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"He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears."

--Proverbs XXVI, 17

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My wife and I also publish KNOWABLE, a science-fiction fanzine which appears as often and at the same cost as POINTING VECTOR. No back issues of POINTING VECTOR are available, but copies of KNOWABLE #7 are still on hand. Also available is a three-color cover illustration from KNOWABLE #7 (the knight drinking with the dragon), without the logo, at 25¢ per copy plus 10¢ per order for mailing costs.

This issue of POINTING VECTOR is truncated owing to the chronic shortness of time which anyone in academic life experiences at this time of year. Midge West's article on the British elections, originally scheduled for this issue, will be held over until #21.

From 15 June until 3 July I'll be at a relativity conference at Arlington State College, Arlington, Texas.

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During this period my mailing address will be "c/o Prof Jason Ellis, Arlington State College, Arlington, Texas". The conference will deal with methods of teaching relativity in undergraduate physics courses.

Among the features of POINTING VECTOR #21 will be the results of the presidential poll. Your ballot is enclosed with this issue, unless you have already received it with another OPERATION AGITATION publication. Despite what it may say on the ballot itself or on p. 21 of this newsletter, the deadline for the poll is Monday 6 July. The poll consists of two parts: selection of presidential and vice-presidential candidates by the voters of each major party, and a trial run of the November general election based on the assumption that the major-party candidates will be Johnson and Goldwater. Another poll will be taken after the nominating conventions. Needless to say, no participant's vote will be revealed. Additional poll ballots are available on request.

ERRATA AND CORRIGENDA

P. 8: At the Battle of Anacostia Flats, the troops under General MacArthur's command used tear gas to drive out the veterans. Firearms were used by auxiliaries from the Washington police. After forcing its evacuation, the troops and police burned the encampment.

P. 15: A new paragraph should begin with the sentence at the bottom of the page which starts with the words "As a historical parallel..."

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I would appreciate reports from any southern readers about the quality of the reception and the content of the programs of Radio Free Dixie. This Havana broadcast may be heard on 690 KC at the following times: 12-1 AM Tuesday, 11-12 PM Friday, 12-1 AM Sunday. Among the speakers on Radio Free Dixie are Robert F. Williams and other Americans who have gone voluntarily into exile, or been chased out, because they opposed segregation.

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The American Red Cross is currently conducting another fund drive. Readers are reminded that the Red Cross labels by race of donor the blood in its southern blood banks, and gives blood only to persons of the same race as the donor. If you don't care to support this sort of thing, don't donate to the Red Cross or to any united fund which includes the Red Cross.

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Many handbooks and pamphlets have been published to tell the visitor to the New York World's Fair of the things he may expect in this city. However, the out-of-town visitor should be warned of one other thing, which none of these guidebooks mention. In most parts of the country, coffee is served to you black unless you specify that you want it with cream. Here, you get it with cream unless you specify that you want it black. You have been warned!

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THE ASSASSINATION OF NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV

fiction by John Boardman.

On August 15, 1968, a shabbily clad civilian raced across No Man's Land, evaded a few North Korean bullets which were sent after him, and took refuge with a squad of American soldiers commanded by Second Lieutenant George Bidwell of Ida Grove, Iowa. Much to the surprise of the American patrol, their refugee was a white man. Bidwell questioned him, but the man responded in Russian, which none of the Americans understood. "Sounds like a Russky, sir," said one of the men. "They'll probably want to talk to him in Seoul."

The refugee tried another language. "I can understand that," said Corporal Morris Farber of the Bronx. "He's speaking Yiddish!" Farber responded in the same language, modified from its European prototype by three generations of life in America. The lieutenant got a running translation. "His name is Grigori Girsh -- he says he's from Biro-Bidjan -- that's a Jewish settlement across the Amur from Manchuria -- My God! He says he helped kill Khrushchev."

Fifteen months before Corporal Farber translated Girsh's words on a sweltering hilltop in central Korea, the world had been shocked by the assassination of Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushchev during a visit by the Premier to the Siberian city of Khabarovsk. The Soviet government has immediately clamped a news blackout on the circumstances of the assassination. After Khrushchev had been laid to rest with great ceremony beside Lenin, it was announced that his murderer had been a young American agent, a certain Yuri Ivanovich Dvoretzky. Shortly after firing the fatal shot, according to Tass, Dvoretzky had been stabbed to death by an enraged Siberian named Alexandrov.

Not long after, western embassies in Moscow began to hear rumors that the whole story of the assassination had not been told. The reason for Khrushchev's visit to this border area in Siberia was, according to whispers over the samovars in Moscow tea shops, to counteract Chinese influence among the Asian peoples of Siberia. Despite the official account blaming the Premier's death on the Americans, these informants insisted that the Chinese had been behind Khrushchev's assassination. In evidence was cited the fact that Alexandrov was not a Russian, but belonged to the Tungus tribe of Siberia.

The persistence of these rumors led the Soviet government to issue a fuller report. According to this story, Dvoretzky had attempted to escape after firing the fatal shots with a Soviet Army issue rifle from the rafters of a banquet hall. He had gunned down a policeman, Ivan Borisovich Shang, before being taken into custody. Alexandrov had later killed Dvoretzky while he was being questioned. It was not explained why Alexandrov, a civilian who ran a bar, was present at the questioning.

This account of the hectic hours immediately after Khrushchev's murder was substantiated by several newsmen from neutral countries, who had been accompanying the Premier's party in Khabarovsk. They confirmed that, in the hour between Khrushchev's murder and Dvoretzky's arrest, Shang had been killed. Some of them had been at the police station when Alexandrov

killed Dvoretzky. However, a few maintained that Dvoretzky had not been the only one to fire at Khrushchev, and none were able to explain where Dvoretzky got his rifle, or how Alexandrov had been able to stab him.

It was such questions as this that Girsh was expected to clear up. In doing so, he raised many more - including some which have seriously disrupted the Russo-Chinese rapprochement which occurred upon Khrushchev's death, and have had the effect of driving the Soviet Union closer to the United States.

Girsh was interviewed almost immediately by several western newsmen. A later military inquiry revealed that Lieutenant Bidwell had a Korean mistress whose sister served a Reuters correspondent in a similar capacity. Thus an interview was arranged without giving the higher brass a chance to get at Girsh first.

Girsh revealed that he had been a member of a pro-Chinese espionage and propaganda ring that had operated among the Asian population of Khabarovsk and other border regions in the Soviet far east. These areas had once been Chinese, and the Chinese government was using a not-too-subtle racism to attract the inhabitants back to the influence of Peking. Girsh himself had been drawn into this ring through his distaste for the Soviet Union's semi-official anti-Semitism. The ringleader was a Russian named Posadnikov, a radical idealist who favored the Chinese because he felt that the Soviet policy of peaceful co-existence was a betrayal of the world revolution.

Most of the others in the group were Asians, including the policeman Shang and the Tungus vodka-seller Alexandrov. Alexandrov's bar was their usual meeting place. It was on hearing of Khrushchev's planned visit to Khabarovsk that Posadnikov had proposed to them the assassination of the Premier.

Most of the group, Girsh included, had entered immediate objections. Clearly, criticizing Khrushchev was one thing, and killing him quite another. But Posadnikov had claimed that he knew how to get rid of Khrushchev without casting any suspicion on their group, or even provoking anti-Chinese suspicion.

"I know this young ne'er-do-well," Posadnikov had said. "He's a pro-western idealist - has an American wife, admires Yevtushenko, thinks Khrushchev and Kennedy did a great job in signing the nuclear test ban - you know the type. He once even tried to cross the wall in Berlin."

"Then how do we get him to kill Fatty?" someone had objected.

"The program calls for Khrushchev to be the local party committee's guest at a banquet. You know the place it'll be - that old Tsarist relic with the high rafters and gable windows. We put this punk Dvoretzky next to a window in the rafters with a gun, and tell him that if he kills Fatty we'll see that he gets away all right. Then we put our best marksmen outside the hall with the same kind of gun. Does everybody follow me?"

According to Girsh, it was so arranged. He and Posadnikov, as the only non-Orientals in the ring, contacted Dvoretzky and told him that Khrushchev intended to repudiate the test ban treaty. Since Dvoretzky was already concerned about the recent increase of tension in Berlin, he accepted their story uncritically. As Girsh later said, "He really wasn't too bright."

On the eve of the assassination, Girsh gave Dvoretzky a

rifle which Shang had obtained. "As soon as you've done it," Dvoretzky was instructed, "you run out through this window. If they chase you, come to Alexandrov's place and we'll hide you."

"That's where it started going wrong," Girsh told the newsmen. "Sure, he shot Khrushchev according to plan. The instant we heard the shot, two of our men opened fire from outdoors. No one saw us, because Dvoretzky's shot from inside the building got everyone's attention. We thought we had it figured perfectly. If none of Khrushchev's guards killed him inside the building, Shang was going to ambush him on the way to Alexandrov's and kill him. Then, when this pro-American was identified as Khrushchev's assassin, it would naturally bring Soviet opinion around closer to the Chinese way of looking at things.

"What none of us had planned, was that Dvoretzky would reload. Instead of Shang shooting him, he shot Shang! When some of Shang's mates, who weren't in on the plot, arrested Dvoretzky, we were scared stiff. We were sure that the police would get the story out of him.

"Posadnikov was the only one who didn't panic. When we got together at Alexandrov's place, he said, 'There's nothing for it but to kill Dvoretzky before he sings. Who wants to go into the police station and do it?'"

"Who can?" I said.

"Alexandrov stammered a little, and then he said, 'I guess I could. Half the police in Khabarovsk owe me for liquor or women. Everyone there knows me.'

"So Alexandrov took a knife - and you know the rest."

CALIFORNIA, HERE THEY COME!

On 2 June the Golden State holds what could be the most important primary election of 1964. Of principal interest is the contest between Nelson Rockefeller and Barry Goldwater for California's delegation to the Republican convention.

The rank and file of the Republican Party, and particularly the precinct-level leaders who are the party's backbone, deserve a candidate who will faithfully represent the traditional views of their party. California Republicans are therefore urged to vote for Senator Goldwater, whose views are those of his party without excuse, equivocation, or dilution.

California Democrats have a choice between two sets of convention delegates, one headed by Governor Brown and the other by the erratic and unreliable Mayor Yorty of Los Angeles. Only the Brown slate has the President's endorsement, or merits the votes of California Democrats.

Either Alan Cranston or Pierre Salinger would be a welcome addition to the U. S. Senate. However, Cranston is far more experienced in public affairs, and has the backing of Governor Brown and of the California Democratic Councils which have revitalized the party in recent years. Salinger is too closely identified with the more conservative party boss Jesse Unruh. A vote for Cranston is recommended.

The conservative Republican candidates for Congress are endorsed over their liberal or moderate opposition, as being better spokesmen for their party. In particular, George Murphy is

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THE MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

With the passing of General of the Army Douglas ***** MacArthur, an era of American history has come to an end. It is a little difficult to remember a time when he did not loom on the horizon of public life, sometimes drifting near to the zenith amidst thunderclouds. Clearly some memorial to General MacArthur is in order.

The ideal place for this memorial would be on the site of one of MacArthur's greatest victories - Anacostia Flats, Washington, D. C. It was here, in 1932, that this fearless leader marched upon an encampment of unarmed and jobless ex-servicemen who had come to Washington to seek some economic relief from the Hoover Depression. Despite the threat posed to the American Way of Life by these men's demand for payment of a veterans' bonus to which they were entitled by law, MacArthur scattered the encampment with only a few rounds of gunfire.

Washington missed being the scene of a .. great triumph for MacArthur a few years later. In 1934 MacArthur was picked by the American Legion as a potential leader in a plot to march 500,000 men on Washington, overthrow President Roosevelt, and establish a military dictatorship on the Italian Fascist model. Unfortunately for the chances of MacArthur's advancement in public life, another general blew the gaff. Gerald P. MacGuire, a prominent broker, contacted General Smedley Butler of the Marines and offered him a bankroll of 3 million dollars to participate in such a coup. Butler promptly went to a congressional committee and told all...including the down payment of \$18,000 in hard cash that MacGuire had handed him with the assurances that the Morgan banking interests could supply more if needed. The subsequent publicity dissipated the plot. (See the New York Times, 21 November 1934 and 16 February 1935; and George Seldes, Facts and Fascism.)

Only one shape needs to be put forward for this memorial: a mushroom cloud, a token of the means MacArthur would have used in Korea and Manchuria had he not been retarded by President Truman. Truman, whom MacArthur referred to with characteristic dignity of expression as "a little bastard", had somehow picked up 18th-century ideas about the supremacy of the civil over the military power, and the notion that military policy ought to be merely one aspect of world political policy.

As advisers for the campaign to build the funds for this memorial we might obtain the services of those Japanese who conducted a similar campaign in their own country in 1952. These financial wizards collected a grand total of \$222, and had expenses of only \$2,962.

This campaign for the MacArthur Memorial to honor a great conservative was inspired by the tasteful respect paid to the memory of the liberal President Kennedy by such conservatives as Robert Welch and Prof. Rev. P. Oliver.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS?

The present is a reality in which we all must live. This is too much for some people, and they take intellectual refuge in the past - not the real historical past, but an ideal past created in their own imaginations. This most commonly takes the form of a longing for the Dark Ages, or the "Middle Ages" as they are now euphemistically called. The swift tide of political and social events in our own time has led some people to long for a day when society was stable, when life was ordered, and when a universal consensus of spiritual and intellectual life reigned from Hungary to Ireland and from Sweden to Sicily. This was believed to be a society in which every man knew his place and kept it in content, secure of his future in this life and the next.

This sort of reaction to the twentieth century owes some debt to the elitist philosophy of Gaetano Mosca, and its influence in English literature stems from T. E. Hulme. Ezra Pound and T. S. Eliot preach this gospel to the high-brow, while the middlebrow reads the same message in the works of T. H. White and Leonard Wibberly. Kathleen Nott has written an excellent analysis of this influence on English literature in The Emperor's Clothes (Indiana University Press, \$1.50).

But was it really so? The late historian and historical novelist Alfred Duggan presents five fascinating vignettes of life as it actually was during one representative period in mediæval England. Growing Up in 13th Century England (Pantheon, \$3.50) is aimed primarily at an adolescent readership, but can be read with profit by adults as well. Duggan chooses the 1270s, as a time when general peace existed under the rule of Edward I after the numerous civil wars of the previous reign. Duggan examines the way of life of five families: the households of an earl, a country knight, a peasant, a wealthy London merchant, and a saddler in an East Anglian town. For better comparison, each family has children of the same age: sons 14 and 10, and a daughter 12.

A typical day in the life of each of these families is examined, even to such homely details as sleeping accommodations and sanitary facilities. The prospects in life of the children are mentioned, including the daughter's probable husband, for a 12-year-old girl was almost "husband-high" in those days. One son, of course, would inherit his father's holdings - this would be the elder son among the gentry and peasantry, the younger for the merchant and the craftsman. The career of the other son enables Duggan to show that considerable social mobility existed even in the Dark Ages. The earl's younger son will try to win a fief by strength of his sword arm, the knight's cadet aims at a high place in monastic life, the peasant's boy painfully learns his letters to prepare for the priesthood, the merchant's elder son will take up the newly founded profession of attorney-at-law, and the saddler's elder son goes for a mercenary.

The twentieth-century reader will be most impressed by the squalor which existed even in the earl's castles. Modern ideas of cleanliness and privacy were not part of the

medieval intellectual milieu, and a man's first serious illness was likely to be fatal. Human life had a low value despite the greater religiosity of the times. Government was conducted by and for the landed gentry, and wealth not derived from land was regarded as suspect. The merchant consequently did not have the protection of his property and contracts that a modern businessman regards as indispensable. Economics as a body of knowledge did not exist, let alone political economy. Sheer ignorance of the theory and practice of trade caused kings and nobles to do unwitting harm to the prosperity of their country.

And, at that, Duggan has chosen a relatively peaceful and prosperous decade. The average year taken out of the Dark Ages is far more likely to be entered in the chronicles as a year of plague, civil war, barbarian invasion, famine, or grinding oppression. These calamities hover around the edge of Duggan's description, ever ready to intrude themselves on the scene. And Duggan describes only people who fit in some way into the structure of this society. Life was even less comfortable for the heretic, the Jew, the patronless scholar, or the Welsh or Breton peasant under an alien conquest.

RIGHT YOU ARE IF YOU THINK YOU ARE

Despite the massive support that young people have shown for peace, civil rights, the Peace Corps, and other liberal projects, conservative publicists insist that a great conservative revival is now in progress among youth. This phenomenon is investigated by Dr. Edward Cain of the State University of New York in They'd Rather Be Right (MacMillan, 1963, \$5.95). Cain, who writes in a chatty, informal manner, discusses both conservatism in general and the extent of conservatism on college campuses. But his casual style of writing does not mean that the book is shallow; he includes a solid critique of Ayn Rand's pseudo-philosophy of "Objectivism", and of the division between the traditionalist and the libertarian conservatives.

In his concluding chapters, Cain surveys conservative political activity among youth in the past four decades, and interviews a number of campus conservatives and young conservative leaders in business and politics. Appalling though their ideas may be, the reader may take comfort in the fact that they seem to represent only between 10 and 20 per cent of their generation.

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New York City readers of the POINTING VECTOR will soon receive THIS OUR CITY, a special supplement with comments and recommendations on the primary elections of 2 June 1964. A second issue of THIS OUR CITY will appear in the fall for the general election.

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE MAILBOX

PERDITA BOARDMAN, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218. Re: Harvey Oswald,... Innocent until proven guilty maybe, but not innocent whether proven guilty or not, which seems to me to be closer to the stand you have taken.

It would take a lot of proving for me also for me to believe that he is guilty as charged according to what you call the Revised Standard Version. But, although there seem to me to be a lot of questions still open in the case, it doesn't seem to me that the question of Oswald's complicity is one of them.

I am extremely skeptical of the contention that Oswald was alone in both the planning and execution of the assassination. For one thing, I also remember that in the broadcasts of the first few minutes after the assassination, witnesses on the spot thought the shots came from a near-by railroad embankment.

And even to my politically non-oriented mind it strikes that there was considerably more statement changing and discounting of early reports of the assassination than can be accounted for by confusion alone. However, I don't know to attribute all this to....a plot of the Left?.....a plot of the Right?.....or maybe the desire to sweep everything under the rug as quickly as possible.

One curious thing that strikes me anent of nothing in particular is that although there was information aplenty on all Oswald's weird quasi-communist leanings and his psychological shortcomings, I never saw any mention of his views on civil rights which seemed odd considering some of the early speculations about a right-wing plot, the general temper of the times, and the locality of the crime.

As for Mark Lane, although he espouses the causes that I am generally for in my vague, political non-fanatic sort of way, I think he is a publicity seeking phoney who is not above exaggerating in behalf of his own cause, although this is admittedly an emotional reaction to what I have read about the man and his methods and not a documented charge.

And I certainly think that Oswald's mother is a publicity seeking phoney. She failed the boy as a mother and her attempts to vindicate the man are really only attempts to vindicate herself.

Personally I place no value on Marina Oswald's testimony one way or another. I think she is a sweet, sincere girl, but not very bright and easily led down any path a stronger mind wants her to tread.

As for the rest of the magazine I thought that it was uniformly quite interesting and the appearance of P. V. has improved 200% ever since you began mimeoing it.

One thing, incidentally, I think that Cindi Stevens' letter would have had more punch and authority if either you or she had pointed out that Cindi had just returned from living tooth-by-jowl for a couple of years with the red-necks of rural Louisiana.

The forbearance of readers is asked with this page. I am testing a different type of stencil, and am uncertain of the result.

New readers are warned that double parentheses ((like this)) indicate interpolated comments by the editor. These interpolated comments will continue. It is the privilege of an editor to edit.

 "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her... She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

- Proverbs XXXI

POUL ANDERSON; 3 Las Palomas, Orinda, Calif. 94563: Perhaps I can make clear -- to a few of your readers, though probably not to you -- just what it is that my breed stands for, rather than against, on this war-and-peace issue.

1. Nobody denies that a large-scale nuclear war would be a catastrophe unimaginable if not literally immeasurable. Anyone, peacenik or warmonger, who claims he can predict its results, is a liar.

2. However, we humans have never really been able to predict our own affairs. The best we can go on is probabilities. The way to assess those probabilities is not by slogans but by reason:-- reason based on as many quantitative data as are available.

3. This process leads people like me to the conclusion that a no-holds-barred mutual-annihilation contest could possibly, if not certainly, destroy civilization in the participating countries and perhaps throughout the world.

4. But if one antagonist had overwhelmingly superior strength, both offensive and defensive, it would not be a mutual-annihilation contest. The strong country could wipe out the weak one and not suffer irreparable damage itself.

((This assumes that such an assessment, made by a potential belligerent, is accurate. In 1914 the Germans thought they had such superiority against France, and an irresistible offensive in the Schlieffen Plan. This confidence of a strong country in its own strength has, again and again in history, been the prelude to tragedy.))

5. If the antagonists are fairly evenly matched, a limited war for limited objectives is possible and even probable. To reduce the danger of escalation, especially if nuclear weapons are employed, some pretty elaborate mechanisms must be set up beforehand, and this involves some pretty coldblooded calculation. Would you rather have sentimentalists in charge who refused to make such calculations? If so, you're opting for Newman's 40 million as opposed to 20 million dead. ((Newman's??)) Likewise, a reasonable program of shelter construction is intended to save lives and nothing else.

((I have seen "Shelter" labels on buildings in Harlem that are held together with baling wire and rat dung. There is a high enough death rate in these "shelters" without a nuclear war.))

6. In short, either we grapple with the problem, however inadequately, and give ourselves and wives and children a chance of pulling through the war if it comes...or we do nothing, and let everybody fry in the radiation.

7. I said "if" war comes, not "when". Refer back to #1 above. Nobody wants any kind of war. Most especially, nobody

wants a nuclear war. This is as true of Herman Kahn and Albert Wohlstetter and Edward Teller as it is of Anatole Rapoport and Bertrand Russell and Linus Pauling.

((Unfortunately, it is not true of General Grow, Admiral Radford, and other high military men who have openly advocated atomic war. And Kahn, Wohlstetter, and Teller were once on the payroll of a certain John F. Kennedy who believed that, "Our position in Berlin is worth a nuclear war."))

8. So, besides measures to limit and mitigate the effects of such a war, we must look for ways to avoid it altogether.

((I'm sure the Pgwash conferences would be glad to have the benefit of your viewpoint. Why not send a few comments to the next one? Or, better yet, why doesn't the government?))

9. Surrender measures like unilateral disarmament are not the way. They are, in fact, a criminal abdication of responsibility. As a world power, we have some chance of preventing war; as a nullity, we have none. (What price Russia versus China?)

10. The point above is so important that it bears repeating. In a multilateral world, the fact that one player gets out of the power game does not end the game. If anything, it might well cause the game to intensify, since if you stop playing you become one of the prizes to be gained.

11. Besides, whether or not you agree with ## 9-10, the fact is that no great power will voluntarily and unilaterally leave the game. On the contrary, it will fight for what it conceives to be its vital interests. If it sees its survival as an independent power threatened, it will fight with everything it's got. Or, as Jerry Pournelle once phrased the matter, "No great power ever died quietly; and today we could take a good deal of the world with us." By our present lack of resolution vis-a-vis the Communist side, we are letting them paint us into just this corner. In other words, a refusal to use our strength now is a guarantee of thermonuclear war some years hence.

12. Naturally, the USSR is similar in this respect. Nobody of the school I belong to advocates driving them to desperation. ((Yes, but if this time next year the shots are being called by General Goldwater...))

13. On the contrary, we'd like very much to realize our mutual interest in forestalling total war with them. But the only way to do this is to create the appropriate machinery of control, such as an arms inspectorate or, better yet, a limited world federalism. Thus far, all efforts to this end have come to naught.

((Kindly cite me one attempt the United States government has ever made to establish a limited world federalism.))

14. The basic, if not the only reason for that is that to date the USSR has shown no interest in the goal. ((Like signing a nuclear test ban, for example?)) Talk about "peace" is cheap enough; what counts is the actual record of performance. Kindly take another look at the record of the USSR.

15. The reason for this, in turn, appears to be the nature of Communism. While conditions have certainly changed behind the so-called Iron Curtain, and for the better (did you see that delightful issue of Playboy?) ((Yes.)) there is no evidence that Communism has lost its evangelistic character. Indeed, all evidence points the other way. As long as this

situation persists, there is no hope of any genuine accommodation between East and West.

16. The situation need not persist forever. We can influence the internal evolution of the Communist countries. Roughly speaking, there are three factions in the Soviet government today: the old-line, missionary, adventurist Communists; the managerial class, Djilas' New Class, apparently quite similar in aims and outlook to our own upper bourgeoisie; and the old-fashioned Russian patriots. It is only the first of these three groups who are our irreconcilable enemies. With the third group we can do business, once they have been shown that Russian interests are basically identical with American, at least as far as the avoidance of nuclear war goes. As for the second class of people, already they seem eager to do business with us.

17. If our policies can give aid and comfort to the second and third groups, while discomfiting and discrediting the first, we can hope for a gradual, favorable change in the Soviet power structure.

18. There are numerous ways to go about this, most of them not actually warlike. The space program is one example of a competition which has thus far remained peaceful; the IGY and upcoming IQSY are examples of actual, successful cooperation.

((I generally agree with these last three points; I feel that an open society in contact with a more closed society exerts an erosive effect upon it. But this policy will have to be carried into effect over the objections and against the resistance of an increasing number of Americans who want the Soviet Union eaten for breakfast tomorrow morning.))

19. But whenever aggression occurs and is rewarded by gains, the adventurists obviously win points within the Soviet power structure, and are thereby led to further adventures. I have already discussed what will be the end result if this goes on. So, it is necessary to resist aggression. ((It is necessary to define aggression.))

20. In fact, it is necessary to punish aggression. If, ideally, each attempt to expand the Soviet sphere of control resulted in a shrinkage of that sphere, Communism would soon stop making such attempts. With the downgrading of Communist imperialists and the consequent upgrading of Communist accommodationists, Communism itself would in time lose enough of its millennialism that genuine coexistence with other forms of society was possible.

((If you're quite sure you can keep point #12 in mind while doing this...))

21. Once we get that far, we can really start to work on the problem of eliminating the institution of war.

22. I see no alternative of getting that far.

--Well, I didn't intend to write at such length, but what the hell. I'm not going to convince you my arguments are right. I would, however, like to convince you that they are not the arguments of a lunatic or a monster. We all have the same ends, in this particular debate; the only dispute is about means.

"White House news managers pulled out all the stops to get U. S. newspapers to act as an adjunct of U. S. foreign policy during President Johnson's recent California trip. That's why so much was made of those three little words contained in the

President's Los Angeles speech of Feb. 21. He said only that the hackers of the Communist guerillas in South Vietnam - presumably North Vietnam and Red China - were playing a 'deeply dangerous game'. But news stories and interpretive accounts ballooned them into a Presidential warning that we might carry the war into North Vietnam - perhaps even into Red China.

"It didn't happen accidentally. White House correspondents traveling with Mr. Johnson had been tipped off well in advance about the three little words...and what they 'really' meant. When Press Secretary Pierre Salinger found that some correspondents were not giving the three little words sufficient emphasis in their dispatches, he and other White House aids actually asked the correspondents to re-write their stories."

- Rowland Evans & Robert Novak
New York Herald-Tribune
1 March 1964

GREG BENFORD, 9344 Redwood Drive, Apartment H, La Jolla, California 92038: I find your opinions interesting, if somewhat stereotyped in most fields (this doesn't mean they're wrong -- just that a lot of others believe them too). However, I think you have a tendency to over-extend your logic at times, and conclusion-jump without cause. ((Oh, you've noticed that too?))

Take your reply to Pohl Anderson's ((sic)) letter, as an example. He says Newman went into a state of "permanent panic" and that his review of Kahn's book is unsound. But when he says Newman should be drummed out of the intellectual community, you assume Pohl ((sic)) means for his beliefs, whereas it seems obvious to me that Anderson meant for his sloppy and anti-intellectual "review". I'm sure there is some basis for the views Newman holds, but they were scarcely in evidence in his writing.

Both you and Newman seem unable or unwilling to separate facts and beliefs. If you want to say speculation about the nature of modern war, or investigation of the problem of international relations (including force), is evil unless it begins with the assertion that all-wars-are-wrong-let's-stop-thinking, then I believe you've lost your hitherto reasonable stand. However, even in this eventuality I think you should not fall prey to such elementary errors as you do....When Anderson predicts that current American policy will eventually lead to war because the US has been driven into a corner, you equate him with Chou En-lai. But Chou's statements are value-judgments (for the most part), and Anderson's simply predictions....When you ask whether Anderson has a proposal to save the entire population, do you mean you do? I'd honestly like to hear how. (And I might add that I'm not opposed to many of your views at all -- just their treatment in your typewriter.)

((At present, the United States has several goals in international politics, and war is considered one of several possible means of attaining them. I would propose adjusting this outlook so that the avoidance of war becomes a goal, and things presently regarded as goals are modified to effect this end. To use the mathematical language of the megacorpse counters, we turn constants into variables and variables into constants. As a historical parallel I would like to call your attention to the various methods that the Roman Empire and the feudal kingdoms of western

Europe used in dealing with Islam. For the "Franks" it was war to the knife - permanent, vicious, and having as its goal the complete extermination of Islam. The Roman emperors of the Makedonian and Komnenian dynasties, on the other hand, resorted more to diplomatic dealings while maintaining profitable intellectual and commercial relations with the Arab kingdoms. These emperors correctly regarded the Crusades as a puerile enterprise which ignored mundane realities and aimed in actuality at the destruction of their own empire as well as Islam. And so it came to pass; by 1204 the western knights had been virtually kicked out of the Holy Land, and they vented their greed and fanaticism in a bestial sack of Constantinople. This destroyed the real bulwark against Islam, and eventually brought the crescent to the gates of Kiev and Vienna.

((In our own time the spiritual heirs of the Crusaders are those Americans who believe in no truce with Communism. These fanatics also regard as enemies those of the West who pursue a "Byzantine" policy of coexistence, and seek to overreach the other side by the slow, technical, painstaking processes of diplomacy. If the "Crusaders" ever take over direction of American policy, their victims will be not Communists, but their fellow Americans.

((The Roman emperors of the later Empire had to bear the responsibilities of ruling a land in actual contact with Islam. Their realism was "compromise" to the Crusaders. But, in that era of habitual war, peace was more commonly the state of affairs in the Roman Empire than in any other part of Europe.))

"When every discussion with the Communist powers is considered a sign of weakness or even treachery, then we are left with only two stark alternatives: surrender or war. Surely our common sense should teach us that we should seek some middle course between these extremes.

"A mature and strong people has the inner strength to live with occasional frustration and failure. It does not cry disloyalty every time its will is thwarted. When honest mistakes of judgment are made, it seeks to correct them through the democratic process. Temper tantrums resulting from frustrations are not welcome even in young children. In adults, they are signs of serious immaturity."

- Father John F. Cronin
National Catholic
Welfare Conference

GRETCHEN SCHWENN, 317 Moon N. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112: I found F. M. Busby's letter very interesting, particularly the semantic difficulties involved in calling oneself a "conservative" when one does not believe in racial persecution among other things. I would suggest that this problem is not a very great one, for in practice semantic difficulties have a way of disappearing. When the concentration camps are set up, Busby will be interested to find that all along he was a niggerloving Communist, just like the rest of us. Welcome to cell #98199! I recall explaining to a friend just yesterday that most learning is developed through trial and error.

...I agree with Dick Fredericksen's dislike of the Confederate flag craze. The way things go these days, I seem to be the only person left who admits to having a relative, my great-grandfather, who fought on the Northern side. ((It wasn't the "Northern" side. It was the Loyalist side. The conflict was only in part a sectional revolt, as is shown by the presence of the

Virginians Thomas and Farragut who led government forces, and the Pennsylvanian Pemberton who became a rebel "general". One of the untold epics of the Rebellion is the history of the thousands of southerners who, at great personal sacrifice, remained loyal to their country.)) I can enjoy the parody on "Dixie" which Mr. Frederickson offers, but I think he makes a mistake in changing "Marching Through Georgia". I like the original, and would suggest he try singing it, just as it is, for his Confederate friends.

John, this last issue of Pointing Vector held my interest from end to end. The interspersed quotations were delightful, as was the cancer advertisement, and the Conservative Quiz! (Is there no consolation prize for people like me who score under 25?) Best of all were your two lead articles, but since I agree with them I have nothing left to say, except -- send next issue promptly.

"The darker for us is the time of the bolshevik rule over our Motherland, the more vindicated and exalted before the whole world appears our great national Russia with its glorious thousand-year history.

"Animated by lofty Christian principles of love and divine truth, the Russian Supreme Power tried first and foremost to build on them its administration and to base all the tenor of internal Russian life as well as the character of its relations with the external world. It solicitously guarded and preserved the freedom and well-being of its people, who in return repaid it with full trust and devoted love. Therefore it was not necessary to resort for the maintenance and strengthening of its authority to measures of violence and terror, which appeared in Russia only after the establishment of the communist dictatorship.

"Our noble-minded Emperors not only tirelessly looked out for the good of their people but vigilantly stood guard over the peace of Europe, at the same time protecting all weak and oppressed nations of the world and yearning to unite all peoples of the earth into one great brotherly family.

"Such was our historic past, until it was destroyed by the power of darkness which settled upon our Motherland."

- Metropolitan Anastassy
April, 1956
Jordanville, N. Y.

JAMES WRIGHT, 1605 Thayer, Richland, Washington 99352 ((which is an even higher ZIP-code number than Busby's)): Anti-Communism was the main topic in PV #19, I believe. Look, if it's anything I hate more than censorship and pre-Communist propaganda, it's anti-Communist propaganda. This country is one big stench-hole of anti-Communism. People laugh at Birchers saying they're nuts while at the same time calling people who don't conform to their idiotic views communists! I hold, basically, a leftist viewpoint (not on all things, though) and most of my classmates consider me a Communist. Why do we have this attitude of anti-Communism to such a sickening degree? I will tell you by giving a first-class example. A little while back, on a certain day in school, the first two periods were dismissed and we went to the auditorium to hear a speaker who was going to show slides. He

was a farmer who had gone with a group all over Europe and the Soviet Union to compare agriculture. The way he talked he sounded like a Bircher. He said that the people of Britain are persecuted by socialism, they don't want it (even though the socialist party keeps getting in office!)...He pointed out many other things about how terrible is Socialism.

Then he told us about Russia. He said that everything bad about Russia is the fault of Communism...He also pointed out that everything good is because of capitalist inclinations. And contraband pictures...half of his slides were illegal, and boy was he ever proud of it. He had gotten one over on those no good bad commies? He wanted to be treated like a conquering hero. He was, too. Out of an attendance of over 800, I know of only 6 who were appalled at his talk. The rest swallowed it whole. Why? Because it is considered the "healthy attitude" to take. So there it is. The origins of this attitude are the schools and home. That is no new idea, but to know for a fact that our schools give such stuff to young minds, I am shamed. ((Apparently the schools aren't giving much in the way of English composition courses to young minds these days.))...After the talk, all of our teachers added to it with class "discussions" - more propaganda...I decide what I think is RIGHT, not what is "healthy".

It is a relief for someone to say that "Oswald is innocent until proven guilty". To my own satisfaction, Oswald is guilty. However, I am still holding a skeptical light up to the case. I, too, would like to see some of these questions answered.

"The next time someone tries to tell you unions are loaded with corruption, straighten him out with the following information:

"Financial institutions and unions both are required by law to bond their officers for a percentage of the total amount of money they handle annually.

"In 1960, financial institutions paid premiums of \$21.5 million. Due to widespread embezzlement and fraud, bonding companies lost \$17.1 million of this amount, 71.4 per cent.

"In the same year, unions paid \$1.4 million in premium, on which bonding companies had to pay out only \$104,000.

...Unions, which have been tarred as the 'bad guys' on the American scene, have a remarkably low incidence of dishonesty among their leaders. Not so for the banks...Fraud or embezzlement occur on the average in about one out of every eight banks annually."

- The Aero Mechanic
International Association of
Machinists, Lodge 751

TOM FERRY, 4018 Laurel Avenue, Omaha 11, Nebraska: I liked your article comparing Oswald with Dreyfus, though I wish you'd spent more time on establishing what were the facts of the Oswald case rather than asking questions. ((See the Mark Lane Brief, copies of which are still available from me at no cost.))

I recognized maybe half the names on the cover list of political-murder victims. I was delighted to find some of them there, but it seems to me the inclusion of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg is dubious. "Murder" is after all a legal term, and only a poetic usage can apply it to an execution after due process of law. If you think the conviction or the sentence unjust that's something else again. ("Due process of law" does not excuse

injustice. Willie McGee, also listed on the cover of IV #19, was murdered from the bench as surely as if he'd been lynched like Mack Parker on charges of raping a white woman. I notice you didn't complain about McGee's having been sentenced by "due process of law".))

I would have enjoyed Joe Pilati's test for conservatism more if I hadn't become aware fairly recently of just how faithful it is to the ideas the far right actually holds.

...I liked "Down the Stairs with Anti-Communism". ((Thanks. So did Madalyn Murray, who is reprinting it in the next issue of her magazine.))

"You could sum up the domestic history of a dozen years just by printing a picture of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and putting under it the caption: 'From 1948 to 196- a great nation was afraid of this woman.' But what generation unborn could possibly be expected to believe that?"

- Murray Kempton

America Comes of Middle Age, p. 25

NORMAN CODNER, 540 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226: I see that your viewpoint is similar, or I should say identical to Mike Newberry. ((I decidedly wouldn't.)) I have recently finished his book called The Yahoos which is pretty frightening. Being a New Yorker I don't come into contact with conservatives as such. I've met one and then only briefly. ((They're not as rare as all that in New York.))

How is it that if there are no many conservatives that the brain trust of our federal government is liberal in policy?

((It's liberal in its speeches, particularly at election time, which is why Galbraith calls a campaign 'the liberal hour'. America's Establishment has no particular interest in repealing the advances of the New Deal, but it's not about to extend them either.))

I was once a believer in the policy that (N)egroes should use violence against violence if necessary, but have since changed my mind. Negroes will get further in their pursuit of civil rights because of an occasional massacre like the church bombing where the children were killed or a greatly publicized assassination such as Medgar Evers, than having (N)egroes riot. One has to be a highly bigoted person to condone murder in defense of one's policies. ((Even a policy of staying alive?))

...Even if (N)egroes were to use violence against violence it should be against the leaders of the white bigots, i. e., the KKK or White Citizens Council and not just rioting when some atrocity takes place. ((I concur fully.)) People for the most part aren't interested in somebody else's problems unless it is brought up to them in the glaring headlines of today's newspaper. It takes an incident or many incidents to make people react to what (N)egroes, (P)uerto (R)icans and others have to go through. The incidents must also create sympathy for the underdog. Reading about whites rioting against (N)egroes and (N)egroes retaliating against whites won't create any kind of sympathy for either side.

You have to overcome the inertia of mass prejudice before advancement can be made and the bombing and killing are doing just that if sufficiently publicized. On the other

hand who wants to be a target even to help his cause?

((What is this aversion some PV readers have to using capital letters for the names of racial, religious, and ethnic groups? Norman Codner and Dick Eney spell "Negro" with a small "n", Codner spells "Puerto Rican" with small letters, and in his letter to PV #19 George Scithers did the same for Jews and Quakers. Yet I know none of these are prejudiced people.))

"Let us imagine that in November, 1960, Fidel Castro, instead of John F. Kennedy, had been elected president of the U. S. On the basis of his clear record of eliminating all racial barriers in Cuba and stopping police brutality, about 95 per cent of the cops in this country, black and white, North and South, would catch the first planes out, to escape prosecution. Many of them would wind up in South Africa as 'refugees'. There they would find the political and racial climate wholly compatible and congenial.

"If 'Bull' Connor were caught and arrested before fleeing, Fidel would not permit anyone to lynch him. He would be given a fair trial. In open court evidence would be presented of 30 years of his tyranny and terror as Birmingham's police commissioner. Ol' Bull would have full opportunity to testify in his own defense. His attorneys could cross-examine all of the prosecution's witnesses, many of whom would be Negroes. And then, since it is inconceivable that any court could find him innocent, he would be taken out and shot.

"Meanwhile, on his first day in office, Fidel would have occupied the entire South with federal troops. Without bureaucratic delays, the jails would be emptied of all Freedom Fighters and other victims of the Jim Crow system. Fidel's new cabinet would decree the immediate desegregation of all public facilities. Henceforth, all persons who continued to discriminate would go to jail or to a humanely operated rehabilitation center in an effort to cure them of their racist insanity. All jobs, all housing, all opportunities would be made available to everyone without discrimination."

- William Worthly
Speech, N. Y., 1 June 1963

JAMES D WRIGHT, again: Thanks for the Lane brief, I was very much impressed. In fact, I switched sides. I am very, very doubtful of the accusation. The Dallas police wanted a likely scapegoat, and Oswald was it. By the way, I showed the Lane brief to my homeroom teacher and she showed it to several other teachers. I believe she was impressed, too.

"In my opinion the two Senators from New York are, at heart, pretty good segregationists. I shall talk to the Citizens Council about both of them."

- Sen. James Eastland (Dem., Miss.)

JIM MEIER, 3914 School Section Road, Cheviot, Ohio 45211: I almost got what is probably a wrong impression of you from Yandro. From the review in Yandro I had pictured you as a big-mouthed, illogical bigot. Bob Schneiber got a copy of PV, though, and although I only saw a bit of it, it seems that Buck Coulson might have done you an injustice. ((Thanks. A Coulson review generally tells more about Coulson than about the reviewed 'zine or its editor.))

"A barge, carrying a Saturn rocket, was driven onto a sandbar today by stiff winds. The barge was winding its way through a narrow channel in the Banana River on the way to Cape Kennedy when the mishap occurred."

(Ad astra
per aspera?)

- Daily Bulletin of the
American Institute of Marine
Underwriters, 20 Feb. 1964

EARL E. EVERS, Apartment 4-C, 268 East 4th Street, New York, New York 10009: "Down the Stairs with Anti-Communism" is an extremely misleading article. You actually attack three completely different schools of thought; not just one:

- 1) McCarthyism (witch-hunting)
- 2) Anti-Communism as a Single Policy
- 3) Anti-Communism, period

I'll admit that the first two are extremist policies and not particularly good for the country, and that your arguments against them are valid. But according to your title, 3) is your major target, yet you don't present a single real argument against it. It's one thing to attack misuses of a policy, quite another to attack the policy itself...Anyway I doubt you even want to present arguments against Anti-Communism because the only way to do this is to defend Communism.

((You seem to live in a world of dichotomies. I am not a Catholic; does that mean that I have to be anti-Catholic? I am not a Jew; does that mean I have to be anti-Jewish? And because I do not join the anti-Communist forces rampant in this country does not imply that I am for Communism. A sound political and historical case can be made out against Communism. If I do not often choose to make such a case, it is because I find the company gathered under the banner of Anti-Communism to be most distasteful.))

Ken West's article on the British system for legalized gambling is a good argument for getting it here. The only reason a lot of people seem to oppose legalized gambling is that they consider all gambling immoral, and even if illegal gambling flourishes, they don't want the government to support an "immoral" activity.

"The fifties were not the Eisenhower years but the Nixon years. That was the decade when the American lower middle class in the person of this man moved to engrave into the history of the United States, as the voice of America, its own faltering spirit, its self-pity and its envy, its continual anxiety about what the wrong people might think, its whole peevish, resentful whine. The Nixon years belonged to all the young men who had been to the schools which instructed them that they could not be too careful, to the graduates of those courses in how to influence people since it was no longer of value to win friends, assistants to chairmen of boards, former captains in the service of supply, clerks who call themselves junior executives, young men ashamed of their origins

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and themselves."

- Murray Kempton
America Comes of
Middle Age, p. 126

LEN BAILES, 1729 Lansdale Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina: After having lived in Charlotte for a few weeks I'm shocked. I'm not shocked over man's inhumanity to man or over blatant seething Racist propaganda, but merely over the fact that I'm going to an integrated High School wherein there are just as many articulate liberals as ever there were in my High School in New York. What's more, I have yet to see any colored person abused or treated as a second class citizen in any way. I'm not trying to paint a bed of roses; there are Negro housing developments (if they could be dignified by the word) which are shabby and run down, but certainly no worse (and in many cases better) than those in Harlem. Just possibly, Northern Newspapers are exaggerating the slightest bit. Lest you cry heresy, I admit that Charlotte is by no means typical of the South, or even of the state, but I just thought you and PV might be interested in a transplanted Northerner's view of the situation down here.

((I've been a transplant in the South myself. And you are emphatically right that the urban and relatively liberal atmosphere of Charlotte is by no means typical of the South. Without leaving your state, you can go to Monroe and find a police force which is in one-to-one correspondence with the local Ku Klux Klan. Gastonia is a one-man dictatorship, a company town with a double-barreled welcome mat for all union organizers. Kannapolis doesn't even have the forms of a town government, but is ruled as a part of the Cannon textile empire. In Moyock I heard a restaurant owner rejoice over the murder of Medgar Evers, and wish upon President Kennedy the end that he met in Dallas some five months later. In Transylvania County an integrated children's camp was attacked by a mob and burned to the ground. Northern Newspapers haven't been exaggerating in the slightest.))

I have notices that the overall atmosphere down here is not liberal about other things, such as religion. Whereas Atheism is just about the Accepted Thing among many NYers, it is still heresy down here, and there are Thoroughly Sectarian prayers read during homeroom.

...I wonder what would happen if I sang YOUR version of "Dixie". It might be amusing, but I'm not THAT sure of how liberal people are here yet. The best thing in the magazine, of course, was "Test Your Own Conservatism".

...Are the Conservatives planning all those things for our future? I think it's time the voting public started planning the Conservatives' future.

"The Royal Navy suspended Rev. Percy Burgoyne, chaplain, after he preached an anti-war sermon during Remembrance Day ceremonies to servicemen in Kent, England. He told them: 'What difference does all this pomp and circumstance make? Flag waving, parades and services are nothing short of downright mockery unless we exert ourselves to remove all those things which deny men the right to live in peace and plenty.' According to a Navy officer, complaints about the sermon 'came from civilians, particularly in ex-servicemen's organizations'. Most of the servicemen, he said, thought Burgoyne was talking sense."

- National Guardian, 21 March 1964

SETH JOHNSON, 330 Stiles Street, Vaux Hall, New Jersey 07088: Thanks a million not only for POINTING VECTOR #19, but for publishing a letter of mine in one of the best individual fanzines to arrive here this year. The typography, literary level, printing and about everything else I can think of were superb...It is a refreshing change from the fannish chit chat the average fan indulges in when in print.

I especially liked your article "Down the Stairs With Anti-Communism". I fear all too few fans realize just what a pernicious influence the Dies Committee and HUAC have been on the whole body of American thought and the suppression of liberal and progressive thought in these United States.

...We don't have much choice at the polls except to punish some individual candidate. And the impunity with which McCarthy for instance carried on gives this the lie. The thing is this: the really progressive liberal has no candidate for whom to vote except possibly in metropolitan New York. Candidates of both parties are almost equally reactionary, and even the so-called progressive CIO indulges in McCarthy type witch hunts. ((And they were doing it before McCarthy, too.))

So until such time as we have a national labor or progressive or liberal type party that will really work and fight for the legislation we require and against the HUAC type reaction there is no way to use our votes to punish any other than the most flagrant reactionaries.

As to Elinor Busby's letter I can only say she is wrong. The average northern white may not actively hate the Negro, but he does feel they should live their lives apart and away from themselves. And the Negro himself often carries enough of a chip on his shoulder to antagonize the very people who might be readily convinced that his cause is just and arouse a certain amount of fear and misgivings about having any Negro living in his neighborhood or mixing with his children. So although Elinor Busby is correct in saying the climate is changing, it isn't changing nearly that fast or that good.

...I'll agree the analogy between Haiti and the South is invalid in your mind and in mine. But what I said was that the analogy was still valid to the southern segregationist...

Walter Gormly seems to think Negro shooting violence takes place when armed Negroes invade white neighborhoods shooting the place up. The fact of the matter is that armed violence by the Negroes has quite properly taken place to defend their neighborhood, homes, and lives from violent segregationist mobs bent on wholesale lynching and burning the place down around their ears. And in every case where there has been violent armed resistance like that, the mob has quickly lost interest in lynching and attack. So I would say let the southern Negroes organize their veterans into defense corps and be prepared to defend themselves at all times.

"If you ask the liberal Democrats what they stand for, they will list for you a multitude of programs.

"But programs are no substitute for principles. A lot of talk about a school lunch program, for example, will not serve to detract us from the basic fact that an atheistic

society is confronting us and has an unalterable, irrevocable determination to destroy us."

- Sen. Barry Goldwater (Rep., Ariz.)
New York Journal-American
7 July 1963

A. G. SMITH, 65 North Foster Street, Norwalk, Ohio: The front cover ((of POINTING VECTOR #19, in memory of John F. Kennedy and several other victims of political murder)) is a filthy insult to the Memory of John F. Kennedy, who whatever his faults, had proved his right to be called an American as a combat veteran. I had very little use for him as a President, regarding him as a typical Irish wardheeler politician, politically amoral, personally charming, glib of tongue, and profoundly convinced that his first duty as a public official was to find sinecure jobs at fat salaries for all his relatives and close friends. But he was a brave MAN. In the list of names coupled with Kennedy's are only three I recognise, Evers and the two Rosenberg's. Evers was also a political martyr but the Rosenbergs! Convicted traitors, and executed for treason. ((The charge, if you remember, was espionage, and I wouldn't hang a dog on that evidence.)) ...Your loyalty to your flag is a matter to investigate. You follow the "partyline" in your language, a man who wants to preserve our liberties, and who believes in the least practical amount of government is a reactionary conservative, while a nitwit who wants more and more governmental controls over every phase of life, public and private in your verbiage is a "Liberal". In other words you follow the Russian habit of twisting the meaning of a word to its exact opposite.

Why don't you run a column, "Liberals", plans for our future! Put down your intention to Sovietize the United States, To destroy all Freedom in the name of freedom, to match your lying column on Conservatives plans.

...Did you ever stop to think, that if Russia ever took over this country the first to be liquidated would be you pinkos and fellow travellers. You have proved you can't be trusted and the Russians are not fools, those that trust them are the fools.

My Country, may she always be Right, but my country right or wrong.

"The witless man when he meets with men
Had best in silence abide,
For no one shall find that nothing he knows
If his mouth is not open too much."

- Elder Edda

HARRY WARNER, 423 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740: For some time, I'd been curious about the nature of POINTING VECTOR, which I'd visualized as anything from an imitation of Kipple to Figaro with quite an amount of subordinate visualizations in between. I found it much easier going than the former and possessed of some of the latter's sense of humor, a trait that I hadn't associated with you in reaction to the articles and letters of comment that I've seen by you in various fan publications. I must warn you that my work, a newspaper job, makes me somewhat prejudiced against any amateur publication that concentrates on the issues of the day, for the simple reason that it reminds me too much of the way I make my living, something that I try to evade in leisure time. But in this issue

of PV, at least, there is hardly anything that reads like a warmed over digest of New Republic.

The article on Oswald was particularly interesting to me. If after all this time you still have a copy of the Lane brief to spare, I'd appreciate seeing it. ((As of the publication of POINTING VECTOR #20, demands for Mark Lane's brief questioning the guilt of Lee Oswald have been heavy, but 4 or 5 copies are still available -- first ask, first served.)) From the outset, I have been skeptical about the speed with which Dallas authorities tried to write off the case after they had jailed Oswald. I have toyed with the notion that nobody else will take seriously, that Oswald may have been in Russia on United States intelligence business and was exposed to assassination because of the danger that something might come from the woodwork if he lived. I see no reason to doubt that he was in that window with a rifle when the president was killed. But the very little I know of guns is all contradictory to the probability that he could have achieved such a complete success of an assassination with that cheap weapon and its mysterious expensive sight, considering the distance to target, the moving nature of the target, and the rapidity with which he must have had to operate the mechanism of the rifle between aims. This was an unbelievable performance for a man who is said to have botched a previous assassination attempt.

Is the current anti-Communism hysteria really as modern as it impresses us? For a while, I was doing much reading through old newspapers in connection with my work, particularly those of the 1910's and 1920's. The witch hunts were very prominent in the news of those days, with allowance for the fact that some persons varied the matter by talking about anarchists rather than communists--the two seem to have been mixed up in many minds, even after the Russian revolution....

Ken West might have mentioned a watered-down form of the gambling instinct in England, the elaborate and complicated contests that major newspapers run. Several correspondents over there got even more excited about these than they do in their investment in football pools. I'm afraid that legalized gambling in the United States won't attract my money any more than the bookies do now. All sorts of races bore me too much to inspire me to place any money on them, and if I attempt to bet on the sports that I like, particularly baseball, I immediately find myself unhappy about the conflict that this sets up between my desire to see things proceed along a certain course and my abstract fondness for sport as sport, something that can be enjoyed even if your favorite loses, provided that the game is well played.

Joe Filati is very funny at several points in his questionnaire. I am tempted to stencil it and have some copies run off, so that I can distribute them among various conservative friends, in order to determine how far each gets before realizing that something is wrong. His warning at the end that too high a score might cause the conservatives to frown is not very true to life. Just the other day, I dropped a remark about the probable result if slavery had been put to a referendum in 1860, the man to whom I was talking thought that it was a plan that had a lot of good points if the necessary legal details could be worked out.

"It is a generalization well established in social science that neither individuals nor societies can undergo major structural changes without the likelihood of producing a considerable element of 'irrational' behavior. There will tend to be conspicuous distortions of the patterns of value and of the normal beliefs about the facts of the situations. These distorted beliefs and promptings to irrational action will also tend to be heavily weighted with emotion, to be 'overdetermined' as the psychologists say.

"The psychology of such reactions is complex, but for present purposes it will suffice to distinguish two main components. On the negative side, there will tend to be high levels of anxiety and aggression, focused on what rightly or wrongly are felt to be the sources of strain and difficulty. On the positive side there will tend to be wishful patterns of belief with a strong 'regressive' flavor, whose chief function is to wish away the disturbing situation and establish a situation in phantasy where 'everything will be all right', preferably as it was before the disturbing situation came about. Very generally then the psychological formula tends to prescribe a set of beliefs that certain specific symbolic agencies are responsible for the present state of distress; they have 'arbitrarily' upset a satisfactory state of affairs. If only they could be eliminated the trouble would disappear and a satisfactory state restored. The role of this type of mechanism in primitive magic is quite well known."

- Prof. Talcott Parsons
 "Social Strains in America"
The Radical Right

DORIS UKEN, 5100 W. 65th Terrace, Mission, Kansas 66208: I was distressed by an earlier issue in which you so strongly advocated violence by (N)egroes and apparently, which you still advocate. I most definitely feel the (N)egro would only hurt his cause by such action and I have no patience even with the demonstrations although I must admit they have probably served some purpose in expediting attention from legislators, at least. ((And from the white public too. The deaf can hear only when you shout.)) It is the mob technique I object to - there is too much of it everywhere these days. I believe in civil rights and the public accommodations part of it, too, even though I feel there is danger of over-protecting all minorities to the point where they can do no wrong. I would like to hear your opinion on what the (N)egro should do himself to improve his image (good word) - admitting (that is, I am admitting) that he is hampered in this merely by the fact that he is born black.

((Negroes will improve their image if they will defend themselves instead of just lying down in the streets and waiting for the dogs to run over and start chewing on them. As Seth Johnson points out in his letter above, segregationist mobs melt into the scenery when their intended victims show any signs of defending themselves. And, in northern cities whose public officials break their promises to desegregate public institutions and facilities, Negroes have provided a neat object lesson by blocking roadways to show how roads are blocked for them.))

I hope during this election year your Vector will have some interesting opinions other than quoting Goldwater - especially some of his more facetious remarks which I am sure he never intended to be taken seriously. ((I'm sorry. That's what the

man has said, and I can't very well change it. But I do not find 'jokes' about driving liberals into exile funny - that is, if they are jokes.) Of course, unless Johnson stumbles badly between now and election, there isn't much doubt who will be elected and it really doesn't matter much who the Republican candidate is. I don't like Goldwater but I think the only way the Republicans can possibly do anything is to produce a candidate who is strongly conservative or strongly something that is opposed to his Democratic rival.

"Who does not see that the same authority which can establish Christianity, in exclusion of all other religions, may establish with the same ease any particular sect of Christians, in exclusion of all other sects? That the same authority which can force a citizen to contribute three pence only of his property for the support of any one establishment, may force him to conform to any other establishment in all cases whatsoever?"

- James Madison

BOB SCHNIEBER, 4004 Smith Road, Cheviot, Ohio 45211: The article which aroused me most of all was "Dreyfus; Oswald" by you. I violently disagree with most you said. It seemed to me that you pretty well contradicted yourself quite nicely. Correct me if I am wrong some place. Page 29 you said, "...why had one bullet gone through the windshield of the car and struck him in the throat?" Then later you say: "Why has the car vanished, so that no one may examine the hole in its windshield?" ((The hole in the windshield was seen by Richard Dudman of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and other reporters at the time of the assassination. Later the car disappeared so that the windshield could not be further examined. But it finally appeared again, in response to a request from the Warren Commission.

((The Warren Commission has conceded one point after another originally made by Mark Lane. First Warren reversed himself and said that there would be no need to hold testimony secret for decades. Then the Commission reversed itself again and appointed an attorney to defend Oswald. Then, after originally rejecting Lane's Brief, the Commission gave him an opportunity to testify at length on his findings.))

Elinor Busby wrote an interesting letter, and it's nice to know that part of the younger generation has some intelligence. But that isn't the case in all places. Here in the Cincinnati area where I attend school, I know of quite a few people (fellow students) who, to say the least, hate Negroes. I know of some who will be joining the radicals like the IKK in the not-too-distant future, unless they start a new one because the KKK is too lenient or 'soft'. ((They already have. A high school up in Akron has a Nazi cell.)) The thing about it, they profess themselves to be conservatives, though I couldn't care less. And I agree to your last statement to Seth Johnson: the best way is to circulate their own statements...I enjoyed your last statement to Walt Gormly even more. (("How about changing the southern white's attitude until he gets the idea that it might be personally perilous for him to shoot at Negroes?")) I wish you would get someone to write an article on the Negro problem like Gormly, so I could tear into it; it might release

some of my pent-up feelings towards this type of people.
 ...I said "Negro problem" and everyone should be saying "White
 problem". Isn't that what it really is? They just want some
 of the rights that the "top dog" has had for quite a while.
 And certain people get upon their soap-box and start to preach
 of all the forthcoming violence, decline of America, and such
 related tripe.

((You're being rather hard on Gormly, who is generally
 fairly liberal in his outlook. Why not subscribe to his thought-
 provoking little newsletter Newsman's Gadfly? Write him for a
 sample copy and/or send a small contribution to him at Box 26,
 Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314.))

"THIS NATION UNDER GOD..."

And God said: Let us make man in our image
 with the electric cow prod
 * burning the genitals
 of freedom walkers in Georgia:

with the hidden gun
 zeroing Medgar Evers in the back
 in Jackson Mississippi.

And God said: In the beginning was the Word
 exploding churches in Birmingham Alabama
 burning up four Sunday School girls.

And God saw everything he had made:
 from the poisoned rice fields of South Vietnam
 to the student prisoners of Plaquemine Louisiana

and behold; it was very good:
 For the sun cometh with the federal troops in the morning
 for those who fight for it.
 But what of the city of Paal in Texas?
 Will the Oil Worshipers of Dallas
 also be saved?

And God said
 suffer little children to come unto me.
 And when they heard the President was murdered
 the shouted Goody Goody and clapped their hands.

Eli, Eli - what avenging angel
 ordered these televised horrors
 to stand the earth still three days
 while only our hearts moved?
 Will the guilty all be gone to rest
 before we suspect
 the bronze idols of General Motors?
 the stone images of Tel and Tel
 the Gcmorrah of Dow-Jones averages?

Eli, Eli must we follow the riderless horse
 to the end of our days?

And the heavens opened and Elijah on a wheel
 said: Behold God has spoken
 and the sun cometh in the morning
 for those who help themselves
 inherit the freedom of the earth.

- Walter Lowenfels

CALIFORNIA, HERE THEY COME!

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endorsed for the senatorial nomination.

Other recommended nominations are, by congressional district:

DEMOCRATIC

- 4. Robert Leggett
- 5. Philip Burton
- 21. Augustus Hawkins
- 22. James Corman
- 23. H. H. Hegner
- 25. James Roosevelt
- 29. George Brown

- 30. Edward Roybal
- 34. Richard Hanna
- 37. Lionel van Deerlin

REPUBLICAN

- 27. William Gale
- 34. Robert Geier

CONSERVATIVES: PLANS FOR OUR FUTURE

(Critical readers are reminded that the statements which have appeared in this column are NOT inventions. They are genuine quotations from prominent conservatives on what they plan to do when they come to power, and all these quotations are documented.)

"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." - Barry Goldwater, U. S. News & World Report, 12 February 1962, p. 70.

"It may be just or wise or expedient for Negro children to attend the same schools as white children, but they do not have a civil right to do so which is protected by the Federal Constitution or which is enforceable by the Federal Government." - Goldwater, U. S. News & World Report, 15 July 1963.

"Someday, I am convinced, there will either be a war or we'll be subjugated without war." - Goldwater, New York Post, 8 May 1961.

"I don't object to a dictatorship as violently as some people do because I realize that not all people in this world are ready for democratic processes." - Goldwater, "Issues and Answers", ABC-TV, 7 April 1963.

"We have allowed other countries to determine our foreign policy, where we should have been determining their as much as possible. Respect is what we should be seeking. In fact, we should be demanding it. Since we have the greatest military and economic power in the world,

there is no reason why we cannot earn the respect of other nations." - Goldwater, speech to Congress of American Industry, 8 December 1960. Quoted in They'd Rather Be Right, by Edward Cain, p. 105.

"In areas where Western power still prevails the full weight of American diplomacy must be employed to sustain it...Perhaps the answer is an interim African Protectorate administered by an association of western nations." - Goldwater, Why Not Victory?

"The labeling of these books will give the student an opportunity to see the Communist Front line in action. It will also explain to him why the author is taking his particular stand on vital issues such as civil rights, labor, the investigating committees, the FBI, the United Nations, and so on. Indirectly, it will serve as a demoralizing instrument to stop the writing of these authors...I am sure that most authors wouldn't mind if we labeled their books according to their political or religious affiliations." - Fulton Lewis Jr., American Mercury, June 1959.

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