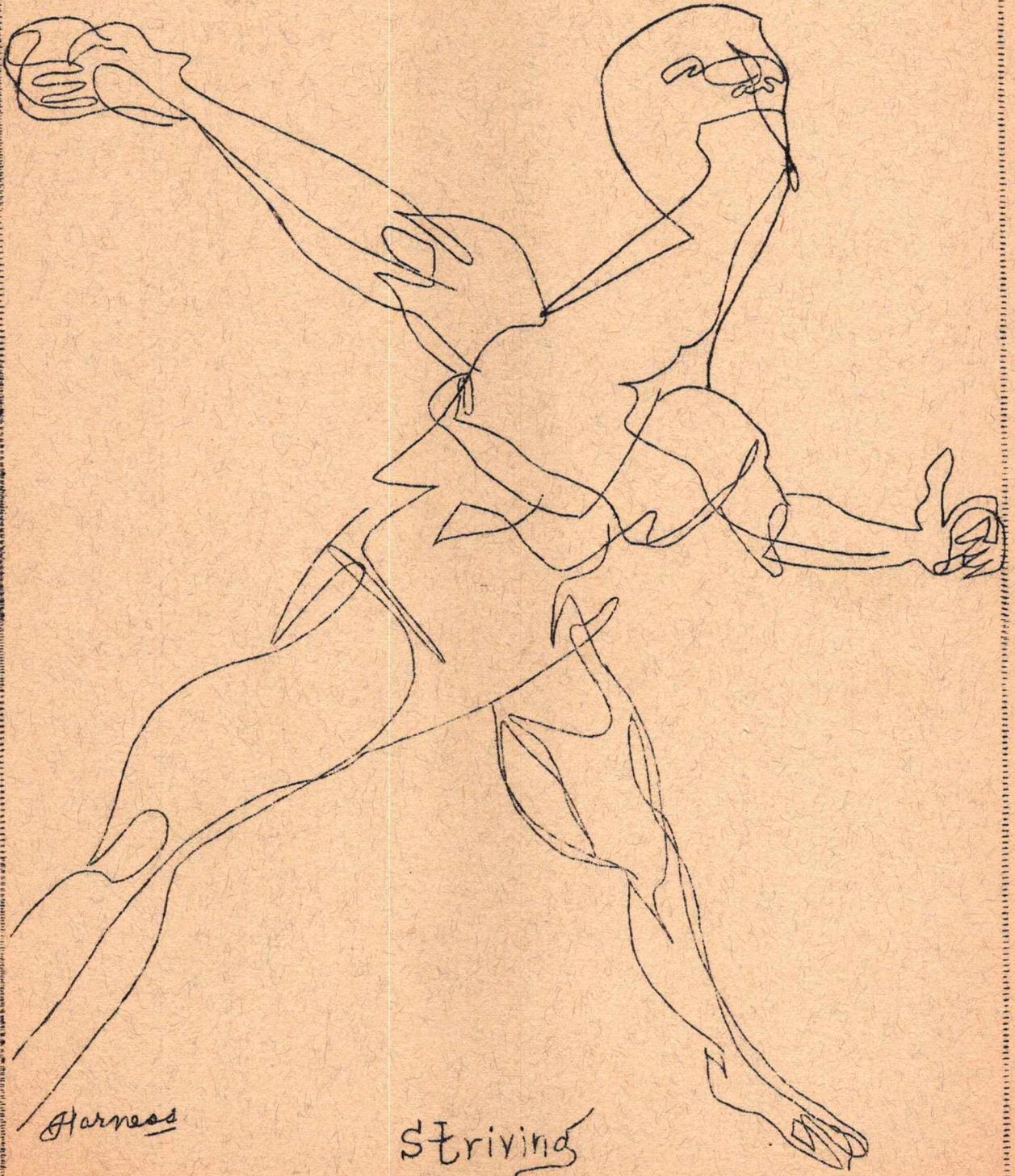


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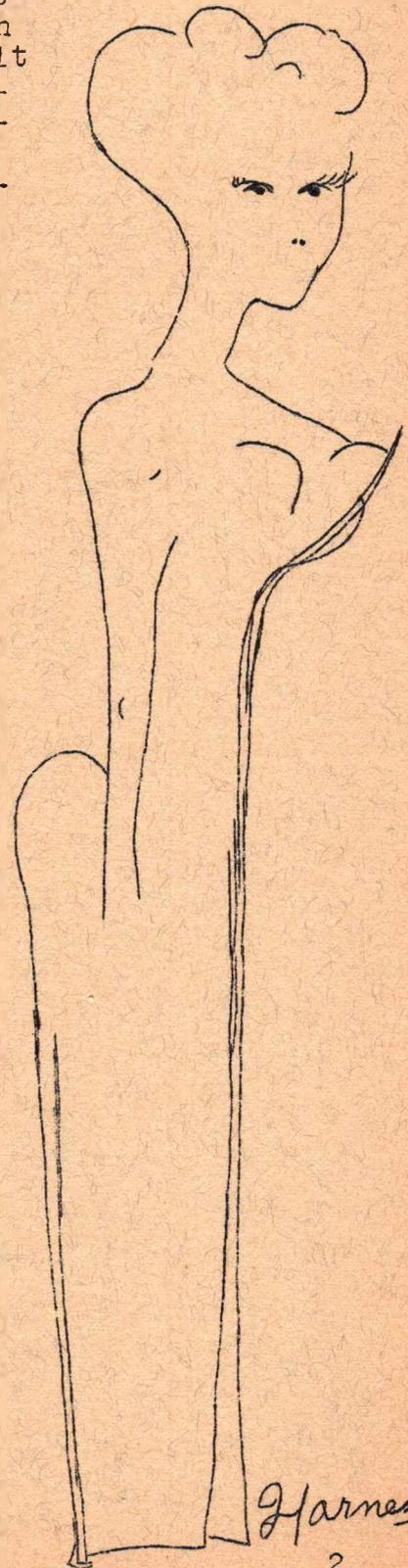
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The clans are gathering. At least, that is the way I felt when I read the Saps 47th mailing. It has been eons since I have felt the clans gathering. And I should have attempted my mailing comments while the feeling was upon me. Today, May 10, I am having difficulties getting started. As a result, I stopped trying to get started and plunged herewith.

Last night I went to bed and suddenly, as I started to drift away, I was writing another bit of poetry. If its been eons since I've felt the clans gathering, its been untold ages since I've been tempted to write poetry. At the time, it seemed to me a beautiful bit of poetry but, tho I had paper and pen handy, I was afraid to lift my hand to write for fear the movement would break my thought and the poem would flit away. I didn't think I could forget it anyhow so I went over the poem again and then went to sleep.

I could leave a blank space below for this beautiful poem which I couldn't remember when I woke this morning but I'm short on supplies. I should have known from bitter experience that the poem would disappear into the mists if I did not write it down immediately and I am very angry with myself. In future, I shall not make this mistake.

I don't know what to say to anyone. I've been on a long trip and am returning a stranger to a never-never land which I have missed terribly. I do not know whether I can still write as I used to, in my familiar stream-of-consciousness style. I probably could but this method of writing used to produce anywhere from 30-60 pages of comment and



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this is out of the question. So I will not only feel inhibited, I will probably sound inhibited, too.

The Spec #47: Buz/El Busby

Is a beautiful official organ with all the necessary components of same. Buz and El have been more than adequate at the helm of Saps. I think one reason that a two-headed OE has been so successful a navigator is because such a type can look in two directions at once. This is a difficult feat for one head unless it happens to be crosseyed. Looking two directions at once in Saps is necessary for success. Toskey may not be crosseyed, and I'm less sure about two heads, but I've great confidence in his ability in this direction.

My gosh! Didn't I vote in this pillar poll? I thought I did. Talk about a complete mental vacation, I just took one!

Maine-iac #16: Ed Cox

This mere shadow of its former self is like a voice from the past. It's a pleasure, like old times, to be reading Edco again. Have missed you, Ed.

Flabberspect: Toskey, Burnett

Announcement of official policies which sounds very official and excitingly terrorizing by Torquemada (who he?) Toskey, elected by the natural propensities (who he?) of Saps. Elected OE that is.

The Zed #790: Karen Anderson

Shaggy doggerel and all, Karen, I as hellish usual, find it difficult to give you adequate comment aside from muh usual worn-out statement that I enjoy Zed.

Mailing comments? Wal, with me, my inhibition against them is a matter of laziness. I never like to think about doing them and much prefer starting out and just writing, with no compartmentalization, such as I'm employing now. But without compartmentalization (is there such a word?), Saps find it too difficult to discover their egoboo; and without mailing comments from a Sappish point of view, without comment there is nothing

---- oh nuts. Nothing like repeating oneself. What I am trying to say is that without mailing comments there is nothing to find anyhow.

Actually, as long as supplies aren't inhibiting me, and once I start, thoroughly enjoy doing mailing comments. The purpose of Saps is personal communication. You, Karen, offer something of yourself by the mere act of writing but you do not give the rest of us any chance for communication with you as a person. This is why its difficult to comment to you. We enjoy your material but would also enjoy an opportunity for a mutual exchange with you. So far, it is mostly just one way and this can be very discouraging to human communication.

I'm most happy and pleased to discover that matters are looking up for you and yours.

Gim Tree #1: Bjo Wells

Ah, lovely to look at. And fun to read. Loved Berry's open letter. The Nancy's? I am Nancy Gerding, better known as Nan or Nangee. The other is Nancy Share, better known as Nance of hard-grunting bat fame. Dig? Me Nangee, Nandu. The other, Nance, Ignatz. I believe there is a third Nancy now, at least by proxy. Seems to me I recall seeing a Nancy mentioned. Ah yes, I believe that is Nancy Kemp, is not?

God, I hate spiders with a passion, too.

Blabercasting Tales #1: Ray Schaffer: GOOD!

Rock #2: Esmond Adams

Read the whole issue, word for word and found myself plumb interested by your style of writing and by the implied personality behind said style. And also find myself speechless as to why I like Rock and its editor. It is frustrating not to be able to pin down some specific comment. But I've already spent half an hour mumbling to myself, saying Nangee why is it you liked this zine, why is it you like Es Adams, why is it you read



## Rock

the issue a second time just to see if you could find out why is it? I give up.

Religion? Yes, I agree more or less with what you said. I probably worded it badly when I used "more centralized" and I implied the concept of formal religion as well, when I was thinking more in terms of informal or personal religion.

Actually, many churches which originally came out of one church beginning, are disbanding, being absorbed back into the original church. The varied schisms and sects which occurred in the Protestant churches from the first generation (16th century) down through the fourth generation (20th century) are finally starting a reverse movement known as the "reunion movement". This reunion movement has been happening the past ten years and is the final reaction to four centuries of affray, disagreement and splitting away; this movement has combined churches, cutting down their number greatly; up to 1950 there were some 300-odd Protestant churches; now this number has been reduced greatly and is in the process of being reduced even more.

From the one church of the medieval ages we switched to the Reformation churches of the first generation Protestant. For example, Christianity was composed of the following:

Eastern Church: Orthodox, Nestorian, Monophysite

Krishitans: Japan

St.Thomas Church: India

Western Church: Roman Catholic: 3 western rites, 18 eastern rites

Protestant:

1. Lutheran - Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Baltic States, and Hungary
2. Zwinglian - Switzerland
3. Calvinist - French Reformed, Dutch Reformed, Presbyterian
4. Minor Churches - Hussite(Moravian); Mennonite(Germany, Russia); Hutterite(Switzerland) European Unitarian
5. Anglican - England

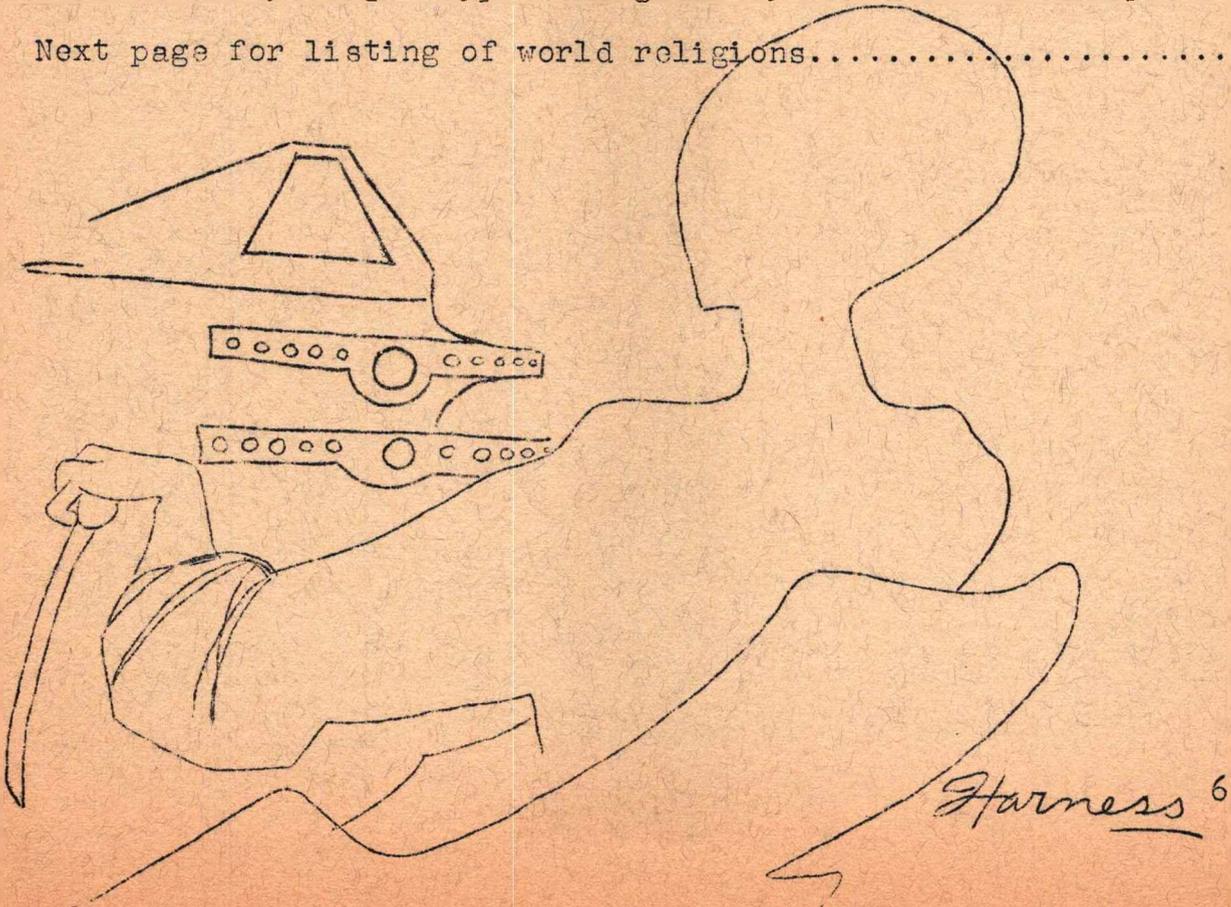
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Most of the Protestant churches were a result of revolt from the Protestant church, not from the Catholic Church..... and all of this was of course only a small part of a larger political movement with religion as an excuse for the playing of power politics - as well as economic motives backed by a growing middle class. Protestantism came to be almost synonymous with the concepts of democracy and capitalism and none of the furor was ever motivated by pure religious reasons.

The above is first generation Protestantism - that is the listing on the previous page is. This process continued, breaking down into smaller and smaller sects, more and more of them. It is a plumb confusing mess and much ado about nothing as far as I'm concerned. Interesting to study if for its inane senselessness, if for nothing else. All of these millions of people headed for the same goal by separate paths - well and good but do they have to argue and condemn as well, just because there are different paths? I say no, and agree with you most heartily that religion is not a matter of formalism but a personal matter with each individual.

Somewhere, perhaps here, I will publish the listing which horrified me so and prompted my reactionary remark concerning centralization. I've tried many formal religions, Catholic and Protestant, and probably would have sampled the eastern mystic religions too, given opportunity. To-date, I have found my Nengee-type "religion" by far the most adequate.

Next page for listing of world religions.....



Size of World Religions--Dec.31, 1957

R. Catholic	.....	500,000,000	..	(18 eastern rites and 3 western rites)
Protestant	.....	250,000,000	..	(inc. Anglican-40,000,000; Old Catholic-500,000)
Orthodox	.....	130,000,000	..	(Greek, Russian, Syrian, Serb. Bulg., Rumanian)
Monophysite	.....	4,000,000	..	(Coptic, Jacobite, Armenian)
Nestorian	.....	200,000	..	(Church of the East)
Miscellaneous	...	100,000	..	(Kirishitans in Japan; St. Thomas Ch. of India)
		<u>884,300,000</u>		
Islam		450,000,000	..	(Mohammed)
Confucianism	.....	300,000,000	..	(Confucius)
Buddhism	.....	150,000,000	..	(Gautama Buddha)
Taoism	.....	50,000,000	..	(Lao-Tse)
Judaism	.....	11,000,000	..	(Abraham, Moses, Ezekial)
Sikhism	.....	5,000,000	..	(Nanak)
Bahaim	.....	4,000,000	..	(Babi, Bahauellah)
Jainism	.....	1,500,000	..	(Mahavira)
Druzism	.....	260,000	..	(Hakem)
Zoroasterianism	..	150,000	..	(Zoroaster)
Hinduism	.....	325,000,000	..	
Animism	.....	120,000,000		
Shintoism	.....	30,000,000		
Communism	.....	20,000,000		
Non-Conformism	...	<u>300,000,000</u>	plus	(Atheists, Agnostics, Sceptics, etc.)
Grand total	.....	2,551,210,000	plus	

United States:

Prot. & Anglican	..	60,000,000
Rom. Catholic	.....	34,600,000
Orthodox	.....	<u>2,500,000</u>
		97,100,000
Jews	.....	5,500,000
Buddhists	.....	160,000
Confusianists	....	85,000
Druzes	.....	50,000
Moslems	.....	30,000
Taoists	.....	15,000
Bahais	.....	<u>5,000</u>
		5,845,000

Churches

No. of

Rom. Cath.	..	34,600,000	...	3
Baptist	...	20,000,000	...	27
Methodist	..	12,000,000	...	21
Lutheran	...	8,000,000	...	12
Presbyter.	..	4,000,000	...	3
Episcopal	..	3,400,000	...	2
Holiness	...	1,500,000	...	5
Morman	.....	1,400,000	...	2
Ch. of Christ	1,	100,000	...	2
Orthodox	...	2,500,000	...	5

Denominations

Hindus	.....	10,000
Animists	.....	25,000
Communists	.....	10,000
Non-Conformists	..	<u>70,000,000</u>
		70,045,000
Grand total	.....	172,990,000
<u>Denominations:</u>		
Latter Day Saints	-	1,100,000
Greek Orthodox	-	1,000,000

Latin Rom. Catholic	-	34,100,000
Methodist	-	9,600,000
Southern Baptist	-	9,000,000
Negro Baptist	-	5,000,000
United Lutheran	-	4,000,000
Prot. Episcopal	-	3,300,000
United Presbyterian	-	2,500,000
United Ch. of Christ	-	2,300,000
Mo. Synod Lutheran	-	2,230,000
Am. Evang. Lutheran	-	2,000,000
Northern Baptist	-	1,500,000

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Poor Richard's Almanac #3: Rich Brown

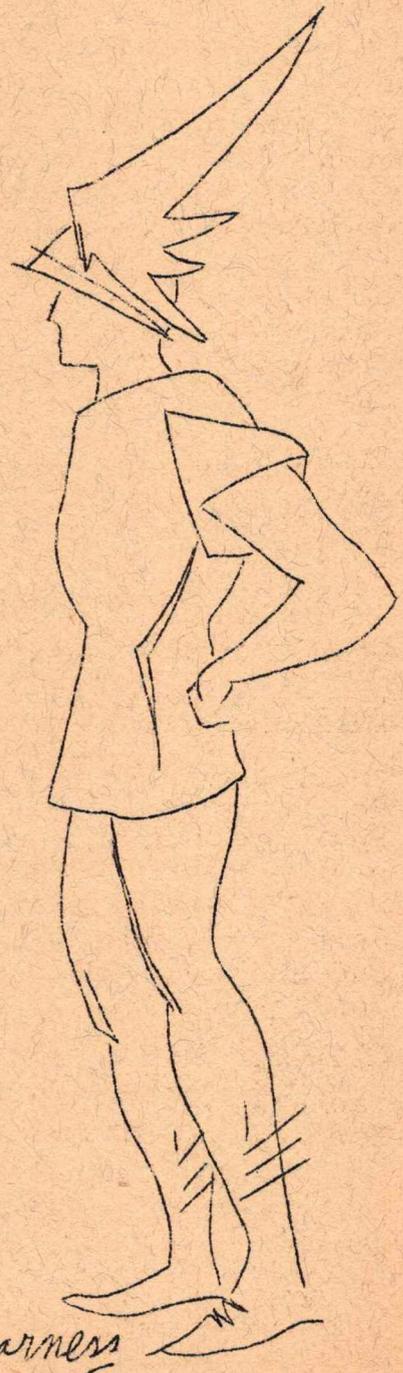
You asked for a poll re how many were interested enough to read your first two pages word for word. You may count me. And it may surprise you muchly to know that I wasn't in suspense as to what you're reaction to Buz's letter would be. I neither expected you to tear and bite, nor to grovel and beg for mercy. I expected you to do exactly what you did: answer Buz in the spirit with which he wrote to you. I appreciated this.

We have all had our battles with the mundane; we all tolerate it to some extent; we have all felt that the mundane holds nothing for us. We have all met death and found it depressing.

We've all had personal turmoil. And we've all had that damnable question staring at us with baleful gleam - why? And we can't always answer it either.

So you see I know only too well how you feel. Also, there is one more point of similarity between us and that is fandom. I doubt very much if there are many that take fandom any more seriously than I do. And at one time, I took it seriously for the reason that you do - because I found the mundane life intolerable. Now, however, I take fandom seriously for its sake alone, and for no other reason. Mundane life and fandom can be made to supplement, compliment each other. You will find this out soon, I think.

And you are to be admired because you are able to express these matters. Not only does this expression enable others to understand you and some of your reactions, but it offers a bond to us - a bond of experiences mutually shared. Let me



nematode

say with genuine sincerity, Rich, that you do not need to defend yourself now. Your self-expression has done that for you.

Nope, if present inhumanity met humanity, then humanity would win out. My basic concept of humanity is exactly the opposite of what you interpreted it as - my basic concept of humanity is one of the utmost faith in same: of the intrinsic good of same; in the ultimate development of same; in the infinite capabilities and aptitudes of same. My basic concept of humanity passeth understanding, even mine.

Yeah, I know, I'm prone to all-inclusive statements. I just finished one. This is a good thing though because it gives everyone something to chew on. Others asked about my comment re inventions, so for the time being I'll skip this and answer elsewhere.

Nematode #3: Bob Leman

A publication containing excellent material and implying an editor that uses his intelligence in the manner for which it was intended. Only two comments though, other than the one already made.

One concerns a remark under Vonset, made by Craloteen Arliss (yes??) ... I think the problem of adequate communication is a tremendous one, in prompt and urgent need of serious and wide-spread study. And the study should be applied to the human race as a whole, not to one of its segments.

Secondly, once again, pore old television, the scapegoat of all the ills of the human race, is mentioned as a causative factor. Tsk. I wonder whatever in the name of earth we did before we had television? What was our scapegoat then? Radio oo?? And before that?? You dig me I spect. You can carry it clear back to the Creator who certainly gets blamed for more than his share too. Television is a form of communication, and while not the best example of same, it will never improve until communication on a personal level has improved. Television or anything else you care to name can be no better than its creators.

Humanity as to learn to communicate on a personal level - individually and en masse. The first step is learning to communicate with oneself, then with each person in one's sphere, then widen cut to all-inclusiveness. Thanks for Nematode, Bob.

Sound of Drums #4: Joan Cleveland

A Joan Cleveland type zine which is in itself an adequate remark. It did my heart good to read this, Joan. You will be happy to know (I think) that I have returned to the land of the living, namely Saps, and that we will be starting more experiments for Duke shortly. In fact, we will probably have started them before you read this. And I can back up your statement that you have esp ability.

What most people don't realize is that all people have it, and all people use it, but the majority use it unbeknownst to themselves. This ability is used constantly in day-to-day life but if one wants to develop it, attempt to use it consciously, it can be done but it takes quite a bit more work than a great many are willing to face.

Joan, Wrai, Nance, to mention a few who have worked hard at this, can easily supplement what I say about it being hard work and much more than that besides. They can also, I believe, supplement me when I say it is well worth the effort, the blood-sweat-tears involved.

I like your zine title - it reminds me of the fact that we all listen to the sound of different drums but within each of us lies the ability to interpret and understand same, so that it merges into a symphony, a music of the spheres, rather than remaining a disharmonious discord(gads!)

Speleobem #3: Bruce Pelz

I have to stop here. Meal time, I think. My watch has stopped so its probably later than I think. Be back soon as possible.....

.....yep, it was two hours later than I thought. Slightly discombooberating. Hmm, one look at the cover of Speleobem and I'd be inclined to forget the name of the artist too -- there would be no room in my memory for anything but the depiction. What's the other tv program which will keep you at home? You told us what one of them was.

Nice piece of commenting under Teddy Bear and perhaps there really is no answer to this question. Unless it's the fact that Ursinoid's will be Ursinoids and it takes all kinds.

spaleobem

I would like to say, mildly, that we are all communicative cripples to some extent and I wouldn't be too hard on the ones that are a little more so than oneself. Complaining about those who use your library system and their mental capabilities, and saying they are communicative cripples, does not add nor detract nor disturb in any way the status quo of communication. Doing something about it might be more adequate.

Er - I guess I am about halfway between junior high age and senility and I can't use a library either and, sadly enough, its not because I haven't been instructed in same. My conclusion? I have enough confidence in my intelligence to conclude that possibly library systems have tripped over their own petard and become completely entangled with their attempts at orderliness. Simplicity is always the best policy.

Speaking out of ignorance though is never a good policy. So bear in mind that I have encountered only a few library systems and my conclusion may be applied only to these few.

My final conclusion in this matter may be more plausible. When you are looking for answers such as this communicative cripples vs library/reference systems, look at both parties involved. Perhaps the reference staff fell a bit short in their attempts to communicate, rather than the students being the ones entirely at fault. Ya' see you spoke only from your side of it (reference staff) and I am speaking from my side of it (moron halfway between junior high and senility), as well as from the staff side. Dig me? If you don't, it won't be surprising, since I don't dig myself most of the time. In any case, communicative trouble can never be laid entirely at the feet of one party or another; it is usually a little bit of both.

It is Sunday, and around 7 p.m. Beautiful storm blowing up, typical midwestern weather behavior. I don't mind the behavior, something in me responds to storms, but I do mind the way it conks out my radio. And somehow I never found time to afford FM.

Wot's "versteh' nicht, sorge nicht?" I'm rather sorry too about the lack of Nandu and neither one of us seem to be

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alone in that sentiment.

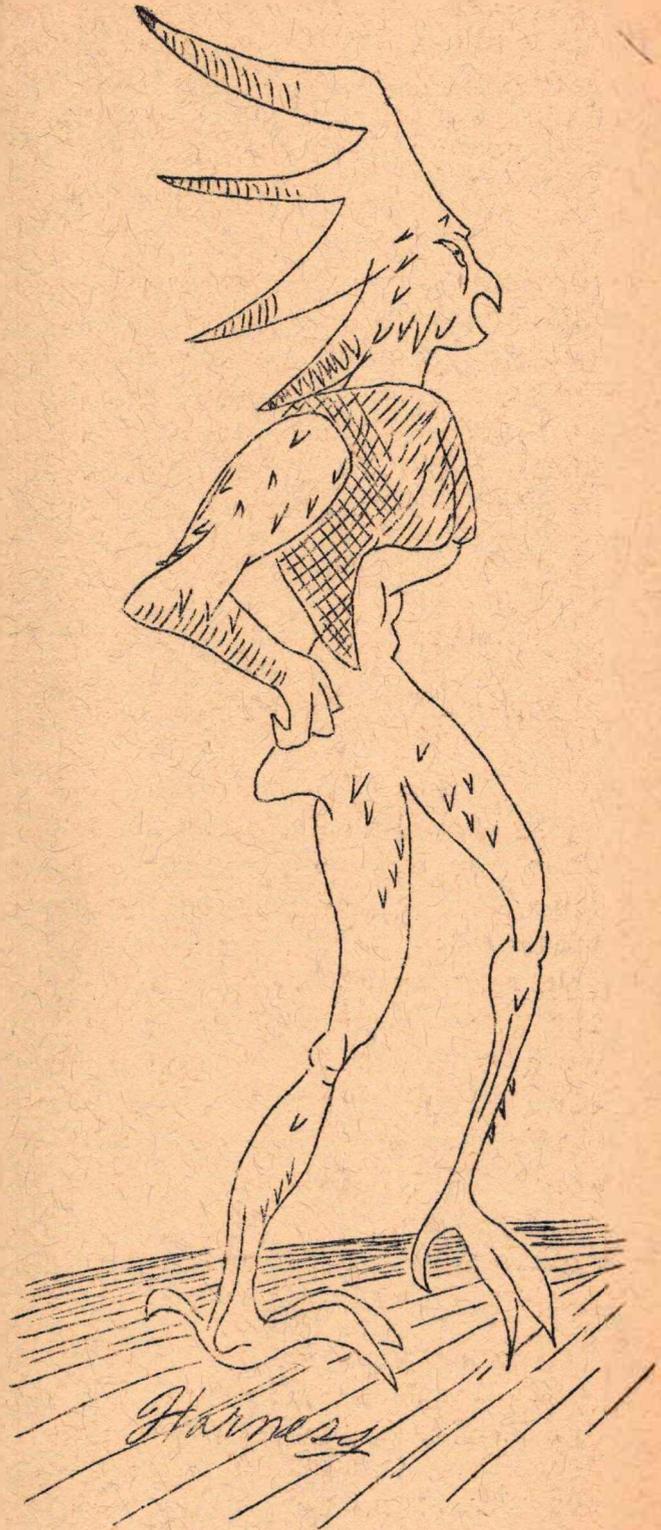
Horrors, no, I don't edit Garcone. One just does not attempt such a risky procedure! And last I heard, Garcone was quite well.

Please, if you are going to speak in any tongue besides the English tongue, would you mind translating? After all, you were the one that said private comments belong in letters and I'm a one-language gal. I do not like being one-language and perhaps someday I can do something about that lack. In the meantime, translate, wouldja? It drives me dingy.

SaFari #1: Earl Kemp

Ah yes, this is where I saw a Nancy mentioned. And you make me drool with your mention of music on FM stations. It is out of this world and someday I hope. Actually, I do have a radio that is AM/FM and was all ready to hook it up to our TV antenna. So what happened? Yeah. Mother obtained a new tv and used my rigging for that. Two tv's on one antenna kisses goodbye to my FM dreams. Wal, at least I'm glad you and Nancy have the benefit of FM. Maybe I can pick up your mental wavelengths and listen with you. It certainly would be cheaper that way!

Everyone is speaking of animals - but I note that in most



cases they speak of "a" cat or "a" dog. Just how do you manage it? Lessee, we had one cat. Then someone became very generous and we had four cats. Then a stray picked us up and we had five cats: one gold one, three black ones, and one gray and white one. Then, a dog picked us up and a couple of days later had eight pups. Nine dogs and five cats. Then the pups died, but the mother lived. Then one of the five cats died. Then the dog had pups, eight this time. These we managed to give away down to three pups. These three pups got sick, two died. The third one, female, we fixed but good; she will now be neutral as far as pup-bearing is concerned.

The mother dog we fixed in the same manner, then gave her away. And then what happened? I didn't think any of the cats had to be fixed, but I guess I didn't look good, cause one gold cat and one black cat fixed the other black cat but good and she had four kittens today. Two are black, two are gold and black tigers. I've been afraid to check their sex so far. Kids, kats, and kanines and I love them all. I just wish I could afford to feed them all.

So Bloch papers his rooms with rejection slips. Welp, I'm going to start papering my room with a different type of rejection slip - they're known as D-slips. Interesting eh wot? I presume you received my letter re Jose's address.

Re a collection of the Bloch fanzine material.....why don't you ask for contributions toward cost of same. I can think of no one who would not think it worthwhile. Either that, or charge whatever you need to, to cover the cost of reproduction. Just about any price would be worth it. Any way I can help you??

S---# 1: Terry/Miriam Carr

Here is another zine, co-edited, which defies comment. It is well written, very interesting, with a couple of multiple personalities behind it that are obviously delightful to know. This whole publication was a rewarding experience. I cannot it seems be more specific than that at this time.

Hmmm, this would be a good place to reproduce the proposed world calendar which, if accepted or adopted, would go into effect January 1, 1961. Next page for it.....

PROPOSED WORLD CALENDAR

To begin January 1, 1961

FIRST QUARTER

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							
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SECOND QUARTER

APRIL							MAY							JUNE							
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THIRD QUARTER

JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							
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FOURTH QUARTER

OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER							
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\* \* W: The Leap-Year World Holiday (366th day), outside the week.

\* W: The Year-End World Holiday (365th day), outside the week.

Holoepicycle #1: Richard Eney

Hi! Long time, no talk. I am tickled to see you back in orbit again. I'm back but I don't know whether I'm in orbit. Time will tell.

Wasn't it you, Rich, that was always expressing interest in calendars and such? In any case, I included the calendar on the proceeding page for your benefit, specifically, and for Saps benefit generally. It's a tentative copy of the proposed world calendar, which if accepted, will go into effect January 1, 1961. This calendar is planned, supposedly, on a strict scientific basis; this is something which heretofore could not be stated with any accuracy about any calendar. It will in theory cut across all lines, racial, national, religious, economic, and what have you. It will be used throughout the world. One world, one calendar, eh?

Climactic opinion, to-date, though has opposed any change this drastic. Inertia may well win out. Augustus Caesar, Julius Caesar, Constantine, Dionysus, and Pope Gregory all got by with it, why not us. If you want a complete rundown on this next time, write and let me know. I'll put it in the next Nandu. I thought this would be of interest to all of you. Just think, buy one calendar to last the rest of your life. Fiscal year would always be the same, holidays, school terms, et al would always be the same.

Sure glad you're back, Eney. Interested in experiments still? Or have ye not the time? Perhaps not the inclination. Let me know, either way.

An Experiment in Prolificness #1: Ted Pauls

Turned out to be a worthwhile experiment, Ted. I think perhaps Nandu may have been one of the backbones of Saps, but it cracked up. Don't be sorry; I should be sorry for disappointing you. Regardless of what anyone may say to the contrary, I am only human, and humans can be disappointing at varied intervals. They can also be quite rewarding at varied intervals, and ya jest have to take the good with the bad.

Did Edco have another one of his polls? Okay, I'll add my two bits. I smoke King Sano as long as I can stand them; then I switch to L&M and then back to King Sano.

outsiders

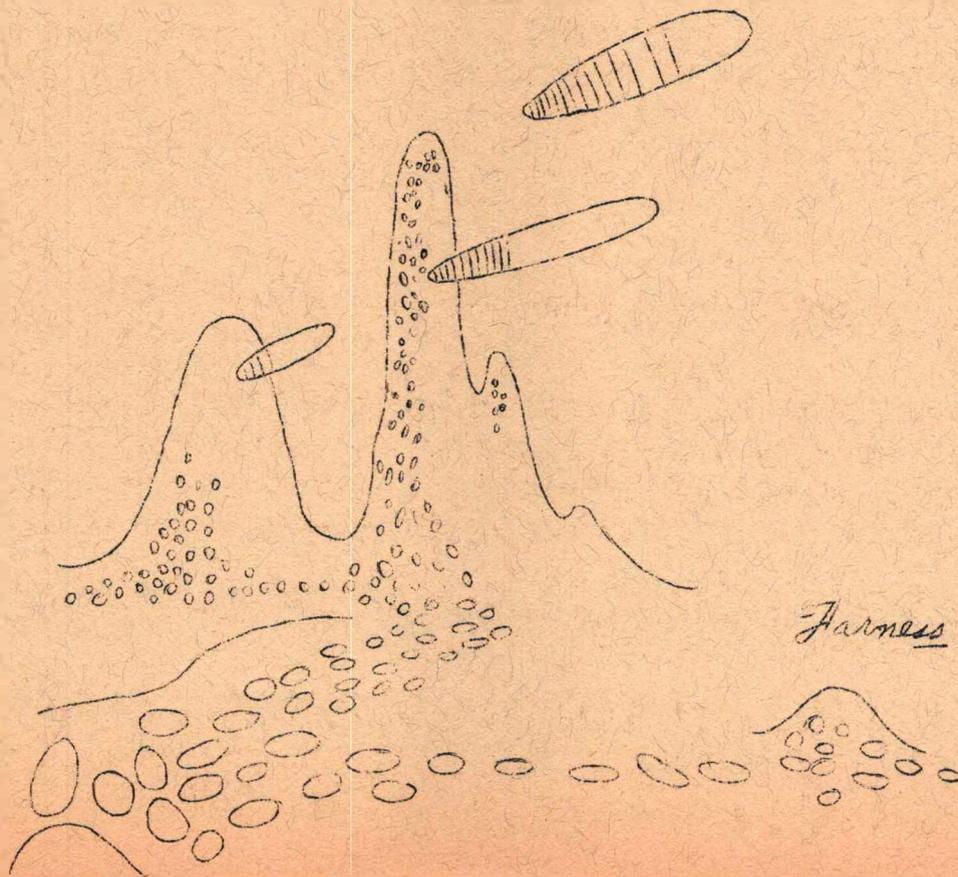
I love Rotsler illos, always have, always will. They are quite unique.

Which Nan was "But suppose the producers developed constipation, Nan?" addressed to?? Mustn't have been me because I don't know the answer - it seems to be out of context; not the answer, the question. I mean darn it that the question is out of context as far as my reference frame is concerned. But what if they did develop constipation? And what producers? I thought they developed ulcers. Oh well. Keep up the experiments.

Outsiders #35: Wrai Ballard

It is an absolute delight to be rambling through Saps again and especially through the inimitable Outsiders. I liked Bill's cover. Does it have an esoteric significance? That maybe escapes me?

About Saps membership: the very thought of raising said membership above 35 is absolutely horrifying. The small membership is part and parcel of Saps - yes, I'll say it - of Saps tradition and part of that tradition, too, is the personal interchange between members. This tradition can be upheld



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only by keeping the membership small. Why this should be so is pretty obvious. None of us would have the time nor the financial ability(perhaps I should say the majority of us)to express ourselves in Sappish manner if membership were any larger. It is like an exchange of letters, thirty-five of them, and if any change in size of membership should occur, it ought to be less rather than more.

The poll - well as you no doubt have surmised, I feel quite uh - shall I say sensitive(embarrassed?)re this matter. Why? Because I was shocked to discover that I hadn't voted in the poll. I've never missed a Saps poll yet and I still don't understand it. It is as if a small segment of time had disappeared or something. I thought I had voted and I still don't remember not voting. Giffs with a very uncomfortable feeling, part of which is due to the fact that I consider not voting quite unforgivable. It will be a long time before I forgive myself.

But I will agree that it has always been difficult to vote and this too is due to the fact that it is a close-knit group, with each individual having his own individualism to offer; each with something quite worthwhile to give and to vote on something like this objectively is quite impossible. Doing away with the poll though is likely to run into a bit of first-reaction opposition. I certainly am not against it in this sense: if one is writing to thirty-five people, one is doing so out of genuine interest only, and a poll of thirty-five letters is an absolute unnecessary; in fact, it is a little ridiculous. In this sense, then, I consider the poll as excess baggage.

In another sense, it is a very nice way of saying thanks for the pleasure of knowing you; a gentle way in which to give some little extra egoboo to deserving personalities. The only logical solution is the working out of a better means of voting; a means that would be fair to everyone. That is a big order but I am willing to attempt a revision of the poll, if anyone is interested in attempting the impossible with me.

I've already expressed my views on mailing comments to Karen Anderson and we agree on this matter I would say.

Did you get to watch H.M.S. Pinafore on Omnibus today? I hope you did and that it was well done. I didn't watch it because I started doing mailing comments right after dinner, and now, at 3:45 p.m. I am still plugging away. Greater love

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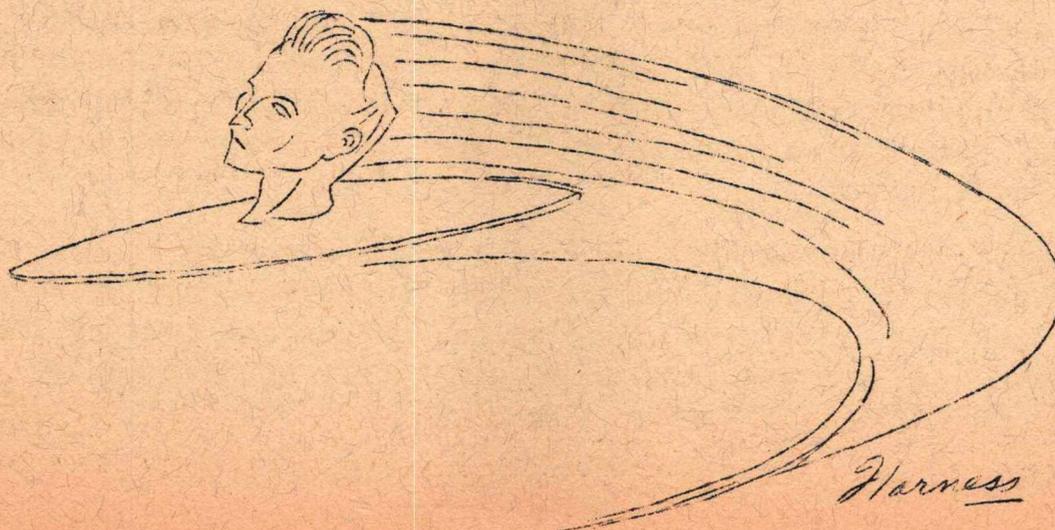
hath no fan I state emphatically. I would loved to have watched it but having broken the ice of my long absence from Saps, I was afraid to quit for fear everything would freeze over again.

Er - well yes I have my STF Book Club reservation to the moon. And I learned my lesson good about pre-distribution. Writing 74 pages and not getting credit for them was, - uh - well the last, first and only ultimate. Fun though.

The ninth institution wasn't written for a class assignment. "A Case for Psi" was though and this was merely a resume of an article by Dr. Rhine which appeared in the Journal of Parapsychology. In this he was suggesting that the research into psi has a firm scientific basis and framework.

But the ninth institution was a letter written to my history professor, from pure impulse, and some rather strong feeling concerning the matter. I was serious, Wrai, and I still have that strong feeling that something is missing in the study of history. But this aside, I had to perforce call it a flight of fancy in a comparative sense. In short, this was fun because it was Nangee rambling and from this I had to go back to to the study of supposed facts, specifically the Renaissance. This was quite a switch in atmosphere. That was the purpose in calling it a flight of fancy.

Nangee rambling is - well, Nangee rambling is just that without too much basis in fact, consciously anyhow. And I enjoy it a hell of a lot more than formal studying. In fact, formal studying would bore the heck out of me if I didn't periodically negate it by just such diverse flights in differ-



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ent directions. I'm quite blunt in telling my instructors this too. My first psychology professor is still intrigued by our experiments for Duke. I was surprised, too. I introduced the word parapsychology for argument's sake, with tongue in cheek, figuring it was a nasty word to most psychologists, just as the words insight and intuition are naughty words to some. But he was interested and whenever he sees me, asks how matters are progressing.

My present psychology professor - wal, I haven't introduced parapsychology into this particular course but he took practically one whole class period trying to make me understand the psychologist's viewpoint on insight and intuition. That is he tried to make me understand some schools of thought concerning these two concepts. He never did succeed. To me, it seemed that the different schools of thought were calling the same horse by a different name. They weren't arguing about the processes per se - merely about what to call them. Where terminology is concerned, you always have much ado about nothing. Psychology should take a good stiff course in semantics and then get together and agree on the same terminology. By the way, I discovered that my current psychology instructor reads science fiction. There's hope for him yet. Maybe there is hope for me too. I'm flunking his course in educational psychology.

Now then, what did I have in mind when I said that a catastrophe which would completely destroy all traces of a civilization would have to be manmade? I know I said "natural catastrophe" but that negates the statement. Well, first of all, to-date, natural catastrophes have always left some traces of something, somewhere. I say to-date - the lord only knows what future research will turn up. That is why I said I would rule out natural catastrophes, upheavals of nature....  
.....and I included Atlantis because who's to say that remains of same are not somewhere? Thus far, it would seem Nature, no matter how violent, has left traces. So only a catastrophe which was manmade, in short nuclear destruction, might result in all traces of a civilization being destroyed, pulverized into nothingness.

But I also added that we'd have to go clear to the earth's core before this could be proved or disproved. And we're a long way from that. In other words, nature can destroy, but to-date has she ever destroyed completely without man's added touch? Bluntly, what I was offering was that the miss-

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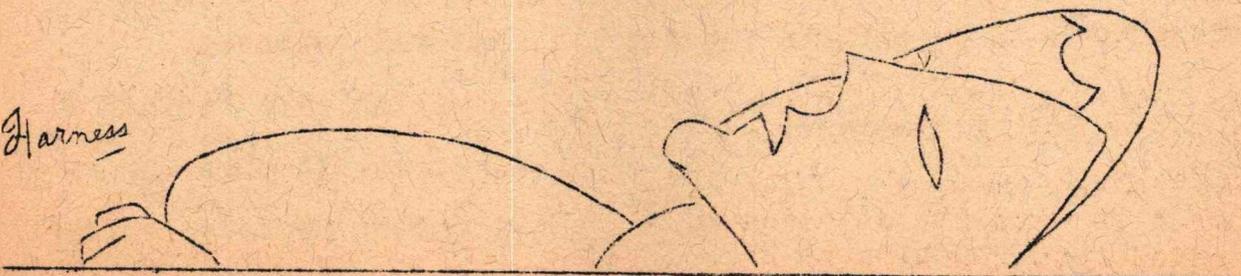
ing civilization left earth, leaving behind complete destruction. Does this make any more sense than my original statement? Or less?

With research into the past progressing as it is, and each discovery moving civilization back by centuries, all I can say is, who knows what will be turned up next? My theory is doubtless not a good theory since it is based on a strong but intangible hunch and theories are not supposed to be born of such stuff, not provable ones anyhow.....this type cannot be born out by fact but at least maybe I have explained my reasoning a little better. Maybe.

Nothing new invented since the time of Christ? This was a statement offered by Dr. Harley and all he meant was that all concepts and theories had already been discovered and either written down or put into practice by the time Christ was born. The civilizations prior to this time though every bit as good as ours in most respects, and better in some respects, lacked the technology and/or the climactic opinion for developing many of the inventions. At a very early time, it was lack of technology which prevented development of such theories as the splitting of the atom. Later, many times it was inertia and resentment against change which prevented their development. The invention or theory simply was not publicly accepted and sometimes had to wait for years and years before it was "re-discovered" and developed. So there has been nothing new invented since the birth of Christ, it's merely been re-discovered.

And look what you have done! I've talked for pages. Which is fine really, it's been fun. But no matter how much I say it never seems adequate return for your wrai-talk. Oh, by the way you also asked about the eight institutions. I will give them to you on the following page. And this ends my comment to Out.

Harness



Institutions of Man's Society

1. Home - domestic institution:
  - 1.marriage - concubinage
  - 2.family - housing, food, clothing
2. School - educational institut:
  - 1.communication - spoken, written, visual
  - 2.language - press, libraries, museums, movies, radio, tv.
3. Church - religious institut.:
  - 1.monasticism - monasteries, convents
  - 2.sacerdotalism - priests, etc.
4. State - political institut.:
  - 1.government, the military, the law
  - 2.international relations, diplomacy
5. Economy - economic institution:
  1. agriculture
  2. commerce: finance-banking,
    - a. insurance, stock exchange
    - b. transportation
    - c. communication: telegraph, telephone, cable
  3. industry - labor
6. Society - social institution:
  1. Classes, amusements, folkways
  2. Social cooperation & Welfare: hospitals, asylums, charity institutions, penal institut.
7. Art - esthetic institut:
  1. Fine arts: literature & philosophy, painting, architecture, sculpturing, music
  2. Minor arts: dance, drama, carving, engraving, designing
8. Science - scientific instit:
  1. Natural sciences:
    - a. biological: biology & medicine
    - b. physical: physics, chemistry
    - c. earth: geology, meteorology, astronomy
    - d. mathematics
  2. Social sciences:
    - a. sociology, psychology, political science, economics
    - b. history, geography

bee's buzz

As you can see from the foregoing page, there are eight institutions: domestic, educational, religious, political, economic, social, esthetic, and scientific. Thus the title of my article which caused so much comment - the ninth institution. In ancient civilizations, the order of importance of man's institutions were as follows: religious, economic, and scientific. Astronomy was the most important of all the ancient sciences.

In our modern society, the order of importance of man's institutions has changed somewhat, thusly:

	political	1.
	economic	2.
the religious and the	.....religious	3.
scientific institutions	.....scientific	3.
are tied for third place	educational	4.
	social	5.
and looky at the social,	domestic	6.
domestic, and esthetic -	esthetic	7.
at the bottom of the heap!		

Bee's Buzz #1: Walter Coslet

Egads! Mailing comments. And I could read them, Walt. How long has this been going on? No matter, it's awfully nice to see. I don't understand what you meant by your statement that 90% of the world's religions are gone - go clear back to the beginning of recorded history and trace religions down to their present forms, and one sees them emanating from one source: man's need for spiritual comfort. Did you mean in terms of numbers or in terms of essence?

Either way, your statement leaves me puzzled. Go even further back than recorded history to primitive man. He had a religion of sorts; he displayed a wide range of human behavior and showed intellect and intelligence as well; the only difference between primitive man and modern man is in the conditions and circumstances, the environment - not in intellect and emotion.

Cultural evolution is a steady regular progression, beginning with culture traits (material, everything a man uses and non-material, his means of communication) which proceeds to a culture (collection of culture traits), to an institution which is a specialized collection of one culture trait, to a civilization which is a collection of institutions. So what happens to one trait, the religious? We have first the cul-

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ture trait, then a culture, then an institution, and finally a civilization. And in this process, while cultural characteristics are unique, still they tend to borrow from others, are transferred, sometimes in pure form, sometimes only in part; sometimes when transferred a culture trait or an institution does better in the new environment than in the old - a good example of this was Christianity. Sometimes one culture trait can transform an entire culture, as the horse did for Indian culture - and no one trait participates in a culture exactly alike - there are individual differences.

What I'm trying to say is that religion evolved in just the same way as other culture traits, through borrowing and interchange, either deliberate exchange of same or forceful (war)exchange. In this sense, none of the world's religions have disappeared. Also somewhere in this issue is a listing of current religions which you will probably be interested in.

Religion was at first animatistic. Animatism was the belief that one force explained all occurrences; primitive man had to explain away his fear of nature somehow. Next, religion became animistic. Animism was the concept of a god for each happenstance. Following this came the anthropomorphic gods - these were personal deities. These were gods who looked like human beings.

Finally, but only next to last, came deified personalities; these were humans that were deified such as the Egyptian kings; and lastly, came monotheism, dualism: one god and the concept of good and evil (god/devil). Monotheism of course evolved into the higher religions of a culture. The six characteristics of a higher religion or universal church are as follows: ritual, rules, reverence, theory of life, theory of the universe, and church organization. Every once in a while a religion had to give up its religious function for a political function and when this happened it became diffused, disappeared for a while, only to reappear in different form perhaps, but in essence the same.

Take Zoroastrianism for example. This was the purest of all the ancient religions with the exception of Judaism. When Christ was born, Zoroastrianism was 600 years old and at this time it split into three churches or sects: Mithraism, Manicheism, and Gnosticism. Christianity borrowed heavily

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from Mithraism. Worship on Sunday and our Christmas date, Dec. 25 came from this source, mostly because new Christianity was not to be outdone by any of the existing religions and so it either copied exactly or tried to go one better. A matter of keeping up with the Jones' so to speak.

St. Augustine was a prominent Manichean; and St. Paul was a Gnosticist.....St. Paul the second founder of Christianity, formerly Saul of Tarsus, a tentmaker and a converted Jew, who put the infant Christianity on the road to becoming the greatest religion of all times. He was an intellectual and also a Roman citizen. But he was also a Gnosticist which was a direct branch out of Zoroastrianism.

And what was Zoroastrianism? It was the main religion of ancient Persia (850 B.C. - 332 B.C.) and it had all the six characteristics demanded of a higher religion. I could go on and on, tracing all the way back to the beginning of history as we know it. But the point I'm trying to make is that though there are many religions and many churches, and many, many names, the entire institution was born because man could not face reality without it - and it has evolved down through time to the present with very little change in essence.

So I want to know - how could 90% of religion have disappeared when it is all present in essence, with the only differentiation being in what name it happens to be called and what particular group is practicing it? You said religions, so I presume you meant formal religions. If you had said 90% of the world's "religion" had disappeared, I might be inclined to agree with you.

It's after 10 p.m. and I've been reading and comment- for nine hours with perhaps half the mailing done. I laugh at myself and my eight-page limit. Thanks, Cos, for an interesting zine.



Harness

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Bumblebee #1: Larry Stone

Hmmm, I agree. No, I don't exactly agree either. Selfishness is one of the basic motivating forces of an individual. Or it certainly should be anyhow, since it is a survival mechanism of extreme importance. If an individual does not cultivate a certain amount of selfishness, then he is utterly lost as an individual. Any person that claims he is not selfish is either a liar or a hopeless fool. I have a hunch that you and I are using this term with entirely different connotation. You evidently regard selfishness as something less than desirable. I regard it as most desirable for the survival of personality. I know I am selfish - I seldom do anything that does not basically have some selfish coloration. So what? I'm no different than anyone else, except that perhaps I am willing to admit it. And selfishness does not as a matter of course mean that injustice and cruelty automatically follow, as you suggested in your statement to me. Selfishness can be used or misused.

I am beginning to wonder about my intelligence. In fact, I'm beginning to doubt its authenticity, at least as far as expression of my viewpoints is concerned.

I wasn't attempting to pinpoint the crumminess of humanity at all. I was attempting to point out its growing pains which is so necessary a part of development toward maturity. Everyone seems to have noticed what I implied concerning the growing pains but no one seems to have noticed what I've implied about humanity's progress. Methinks there must be a high percentage of pessimists reading Nandu. Such a reference frame has to be the answer to so much misinterpretation. My ability to express myself can't be that bad - can it??

I've said this before about humanity in Saps (heh, and elsewhere too) and I will say it again, briefly: the human race is progressing, growing, maturing. Good healthy growing lusty infants always did raise a lot of hell in the process. So what. Temper tantrums, destruction, or what have you, progress continues through a process of learning that is as old as the hills, as old as man.....the process of trial and error. My laments concerning certain aspects of present-day humanity does not exclude nor negate my admiration and faith in same. Totally impossible?? My gosh, nothing is impossible! Least of all humanity.

blotto otto's grotto

I enjoyed Bumblebee, Larry, with its excellent humor; I nearly fractured myself laughing when I read your paragraph on why we die. It was somehow such an admirably humorous answer. Wish I felt I could afford the space to repeat it here but being on page 26, I guess I'll have to forego that action. Saps can look it up, - outside readers will just have to skren.

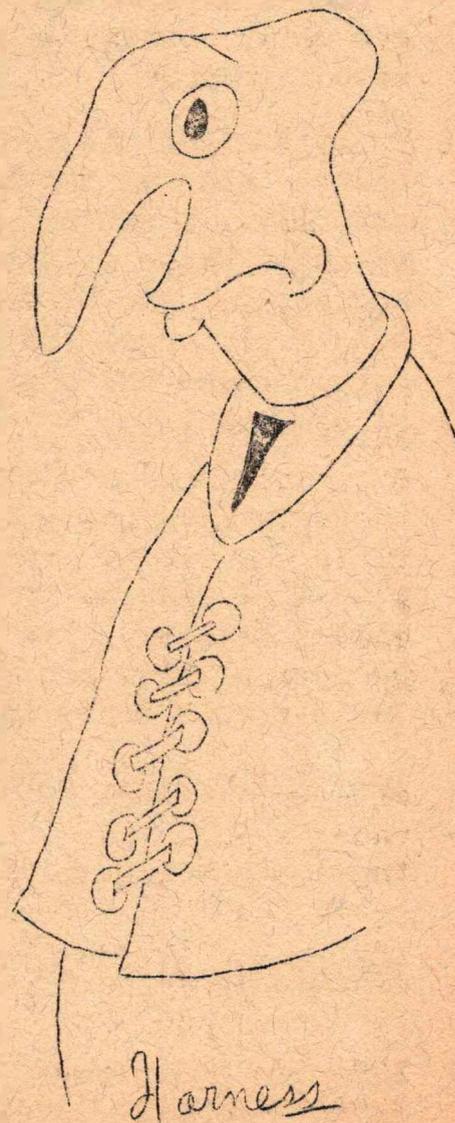
Blotto Otto's Grotto: Otto Pfeifer

I love old Blotto Otto type corn - kept me chuckling to myself all the way through this issue. Whaddya mean the bacover was an experiment that went wrong? I liked it and if its wrong, let's have more wrong.

You said something about why there are no indications that man lived on this continent at the same time as early man in Europe and Africa. When I read this, it reminded me of something I had run across recently but you know, it took me a long time to recall it. I finally remembered it was in a book I was scanning recently but the horrible thing is I can't remember the name of the book, the author or anything. Infuriating, is it not?

What I do remember is so small an amount and so seemingly incongruous that it is plumb intriguing. It concerned the matter of Darwin's theory (ies) and how the way for Darwinism was paved by a medieval theological theory. Damn it, I can't even think of the name of the theory but it had something to do with a fixed caste of animal and plant species; something similar to a rigid caste system in a social sense. Now don't ask me how on earth or why on earth a discussion of - oh yes, I see how it could be included.

Nuts. Is everybody thoroughly



confused? Join the club. I do remember who had the book though and I'll see if I can't get it and really read it - besides look up the particular passage I can't remember. I do know that something was mentioned about prehistoric man and the America's - and why he either wasn't there at all or why there are no evidences of same - gads, "why there are no evidence?" Jeeze. Odd how something will trigger something else, especially Nangee-type confusion.

But I dunno why I should change my method though - last time I thought I was being quite lucid and I find that everyone was absolutely mystified. Perhaps now that I know I'm not being lucid, everyone will understand perfectly. Ah well, such is life.

And are you glad, Otto? These are typical (I think) Nangee mc's. More than a few. And bless you for missing me. I have missed you.

It's after midnight (maybe that's what's wrong). It hasn't taken me two hours to review these last two pubs actually. I watched tv from 10 till almost 11 p.m. which was an utter waste of time. Then I came upstairs to go to bed and somehow gravitated back to Saps again. Maybe this is what Wrai termed the white heat of creation. Wal there's enough chaos and confusion up thar to warrant it being called creation.

May 11, 6 a.m....and for anyone interested in time, this year we went on daylight, so CDT now applies. I managed to tear myself away last night but now I wish I hadn't. Five hours sleep leaves me feeling like I'd been on a binge and twice as grumpy. I might as well have had a couple hours less.

Soqoth the Sap: Norman Wansborough

My copy proved illegible - I tried but had to give up. Sorry, Norm.

Sap Roller #16: Jack Harness

Hmm, I wonder in what sense Ted is using the phrase, "pure communication", when he says Fapa has the highest level of pure communication? Interesting,

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informative, or entertaining writing does not necessarily imply pure communication, except the communication of interest, information, and entertainment. Does Ted mean straitlaced article type writing? Or does he mean writing that is not impure, nothing risqué, etc.? I just don't know. But when I use the word "communication", I use it in the sense of adequate interchange between two or more individual personalities. And when I say adequate, I mean an interchange which has occurred with understanding and insight on the part of all the parties.

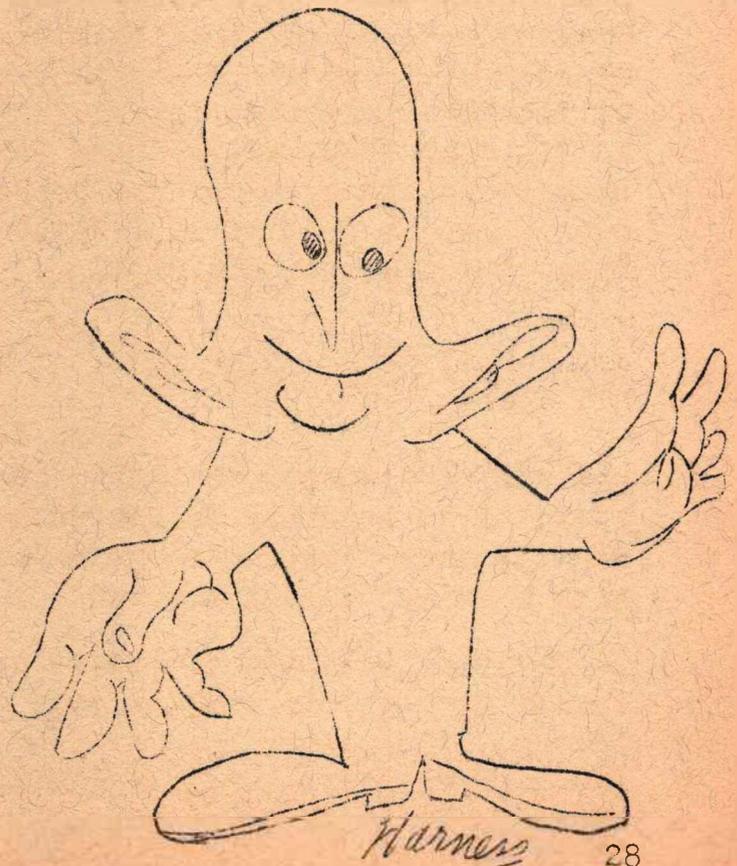
Now then, I grant this occurs in Fapa. But percentage-wise it occurs far more frequently in Saps than in Fapa. I guess its a matter of personal contact and interchange as compared with pure opinion, information, or entertainment.

In Saps, the personality is what counts; in Fapa, the form of presentation would appear to count more, generally speaking. There are, of course, always exceptions to the rule.

As for the overall tone of Saps being one of blah, there are times when the overall tone of humanity is definitely blah, too. There is a touch of the idiot in each of us, just as there is a touch of genius in each of us. Self-expression in Saps may sometimes leave a lot to be desired but no self-expression is by far a worse fate.

In any case, if Ted's opinion of Saps is one of overall blah, then its probably just as well he didn't add his efforts to it. His opinion would have no doubt colored his efforts.

Yes, Christianity borrowed heavily from Buddhism too. See my comment to Coslet.....



bronc

As for my ninth institution, man's humanity to man, this was to be an institution quite apart from formal religion. There have been many atrocities and horrors committed in the name of religion; granted, there has also been good committed in the name of religion, too. But the latter is outweighed quite a bit. I think formal religion is nothing more than a form of segregation and this is my basis for my dislike of it.

I was struck by the resemblance between Gautama and Jesus - and there are others too who closely resemble each other in their life stories, their teachings, etc.....such as Mithrai and Zoroaster and there was even a similar deity in ancient Crete - Jesus is certainly not alone nor unique.

In any case, Jesus and Gautama both suffered the same fate -- that of having their teachings completely distorted and symbolized, changed into a form of mysticism and formal religion quite foreign to their original concepts and teachings. They were teaching a way of life, the ninth institution, a way of life, I might add, this is impossible for un-integrated personalities. Humanity has a long way to go, does it not. But Gautama, and Jesus, and other isolated individuals have at least tried. I don't believe it was Gautama's technique that failed, Jack. It was the comprehension of those who listened that failed - the recipients of his teachings that failed. Hmm, perhaps you are partly right at that.....perhaps these personalities who taught humanity could have used an improved technique at that. But even then, at that time, I doubt if they'd been very successful. The time was not ripe.

Bronc #12: Eva Firestone

Gads, I know what you mean when you say the mind cannot entirely rid itself of the stencil-saving idea. I am horribly inhibited by this. It's a shame except that it does force me to regard my Thomas Wolfe tendencies with a somewhat stricter eye.

You were speaking of dreams and then say that later you forced yourself to realize that they were really nothing but dreams. I've never seen a dream yet that was nothing - day-dream or nightdream. They should not be disregarded, tossed aside as nothing, ever, ever.

bullfrog bugle

I have an apt quote for Toskey and Bill Meyers, Eva. They should head their fanzines with it or maybe they should wear it as a halo. Don't you think "time out of mind" would look apt as a halo for both them?

Yeah, I've been subjected to a travesty on education, too, lately though I'm not agreeing with your more study less glamor bit. The travesty I've encountered goes quite a bit deeper than that, deep into the make-up of our people in general.

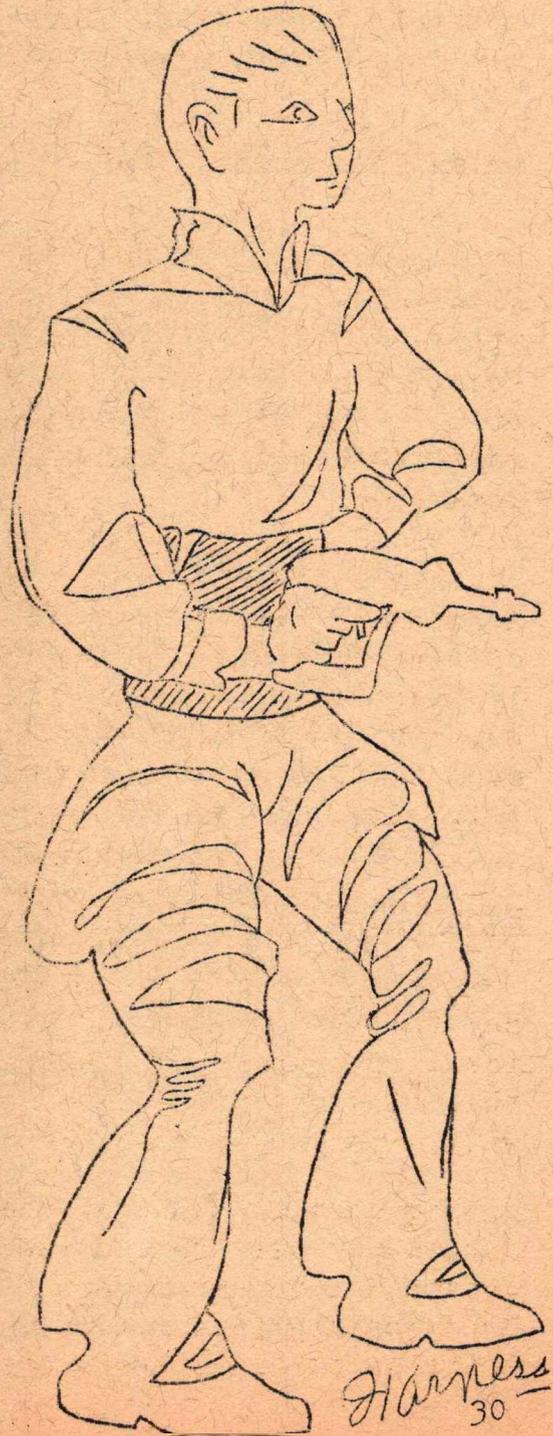
I am delighted to be reading you again, Eva, and that delight also included your bacover. Love it, love Bronc.

Bullfrog Bugle #3: Lynn Hickman

A triplet zine would be fun. Just let me know when you and Earl are ready. Yes, I was disappointed too when you couldn't move here. It would be a close race as to which one of us was the most disappointed.

My gosh! You can do mailing comments. Or, in other words, you can communicate. This was a refreshing Lynn Hickman begorra. As much as I see you and talk to you, you said some things in this issue that I didn't know you thought. See what I mean about mailing comments? Just keep it up.

Man, what's with Saps and spiders (ugh). Twould seem the group more or less has a spider complex. I know I do. This is only the second time I've mentioned them but I sure have run across a lot of comment re same. Ugh!



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Edco:

Thanks for the three "somethings"; read and enjoyed these no policy contributions.....asterikanized publications do have their place at that.

Collector #??: Howard Devore

What did you find out when you went to bed? Were you sick? The flu seems to be touching everyone these days. Hurray for mutant viruses. Hope you won your battle against same.

Sat. Evening Ghost #3: Robert Lee

You mean that the times have passed thesis and antithesis and arrived at synthesis? Meanwhile (I agree) self-preservation in a sense is important. But self-preservation has to include the self-preservation of others too. Just as the concept of selfishness has to include the concept of unselfishness. Such concepts are not direct opposites but can be made to work in close harmony.

In your remarks about evolution, you bring in the concept about social norms.....that is, you had doubts as to whether further evolution would be possible because of, and I quote, "social norms, etc." Man is his own worst problem, actually, but nonetheless, he is in the process of evolution now and what you seem to have overlooked is that social norms also evolve. As for manmade radiation causing widespread mutations and the resultant problems - this idea seems sound enough but slow evolution is problematic enough. Anything that suddenly speeded up the process in such proportions (you stated three generations) would merely triple the problem volumn.

Aha! Do we have another "time out of mind" candidate?

Yes, I imagine Aristotle is still considered a reliable philosopher, - for his time. His statement that "nothing is in the mind that did not enter through the senses" does not negate the concept of esp - it merely confirms it. But it depends of course on one's interpretation of "mind" and

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"senses", just as your statement that "I do not think civilized man has emerged yet, or any time in the past" depends on one's interpretation for its meaning. Civilized man has not emerged I agree. But I think you meant that man is not yet civilized.

Thus, I think you'll agree that dictionary meanings of words are quite useless. What a word means to the individual who used it is the only adequate means to understanding. Many times people use the same words but these same words to each individual mean something widely separated in concept and emotion, especially the latter. It is interesting but it also can be highly frustrating.

Creep #19: Wally Weber

I hail thee, Squink Blog!

Aghast #8: Bill Meyers

Believe me, Eva Firestone is far from being the ultimate escapist. Or possibly, if she has some slight tendency in that direction, she has far more reason than most people for it. However, I know personally that she is not an escapist to any harmful degree and that she has one of the healthiest minds in existence. She has had personal catastrophe aplenty and stared harsh reality in the face and, begorra, stared it down. The idea of Eva Firestone cracking up "into quivering little pieces" over anything is plumb laughable. If this were to happen, it would have happened to her long ago, Weelyum.

I note with horror that the above comment seems to be the only one I was triggered to make - aside from the one concerning a letter on the last page of your zine - and a paragraph about negroes. I don't even know for sure who wrote this paragraph, you didn't make it very clear. I will quote it though, as follows:

"Seems like nobody takes into account that although Negroes are a part of the human race, they are a branch of it - a branch that is not as fully developed mentally as the Caucasian race. For this



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quoted excerpt from Aghast, continued:

" reason, they of course should not be mistreated in any way but should not be allowed to go to the same school with whites, for as any sensible person realizes, the overall intelligence of a class is held down to the lowest common denominator in our present school system, and the addition of Negroes would only drag it down lower. It would seem then that those with lower IQ's would fit into a Negro class with less detrimental effects, but unfortunately those with lower IQ's are usually those who object so violently and fugg-headedly to the situation." End quote

I repeat - end quote. I don't want anyone to think I am responsible for this bit of ignorance. Actually, this leaves me pretty speechless.....I could say a lot of things but none of them seem adequate. I guess I can only agree with the author of this letter about lowest common denominators.....this person must have had quite a detrimental effect on whatever school system he/she belonged to, according to the author's own reasoning. The author's above quoted statements would indicate a denominator about as low and as common as a human could achieve without disappearing altogether.

Pot Pourri #5: John Berry

Loved Laxey-Daisical, John, and an excellent drawing accompanying it. Your comparative chart re Saps and Ompa was interesting to see. It would be even more interesting to see future charts like this just in case there is a trend or change in the offing.

Bless you, of course I approve of your interest in what I wrote about a missing civilization. You will find my attempts to answer questions about this scattered throughout this Nandu since quite a few people queried me about it.

I am aware that this feeling I have could well be based on sheer escapist theory or it could be based entirely upon wishful thinking. I have explored this possibility and to-date it has yielded no satisfactory results. To-date, the feeling persists strongly, quite apart from anything I have

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ever experienced before.

I agree my theory has no fact to support it. But as with such theories, neither is there any fact to deny it, or disprove it. The one fact you cited - that absolutely nothing has been found to indicate a missing civilization - does not destroy the theory at all, as I presented it. Quite the contrary, it actually supports it.

I also said that exploration in an archaeological sense would have to proceed clear to the earth's core before any further hypotheses could be offered. In the meantime, when I think of archaeology, of the work its doing, and of how it is rolling back the centuries bit by bit, well, John, all I can say is that it giffs with the goosepimples and this strong feeling and I jest can't seem to do anything about it. People may argue with me on the basis of currently known fact all they want - so far known fact has merely strengthened my feeling, rather than dispelling it. Not a very satisfactory explanation and far from satisfactory defense but it is the best I can do.

A Griplet of Rapp: Art Rapp

Goot! Voting is a "gruesome task, a ghastly chore, a mental strain, a great travail, and an utter horror." And I got so mixed up I didn't even send in my ballot. That's worse even than potato salad! Baked beans no less.

Flabbergasting #10: Burnett Toskey

I read every single word in this issue, Tosk, and have marked quite a few things of very revealing interest but I have changed my mind about commenting on them.

I have one statement to make though and that is: until you yourself understand the source of your skepticism, understand it for what it really is, instead of for what you think it is, and until you also understand for yourself what your Toskey-type "sense of security" really is, instead of what you think it is, - well, until that time I refuse to bash my head against the shell you have around yourself, around the

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real-Toskey.

Scattered here and there at periodical intervals through this issue (underneath the shell-words of the shell-Toskey) were indications, glimpses of the real-Toskey. These indications delighted me....they also frustrated the hell out of me because you, Tosk, were and are so unaware of them that it hurts. It leaves me with a feeling so helpless, I don't know which way to turn.

So I turn not at all, except perhaps away. But only for the time being. This is not criticism nor rejection, Tosk. It's just Nangee at an utter loss. Time and eternity may well make up the difference. We shall see.

Retromingent #12: F.M. Busby

Busboy, the feeling is mutual. Comfortable being mutual, isn't it? Yop. Goshwow! You mean Garcone missed me, too? This is the height of glory. Tell the monster he can pull his cactus in, I'm back, at least temporarily.

Re "The Ninth Institution" (god, I'm beginning to wish I had never written this - no, that isn't really so), I'm delighted to see all the comment and you can be on one thing - I am, hereafter, going to indulge in sweeping all-inclusive statements all over the place. Twill fairly drip with same. I have discovered the secret of obtaining comments - seems to have beautiful results in a reactionary sense.

I won't repeat myself on most of the points but you did bring up one point which seems to be a matter of semantics. This was my use of the word "emotion"; let me quote this bit because your excerpt "ideal civilization ... denies emotion" is not the whole story when out of context. Following is what I said:

"Where is the civilization that had both a high technology and a higher development of man's humanity to man? Where is the civilization that had the good sense to study man as it studied the world around it? Where is the civilization that denied emotion and escapism and knew logic and objectiveness to the point where it nurtured and developed the science of

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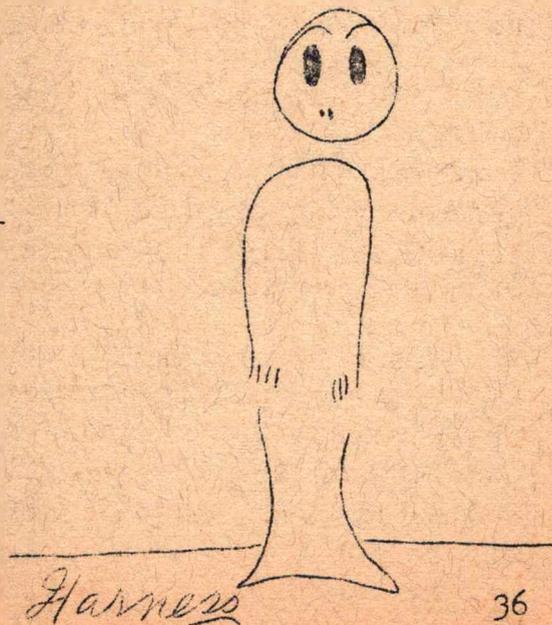
man along with scientific technology? Where is the civilization that had a human revolution along with an industrial revolution?" End quote, and I added the underlinings for emphasis.

I was speaking of superimposed emotions and fears, of lack of personality integration when I said "denied emotion" - and when I spoke of "logic and objectiveness", I was referring to the current tendency of human beings toward thinking with their emotions and their fears, rather than using their intellect to develop logic and objectiveness concerning themselves. This is a necessary step toward the development of humanity.

I dunno whether this makes it any clearer or not. I don't seem to be able lately to express myself so others understand what I mean. I certainly didn't mean to imply that emotion has no place in human make-up. It most certainly has its place. But the type emotion which will I hope sometime have a prominent place in the human personality is an emotion which will have to grow out of exploration of the past, an exploration on an individual and on a cosmic scale. Until the past has been properly explored and understood, the future cannot be built with any security or maturity and you can apply this statement on any scale you wish -- from the most minute to the most infinite -- this is the human revolution I was speaking of and if you prefer, you may take the "r" off revolution, and it would still apply.

Yeah, I know, I've probably been clear as mud. Typical of Nangee and I don't know what to do except to keep plugging away.

I agree. Tosk and I will never establish rapport in print, not at the present anyhow. As you can see from my comment to him, I gave up utterly on this point. However, there are other ways of establishing rapport and I am also a great believer in the natural order of things (including dear Tosk); so I am not going to worry a bit.



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Ignatz #20 - Nance Share

When I put Ignatz at the top of the foregoing page, I wasn't sure I would reach it before I reached the end of the page. And I didn't. So now it is Ignatz for sure. I think I will lift one of your comments, Nance, and say emphatically that Ignatz is good for what ails me. Gads, what a delightful bit of reading!

I read Ignatz early this a.m. (this being May 13) and I recommend it to anyone who gets up grumpy like I do. My grumpiness disappeared in a puff of laughter which became gales of hysteria when I reached your earthshaking question, "what bothers me is what does the US government want with all that bat poop?" I'm still weak.

"The Ninth Institution" again; wal, at least you seemed to more or less agree with me which is certainly a refreshing change. About inventions, and the eight institutions, I answered that somewhere - under OUT I think.

I don't know whether Duke as induced fever or not to check the effect on psi. Or whether any investigators have. But it is a well known fact that anything which distracts the conscious mind to any extent gives the subconscious a chance to come to the fore.

This is especially true re psi because the conscious mind is a terrific bloc against workable psi. People automatically bloc the process. Life long social training, the demands society makes of people automatically inspires such a reaction. People will do as a matter of course what they have been taught all their life.

Suspicion, distrust, an inhibition against expressing oneself frankly which at times amounts to an inability to open up, even among people who are supposedly very close, all this adds up to automatic withdrawal.

People are afraid to express themselves freely for many reasons - fear of appearing ridiculous, of appearing stupid, of being non-conformist, of being conformist, of being human, of being inhuman - the list is miles long. This is the present framework of our society and of our upbringing.

Then plunge a person with this type of training into such

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concepts as mental telepathy or teleportation, and ask them to experiment and there is as a matter of course a strong bloc. Thinking about these matters, desiring them, etc. is one thing. Running into the harsh reality of mental telepathy or teleportation is another matter entirely. In theory, we may well be geared for these processes but in reality, we most certainly are not - the gears jest don't mesh.

This society of ours is one that represses. Working in psi, an ability which is buried quite deep in the mind, implies opening up channels, loosing many things which have long been buried. And all hell busts loose in the process of trying to use psi in any form but especially in the field of telepathy and teleportation. That is why I said one had to be a psychologist, a psychoanalyst, and a parapsychologist, in that order. After that, perhaps one can then attempt to be a human human.

So it is logical to assume that fever, among other things, would favor the working of psi. As would a blow on the head, a sudden accident, or drowning, etc. All these things (under the sudden impact of strong emotion) do away with conscious inhibitions. That is why so many spontaneous psi experiences revolve around death, accidents, and other commonly regarded "unpleasant" occurrences.

Inducing fever might produce some interesting results, even if a rather rough way to obtain them, but the people in this field are more interested in observing the psi process in normal people under normal circumstances; people in a normal state of body and mind. This is important because the most basic and the most important problem to be dealt with is the conscious control of psi. This is not only for the purposes of demonstration and reproducibility in scientific experiment but because the process will benefit no



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I believe the teaching profession these days considers that teaching a child should include his entire social setting, not just the formal reading, writing and arithmetic. The curriculum should take into consideration a pupil's experience, learning, and knowledge whether such has been obtained vicariously or directly through everyday living.

It is not an easy matter to provide a balanced curriculum, one which will provide students with functional learning situations, which will include factors and conditions reflected by economic, social, and cultural aspects on both a local, national, and international level. America is supposedly a central motive power in the world today and, if this is true, or if it is to continue to be true, curriculums are going to have to be broadened and remain, at the same time, balanced. This is a big order but many people in the field of education are trying and trying hard against great odds.

As for who should teach the child what, this is a rather pointless argument and a vicious circle to boot. The parents and the school should work together.

You are wrong about one thing though. The first two years of life are the formative years, the most important years of any child. And there is another matter - a child's attitudes and actions in school are a pretty definite and accurate criteria for judging his parents' attitudes and actions.

If you had ever been a teacher caught between a child, his parents, and a school administration, then I think you would not be so vehement on this matter of parents vs teachers vs children. Teachers do not have any say about what is taught or how it is to be taught. This comes from the school administration and the teacher has to do the best he/she can under given circumstances.

Odd that Harry Warner should be talking about memory at this particular time. The matter of memory came up in psych class the other day and since it made absolutely no sense to me, I started asking question (naturally). I was confused and the poor instructor ended up as confused as I was. Actual- there are no answers to this question of memory, what it is or how it works. The discussion was of course in direct

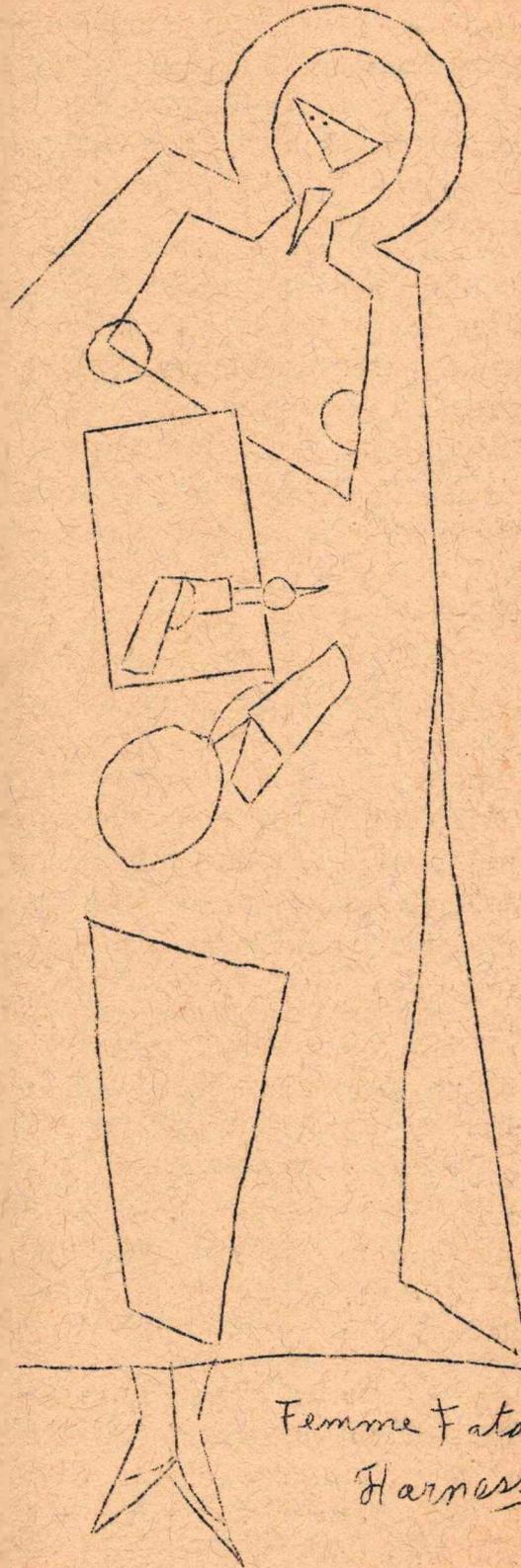
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connection with educational psychology. Unfortunately, what is learned through experimentation in this field cannot be applied with any accuracy to the classroom situation because in experimentation there is only one variable. In the classroom, there are any number of uncontrolled variables. So, it boils down to simple trial and error on the teacher's part.

He has to find via this method a satisfactory method of teaching a subject. He can of course use the principles discovered through experiments but not as definite criteria for a teaching method. Such principles may be used only as springboards toward a teaching method.

What interested me the most and confused me the most was the memory phenomena that psychologists term reminiscence. In fact, I think this is was one of the rare phenomena that all schools of thought call by the same name. This in itself is phenomenal. And I believe it is reminiscence that Harry was mostly talking about. We know it happens but it is not known how or why. So Harry is not alone in wishing he knew why it happens that way.

My esp article - it is a little discombooberating to discover that after five years I can find little to change. Or add. This I would term lack of progress with a vengeance!



*Femme Fatale  
Harness*

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Hmm, I wrote something out in the margin and now I don't no what it means. All I wrote was "sending, receiving, mental bloc".....This must have been something I wanted to add. Mental blocs - well, there are mental blocs all right - blocs that can be easily detected and sometimes result in headaches or what we term "contact pain". There is a fine distinction between a regular headache and the discomfort from a strong mental bloc.

Sending and receiving - what in sam hill did I want to say about this? I do know for a long time that we thought I was the better recipient, rather than agent(sender). But Duke has always asked me to be agent and other later events evidently point out that I send better than I receive. This could be easily due to the fact that we finally tapped a strong unconscious bloc against psi in my own mind. I had suspected it for a long time and wouldn't admit it. Can you imagine old Nangee with a fullblown bloc against mental telepathy? Heh. So many of the mental blocs that were up when I was acting as recipient were probably my own. Galling, that's wot. Or is that "gauling"?? If you'all are interested, and I can remember that long, I'll tell you how we discovered the bloc I was sprouting so gaily. Gads, I could kill myself for being so stupid! But now at least I have looked squarely at the bloc and mayhaps can do something about it now. Here's hoping.

The article is a poor description of subjective experiences and some day I may try to improve on that. But as I said, there is still no language which is an adequate vehicle for conveying to others what psi experiences are like. The words we use as a matter of course in our lives are not designed for psi expression. I seem to recall Toskey's skeptical request for some down to earth descriptions of such experiences. I rather imagine there are symbolic concepts in math that can't be expressed in words either. Perhaps that will enable him to understand why we have written so little of these matters. It's not because we don't want to, it's because we just don't know how.

As for the parallel I was looking for - the mental contacts which have nothing to do with thought or image transference - I have yet to find one in any literature or in any of the records at Duke, aside from our own. We have

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all experienced these contacts; Joan, Wrai, Nance and I. Art did once or twice during formal testing and I think Eney has. And Buz has, though under somewhat different circumstances. My own homemade explanation of this is that it is a form of disrhythmia, caused by pure thought energy; a temporary break in one's normal brain wave pattern induced by the touch of two minds, the crossing of thought energy of different wave lengths or make-up - or whatever the hell thought energy is made up of. This may be homemade for a surety but so far its the only hypotheses offered, as far as I've been able to discover. I suppose when/if we had access to EEG tests or something similar, something to measure and picture brain patterns (which they claim are not unique individually) then perhaps the theory could be tested. If brain patterns aren't unique (like fingerprints) it might be difficult but at least any disrhythmia would be depicted. How the hell does one spell dysrrhythmia??

Sam Mines is till on Long Island, Nance, last I heard. Maybe one of these days he will come back to us. I sincerely hope so.

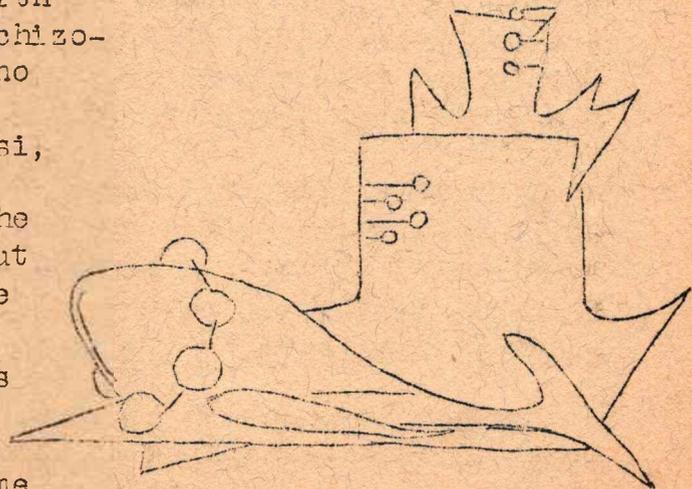
Ignatz, you make life worthwhile.

Fenden #12: Elinor Busby

You and Buz had lovely covers on your pubs. I appreciated them very much; appeal to my esthetic sense, that's wot.

Experimentation in psi with the mentally incompetent, schizophrenics included, yielded no results; no indication of a higher degree of workable psi, and in many cases yielded a much lower degree than in the so-called normal person. But your conclusion that people don't have workable psi because they don't want it, is certainly valid.

I can well understand some one hating such an ability, or being frightened by it. They



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could hate it because it makes them too different and they could be terrified by it if they didn't understand it for what it was or even because they could not control it.

There have been many people who actually doubted their sanity (including me) because of frequent psi occurrences, especially in the past. In current times, with it being discussed so widely, I think perhaps this fear may more or less be dispelled, if the person in question is in contact with current trends. Doing away with even one fear connected with psi is accomplishing a great deal. It is quite a relief to discover that instead of being crazy, one merely possesses a wild talent, even though this fact in itself can at times make one wish they were crazy.

Your cow standing in the middle of the tunnel with big horns on her head sounds very much like the horns of a dilemma, at least in one reference frame. To be born or not to be born eh? But I agree with your interpretation - birth is usually accompanied by quite a terrific psychic shock, more in some infants than in others, true, but still a shock. I know my birth was accompanied by strong shock by so far I haven't been able to get back that far with any degree of lucidness - the bloc is too strong.

As for dreaming of flying, the human race as a whole seems to be prone to this type of dreaming. Freud aside, and he definitely should be put aside at times, may it is some sort of racial memory. Horrors! You don't suppose we were all angels once, do you? Far more logical to assume that we once belonged to a race that had perfected teleportation - or else to some race, star-race, that traveled the universe. This sounds like a lot more fun than Freud's theory but I hasten to add that Freud has his points too, bless his ever lovin' trail blazin' heart.

With that thought I leave you and the 47th Saps mailing which I have enjoyed so much that I wish I had it to do all over again. It's like reading an exceptionally good book - when you finish you wish you hadn't so you would still have all that delight in front of you.

Ah well, there will be more mailings. So until that time arrives, the very best to each of you. You have been a pleasure and I contend that Saps is an excellent example of my concept that there is a great deal to be said for humanity.