephants in Africa, tigers in India—wherever the most amusing action is, there are Texas millionaires, following the fun.

The gaiety begins at home, where discretionary-time activities, apart from civic undertakings, parties, and the like, are as various as the millionaires who pursue them. Robert Windfohr cultivates orchids; Karl Hoblitzelle collects

antique silver and theatrical memorabilia; Clint Murchison studies migratory birds and can talk as knowledgeably about roseate spoonbills as about monthly allowables; R. E. (Bob) Smith takes an interest in planning and financing expeditions to recover cargo from ancient ships sunk off the Yucatan Peninsula. Thomas W. Blake, Jr., an oilman by profession, is an architect by preference. Pursuing his hobby, he bought a thirty-six-room stone cottage in Newport from his wife (she had acquired it before their marriage) for sixty thousand dollars, and spent some thirty

thousand more remodelling it into three separate apartments, which he leases for the summer at rents ranging from fifteen hundred dollars to five thousand. Like a great many other Texas millionaires, Blake enjoys his hobby more when it shows a profit; the Newport project, which he undertook four years ago, is now returning about ten per cent on the investment. Backing Broadway shows is currently becoming a chic hobby of Texas millionaires, and though the profit motive also plays a part in these ventures, other consid-

erations, such as the chance to share the glamour of it all, have proved better bait for Texas angels. Among them have been Stanley Marcus and a couple of dozen other Dallas residents, who each put a few thousand into Leonard Bernstein's musical interpretation of "Candide," which closed after a few performances, and Michel Halbouty and several other Houston millionaires, who invested some three hundred and fifty thousand in the doomed musical "Happy Town." "One good thing about this business is that it doesn't take long to know whether you've hit a dry hole," Halbouty remarked to a companion during intermission on opening night. He knew what he'd hit about three hours later. Many other rich Texans have taken up the angel pastime, but none has shown such durability as Harris Masterson, a Houston millionaire who does well in oil, cattle, and art treasures but so far has been unable to cut the mustard in the theatre. Since making his debut with his wife, Carroll, as a Broadway producer in 1959, Masterson has been the principal backer of four costly failures, ranging from the serious dramatic work "God and Kate Murphy" to the beatnik musical "Beg, Borrow or Steal." They had an average run of seventeen performances. His fellow-angel Edgar W. Brown, Jr., of Orange, Texas, has had smoother sailing with his substantial investment in the hit musical "Bye Bye Birdie." Brown followed the form expected of Texas angels by flying a couple of dozen friends up from Texas to attend opening night.



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the more popular pastimes of Texas millionaires also involve a large element of luck. Of these diversions, none exert more fascination than bridge, poker, and gin rummy. The latter, for many Super-Americans of both sexes, amounts almost to a way of life. Devotees keep on the alert for every chance to pick up an impromptu game. For example, B. G. Byars and Roy Woods took their wives one afternoon to call on a friend; while the women talked, the men slipped into the library for a quick game, and when it was time to leave, about twenty minutes later, Byars had won six hundred dollars. Poker is also played for sums large enough to hold the players' interest. Those who sit in on the games that John Mecom and John Blaffer often organize in Houston feel that they have had an average evening if they win or lose in the neighborhood of twenty thousand dollars, and a good one if they go home with fifty thousand; when, as happens not infrequently, their winnings amount to twice that much, they know they have been living right. It is no doubt proper that H. L. Hunt, the biggest oilman in Texas—who, according to legend, started his career in a gambling house in El Dorado, Arkansas, and won his first oil well in a poker game—should also have the reputation of being the biggest gambler. Hunt modestly denies the distinction. "If you play a little gin, bridge, or bingo you are about as much a gambler as I am," he said a couple of years ago. With an income estimated at two hundred thousand dollars a day, Hunt can get but rather pale satisfaction from playing cards for conventional stakes; he prefers instead to bet on the horses (the story is that he employs a graduate of M.I.T. as a statistician to figure the odds) and on other sporting events. In the opening game of the 1956 World Series, according to a Dallas friend, Hunt favored the Yankees over the Dodgers—a mistake that cost him three hundred thousand dollars, or a day and a half's income. He customarily has better luck, especially at the race tracks, to most of which he has direct wires from his office. A friend visiting there a while ago suggested that Hunt's gambling pursuits added up to a rather costly pastime. "Well, no," Hunt replied. "I made a million and something out of it last year." Another Texas millionaire who has long been fascinated by the ways of chance is Ralph Lowe. "He'll bet on anything," a friend has remarked. "He'll bet you fifty thousand dollars on whether it's going to rain within the next hour. One way or another, it

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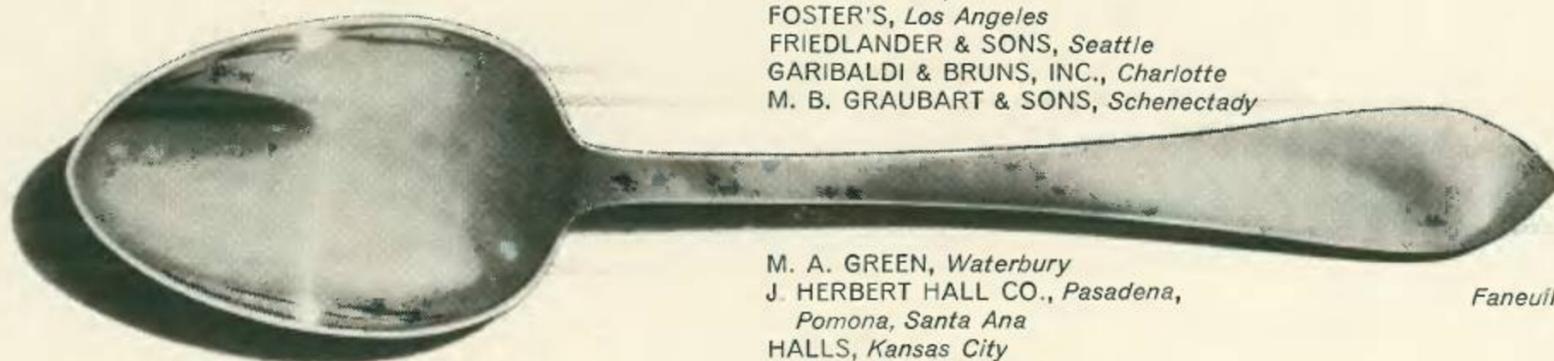
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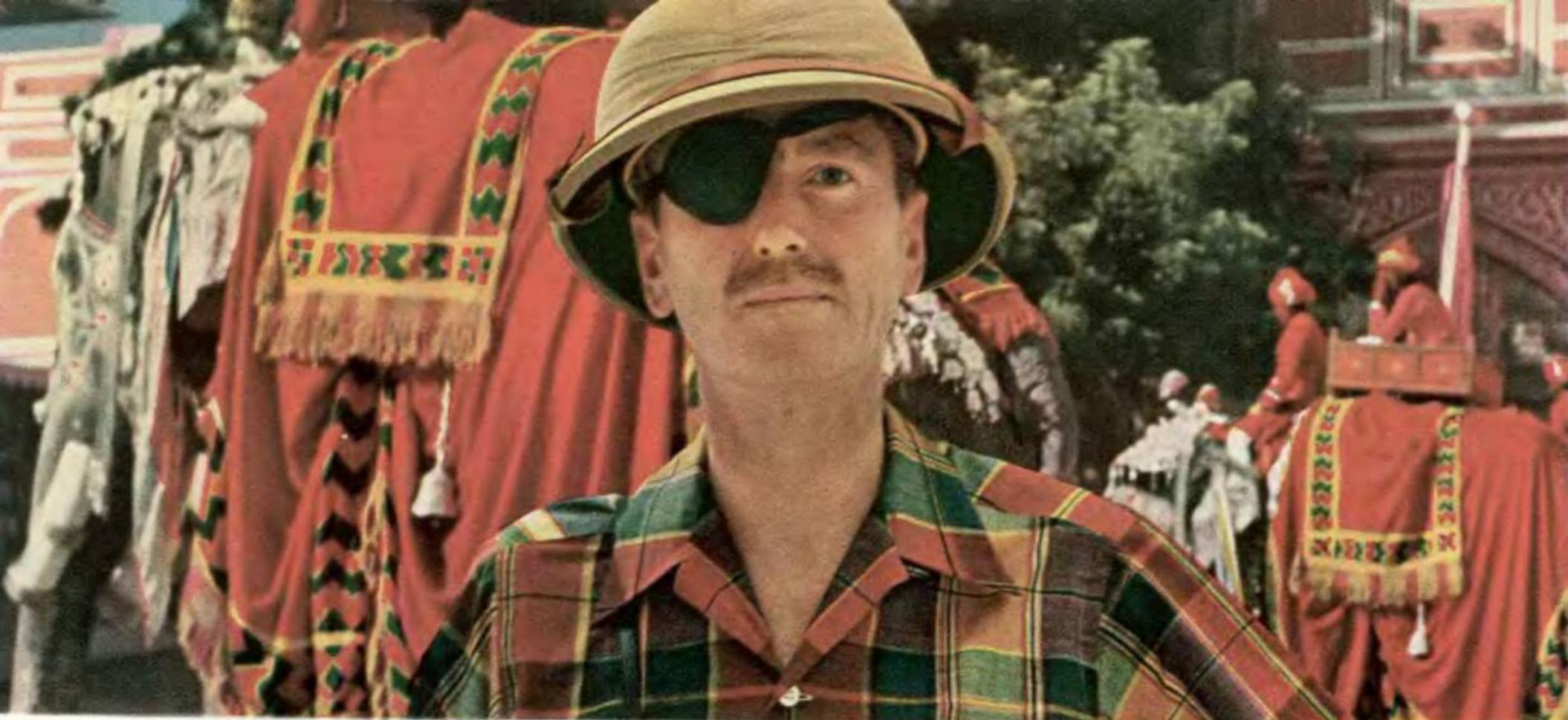
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Because thoroughbred racing is still dominated by Easterners, owning a stable, though an acceptable leisure-time activity among Texas millionaires, retains a slight foreign taint. Owning a ranch, on the other hand, is above suspicion, if not, indeed, a patriotic duty. "The first thing an oilman does after amassing a few million," J. Frank Dobie has remarked, "is buy a ranch where he can get away from oil—and on which he can spend some of his oil money." The casual way in which a Texas millionaire may acquire a ranch is illustrated by the experience of Daniel W. Varel, president of a drilling-equipment manufacturing firm, who for a while owned a spread of fourteen thousand acres. "I don't know why I bought it," Varel said not long ago. "A guy came in one day and said he was going to lose it, couldn't keep up the



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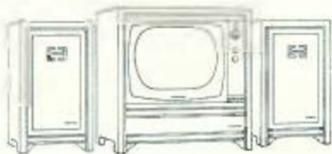
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payments, so I took it over. As a matter of fact, I never once saw the place in all the time I owned it." In most cases, oilmen go into ranching with somewhat more forethought, if no more experience. "I don't know a thing about it, but we'll make it go," R. E. (Bob) Smith said when he took the customary step a few years back, and he has. So has John Mecom, the most successful of the younger independent oilmen, who has three ranches—in Louisiana, Colorado, and Texas. While it is perhaps not necessary to go that far, it is de rigueur to own at least one, because ranching, the occupation associated with the older families and fortunes, confers status. That consideration is quite incidental to the operation of many of the larger ranches—such as the fifty-one-thousand-acre Lambshead Ranch, the one-and-a-quarter-million-acre King Ranch, and those owned by the Waggoners, the Scharbauers, the Cowdens, the Burnetts, the Armstrongs, and other descendants of old families—which have always been run to confer profits. For the majority of Texas millionaires, however, a ranch is in the nature of a hobby, worthwhile because it enhances social position and also because it provides wonderful relief from tax oppression. "A man with a large outside income," Charles Pettit, who is one of that group, has pointed out, "can make many ranch improvements at literally no cost to himself, because the government allows a charge-off on income tax for ranch development." Pettit, who set out to be a schoolteacher but switched, after oil had been discovered on his property, to a more remunerative line of work, has devoted his time almost exclusively in recent years to transforming some seventeen thousand acres, called Flat Top Ranch, from a virtual wasteland into a show place and a model of scientific ranching. "Of course, the ranch has never made any money," he remarked to a visitor recently as they toiled smoothly along the ranch's hundred and fifty miles of gravelled road in Pettit's chauffeur-driven Chrysler, "but the value I have created here has given me more satisfaction than trying to become a second Standard Oil Company."

Dear though the classic goal of mingling pleasure with profit is to all millionaires, the majority of those in Texas spend their discretionary time just having fun. Among the active sports, golf is the most popular. A few players, including W. E. (Bill) Grace, of Fort Worth, president of the Fruehauf Trailer Company, go around the links

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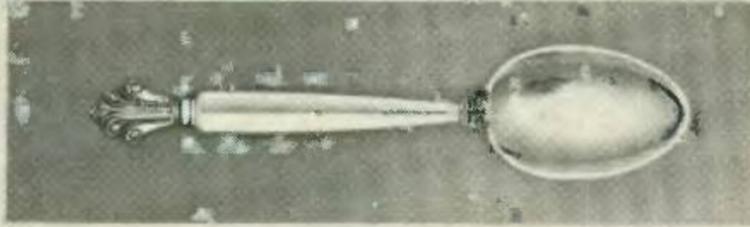
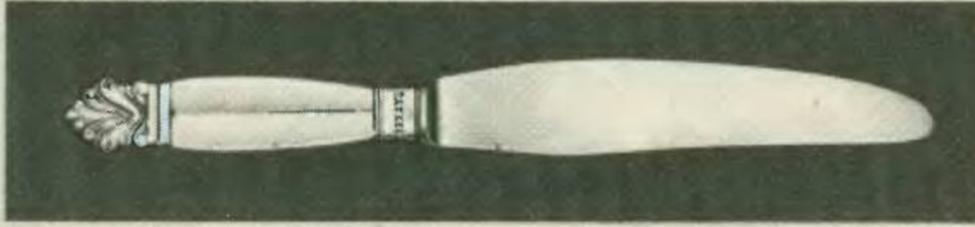
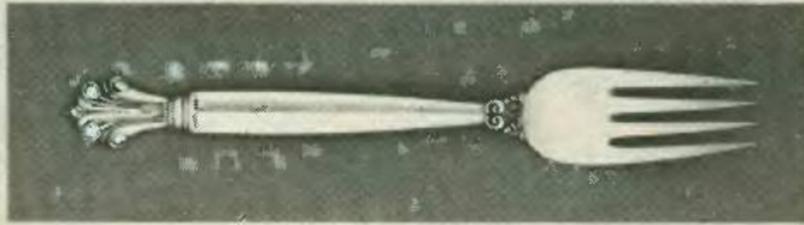
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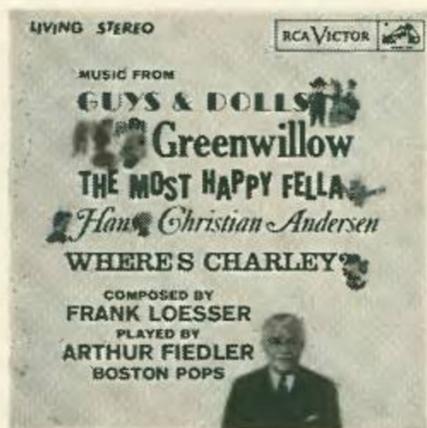
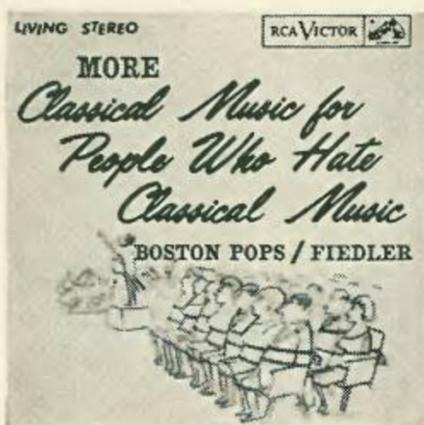
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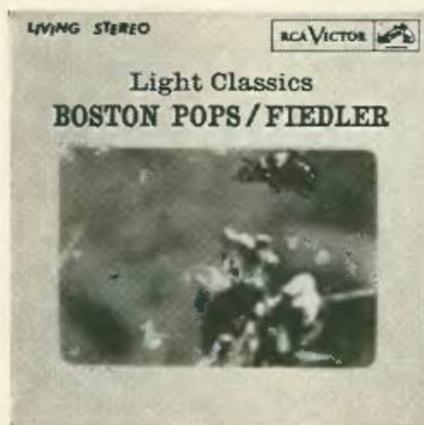
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the basic gambit of Texmanship, or Super-Americanship, is to be just those two degrees more so. This proposition is demonstrated with Euclidean logic by the game of football, which Americans have made a kind of national ritual, getting so worked up over it as to appear at times quite unhinged. For Super-Americans, of course, this goes double. They are ahead of all other states in number of football players (approximately 120,000), number of teams (roughly 975 in high schools and colleges), cash receipts (in excess of five million dollars a season), and reverence for the game. “Lord,” said a minister reciting an invocation before the start of a recent game in Waco between Baylor University and the University of Texas, “we thank You for the many privileges You have bestowed upon us. We thank You, Lord, for the privilege of football.” In Super-America, children are taught to handle the pigskin in junior high school, and even in elementary school. Games in the so-called Peewee League are usually played on Wednesday afternoons or nights; this enables the players’ parents and other rooters to take in the high-school games, customarily played on Friday nights under lights; junior-college games, on Thursday nights; and major college games, on Saturday afternoons or evenings. The staggered schedule permits a football enthusiast, on an average weekend, to attend three or four games, though meeting the full quota—especially in the sparsely populated sections of West Texas—usually demands a few hundred miles of travel. This is done with pleasure. On weekends, the skies of Texas swarm with planes carrying alumni—or “exes,” as they are known—to the big games. The exes, besides giving their moral support through attendance, take an active part in what a Fort Worth *Star-Telegram* editorial referred to straightforwardly as “the recruiting wars.” The battles waged among the Texas institutions of higher learning to enroll talented football players are so spirited that many a high-school ace has to consider a dozen deals before picking the one he feels offers the most in scholarship money, summer employment, and other fringe benefits, including educational opportunities. The competition for topnotch football coaches is, if anything, even livelier. When, in 1957, the coach of the University of Houston was lured away by Southern Methodist University, a Houston oilman named Francis Blair dispatched a telegram to the athletic director of the

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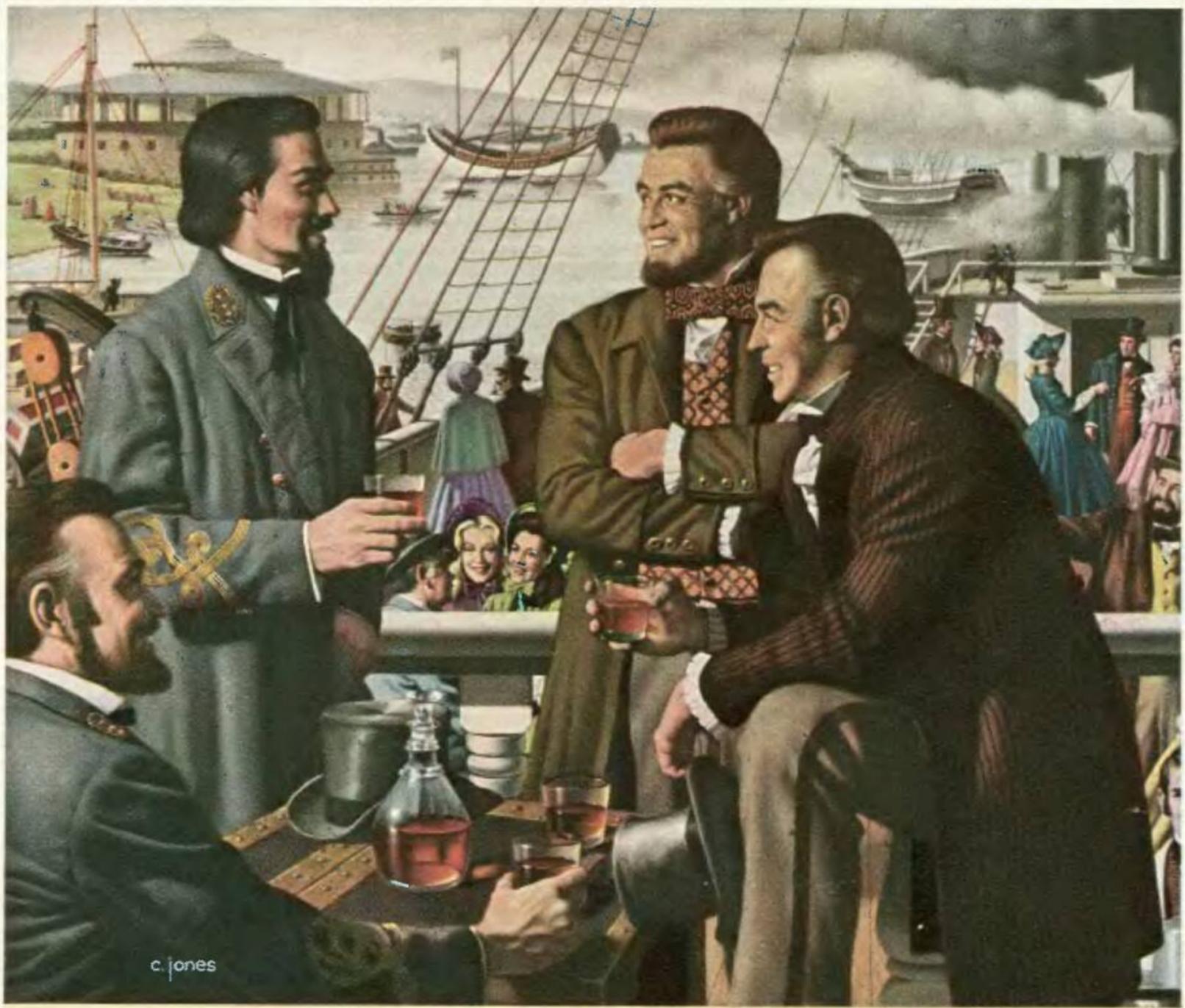
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Following their favorite football teams around the country gives Texas millionaires an opportunity to indulge in what is perhaps their chief leisure-time activity—travel. It is, one might say in the words that Taine used of the English, "the occupation of their holidays, a habit, a pleasure, and almost a mania." Born with the wanderlust, Texans exert themselves to the customary extra two degrees in upholding our national reputation as a race of gadabouts. Most Texas millionaires have diversified and scattered holdings and are accordingly obliged to do a great deal of travelling in the line of duty, but even when they could be still they are not. For example, one Saturday morning last fall, three Dallas millionaires and their wives boarded a twin-engine Beechcraft and flew down to Austin, where they had lunch and took in a football game. Returning to Dallas, they changed into evening clothes and flew off again, this time to Wichita Falls for a dinner party and the night; on the way home Sunday afternoon they dropped in at Fort Worth to have cocktails with friends,

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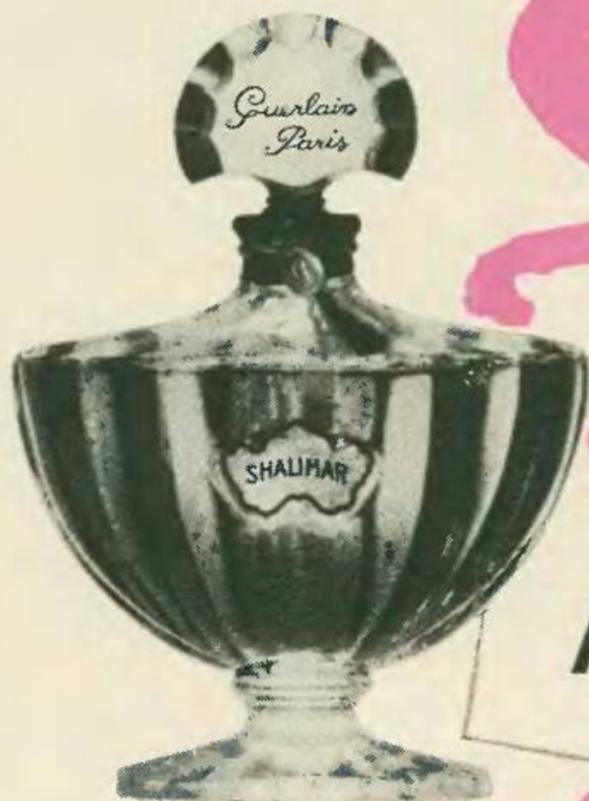


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and then flew on to Dallas to wind up a weekend that to them did not seem out of the ordinary. Indeed, Texas millionaires seldom bother to inform anybody but their servants when flying to New York to take in a show or to Paris to buy a dress. However, they do tell their friends when going on a safari; that is good form, for the safari is at present considered the most fashionable gambit in the travel game.

The African hunting trip—which had a large following among Texas millionaires long before attaining its present status as a major industry with such frilly innovations as all-girl safaris and the like—suits Texans to perfection, because it combines travel with hunting, and hunting has always been the favorite outdoor sport of the native males. In his novel "Home from the Hill," William Humphrey, who grew up in Texas, wrote, "For a Texan the names of guns and calibre numbers are magic: Winchester and Colt and Remington and Smith & Wesson; .30-30 and .22, .44 and .45 and .32 and .38-Special. You could speak of a Texas boy's growth and manhood as his .410, his 20, and his 12 gauge years." No gift is more acceptable to the average Texas millionaire than a new firearm to add to his collection; Sid Richardson's wedding present to Clint Murchison and his bride (an expert shot) consisted of a matched set of Remington rifles inlaid with mother-of-pearl. As hunters, probably no Texas millionaires have gone farther out than F. Kirk (Fran) Johnson, of Fort Worth, and Tom Slick, of San Antonio, who have jointly spent considerable time and money in recent years trying to bag a *yeti*, or Abominable Snowman. In 1956, with the assistance of Tensing Norkay, Sir Edmund Hillary's companion in the conquest of Mount Everest, Slick formed a search party consisting of himself as leader; the director of the New Delhi Zoo; a Nepalese-speaking Irish journalist, hunter, and explorer named Peter Byrne; seven Sherpa guides; and some seventy porters. Off they trudged into the wild Himalayas, which they scoured for a month without catching sight of a Snowman. However, after coming out of the mountains Slick told reporters that he considered the expedition a success, because it had discovered three sets of footprints thirteen inches in length and thirty-one in spread; found a clump of black hair believed to have been shed by a Snowman; come upon some droppings; and talked to fifteen Nepalese who claimed to have seen a



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The existence of the Snowman also seems reasonable to H. W. (Herb) Klein, the most renowned hunter in Texas and, according to his friend and fellow-sportsman Kenneth Foree, "probably the world's greatest." A rugged, amiable independent oilman, Klein has hunted on four continents and has taken, as hunters say, twenty-seven of the twenty-eight North American animals classified as big game by the Boone & Crockett Club, of New York. "What's missing is a lousy caribou," Klein said the other day. "There's nothing to getting one—the caribou is a very stupid animal—but you've got to go to Newfoundland for it, and the season conflicts with all other North American hunting seasons, besides the Asian and African. I've just never wanted to waste the time." When not hunting animals or oil—sometimes in tandem—Klein lives in Dallas in a house that consists primarily of an enormous trophy room containing a hundred and thirty-five exhibits and that accordingly bears a certain resemblance to the Museum of Natural History. To add yet another trophy to his collection, Klein set out a couple of years ago for the kingdom of Hunza, a remote piece of real estate lying in a valley beyond the Himalayas in northern



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IN line with Ida Craven's tenet that it is not the quantity but the quality of a society's leisure that largely determines its tone, Texas millionaires, putting aside their guns and their cards, work indefatigably at making culture in Super-America hum. "Texas," William H. Lowe, Jr., a former editor-in-chief of *House & Garden*, was once moved to remark, "may lay an understandable claim to being the most civilized state in the Union today." He went on to say, "And if Texas is not in every respect a microcosm of our national culture, it is at least a most worthy model." This last tribute is an interesting reflection of a current international phenomenon, for just as Lowe and many other Americans have recently taken to singing high about Texas culture, once thought hardly worth serious notice, so have many Europeans lately been giving the nod to American culture, not so long ago considered in the Old World good mainly for laughs. For example, André Maurois recently contributed to the French magazine

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*Réalités* an open love letter entitled "Why We Like the Americans" ("Because they are kind and generous . . . idealists," and so on). His countryman Father Robert Léopold Bruckberger, after eight years' residence in this country, published his thoughts about it in "Image of America," a heady verbal bouquet ("The American economic and social revolution is the only revolution in modern times to have achieved its aim"). Patrick O'Donovan, for five years the United States correspondent of the *London Observer*, began an appreciative essay in *Vogue* by remarking that "it takes a scholar to write adequately about America," which, he went on to say, "is a far more exacting and genuine democracy than any other in the world." All these kind words, inconceivable fifty years ago, seemed to diminish into little more than grudging, halfhearted compliments when the *London Times Literary Supplement* published, in the fall of 1959, a special thirty-nine-page, three-quarter-pound section titled "The American Imagination—Its Strength and Scope." In the introductory editorial, the *T. L. S.*, which has never been chaffed for indiscriminately approving all American cultural efforts, declared, "We in Europe take the vitality of the arts in America so much for granted that we seldom pause to assess it for the remarkable phenomenon it is . . . but in fact it is true to say that the flowering of the American imagination has been the chief event in the sphere of living art since the end of the First World War."

After collecting a certain number of these European posies, one might begin to think that not knocking American culture had become positively chic. One would have another think coming. While the younger, more daring outriders have commenced sending back favorable reports on the state of American culture, these estimates do not carry much weight with the senior group at headquarters. Generally, the old, forthright downgrading of American culture en bloc has given way to a new, sleight-of-hand approach, which bestows praise while at the same time taking it away. The British writer Kingsley Amis has called this sort of legerdemain "non-overt anti-Americanism." The European detractors of American culture, as André Visson has written, "ask the same questions the Greeks of Athens were asking in the third century B.C., when the rising Roman Empire was imposing its leadership on the peoples living around the

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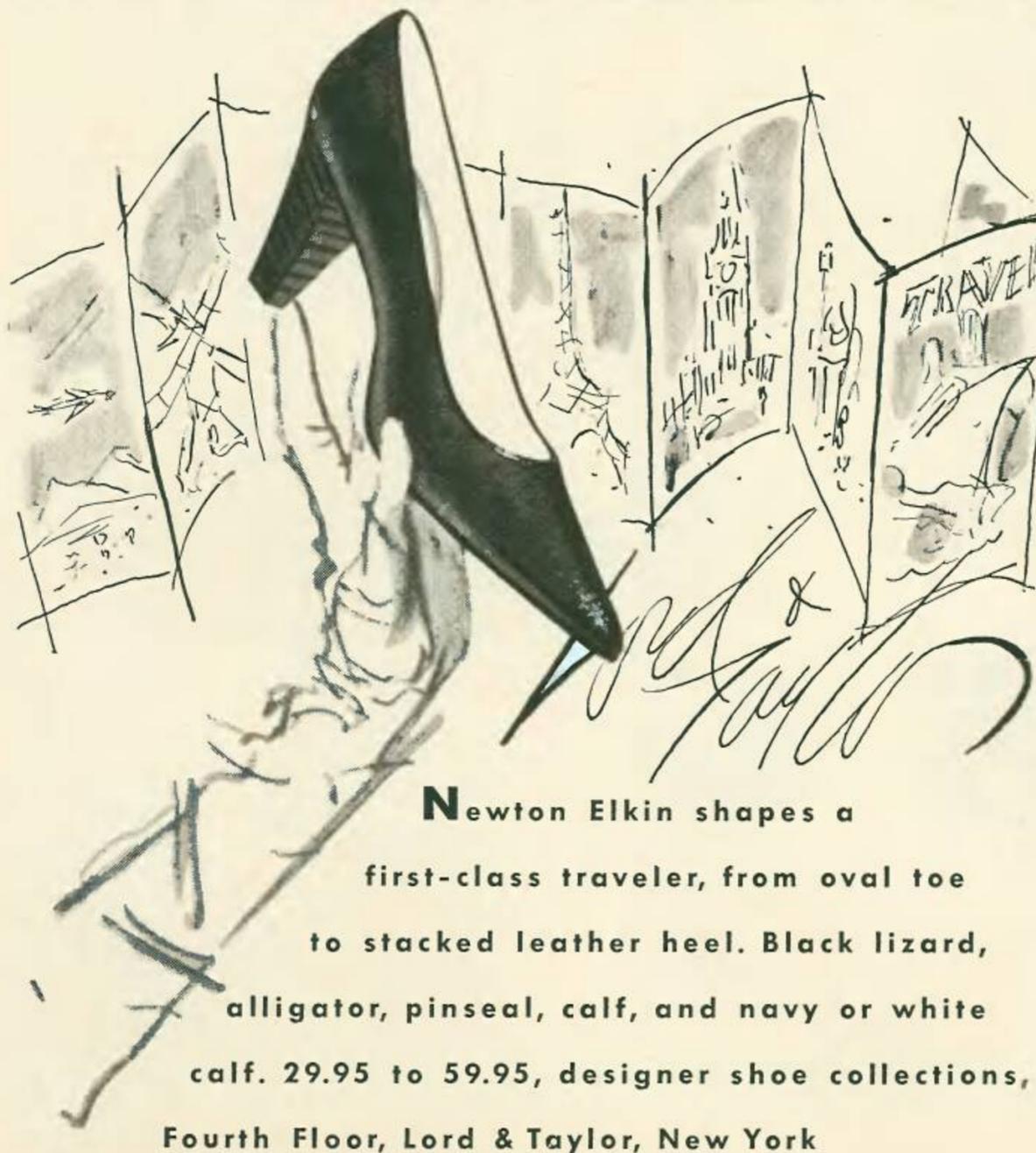
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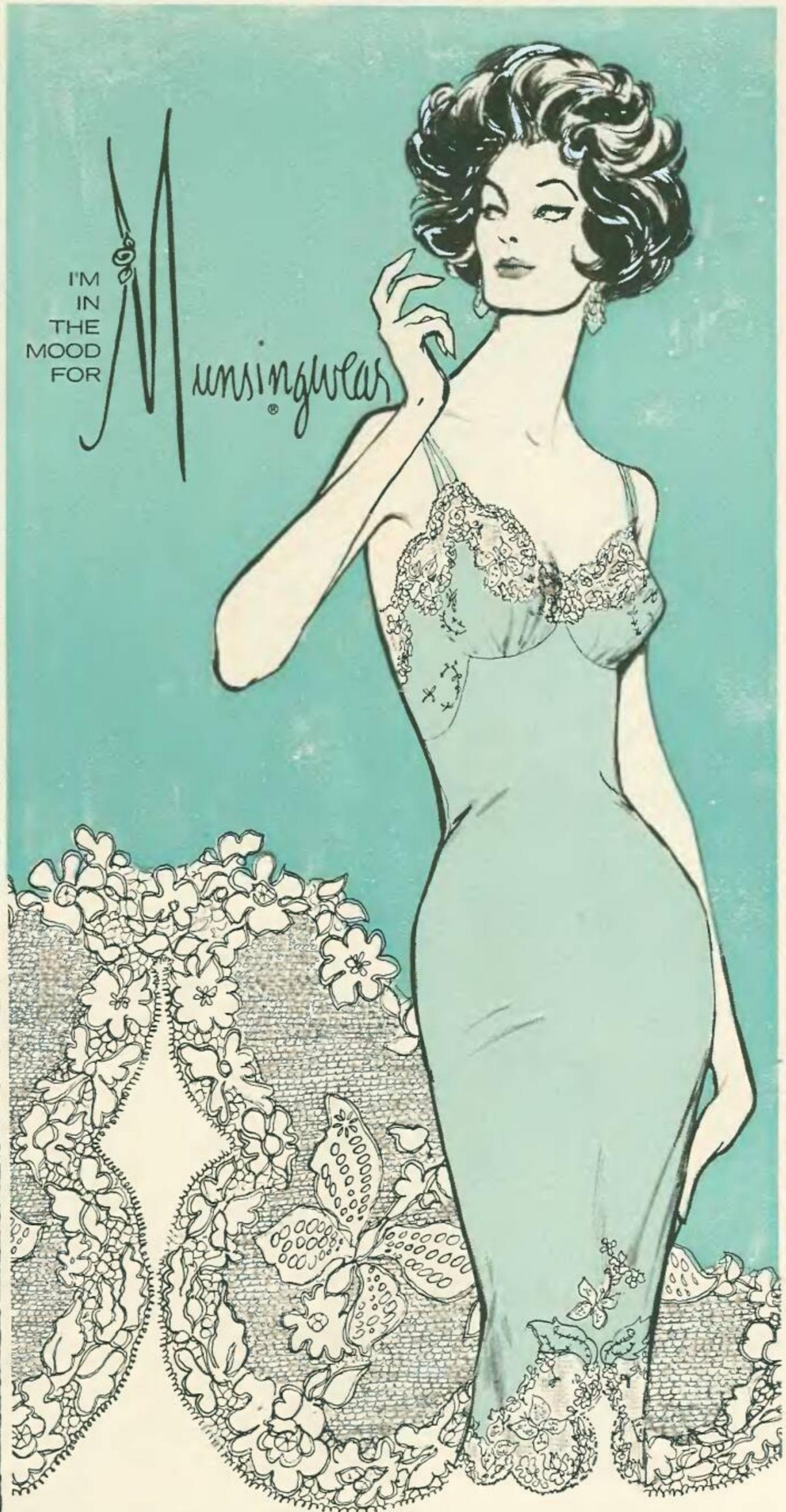


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permarkets, political clubs, and department stores. . . . Two new apartment houses are named the Van Gogh and the Picasso. . . . Extra kicks for bibulous art lovers: liquor bottles packaged in prints of paintings by Gauguin, Renoir, Cézanne, and other famous artists." Along with tipping art lovers living in the Picasso, there are, inevitably, a few spoilsports, like Joseph Wood Krutch, who not only have not been rocked by the recent cultural explosion but even go around taking the fun out of the cultural numbers game. "To prove that ours is the most cultured nation which ever existed will constitute a barren victory if we must, to prove our point, use nothing but quantitative standards and reconcile ourselves to the common denominator as a measure of excellence," Krutch has written. Another unreconstructed observer, Ralph Barton Perry, showed his colors by remarking, "When men are encouraged to believe that the great and good things of life are within the reach of all, they are inclined to invert the principle and to believe what lies within the reach of all is great and good." Texas also has to put up with a few people, like the Dallas lawyer Thomas Knight, who are given to saying things that make their cultural patriotism suspect. "I don't think half a dozen people in Texas would buy the Sistine Madonna if it were up for sale at a bargain-basement price," Knight once remarked. "They'd think there was some wop propaganda behind it." However, such rude noises disturb the cultural scene more rarely in Texas than in America as a whole. Thus, while a certain number of Americans may fret about our cultural homogenization, the advent of *Kitsch*, and allied woes, Texans are able to remain, culturally speaking, serene.

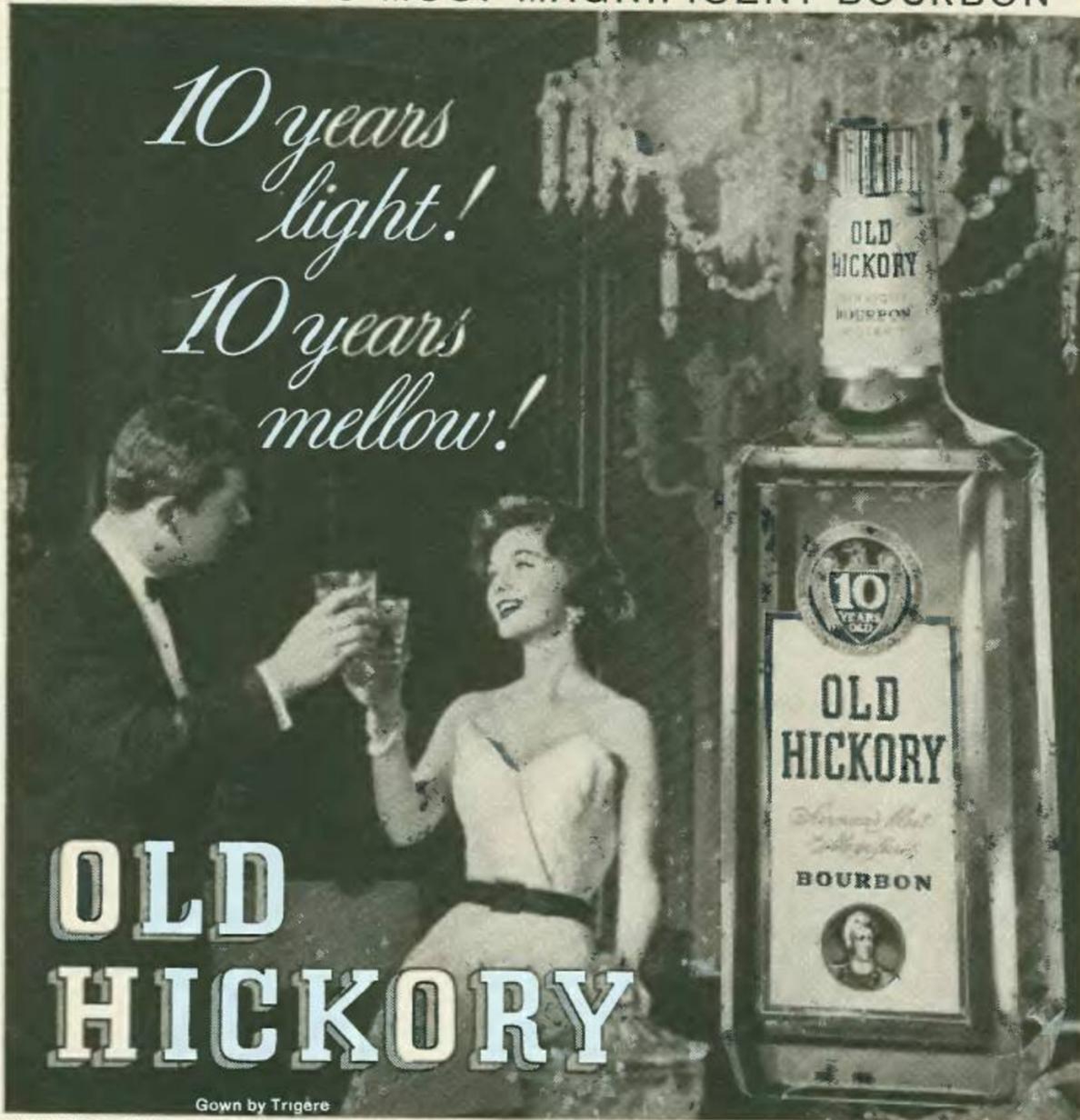
IN its once-over of American culture, the *Times Literary Supplement* took a look at education in this country, and found amusing what it called our "childish infatuation" with the subject. "A cynic," said the *T. L. S.*, "may suggest that a constitutional amendment making all American citizens A.B.s at birth would meet the case." The fact that we do indeed believe a college education to be every American's birthright could hardly fail to strike the British (though scarcely less than other Europeans) as somewhat comic, considering their centuries-old conviction that it is preposterous to maintain that everybody is equipped to benefit from higher education. While we are sometimes willing to acknowledge that our novel educa-



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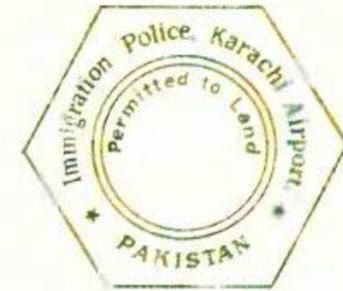


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Whatever happens at the University of Texas in the future, the state's educational system as a whole is at present distinguished by quantity rather than quality—a condition abundantly demonstrated a few months ago by Jim Mathis in the *Houston Post* with a spate of statistics showing, for one thing, the comparatively infinitesimal sums granted for research to educational institu-





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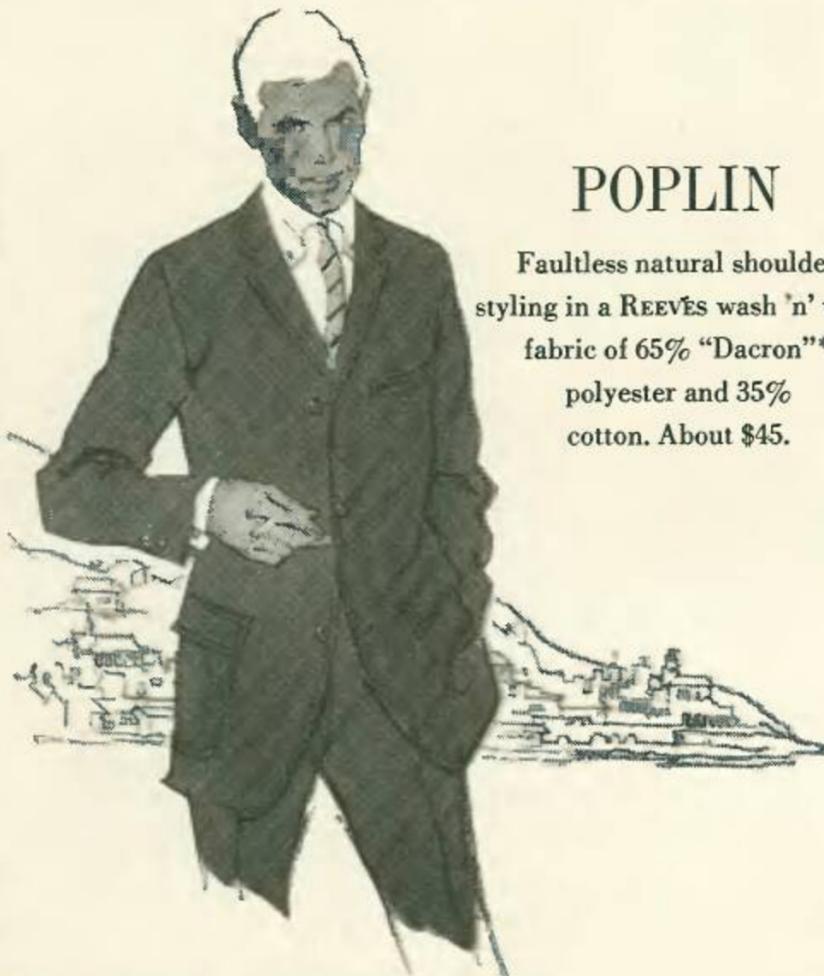
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tions in Texas by the Atomic Energy Commission, the Public Health Service, the Defense Department, and other agencies that demand top-grade standards of scholarship. “By almost any measuring rod you can find,” Mathis remarked after finding several more, “the state has a brain-power shortage, and is suffering from the lack.” This lack may have been partly explained by Dr. Logan Wilson, until recently chancellor of the University of Texas, when he pointed out that “in no instance has a Texas college or university been categorized as equal to the best of its kind anywhere.” Nor is the problem of quality the only one confronting the Texans who are in charge of their state's higher education. In a survey conducted a while ago at the University of Texas, faculty members were asked the single question “What do you regard as the university's most perplexing problem?” The preponderant response was “Parking.”

THE reaction of Texans to the 1954 United States Supreme Court decision declaring school segregation unconstitutional has been typically American, and then some. Depending mainly on the section of the state, it has run all the way from anger, resentment, and all-out opposition, through calm detachment and resigned acceptance, to reluctant approval and, here and there, genuine endorsement. In contrast to other Southern states, where the decree was everywhere met with open defiance, sixty-five school districts in Texas voluntarily ended segregation within a year after it became illegal. However, the strong segregational sentiment that predominates in Texas had been stirred up, and in 1957, when sixty-nine additional school districts voluntarily abolished segregation, Governor Price Daniel, to impede further moves in that direction, called a special session of the legislature, which enacted a law providing for the withdrawal of state aid and accreditation from any school district that desegregates without approval of its voters, and for fines of up to a thousand dollars for school-board members who permit desegregation without a local referendum favoring it. Thanks to this disingenuous legislation, attorneys arguing before federal courts on behalf of segregationist Texas school boards were able to present their clients as innocent bystanders caught in a legal crossfire; if they obeyed federal law, they were liable under state law to be penalized personally and also to bring great hardship to their schools by



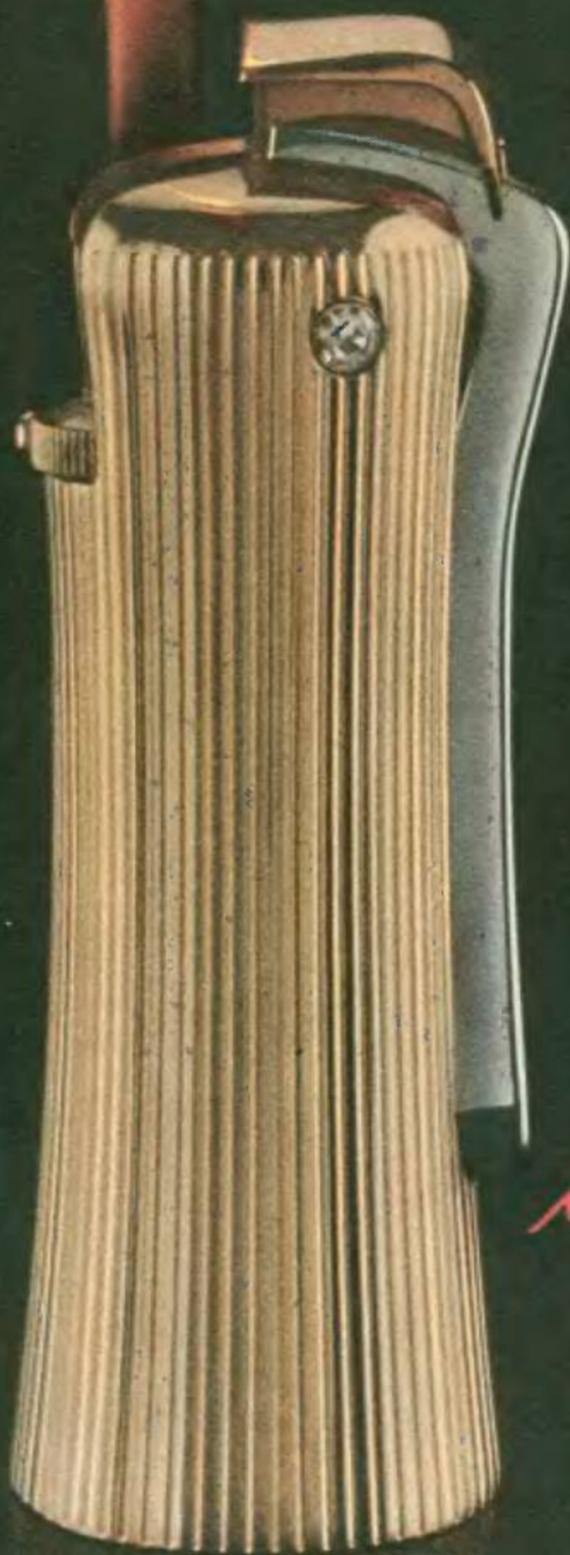
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depriving them of state aid. When the attorneys had exhausted their variations on the conflict-of-laws theme, the school boards in Houston and Dallas, where the N.A.A.C.P. has concentrated its pressure, were obliged to draw up and submit to the federal courts actual desegregation plans. Further delays were accomplished, but finally Federal Judge Ben C. Connally ordered the Houston school system, then the largest segregated school district in the country, to integrate its first grade in September, 1960, and to complete the desegregation process by integrating one additional upper grade each year thereafter for eleven years. After making unsuccessful appeals to a higher court and to the Governor to postpone or nullify the court decree, the board agreed to obey it. At the same time, the board announced that a Negro child, to be eligible for acceptance in a white school, would be required to file an application; present a doctor's certificate attesting his good health; be immunized against smallpox and diphtheria; have no brothers or sisters attending an all-Negro elementary school; be six years old; and, if a former kindergarten pupil in a Negro school, obtain a transfer slip from the principal of that school. Altogether, twenty-two such applications were made; twelve were accepted. Thus, six years after the Supreme Court desegregation decision, twelve of Houston's forty-six thousand Negro schoolchildren are benefiting from it. In Dallas, desegregation, even to the limited extent adopted in Houston, will not be undertaken before this fall. In fact, no integration at all has been attempted in East Texas, which prides itself on its strict adherence to the segregation customs of the Old South and contains ninety per cent of the state's Negroes. As for Texas colleges and universities, the majority, including large ones like Texas A. & M., Texas Tech, and the state teachers' colleges, are completely segregated. A few, such as Texas Christian and Southern Methodist, accept Negroes only in their graduate schools; in 1960, Southern Methodist had a dozen Negro graduate students. However, more than forty other Texas colleges and universities—in addition to two state-supported and eight privately financed all-Negro institutions—now accept Negroes as undergraduates. In the desegregated colleges, Negroes, though accepted in the classroom, are still at least partly segregated in housing, in off-campus eating facilities, and in various ways socially. "What we have," a Negro student at the University of



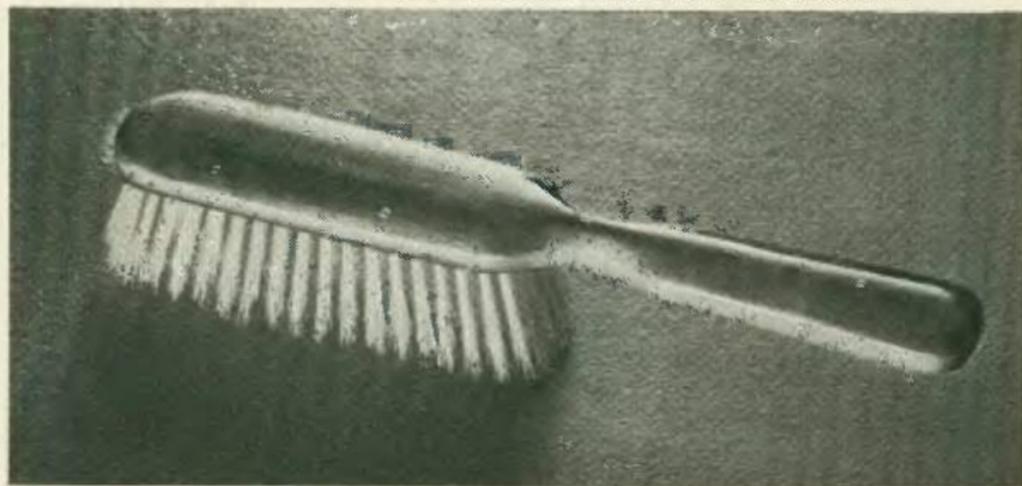
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Texas said recently, "is desegregation without integration." Though non-Southerners are given to criticizing Texans for their "ingenious procrastination," desegregation in Texas can perhaps be correctly appraised only in context—in relation, that is, to the other states that made up the old Confederacy. As of the fall of 1960, five of these states—Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Louisiana—were still flatly refusing to recognize the Supreme Court edict, and in none was a single Negro child attending class with whites. Five other onetime Confederate states—Virginia, North Carolina, Arkansas, Florida, and Tennessee—also opposed the law with massive resistance but by the fall of 1960 had accepted desegregation to the extent of permitting a total of 807, of their combined Negro school population of 982,822, to attend mixed classes. At the same time, in Texas, 3,511 Negroes were attending public schools with white students. That was more than four times as many as in all the other former Confederate states together.

"SOMEWHERE in this broad land, many people read books as daily nourishment," wrote Lon Tinkle, book critic of the *Dallas News*. "This must be in the cold climates, where you have to stay indoors, or maybe in the sophisticated cities. If the latter, this leaves Dallas out in the cold, or at least outdoors. In the sophisticated metropolis of New York, for example, thirty-seven per cent (or more than one copy out of three) of the total sales of Boris Pasternak's Nobel Prizer 'Doctor Zhivago' were made. You know what percentage was bought in Texas? Texas, plus the entire South put together, consumed only four per cent of the national total." In this gentle chiding of his compatriots, Tinkle was simply noting one more area in which Texans outdo other Americans—non-reading. The same is true of television; while the majority of Americans spend approximately twenty per cent of their waking hours watching television, forty-two per cent of adult Texans, according to a survey by Belden Associates, spend "most" of their leisure in that pursuit. Television is not, of course, responsible for the unpopularity of books in this country. Before television, it was radio, and before that the phonograph, pinochle, whittling—anything but the comparatively hard discipline of reading. There has been one encouraging sign, however. In 1954, a Gallup Poll found that sixty-one per cent of adult Amer-

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icans read no books except the Bible, whereas in 1958 the figure dropped to sixty per cent. So there has been improvement, even though we still spend only three times as much on books as we do on chewing gum. How far this new interest in literature has progressed in Texas can be seen, to a certain extent, by contrasting the visit W. H. Auden made to Dallas in 1954 with the one made by T. S. Eliot in 1958. Auden appeared as an attraction of a cultural program called the Community Course, and was introduced by Dallas's cultural attaché, Lon Tinkle. "You would have guessed the audience had never heard a British accent before when Auden got up and started talking," Tinkle said later. "The consternation at hearing a British poet speak the King's English did in a dozen right away. For their money's worth, they heard only one sentence before they were gone. This was a contagion. People got up in packs, as though a posse had been summoned to find Billy the Kid, Jesse James, or Pablo Picasso. Whole rows emptied with the machinelike precision of a Rockette chorus. Finally, only Auden and we and a polite handful were left. Out of twenty-five hundred at the start." Tinkle was also instrumental in bringing T. S. Eliot to Dallas, and in skillfully publicizing his admission-free lecture, given in the nine-thousand-seat Coliseum, at Southern Methodist University. The event, Tinkle noted in one of several newspaper articles he wrote about it, was one in which "the vaunted cultural interest of Big D is put to a severe test." To hear Eliot read for an hour and a half from his works, some seven thousand people turned out in a downpour so heavy that two or three times during the evening Eliot was obliged to stop reading until he could be heard above the noise made by the rain on the roof. The audience not only stayed for the whole performance but, at the end, gave Eliot a standing ovation.

Though one poet does not make a trend, other signs indicate that literature is catching on in Texas, and many of these fires have been lit by Tinkle, a handsome, mustached Dallas native who has been described by the London *Times* as "the arbiter of Texas letters." A product of Southern Methodist University, Columbia, and the Sorbonne, Tinkle, who for many years has been a professor of French and comparative literature at S.M.U., started writing book reviews for the *Dallas News* in 1942. The *News* book page, which appears once a week, usually in the wom-

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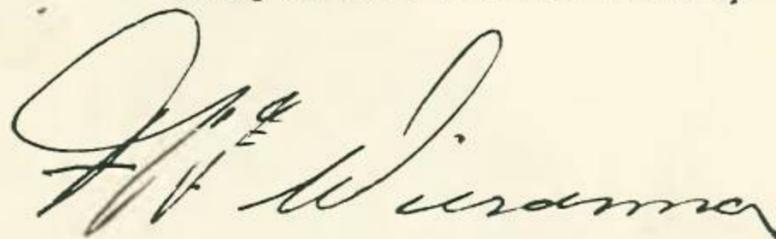
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Reports on major news developments  
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**“The Joke and the Valley”**

Thomas Mitchell and Keenan Wynn in a prize-winning drama of ironic justice.  
Friday, May 5 (8:30-10 PM)

**“The Accused”**

Patricia Neway in an original opera.  
Sunday, May 7 (11:30 AM-Noon)

**“ABC Close-Up!”**

Two documentary studies of Kenya.  
Tuesday, May 9 (10-10:30 PM) and  
Tuesday, May 16 (8:30-9 PM)

**“Woodrow Wilson and the Unknown Soldier”**

Drama with newly found films of World War I.  
Saturday, May 13 (9:30-10 PM)

**“Return to the Stone Age”**

Primitive life in Northeastern Australia.  
Tuesday, May 16 (7-7:30 PM)

**“Emmy Awards”**

National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences’ annual presentation.  
Tuesday, May 16 (10-11:30 PM)

**“Wonders of the Water Worlds”**

Seas, lakes and rivers and their inhabitants.  
Sunday, May 21 (6:30-7:30 PM)

**“Yalta”**

The Big Three plan German occupation and treatment of war criminals.  
Sunday, May 21 (10:30-11 PM)

**“NBC White Paper No. 6”**

Documentary on the crisis of the railroads.  
Tuesday, May 23 (10-11 PM)

**"Circle Theatre"**

A dramatized report on college admissions.  
Wednesday, May 24 (10-11 PM)

**"Nobody Here But Us Martians"**

An original drama by Rod Serling.  
Friday, May 26 (10-10:30 PM)

**"Paris in the Twenties"**

The Lost Generation in the City of Light.  
Sunday, May 28 (6:30-7 PM)

**"Not So Long Ago"**

Bob Hope narrates highlights of the years  
1945 to 1950.  
Tuesday, May 30 (10-11 PM)

**"Famous"**

Eddie Albert stars in an adaptation of Stephen  
Vincent Benet's story.  
Wednesday, May 31 (10-11 PM)

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- Sundays: Meet the Professor  
Washington Conversation  
Accent  
Roundup USA  
Issues and Answers  
Meet the Press  
The Twentieth Century  
Winston Churchill:  
The Valiant Years
- Tuesdays: Expedition!
- Thursdays: CBS Reports/Face the Nation
- Fridays: Eyewitness to History
- Saturdays: The Nation's Future
- Mon.-Fri.: Continental Classroom

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en's section of the Sunday edition, has long been considered the most professional exhibit of its kind in the Southwest. Other large Texas newspapers also have book editors—Diana Hobby, of the *Houston Post*, and A. C. Greene, of the *Dallas Times Herald*, are among the better known—and once a week devote space, usually about a page, to reviewing new books. The Fort Worth *Star-Telegram's* Sunday edition carries a page headed "Books and Hobbies," which contains four or five book reviews, a column about coins, one about stamps, and a third titled "Canine Comments." Another harbinger of spring in the state's intellectual life has been the notable success of the *Texas Quarterly*, a venture of the University of Texas Press, launched in 1958. The state now has two literary quarterlies, the other one being the *Southwest Review*, founded in 1915 and published by the Southern Methodist University Press. The *Southwest Review* devotes more space to material of a regional nature than does the *Texas Quarterly*, whose contributors have so far included not only natives like Lyndon B. Johnson and Katherine Anne Porter but such varied outsiders as Robert Graves, Allen W. Dulles, Joyce Cary, Alexander Kerensky, Karl Shapiro, and even Walter Reuther. Though the presses at both universities, as their catalogues reveal, have a predominant interest in works like "Recollections of Early Texas," "The Legumes of Texas," "Texas Range Grasses," and "Tornadoes Over Texas," they are gradually becoming less parochial. The University of Texas Press, for example, is the only American publisher to have printed a complete English version of "Platero and I," the best-known work of the Spanish poet Juan Ramón Jiménez, who was awarded the 1956 Nobel Prize.

Though no Texas author has won a Nobel Prize, or even a Pulitzer Prize or a National Book Award, there is no doubt a winner in the making, for, as Frank Wardlaw, director of the University of Texas Press, has put it, "Texas is bursting with creativity." The most famous writer Texas has produced is J. Frank Dobie, who has been variously—and accurately—described as "a Texas institution, loved by thousands," "both the prophet and the conscience of Texas letters," and "one of the few untamed geniuses still roaming free." A handsome, white-thatched, rugged figure of a man, Dobie was born on a Texas ranch, took up teaching after graduation from Southwestern Uni-



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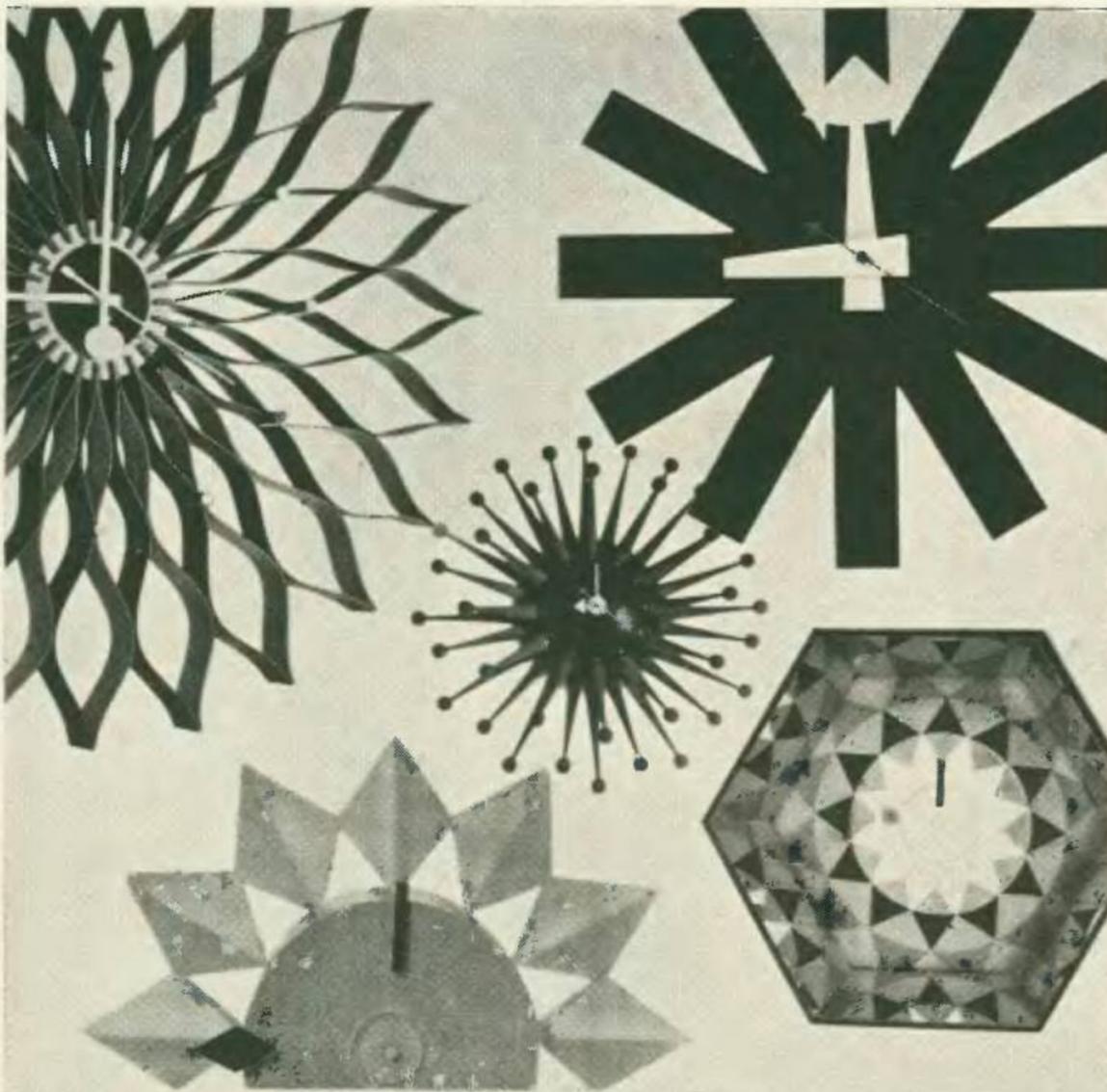


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versity, and wound up as a professor ("full professor," he says mockingly) of English at the University of Texas, where he became known as "the best professor who ever got on a horse," and where he had his headquarters for thirty-three years. During a leave of absence in 1943-44, he served as visiting professor of American history at Cambridge. He found the experience, like everything else he encounters, exhilarating, and wrote about it in "A Texan in England." "The dons don't do so bad," he noted, "when they retire from their high table to the combination (club) room and drink port and other wines." After Cambridge, Dobie stayed on leave for three more years, and when he was asked to resume his teaching post, he refused, on the ground that he had hay fever and wanted to finish writing a book. This provided the Board of Regents of the University of Texas with an official reason for dismissing him; in 1944, Dobie, an enemy of sham and a believer in individualism and plain talk, had pungently supported Homer P. Rainey, president of the university, in his losing fight with the regents over having strayed from the straight and narrow path of Texas conservatism. Over the years, Dobie has written close to a score of books and is full of plans for more. Since 1939, he has also written a column published in the Sunday editions of several Texas newspapers, and in this forum has expressed himself on a variety of subjects, including contemporary school textbooks ("stuffed with banal tripe that would bore the brain of a hard-shelled terrapin"), Dwight Eisenhower ("makes no pretense to a cultivated mind"), John Kennedy ("a gentleman"), Richard Nixon ("a blackguard"), Adlai Stevenson ("a great mind"), college departments of education and journalism ("mostly departments of shysterism"), high-toned terminology ("I am so old-fashioned that I still call a memorial park a graveyard"), his superior officer in the First World War ("as common as pig tracks"), and the American Legion ("an organization of petrified minds"). On his seventieth birthday, in 1958, Dobie was asked by a visitor if he cared to comment on the occasion. Opening a bottle of Scotch that a friend had sent in honor of the day, Dobie poured a drink for his visitor and one for himself, and said, "It's a diverting farce, and I'd like to play my little part in it a little while longer."

Another eminent Texas man of letters, the historian Walter Prescott Webb, has been playing his part as long

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and as notably as Dobie. Not only was Webb born in the same year and on a ranch but he has also spent most of his adult life as a professor at the University of Texas, with leaves to serve as a visiting professor at Oxford and at the University of London. In 1958, Webb, the state's most distinguished scholar and a historian in the tradition of Frederick Jackson Turner, became the first person from west of the Mississippi to be elected president of the American Historical Association. His best-known works, "The Great Plains" and "The Great Frontier," have made him, as *Time* recently noted, "his generation's foremost philosopher of the frontier, and the leading historian of the American West." Small, leathery, and shrewd (he has done very well on the side in real estate), Webb shares Dobie's predilection for straight talk. That and mutual high regard are among the reasons the two men have remained staunch friends for so many years. Perhaps the compliment that Webb, as a Westerner, most appreciates is Dobie's plain remark that Webb is a man who "will do to ride the river with."

A close and deeply respected friend of both Webb and Dobie, the naturalist and philosopher Roy Bedichek was, until his death in 1959, at eighty-one, customarily grouped with them as one of the Big Three of Texas literature. Bedichek, who earned his living as director of a state agency that arranges athletic, debating, and other competitions among the public schools, did not begin his writing career until he was seventy. His literary output was accordingly small, consisting of four volumes. The best known, "Adventures of a Texas Naturalist," besides being a book about Texas flora and fauna, reflects what Dobie once called "the most richly and variously stored mind I have ever associated with." In the course of reviewing Bedichek's last book, an extraordinary work titled "The Sense of Smell," Stanley Walker, for many years one of the author's close friends, said that Bedichek's death was mourned throughout the state and that it had moved an unnamed rancher he knew to remark, "This is the worst loss to civilization Texas has ever received. We could afford to lose our tidelands and a lot of our skyscrapers. We can't afford this." The deliverer of that discerning judgment might well have been Walker himself, a loyal, if non-chauvinistic, Texan who in the course of twenty years spent in New York earned a reputation as one of the country's most prominent and respected



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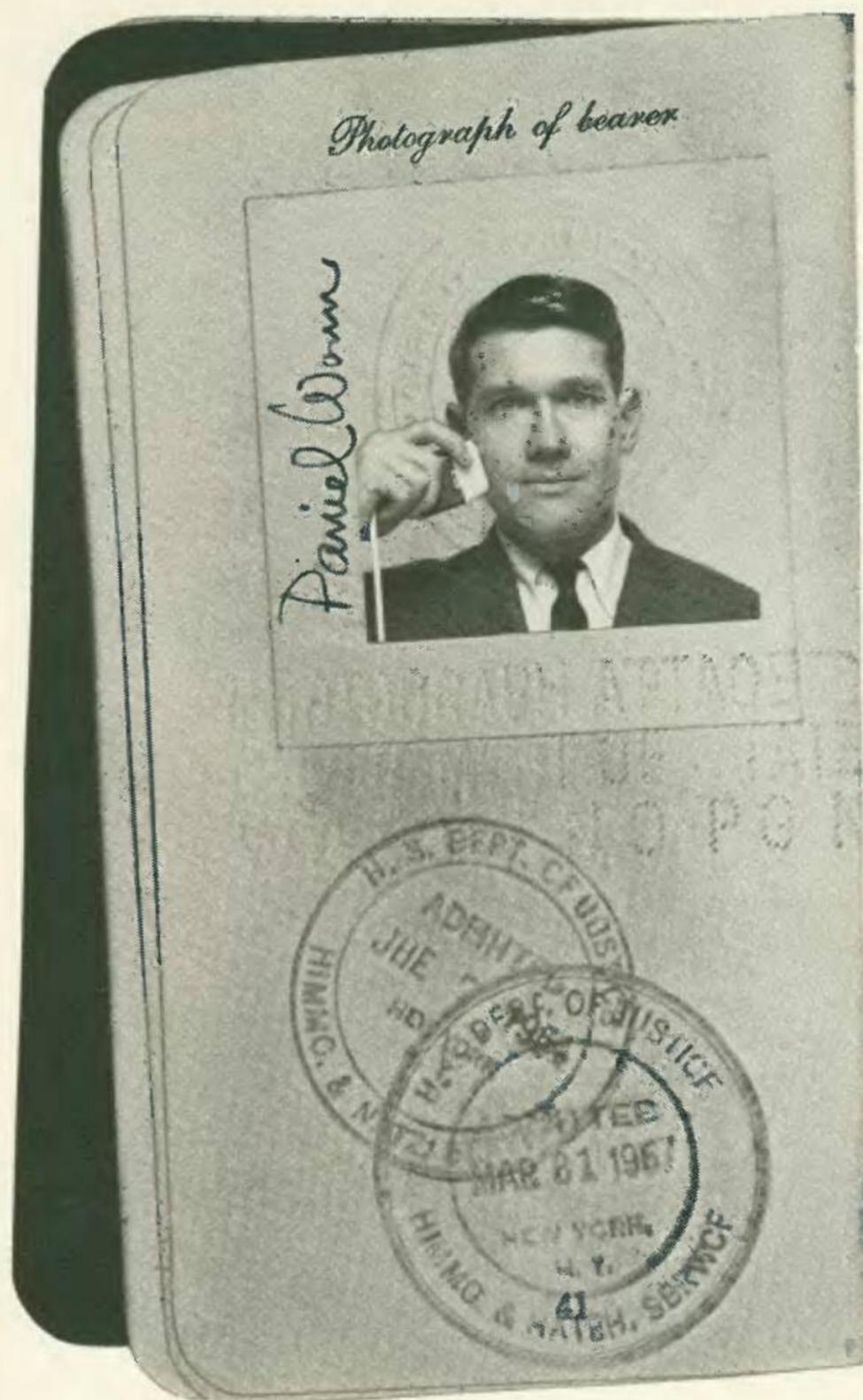
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newspapermen. In 1945, he returned to his native land, and has since made his headquarters at Black Sheep Retreat, in Lampasas County, where he combines ranching and writing with civilized conversation and—as might be expected of a man who does not object to being called “the Brillat-Savarin of the Plains”—good eating. Besides Walker, other well-known Texas writers include Tom Lea, Fred Gipson, the late George Sessions Perry, and a dozen or so younger men, who have made their reputations since the Second World War, among them John Graves, a teacher of creative writing at Texas Christian University (his first book, “Goodbye to a River,” published last year, was likened by Lewis Gannett to the work of a twentieth-century Thoreau), William Humphrey, Walter Clemons, Terry Southern, Lon Tinkle himself, William Goyen, George Fuermann, John Howard Griffin, Frank Tolbert, and Warren Leslie. At thirty-three, Leslie not only has published two successful novels but has risen to a vice-presidency of Neiman-Marcus; the latter intelligence is sometimes included in advertisements in Texas of his written works, thereby inferentially giving them the N.-M. seal of approval.

The direct contribution of Texas millionaires to literature has been less abundant than varied. In 1952, after many years of secret toil, the late Madison Cooper, an eccentric, public-spirited native of Waco, published “Sironia, Texas,” a novel distinguished by its length (seventeen hundred and thirty-one pages) and, in the opinion of many residents of Waco, by the similarity of its characters to actual persons, both living and dead. In the field of non-fiction, Michel Halbouty, a Houston oilman, collaborated a few years ago with James A. Clark, a newspaperman and public-relations consultant, in writing “Spindletop,” which sold fifteen thousand copies, and they are at present busy with a new book, to be called “The Last Boom.” A Houston millionaire who has made a considerably larger mark in letters is Dillon Anderson, a senior partner in the city’s oldest law firm and a resolute doer of good works on the national and international scene. Anderson started taking a serious interest in writing after the Second World War, during which he became acquainted with Edward Weeks, editor of the *Atlantic*. In 1948, Weeks received Anderson’s first offering, a story about a pair of raffish characters named Clint Hightower and Claudie Hughes,



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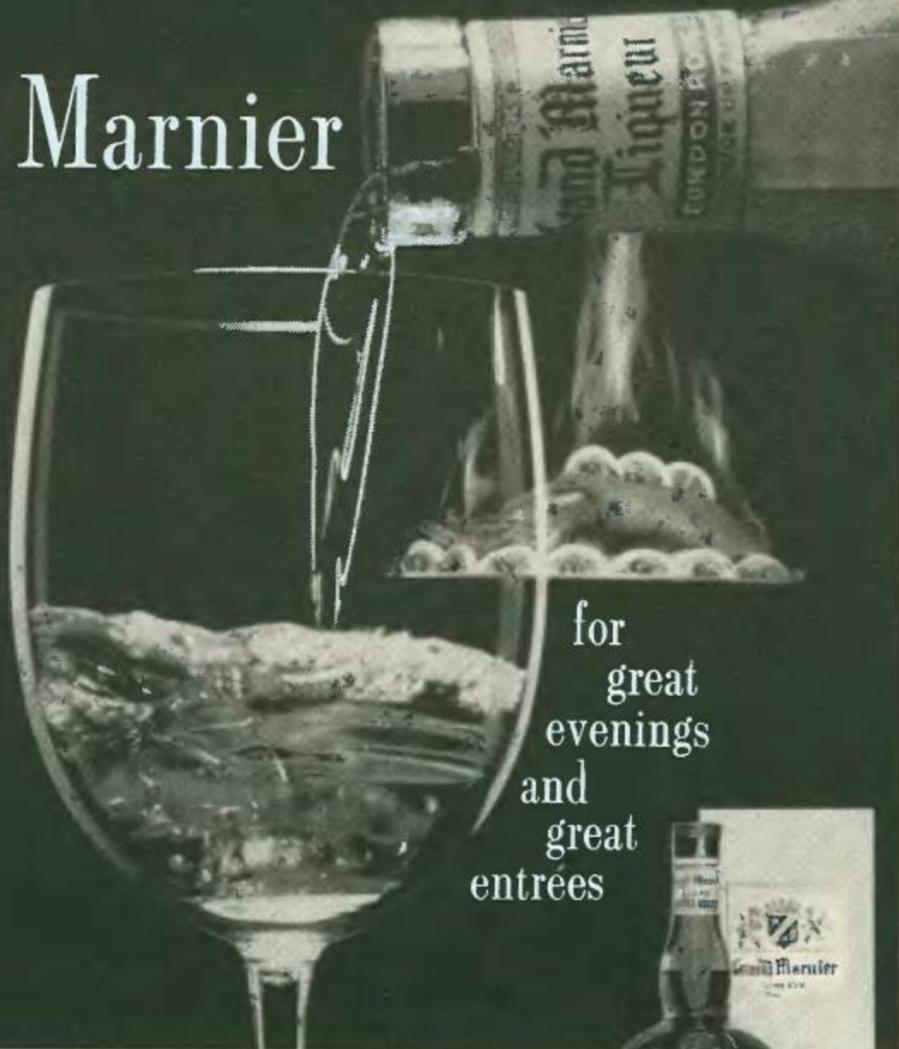
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and, after sending it back to the author ten times for revision and rewriting, bought and published it. That gave Anderson the encouragement to go on, which he did with such success that in 1959 he was named a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A somewhat different approach to letters has been taken by the San Antonio millionaire Tom Slick, who has directed his writing efforts less toward entertaining than toward edifying the masses, especially on disarmament and world peace; he has presented his ideas on these topics in two books, "The Last Great Hope" and "Permanent Peace: The Checks and Balances Plan," both earnestly conceived and carefully composed. To improve the world, though along slightly different lines, has also been the abiding ambition of H. L. Hunt, who spent a fortune trying to do it with the now defunct radio-and-publishing enterprise called Facts Forum, and is currently back at the Far Right stand with a similar undertaking called Life Line. To carry his message to an even wider audience, Hunt composed a book titled "Alpaca," which he personally published (the printing was done by a firm that puts out telephone directories) in 1960, in a paperback edition selling for fifty cents. Cast in the form of a love story, the work takes as its title the name of a "little six-province nation" long run by dictators. Its hero is a young Alpacan named Juan Achala, who, after pondering "the troubled past and inscrutable future of his unhappy country," decides to present his people with a new system of government, based on a synthesis of the ideas of wise men all over Europe. It is clear from the way he talks that Juan, whose "proud athletic bearing, his air of inborn courtesy unmarred by hauteur, his flashing eyes beneath shapely brows, and his magnificent even white teeth, accenting a ready smile, exerted a magnetic attraction even upon strangers," is a deep thinker: "It seems to me, sir, that we must begin with the individual before we can benefit society, which consists of individuals. And the crux of all that, I can't help thinking, is the protection of the individual's mind from becoming slanted toward acceptance of totalitarian government and from the great danger of having his mentality arrested or destroyed completely, not only by sly propaganda but by the evil drugs and psychic pressures of unscrupulous despots." Juan's proposed constitution has many enlightened features, such as no trial by jury, a plan whereby the "rank-and-file voters" can

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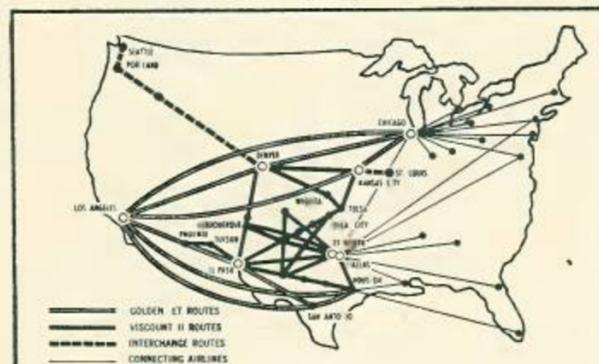
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As a result of the large-scale proliferation of belles-lettrists in Texas, it is somewhat easier to encounter a published author than a first-class bookstore in which his works can be bought. Though the telephone books of all major Texas cities list a dozen or more bookstores, they usually turn out, with a few agreeable exceptions, to be either greeting-card-and-wrapping-paper emporiums or church-supported establishments specializing in religious books. Every large city in Texas has one or more Baptist bookstores, a Presbyterian bookstore, and a Catholic bookstore, and several of the cities have stores supported by other denominations as well. Though the church stores handle some books of a general nature, if whole-

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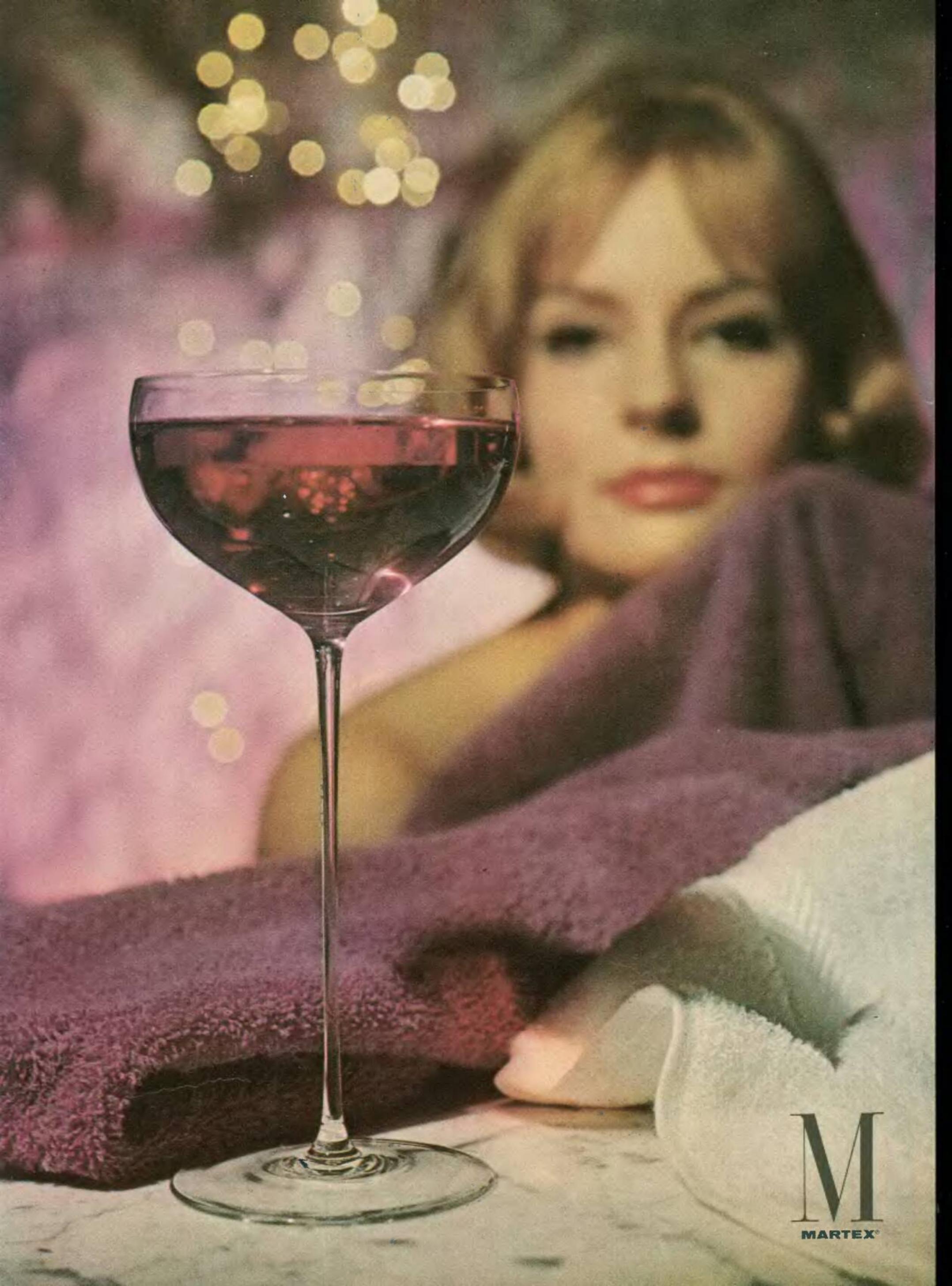
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some, their stocks as a rule are severely limited by their special interest and bias; a Baptist bookstore once returned to a publisher a landscape-gardening book because it contained a photograph of a monastery garden. A remarkable exception is the Cokesbury Book Store, which is owned by the Methodist Church and devotes the major share of its profits to the care of superannuated ministers. Calling itself the Cultural Department Store, Cokesbury's is the state's largest bookstore, and carries a stock of sufficient range to compare with nearly any in the country. Unlike Houston, which, as J. Frank Dobie has remarked, "is the only city in America claiming a million inhabitants that doesn't have a decent second-hand bookstore," Dallas has the Aldredge Book Store, which does about eighty per cent of its business in second-hand books. The store, which occupies a converted residence a couple of miles from the center of town, has a conspicuously relaxed atmosphere, owing perhaps to the fact that its proprietor, Sawnie Aldredge, who comes from one of the older Texas families, takes a quiet, realistic view of the part that books play in the local culture. "Old Dallas doesn't buy books," Aldredge says. "Some of the new rich do, especially the generation now in their thirties and forties. But if Dallas had as many bookstores, in proportion to the population, as San Francisco does, we'd all starve. This is a boom town. People here are too busy doing other things to have time to read. They prefer to collect pictures instead of books. And there are a couple of good reasons for that. For one thing, it is a simple fact that there is more wall space in Texas than in, for example, New York, and, in the second place, the ownership of a book implies an obligation to know what's in it. It's different with pictures. You buy them and put them up, all your friends see them, and you have proved your interest in culture without putting in too much time on it. When it comes to acquiring a culture rating, pictures are quicker than books."

ART collecting is indeed the chief cultural interest of Texas millionaires. It could hardly be anything else. "In America," the *London Times* has flatly declared, "everybody buys art"—a statement that does not seem wide of the mark in the opinion of dealers, who now sell about half of their paintings on the installment plan, and have adopted practically all other mass-merchandising techniques except passing out S. & H. green stamps. As the

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eminent New York art authority Sam Salz recently observed, "Collecting art today in America is a sickness," and if that is so, it is in the nature of things that Super-Americans should come down with the worst case of it. The malady, not unexpectedly, is incubated in the endlessly entertaining American tax structure, which encourages millionaires to accumulate art by largely blunting what H. L. Hunt customarily calls the tax bite. If he or one of his art-minded friends buys a work of art and presents it to a museum or other tax-exempt institution, he can enter a delightful deduction on his tax return and yet retain custody of the work during his lifetime. It is possible to reap even greater rewards by buying a painting for, say, two hundred thousand dollars and keeping it for a couple of years, while its value—in the opinion of a hired expert—increases to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; thereupon the art lover donates the painting, keeps it on his wall, and benefits from an even higher tax deduction for being a public-spirited citizen.

The pleasures of art are by no means all pecuniary. Collecting on an important scale today confers a cachet that in other times was awarded for owning a yacht or a string of race horses, or for giving elaborate entertainments. To be a collector is to be marked as not only a man of means but a man of taste and civic virtue, worthy of notice—perhaps even of being taken up—by desirable new friends. "Art has become a social thing," Alvin Romansky, a Houston lawyer and art patron, said a while ago. "For a great many people, the interest is only superficial. When they go to a show, they're really interested only in seeing their friends and meeting people and having drinks. It's not just here. All over the country, people are using art to promote themselves socially." In addition to the social thing, the skyrocketing prices that pictures have recently been fetching have introduced into collecting the always fascinating element of profit-taking possibilities. Discussing his preferences in art, Jack Vaughn, of Dallas, once said, with enthusiasm, "My passion is for the Impressionists, and dollarwise they are also great." One of the most discerning art patrons in Fort Worth was once ioshed by his friend William Kittrell, of Dallas, for collecting Picassos. "Those paintings make you a Communist, the way some of our local patriots see it," Kittrell said. "If you come over to Dallas, they'll have your scalp." "Bill," the collector replied, "you can tell those sons

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of bitches over there that I've made a quarter of a million dollars on these paintings so far. That will shut them up, because that's the kind of language they understand." Besides conferring these benefits, collecting entices the busy millionaire because it requires the least discipline of all cultural pursuits, especially when done under the guidance of an expert. It helps if a collector knows what he likes, but even that is not essential. All that is really required is money. Since money is not in short supply in Texas, and since wealth has always been the handmaiden of the arts, Texas millionaires are just doing what comes naturally in assuming the role of Big Daddies of Culture. Mainly through their largess, established museums in Texas are expanding and new ones are springing up. In Houston, the Museum of Fine Arts recently completed a million-dollar building program, including the addition of a spectacular wing designed by Mies van der Rohe and donated by the daughter of Joseph S. Cullinan, a founder of the Texas Company. In Dallas, the Museum for Contemporary Arts, founded in 1957, now has seventeen hundred members and is established (thanks to a group of local millionaires, including Edward Marcus, Algur Meadows, Waldo Stewart, and Thomas Blake, Jr., and their wives) in a handsome half-million-dollar building. In Fort Worth, the Art Center, opened in 1954, now has more than twelve hundred members, and the Amon G. Carter Museum of Western Art has just taken up quarters in a million-dollar edifice designed by Philip Johnson. Many smaller cities, like Corpus Christi (pop. 150,000) and Beaumont (pop. 100,000), have also recently established their own art museums.

Though all Texas cities, small and large, have partaken of the bounty of their art-oriented millionaires, none has struck it richer than San Antonio, which was willed a museum complete with pictures, building, and endowment by a local millionairess named Marion Koogler McNay. A colorful woman who was divorced a few times and remained throughout her life a devout Catholic and a good friend of the local archbishop, Mrs. McNay came into possession of millions from her father, a physician who had good luck in oil. Her interest in modern art was aroused when she visited the Armory Show in Chicago in 1913; she later studied painting at the Chicago Art Institute, and then began her collection, which she installed, after moving to San Antonio in 1925, in a



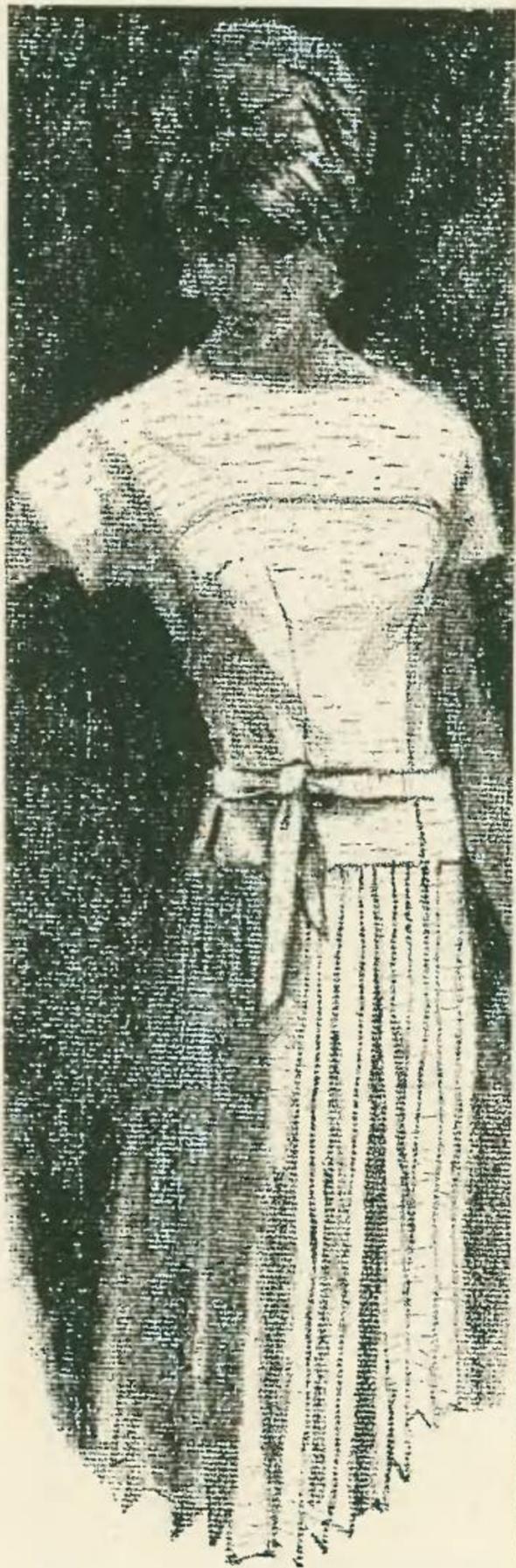
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large, rambling Mediterranean-type residence built to her specifications. At her death, in 1950, she had formed what is considered the foremost collection of modern paintings in the Southwest and one of the best in the country; there are major works by the first generation of Post-Impressionists—Gauguin, Cézanne, Redon, van Gogh—to which she added during the last fifteen years of her life, an El Greco "Head of Christ," and a superb group of Dufys. Being also interested in American water colors, she acquired, among others, paintings by Winslow Homer, John Marin, Maurice Prendergast, and Mary Cassatt. All these and more—some three hundred paintings altogether—Mrs. McNay left to what is now the McNay Art Institute, together with funds to convert her residence into a museum and a basic endowment of one million dollars. In addition, she arranged for the museum to receive income from a considerable amount of San Antonio real estate and, more important, the proceeds from what the Institute's director, John Leeper, describes as "about a county" of oil-producing properties, which net the Institute approximately a thousand dollars a day.

As a privately administered organization, the McNay Institute has not been obliged to trim its activities to suit the self-appointed custodians of public morality who are at work in Texas and have been notably successful in protecting the citizens of Dallas from painters whose work is not confined to blue-bonnets or geese. In 1956, the Dallas Public Library, housed in a handsome new structure, opened an exhibition of works by a number of modern artists, including Picasso, who was represented by a rug and a painting—but not for long. Complaints started pouring into the library within minutes after the display opened. "This group—I don't know just who it was, but people who were against it—began calling to protest," the librarian, James D. Meeks, said at the time. "Various people called the library, members of the library board, friends of the library, and members of the City Council. I talked to Councilman W. C. Miller, and then we just took the Picasso rug and the picture down, rather than stir up a lot of controversy." The incident passed with little public notice except by John Rosenfield, the acknowledged cultural czar of the Southwest, who began his column in the *Dallas News* a few days later, "This would be as good a time as any for our fair city to arrive at a clear and simple



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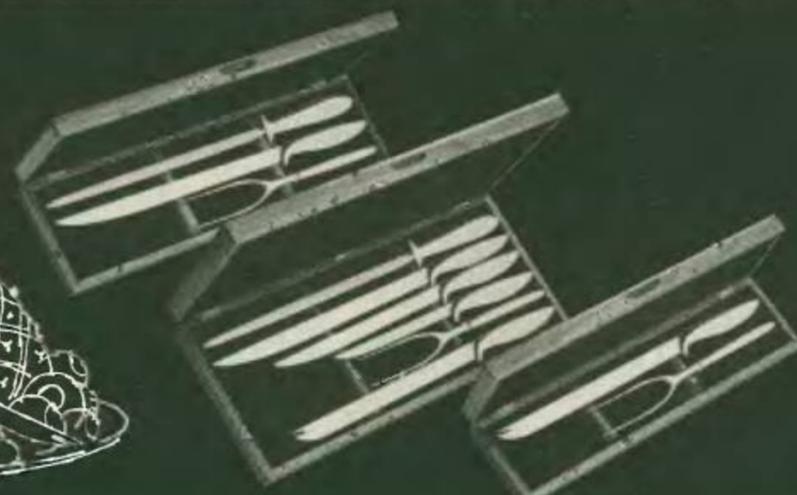


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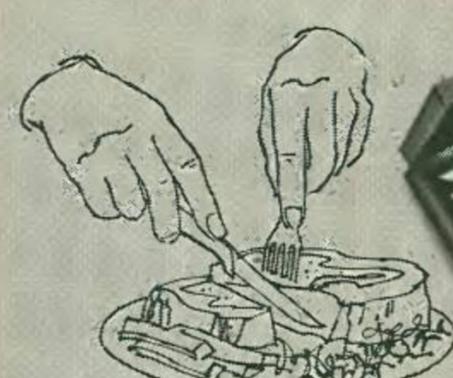


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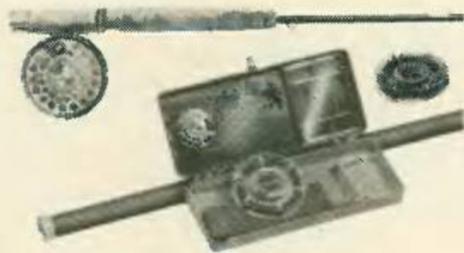
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code to govern the exhibition of paintings, the performance of music and drama, the circulation of books, or any other expression of mankind's creative spirit or mental processes. This should be: If anybody objects, yank it down or ban it from the halls or burn it up." Continuing, Rosenfield recalled that the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts had also received the attention of the volunteer guardians of public morals, who had campaigned vigorously against its exhibiting either modern art or "undraped female forms," and that only the nimble footwork of the director, Jerry Bywaters, "saved us from brassières for the Venus de Milo." Rosenfield wound up by saying, "Eastern dealers have a word for us, which has brought us a measure of 'little D' immortality. One declined to lend a painting because he didn't want it 'dallased.'"

As recently as ten years ago, Eastern dealers enjoyed a near-monopoly on the sale of art in Texas; no gallery worthy of the name existed in the state. Now there are ten galleries in Houston alone. In Dallas, where Mrs. Thomas Blake, Jr., pioneered in purveying modern art, there are thirteen. Fort Worth has three, Amarillo two, and San Antonio one, and more are opening all the time. Most dealers feature both European painters and a number of Texas artists, whose work sells briskly. "Buying local people is quite the thing to do," Cynthia Brants, one of the most widely collected Texas painters, has remarked. "It's chic. If you have a Cézanne, you should also have a Vogel—or perhaps a Brants." The support given native painters and sculptors by Texans is on the same epic scale as their pride; the latter, of course, accounts in large part for the former. Art made in Texas is on view not only in practically every private collection (the Edmund Scheneckers' consists of Texas artists exclusively) but in banks, clubs, churches, motels, supermarkets, office buildings, and manufacturing plants; the new headquarters of Texas Instruments contains no fewer than fifty paintings, prints, hand-carved screens, and other pieces of domestic art. After taking a close look at all this local artistic activity, Jacob Getlar Smith, an editor of the *American Artist* and a well-known painter himself, came to this carefully optimistic conclusion: "Despite the prevalence of what local wits term the Emily Post-Impressionist School of Bluebonnet Painters, serenely delighting in the state flower; despite the horde of carpetbagging portrait painters waxing fat on the vanity of the *nouveau riche*, evidence is multiplying every-

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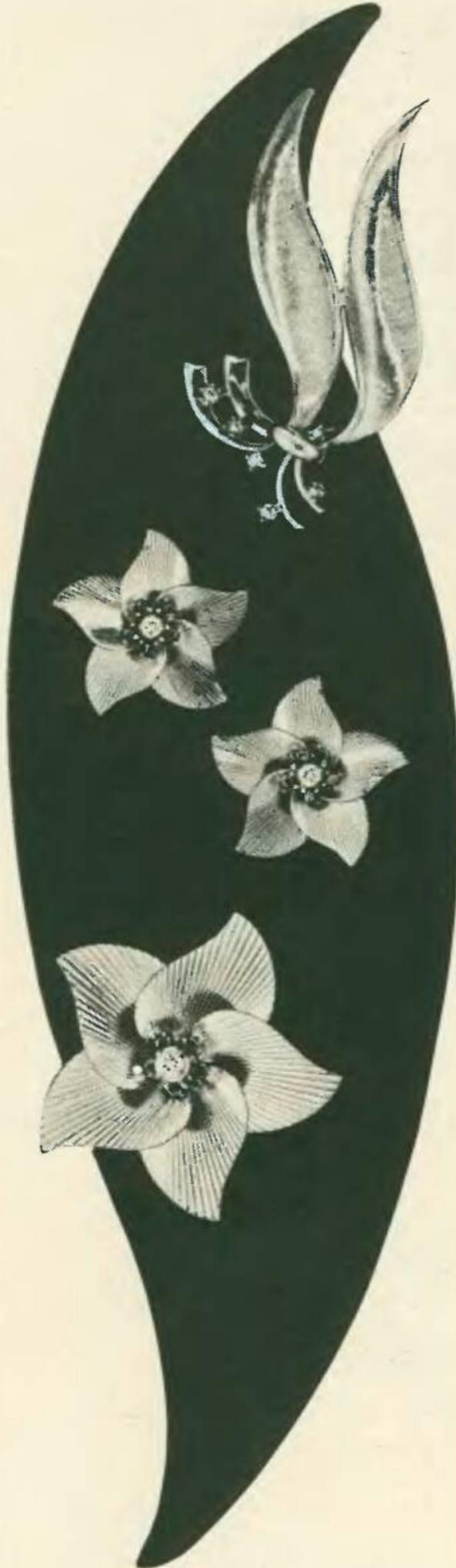
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where that the arts, in all their profound significance, have an unbreakable grip on the imagination and emotions of the natives. The jokester may jest, the sophisticate may sneer, but bigness in the largest state of the Union is no longer to be reckoned exclusively in terms of physical dimensions. Its gifted are endowed with sizable proportions, too, and it would be more than folly to minimize their ultimate significance in the artistic expression of our country."

As of today, however, Texans have more standing as collectors than as creators of art. The high quality and remarkable uniformity that characterize private collections everywhere in America—"so astonishingly uniform," the *London Observer* has noted, "that one cannot help imagining they receive and act on regular taste-slogans sent out from some undercover temple of fashion"—strike the sojourner in Texas with such force that he is apt to feel after a while that having seen one collection, he has seen them all. Take a Manet, Pissarro, or Delacroix, add a large quantity of Impressionists and Post-Impressionists, season with a few Chagalls, Buffets, Picassos, Klees, de Staëls, and Rouaults, add local artists to taste, hire an expert to frame, hang, and light, and the result is a typical Texas collection—fashionable, safe, and almost completely devoid of any reflection of the owner's personality. The best private collections in Texas are, of course, the exceptions—those that have been put together with taste and scholarship and with no reference to the recipe book. Four of these were made available to delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Arts, held in Houston in 1957 (the first A.F.A. convention held in Texas and the best attended): the John de Menils', the Robert Strauses', and Miss Ima Hogg's, in Houston, and the Robert Windfohrs', in Fort Worth. All are distinguished not only by their quality and variety but by a sense of informality and warmth and by a certain attractive impulsiveness reflecting the owners' personal style. One of the largest collections in Texas has been assembled by the Fort Worth millionaire Kay Kimbell, whose greatest artistic yearning, his friends say, is to own "The Blue Boy." Though that has so far escaped him, Kimbell has bought a number of other Gainsboroughs as well as Corot landscapes and a variety of other pictures by, to name a few of the more prominent, Frans Hals, Sir Thomas Lawrence, and George Inness, all of which have in common a restful, non-nonsense quality. Kimbell has accumu-

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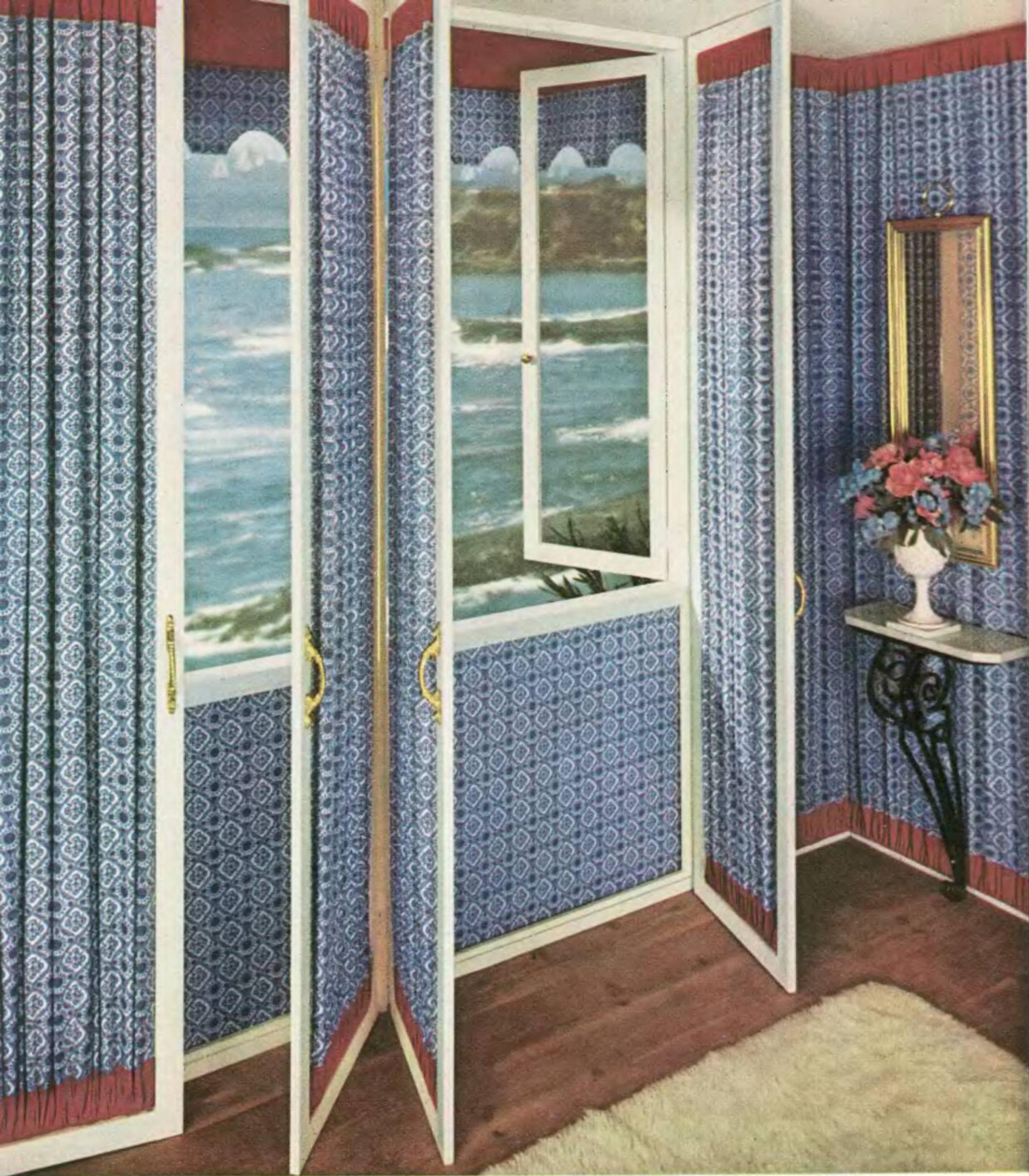
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lated so many pictures that they now take up practically all the available wall space in both his home and his office and overflow in large numbers onto the walls of the Fort Worth Public Library. His collection, in one respect, is typical of art in Texas: there is so much of it that merely contemplating it is apt in time to induce what Henry James called an aesthetic headache.

**N**OR is there any scarcity of music. Thanks largely to support from local millionaires ("Some presidents and general managers of Big Business may like music personally," John Rosenfield has remarked. "Whether they do or don't, they recognize the fact that a highly developed symphony orchestra is one of the best means of civic advertising, worth three pages of special pleading in any expensive national periodical"), every major city in Texas has a symphony orchestra, as have many smaller ones—Tyler, Midland, Lubbock, to mention a few of the state's total of fourteen. In the metropolitan centers, the orchestras are made up of resident professional musicians; in the smaller communities the nucleus of the orchestra usually consists of local teachers and students and other musical townspeople, who are joined for concerts by members of one of the large symphonies. By general agreement, the Houston Symphony is foremost in the state; Leopold Stokowski, who was appointed the orchestra's conductor in 1955, has described it as one of the great musical organizations of the world. Upon his resignation, at the close of the 1960-61 season, Stokowski's place was taken by another distinguished musician, Sir John Barbirolli. Grand opera also figures in the Super-Americans' non-stop *Kulturkampf*. Houston, Fort Worth, and San Antonio each support a group that annually puts on three or four operas (the leading roles are customarily performed by imported singers, the other parts and the chorus by local talent), and Dallas is not reticent about the fact that since 1939 (except this year and three years during the Second World War) the Metropolitan has annually played a three-day, four-performance stand there. Scores of people from Fort Worth, Big Spring, Tyler, Muleshoe, and other large and small communities pour into the city for the Met weekend, which is filled not only with music but with a continuous round of cocktail parties, dinners, and other entertainments, reaching a peak at the Opera Ball, held after the opening to



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honor the members of the cast. ("All cultural events here are primarily civic occasions for staging self-satisfied parties and celebrations," a close observer of the Dallas scene has remarked.) While continuing to brag about the Met, Dallas opera lovers have taken to showing what seems to be even more enthusiasm for the Dallas Civic Opera, a local venture organized in 1957 by an enterprising young impresario named Lawrence V. Kelly, who had previously been a co-founder of the Chicago Lyric Theatre and had managed the American debut of his friend Maria Callas. With "the captivating darling" (to use a local critic's pet name for Miss Callas) as its centerpiece in productions that have included "Medea," "La Traviata," and "Lucia," the Civic Opera has, as *Theatre Arts* remarked not long ago, "put Dallas on the country's opera map." It cost something to get there. Unlike other opera organizations in Texas, the Dallas enterprise has made a practice of using regional talent very sparingly and of importing—mainly from Italy and Greece—not only the principal artists and directors but also the costume and set designers, and even, for "The Daughter of the Regiment," the entire physical production. Largely because of its taste for expensive foreign wares, the Dallas Civic Opera sets local music lovers and civic boosters back about two hundred thousand dollars a season, but as the citizens of Dallas see things, the money is well spent, for it has brought them an added measure of culture, social stature, and glitter. Civic pride is also served by a twelve-week season of musical comedies presented at the State Fair Grounds, and Fort Worth has a fifteen-week season of similar productions. "Consider the fact," the Fort Worth director said a while ago, "that our recent production of 'Annie Get Your Gun' featured a cast of sixty-five, thereby constituting a larger, and in many ways a better, company than the Broadway original."

AS for the non-musical theatre in Texas, it is everywhere full of bounce, vigor, and stage-struck millionaires. Texas has, naturally, more of the country's thirteen thousand non-professional local drama groups than any other state, and is thus in the vanguard of the civic-theatre movement, which in recent years has become the rage in America. Also as might be expected, amateur theatrical companies in Texas ordinarily do not do things in a small way. Shunning converted barns and

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On the professional level, Houston's Alley Theatre, founded in 1948, is widely regarded as the outstanding theatrical organization in Texas. Described by Brooks Atkinson as "a theatre of distinction," the Alley was one of four theatres in the country (the others being the Phoenix Theatre, in New York; the Actor's Workshop, in San Francisco; and the Arena Stage, in Washington, D.C.) selected in 1959 by the Ford Foundation to receive a grant of a hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars to hire a resident ensemble of professional actors. Nine months earlier, Mrs. Nina Vance, the Alley's director since its inception, was one of ten theatre directors given a Ford Foundation grant of ten thousand dollars for study and travel. The Alley, an arena theatre seating two hundred and fifty, occasionally produces an original script but has had its greatest success with works like "A View from the Bridge," "The Glass Menagerie," "Death of a Salesman," "Waiting for Godot," "The Skin of Our Teeth," and other solid, serious Broadway hits. Though the work of Mrs. Vance generally draws praise ("One of the most brilliant directorial talents in the country today, bar none"—Hubert Rousel, in the *Houston Post*), the quality of the acting in Alley productions tends to be as unpredictable as that in most regional theatres.

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by presenting it for the most part on a wooden ramp installed at a forty-five-degree angle across the center of the stage. The angular platform produced, as the Houston critic Raymond Lankford noted, "the spectacle of the King and Queen holding a royal audience while apparently lounging on bathmats on a ski slope." No mishaps occurred (the players, listing precariously, wore sneakers for traction), and though John Rosenfield found the work "the worst theatrical miscalculation since some producer cast Eva Le Gallienne as a very girlish Hamlet," it was accorded the customary favorable reception by the paying customers; in fact, before the end of the first season, the Center's more enthusiastic backers were casually talking about it in the same breath with the Old Vic, the Comédie-Française, and Sweden's Royal Dramatic Theatre. While no Texas theatrical venture has achieved quite the shine and technique of those Old World troupes, the state's ubiquitous dramatic organizations are making their offerings more widely available than those of any other similar regional groups—a considerable accomplishment in a country like America, where the majority of adults have never seen live theatre.

"IT is better for all communities to have a try at artistic expression than to have none at all," John Rosenfield recently observed in an essay in the *Southwest Review*. Therefore, he added, "local criticism should not produce an uncongenial atmosphere for the best art life a community can afford." Rosenfield himself may occasionally stray from this dictum, as he did in the case of the Dallas "Hamlet," but the majority of Texas critics evidently agree with it, for in appraising native artistic expression they are, more often than not, sympathetic to a fault. They might as well be. Rosenfield recalls hearing a hostess say to her departing guests, "We'll see you all on Wednesday at the theatre. I hear the play is lousy." Any community with such a congenial atmosphere, it is clear, does not provide ideal conditions for a flowering of the critical spirit, the *sine qua non* of civilized society. "The life without criticism is not worthy to be lived," said Plato, stating a doctrine that is all Greek to Texans, who stand first in the enshrinement of the power and the glory of positive thinking. As a result, when a Texas critic fails to lift his voice in praise of the native arts, whatever their quality, he incurs the resentment not only of the artists but of the public in

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general, who tend to react to professional criticism as if it were personal insult. Because of Rosenfield's limited enthusiasm for some of the Dallas Theatre Center's offerings, his name was mud among the city's more ambitious workers for culture, and Hubert Roussel did not sound the note his readers wanted to hear when he wrote in the *Houston Post* that the opening concert of the 1960-61 season of the Houston Symphony, conducted by Leopold Stokowski, "amounted in general to a bag of musical mush," and that the first production of the Alley Theatre, after its eagerly awaited upgrading as a result of the Ford Foundation grant, was a play that "could hardly have left anyone doubtful of its positive hold on insignificance." The Texan tendency to find all criticism so unbearable that it is dismissed without reflection stems from a communal need for constant reassurance that all is well—a desire that is heightened in a frontier society, where the emphasis is by necessity on creation, not criticism, and where the doers are the heroes and the kibitzers the dispensable men. Since, as V. S. Pritchett, the English man of letters and travel, has said, "A new country or regime regards examination, interpretation, or criticism—anything but the official view—as antisocial," it is remarkable that Texas critics of the arts ever express the unofficial view, or, in other words, are critical. Most of the time, however, they perform their duty as they see it. In Fort Worth, William J. Marsh writes in the *Star-Telegram* that the local opera association's production of "La Bohème" "can be highly praised and recommended for all opera lovers who may wish to see only the best." And even Rosenfield, after musing on the entertainment attractions of Dallas, concludes, "They are the best the market can offer anywhere." Judgments of a similarly welcome nature are not rare on the book pages. Although Lon Tinkle occasionally dissects a non-Texas writer, he customarily treats native authors with avuncular generosity. A favorite device enabling him to maintain his critical equilibrium and at the same time give the author a boost is to suggest a connection, however imprecise, between the book under review and a somewhat better-known one. For example, in giving the nod to "One Touch of Ecstasy," the first novel of "a well-known and much admired Dallasite" named Gwynne Wimberly, Tinkle said that the work (which seems to have gone unnoticed by the New York critics) "has the integrity and the hon-

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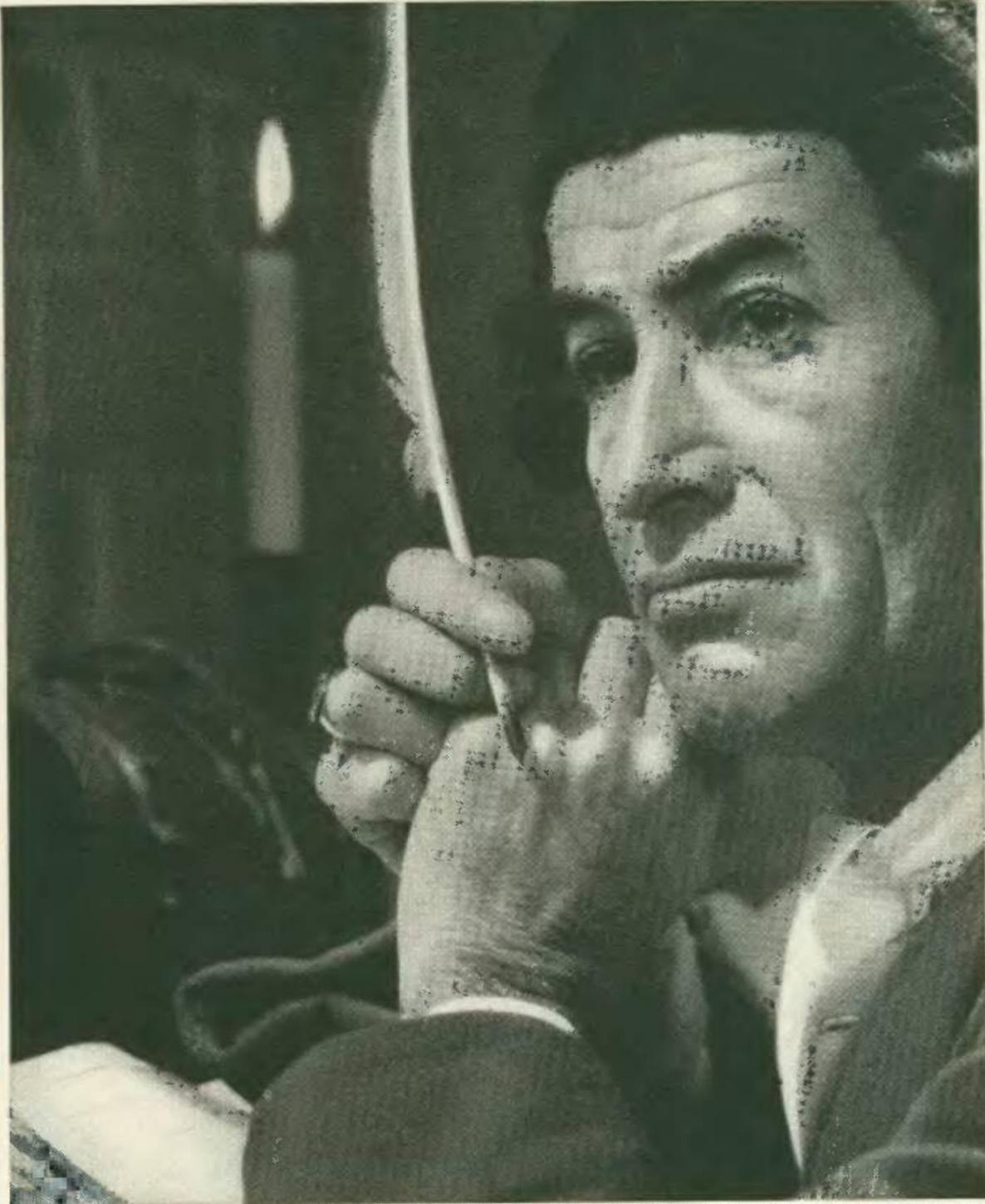
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If the critical spirit does not always burn brightly in the newspaper columns devoted to criticism, and seldom even flickers in the others, the reason is that the newspapers in Texas, almost without exception, are bound to the genteel tradition. Consequently, while not averse to printing unflattering things about non-Texans, they tend to muffle unedifying news about local people, especially prominent ones. Genteelism in the Super-American press approaches a pinnacle in the personality sketches of leading citizens, which are printed in departments called "Honor Roll," "Headliner Portrait," "Titled Texan," or something else showing suitable respect. Reading these "honeysuckle lives," as Dr. Johnson referred to fulsome biographies, one soon discovers that the Super-American newspapers are devoted to "man-worship," that ancient ritual which the Greeks, according to Arnold Toynbee, "inherited from their barbarian sires," and passed on to succeeding societies. Probably in no society has man-worship flourished more lushly than in ours. "The ruling power in the United States is not to be made game of," said de Tocqueville. "The smallest reproach irritates its sensibility, and the slightest joke that has any foundation in truth renders it indignant; from the forms of its language up to the solid virtues of its character, everything must be made the subject of encomium." And as a result, "The majority lives in the perpetual utterance of self-applause." This becomes deafening in Super-America, where, to judge from the newspapers, successful businessmen are "most astute, as well as dynamic in both thought and action;" successful lawyers are "master artists in the courtroom;" successful clergymen are "great spiritual leaders," often "radiant and joyful" and always possessing "a glowing sense of humor;" and successful bankers are not only "hardheaded leaders gifted with financial acumen" but "as solicitous as marriage counselors." No matter what his calling, the typical successful Super-American is projected in the newspapers as a citizen having "strong, mobile features," "a dew-fresh smile," "an imposing build," and "a persuasive and richly flexible manner of speech," whose "polished mind of near-photographic quality" and "inexhaustible talents in the civic field" and "personality as in-



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*(This is the sixth of a series of articles. The seventh will appear in an early issue.)*

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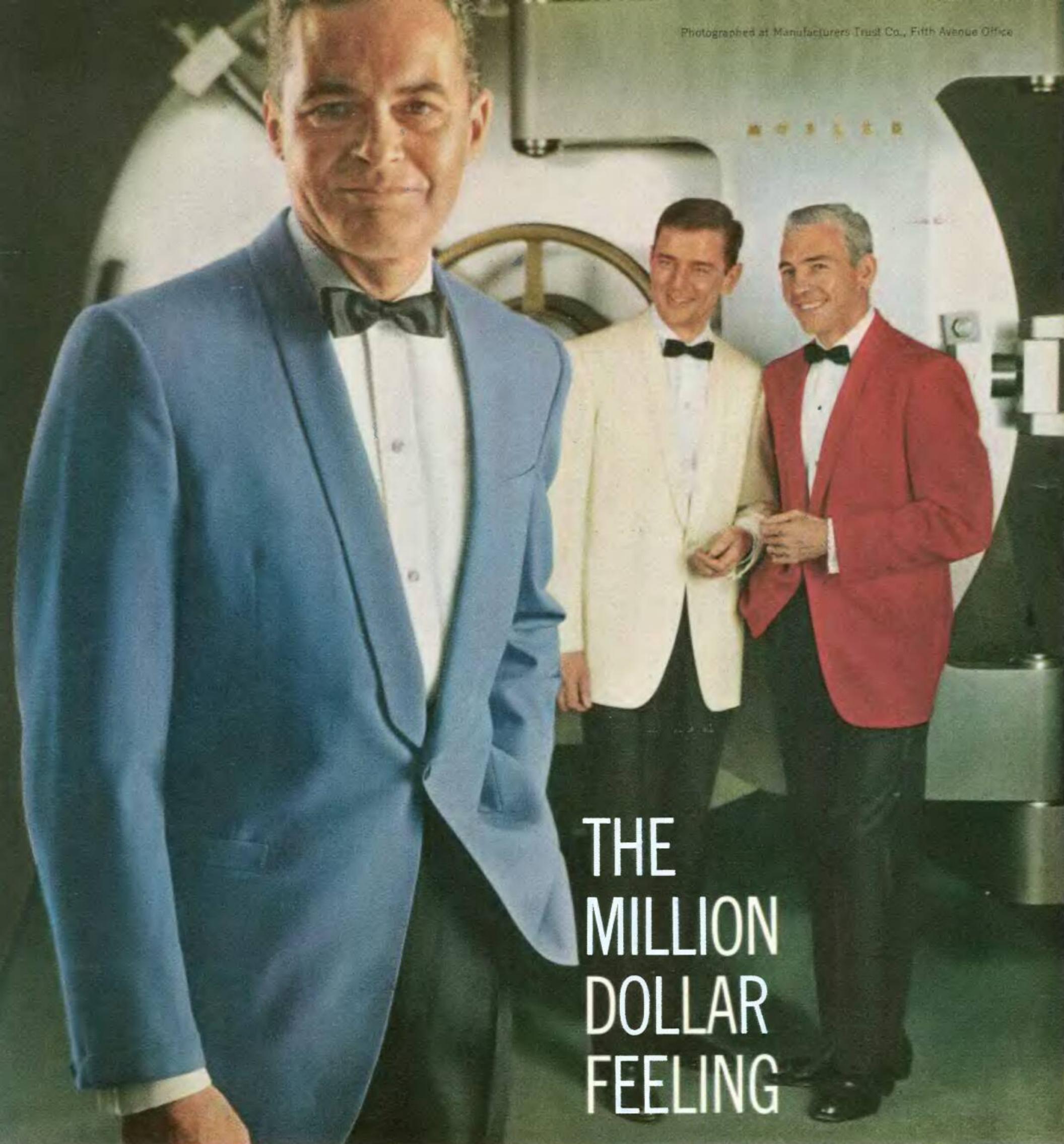


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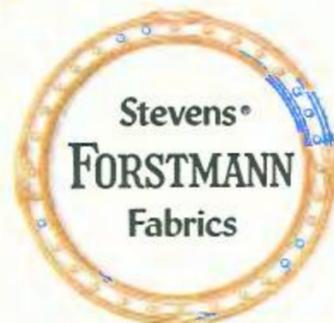
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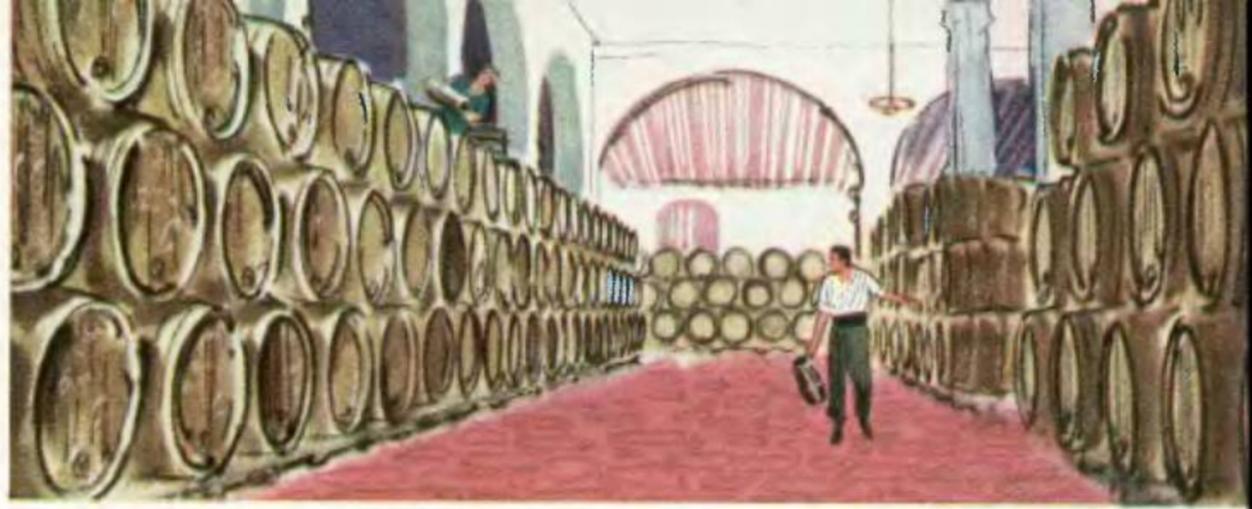
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**S**UNDAY, APRIL 23RD: A typical week Off Broadway in November or December offered one or two openings; recently the average has climbed to five or more, some of them simultaneous. In short, a state-legislature situation, in which more bills are milled on the final day than in the previous two months. As a result, I have just caught up with the curiously titled "Evenings with Chekhov," which opened late last week at the Key Theatre. Would that I had simply passed it, top down, throttle open. The "Evenings" consists of three early one-act plays by the Master—"The Anniversary," "On the High Road," and "The Wedding"—which demonstrate that he had not yet discovered the secret of making tedium exciting. Moreover, like many young literary men, he apparently considered himself an irresistible wag. Thus, the first and third plays are ponderous comedies about bores. In the first, a pompous bank manager's self-arranged celebration of his fifteenth anniversary in his job is thrown into chaos by a muddleheaded peasant woman who refuses to leave his office when the ceremonies begin. The third play deals with a sailing-ship bore—a retired naval captain—who disrupts a wedding party by shouting deafening nautical commands, waving his sword about, and dropping cigar ashes on the female guests' bare shoulders. The middle and longest play is ponderous and grim. But it proves that Chekhov had at least begun thinking about his favorite subject: how to decay gracefully in the country. The play takes place in a roadside inn on a stormy night. (There is excellent wind-machine work throughout, as well as some very good thunder and lightning.) Stuffed into the inn's single room are three ancient pilgrims, the proprietor and barkeep, a young laborer, and a penniless drunkard. New travellers burst in continually—a bearded, bullying tramp with heart of gold, a postman, a lady, and a gentleman. The drunkard, it turns out, is a once-wealthy landowner who has been ruined by his cruel wife and her rapacious brother, and the lady is—you've guessed it—his wife. The shock of recognition frightens her right out

the door and quadruples the drunk's thirst. All hands sympathetically buy the drunk a round apiece. These include a character called A Voice from the Corner, a mysterious hooded female who sits to one side of the proscenium, muttering and glaring at the audience, which—speaking for myself—muttered and glared right back.

The cast of thirteen dons beards, loses stomachs, and redoes its hair with satisfying thoroughness. It also increases from play to play, which tends to diminish the Key's spacious steamer-trunk stage. Moreover, the cast heightens this effect by laughing heartily at itself in the comedies. All in all, a stirring example of the difference between little acorns and the finished product.

**M**ONDAY, APRIL 24TH: How fine, I thought on my way to the One Sheridan Square's double bill, "Philok-

tetes" and "The Women at the Tomb," to chase early Chekhov with an evening in the classical mode! And how rude to discover that Michel de Ghelderode's "Women"—a curtain-raiser recounting the squabbles that occur among Jesus's better-known female admirers just after His death—is a slight, soiled piece of heresy, done in modern dress and modern slang, and absorbing only because of the way the Cured Woman ingests a whole bunch of Concord grapes, seeds and all. And then, on top of that, to find that "Philoktetes," a new rendering, by George Maxim Ross, of the celebrated Greek myth, is equally up to date: "I'm fed up with your stinking war!" "Will ya shut up and lissen to me?" "Now stop trying to play the hero." In any case, here's a brief refresher on *the* "Philoktetes," or "Philoctetes," by Sophocles. Philoctetes, accompanying Agamemnon to the Trojan Wars, is abandoned on the uninhabited island of Lemnos after receiving an incurable snake bite, which becomes so high that his shipmates cannot tolerate him. He is left, however, with his magic bow and arrows, bequeathed him by Heracles. The play starts ten years later, when the Greeks, who are still battling the Trojans, learn from a captured Trojan soothsayer that



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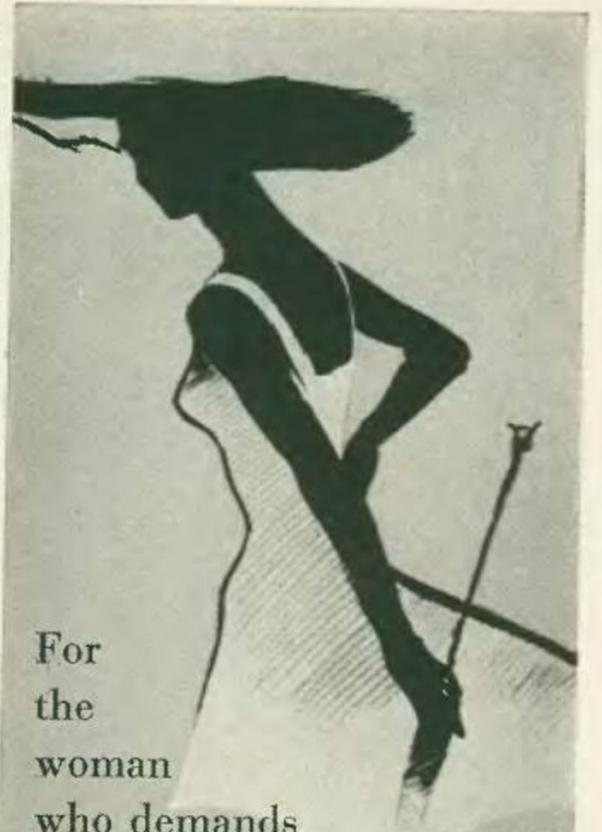
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the only way to win the war is to reclaim Philoctetes and his bow and take them to Troy. Odysseus and Neoptolemos, the son of Achilles, are sent to fetch Philoctetes, but the job isn't easy. Philoctetes, still in great pain, is angry, proud, and sorry for himself. Odysseus, one of the men who had abandoned Philoctetes, is both pitying and scornful. Neoptolemos is the rope in this tug of war, which is resolved by the intervention, *deus ex machina*, of Heracles, who persuades Philoctetes to go to Troy.

Ross converts this chesslike moral battle between three strong men into a spongy pacifist tract in which Philoctetes shoots Neoptolemos and is again left on the island, but minus his bow. Further, the symbolic bow (artistic power) becomes, in Ross's hands, the Bomb, while the wound (the artist's neurosis) remains—well, a wound. Though modern in speech, "Philoctetes" is Greek in dress, down to short peekaboo tunics, sandals, and mop hairdos. And possibly the acting—Anthony Ray is Neoptolemos, Leonard Hicks is Philoctetes, and Chester Doherty is Odysseus—is Greek, too, for it includes both guttural whispers and ascending off-pitch shouts (Philoctetes), a steady succession of soft *moues* (Neoptolemos), and commanding raised chins (Odysseus). The tidy, geometric set suggests anything but a craggy, hellish, storm-bound island. Dreams of ancient Greek warriors sipping Cokes and pulling stage arrows out of each other plagued me all night.

**T**UESDAY, APRIL 25TH: The only memorable event at "Happy As Larry," a falsetto Irish fantasy by Donagh MacDonagh, at the Martinique, occurred immediately after the final curtain. Swept up in the customary stampede of deadline-beset reviewers, I reached behind me in the pitch black and seized what seemed to be the arm of my companion, a venerable cousin, to help him down a treacherous step and past the stage. We gained the door just as the lights went up. Turning, I was thunderstruck to find that I had been towing handsome Mrs. Frank Aston (the wife of the *World-Telegram & Sun's* drama reviewer), who eased my confusion by saying, "That's perfectly all right. You did it very nicely." MacDonagh's play, which deals with six singing tailors who are spirited into the past to right a murder and do some matchmaking, is already fading, but I cherish Mrs. Aston's reaction. Such aplomb is the base of wisdom.

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**W**HAT we have had here has been the alarms, fears, and repercussions of a longish-weekend Algerian military insurrection, fomented on the other side of the Mediterranean by four retired French generals, which began as a total surprise to the French government shortly past midnight on last Friday night and ended as a completed failure, amid the surprise and intense relief of the French people, a little past midnight on Tuesday night. The whole restless, ill-focussed adventure had a crazed, nightmarish, nocturnal quality for all of us here—especially, of course, for the French, because all of the few events that connected them with it took place at night,

with one major, miraculous exception, which took place on Monday afternoon. In it, the entire French nation woke up to a spirit of rare, refreshed unanimity against the folly of what was going on—ten million French, clear-eyed for once, as if coming out of an insanely grotesque dream, joined in the greatest general strike of protest of all classes, political beliefs, and social levels that France has ever known in all its agitated modern history. It simply consisted of everybody's stopping work early, at five on Monday afternoon, thus forming what seemed like a vast human blockade in the path of the far-off Army plot—a block of French republicanism loyal to its government and its leader, whether or not it ordinarily likes it or him, in a sudden period of danger and stress. Here in Paris, the Métro, the buses, and the commuter trains stopped running, movies stopped showing their films, shops closed, the post-office clerks laid down their stamps, everything came to a standstill. It was a handsome sunny spring afternoon, and everybody, armed with the latest newspapers, took to the midtown boulevards to stroll, almost with insouciance. Only the cafés remained open for work, but too crammed to do business. The Place de l'Opéra was a mass of human beings, gay in the open air, as if having a fête. It is now known that this gigantic inhospitable demonstration against the idea of parachutists' dropping in from Algeria to dismantle France's Fifth Republic by

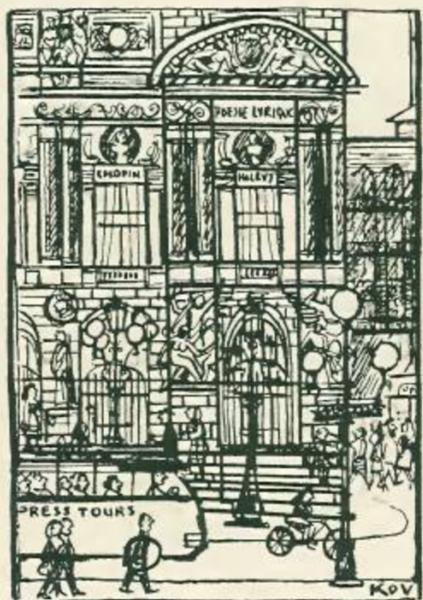
a military coup added to the confusion of the four seditious generals in Algiers, whose *Putsch*, whether they had sense enough to realize it or not, had already failed.

**T**HE opening evening event occurred Friday, when President de Gaulle was characteristically attending

a performance of Racine's "Britannicus" at the Comédie-Française with a suite of his Ministers, including M. Louis Joxe, his Minister for Algeria—thus proving that the French President's Secret Service for Algerian affairs was as far off the track on insurrection matters as President Kennedy's C.I.A. had been on Cuba. At two o'clock in the morning, de Gaulle was

awakened in his palace to be given the important information: four of his former comrades and admirers were now leading the third Algerian insurrection to force the hand of Paris. The first insurrection, on May 13, 1958, had pulled down the Fourth Republic and brought de Gaulle himself to power, and at that time General Raoul Salan had actually raised the first voice to call for de Gaulle, who later named him Commander-in-Chief of Algeria. General Maurice Challe, a notable fighter and organizer in de Gaulle's wartime Resistance, was later also named Algeria's Commander-in-Chief, but was replaced after the Algerian-barricades insurrection in January, 1960. Algerian-born General Edmond Jouhaud had also been a great Resistance fighter, and was made de Gaulle's Chief of Staff of the Air Forces in Algeria, but later declared that he would vote no in the January, 1961, referendum on de Gaulle's Algerian policy. The fourth and least consequential, General André Zeller, an up-from-the-ranks volunteer from the First World War, was chiefly distinguished for being the most loquacious rebel of all the Algerian Army brass against de Gaulle's policy.

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on television and in uniform. It was the greatest speaking performance of his career, being the words and voice of an aged patriot, ripe in civilization, wounded in heart and mind, angered by the treachery of former friends, emptying the classic phials of his disdain upon the evil "usurpers—partisan, ambitious, and fanatical—who see and comprehend the nation and the world only through the distortion of their frenzy," in an outburst of scorn as old as the antiquity of power itself. When he cried three times "*Hélas! Hélas! Hélas!*" it was the male voice of French tragedy, more moving, because anguished by reality, than any stage voice in "*Britannicus*." "The state is flouted, the nation defied," he said. "In the name of France, I order that all means—I say all means—be employed on all sides to bar the route to these men until they be subjugated. I forbid all Frenchmen, and first of all any French soldier, to execute any orders of theirs. . . . *Françaises, Français*, look where France risks falling, compared to what she was once more about to become! *Françaises, Français, aidez-moi!*" Then came the "*Marseillaise*," trumpeting at the call "*Aux armes, citoyens!*"

Just before midnight, when the state radio is always turned off, a voice announced that it would function all night, because there might be grave news to impart. A little later came the bourgeois voice of Premier Debré, speaking jerkily and in detached phrases, to make them plain, and declaring that "a surprise action, particularly in the Paris region," was shortly expected—"a mad attempt" by aircraft "that are ready to drop or land paratroopers on various airdromes to prepare for a seizure of power"—and that, as of midnight, all French fields were closed to airplane traffic. Then he added, as one of the queerest of all the nocturnal experiences, "As soon as the [air-raid] sirens sound, go there on foot or by car to convince the misled soldiers of their grave error. Good sense must spring from the people's soul, and each must feel himself a part of the nation." This speech was still alternating on the radio with de Gaulle's at 3 A.M., when many of us millions of worried, worn-out listeners went to bed. At least one of us was possessed by an imaginary *tableau vivant* in which we saw crowds of hastily dressed French citizens on foot at some airport convincing misled, tough Foreign Legion paratroopers—eighty per cent of whom are Germans—of their erroneous conduct.

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cynical, superior tendency on the part of a few—which soon became the day's vogue—to say that Debré's speech was a bluff, that there had been no airplanes ready to take off, that the bluff was a cracking good piece of psychology that someone must have thought up for him in order to arouse and unify with terror the usually apathetic French. At the present writing, no one knows whether this is true or not. All over town, people say, but no officials have admitted, that the insurrection's planes were indeed ready to fly up toward France on Sunday night but that some pilots refused to fly against the homeland and some French parachutists refused to go aboard. Other Parisians say that there was a bad Mediterranean storm that held up flying; that some planes were sabotaged; that they had a flying radius of only a thousand kilometres, or not enough to make Paris and return. And so on. What is definitely known is that France was naked of protection on that Sunday night, when four small tanks were clustered as defense before the President's Elysée Palace, plus policemen and Gardes Républicaines on foot—a chief of state in complete vulnerability had his palace been invaded. Big tanks were nightly shuffled into position before the Parliament, with a soldier or two, their heads in the green leaves of the Quai d'Orsay trees, asleep on top in the steady night rains. Empty prewar autobuses were lined up nightly in the Rue de la Paix, on the bridges, in the side streets near de Gaulle's palace, to serve as impediments in case the paratroopers came to town. And in the rain, all of us in Paris went to stare at them. Each morning, they were all cleared away, both tanks and buses, at break-

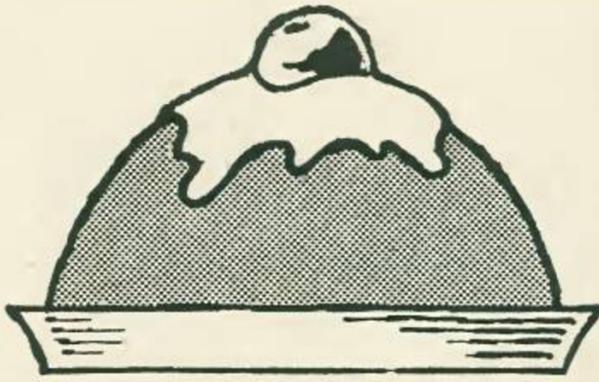
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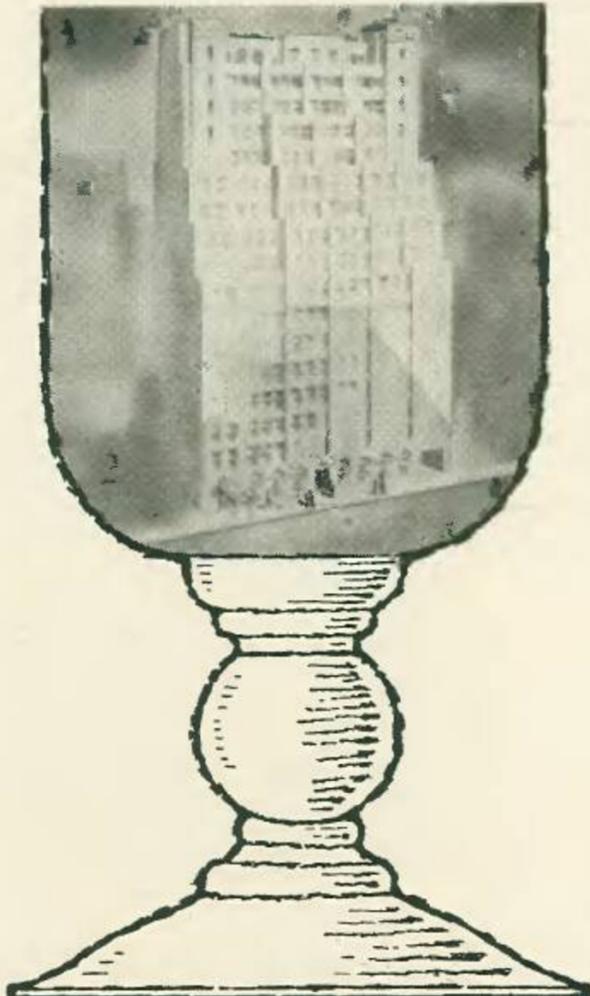
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fast time, in a gesture like emptying dustbins that during the night have accumulated unsightly social debris. All this time, everybody knew that France had half a million men, including the Foreign Legion mercenaries, under arms, more or less, in Algeria, but that she had no men worth speaking of here on the home ground, and could not be sure even of their loyalty or that of the special shock police. The insurrectionists had a wealth of equipment in their favor, but they lost the chance of their greatest imponderable—that of surprise—when they failed to descend from the rainy skies on Paris Saturday night.

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*Heads or Tails*



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such oddments as an astrolabe, a divining rod, and four Ouija boards, I have formed the considered opinion, in view of the unstable form of the horses who are running, that the winner might well be picked by the toss of a coin. As a matter of fact, the three-year-old colts are so evenly matched this season that almost anything might win at Churchill Downs on Saturday. However, in case you're famished for information about the better-known runners, I submit herewith a few haphazard comments.

There are three speed horses in the race: Four-and-Twenty, who ran seven furlongs very fast over a sloppy track in winning the Forerunner Purse at Keeneland; Globemaster, who stood Carry Back and Ambiooise on their left ears in the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct; and Sherluck, who had been running so lackadaisically this year that nobody gave him a second thought, and who led all the way by lengths in the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland the other afternoon. He stepped off a mile and a furlong in 1:48 $\frac{3}{5}$ —the first six furlongs in 1:10 $\frac{2}{5}$  and the mile in 1:35 $\frac{2}{5}$ !—and finished out the Derby distance of a mile and a quarter in 2:01 $\frac{3}{5}$ . No Derby has been run in faster time since Whirlaway ran it in 2:01 $\frac{2}{5}$  twenty years ago. (By the way, both Arcaro and Shoemaker put in bids to ride Sherluck; Arcaro got him.) Then there are at least three come-from-behind runners: Carry Back, who wins a lot of races that way; Flutterby, the stablemate of Four-and-Twenty, who is supposed to polish off any opposition that Four-and-Twenty has not disposed of when they reach the stretch; and Dr. Miller, who finished fourth in the Wood Memorial but ran so well at Aqueduct last Friday that Hirsch Jacobs, who trains him, felt that he deserved the big chance. Shoemaker will ride him. All things considered, it should be especially interesting to see which of the sprinters races the others off their feet and which of the stayers



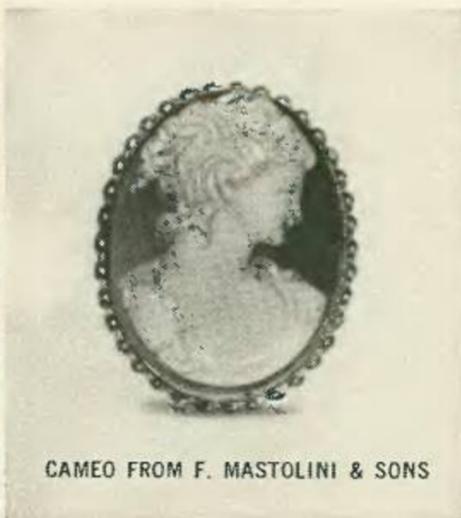
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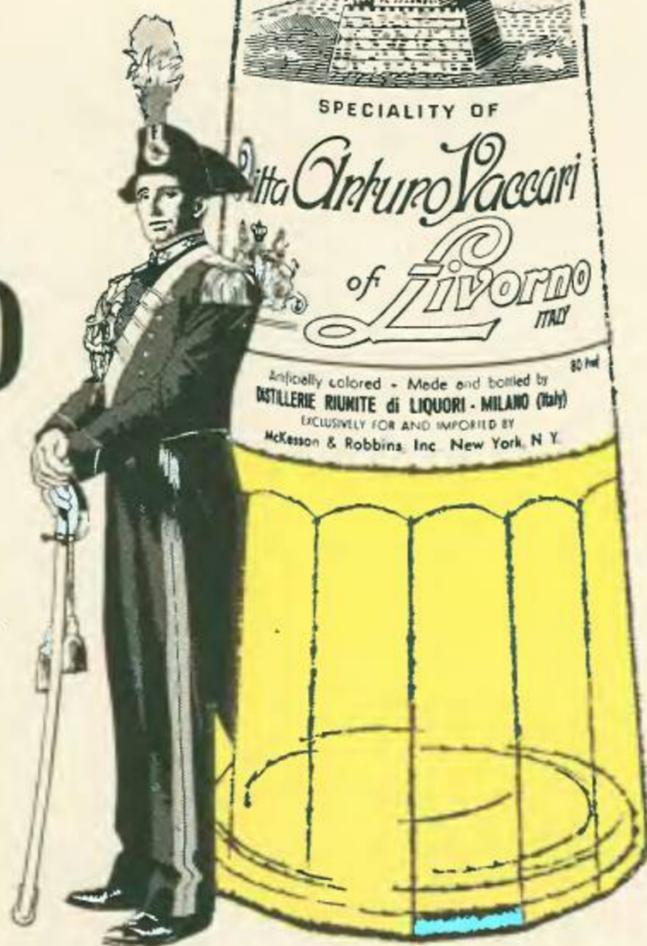
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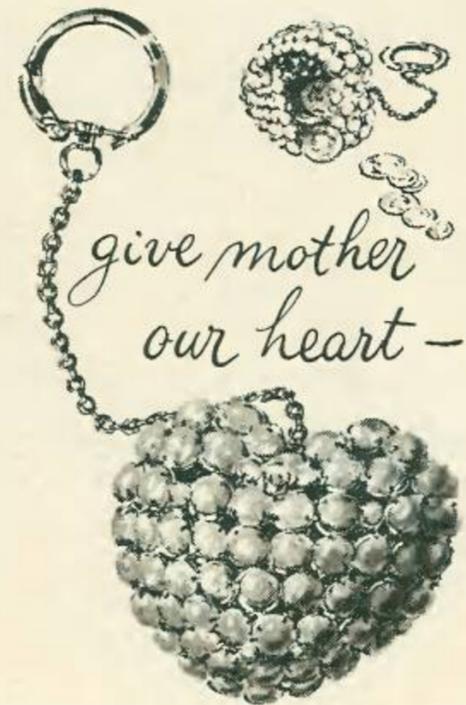
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finishes the strongest. I suppose there won't be more than fifteen starters in the Derby, and after you've ticked off Ambipoise and Crozier, and possibly Light Talk, who won at Churchill Downs last weekend, you can dismiss the ones I haven't named, because they simply aren't good enough. I have no Derby horse this year, but this department's pet squirrel, White Ears, has made a selection. You see, Colonel Martingale, the old soothsayer, wrote the names of a dozen probable starters on bits of paper the other day and put a peanut on each. Quick as anything, White Ears picked up the one on Ambipoise.

**N**O doubt about it, Mail Order is an Aqueduct horse. On April 1st, he led all the way in the Westchester Stakes and won by a nose. A fortnight later, he repeated the performance in the Excelsior Handicap, except that this time his margin of victory was four lengths. Last Saturday, he made it three straight in the Grey Lag Handicap, beating the best bunch of older racers I've seen in action this season. Setting a lively pace over a sloppy track, he won by a nose from Conestoga, the hero of the John B. Campbell Handicap, Bowie's biggest event of the spring. All Hands was third. Tudor Way, the big gray from the Argentine, who ran so well in Florida this past winter, started as the favorite and finished eleventh. He seemed short of condition and apparently didn't like the footing. Incidentally, the Alamode Farm, which owns Mail Order, missed a double by inches last weekend. About an hour after the Grey Lag, the stable's Vapor Whirl was beaten a short head by Merry Ruler in the Delaware Valley Stakes at Garden State Park. You can't win them all.

**R**ACING at Aqueduct last week was pretty much run-of-the-mine. The most one could say about the sixty-eighth running of the Toboggan Handicap, which used to bring the best sprinters in the country together, was that the seven starters—Chief of Chiefs, April Skies, Sweet William, Mito, Four Lane, Winonly, and Tagalog—finished in the order in which they were listed on the program. The odds against that are several jillion to one. Later, it was discovered that a spot of Coramine had been given to the winner by persons unknown. The perpetrators of this violation have no respect for names. The first horse they tampered with was Keep Ideals; now it's Chief of Chiefs.

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## THIS AND THAT



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ly sprung up at British American House, which has duplicated itself by moving into 488 Madison Avenue (51st Street) while retaining its 200 Fifth Avenue (23rd Street) headquarters. Nearly weightless double-breasted coats of gray-and-white striped seersucker with two large flap pockets and a smaller one for change are insulated by something like foam rubber, with the idea of keeping out wetness. Reversible double-breasted coats of cotton poplin bound with black braid are beige on one side and ice-cream colors—coffee, raspberry, or pistachio—on the other; chesterfields of beige, emerald, or raspberry shantung have collars and buttons of black leather. All of these go at \$29.95. The trench coats here are unexpected—black-and-white mattress ticking (with rain suits to match), or a black-and-white rayon-and-acetate glen plaid (it looks like wool), or black Egyptian cotton. Double-breasted coats with broad, notched collars and lapels, at \$85, and first-rate for travel, make use of beige or raspberry wide-wale French corduroy. Burberrys are here, too—classic coats in beige Egyptian cotton gabardine for both short women and average ones; reversible capes combining wool tartan and contrasting Pima cotton. The slits for the arms may be zippered up in foul weather.

BERGDORF GOODMAN's Country & Casual Shop is interested in reasonably priced unobtrusive French beach clothes as well as dresses for dry land. Black cotton bikinis are overlaid at the base by white cotton embroidered with black scallops, bowknots, and posies, and so is the cotton of the beach jackets, with Peter Pan collars, that more than cover them up; \$45 all told. One-piece bloomer bathing suits of elasticized black cotton can be chaperoned by collarless jackets of white cotton on which black wheels and boughs are embroidered. Slender slacks of black cotton go with button-in-back boleros of white cotton that's embroidered with that wheel-and-bough design. Cummerbunds of geranium-red silk are part of this deal. Embroidered black ferns are the scheme for

coat dresses of white cotton; scoop-neck sleeveless dresses, for Sunday lunch, are dotted with small black eyelets, and ruffles of white cotton edged with black rickrack appear at the hem. All these are girded with sashes of black ciré ribbon. The ruffled jobs are, by the way, \$80.

SUMMER is also the idea behind Altman's Studio III. For a starter, there are separates of stretch terry cloth in white, deep pink, turquoise, yellow, orange, and black. Among the flock are very brief shorts, tapered trousers with foot straps to keep them taut, camisole tops, and long-sleeved pullovers with round, collarless throats or attached helmets. The same varieties of terry cloth do beach dresses, a breath above the knees, that fasten at the straight-across necks with wooden balls; knee-length ones of rayon linen with medium round necks and high yokes are piped in

a contrasting color. Pistachio-green rayon linen covered with gigantic mauve-and-wine carnations on blue-and-navy vines is the substance of more beach dresses; white Arnel sharkskin that is imprinted with a two-foot fuchsia-and-orange sunflower on a turquoise stem is the substance of still other beach dresses. All these are in sizes 8 to 16. In junior sizes 5 to 15, these dresses are above the knee. Some of duck are half white (with a royal-blue pocket) and half red (with a yellow pocket) in front; the backs are half yellow and half blue, and there are no pockets. Some of cotton poplin are slashed to make a jagged hem, and these are striped all the way around with narrow vertical inserts of green, lavender, yellow, orange, and blue. More junior sizes, of gray-and-white mattress ticking sprigged with pink and blue nosegays, are a combination of low-cut, semifitted waist-length tops and tapered slacks. For anyone who



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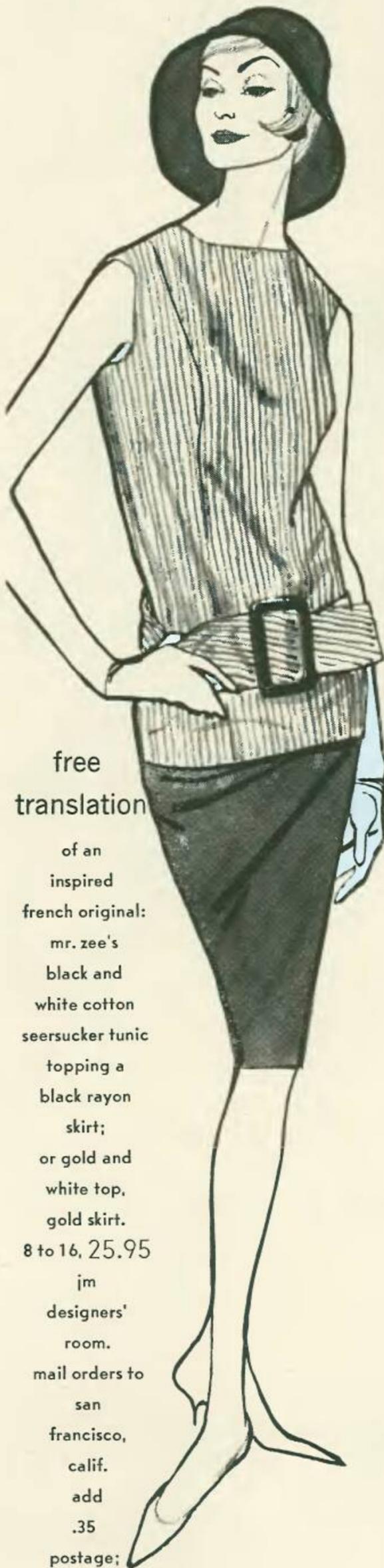
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thinks her beach dress is too stark, there are necklaces of plastic baby oranges or enormous walnuts interspersed with topaz beads, and cluster earrings to match are also on hand.

**A**MIE, up at 715 Madison Avenue (63rd), has been investing in chiffon separates, sizes 8 to 18—softly tailored blouses with bracelet-length cuffed sleeves, and sleeveless blouses with high, round necks; skirts that are either slim or fluttery because of unpressed pleats—and all lined with silk. The color card: Shocking pink, avocado, gold, turquoise, orange, café au lait, beige, navy, and black. These blouses are \$35, to give you an idea; the slim skirts are \$34, and the full ones are \$45. Tailored blouses (with three-quarter sleeves) and full and slender skirts show up in natural, white, apricot, gray, dusty-pink, or pale-green silk.

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**A**LIIATA, which has moved to 665 Madison Avenue (60th), deals in handmade Italian shoes designed by Helene Arpels. Some of them, pumps with slim medium heels, are of black, navy, ivory, oyster-white, or white leather strips in basketweave design. Those with tapered square toes wear long leather bows at the base of the vamps or long leather buckles below the tongues; the pointed pumps are unadorned. Shoes of black calf, with in-step straps fastened by calf buttons, are outlined below the squared-off toes and along the sides by rows of perforations. The leather heels are two-and-a-half-inch hourglasses. All these are \$35.95, for example. Frivolous pumps—quarters of white calf, square-toed vamps of black patent leather, and high heels—carry black grosgrain bows at the throat; oval-toed ones of the patent leather carry bows of black satin. Black silk combined with black patent leather in a miniature checkerboard pattern below a band of black silk makes cocktail

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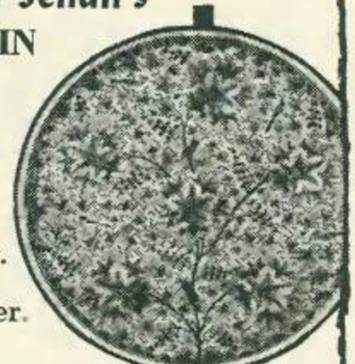
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TO THE EDITOR:

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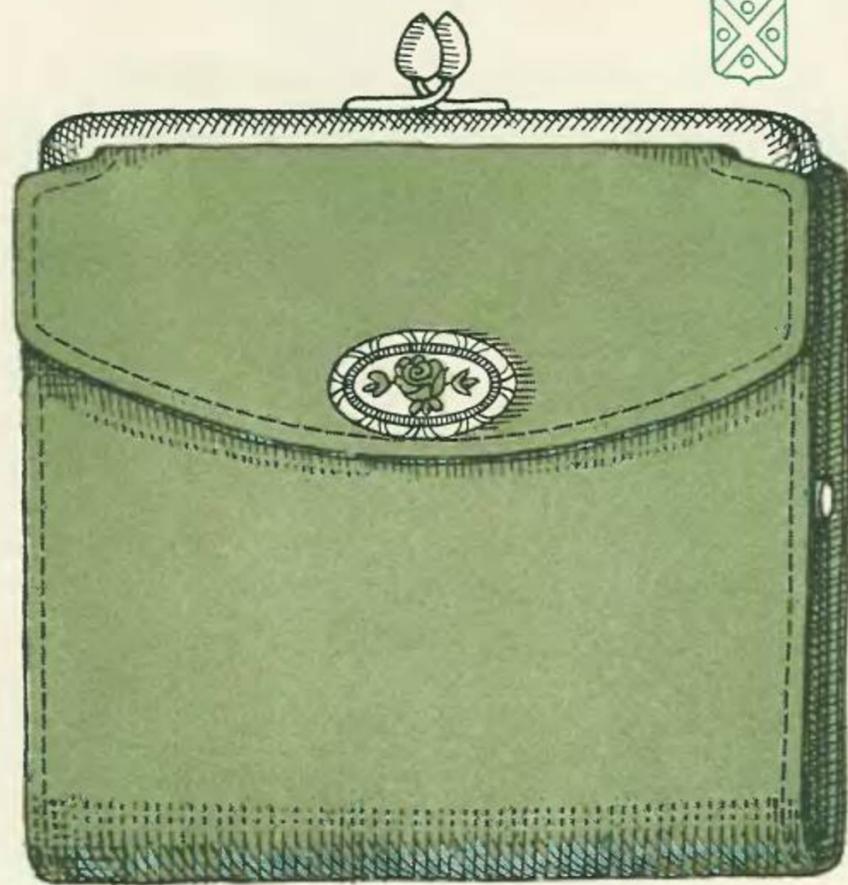
The tourists and others at the race-tracks don't often go to such a place. Perhaps, just before a race or two, there could be a short meeting at the track.—*Miami News*.

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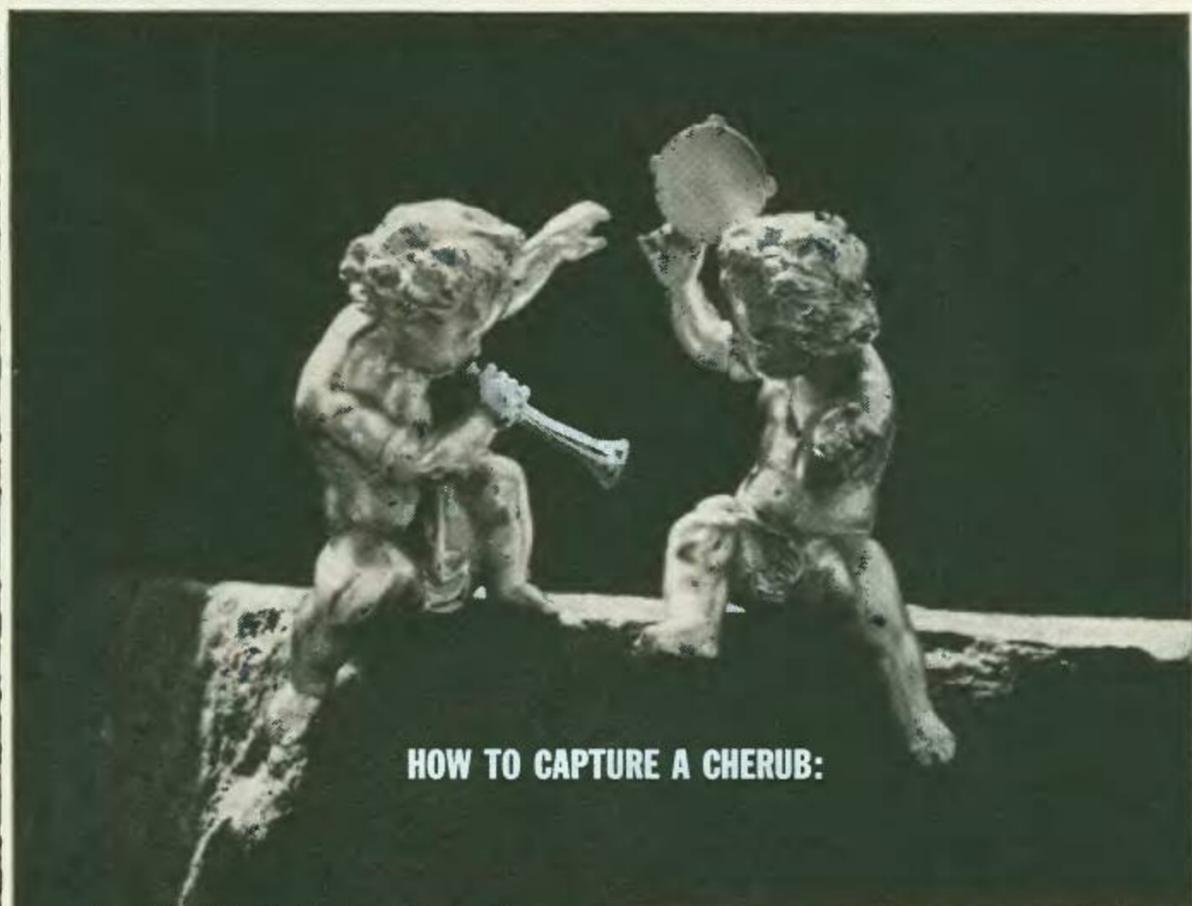
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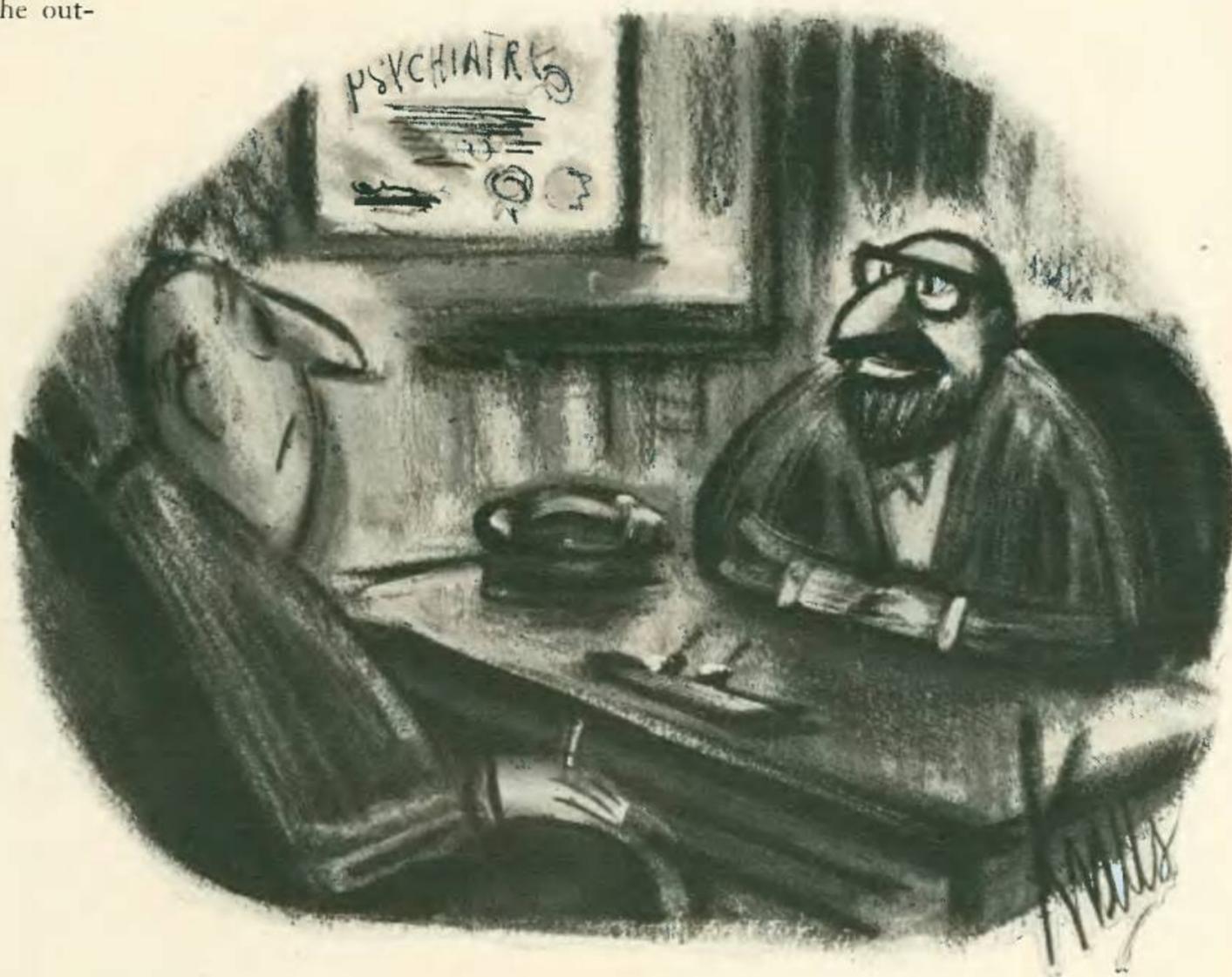
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ALLEN W. DULLES, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, yesterday broke a rule of long standing and issued a public statement in defense of himself and his subordinates. He denied categorically a rumor from Paris that the C.I.A. had encouraged the insurrection of the French generals and promised them assistance in their plot to seize Paris. "The reports are completely false," the authorized statement from Mr. Dulles's office said. "The Central Intelligence Agency had nothing to do with the rebellion." The statement could, of course, be a mere maneuver in this paramilitary phase of the Cold War. It has been repeated time and again lately that, lamentably, deception is occasionally in the national interest, and it is obvious that the C.I.A. would be unable to carry out what are sometimes known as its "operational" assignments if its representatives did not now and then issue spurious denials and otherwise falsify the facts. If the C.I.A. had been involved with the generals and their paratroopers, it certainly wouldn't have admitted it. But the common disposition here at the moment is to accept the *bona fides* of Mr. Dulles's disavowal of complicity—and this despite the fact that the outcome did bear certain distinguishing marks nowadays associated with the C.I.A. touch. The United States government has some rather serious differences with General de Gaulle, and it is frequently pointed out by Kennedy-administration liberals that the government over which the General presides cannot truly be described as a democratic one; still, the administration sympathizes with his effort to reach a settlement with the Algerian nationalists, and it seems unlikely that at this point we would have a hand in any scheme to overthrow him. We would almost certainly not wish to see France, which is beginning to stockpile nuclear weapons, run by a crew of hot-headed generals supported by the Foreign Legion. All things considered, Mr. Dulles's statement seems to merit acceptance. Some people in Paris and Algiers may go on believing that the C.I.A.

planned the mutiny and then failed to follow through, but at the present time no one here regards the evidence as impressive.

The government no longer denies that the C.I.A., acting upon Presidential authority, *did* organize and direct last week's attempted invasion of Cuba. On this melancholy affair, however, Mr. Dulles has stood by his and his agency's self-denying tradition and has spoken not a solitary word in public. Washington, though, is not altogether in the dark about his views on what went wrong in Cuba. He has reached certain conclusions, and some of them are known. In the State Department early this week, a number of journalists spent two days listening to expositions and defenses of American foreign policy by officials responsible for making and executing it. Those privileged to hear these important men—led in importance by President Kennedy himself—were requested not to quote anything directly or to attribute a particular view to a particular official. At one of these meetings—attended, incidentally, by at least one reporter from a Soviet-bloc newspaper—there were some remarks about Mr. Dulles's conclusions by a govern-

ment official whose knowledge of the subject was, to say the least, intimate. Mr. Dulles, it was made clear, did not by any means share the belief of most of his colleagues that the collapse of the assault on the Castro regime could be attributed to faulty intelligence about the regime's political and military strength. Many high officials had given it as their opinion that the invasion failed because its American managers had been wildly mistaken about, first, the readiness of the Cuban people to rise against the tyrant and, second, the number and quality of the planes and tanks in the tyrant's possession. Mr. Dulles, it was said, disputed this. The C.I.A. had checked back over its intelligence estimates on Cuba and had found that its information was authentic and that the appraisal of it had been proved to be quite accurate. This, it was explained, was no denial of defeat, no attempt to evade responsibility; it was simply that, in the C.I.A.'s view, the defeat could not be explained by erroneous intelligence. In that case, one astonished listener asked, why had the invasion been undertaken and why had it met with so sickening a fate? The eminent official who was providing enlightenment took a moment out for reflection and then delivered himself of a



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terse, Clausewitzian judgment. When a military engagement is lost, he said, it often takes several months to determine the causes of the loss. The C.I.A. view of the matter, then, was that the brave Cubans who sought a beachhead in the Bay of Pigs had died or been taken captive simply because the force that met them in the swamps was a superior one. The intelligence on Cuba had been fine, but you can't, after all, bring down planes or destroy tanks with pieces of intelligence. This extraordinary interpretation should make it rather easy for Mr. Dulles to serve on General Maxwell Taylor's commission of inquiry, which the President has asked to look into this business and to report on what went wrong. In Mr. Dulles's investigation of his own agency, he can file an early and favorable verdict and go on to the crucial question of how, when, where, and why Fidel Castro acquired the arms that turned back the invaders. It won't take long to come up with the right answers to that.

The prevailing—indeed, the almost universal—view here is totally at variance with Mr. Dulles's. There are some who think that the United States attempt to overthrow the Castro government was an act of international immorality; some who think that it was, in the circumstances, a very bad idea whether it was moral or not; and some who think that it would have been a pretty good idea if it had worked. There is practically no one, however, who believes that any undertaking of this sort would be either morally defensible or politically wise or "paramilitarily" feasible if it failed to obtain the support of the people whose country was to be assaulted. There is not the slightest doubt but that this was the President's view. He could never have been persuaded to authorize the landings if he had not had it on what he regarded as the highest authority available to him that a popular uprising would follow the first landings and that Castro lacked the force to repel the invasion and crush the uprising. It is inconceivable that he would have failed to seek assurances on the climate of opinion in Cuba and on the strength and reliability of Castro's forces; it is known for a fact that he did seek such assurances and that he solicited many opinions on the advisability of mid-April landings. The city is full of stories about who advised what, and no doubt many of the stories have had self-serving origins; the likelihood is, as always, that more people are claiming foresight than have any right to claim it. But it is known that there were



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people who in principle approved the idea of lending moral and material support to the anti-Castro exiles but who told the President that in their judgment—which in most cases meant the judgment of the exiles they had been seeing—the time was not ripe. Their views on timing were based partly on exiles' estimates of the political climate inside Cuba but somewhat more on the feeling that the Cuban Revolutionary Council had not formed itself into a viable and politically attractive body that could become a provisional government. Actually, they believed, the two things were closely related; the response in Cuba, they had been given to understand, would depend to a large extent on the character of the anti-Castro leadership. The chances of a mass uprising would be much greater if the Cuban underground leaders in Cuba were convinced that the returning exiles were men who sympathized with the social and economic reforms of the Castro regime and were determined to destroy only the totalitarian state that Castro had built and to redress his betrayal of Cuban sovereignty to the Soviet Foreign Ministry. The chances would be lessened if the word got about that the leaders were men of property, whose primary interest was getting their property back. This view of the matter was one with which the President could be expected to sympathize. He had repeatedly said that the United States had no wish to see the social structure of pre-Castro Cuba restored, and early this month he ordered the State Department to publish as an American white paper a document, written largely by his special assistant Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., which contained an appeal to the Castro regime to "return to the original purposes which brought so many gallant men together in the Sierra Maestra and to restore the integrity of the Cuban revolution." The President was advised by at least three or four people whose judgment he values that mid-April was a poor time for a campaign of liberation and that the Cuban leaders favored by the C.I.A. were not those favored by any large number of Cubans. He was also advised that a number of veterans of the Sierra Maestra campaigns believed that it would be more prudent to authorize a series of small landing parties, striking at different points and at different times, than to launch a single invasion at a single spot. The defectors from the Castro movement knew their old associates well enough to be confident that the rebel ranks contained Castro agents

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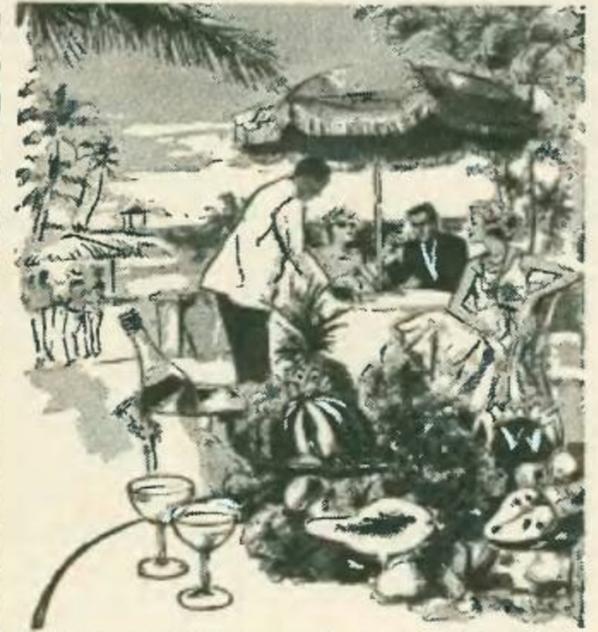
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and that if only one large-scale effort were undertaken, Castro would be waiting on the shore to meet it—as in fact he was.

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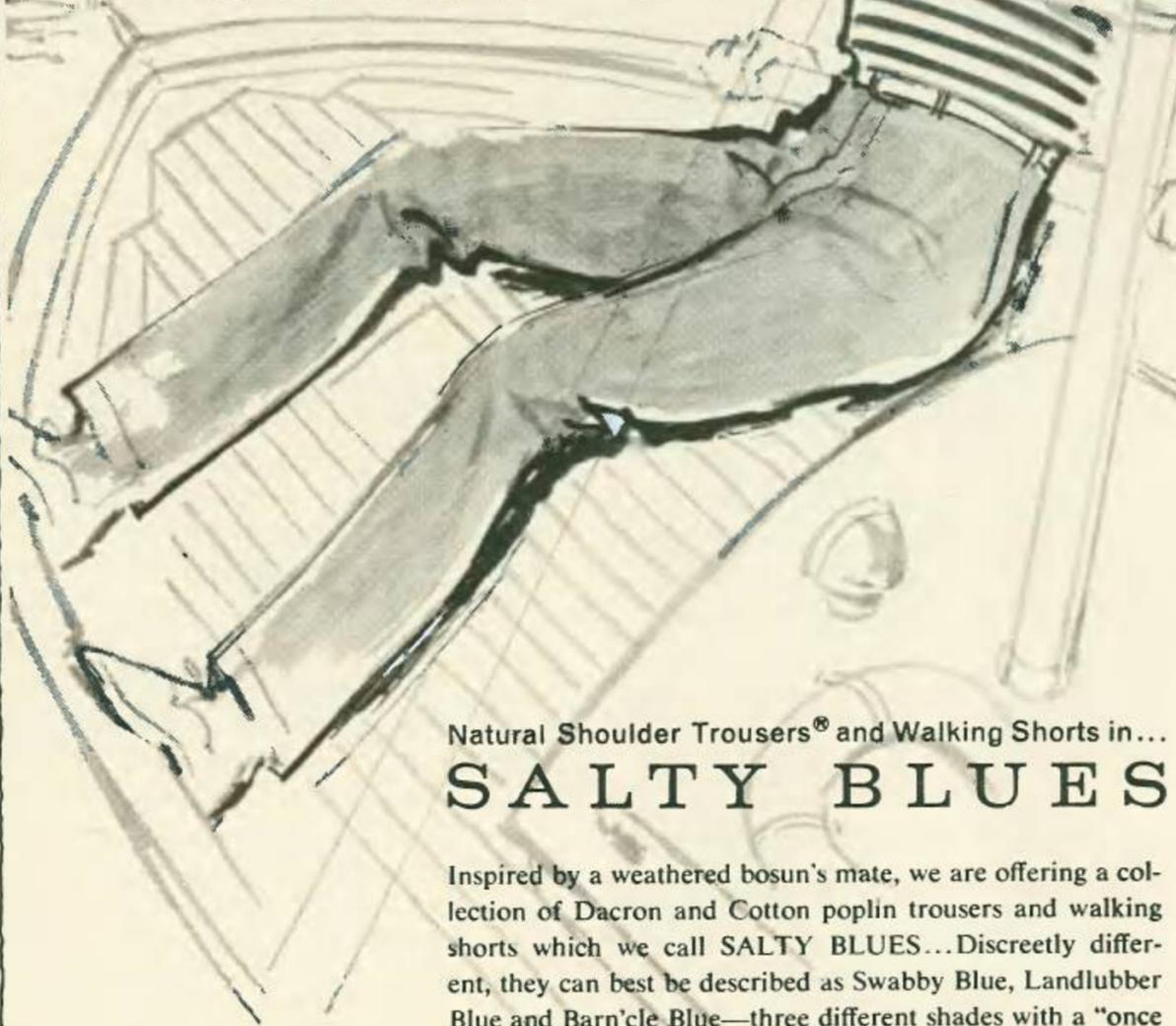
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nedy that the invasion was a sound military proposition. Advisers from the C.I.A. assured him that the prospects for an uprising last week were excellent.

The President has asked General Taylor's commission to report back to him in two months, and it is to be assumed that any report made by the General will be thorough and searching. It will undoubtedly help the President to avoid making the same mistake twice. The details will not be released to the public, and unless the American press is more enterprising than it has been up to now, we are unlikely to know more than we know at present—which is to say nothing—about "Mr. Bender," the "coördinator" of the disaster, or about such associates on the Guatemalan staging grounds as "Clarence," "Adams," and "Roderick." But the details are not likely to alter the general picture that has emerged here. A decision was taken slightly less than a year ago to aid the disaffected exiles in a reconquest of Cuba. It is not clear whether or not the Eisenhower administration was prepared to put American planes, naval vessels, or troops into the campaign, but this hardly matters. The Kennedy administration made its own policy, which was to assist the exiles in every possible way short of direct military intervention. (It probably did not exclude military support, in the event it was needed, of a provisional government that had achieved everything but military control of the island.) The Kennedy administration kept the C.I.A. in charge of organizing and training the recruits and left it in substantial control of the political and military aspects; some political advice may have come from the State Department and the White House, and certainly, in the final stages, military planners came in from the Pentagon. In any case, the C.I.A.'s control was powerful enough to enable its agents to ignore outside political advice, which they did with regularity. At the time that "Mr. Bender" and his fellow-workers were seeking a mastery of Cuban affairs (and doing it, according to exiles here, without benefit of the Spanish language or much else in the way of intellectual equipment), the exiles who had despised the Castro revolution from the start outnumbered those who had at one time or another regarded it as hopeful. The more or less right-wing exiles—comparatively few of whom, it is said in defense of the C.I.A.'s screening, had ever been admirers of Fulgencio Batista—formed themselves into the Revolutionary Democratic Front, a movement that

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achieved political unity by having very little to say about the kind of society that should exist in a post-Castro Cuba. Some of them thought it important to get the telephone company back into private ownership, and some thought this was not absolutely essential, but by and large they resolved their differences by suppressing them. In time, there was a steady flow to Florida, Guatemala, Panama, and other places, of exiles of another sort—revolutionaries who simply felt that Castro had betrayed the revolution and destroyed all its promises. This latter group assembled in a kind of Alumni Association of the 26th of July Movement that called itself the People's Revolutionary Movement. It was eager, as perhaps it should never have been, to collaborate with the C.I.A., to accept American money and American arms, and even to return to Cuba with the United States Marines—provided it was not asked to abandon its political and economic principles. When, in time, the Front and the Movement merged and emerged as the Cuban Revolutionary Council, a strategy board thrown together by the Cubans and the C.I.A., the Alumni Association pressed its claims for leadership in a provisional government, arguing that while the Cuban people would be happy to be rid of Castro and all his Russian, Czech, and Chinese friends, they could not submit to leaders who regarded private ownership of the telephone company with indifference. The C.I.A. consistently favored the indifferent leaders.

It may very well have been that the Cuban masses were so pleased with their lot under Castro that they would not have welcomed a successor government of any sort. What is known for a certainty is that few of those who got word of the invasion were moved to support it in any way. To be sure, not many Cubans knew until after the Bay of Pigs skirmishes were ended that any landings had been attempted. Communications could not have been worse. The C.I.A. radio on Swan Island went dead well before the landings, and the radio ship that sailed with the invasion fleet was an early casualty, sunk without a trace. It is also known that there was a Cuban underground, and that it was more in sympathy with the left than with the right wing of the Revolutionary Council. The underground may not have held the key to victory, but it was strong enough to give Castro's police the shakes, and the police roundups were extensive. There seems very little room in which to dispute the proposition that if the overthrow of Castro was the

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paramount aim, the C.I.A. bet on the wrong Cubans. The attitude of its agents, according to the most responsible of the anti-Castro exiles in this city, was that the longer a man had been opposed to Castro, the better claim he had for a position of power within the ranks of the insurgent band that the C.I.A. was organizing. The application of this principle favored those who, provided they had not been openly for Batista, had never stood for any sort of social change in Cuba. The longer a man had stayed in Cuba, and the more hope he had once invested in the revolution that was betrayed, the less entitled he was to respect from the C.I.A. The C.I.A. approved the choice of José Miró Cardona, Castro's first Premier, as the leader of the Revolutionary Council. Cardona is an honorable and estimable man who, like such American Establishment figures as John J. McCloy, was more or less above politics and was therefore available for any sort of nonpartisan or bipartisan assignment. He was a splendid leader of a coalition. The problem was that, in a revolutionary situation, he was able to ignite in Cuban breasts about the same intensity of fire that the admirable Mr. McCloy, in similar circumstances—if similar circumstances are imaginable—might ignite in American breasts.

There is a tendency now to accuse the C.I.A. of being an agency whose members for the most part gravitate toward the far right in any conflict, and even to suggest that some of the men responsible for directing the work of the Revolutionary Council were in the pay of big business. It has been said on excellent authority that part of the money that supported the exiles during their months of preparation for the invasion came from private interests—sugar, oil, shipping, and telephones. Nevertheless, the common belief here is that it was, rather, a passion for quick and effortless compromise and a lack of respect for political ideas that led the C.I.A. to put its confidence in men in whom the Cubans lacked confidence. This, of course, does not explain the other weaknesses of the invasion scheme—for example, the breakdown of communications and the choice of mangrove swamps for a beachhead. But the political failure appears to have been the crucial one.

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the kind of introspection that one finds among the ranking figures in the government today. The U-2 affair and the rebuffs Mr. Eisenhower met with on his Pacific tour last summer caused a good deal of anguish and humiliation here, but the leaders of his administration calculated the consequences in fairly direct political terms and carried about no large burden of guilt or shame. The misery did not approach in acuteness that which everyone has sensed here in the past ten days. Viewed in terms of anyone's hopes and fears for Cuba, the blows of this recent period could hardly have been more stunning. And there is a reasonably strong case for supposing that continued participation in affairs of this kind may be as damaging to this country as to any conceivable enemy. At the same time, there is widespread recognition of the fact that the paramilitary operations of the Communists have confronted the West with a new kind of danger, and that some means of dealing with them must be found. And there is some recognition of the possibility that the President may, in his moment of failure and error, have done something to give pause to the Khrushchevs and Castros of this world. The Russians have been put on notice that the United States cannot be counted on to abide by all the rules of late-nineteenth-century diplomacy. The *Manchester Guardian* described the C.I.A. effort in Cuba as "invasion by proxy," which is a good enough term for what the Soviets have been doing for years and are doing at the moment in Laos and South Vietnam. We may not try anything of the sort again, but Khrushchev cannot be sure of this, and there is always a certain gain, in dealing with men of his kind, in increasing the element of risk involved in his maneuvers. And, for better or worse, the ill-fated expedition to the Bay of Pigs, taken in conjunction with the President's recent pledges to look with favor on revolutionary programs that are carried out without any help from the Communists, may breed in revolutionary leaders in Latin America an awareness that the way chosen by Castro is a perilous one, while a clean revolution may win support from the nation that is still—at least in this part of the world—the most powerful of all.

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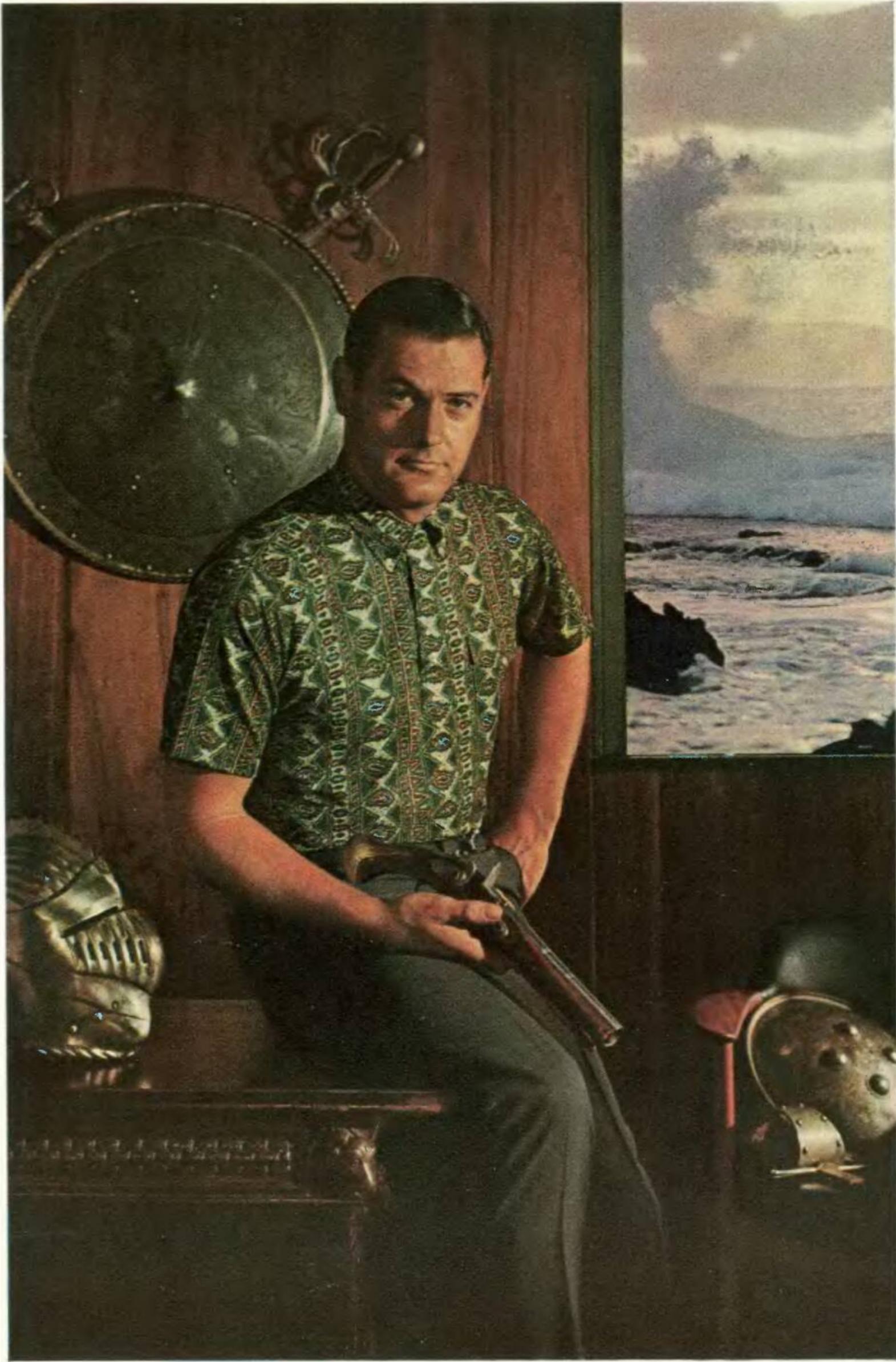
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WHAT happened was in itself strange enough, but where and how it happened made it seem even stranger. I first heard of the tower, known as the Tour Magne, through some friends I met in Paris a few summers ago, but it wasn't until several weeks later, when I stopped off at Nîmes during a trip through the southern part of France, that I remembered the tower and decided to pay it a visit. There were a number of other places in Nîmes I wanted to see first, and it was late in the afternoon by the time I had worked my way through a park—the Jardin de la Fontaine—and up some tree-shaded terraces to the top of Mont Cavalier. The Tour Magne, a thick, octagonal-shaped stone ruin that once served as a lookout post for the Romans, stood at the very summit, its crumbling top some ninety feet above the ground.

At first glance, I was disappointed—I'd been prepared for something more spectacular, perhaps—but, remembering that my friends had said it was the view that was important, I went inside and, after paying a small fee to the caretaker, walked up the curving steps. It was an easy climb, which ended near the top on a small railed balcony that faced the south. Again I felt let down. Not that the view wasn't impressive—it was—but it had the defect of being limited to a half circle of vision, because of the tower itself, which rose above the balcony for another ten feet or so. Looking around then, I noticed a kind of path going from one end of the balcony up among the rocks to the broken crest of the tower. Apparently, some visitors, no more satisfied with the incomplete view than I, had climbed over the balcony railing and, at the risk of slipping off and falling to the ground, had gone farther up. I did the same, picking my way carefully, for there was nothing to hold on to and the footing was anything but sure.

The space for moving around at the top consisted of only a few feet of shorn rock, but the ample view more than compensated for any hazard involved. It was one of the few times I had ever been on a height where, simply by turning in a single spot, I could enjoy the pleasure of an absolute circle of vision. The view seemed to take in the whole of Provence. To the south, immediately below the tower, the park was a gently tossing sea of green. Beyond it lay the town of Nîmes, and beyond the town mottled-yellow fields stretched for miles until they melted into a soft blur on the



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horizon. I looked until my eyes watered, trying to convince myself that I could actually see the Mediterranean in the distance.

To the north, about a hundred yards from the tower, stood a house with a space behind it, surrounded by a high brick wall. Passing it earlier in the day, I had wondered what lay within the enclosure. Now all was exposed, as though a roof had been lifted, and I saw at the rear of the house a long trellised portico with a stone walk winding from it into a formal garden that bristled with green shrubs and red-and-yellow flowers. A small boy wearing a white suit was playing with a blue rubber ball on the grass among the shrubs, while an elderly woman in a nursemaid's white uniform sat on the portico steps reading a book. The whole setting—the walled garden and the two people in it—was like a toy cutout, a special cardboard world that had no connection whatever with the world I was watching from, yet I had the eerie feeling that I was seeing something for the first time as it really was.

I STOOD there alone for a long while, looking at the view around me, and since no one had come out on the balcony below, I sat down to wait until the sun set. Already the trees were throwing emaciated shadows across the fields, and the walled garden was sharply split into two parts—one of cool green twilight, the other still glowing in the late-afternoon sun. I must have been sitting there for ten minutes when I heard footsteps in the tower, and then, a moment later, a young man wearing leather shorts and carrying a knapsack on his shoulders appeared on the balcony. He was in his early twenties, of medium height and stocky, with pale-blond hair and a face that was a deep reddish brown from the sun. A battered leather case—the kind used for carrying field glasses—dangled from his neck by a long strap, and a canteen and a small net bag containing some oranges and apples were attached to hooks on the knapsack. He stood motionless for a while, gazing toward Nîmes, and just as I was thinking that he probably wouldn't be satisfied with the view from where he was, he looked up, shading his eyes with one hand, and noticed me sitting above him.

"It is better up there?" he called, in English that had a strong German accent.

"Yes," I called back. "Much better."

"Good. I come up." Using his hands

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as well as his feet, he quickly climbed the path to where I was perched, and, after first making sure of his footing, took the knapsack from his shoulders and stretched himself. "You are an American?" he asked, sitting down and turning to me. I said I was, and he smiled. "I thought so. It is always easy to tell an American. From below on the park I have seen you."

"Even from there you could tell?" I said.

"Even from there," he said, laughing.

"Are you German?" I asked.

He nodded. "I come from Düsseldorf. You have been there?" When I told him I had, a quick look of pleasure crossed his face. "Now?"

"No, not now," I said. "It was a long while ago. During the war."

"Ah, yes." Frowning slightly, he unsnapped the cover of the leather case and took out the field glasses it contained. "It is much different there now," he said. "In the war, everything was not so good."

I remembered that during the Second World War Düsseldorf had been one of the most heavily bombed cities in Germany. Exactly how old could he have been then, I wondered, watching him as he meticulously adjusted the sights on the glasses. About nine or ten—certainly no more. "Did you live there during the war?" I asked.

"I was born in Düsseldorf," he said. "I was at school there during the war." He lowered the field glasses and stared off into space, his blue eyes solemn and contemplative.

The only questions I could think of asking had to do with the war and didn't seem appropriate, so I said nothing. The best thing to do, I decided, was to switch the conversation to another topic. "You certainly can use your field glasses to good advantage here," I said, extending an arm toward the rolling countryside.

"Yes," he said, looking around appreciatively. "It is very beautiful." He raised the glasses to his eyes and trained them down the hill toward Nîmes.

"Can you see the Mediterranean?" I asked.

He laughed good-naturedly. "From here? It is not possible."

"I know," I said. "I was only joking."

"It is too far, the Mediterranean," he persisted, bringing the glasses down and turning to me.

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a handkerchief from his pocket, wiped off the glasses, and held them out to me. "You would like to see?"

"All right," I said. In taking the glasses from him, I noticed that they were not German, as I had assumed they were, but American. I had often seen the same make during the war. Judging by their condition, these glasses had been put to a lot of use. The casings of the lenses were worn smooth where hands had held them, and the figures on the sight mount were barely visible. On the top side of the casing for the right lens, two initials had been scratched, but they were now almost obliterated. I could dimly see the lines of the letter "M" and what might have been an "F" or a "P." I turned the glasses this way and that in the light, trying to make out the second letter, but it was impossible to tell.

"They belonged to my brother." I had become so absorbed in examining the glasses that I had almost forgotten the young man, and his voice made me start. "I found them in his trunk a few weeks ago," he said. "They would be good for my trip, I thought." He paused uncertainly before going on. "Those are not my brother's initials. They are American glasses."

"Yes," I said. "We had many like them in the war."

"You have used them yourself?"

"Sometimes," I said. "In the field artillery." I then explained how artillery observers used field glasses in adjusting gunfire on enemy targets. I got more involved in details than was necessary, but the young man listened patiently.

"My brother was in the infantry," he said when I finished. "He was killed in the war." He fell silent for a moment, staring down at some rocks at the foot of the tower. "Do you think an American gave him these glasses?" he asked, turning to me suddenly. "A prisoner of war, perhaps?"

It wasn't very likely, I knew, but I didn't want to tell him that. "Perhaps," I said. "Or he might easily have found them."

Neither of us mentioned a more unpleasant possibility, but I could almost feel the two of us thinking of it. Without being put into words, it was raised, considered, and dismissed. "They are not very good," the young man said, pointing to the left side of the glasses. "This lens is not always right for seeing. Sometimes it works, sometimes not."

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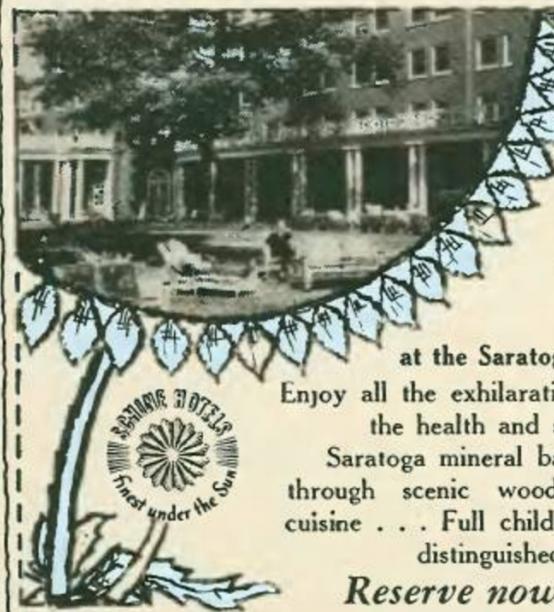
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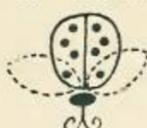
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perfect focus. I tried to adjust the left lens, but the picture remained the same. Using only my right eye, I moved around the horizon with the glasses, finally bringing them down on the walled garden below the tower. With the sunlight all but gone, the garden and the portico were empty now. I could see the woman's book lying closed on the top step, and the ball the little boy had been playing with stared up at me like a bright-blue eye from the shadowed lawn.

"You can see from both sides?" the young man asked as I lowered the glasses.

"No, only the right," I said. I shook the glasses, and heard a faint rattling sound in the left frame. "Something is loose or broken, but it can be fixed, I'm sure. The right lens works fine." I held the glasses out to him, but he didn't take them.

"You would like them, perhaps?" he said.

I wasn't sure I understood him. "You mean, to keep?" I asked.

"Yes. To keep." The idea seemed to take hold in his mind, and he rushed on eagerly. "They are American glasses, and you are an American. I think it is better they are fixed where they are made. You will take them with you. I would like you to have them."

His offer caught me completely off guard. I was touched and pleased by it at first, then vaguely annoyed. I was travelling by train and bus, and the last thing in the world I wanted to carry along with me was a pair of field glasses. My dismay at this prospect must have been more apparent than I realized.

"They are very easy to carry," he said, as though reading my mind.

"Thank you," I said, "but I don't think I should take them. You'd better keep them for yourself."

His eyes widened in protest. "But you have used such glasses before! You have just told me!"

"Yes, that's true," I said. "But I don't any more. This is the first pair I've seen since the war. And I haven't enough room to take them. I don't even carry a camera with me."

"You do not want them because they are broken?"

"It's not that at all," I said, trying to sound as though I were making a very strong point. "I really don't like to carry too much. Anyway, I should think you'd want to keep them for yourself. They belonged to your brother."

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The young man shook his head. "All I know is that he got them in the war. They did not belong to him. They mean nothing to me."

The possibility that had raised itself before came back to me in a rush—his brother had killed the American soldier whose initials were on the glasses. Was that what the young man felt, too? Was that the real reason he wanted me to have the glasses? The questions gave way to an idiotic fantasy in which I saw him desperately cornering one American after another, trying to give away something that no one wanted. It was an absurd thing to imagine, absurd and unfair, yet there it was. I looked at the young man then, seeing him merely as the victim of an impulse that had no logic he was aware of; later on, he would wonder what had possessed him to act as he had. I held the glasses out to him again. "Here, take them," I said. "They can be fixed to work properly just as easily in Germany as in America. You'll be glad you kept them."

Without saying anything, he took the glasses from me and put them back into the case. He made no attempt to hide the fact that he was hurt, and although I felt sorry for him, I also felt irritated. He had no right to expect what he did. "I must go now," he said brusquely. "It is already late." He got to his feet, lifted up his knapsack, and threw it across his shoulders.

"Are you staying in Nîmes?" I asked.

"No," he said, adjusting the straps on the knapsack. "I go to Avignon tonight."

"You'll like it there," I said.

He murmured something I couldn't hear, and started toward the balcony, crouching low so that he could hold on to the rocks. He was about halfway down when the leather case swung out from his body and tilted to one side. I saw that the cover was open, but before I could even call out a warning, the field glasses slid from the case and fell onto a small ridge of rock at the edge of the tower. There they stayed for a few seconds, balancing as by a thread.

"Look out!" I called. "The glasses!" I jumped up and moved down toward them. At the same time, the young man turned and made a frantic grab for them with his right hand. He was too late. Just as he reached out, the glasses slid from the ridge of rock. We both watched as they struck a stone jutting out a few feet below, veered off, and fell clear to the rocks at the base of

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the tower. The young man sat where he was for a moment, a stunned expression on his face. Then, muttering to himself, he quickly half slid, half scrambled the rest of the way to the balcony and disappeared into the tower. By the time I got down to the balcony, all I could hear was the sound of his shoes reverberating from the bottom of the stairs.

I leaned over the railing and watched as he came into view below and started searching among the rocks. Looking down at him now from a distance, just as I had looked into the walled garden earlier, I felt that I was seeing something for the first time in its proper perspective, and a wave of guilt swept over me. There are gestures that must be acknowledged and accepted. The young man's offer may have been foolish, but it was genuine, and I had refused it. It was my fault as much as his that the glasses were where they were. I should have taken them whether I wanted them or not. As it was now, all I could do was say something by way of apology.

I ran down the tower stairs to the entrance and then outside. The field glasses, broken in two and with both lenses shattered, lay on the ground near the rocks. I picked up the pieces and looked around for the young man, but he was already gone. I could see him going down the hill through the trees, walking with swift strides, then running, toward the center of the park. The empty leather case was bouncing wildly from side to side behind him, like a live thing trying to get loose.

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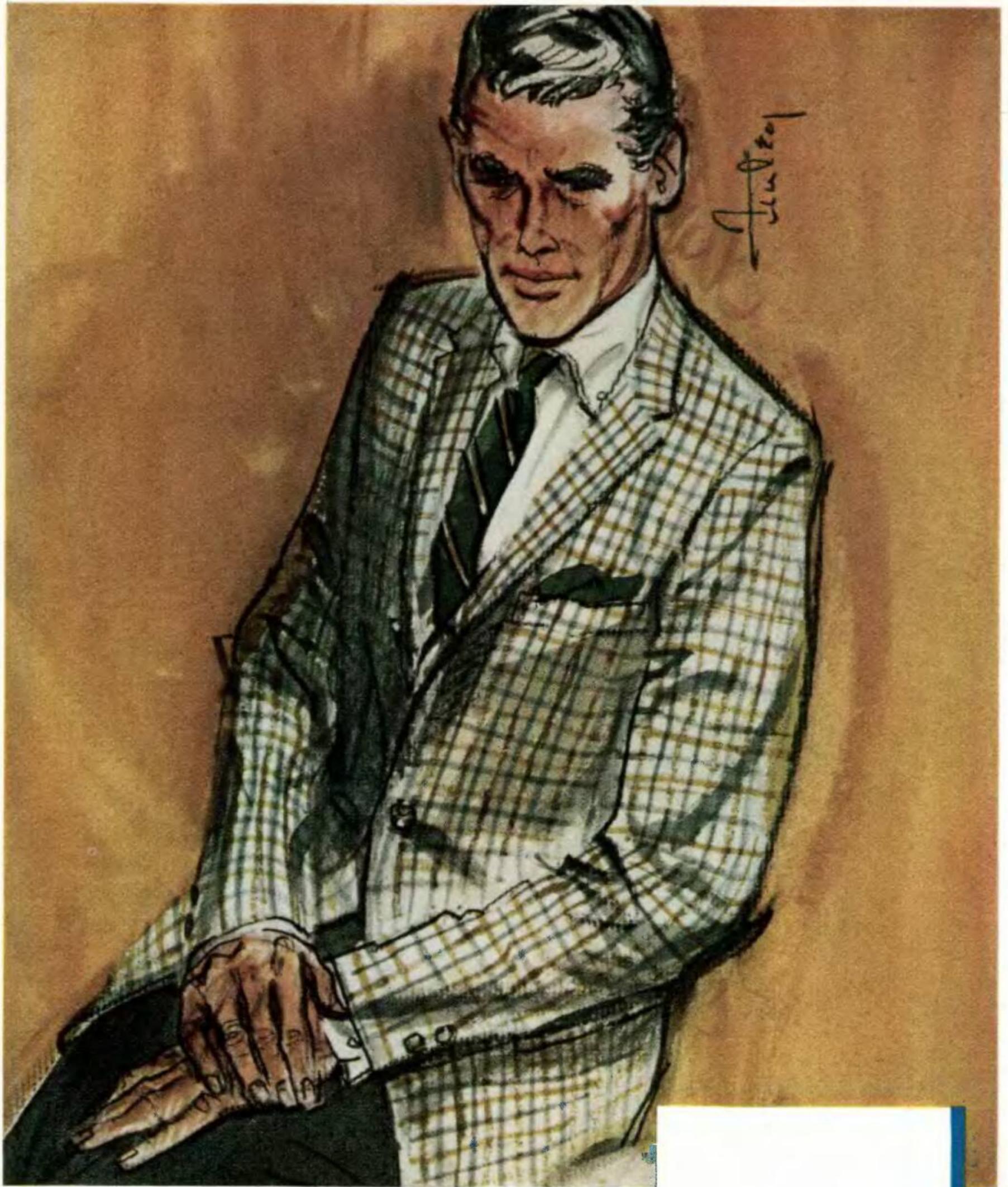
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Every routine Mr. Wisdom does is, at best, an adaptation or a parody of an old one. Some are lively, some are dull, and some are rather painful. I had

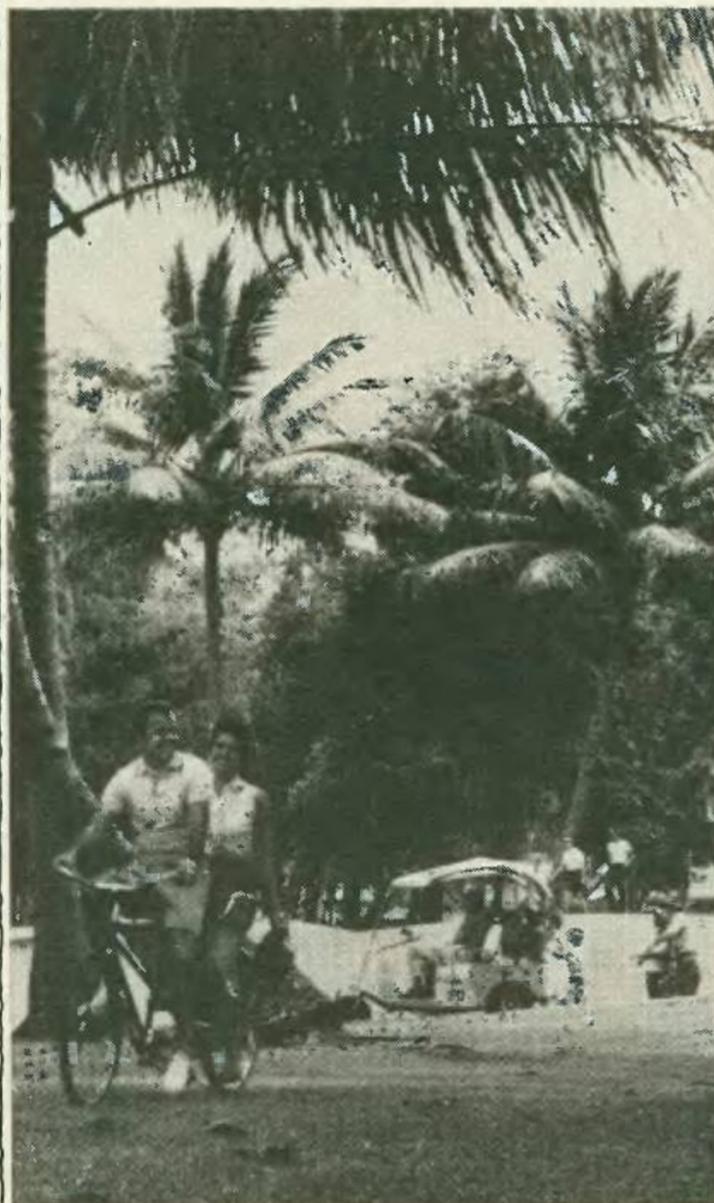
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THE news of the collapse of the generals' revolt in Algeria came almost before the British had recovered from their shock of alarm over what might be incredibly happening across the way in France. Since Sunday night, when the B.B.C.'s visibly shaken Paris correspondent appeared on television to give astounded viewers a hurried translation, made as he went along, of Premier Debré's broadcast warning that a paratroop drop was likely on the capital, the French-crisis news has temporarily reduced the amount of anxious talk here about the crisis of American leadership over Cuba. On Monday, when the spring sunshine was warm, and the pigeons were diving in and out of the delicious pale-green spray of leaves in every London square, and the unbelievable posters of the early editions of the evening papers were baldly stating "PARIS INVASION LATEST" from street corners, the House of Commons met to pass on a message of support and encouragement to General de Gaulle. Members also listened sombrely to the Government's announcement that Britain and Russia had at last agreed on the terms for their jointly issued appeal for a cease-fire in Laos and on the invitations to a fourteen-power conference in Geneva next month—the only bit of good news that anybody has been able to discern during the last few gloomy days until this morning's announcement of the rebellion's sudden, ignominious folding.

Before people's worried attention was shifted dramatically across the Channel, all the discussion in the press and among the disturbed public had been concentrated on the sudden, ignominious folding of the Cuban revolt, with melancholy questionings of President Kennedy's wisdom and judgment, which up to then had been hailed as starting a welcome new era in the White House. In the almost universal chorus of dismayed newspaper comment on the Kennedy administration's setback—among its friends as well as its enemies—about the only admiring voice was that of the Beaverbrook press, which assured the President in Friday's *Daily Express* that the patient restraint he was show-

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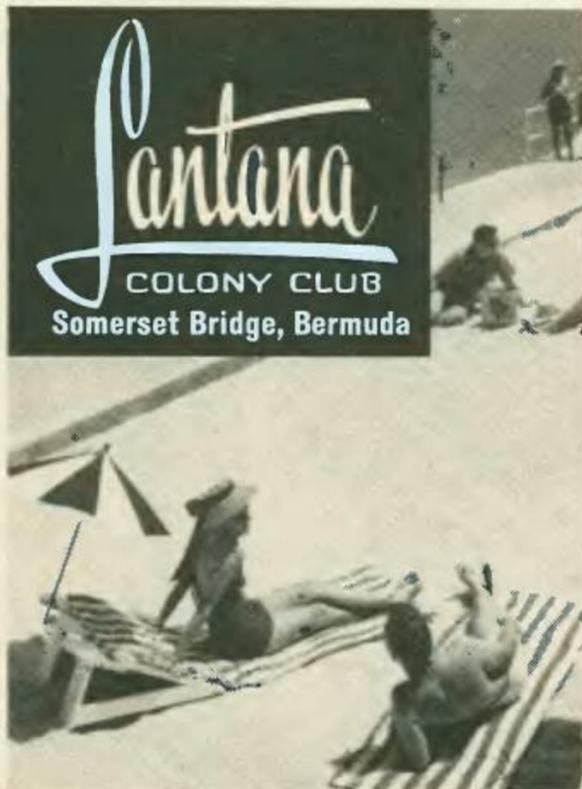


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ing was "the act of a statesman." The one statesman whom everybody here is being irresistibly reminded of is, of course, Sir Anthony Eden. Practically every newspaper editorial pointing out the grave moral defeat that America has suffered in the eyes of her friends in the Western Alliance, and the splendid new indictments of capitalist imperialism that have been handed on a plate to Mr. Khrushchev, might have been tailored to meet a large section of the country's view of their disastrous Suez adventure—this time an American-sponsored one, as many Britons who still feel that Eden was right and the United Nations was wrong do not seem entirely displeased to remind one another. The intellectual left wing is seemingly more incensed than any other section of the country over the first shattering failure of the new intellectual regime in Washington. Sixteen of its members—including the writers Doris Lessing, Kenneth Tynan, John Osborne, and Alan Sillitoe; the actress Constance Cummings and her playwright husband, Benn Levy; and the cartoonist Vicky—signed a joint letter to the *Times* saying that the Castro administration was "an effective government enjoying solid majority support" (subsequent correspondents pointed out tartly that majority support in a police state was a ticklish thing to assess quite so confidently), and called on the United Nations to condemn America's part in the abortive invasion. Two Labour motions asking for the same thing have just been introduced in the House of Commons. Perhaps because of the excessively high hopes aroused here by the thought of new intelligent liberal leadership from the White House, the present disappointment has undoubtedly shaken large numbers of thoughtful middle-of-the-road British, who were further startled by last weekend's reports of American aircraft-carrier movements near Cuba into wondering if the alarming analogy with Suez was yet complete.

THE British were able to sit in with a new sense of contact on Moscow's tremendous ovation for Major Yuri Gagarin, owing to the B.B.C. television triumph in scooping the first live relay ever to be made between Britain and the U.S.S.R. On Friday, April 14th, at 10:30 A.M., anybody with the leisure for morning viewing could see all the excitements simultaneously with the Russians, as though he were on the airfield watching the big jet airliner taxi in, waiting in suspense with the crowds, and sharing the extraordinarily



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The whole future of television and sound broadcasting in Britain is under review at the moment by a Government-appointed committee of inquiry, under the chairmanship of Sir Harry Pilkington, which is not expected to come up for some time with the answers to the many questions involved—such as when color television, which the British have not yet got, will be introduced, and how far sound broadcasting can compete with the enormous expansion of TV. The burning question, as far as the general public's interest and curiosity are concerned, is whether the committee will recommend the setting up of a third television service in addition to the B.B.C. and the I.T.A., and, if so, who will run it. Various voices have been piping up to

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aid the committee in its task with suggestions that the new service be given over entirely to education, to religious programs, or to the entertainment needs of special groups, such as the elderly or the troubling teen-agers. The National Association of Women's Clubs, nineteen thousand women strong, has just come out for having a possible third television authority given to the B.B.C., both because the B.B.C. does not have commercials, "which often appear to assume complete lack of intelligence on the part of the viewer," and also because, the Association implied, the B.B.C. was, by and large, the best guardian of the three and a half million children who are said to be rooted before someone's set of an afternoon. This sort of statement irks officials of the I.T.A., who point out that the B.B.C. also runs Westerns and the like, and that the I.T.A.'s own programs are careful to show juvenile audiences that violence does not pay. There are also plaintive and sensible requests from the three-quarters of a million, or thereabouts, people who live in the remote rural areas of Scotland and Wales, who mostly have no television service at all, and who hope that the Pilkington Committee will decide to send the existing ones their way before advising the creation of a brand-new third authority.

The whole progress of television in this country has beanstalked in recent years. The number of citizens who fork out four pounds a year to the state for a combined sound-and-television license now stands at over eleven million, as against less than half a million ten years ago. It is said that the enormous success of the Coronation television broadcast, in 1953, converted many who had been distinctly unenthusiastic. At one time, any Briton who told you that he did not own a TV set would do so in tones of self-satisfaction, as though the omission mysteriously put him above the herd, but this attitude has all but disappeared. It sometimes seems to have been replaced by a corresponding snobbery toward the I.T.A. network's programs, and this riles Independent Television viewers, who say that although popular tastes are certainly predominantly catered to, the more intellectual features are as high in quality as the ones on the B.B.C., and that in reporting current events the I.T.A.'s cameramen and commentators are frequently quicker off the mark than those of the older organization. You may remember that the I.T.A. was set up (through a fierce barrage of opposition from both Houses of Parliament)



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The B.B.C., operating under the terms of its fourth Royal Charter, which is due to expire next year and will also be reviewed by the Pilkington Committee, is, of course, a non-profit organization, entirely financed, on both the sound and the television side, by the revenue received from the sale of licenses to the public. It is therefore permanently hard up in comparison with Independent Television. Its old reputation of being a stuffy outfit to work for has been further dispelled—as many people who do work for it say, with enthusiasm—since Hugh Carleton Greene, the broth-

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er of Graham Greene, became its director-general. Many people think that one of the best serious things put out by the B.B.C. is the first-rate weekly topical program "Panorama," which has been going since 1955. (The British, with their deep national instinct for continuity, like their favorite programs to be long-lived.) With Richard Dimbleby as its permanent compère, it uses a team of regular reporters (Robin Day, James Mossman, and Ludovic Kennedy among them), some of whose interviews have made national news in themselves—for instance, the program's sharp inquiries into internal trades-union affairs, which caused an uproar. If "Panorama" does not editorialize (being forbidden to do so by the B.B.C.'s rule of strict impartiality), it certainly points its acute, intelligent nose in a direction from which acute, intelligent viewers can often deduce which way the wind is blowing. Another quite outstanding B.B.C. topical feature is "Tonight," a quick-firing, topical magazine program built around current goings on, serious or cheerful, which gets regular audiences of eight million or so at six-forty-five every evening from Monday to Friday. "Tonight" is younger and livelier than "Panorama," seldom knows before 4 P.M. what it is finally going to look like that evening, and owes a great deal of its special flavor—as of something thought up by a few brilliant friends on the spur of the moment—to the personality of its compère, Cliff Michelmore, an amiably cherubic-looking man with a pleasant, casual manner and a lucid mind. His team of reporters, all young and bright, and the "Panorama" team have just done superior, informative jobs of explaining the two abortive rebellions—the Cuban and the Algerian—to the British during the extraordinary, historic ten days that began with a man in space and ended with the threat of men dropping out of the skies on Paris.

—MOLLIE PANTER-DOWNES

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# MUSICAL EVENTS

## Spring Tonic



THE American Ballet Theatre, which last fall, on the eve of its recent European tour, seemed to have fallen into a somewhat ragged condition, opened its spring season at the Broadway Theatre last week in very good condition indeed. Apparent-

ly its long sojourn overseas, which included numerous performances in Russia, had provided the rehearsal time, the polishing, and the continuous performing activity that were necessary to whip it into first-class shape, and its first three evenings, which I attended, showed it to be again up to the high standard it has maintained in many past seasons. The corps de ballet had regained its precision and discipline, the lesser dancers went through their paces with vigor and grace, and the stars shone brilliantly. Among these, Erik Bruhn and Maria Tallchief stood out anew as perhaps the most magnificent pair of leading dancers to be found anywhere today in the ballet world. And the scintillating Lupe Serrano, in her own lyric and glittering way, was scarcely a step behind them. Added to these formidable figures were the striking male lead Scott Douglas; the remarkably elegant Royes Fernandez, whose style tends to be softer; and a number of others, including a Danish newcomer named Toni Lander, who proved to be very pretty and very competent. The only glaring weaknesses in the performances I witnessed were in the orchestra, which, I imagine, was newly assembled for the occasion, and which, especially in the woodwinds, lacked the finesse that would have come from more adequate rehearsal.

There were two premières, one of them a resuscitation, by Frederick Franklin, of an old Balanchine sequence, now rechristened "Grand Pas—Glazunov" and done for the first time by this company, and the other an entirely new venture into jazz ballet, called "Points on Jazz" and choreographed by Dania Krupka to a score by Dave Brubeck. The former, a fairly conventional essay in bravura, with the customary series of variations, was



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wholly pleasing and offered plenty of opportunities for display by Miss Lander and Mr. Fernandez. The latter had a somewhat vague narrative line concerning a boy (Mr. Douglas), a girl (Elizabeth Carroll), and "the other woman" (Sallie Wilson), and attempted the difficult feat of combining standard ballet with the bumps, grinds, and other uninhibited pelvic features of the popular dance as we know it from Broadway and the television set. Though the piece had an agreeable amount of youthful exuberance, I did not find this combination entirely satisfactory. The two idioms did not really mix very well—not as well, in fact, as they have done in more sharply plotted works of the sort by Jerome Robbins. The Broadway elements, lacking the easily grasped pantomime of the Robbins works, and presented as ingredients of an all but abstract ballet, seemed slightly out of place. And the Brubeck score, which consisted of pleasant but rather restrained popular music (it even contained a waltz), had neither the forcefulness of pure jazz nor the elegance of good ballet music.

Most of the pleasure I had from the three evenings I attended came from the old familiar productions. Agnes de Mille's "Rodeo" remained a highly successful essay in American ballet, largely because Miss de Mille is a woman of the theatre who knows the importance of plots, psychology, and humor as well as movement. On the classical side, there were quite a number of really stunning performances. Among these were the opening night's Grand Pas de Deux from "Don Quixote," with Miss Serrano and Mr. Fernandez in top form; the second night's "Swan Lake," in which Miss Tallchief and Mr. Bruhn danced with supreme eloquence; the same night's "The Combat," with which Miss Serrano and Mr. Douglas brought down the house (this was perhaps Miss Serrano's most brilliant performance of the week); and the third night's presentation of that wonderful bit of pure old-fashioned virtuosity, the Black Swan Pas de Deux, in which Miss Tallchief and Mr. Bruhn again reached a point of athleticism and grace unsurpassed within recent memory.

Where modern works are concerned, a prize of some sort should, I think, go to Birgit Cullberg's "Miss Julie," the tragic ballet about August Strindberg's sinister butler and wayward aristocratic lady, which reappeared on opening night. I have seen a number of performances of it, and it has continued to strike me as one of the greatest narra-

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tive ballets of our time. Miss Cullberg herself has never seemed to be able to equal it in her other productions. It has everything a ballet of its type should have: a powerful and gripping story that is entirely expressible in terms of movement; opportunities for the most haunting characterizations and the most expressive sort of dancing; and a beautiful score (by Ture Rangstrom) that deftly underlines its psychological development and never obscures its theatrical values. The other night's performance of "Miss Julie" was the most memorable in my experience. Miss Tallchief, whom I was seeing for the first time in the title role, brought an entirely new sense of strength and poignancy to the character. As the butler, Mr. Bruhn, who in classical ballet is inevitably limited to the narrow range of leaps and postures that fall to the lot of the *danseur noble*, finds scope for all his talents, which include not only an unmatched physical technique but the stage presence and dramatic insight of a great theatrical personality. The lesser roles—particularly the cook (danced by Sallie Wilson) and the drunken peasant (danced by Basil Thompson)—were also magnificently done. I found the result quite thrilling, and if your memory wanders back through landmarks in twentieth-century ballet of the narrative type, I beg you to consider "Miss Julie" as one of them. To my mind, it is a masterpiece. —WINTHROP SARGEANT

**LIFE IN THE AMERICAN DESERT**  
[Hedda Hopper in the Los Angeles Times]

Called on Clare Luce in her beautiful home off the golf course. Her two toy poodles get their kicks by picking up balls and bringing them home to mama. She with two friends were deep in mosaics. She showed me one she'd made of a medieval madonna, perfectly beautiful and it was 7 ft. long. She's donating it to her parish church. They were making a huge star to decorate the pool house. She plans to stay there until end of May. One thing she misses is deep-sea diving. Her bedroom is in her favorite shade of blue. Hanging on the wall was original Time cover of Pope Pius XII. Before leaving she said, "I know Henry will want to see you." and opened his bedroom door. There he was sleeping peacefully like a cherub. We didn't disturb him.

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ONE simple and surprisingly reliable test for the well-wrought novel is to examine the last few sentences of each chapter. If the work is carefully constructed according to the best modern canons, these concluding sentences

more often than not will have the air of omens and portents. Generally and loosely speaking, the meticulous author will rise almost to poetry as he extracts significance from the occurrences of the chapter, and then he will add, by way of diminuendo, a simple statement of action, totally irrelevant to all that has gone before, which assumes, by virtue of its position at the end of the chapter, a mysterious importance all its own. Possibly an extreme example, which I have invented for purposes of illustration, will convey more than analysis:

Each man seeks his own Golden Fleece, he thought. For some men it is fame, for others, wealth, for still others, lust, and for a very few, perhaps—death. Jason knelt and began rapidly to buckle his galoshes.

Judged against the high standard implicit in this test, Iris Murdoch's "A Severed Head" (Viking) has to be given very good grades. It must be admitted that, compared to some of her contemporaries, Miss Murdoch is a shade deficient in the easy extraction of significances, but when it comes to poetic elevation, and to final sentences that descend in a positive glory of irrelevance, she is competent indeed. At the end of the sixth chapter we find:

I shuddered and turned to the doorway. It was quite dark outside now. The snow fell, invisible save in the light from the window, into the depths of its own sleep. Rosemary began to play another verse.

Rosemary's music has no bearing whatever on preceding events. No matter. Rosemary never touches a piano again. She needn't. Her one appearance at the keyboard is sufficient to sound a note of gentle melancholy for the past, and to shadow forth, vaguely, a premonition of future sorrows.

But the author is by no means limited to the wistful in her chapter endings. A grubby and altogether modern effect of

futility and despair is splendidly struck off at the end of Chapter 10:

I leaned on the mantelpiece and began to stroke one of the cockatoos. The gritty dust came off on my hand.

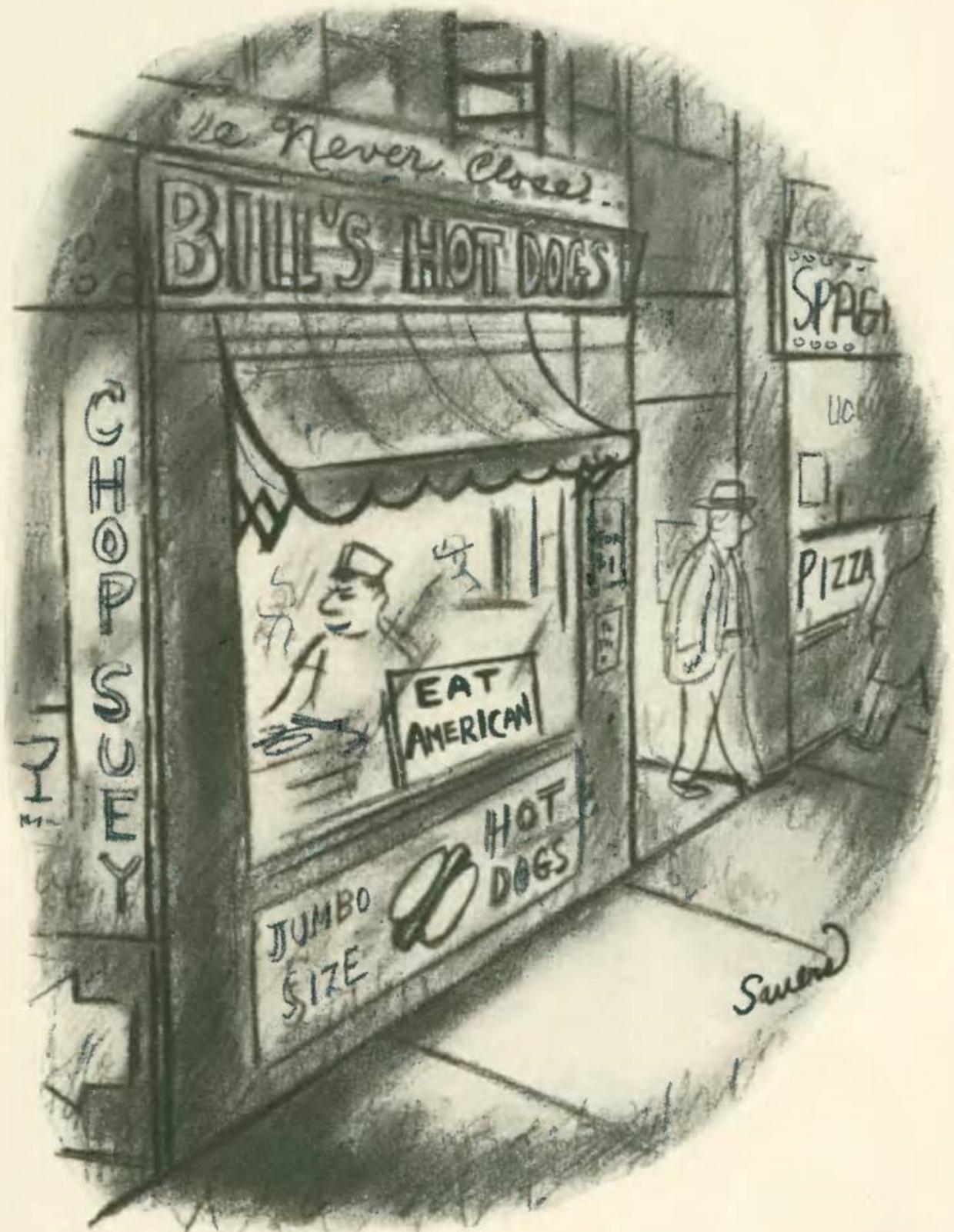
And for reverberating portentousness it would be hard to find a match for the conclusion to Chapter 9:

She turned towards me and suddenly smiled, revealing strong white teeth, her eyes narrowing further to two black luminous slits. She said, "With me people pay as they earn. You have been patient. Good morning, Mr. Lynch-Gibbon." She opened the door.

She opened the door. The subdued click of its latch echoes down the empty remainder of the page and resonates in the consciousness. She opened the

door. What, metaphorically speaking, does her action imply? The muse is noncommittal, and the matter remains wrapped in mystery. All we know, and all we need to know, is merely: she opened the door.

The promise of these sampled endings is abundantly fulfilled by the novel in its entirety. Miss Murdoch is indeed a conscientious craftswoman. The texture of her work is of an intricacy and closeness that all but defy synopsis. Let me, though, make the desperate attempt. The hero and narrator of the book is Martin Lynch-Gibbon, a London wine merchant. As the narrative begins, he is happily married to a lady named Antonia, who looks nearly old enough to be his mother. He is just as happily involved with a young woman



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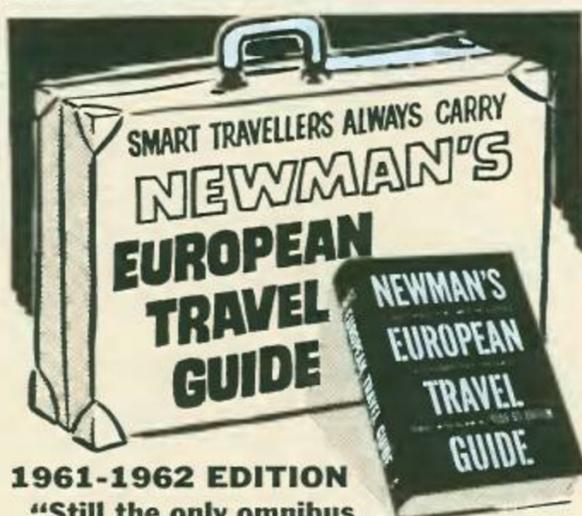
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named Georgie Hands, who is almost young enough to be his daughter. But this comprehensive happiness is no sooner established than it is destroyed. For Antonia informs Martin that she is in love with her psychiatrist, an American named Palmer Anderson, and that she requires a divorce. Since Antonia is a motherly, possessive kind of woman and Palmer a psychiatrist of the sort who demands that everyone deeply understand everyone else, they coax Martin to remain their dearest friend, a course of conduct in which he weakly acquiesces. Indeed, when Palmer comes down with a cold, Martin is kind enough to go to the station and meet the psychiatrist's half sister, a lady anthropologist named Honor Klein. She finds Martin contemptible and he finds her detestable, but after socking her jaw in a fit of drunken rage he falls deeply in love with her. Pursuing this new amour to Cambridge, he discovers her in bed with Palmer, who is, it will be recalled, her half brother. Martin considerably keeps this discovery to himself, but the affair between Antonia and Palmer comes to an end, and things return to the status quo ante.

Yet only temporarily. For now Martin's brother, a sculptor named Alexander, makes off with Martin's mistress, Georgie. Then Antonia elopes with Alexander. Then Palmer leaves for America with Georgie. And now Martin, with the incestuous Honor Klein—but a sudden doubt assails me. Has the reader been following all this? No? Perhaps, then, the best way to clarify these multiple couplings is to forsake chronology and arrange them in tabular form:

1. Martin-Antonia
2. Martin-Georgie
3. Martin-Honor
4. Palmer-Antonia
5. Palmer-Georgie
6. Palmer-Honor
7. Alexander-Antonia
8. Alexander-Georgie

A glance at the list will make it clear that Miss Murdoch has been very housewifely in the employment of her materials. When a romantic interlude is completed, any "leftovers" are thriftily preserved until they can be used in a new combination to yield another dish. To be sure, a niggling reader might protest that Miss Murdoch has not included an alliance between Honor and Alexander, but such an objection must strike the impartial critic as distinctly uncharitable, particularly since the author was nice enough to overturn the tables of consanguinity in order to

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couple Honor and Palmer. Besides, this list itemizes only *explicit* sexual conjunctions. It must be noted, in addition, that the hero acknowledges a vague homosexual leaning toward Palmer and dreams a mildly incestuous dream of his own sister, Rosemary, who is a subsidiary character and does not appear on the chart above. Moreover, Miss Murdoch does not deal in a hasty, slapdash manner with any of these transitory romances. On the contrary, she assiduously chronicles the responses of each principal character to each new alliance, and carefully analyzes the effect upon the group as a whole. Indeed, if the novel does have a flaw or two, the responsibility must lie with just this scrupulous rendering of a perpetual flux of relationships.

In order to keep analytically abreast of developments, Miss Murdoch devotes pages at a stretch to this sort of ratiocination:

Yet I had behaved well. That, at least, had emerged, and was indeed the main thing that had been, almost with a gentle insistence, established. I had taken it well; and a warm radiance of gratitude for this was continually perceptible, in which, deprived of other comforts, I was invited abjectly to bask. It was the inevitability of just such basking which I was now in process of running away from. I had lost the moment of action; this I felt with, at times, a terrible fierceness of regret: although it was by no means clear to me what that lost action might have been. It was evident, in a way that was now almost consoling and now scarcely bearable, that Antonia and Palmer were very much in love. The revelation of their love and my compliance with it, indeed as I bitterly reflected virtually my blessing upon it, had released in both of them a frenetic gaiety. I had never seen them so gay, so vital, so absolutely flaunting their colours. They seemed now in spirit to be always waltzing. Against such a force I could hardly, I told myself, have prevailed. Yet, I felt too, if I had only somehow tried, if I had known how to try, in the face of her soft determination and her quick gratitude, to keep Antonia, even if I had failed, one particular nagging misery would now be absent. I had been cheated of some moment of violence, of some special though perhaps fruitless movement of will and power; and for this at least I would never forgive them.

It was ironical, I reflected as I sat in the train, that a week ago I had seemed in secure possession of two women; now I was likely to be in possession of neither. It was not clear to me whether the rupture with Antonia had not in some mysterious way also killed my relation to Georgie, as if these two growths had, so far from competing, strangely nourished each other. I was far from sure of this, however, and my thoughts warily, even shyly, kept returning inconclusively to the image of my mistress. I had not communicated with Georgie since the day of the revelation, and since the thing was not yet common knowledge, she was still presumably ig-

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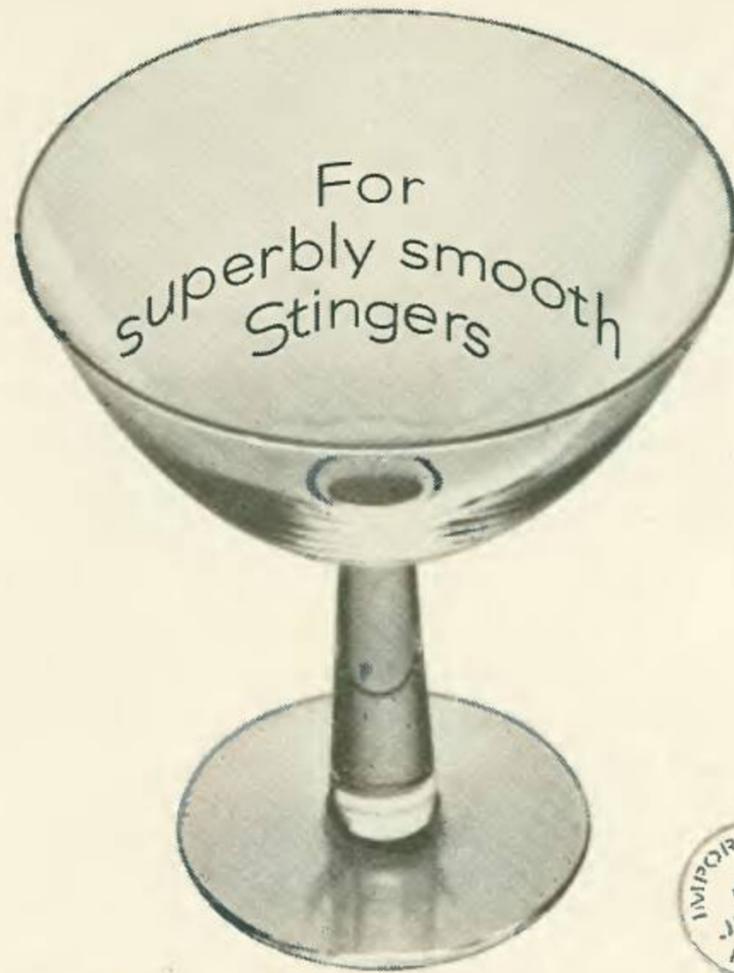
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norant of the change in my situation. I did not look forward to telling her. It was not a time at which I felt well able to have things expected of me; and as I speculated and wondered about what exactly Georgie would expect, it occurred to me how little, after all, I knew her. That she would vulgarly press me to marry her was of course out of the question. It was a matter rather of how far and how she would, in her turn, let me off; it was also a matter of whether I wanted to be let off. It was an additional, and when I attended to it a terrible, pain that if in this new situation either Georgie or I "flagged" we would be betraying and indeed destroying a precious and tender relation which in secrecy and ambiguity had so much flourished. I needed Georgie, I loved her, I felt I could not possibly, especially now, do without her. Yet I did not quite see myself marrying her. Still, it was, I reflected, far too soon to know.

Henry James, an author who springs lightly to mind, once observed that the first duty of the literary artist is to be interesting. If a reader is to care about motives and attitudes, he must care about the characters who exhibit them. In his own crafty exploration of human relationships, James saw to it that each new development of friendship, enmity, or love led the reader toward a gradually ripener understanding of the people involved and a constantly deeper interest in them. Miss Murdoch's analysis gives promise of the same accomplishment, as the passage just quoted might indicate, but this promise is betrayed by the headlong pace of her little game of musical beds. The spiritual waltzing of the lovers, the apostrophic "flagging" of Georgie, the narrator's speculation on his mistress's expectations—these things prove to be not important insights, or even preludes to insights, but merely indications of where a number of shifting entanglements momentarily stand. The characters succeed in shedding light on the state of their relationships, but their relationships offer little reciprocal illumination. Consequently, there is some danger that the reader might not greatly care what they do or feel; he might look upon all this analysis with the eye of cold incomprehension, as one might look upon a letter from a stranger that tells exhaustively of the network of the emotions that accompany the intricate couplings and uncouplings of other total strangers.

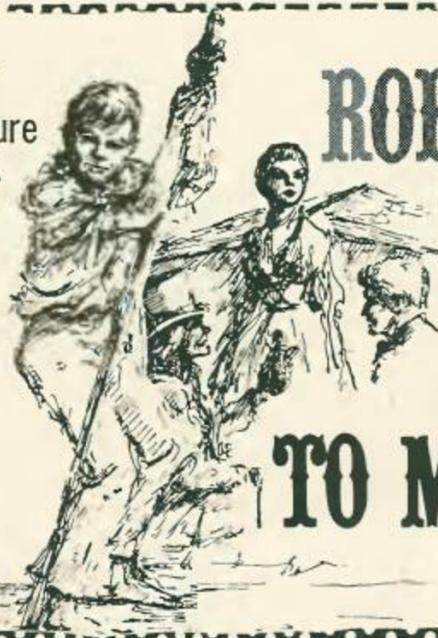
Moreover, by adhering to a rigid timetable of romantic arrivals and departures, Miss Murdoch seriously jeopardizes the substance of her novel. There are strong indications that she means to strike a vivid contrast between Martin's entanglements with Antonia and Georgie, on the one hand, and his passion for Honor, on the other. His relations with his wife and mistress are



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marked by lechery, fine feelings, and sociability, whereas his love for Honor is offered as a veritable convulsion of the soul. He finds that she looms "vast across my way as the horizon itself or the spread wings of Satan." He thinks of himself "as in every sense lost, sunk without trace in a love which now seemed tinged with insanity." Having once but merely touched Honor, he thinks of himself as "cursed for life, like men who have slept with temple prostitutes and, visited by a goddess, cannot touch a woman after." On one occasion he actually flings himself at her feet in an attitude of adoration. But when the schedule calls for a switch of partners, Martin simply ignores the revolution of his spirit and responds in this fashion: "With a hideous rush, like blood returning to a crushed limb, I was invaded by my old love for Georgie." One can find structural reasons for this. As narrator, Martin is the nub and center of the book. Without his responses and meditations, the shuffling of couples would appear as mechanical as the antics of so many windup toys. But by responding as he does he destroys any effective contrast between his profound passion and his lighter attachments. The bones of his literary function show through his inadequate flesh. He becomes an increasingly implausible character, and the novel seems correspondingly deficient in point.

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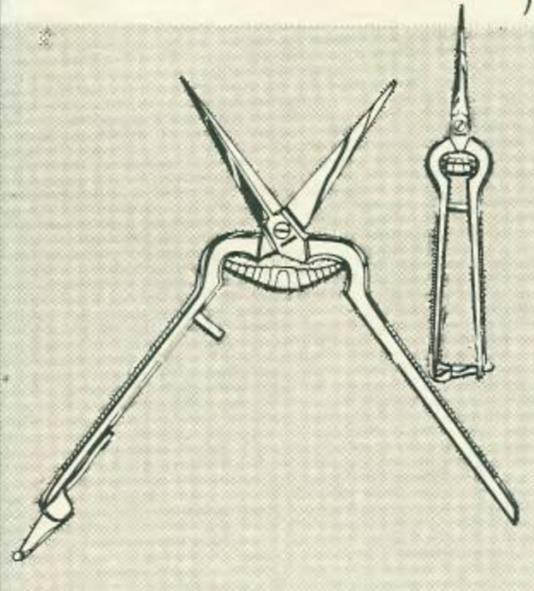
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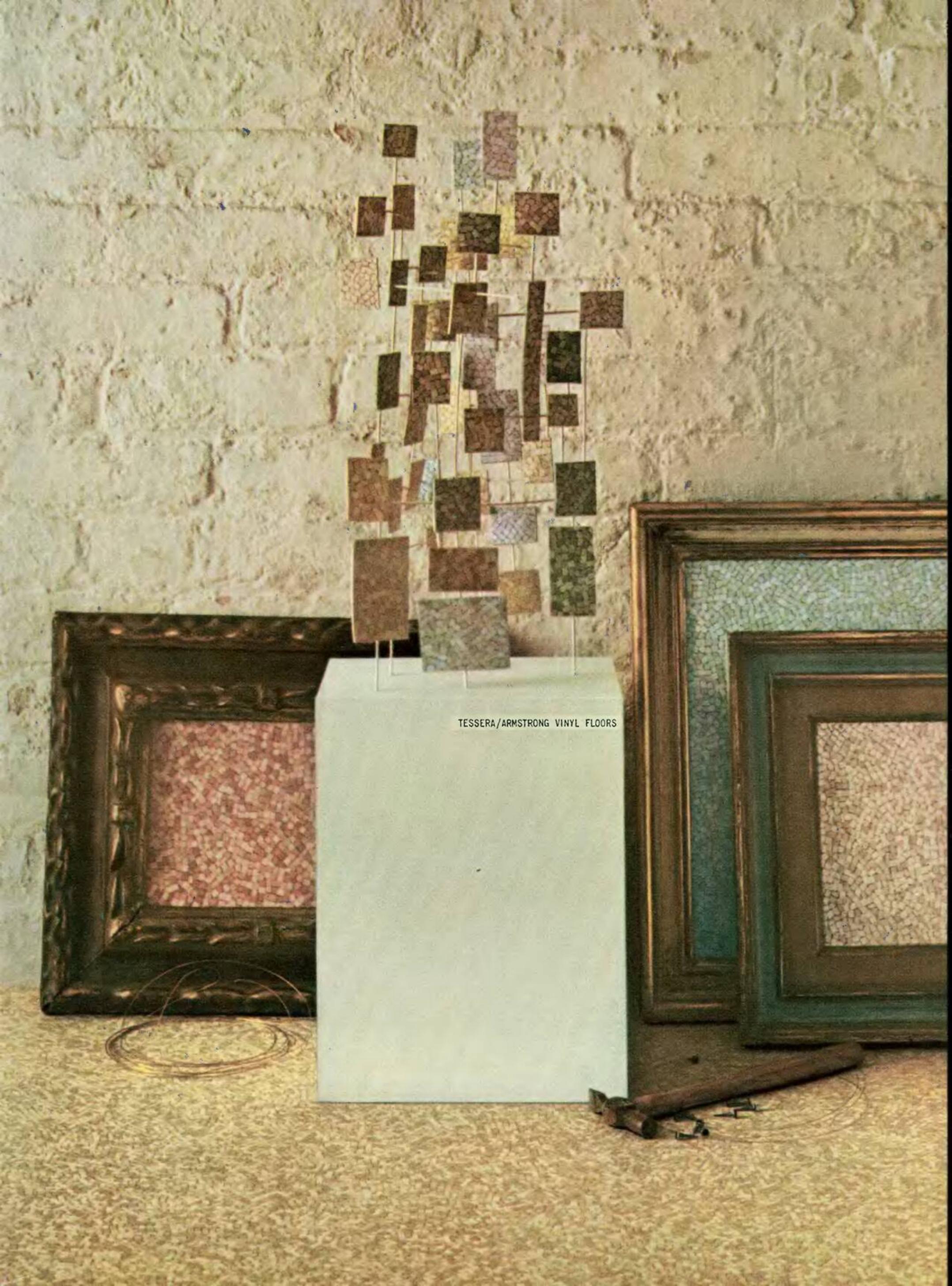
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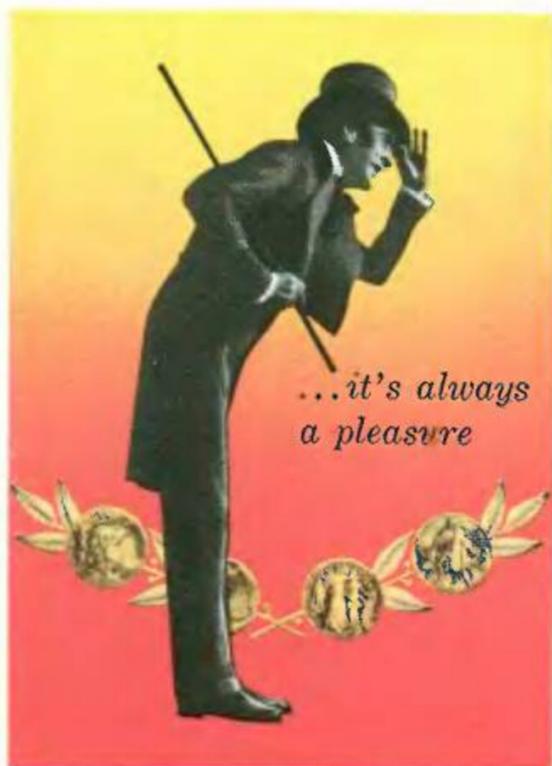
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