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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Ever since I moved from Queens College to Brooklyn College last September, my residence in Queens has been most inconvenient. I have finally decided to do something about it, and if I can find someone to take over the remaining 7 months of my present lease I am moving into Manhattan. Pending this move, I have rented a post office box in Manhattan. My new mailing address is Box 22, New York 33, New York. My phone is WA 3-2650.

The usual New York apartment house mailbox is so small, and my volume of mail so large, that I have frequently found mail jammed into the box and torn. This is particularly exasperating in the case of periodicals which I wish to save, and of first day covers for my stamp collection. From now on I will receive mail at a post office box instead. The box number given above supersedes all previous addresses, except of course my academic address which continues to be Department of Physics, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn 10, New York.

THE FUTURE

Several circumstances have dictated an even longer interval between future issues of the POINTING VECTOR. First, the recent increase of postal rates makes the mailing of the newsletter more costly. Second, I am involved in moving. Third, I do not do my own duplication, and pending the purchase of my own ditto this means that I have to depend for duplication on other media which are not always available. And fourth, the POINTING VECTOR duplicates needlessly the coverage of other amateur publications which have a wider range of content and circulation, and in which I am also involved in political arguments.

Chief among these amateur publications devoted in part or in full to discussion of political, religious, or social topics are Yandro and Kipple. Any subscriber of the POINTING VECTOR who feels that he would like to transfer his subscription to one of these magazines, which are published on a nearly regular monthly schedule, should let me know. I'll transfer the uncompleted part of his POINTING VECTOR subscription to the magazine of his choice and pay all relevant costs.

Yandro is published by Bob and Juanita Coulson, Route #3, Wabash, Indiana. It is well illustrated by the editors and others, and its contents alternate science-fiction and politics. There is also some good fan fiction, science-fiction fanzine reviews, and rousing scraps in the letters column. The Coulsons call themselves "conservatives", but manage to take liberal positions on most of the vital topics which distinguish these

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two points of view. (Parenthetically, this is probably due to the intensive campaign by the conservative press to discredit the term "liberal".) Recent issues of Yandro have been enlivened by Derek Nelson's plea for the invasion of Cuba, and by Donald Wollheim's crushing rebuttal to same in the November 1962 issue.

Kipple is "an amateur magazine of opinion and commentary" published regularly and edited indifferently by Ted Pauls, 1448 Meridene Drive, Baltimore 12, Maryland. Pauls is a liberal of the "come here and stomp on me" school. In most respects his positions on political and quasi-political issues are the same as mine, but he does not share my apprehension about the strength of lawless conservatism in contemporary America. This led him to quote, in the October 1962 issue, just such sections of "Satyagraha, Havlaga, Treblinka" (POINTING VECTOR #10, p. 2) as would lead his readers to believe that I advocate the immediate slaughter of conservatives. (What I in fact said was that liberals ought to look beyond non-violent methods of self-defense if conservative attacks are intensified and if law-enforcement officials and courts of conservative views cannot prevent these attacks.) This has led to some free-swinging discussions in the letter columns of subsequent Kipples, which as always take up over half of the magazine. Unlike Yandro, Kipple is not illustrated, and contains no fiction and very little commentary on science-fiction and its fandom.

WARM HEARTS AND COLD WEATHER

The Christmas holidays were the occasion for a Boardman family reunion in Iowa. I started west by train on 20 December, and the next afternoon met my sister-in-law Dorothy and her three youngsters in Chicago. We went the rest of the way together, they having started from Norfolk, Virginia, and arrived very early (but 2 hours late) Saturday morning in Fort Dodge. My brother Karl, the paterfamilias of this outfit, was the only one absent from the reunion; he was spending that season of peace and brotherhood on NATO naval maneuvers in the Mediterranean.

My father picked us up at the Fort Dodge station and took us home, where my mother was waiting for us. Within a couple of days both grandmothers arrived, and stayed for most of Christmas week. The reunion was completed Sunday, when we all went over to the new home of my youngest brother Keith in Storm Lake. In addition to Keith and his wife and two children, Aunt Jean and her four children were over for the day from Sioux City.

Keith graduated last fall from the Palmer School of Chiropractic, and is now in practice with his wife's uncle. He demonstrated his convincing professional manner in giving me an examination of my spine. (For those unfamiliar with chiropractic theory, this branch of the healing arts is based on the idea that disease is made possible by pressure of vertebrae upon nerves leading to the affected part of the body. Adjustments of the vertebrae are made by chiropractors to relieve this pressure. In my opinion, this attribution of disease to one cause is oversimplified, and overlooks the role of micro-organisms. However, chiropractic treatment is efficacious in dealing with nervous ailments. Also, chiropractors have not been as successful as medical doctors in removing the quacks from their ranks.) An X-ray proved my spine to be a real mess. I am missing one dorsal vertebra with attached pair of ribs, and have instead an

extra lumbar vertebra. The spine itself meanders from side to side, though I am assured this is usual.

This was the first time I had seen many of my relatives in the better part of a year, and the first time I had ever seen my youngest nephew, Keith's boy Dana. Dana, 9½ months old, is already giving promise of being the biggest man in a family which has never run to runts; he can wear some clothes of his 3-year-old sister Teresa.

Karl's kids are a bright lot. Flint, 7½, should be ready for a Mensa exam by the time his voice starts reaching for the low notes. Maria, 6, is a quiet blonde - two characteristics she gets from her mother's family, as they couldn't have come from the Boardmans. Kristine, 4½, and generally known as "Dolly", is a tomboy; she is never so happy as when she is being swung head downward by her feet.

I spent a week of very cold weather with the family; we even had an appropriately white Christmas. Keith's family was over on Christmas day to visit both sets of parents (Ginger's folks also live in Fort Dodge). I returned to New York on the 27th, but Dorothy and her children were able to stay on for another week. They spent New Year's Day at Keith's.

ENCLOSED

With this issue of the POINTING VECTOR comes a pamphlet "Will Communism Conquer the World?" by Stuart Chase. This article was originally published in the Progressive, and is reprinted by the Sidney Hillman Foundation. I feel that the analysis of the present situation of Communism and the response which the United States can make in competing for the minds of men are very well thought out. Chase sees the world situation not as a struggle of military power blocs but as the rising expectations of a better life by the poorer peoples of the world. He feels that the United States is far better able than the Soviet Union and China to respond to the revolution of rising expectations.

SORRY

The last printing of the POINTING VECTOR was incorrectly set at only 100 copies. I'm going to try for 130 with this issue, and hope that there'll be enough to go around. I am using a brand of ditto master ("Old Town Super-Kleen") which is practically the only brand I've found that's good for 100 or more copies, and I want to find out how far I can stretch it. If it fails to go as high as 130 copies with decent readability, I'll switch to mimeograph. In the meantime, I apologize to the people who didn't receive POINTING VECTOR #13. All subscription and trade copies of this issue went out, and such copies will continue to do so.

WATF

Everybody give up? The source of the quote about "Birchers" in POINTING VECTORS #11, p. 25 and #13, p. 8, is Snorre Sturleson's Heimskringla, a history of Norway written in the 13th century. The "Birchers" of those days was a faction of mountaineers who got their name from their birchbark puttees.

CHANGE OF STATE

BORN - to Russell and Joan Targ, a son, Alexander Gary, 18 December 1962, Palo Alto, California.

BORN - to Jody and Connie Gresser, a son, Edward Bellamy, 16 October 1962, East Cleveland, Ohio. Edward Bellamy Gresser is named for Jody's father, who was in turn named for the author of Looking Backward.

MOVED - Charles and Jane Wells, Apartment #1, 200 Atlas, Durham, North Carolina.

MOVED - Tom Seidman, 1720 15th Avenue, Apartment #7, Seattle 22, Washington.

GRADUATED - Paul Glattstein, in December 1962, from Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana.

RECOMMENDED READING

The Outsider's Newsletter tells the outside story of public affairs - the story of what is not going on. ("When we can't steal information, we'll make it up.") Its satirical commentary on national and world news is a welcome antidote to the fugg being perpetrated in the daily press. Among features of the Outsider's Newsletter are: A column by Ichiro Kyuichi, author of Destiny's Deckhand: The Autobiography of a Seaman on the Japanese Destroyer That Rammed Kennedy's PT-109 and Japanese New Frontier delegate to the Prefectural Assembly of Osaka; "Letters to Other Editors" that never get printed; the Edward M. Kennedy Foundation to subsidize unqualified candidates; Junket-tours for politicians traveling at the public expense; an interview with Cuban exile Juan Tanamo Bey; and the serialized adventures of Special Agent 008 James Bland of Her Majesty's Most Secret Service. In one episode, Bland finds himself aboard a U. S. nuclear submarine under the command of Lt. Cmdr. Robert Morgenthau and Lt. Richard Nixon, who have retired from politics and reactivated their commissions, afloat in the Brahmaputra River and awaiting the attack of a horde of Chinese. In the midst of the attack, Nixon announces that he is the Manchurian Candidate. During the newspaper strike, the Outsider's Newsletter published editions of the "New York Daily News" and the "New York Post". This sassy little weekly is available at \$6 a year from Monocle Publications, 106 West 69th Street, New York 23, New York.

Liaison is a weekly newsletter which is published, until the postal authorities get on its tail, at \$14.95 a year from 110 West 40th Street, New York 18, New York. Liaison #4 contains a scathing review of Tropic of Capricorn with which I find myself in complete agreement.

Alas, the American Liberal, formerly the Californian, is not financially able to continue publication. Editor Burton Wolfe recommends that readers support the Progressive instead. Californian subscriptions are being transferred to the Independent, a worthwhile monthly gadfly which is \$3 a year from 239 Park Avenue South, New York 3, New York.

Freedom Through Dissent is the 42nd annual report of the American Civil Liberties Union, which since the days of the Palmer Raids in 1920 has been defending the civil liberties of men of all political colorations. This report is an account of ACLU activities from 1 July 1961 to 30 June 1962, and is available for 75¢ from the ACLU, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE MAILBOX

BUCK COULSON: Since I didn't have any sympathy for the peace movement to begin with, I'm all in favor of decreasing sympathy for it. Must say I'm surprised to find anyone who believes simultaneously in shooting conservatives and in not doing anything to "provoke" the Russians; you believe in provocation as long as it is relatively safe, it seems.

((The United States of America has a constitutional obligation to protect the civil rights of its citizens. It does not have a constitutional obligation to restore to their former positions of domination the sugar companies which were looting Cuba before the revolution, and getting annual profits of 23%. The government of the United States is not charged with the enforcement of law anywhere except on its own territory. And if Ross Barnett had atomic missiles, believe me, I wouldn't advocate trying to punish him for sedition, or otherwise "provoking" him.))

CARL LAZARUS: "The Feast of the Wheel" was a very interesting article, but I disagree with it on one point -- the Jewish holiday Channukah is solely a celebration of the overthrow of Syrian rule and has little to do with the "rebirth" of the sun. It is probably just a coincidence that the revolution succeeded at this time of the year. ((I'll agree with that. But the time of year probably influenced the manner in which Channukah is celebrated -- by the lighting of lamps.)) You mentioned, while commenting on Tom Seidman's letter, that "If tough policy is all it takes, then why, after 17 years of cold war, are we increasingly insecure?" The answer is simple -- we haven't had a tough policy. ((How about the Truman Doctrine? The Marine invasions of Lebanon and Thailand? The war we're fighting now in Viet Nam? And, above all, the Korean War? In that war, American casualties alone numbered 157,530. How tough does a policy have to get before you're satisfied?))

TOM SEIDMAN: I found your father's article ("Farming Today", A. C. Boardman, POINTING VECTOR #11, p. 2) particularly interesting and would like to see a bit more detail. Are you aware that a sizable number of companies and organizations whose principal business is completely unrelated to agriculture receive support money (e. g., the U. S. Army, some insurance companies, various outfits which have purchased farm land for, e. g., construction, and then get paid not to raise crops on it)? As long as supports are supported as an aid to the "small farmer" how about making profit-making organizations and branches of government ineligible for supports as well as putting a maximum on what any single farm(er) could get. This is, of course, only a short-term proposal -- in the long run (unless one believes there is some mystic virtue in preserving the yeoman farmer) farming which is uneconomical will have to be allowed to die away -- supports should be looked on as an interim measure designed solely to ease the transition. Certainly land not now receiving support should be permanently ineligible and perhaps also any land ownership of which is transferred outside the (extended) family to someone not now receiving support. (This last would tend to limit the number of people entering agriculture for whom the subsidy is needed to provide the margin for economic operation.) Given that the support would be thus limited and frankly transitional (with a fixed term) I would support even more generous subsidies (which might make

the scheme more politically attractive).

((This sounds fair enough. May we have some comments from rural readers?))

I disagree with Midge West's characterization of the Finns as "apathetic". I think of all the countries I visited I met the greatest number of outstandingly friendly people in Finland and found the Finns in general to be extraordinarily hospitable, quite proud of their country, and cautiously optimistic about their future.

"X" for Christ dates before printing and is not because of any resemblance to a cross - the letter chi is the initial of the Greek χ *PIGROS* = savior, and the symbol is still used. ((The Greek word for "savior" is "soter". "Christos" means "Messiah", or may also be related to "Chrestos", "simple man". I think that the "X" may come from both sources, and would appreciate a comment from someone who knows more about Xtian history.))



FOR SALE

All books listed for sale are used, and many are in new condition. Books marked "*" are paperbacks. Several copies are available of books marked "#". Orders of 75¢ or more are postage-free; include 15¢ postage for smaller orders.

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IF AND WHEN

Tom Seidman asks for the sources of the quotes from Senator Goldwater and Representative Doyle in POINTING VECTOR #13. On 20 January 1962, in a speech in Washington, Senator Goldwater said: "I have some definite plans for Professor Galbraith, Ed Murrow, and Arthur Schlesinger Jr. I can't reveal these plans, because if there's a leak they might get out of the country before I'm inaugurated." John Kenneth Galbraith is Ambassador to India, Edward R. Murrow is director of the United States Information Agency, and Arthur Schlesinger Jr. is a prominent historian and a Special Assistant to the President. All three are well-known as liberals. Senator Goldwater's remarks were reported in U. S. NEWS & World Report, 12 February 1962, p. 70.

Repr. Doyle's remark on Mrs. Blanche Posner of the Women's Strike for Peace, "she is a Communist now because there's no evidence that she's not", was quoted in a Brooklyn Eagle report of the hearings held on the WSP by the Un-American Committee. I have sent for a report of the hearings and for other current HUAC documents, and will report at greater length in the next POINTING VECTOR.

My collection of right-wing political publications has been aiding Stu Brownstein and Bob Underwood in the preparation of college papers on the right wing. One of these papers, depending on who gets his copy in first, will appear in POINTING VECTOR #15.

Earle Stevens is now in process of preparing for publication in the POINTING VECTOR an article on a curious aspect of Christian doctrine. Until the next issue, I'll leave you all to speculate on what could be the connection between levirate marriage and the Trinity.

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Much to my surprise, I received a holiday card from Faye Lipsher Margolies, who is now living in New Haven. However, I lost track of the envelope on which was her return address, and can't reply to her. Does anyone know where she is?

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For several years some friends and I have been engaged in writing a round-robin story which is now some 21 chapters in length. (See POINTING VECTOR #6 for details.) In response to demands by some of The Story's authors, the serialization of The Story begins in issue #2 of POINTING VECTOR's sister publication, KNOWABLE. Thus far, the authors of The Story are George Cowgill, Judy and Paul Glattstein, Tom Seidman, Morris Pfeffer, and Bill Jacobson. The Story is at present a medieval tale of knightly derring-do, although since each author has full freedom to do with it what he will there is no predicting what will happen next.

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