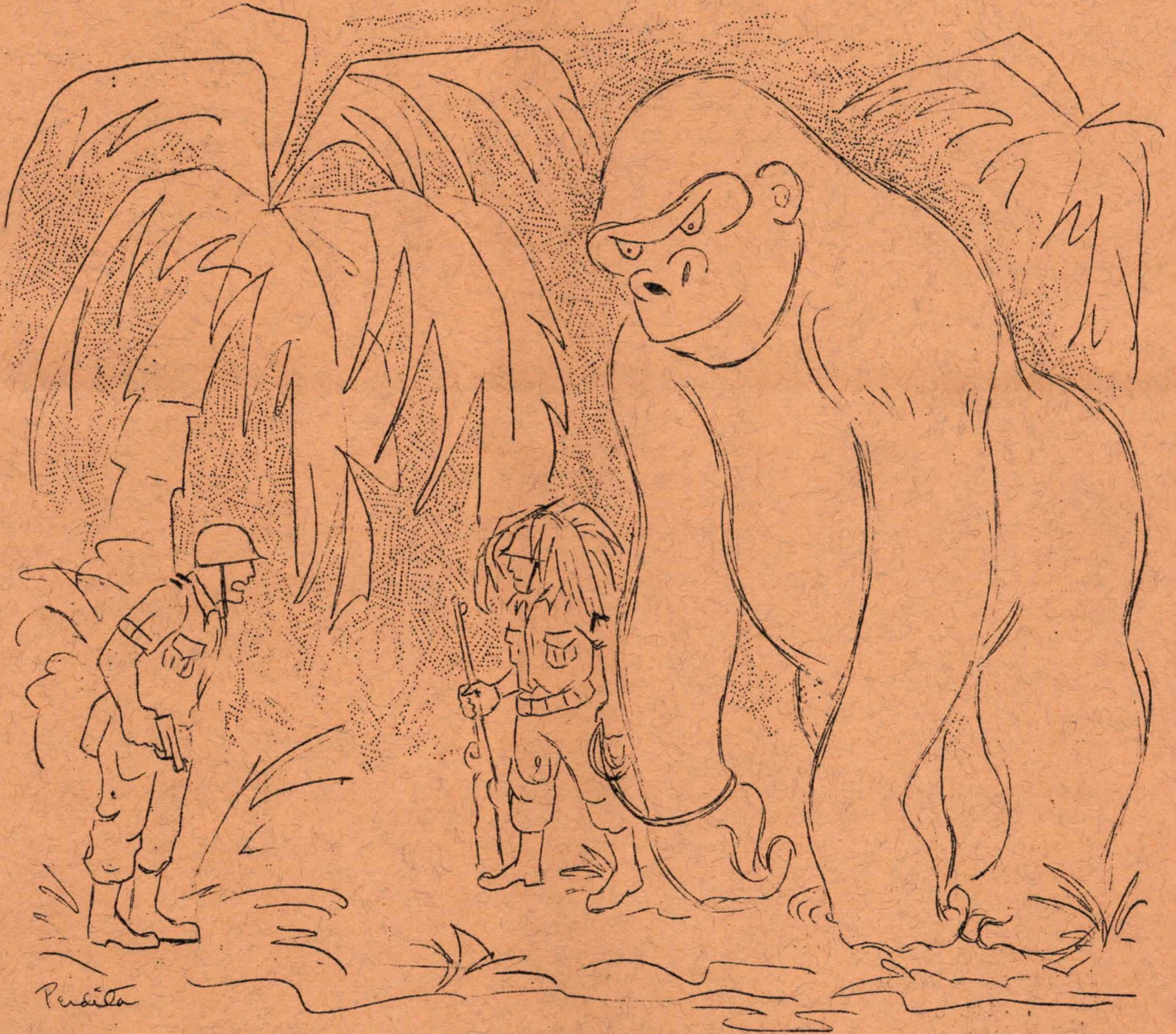


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"No, you idiot, I said VIET Cong!"

WHY THE RIOTS?

The second page of POINTING VECTOR #22 was devoted to an explanation of the then-recent New York City riots by Negroes, and a comparison with the Irish riots in this city in the "long, hot summer" of 1863. That article, "Riot in New York", was also sent to each member of the Board of Estimate and the City Council. One direct reply was received, a hand-written note from Councilman Theodoro Kupferman, a Republican who was elected with Liberal support from the East Side of Manhattan and is Deputy Minority Leader. Councilman Kupferman, one of the most effective political figures of his party, wrote:

"Thank you for sending me your 'Riot in New York' analysis. For too long in New York City have we had apathy and lethargy in government, which in large measure is the cause of eruption."

In addition, the administrative assistants of Mayor Wagner and Manhattan Borough President Dudley sent the following comments on behalf of their superiors:

"The Mayor has asked that I acknowledge and thank you for the article on the 1863 New York City riots, and the relevance of those riots to our present-day problems."

"Your indication that these riots are symptomatic of discontent and related to problems which have not been met is correct. I am enclosing a recent statement of the Mayor's specifically addressed to those points."

"Your intimate knowledge of old New York history when the Know-Nothing movement corresponded in some respects with the racist societies of today did indeed place the recent riots in proper perspective and, I am sure, would be most illuminating for a large part of the public."

The Mayor's statement was the usual Wagnerian double-talk.

A small but effective number of concessions have been made to Negro demands since those riots last summer. An increasing number of Negro policemen are now assigned to Negro districts, in supervisory positions as well as on the beat. Full grand jury investigations are now made when a white patrolman kills a Negro. All Mayor candidates of both the Democratic and Republican Parties are pledged to some form of civilian review board for accusations of police brutality. Much remains to be done, but a beginning has been made, and the city's Negro communities have reason to hope in the orderly processes of society.

This is not the case in Los Angeles, where the conservative Democratic Mayor William Worthy and Police Chief William H. Parker have consistently ignored their responsibilities. The Federal Community Relations Service, a few months ago, warned Worthy that the Los Angeles racial situation was potentially explosive. But, despite this warning, Worthy and Mayor Daley of Chicago - another city where Negro rioting took place this month - refused to cooperate in a federal government program earlier this year which aimed to head off summer race riots.

Despite such warnings, Worthy refused to implement the federal anti-poverty program. Parker refuses to listen to complaints of police brutality, and once told a delegation of Negro civic leaders who asked for more Negro police that "the only reason for a Negro cop is that he's harder to see at night". He seems unable to discuss Negroes without insulting them. Also sharing the blame are white merchants, without roots in the Negro communities where they do business, who seem to exist only to pump money out to the all-white suburbs where they live.

Meanwhile, integrationists still go in danger of their lives in the South, where local police collusion with racists deprives them of protection. A self-defense group has been formed to guard them, the Deacons for Defense and Justice. Contributions to the Deacons should be sent to Mr. Edward Sims, Bogalusa Civic & Voters' League, Bogalusa, Louisiana.

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POINTING VECTOR is a personal journal of comment and opinion. It is published, as regular readers will recall, extremely irregularly by John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11218, U. S. A. This issue is the first to have appeared since January, and the first to have a letter column since last September. In the interim, a number of letters of comment have accumulated, and many of them finally see print herein. Others have had for reasons of space to be postponed to the next issue, including comments from Poul Anderson, Len Bailes, Rick Brooks, Frances D. Bukowski, F. M. Eusby, Phil Castora, Dave Hulan, Ned McGlynn, Derek Nelson, Ben Solon, Creath Thorne, Harry Warner, and Midge West.

The long delay in POINTING VECTOR does not mean that I haven't been publishing lately - as you can see if you compare the OPERATION AGITATION number of this issue with that of POINTING VECTOR #24 - which was 125. Most of my publications since then have been one- or two-page fanzines for postal Diplomacy games or amateur press associations. One of these latter, APA-F, meets weekly. My 'zine in that apa is DAGON, which covers topics from science-fiction through politics to religion and etymology. Two recent issues of DAGON are included. Four different issues of DAGON will be sent to anyone who sends a stamped, self-addressed legal-length envelope.

New York City readers of POINTING VECTOR will receive with this issue THIS OUR CITY #4, containing endorsements for next month's Democratic primary elections. A later issue will discuss the general election of 2 November.

After over four years of printing POINTING VECTOR, I have found that it is less rewarding than it was, and that too much time is required by its preparation. Therefore, the next issue will be the last. POINTING VECTOR #26 will contain an article on Mussolini and Fascism by Stephen Barr, an appreciation of Winston Churchill and his impact upon Britain by Midge West, an article on the Ethical Culture Society by Enid Jacobs Osten, a report on civil rights and the American Indian by Marilyn Levine, news of a drastic conservative plan to replace the Constitution by John Boardman, and poetry by Frances D. Bukowski and M. E. Bon-Ami. The last issue of POINTING VECTOR will also include the above-mentioned letters and any other that may come in between now and then. Readers who wish to see their comments in print are advised to reply promptly, as I hope to publish by the beginning of October.

Subscribers will, with POINTING VECTOR #26, be offered a choice from among several other amateur publications for the continuation of their subscriptions. I'll make the financial arrangements with the editors of these 'zines. Or, if you just want these last issues of POINTING VECTOR, they're 25¢ each. A few back issues (#22 and #24) are available at the same price.

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THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE MAILBOX

Owing to the extreme lateness of this issue of POINTING VECTOR, letters of comment on the previous four issues have piled up. I have been storing them in a filing case, and will now proceed to pull them out and put them on stencils as they come to hand. This will result in a most random arrangement of the letters. If they are dated, that date will appear at the head of the letter. Comments of the editor are in double parentheses ((like this)).

CHARLES WELLS, Department of Mathematics, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 (7 September 1964): I can't subscribe to the conclusion of your front-page editorial in the current P. V. ((#21, in which I advocated that the racist governments of Alabama and Mississippi be violently overthrown as they were under similar circumstances 100 years ago)) even though my emotions tell me drastic action is necessary now. This was reinforced by the Conrad Penn murder trial two days ago. ((In which the KKK members who killed Col. Penn were set free.)) What stops me is the knowledge that we won't always have a liberal national government in the normal cycle of things; and if a states-rights inclined government unleashes the southern whites after they have once been forcibly suppressed the situation will be much worse than it is now...and the waning but not dead hope that the situation can be ameliorated by means of the voting-rights section of the Civil Rights Bill.

((Our best protection against such an eventuality is to unfranchise as many southern Negroes as possible so that those states-rightsers will never again be a political power. This was the Republican strategy during the first Reconstruction, but the federal government's kid-glove treatment of the KKK, and the Hayes sell-out in 1876, prevented this from happening. Now we have a chance to complete what was so hopefully begun in those years.))

"Are the public assistance rolls filled with lazy loafers?"

"The figures show NO!"

"Of the 388,273 persons receiving public assistance in New York City in December 1961, it was found that only two percent could be described as 'employable'."

-- Public Welfare: Myth vs. Fact
Citizens' Committee for Children of
New York, Inc.

MIKE McQUOWN, 651 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32304 (8 September 1964): It is now impossible to eject a Negro from any establishment, even if he be drunk and disorderly -- the Federal court would find the white man guilty, and this situation will get worse before it gets better. ((Oh, come off it, Mike.))

I heartily approve of the voter registration drive. I suggest it be expanded to all the people who don't vote in elections. You talk of the danger of conservatives coming to power; our losses in the world under the various liberals should indicate the danger that is already fact -- I lost three good friends for nothing in Viet Nam; due solely to the 'no-win' policy which the present administration has followed. ((How many people do you think the new policy is going to kill?)) If people think for one minute that the goals of communism are any less than world domination, and that the Red leaders have any intentions of co-existence, they are sadly mistaken. That the government of this nation has chosen to follow the route of expedient politics rather than true idealism is obvious in such shocking breaches of trust as the Dien overthrew and the Bay of Pigs.

The purpose of the vote is not to punish or reward; the purpose of the vote is to choose a leader who will best represent the nation, the vox populi, and the American ideals. This does not include a dishonest and thoroughly vicious, ruthless man like Johnson and his friends Bobby Baker and Billie Sol Estes and the 'Duke' of Duval.

...I never believed the Birchers' allegations for a minute until I tried looking at those incidents as a complete whole rather than isolated incidents. Now, I'm

...ing to become frightened. I still don't give a damn for the JBS because I don't like fanatics, and witch-burning is bad. Nevertheless, they do make points here and there, and I think I shall get out of the country when and if (God forbid!) Johnson should be elected.

((Okay, if you want to go to, say, Vietnam, go. But don't try to drag the rest of us along with you,))

Since you seem to so heartily approve of creeping socialism in this country, I suppose there is little point in our discussing the matter further... You are convinced you are right; and so am I. The fact that I was in Security Service with a cryptographic clearance (one above Top Secret) and that during this time I studied courses in communism and propaganda, and have read many treatises by the Red masters in the original language may mean nothing to you; obviously, I'm not qualified to know what I'm talking about.

((This tells a great deal about the Security Service and the kind of training they give their men.))

"There were two 'Reigns of Terror', if we would but remember it and consider it; the one wrought murder in hot passion, the other in heartless cold blood; the one lasted mere months, the other had lasted a thousand years; the one inflicted death upon ten thousand persons, the other upon a hundred millions; but our shudders are all for the 'horrors' of the minor Terror, the momentary Terror, so to speak; whereas, what is the horror of swift death by the ax compared with lifelong death from hunger, cold, insult, cruelty, and heartbreak?"

-- Mark Twain

A Connecticut Yankee in
King Arthur's Court

MIDGE WEST, 12 Parkhurst Road, Wood Green, London N 23, England: I have been reading about the situation in the Southern States of America in P. V. and elsewhere for some time now, and though I must admit to being less qualified to judge than most P. V. readers I would nonetheless like to throw in my pennyworth.

It seems to me that Americans in the Southern States, and to a lesser extent elsewhere have to ask themselves, Am I a citizen of my particular state before I am an American. ((There's no question here. It was answered in the negative with the passage of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, almost a century ago.)) Am I a Texan, or New Yorker rather than an American, and it seems to me that unless these people can be taught to think as Americans rather than as Texans, etc., you will never resolve the problems by violence or legal means. Law is useless unless it is enforced and seen to be enforced. Your reference to the Irish riots of 1863 ((in POINTING VECTOR #22, p. 2)) is interesting because the hatred that the Black and Tans created between the British and Irish will take years to die out, it is fostered and handed down to each generation so that the youngest will have been taught to do so rather than personal experience, and likewise I should imagine the hatred, mistrust and ignorance which exists in the southern states stems initially from being inbred and not experienced. I am sure you will see the other parallel, which is that just as violence did not help solve the Irish question here, it will not help the racial situation in America.

To enforce law by legal force or any other kind of physical violence may resolve the situation, but only temporarily, unless you remove the root causes of the trouble at the same time it will crop up again and with probably greater bitterness and violence, because people who believe -- rightly or wrongly -- that an injustice has been done them, have very long memories. You cannot legislate for morals, and above all the racial question is a moral one, and will only be resolved by education on both sides.

As to how this can be done, practically, I don't know, but here we have some forward looking local councils who have appointed special coloured Liaison Officers who investigate complaints made to the council about the coloured population about everyday annoyances such as noisy parties etc. The results of this action are very encouraging and I am sure it does much to quash small incidents from snowballing

((Ever since the Supreme Court decision against school segregation in 1954, apologists for segregation have complained that laws are not the way to solve this problem, that slow changes must be made in the hearts of men before segregation can disappear. If this had been true, then the decades of segregation prior to the decision should have been marked by a gradual trend in the South away from segregation. This, of course, was not the case. Segregation laws were being enforced with the same brutality in 1954 as they were in 1890. Lynchers went unpunished in the 1950's as they did in the 1890's. The entire political machinery of state and local government in the South was dedicated to the preservation of white supremacy. Since 1954, integrationists have realized that the argument about "changing the hearts of men" is a cheap racist excuse for preservation of segregation. Personally, I have no wish to change the feelings of racists, knowing that this cannot be forced and is incapable of accomplishment by any other means. Let the segregationist keep hatred of Negroes and Jews in his heart, so long as he is prevented by all the force of the law from carrying these beliefs into practice.))

((The question remains, as Midge points out, of how these hatreds can be prevented from affecting and being transmitted to the next generation. I feel that, now that the Voting Rights Act is law, the next step should be the enactment of a national Group Libel Act. This law would be modeled after similar laws presently on the books in Illinois and other states, which were found constitutional in a Supreme Court decision of the early '50's, Illinois vs. Board of Directors of the Chicago School Board. This law extends to racial and religious groups, as groups, the protection which libel law gives to individuals.))

 "Let's have 'I'm proud to be an American' week. For instance:

"We are the strongest country in the world. We have armed men on every continent and wars going on opposite sides of the globe and are able to rescue missionaries and to police boundaries in between, going either way.

"Ours is the most humane country. We have never used napalm, phosphorous, atom bombs, or poison gas on white people anywhere. In fact the gas wasn't poisonous, it wouldn't kill any healthy person except the very old or the very young and we use it to take prisoners who could be interrogated by our allies, using methods we wouldn't be photographed using.

"We are the most honorable people. We have never broken a treaty except with the Indians, and there are a few Indian treaties we haven't broken. One or two we may never break, since some of the Indian lands aren't worth a dam site. (Note 1: Latin Americans are notoriously part Indian, some even part African.) (Note 2: In a few cases others have broken treaties after disagreeing with our interpretations.)

"We are the most peace loving. We have kept the peace for 20 years, even if we had to kill or furnish the wherewithal to kill more people than the whole Hundred Year's War.

"Our fighting men are the bravest in the world. They take off from armored carriers into the wide blue yonder and drop their bombs from miles above the ground. In contrast the enemy sneak past drowsy sentries and plant their bombs right against the bunks of sleeping men. When our brave soldiers are on the ground they are even shot from ambush by our cowardly enemies who then hide from napalm bombs in dense jungle that won't burn.

"Our statesmen are the most honest, not one has ever lied. True, some have been accused of not telling the truth, but I'll spike one canard and you can take it from there. Adlai Stevenson did not lie about the planes at the Bay of Pigs. He was joking, as is shown by the fact that some of the U. N. delegates laughed out loud."

 - George Jook, letter,
National Guardian

CREATH THORNE, Route 4, Savannah, Missouri 64485: I admit that the articles by Lee ((Klansman Connie Lynch, POINTING VECTOR #22, p. 4 and #24, p. 2)) and Page ((British Labour Party member Eric Page, POINTING VECTOR #22, p. 9)) were interesting, and anything I said about them does not apply to you, of course. I still reserve my opinions about them and their writings, but there opinions are not transferred to PV, as long as PV for the most part continues to show an intelligent if not conservative viewpoint. Yes, I consider both the conservatives and the liberals to be intelligent.

((This paragraph indicates that an earlier letter from Creath is somewhere in this stack of correspondence. It'll probably appear in good time. The articles by Lynch and Page were included chiefly to acquaint POINTING VECTOR readers with political viewpoints which are not familiar to most Americans. This is not to imply that I regard the two men and their articles as equally valid or invalid, of course.))

It is possible, though highly improbable that the Republican party of today will cease to exist in a few years. But even if it should, there would still be the dynamic balance between conservative and liberal people, or at least should be. The balance would still be there.

((I generally concur. See my article in the October 1964 issue of Quark))

What I fear is that if the present trend continues, citizens will continue to lose their freedoms until this balance will not be possible. If this point is over reached, then the country will sooner or later cease to be a world power.

And if socialism projects a feeling of complacency, then it has done just as bad a crime as above. Note the situation in England where there is increasing complacency.

((I don't think that Harold Wilson feels very complacent just now.))

Well, I admit that the Constitution is flexible enough to serve a socialistic state. What I am wondering is whether it was intended to. Certainly not, from what I have read. ((Where?)) Should we, then, change the basic ideas the country was founded upon?

You seem to feel here that modified ideas of the KKK are not good. It is highly possible that within the hatred generated by the KKK there are some good valid ideas. If one takes this attitude, the emphasis on the KKK's support of Goldwater loses significance.

 "The French Institute of Public Opinion, an independent poll-taking outfit, went out earlier this month and asked a cross-section of the French people this question: 'In your opinion who are the two chiefs of state who constitute the greatest menace for peace?' The results are interesting, not to say alarming: Lyndon Johnson drew 30 per cent, just 2 percent behind Mao Tse-tung's 32 per cent poll as a 'menace for peace'. Next in line, with 15 per cent, Leonid Brezhnev and Alexei Kosygin, and the same for Gamal Abdel Nasser. With 3 per cent were Charles de Gaulle ...and Fidel Castro. And 2 per cent thought Ahmed Ben Bella the biggest menace around."

- New York Herald-Tribune

JACK SPEER, 2034 Kiva Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico: PV Oct. 64 - I don't quite follow you on the 1896 election. ((POINTING VECTOR #23, p. 1)) Some modern historians have spoken of this as the year the Democratic party turned decisively from one in which the main progressive element was rural populism, to one whose forward element was urban, but to me it still had a strong rural flavor. You can hardly say that the election itself decided what you said, because the Republicans won. I don't understand 'Press Release'. It doesn't read genuine, but it's not funny enough to have been written especially for publication here....

August PV ((#21)) Your front-page proclamation didn't give all the grounds necessary to your conclusion. Two that were omitted are: 'Whereas there is a reason-

able possibility of overthrowing these governments by force"; and "Whereas there is no reasonable prospect of changing these conditions by other means". ((Since the editorial on the front cover of POINTING VECTOR #21, the men known to be the murderers of James Chaney, Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, James Reeb, and Viola Liuzzo have been released by courts in Alabama and Mississippi, I submit that the prospects of internal reform in these states are negligible, and furthermore that their governments are prepared to countenance armed defense of segregation on the part of the white supremacists whose agents they are.)) I wonder if Midge West has read Parkinson's Law. I don't remember anything in it about smaller geographic units being more efficient, but I don't regard Parkinson as always right anyway. Goldwater was probably joking in that quote that ends "they might get out of the country before I'm inaugurated". ((Why take chances on it?))

My file is somewhat confused, but I think the only Boardman publication received and not commented on when I stopped last year was POINTING VECTOR for October 63. ((#18)) I don't think Goldwater's participation in civic-club inanities can be properly compared to ((Henry)) Wallace's guru. As far as I know, Wallace believed in, or seriously entertained, those Hindu beliefs. I can understand how a liberal might oppose permitting local governments to exclude from their debt limits the costs of sewage facilities, but I don't understand how liberal principles would lead him to do so. In a publication of liberal orientation, advice which is based on other competing principles (such as irresponsibility of local government) should be explained. The same goes for your favoring off-track betting. Incidentally, I disagree with you on both points.

Attached to that PV was "The Quiddity of Herman Kahn". ((Copies of this critique of Kahn's views on thermonuclear warfare, by J. Newman I, are still available at no charge.)) The first thing that struck me about the folder was the rather pathetic blueprint for peace proposed by Laucks on the inside covers. Among other defects is the sliding over the whole question of how the World Authority should be organized; perhaps Laucks realized the difficulties but felt he couldn't take them up here, but it seems like straining at a gnat and swallowing an elephant. The book review itself is one of those things the foundation of whose sarcasm is obvious to the reviewer, Newman, but not so obvious to the reader who is not already fully committed to his position, against Kahn's. The thing somehow seems rather remote now. After reading Poul Anderson's book on the same subject - I have missed seeing any comments on it in the fanzines - I started to write Poul a long letter of comment on it, but got bogged down...and by the time I looked at it again, the whole thing seemed to relate to the conditions of another era.

((This is probably because of the passage of the nuclear test ban treaty over the objections of Goldwater, Kahn, Anderson, and other advocates of nuclear escalation.))

"Some anti-Castro Cubans here are making themselves unpopular, talking about 'the bitter bread of exile', while living like potentates.

"Where the money comes from nobody knows, but most people have a good idea:

"The United States Central Intelligence Agency is being played for a sucker," they say.

"...A Belgian businessman here who had lived in Cuba expressed amazement at the exiles' affluence. 'In Cuba they went about with holes in their pants, and here they dress expensively and money flows like water,' he said."

- Copley Press, San Jose, Costa Rica
New York Sunday News, 24 January 1965

THOMAS BYRO, 1 West Circle, Ringwood, New Jersey: Previous to receiving your poll I had no idea that so many people were running for the office of the Presidency of the U. S. It seems like everyone and his mother was running for that office. The

spectrum covered in your poll ranged from the moderate to the ridiculous. So many people are running for that office that I'm beginning to feel left out. As a result I am considering running for that office myself. I have culled the name of the party under whose banner I shall run from the names of several of the parties mentioned in your ballot. That name is NAUSEATING. I believe that that name is appropriate. Not only have I taken sections of the names of the parties mentioned, but I believe that I have captured the essence of their success.

It seems that, in order to achieve our highest office, one must fulfill certain requirements. These requirements are, among others, great personal wealth, to have been born into a Brahmin family and the ability to grin like a moron. Certain secondary requirements also enter the picture, among which are a grinning family, dedication to such forthright American principles as porkbarrel legislation and Protestantism and finally, a service record (wartime, preferably).

The parties purport to attempt to maintain domestic tranquility while, at the same time, covertly or openly, they issue inflammatory literature composed of half truths and outright slanderous lies which have the effect of arousing such otherwise relatively dormant public passions as bigotry and racism and pride of national origin. All this is rather unsettling to my sensibilities. However, it seems to be the road to success, politically. So then, vote for the candidate with the thinking man's filter...vote NAUSEATINGLY all the way.

"Thus the stage is set ((in the Americas, Georgia shooting)) for a Georgia version of the guilty-not-guilty drama that accounts for much of the subterranean anger and the recurring outbursts of bitterness on the part of Negro citizens. They are convinced, by an almost unbroken series of events, that in a contest with a white man in a Southern court in a capital case they cannot win.

"No matter where an inquiry is made in the South, the Negro natives can cite cases upon cases from their areas to back up their complaint. They will tell about a white man who drove home from a gasoline filling station, got his pistol, drove back to the station and shot and killed a Negro attendant because the attendant put in more than \$2 worth of gas! The killer was acquitted at a 'trial'.

"They will tell about a young, respected white lawyer of a most respectable family, married and a father, who raped a 16-year-old Negro baby-sitter for his children as he was taking her home one night. He went free on probation.

"...America properly expects the Negro to respect the law and to eschew crime. By the same token it must make the law color blind, else the system becomes, in the minds of the minority, merely another instrument for persecuting both the skins and the aspirations of black people."

--- Roy Wilkins
New York Post, 8 August 1965

VIC RYAN, Apt. #3, 342 East Madison, Ann Arbor, Michigan (14 June 1964): "The Assassination of Nikita Khrushchev" ((in POINTING VECTOR #20, p. 5)) was pleasant fiction. If I didn't know you better --- or had you failed to categorize the essay as 'fiction' yourself --- I would have made a completely erroneous guess that this was insidious extrapolation on your part, a pseudo-educated guess. But surely you wouldn't be so insidious, would you?

Sometimes I wonder about your other actions, though. Endorsing political candidates may be great comment-provoking tendencies, but I wonder if it has any basis in pragmatism; after all, the people who read PV are, I suspect, either intelligent enough to go along with your decisions, or too pig-headed to be changed. Similarly, this bit about the Red Cross. The 'blood' policy may be childish, lacking in scientific fact, and morally heinous; but the simple fact seems to me to be that mismanaged public assistance is better than none at all. (There's probably some pragmatic justification to the policy as well; unless the blood testing procedures are pretty thorough, the

lack of hygienic education and adequate medical attention among many southern Negroes ((whites, too?)) may make their blood more prone to be infected. This is beside the point, of course; both Negroes and whites should have equal access to good blood.

((Be that as it may, in some states the Red Cross still labels blood by race. There is no scientific justification for such a procedure; it is nothing but a concession to racism. I do not propose to contribute to the Red Cross until this labelling is ended.))

"I sure don't intend to set myself up as speaking for 'the viewpoint of liberals' about George L. Rockwell of the Nazi Rockwells, but I can speak for myself and my own viewpoints and I would be sort of interested in hearing him speak. I wouldn't go out of my way or anything, but I'm willing to listen to nuts, and even more willing to let others do so if they wish...Others demand not only consistency from liberals, but some sort of elevated objectivity as well. If they support the right of Communist speakers, they must also support the right of Nazi speakers. If they are 90.37% opposed to Communism, they must be exactly 90.37% opposed to Nazism. This...really isn't a very sensible attitude, though quite helpful in arguments,... This may come as a gruesome shock to you, but I am much more opposed to Nazis than I am to Communists. I consider Nazis far worse than Communists and far more dangerous. Communism is mostly an extension of the Western attitude that men are machines. In other respects it is a rather naive plan to solve all of man's problems through the abolition of capitalism. In practice it is a highly despicable system; in theory it is a highly stupid system. But at least it gives lip service to the cause of the poor and the cause of the worker. At least it has its roots buried in an idea that is basically Good. Nazism is hate and evil. Nothing but that and only that. It has no redeeming graces. I think Nazis are worse than Communists. I find no great admiration for either, but I don't find them equally horrible, nor do I think I owe some great liberal principle the necessity of finding them so."

- Gordon Eklund
Pleasure Units #10

RICK BROOKS, R. R. #1, Fremont, Indiana 46737 (25 September 1964): To be polite I'll mention I liked the Li'l Abner article. ((See POINTING VECTOR #22, p. 8.)) I hadn't noticed the parallel to Lincoln.

In the introduction to the KKK speech ((#22, p. 4)) you state, "...the contents of the POINTING VECTOR are weighted too much toward the liberal or radical point of view. In an attempt to restore balance, etc..." Since when hasn't the KKK been radical. I was under the impression the term could be used for both ends of the American political spectrum. ((The word "radical" has been sanctified by its association with the Abolitionists, the early labor movement, and Socialism. I refuse to grant this honorable title to the right wing.))

80 to 90% of the people of the USA are moderates, clustering toward the center of the political spectrum. ((But have you noticed how "the center of the political spectrum" is moving these days?)) This kind of political thinking has had no representation in the issues of your mag I've read.

If the moderates were still willing to balance the budget, I'd still be one.

...I consider 48 out of 200 readers ((who responded to the Presidential Poll)) of a political zine a sorry turn-out. It is a symptom of the political problem in this country. Nobody much gives a damn (except radicals and crusaders). I still think 48 samples are too small a sample to predict a nation-wide election. ((They gave Johnson a landslide, didn't they?))

"Dr. Fuller said almost any behavioral trait could be augmented, diminished, or otherwise shifted about through selective breeding. He indicated in an interview,

how they did the direction of the shift was not always predictable.

"This was brought home vividly to him and Dr. John P. Scott not long ago. They had mated the red cocker spaniel with the African Basenji, a reddish-colored, terrier-sized dog with pointed ears and no bark. What they had hoped to get was a reddish dog with the friendly temperament of a cocker and the barklessness of the Basenji.

"What they got, however, was a floppy-eared, black dog with the irritability of the Basenji and a bark louder than the cocker's - all in all, a noisy, nervous animal."

- New York Times
13 August 1965

CREATH THORNE, Route 4, Savannah, Missouri ((Ah, here's the earlier letter referred to on p. 7)): I think perhaps this is the most varied and perhaps most interesting copy ((#22)) that I have soon yet, though I admit that I haven't soon many. You made your point; PV is not a "fnz". ((Science-fiction fan magazine.)) I'm not really sure what category of fanciness it should be placed in. It doesn't really deal with fandom at all, but goes to members of fandom, and thus deals with the personalities and more political thoughts of these members. It seems that more of these magazines are springing up, but unfortunately not all of them are as interesting as POINTING VECTOR. Apparently it takes a special sort of personality to put out a successful magazine of this type.

I disagree with the policy stated on the front page, and the policy hinted in the article by Page, which apparently you agree with. Let me explain. I feel that within any society there must be a "pull" or difference between the conservative and liberal members in order that the society may be a dynamic one. Anytime that a society becomes complacent and loses its argumentative ability it is usually headed downhill. I can see the need for both liberal and conservative magazines. I also feel that probably either a capitalistic or a socialistic government will work well. On this point I may disagree with other conservatives. ((There will be a slight pause while Creath Thorne and Rick Brooks shoot it out for the conservative leadership of fandom.)) I once thought of writing a story where two worlds are pictured, one capitalistic, the other socialistic. Both of them are successful and the inhabitants lead a good life. Then the scene switches to a laboratory where the teacher is pointing out to his students that any type of social organization may work, depending upon the attitude of the inhabitants making up the society. And then the teacher washes the worlds down the drain. What I am trying to say is that both Russia and America can be highly successful organizations, and beneficial ones, even though they are based on different ideas. I personally hate the idea of having "self-evident" freedoms taken away from me, but social organizations do not necessarily have to be personal. In other words, my personal feelings have nothing to do with the success of the organization. So up to this point, one might say that I at least tolerate your ideas, even though I may not agree with them. But here we part company. I feel (and this is not a personal feeling) that capitalism and socialism cannot exist together in the same country. It seems to me that a country must concentrate on one policy or philosophy and stick with it. If they do not, then that country will fall. This is why I feel that the United States should stick with the ideas laid down in the Constitution rather than a gradual trend toward socialism. If our country were headed by a dictator who had absolute power, it just might barely be possible to change systems, but under our system of government, a complete change can never be accomplished. Instead, we will live under a watered-down version of both systems, until we are taken over by another country with a dynamic and solid system. In other words, I maintain the conservative view, because I wish for the United States to remain great and stable. We must not have a combination of systems. ((How, then, do you feel about the massive, violent, uncompensated expropriation of private property which has already taken place in this country? I refer, of course, to the abolition of slavery. Presumably this constituted the first admixture of the socialism you deplore into America's previously totally capitalistic system.))

Because capitalism is ordinarily associated with the conservative view, I suppose that I am a conservative. There can, though, be degrees of conservatism and liberalism within the capitalistic. This is unimportant at the time. I remain, defiantly, a capitalist, who believes in the success of The United States of America.

You use an interesting set of tactics here. First, you print a disgusting article or speech by a member of the KKK. Then you follow this up with an article on how Goldwater is supposedly associated with the KKK. ((This was done simply by quoting various KKK leaders in support of him.)) Thus, I assume, that you intend to transfer the disgust of the first article to candidate Goldwater. You also try to give the impression that Goldwater is for the policies of the KKK and will try to carry them out if elected. Of course, this is not true. 1) It is highly unlikely that Senator Goldwater stands for the ideas expressed by the KKK. ((Such as, for instance, states' rights and opposition to federal civil rights legislation.)) Probably the KKK endorsed Goldwater not because he agrees with all their ideas, but because they hate Johnson. It is possible that among their distorted ideas, the KKK might have some good ones, i. e., states rights. Because Senator Goldwater stands for these, they have endorsed him. ((Let's not quibble. In the political context of today, "states rights" means segregation and nothing but segregation.)) 2) If Goldwater is elected, he will certainly not carry out the more radical ideas of the KKK. Congress would not let him, and he would not want to for the fear of losing public popularity. As for ideas such as states rights, this is entirely separate from such organizations as the KKK. Thus, to me, your article carried no potent force that will cause me to give up the conservative position.

"The Truth About Russia" was fairly interesting, but I was disappointed in that Page did not go deeper into the political theories, etc. It seems as though all he talked about is what one can find in any article or book available today. Anyone could have written the article by simply referring to the nearest library. His comments on the school system may have been true, but it seemed to me that he chose the wrong examples to prove his point. There are a number of American students that are politically acute, also. One other question: my physics book describes a liter as slightly more than one quart, while Page describes it as slightly more than one pint. There is quite a bit of difference.

((The United States uses the old "Winchester quart" of 946.5 cubic centimeters. The British Commonwealth employs the "Imperial quart" of 1136.6 cubic centimeters. A liter is 1000 cubic centimeters.))

I doubt very much that any state would go and look up a case in the law books if they decided to leave the Union. Besides, that ruling ((Texas vs. White, U. S. Supreme Court, 1869)) was after the Civil War. It boils down to this: if a state decides they are going to leave the union, they do it, and it is up to the rest of the government to change their minds. Mississippi and Alabama have not yet proceeded to this point.

Apparently Mildred West was not working in connection with an underhanded organization, or rather one that promotes graft, etc. In this country the Republican National Committee does not go around encouraging the members to tear down posters, etc., though I admit that some individuals do it. It is still amazing to me that she expected to get a commendation for her act.

I would say that your interpretation of the Constitution is much more liberal than mine. I do not see...the results that you see. I guess this is the main trouble of all the courts -- the Constitution is so broad that one can read almost anything that one wants to into it.

((Conservatives are now trying to "remedy" this situation. See the next issue of POINTING VECTOR for details.))

 "History will ascertain how often Churchill's judgment was correct and how often not, but surely no one would accuse him of treason for making mistakes. Precisely that, however, happened to several State Department Far Eastern experts who were discharged in the 1950's for their written opinions of the 1940's. It was

never shown that the diplomats in question were wrong, merely that ten years later their views on China were no longer terribly popular in some Congressional circles. In some regions of the landscape of treason, a mistake in judgment has become a punishable offense. It is important to see here that the American diplomats were condemned for expressing judgments about matters of fact, as if a man's assessment of an objective situation and his feelings about it were or should be one and the same thing."

- Margret Boveri

Treason in the Twentieth Century,
p. 15

DEREK NELSON, 99 Main Street, Newmarket, Ontario: Midge West's article on the British elections ((in POINTING VECTOR #21, p. 4)) was fascinating, even if I'm on the opposite side from her in the political arena. My distaste for canvassing is roughly on a par with hers, but it's probably the most important part of a local or by-election. Canada, of course, doesn't have political parties (by tradition as much as law) at the municipal level, though we do on the provincial level (though there is no party name on the ballot--as is the English custom--and one is technically elected as an individual). I've just come through a tough by-election which we lost to the socialists (or NDP to be technical) though we placed ahead of the Liberals. It was too bad, but we Tories had neither the organization, the manpower, the money, and most important, the right type of campaign to stop a concerted Socialist drive for the seat. In addition, the highly publicized Liberal candidate cut heavily into the anti-Socialist vote. The other by-election, in Windsor, by giving us a victory in a Liberal seat, gave us an even split for the night, with the Liberals down one and the Socialists up one. Oh well, win a few, lose a few - and work harder next time!

But if the votes had rolled in on election day with a victory I for one would have felt a hell of a lot better about all those lousy hours of canvassing, putting up signs, etc. And afterwards, as in England, Young Tories, Libs (there's not many of them), and Socialists get together and drink in victory or sorrow.

In most all other details, from filching opposition signs to "getting the vote out" on election day, the Canadian and English systems are remarkably similar, even though we parted company one hundred years ago.

"Quisling was a genuine Russian expert. He knew Russia intimately, and though an enemy of the Bolsheviks, he was a friend of the Ukrainians, Caucasians, and Tartars with whom he had lived. Quisling assumed that a German invasion, if properly staged, would bring about the immediate dissolution of the Soviet regime, and urged the Germans to come as liberators and not conquerors. It was essential that they occupy the heart of Great Russia, which they could use as the core for the construction of a new and stable order, but the non-Russian areas might well be left unoccupied, and ought in any event to be treated with great care and friendliness...The program outlined by Quisling has certain similarities with the broadcast of Radio Free Europe today."

- Margret Boveri, ibid., p. 72

BEN SOLON, 3915 N. Southport, Chicago, Illinois 60613 (16 September 1964): Although I don't agree with PV's opinions of Barry Goldwater, I must say you presented your side of the argument very well. Why do people say that they are afraid of Goldwater? Is it because he promises, as did Winston Churchill, nothing but blood, tears, sweat, and toil? The Goldwater-Miller platform has set forth a positive winning foreign policy, proposed a solid domestic program and seems to have the ability to do so.

American foreign policy, in the last few years has taken several severe setbacks, all of them due to the fact that the administration in power lacked the

courage to follow through the goals it had set for itself in the face of the slightest Soviet sabro-rattling. When JFK forced the Russians to back down in Cuba, he had the entire free world on his side, yet, he allowed the Russians to remain on Cuba and took their word that they had removed their offensive missiles from the island. I often wonder how President Kennedy could sleep at night, knowing that he had left 1500 men to die on the beaches at the Bay of Pigs merely because he didn't want to soil the U. S. image after he had promised those non American backing. ((It has more recently been disclosed that President Kennedy wanted to call off the whole idiotic idea, but found that CIA men were prepared to countermand his orders and turn the Batista exiles loose anyhow.)) Under Goldwater, I believe there might be war, but there would be no selling out of American and Allied forces merely because those in power wished to preserve their image.

((Do you remember how, a generation ago, we made such fun of the Japanese war lords because of their desire to "save face" at any cost?))

The articles on the KKK and Russia were excellent. About time someone denounced the KKK (what is the origin of that name) by merely repeating what their policy of this organization is. By the way, Chicago columnist Jack Mabely used precisely the same method in ridiculing the Chicago Traffic Court of a judge who spent more time shooting off his mouth than sentencing offenders.

((("Ku Klux" is a corruption of "kyklos", the Greek word for "circle". "Klan" was added because many of the men who founded the organization in Tennessee in December 1865 were of Scotch-Irish descent.))

"Laval's great failing, despite his realism, was his blindness to one reality which he could never grasp, the power of ideas. His incapacity to understand the pull of ideas lulled him into a fantasy world... Only the pure 'realist' is capable of such self-deception. He never realized that his 'order' was a flimsy fabric, which his opponents realized instinctively. Although Laval saw behind the masks of ideologies, Communist, National Socialist, or Western democratic, he never saw the reality of the emotions, needs and driving force which make people willing to fight for, and even die for, such ideologies. Sometimes convictions, and not conditions, are decisive. Sometimes the social order of society has been so profoundly shaken that only bloodletting will restore it."

- Margaret Bevard, *ibid.*, p. 135

POUL ANDERSON, 3 Las Palomas, Oxnard, California 94563 (17 September 1964):
It does seem to me that you misinterpret Sarge Smith's letter ((in POINTING VECTOR # 22, p. 17)). He isn't saying something that is morally right, he's saying it is so. Whether he is correct or not, there's no reason for considering him an enemy. ((You know perfectly well on whose behalf I'd take up arms in the civil war Smith envisages.))

...It seems to me that you are to some extent confusing at least three different, though interlocked, issues: the unquestionable moral claim of the Negro to equal rights, the practical problems involved in getting such rights for him, and certain very grave Constitutional issues. The first will not be achieved without dispassionate consideration of the second, and neither is any good if we destroy the Constitution which is the only thing standing between all of us and Caesar -- and which may, indeed, be the only real justification for the continued existence of the United States.

So, as for practicalities. Not long ago I happened to share an airplane seat with a Negro. He wasn't one of these busybody Ad Hoc Committee types, but rather an intelligent, cultivated man who has himself coping very well with the white world. We talked about a lot of other things before getting down to the civil rights question.

I told him that the Japanese Americans, who were the victims not simply of discrimination but of active persecution, managed to get themselves completely

accepted (There are even some in this otherwise lily-white suburb I happen to inhabit) ((even after the passage of Proposition 13?)) not by demonstrations, violence and putting small businesses out of operation, but simply by being consistently superior citizens. Put them in slums, and they cleaned and painted and repaired those slums. ((And got their rent hiked for it, if California slumlords are anything like the local variety.)) Exclude them from restaurants, and they started restaurants of their own so good that whites waited in line for a table. ((As they do at the Red Rooster, in Harlem, and with good reason.)) And so forth, until no serious discrimination exists for them any longer. Why can't the Negroes do likewise? Instead of rioting in Harlem, say, why not start fixing Harlem up?

Well, he said, it's a nice idea, but in the first place Harlem can't be fixed up until its absentee landlords stop finding it profitable to operate a slum; and in the second place, its inhabitants by now have had all hope and initiative ground out of them. He ought to know; he lives right near there.

Okay, Mr. Boardman, if this is true, how do you go about "liberating" the Harlemites? Fulminating against the landlords won't help; they've got too much political power. ((So, at one time, did slave-owners.)) And even if you did condemn their property and rebuild it, you still can't condemn and rebuild people. In short, as my acquaintance pointed out, for this region and others like it there is no cure except time; a couple generations' worth, at least. It's a great pity, of course, but it's a fact.

((If there is anything clear in this week's news from Los Angeles, it is that we don't have time - not two generations, not one generation, not one year. The Mayor of Los Angeles has not implemented the anti-poverty program, and the Chief of Police is on record with the belief that the only problem among local Negroes is that outside agitators come in and tell them they're downtrodden. Those riots could have been seen coming from years ahead, but no one cared to do anything about it because slumlords have too much money invested in the status quo. The return on real property in the slums is fantastic - 15 or 20% per annum at least. Take the profits out of slums, and they can be fixed up.))

I said further that violence was antagonizing too many white people who were originally willing to help, or at least not to resist the civil rights movement. He said in reply that this was true, but that some violence was inevitable and perhaps even necessary, as a show of determination. Could be; one remembers the suffragettes and other at-the-time unpleasant people who got their causes accepted.

However, once you begin on violence, how do you stop?

And there can be no question of a Negro revolution. The poorest and least educated ((Why?)) 10 or 11% of the population simply cannot overcome the rest of us. If they try, it will be slaughter. I hope to God they don't. I don't want that sort of thing on my conscience. Nevertheless, if a man or a group should threaten my family, I'll call copper first, and if the cops don't show up in time, I'll shoot. We will argue the justice of the case later; my first duty is to my family. On a less melodramatic level, unsafe streets aren't going to be tolerated much longer.

((News reports give the impression that the LA riots were an anti-white uprising by Negroes. If this solely were the case, one would expect white casualties to be high. They weren't; of the 34 killed, 28 were Negroes, including the 47-year-old woman whose legs were chopped off by a burst of National Guard machine-gun fire.))

It is easy to see how accumulated resentment leads to violence, and certainly there is no easy solution to the problem of halting such behavior. Yet one way or another it is going to be halted. If Negro leadership fails to do so and if the police fail, we are going to see the vigilantes come back. Mind you, I don't say I want them back. Far from it. I just say they will come -- as I believe they have already done among certain New York Jews.

((The "Maccabee" patrols in Crown Heights include both whites and Negroes; in fact, on the Sabbath most of the patrolling is done by Negroes. By contrast, a vigilante effort in nearby East New York failed when whites who wanted the patrol to be an anti-Negro group discovered that Negroes were in the patrol. The whites pulled out, and the whole thing collapsed.))

It is also easy to demand "freedom now". But precisely what does such freedom mean? It'll take many years to bring the Negro's educational level, on the average, up to where he can compete as well as my friend on the plane is doing.

More important, maybe, it will take generations to assimilate (a polite word for "destroy") that subculture, that set of attitudes and mores, which has grown up among the poorer Negroes and which cannot coexist with the bourgeois majority culture.

((That's about what they said concerning the eastern and southern Europeans in the city slums of 40 or 50 years ago - see the writings of Madison Grant or Lothrop Stoddard.))

I think Sarge Smith is dead wrong about Negro genes being dominant. So many people have already crossed the color line that this cannot be true. But mainly, as I interpret his letter, all he was saying is what I say, that there is no immediate solution to this problem. Any attempt to force such a solution will backfire and leave the Negro worse off than he was. We can only gnaw away at separate, local problems, not with any grand design in mind but merely with an idea of seeing justice done in individual cases.

...It may be small consolation to the Negro who wants, right now, completely equal standing with you and me, to be told that his children or grandchildren may have it. But then, it's small consolation to a man I know, whose wife died years ago of TB, that the disease is now pretty well curable. As a matter of fact, the Negro's lot has, by and large, considerably improved. With mutual patience and tolerance, it can continue to do so. But there just ain't any overnight miracles in this world.

This letter has already gotten much too long, so I won't now go into the third matter, the Constitutional issues, except to say that not all the opposition to certain aspects of the civil rights movement comes from racists. Some of us are quite deeply concerned about an apparent willingness to abandon the ground rules under which the country has hitherto functioned - no matter in how good a cause.

"States' rights", for instance, is not an empty noise made by some southern redneck. It refers to the original concept of the United States as a federal union, especially as laid down in the Tenth Amendment. As someone has said, the Constitution is a contract between the people and the various governing bodies. Once you start tearing up contracts, anything goes.

The Brown decision was, at best, borderline. ((This was the decision against school segregation.)) But now the Supreme Court has gotten into the habit of re-writing the Constitution, until today we are faced with the reapportionment decision...If nine men with no check upon them ((Impeachment? Constitutional Amendment? The "good behavior" clause?)) can demolish the entire federal union concept like that, what's next? For my part, I'll tell you what's next: a hell of a fight, and very serious consideration of the possibility of an amendment stripping the Supreme Court of its power to make more than the most limited interpretations.

No, I don't want to impeach Earl Warren. He doubtless means well. I just want him to go away.

((You realize, of course, that while in theory the possibility of impeachment or constitutional amendment hangs over the court, in practice any such attempt as you envisage will quickly have the albatross of segregation attached around its neck. Southern states-righters have painted themselves into this corner by repeated pleas of "states' rights" in support of racism, and I am not minded now to sympathize with the plight in which this places conservatives. By their long Congressional alliance with southern Democrats, conservative Republicans have brought this on themselves.

((One Senator may have opposed the recently passed Voting Rights Act because he believes it is an unconstitutional extension of the federal power, and another Senator may have opposed it because he doesn't believe that Negroes should have the right to vote. However, their two votes against the bill counted exactly the same. Among people who respect not the inflated currency of words but the hard coinage of deeds, these two Senators will be weighed in the same balance and found wanting.

((I am not likely to be impressed by attacks on the reapportionment decision. What the old apportionment meant, as far as I am concerned, is that when a Legislature is elected in this state, my vote and those of nine of my fellow Brooklynites could be cancelled out by one apple-knocker in Schuylor County. If you can

show me why one Schnaylor County farmer is as wise, as deliberate, and as devoted to democracy as ten Brooklynites, I will reconsider my opposition to the Dirksen Amendment.))

"Shirer argues that a foreign correspondent gradually begins to lose his "feeling" of the home country if he remains abroad too long without a break. He begins to lose touch with public opinion at home and cannot report properly unless he returns home regularly to soak up the atmosphere. It is not irrelevant here to point out how subtly and effectively journalism, in Shirer's view, crosses imperceptibly that line between reporting and propaganda. One cannot report well unless one senses the mood of the public and knows instinctively what it wants to hear. The genius of the free Western journalists lies precisely in this ability to write ideological propaganda without realizing that they have done so. They fulfill the two essential conditions of good propaganda so perfectly that their effectiveness far surpasses anything which the totalitarian press has ever produced. If the reader will recall, we suggested the two essentials of successful propaganda as: first, the feeling for the great movements of the day; and second, the ability to believe in self-created propaganda. In both respects, Western journalists have been spectacularly successful."

- Marjorie Boveri, ibid., p. 159

TCM PERRY, 4018 Laurel Avenue, Omaha 11, Nebraska (26 September 1964):

Thanks as always for PV. Your definition of and disavowal of liberalism ((on the front cover of POINTING VECTOR #22)) was interesting. I had to wonder what would be the Boardman answer to some of the points of political etiquette you raise. For instance, are General Dynamics dividends "tainted money"? Must anyone owning stock in that company sell it to soothe his conscience if he believes weapons are evil? Or should he hang on to it and try to influence the company's policies or divert at least some of its earnings to worthwhile causes? I'm not saying you're wrong about this, but only that the choice between right and wrong in this case isn't as obvious to me as it is to you.

..."Riot in New York" ((#22, p. 2)) was quite good; I wish it were possible to do this sort of thing in conversation, but the point the first paragraph makes requires a raconteur and I'm not one. Well done. The Klansman's address is as shocking as it is ugly, but printing it doesn't really solve the problem of the well intentioned conservative, who is more likely to find his rationalization in Buckley. ((When he lets the mask slip, Buckley can be a pretty ugly customer himself. See the quotes from him in POINTING VECTOR #19, p. 38.)) It may upset him momentarily to find himself and this contemptible racist in agreement, but I think he'll work his way out of facing the conclusions. It does serve as a reminder to the liberal, though...

That ice-cream-and-axle-grease comparison ((of interracial marriage, by the Klansman)) must be strikingly effective. Picking out the flaws in this implied parallel would be a good exercise for an English class.

I'd never thought of the resemblance you point up in "Li'l Who?" ((This was a comparison between Abraham Lincoln and Al Capp's comic strip Li'l Abner, POINTING VECTOR #22, p. 8. It was reprinted by Don and Maggie Thompson in Comic Art #5, (Apt. 15, 3518 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115))) The folk myths buried under the continuity of Li'l Abner must account for much of the strip's popularity despite a certain shallowness in the more obvious satires Capp does.

"Want Odds" is an interesting feature, though I found the Anno Frank joke ((perpetrated by the American Nazi Party)) as revolting as when first I heard it. I know you printed it for this reason, however.

((Also in the "Want Odds" was an ad from the "Third Reich Stamp Company", which marketed Nazi stamps. Rockwell has since denounced the "Third Reich Stamp Company" as Jewish-controlled infiltrators and agents provocateurs.)

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- advertisement, Village Voice and
National Guardian

DAN DEVERE, 59 Lakeside Avenue, Haskell, New Jersey 07420 (24 August 1964):
I am an integrationist, but also for non-violence. I hope your front page editorial comments on POINTING VECTOR ((#21)) are not serious; but if they are, I am, of course, dead set against them. The reactions to such violence could be, at the least, terrible. Violence breeds violence breeds violence. ((And non-violence encourages violence.)) Consider the consequences. Furthermore, I don't think that peaceful attempts have been utterly futile.

((Why? When was Byron de la Bockwith executed?))

I found a letter in a newspaper I got that I think you might find interesting. I will quote the first few paragraphs:

"Used but usable books for pre-school through college level reading are needed at community centers which have recently been started in Mississippi and Louisiana. One aim of the centers is to broaden the afterschool learning opportunities of the less privileged. That fancy-sounding phrase means that a simple shelter is providing unlucky people with a place to study, to get help with school work, to read a book in a town where the library is closed to Negroes.

"The centers are sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality in co-operation with local groups.

"Although not a member of CORE, I could not resist the appeal of their constructive book project and have volunteered to help the Bergen County ((New Jersey)) Chapter fill two trailer trucks with 50,000 books before Sept. 1."

Books can be brought to Grace Episcopal Church, 144 Boiling Springs Ave., East Rutherford, N. J., or Salvation Army, 14 Bergen St., Hackensack, N. J.

((This sounds like a good idea. POINTING VECTOR readers are recommended to send books to these addresses or to CORE, 38 Park Row, New York, N. Y. 10038 or directly to Ronnie Moore, 306 Ivey St., Plaquemine, Louisiana. And, to protect these books and their readers, send a few dollars to the Deacons - see p. 2.))

((27 September 1964): By your definition of a liberal ((#22, p. 1)) I am not a liberal. I believe in freedom of travel to Cuba and of association with organizations on the Attorney-General's list.

I turn over 100% of my General Dynamics dividends to the Women's Strike for Peace. That makes 100% of 0 and that is a darn lot.

I favor expensive elections.

I don't usually cross over picket fences.

But I do advocate nonviolence.

I do not believe in the compromise of good and evil.

((And I do not believe in the compatibility of your last two statements.))

"The interview with Richard M. Bissell Jr., the principal planner of the ((Bay of Pigs)) operation, copyrighted by the Washington Star, reflects none of Kennedy's pre-invasion doubts.

"The Bissell interview contains only one notable insight - the fear that if the invasion were cancelled (a move which Kennedy was sorely tempted to make) the Cuban exile force ("the most powerful military force between Mexico and Panama") might run riot through Guatemala, Honduras, or Nicaragua.

"But the truth - a truth that is amply documented and scandalously ignored -

is that Kennedy would not have succeeded in calling off the invasion even if he had tried. The CIA, according to unchallenged testimony that is on the public record, told invasion leaders a few days before the scheduled landing at the Bay of Pigs that it was possible the invasion would be called off by Washington.

"If that took place, the CIA's mysterious "Frank" (who was the chief training officer for the invasion force) told exile leaders that they were to take their CIA shoppherds prisoner and go ahead with the planned landing.

"This account of contingency treason is contained in interviews with three of the leaders of the ill-fated Brigade 2506. The interviews were taken by Haynes Johnson and published in his meticulously documented book, The Bay of Pigs.

- Richard Starnos
New York World-Telegram and Sun,
28 July 1965

M. E. BEN-AMI, 1236 Burke Avenue, Bronx, New York 10469: Please continue to publish POINTING VECTOR. We do not have many publications that really have freedom of expression.

I wrote that I used to be like yourself and fought for Negro rights...You know the reason why I changed. When Negro hoodlums can attack tender Jewish children and the so-called responsible leadership should not condemn them, they are just as guilty. Only a fool would fight for his enemies. I refuse to be such.

I know, that we shall remain very good friends in spite of our difference of opinion.

((Anti-Semitism among some Negroes - and the problem does exist - should not blind us to the fundamental rightness of the civil rights cause.))

"There is still one other question arising out of the disaster of the nations which remains unsolved to this day, whose profound tragedy only a Jew can comprehend. That is the African question. Just call to mind all those terrible episodes of the slave trade, of human beings who merely because they were black were stolen like cattle, taken prisoner, captured and sold. Their children grew up in strange lands, the objects of contempt and hostility because their complexions were different. I am not ashamed to say, though I may expose myself to ridicule in saying so, that once I have witnessed the redemption of Israel, my people, I wish to assist in the redemption of the Africans."

- Theodore Herzl
Altneuland (1898)

RICH MANN, 249B South Nevada, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota 58201 (18 September 1964): A question about your page 2 editorial ((on the New York City Negro riots, POINTING VECTOR #22)) what do you expect or want us to do? What can be done? True, something most assuredly must be done. The only problem is -- what?

((The purpose of the editorial was to enable people to put present-day Negro unrest and rioting into historical perspective by comparing then with comparable violence among other minority groups a century ago. For a further treatment of this topic, see my article "Harlem in Perspective" in Double Bill #11, Bill Mallard, 214 Mackinaw Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44313, 50¢.))

...The KKK is not the only conservative group in the USA, nor is it the fault of Goldwater that it supports him. It is common sense to the politician not refuse votes until given a decent reason for doing so. Which is what Barry did. I wish you didn't equate conservatism and bigotry and the race issue.

((Conservatives and racists have made this equation far above my poor power to add or detract.))

...The Truf About Rusha" may be the truth as Page saw it. However, your point of view means a lot, and I'm no more ready to accept Page's word for it than

I am anyone else's. And what does he know about the American way of life? (That last bit of the article bugs me...) ((In which Pogo said, "If it came to a choice between ours and the Russian system, I would therefore choose ours. If it came to a choice between the Russian and American systems, well I don't know, I just don't know, it's a decision I would hate to have to make."))

...I'll go along with Krassner - I do think that Goldwater is capable of humor -- saying things a bit outrageously to make the audience think of it as an extreme improbability or something. Anyway, Barry isn't all bad, though if you'll check my poll vote, he's far from being mostly good or mostly right.

((Goldwater can go tell his jokes at Philadelphia, Mississippi.))

 "Call it the lollo. Give it crost and
 claws;
 Say that it swam or climbed or flew
 from birth,
 Oblivious (but subject) to the laws
 Of brutes and birds and fibres on
 ... the earth.

"Its chief contemporary was the creze
 The two competed for a certain food
 But evenly. For vacant centuries
 The rival generations were renewed.

 "Then, as a billion forces interacted,
 The balance tipped. The creze began
 to gain.
 Slowly, the lollo's grip on life
 retracted
 Without a throb of warning from its
 brain.

"The creze fed blandly as the lollo
 blinked
 Its last. Before the primal cry of
 man,
 Both of these mindless transients
 were extinct,
 Neither could learn. Just possibly,
 he can.

 - Milton Bracker, New York Times

BEN SOLON, 3915 North Southport, Chicago, Illinois 60613 (5 December 1964):
 The KKK may be the first organization in this country to call themselves conservatives, but that doesn't make them conservatives. ((They are the oldest extant organization to so style themselves.)) Up until the time of the Great Depression a man advocating social security and the various federal aid programs that came into being during the New Deal would have been called a Socialist. ((So much the better for Socialism.)) In short, the Klansmen may call themselves conservatives, but the majority of conservatives don't recognize them as such any more than the majority of liberals recognize the Communist Party as a liberal organization.

((You'll see this attempted identification of Communism with liberals as a frequent gambit of conservative polemicists. This is a deliberate ignoring of the facts. The animosity between liberals and Communists is old, loud, vigorous, and very well documented. On the contrary, conservatives generally accept without cavil the support of racists. Conservative theorists from Treitschke and Ludovici through Nathaniel Woyl and William F. Buckley have taken the racial or civil inferiority of the Negro as a matter of course. Theodore White, in his recent analysis of the 1964 presidential campaign, shows how Goldwater appealed for the racist vote on "conservative" or "constitutional" grounds.))

I have always defined a conservative as a man who does not live in the past, but who rather believes that change should be made slowly. The Klan lives in the past and is not a conservative organization. During the past election, Sen. Goldwater was berated because he advocated simple direct solutions to various problems. Whether his solutions were correct or not, is immaterial, but what is important (to me, anyway) is the fact that he did offer simple solutions. The present administration had consistently sought the indirect method of solving both domestic and foreign problems. The mess in Viet-Nam is a good example of this.

((Which 17th-century figure is now regarded as the greater statesman - the simple, direct Ferdinand II or the subtle, indirect Richelieu?))

 "Mr. Sickles (U. S. Representative Carlton Sickles, Dem., Md., At-Large): Would the employer have the right...to determine which employees he wanted to hire? Would he be free to only hire those employees who are members of the union, if he wanted to? Would that be within his personal freedom?

"Dr. Fowler (of the National Right to Work Committee): Yes...In other words, the employer has a privileged position, and he should be permitted to only hire those who will or will not join a union. But the union should not be permitted to compel the man to join.

"Mr. Sickles: Should the employer be free to pay any individual any amount that he wants to?

"Dr. Fowler: I would think so.

"Mr. Sickles: Even though there might be a collective bargaining agreement, it would only affect just the members of the union, and anyone else he would want to, he could make an arrangement with?

"Dr. Fowler: Yes...

"Mr. Sickles: Do you see anything wrong with that union representing all the employees, if it does in fact represent a majority of the employees, as far as, say, terms and conditions of employment are concerned?

"Dr. Fowler: If there are those in the employ of that concern who do not want the union to represent them, I say it is wrong.

"Mr. Sickles: Do you think that the man has an individual freedom to work in an unsafe area, if he wants to?

"Dr. Fowler: Certainly...

"Mr. Sickles: Do you think he has an absolute freedom, then, to work for any wage, even though a law may be established setting up minimum wages?

"Dr. Fowler: I do...

"Mr. Sickles: Then you think that...statutes that set up minimum wages are immoral statutes and that they are taking away a man's individual freedom?

"Dr. Fowler: Yes: I would say so."

- H. R. 77, 4350, 89th Congress, p. 319

LEN BAILES, 1729 Lansdale Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28205 (29 August 1964): I did reread the cover on PV. ((#21)) ...But even the proposition of having the FEDERAL government overthrow the governments of Alabama and Mississippi does not have the precedent you cite.

It took an act of outright military revolt...to get the government to declare war. ((The government did not declare war. What was there to declare war upon?)) Thus far, the bigots in those two states have not done anything analogous to this. The gov't has powers which, luckily for us are limited by the Constitution. Where do you find justification for what would in effect be war. (and don't say...To Provide for the General Welfare). The gov't is empowered by Statutory law (aka civil rights bill) to enforce certain legal precepts via force if the state officials do not. I fully expect that the state officials will NOT enforce the Civil Rights Law, therefore, the Gov't will be authorized to legally send in troops and if necessary declare martial law. With Johnson in the White House, I doubt very strongly if this will be done, but the option exists. In order for it to exist, a case must be brought up before the state officials and go through the necessary red tape. This will take time, but the important thing is that corrective methods CAN be taken within the framework of the existing system. As long as this is true there is no justification for pre-emptive methods.

This is a legal problem as well as a moral problem. I have a hearty respect for the system of checks balances and red tape which are built into the Federal government. It prevents the government from becoming a dictatorship. ((Great Britain and many other countries remain democracies without a system of checks and balances.))

...There is also the political angle. Anything like another Civil War would leave us dangerously weakened. ((The federal government could stamp down those

reindeers and not feel the leavings on its jump boots.)) While the commies probably wouldn't screw up enough guts to attack US, they'd run rampant gobbling up Asia.

I agreed with you that a bigot can't be educated, that the only thing to do is punch him in the puss and teach him that his victims can hit back. ((Then why not do it on a national, as well as a personal scale?)) The education I'm for is Negro education. Get them off the bottom of the economic ladder and into skilled professions. But the fact remains that Alabama and Mississippi must be chastised in a Constitutional manner. What's more there are chances that pressure can be applied in a more subtle way and that it need never come to Martial Law. What about economic boycott and refusal to acknowledge Congressmen from those states as a last desperate measure. I think boycott would work. I feel anything is preferable if it will work, to an outright military engagement.

"Johnson is actually moving race relations back 100 years because we are going to have to fight as our forefathers did to throw off this despotic black rule. WE WILL NEVER SURRENDER TO ANY FEDERAL TYRANT!"

"...It is far better to fight as a hero and patriot, than live a miserable life kissing the boots of black tyrants and federal carpetbaggers. NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL WHITE MEN TO STAND UP FOR WHITE RIGHTS. DOWN WITH ALL RACE-MIXERS!"

"Order your rifle now before LBJ bans the shipping of guns through the mails."

- Thunderbolt, April 1965, pp. 1 & 12

HARRY WARNER, 423 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740 (18 September 1964): You would have performed an even more useful service with the Ku Klux Klan talk if you'd given details on how accurate a transcript it is. Did the Rev. Cheney have a tape recorder concealed in his New Testament, or did he do it from a full short-hand transcript, or did he jot down notes and expand them into a complete script from memory and guessing? It doesn't sound to me like a verbatim transcript of the kind of rabble rousing that it obviously was. There is little of the word-repetition that is intimately associated with this kind of speech-making. "Now, some of the niggers, these niggers, you'll hear these niggers saying" is more like the kind of syntax you'd get than "Some of the niggers say". Moreover, Connie Lynch is the best-disciplined speaker ever to stir up hatred in Alabama if he actually kept to those short sentences. Hardly any speakers can reach something like a period after every two or three dozen words, even if they're trained to write in that direct, easy-to-understand fashion.

I haven't been reading Li'l Abner for many years, so I don't know if his son still is featured in the strips. If the baby has been dropped, you may have forgotten that he was named Honest Abe at birth. Since reading your item, I seem to sense a rough resemblance between Li'l Abner and the kind of Lincoln face that is usually put into contemporary pictures of him. That's poorly stated; I mean, pictures of him drawn today, rather than those photographed from life. Of course, this sort of parallel-finding can be carried on indefinitely. I suppose that it would be possible to find Paul Bunyan in Li'l Abner's character and life in equally large fashion. Comic strip artists rarely seem to have very systematic plans when they set out to create their characters, but let them go according to what the syndicate managers prefer and to how the public reacts. Remember how Snuffy Smith took command of the old Barney Google strip, when the readers began to take more interest in the hillbilly than in the city slicker? And Blondie changed from a harebrained comedy series to a bourgeois situation comedy theme. Curiously, I understand that the artist made the change in this case after his wife on whom he modeled his heroine was killed in an accident.

The Eric Page talk starts out suspiciously like a parody on all talks by someone who has been to some foreign land. Almost invariably, they start by marveling over how big the nation is--big in an absolute sense, if it really is big;

bigger than we imagine back home, if it's only a speck on the map. But then he sounds as if he were soberly narrating his opinions and I put just about as much trust in them as I do in the judgments of any Hagerstonian who goes over the ocean for a few weeks and comes back home an expert on the lands that he visited. I would like to see a few ground rules set up: to be eligible to talk to a scout troop or newspaper interviewer about his trip to another country, the traveler must have (a) lived at least one week with each of three middle-class families in different parts of the nation; (b) have been the mistress of or have kept a resident of the nation during the stay there; (c) must have read nothing about the nation either before making the trip or on returning; and (d) took a walk at least 50 miles long through cities and countryside, stopping to talk at least every half hour. I realize that nobody would ever get back from Russia under those conditions, but that fact alone would spare us at least two-thirds of the travelogs that now occur.

"The largest item in our budget is the defense appropriation, which amounts to \$60 billion a year, accounts for most of the taxes which oppress Sen. Goldwater and explains the stinting on the social services which depresses liberals. Yet, in the endless series of liberal-conservative debates which have constituted so much of the national vaudeville in the last 10 years, the military budget goes unmentioned.

"It is all rather as though we were watching two people arguing about the decor of a room in which a great beast was growing larger and larger. The conservative says that the ancestral portraits need restoration; the liberal argues for repairing the slip covers; the beast swells by the minute until they have to shout at each other while never mentioning its existence."

- Murray Kempton
New York World-Telegram
& Sun, 16 June 1965.

DAVE LOCKE, Box 335, Indian Lake, New York 12842: The high point of the whole issue ((POINTING VECTOR #20)) was the letter from A. G. Smith. It certainly was inspiring. God Bless A. G. Smith. (I don't know any of my other friends who would.)

...I'm in favor of legalized gambling, if only because prohibition brings out a black market. The trouble with gambling per se is that some people become addicted to it as bad as others become addicted to alcohol. The consequences can be as bad as with alcoholism. When my father was foreman of the silk and dyeing mills in the twin city area of Gloversville and Johnstown (N. Y.) he was crogged at the number of \$200 a week men working under him who always signed their paychecks over to one of the gambling houses in that area. The wives of these men would make weekly trips to the houses where the men in charge would hand them a pittance for groceries, clothing, and bills as far as the money would go. How the setup, between the gamblers and the managers of the houses, went beyond that I don't know. I do know that these families lived under the consequences of an addiction, and when an addiction becomes harmful to such an extent it may be understandable that some people would consider it 'immoral'. Making gambling illegal isn't the answer, and even if it were it wouldn't be right. I don't believe in doing away with something because certain people can't control their use of it. If I've got a five dollar bill to blow I'd just as soon take it to a poker game if I'm in the mood as take it anywhere else. Maybe the answer lies in laws punishing or trying to prohibit addiction, although I doubt it. The alcoholic is breaking a law when he drives a car, because he is a danger to people and property. Is the confirmed gambler a danger to his family's well-being, or isn't that enough of a reason to make some sort of law in this direction? I don't know. I know something should be done, but I don't know as anything can be done. And nothing could solve the problem completely.

It's interesting to note that Gretchen Schwinn thinks a conservative some sort of animal who believes in racial persecution. And if you don't believe in it, and yet are a conservative, then you must be a conservative with liberal inclinations?

((But racists do identify themselves as conservatives. Tell you what - suppose you write to Edward Fields, the editor of Thunderbolt, a typical quote from which you'll find on p. 22. His address is P. O. Box 184, Augusta, Ga. Talk over with him, as one conservative to another, just what you think the conservative attitude on the race issue ought to be. When you conservatives have reached agreement, write me and let me know.))

...Perdita's cover ((on #20)) was as well stencilled as it was drawn. I also note that her letter of comment was uninterrupted by those poisonous interpolated comments of yours. In fact, you didn't comment at all, and I know that some of the thoughts that she expressed were a bit different from the ones you've been handing out. Well, I guess we know how the pecking order runs in your household.

Enjoyed PV a good deal. I know this hacked-cut letter of comment isn't the most worthy thing to try and exchange for it. I'll see if I can't do better next time, when maybe there'll be more time to do it in. I'd subscribe, but I have a thing about paying money for fanzines. I even got screwed when I sub to the prezines, so I don't shell out for a long-term sub to a damned thing anymore.

((This is probably why, in all likelihood, you haven't received any issues of PV between #20 and this one. I usually don't send issues to non-subscribers unless they have letters in them. I'm sorry this printing of your letter is so delayed. The "you" in my last interlineation, I want to point out, is not directed at you personally, but aimed at those northern conservatives in general who feel they ought to try to shake loose of their southern brethren.))

DEAR SHERIFF

"Did you show your wife the rabbi's blood
before she washed it from your noble
hands?

Perhaps she kissed you.

"Welcome home, dear knight.

how brave! You plunged your horse into
those screaming coeds, clubbed the
niggers,

drove men of God in headlong flight.

"My gallant sheriff husband

helpless and outnumbered,

your posse charged upon the rabble-
beasts!"

Here, cracked a Poot's skull, there,
ripped a Teacher's cheek

Armed only with a cane, like David with
his sling, you led your bull-whip army
out

to fight Goliath-King.

But desperate and out-numbered, in
the end

y u're sure to lose,

against such potent weapons

as these gentle marchers use.

For, even now, the Rabbi and the others
kneel in prayer;

The Poet, coming conscious, grasps his
pen;

The murdered Preacher's blood

shrieks through the world!

The Teacher holds a book.

What use the bull-whips, clubs, the

cattle prods against one singer,

kneeling, with his hand in God's?"

- Harold DuBois

SETH JOHNSON, 339 Stiles Street, Vaux Hall, New Jersey 07088 (4 July 1964):
I haven't contributed to the Red Cross in any way except during WWII to their blood bank since their head decided the starving miners could not be helped because their strike was not an act of God. Also their orders to drivers at Port Newark to pick up officers and give them a lift but under no circumstances do this for enlisted men. It might be a good idea to suggest to your readers to give blood to local commercial blood banks and send money to...some worthy cause. Like CORE for instance.

Another warning for Worlds Fair visitors. I have learned the Worlds Fair is a conspiracy on the part of the National Chiropodists Association and those are the main beneficiaries of the World Fairs everywhere. Also warn them not to eat at the Spanish Pavilion. ((I'm surprised that you, of all people, even entered the place.)) No price on the menu and you order anything and everything you want. No matter what you order the check is \$25.00. I thought the Port of New York Authority was steep at \$3.50 to \$6.00 but the Latins sure have it over the locals at this fair at least.

Your story on the assassination of Khrushchev ((in #20)) almost perfect replica of Oswald case which I presume you meant it to be. I also liked "The Good Old Days" ((a review of Alfred Duggan's Growing Up in 13th Century England)) although I couldn't afford to purchase the book...And the expose of MacArthur was darned good too. I knew of his attack on the Bonus Marchers but not of his participating in a military fascist coup. ((The American Legion organizers of the coup had only approached him about it.)) I wonder how many other military brass have the same idea in mind and how much backing they have. And that is one of the things that scares me about Goldwater. The formidable following he has already aroused amongst American Youth - this could well be the nucleus for another fascist or Nazi type party even though he is soundly defeated in both the primary and the national elections. Seems to me the American public is dancing on top of a dormant but soon to explode volcano.

As to Cain ((author of They'd Rather Be Right, a study of right-wing youth movements also reviewed in PV #20, p. 10)) I can only remark Hitler's youth numbered far less than ten percent till the last years before he hurtled into power. If even that small percentage of youth can be mobilized I think we might meet in a concentration camp in 1966.

Personally I dislike the interlineations practiced by many neofaneds. I haven't noticed an excess of them in the POINTING VECTOR or your other fanzines but personally would much rather such things be footnoted or something so as not to break the continuity of what the writer has to say. And rather than edit insofar as red pencilling or cutting half the thing out is concerned I would rather suggest returning the article or letter of comment to the writer with your suggestions as to change and limitations. Let him do his own editing and then he can't say that you printed something out of context and distorted his message altogether.

((I try to print as much of the letter as I can, which accounts in part for the length of this issue. Footnotes are very hard to set up and plan for unless you first make up a dummy issue, which most amateur editors don't bother doing. Anyone who feels that I have cut his letter so that the meaning is distorted is welcome to take the matter up with me further, and his letter will be printed in full.))

...I too agree the Negro should not riot or start the same tactics as the KKK and Fascists. Yet I do believe they should arm and defend themselves, especially when lynch mobs come into Negro areas bent on murder and raping and burning. ((Even when the mobs wear blue uniforms?)) Since the local authorities are openly in collusion with such mobs and the leaders are never prosecuted and convicted, why the only answer is for the southern Negro to defend himself by every means that comes to hand.

"I was sitting in my easy chair after supper, reading Coin World and thinking about the silver situation. And I must have dozed off, as I heard the phone ring like in the distance.

"It was LBJ saying, can you come to D. C. and fix up this silver mess? And I said, I guess I can spare a day, but first got the Congress fellas all fixed up with big rubber O. K. stamps, so they can approve quick what I suggest...

"We got to D. C. and I gave a little talk to the Congress fellas about silver. I said, the dollar ain't what it used to be. For instance, my mother came to the U. S. in 1908, and she worked in a knitting mill 60 hours a week for \$5.00 a week. Which figures, that she worked hard 12 hours to earn one silver dollar. And nowadays, hardly anyone works even one hour to earn a dollar.

"And I continued, and the Congress follows was all listening, as they hadn't heard any common sense for a long time, if a dollar now is worth less than a dime was in 1908, and pretty soon will be worth only what a nickel was in 1908, what sense is there for us to try to keep as much silver in a dollar as there was in 1908?

"And I said, the U. S. should quit using silver for coins, and get out of the silver business. The people have faith now in federal reserve paper money, and they will have the same faith in aluminum coins as long as they have U. S. stamped on them. And anyone who doesn't have faith in the U. S., can take the next boat to Russia and see if they like rubles better.

"But then the Mrs.' voice was saying in the distance, it's time for Bonanza, and that ended my trip to D. C."

Elvio Johnson

Coin World, 6 May 1964

FRANCES D. BUKOWSKI, 5124 De Longpre Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90027: It is surely comic to witness Poul Anderson talking about drumming people out of the intellectual community and then coming up with the blooper of the century, that Herman Kahn is 'one of the gentlest men alive'. Sure he is. So was Hitler. Wasn't that gentle fellow, Eichmann, buying flowers for his wife when he was finally caught? I myself am gentle, yet against all my convictions what I felt when I heard that Douglas MacArthur finally died was pure delight. 'What a relief!' Being gentle or not gentle is no more a test of anything else than is being a 'conservative' or not, I think. Your way of interjecting your answering comments into others' arguments as you print them is most unusual and I find it pleasing, indeed; of course it gives you the (temporarily, anyway) last word, but it certainly brings the material to life and keeps the reader alert and responsive as he reads.

((I've noticed that the people who approve these internal editorial comments generally agree with the positions expressed in them, and contrariwise.))

Marilyn Lovine's poem ((in POINTING VECTOR #19, p. 35)) just great. Your material on 'the woman question' and marriage has consistently hit the mark with no where no one else publishing (that I know of) nor any of my friends who talk a lot about it ever do.

The trouble with George Seithers' idea of an "umpire state" ((letter, PV #19, pp. 25-28)) is that it presupposes that human life is in its totality a big game or a big fight. And the trouble with that view of human life is that there is no room in such a world for those with another view of life -- all must be drawn into the contest, made to take sides.

"Though after 25 centuries the Ten Commandments are still accepted by millions as a complete guide to correct living, it seems to me that even the most cursory examination of the Commandments reveals their inadequacy.

"Only two of the 10 offer affirmative recommendations: the injunctions to Sabbath observance and to filial piety. The remaining eight merely state what is non-permissible. Three of them deal with polytheism, idolatry and blasphemy; the remaining five with murder, adultery, theft, perjury or malicious gossip, and covetousness.

"In the main, it is a penal rather than a moral code. A man might rigorously obey all the Commandments and yet be a tyrant and a bully, a stingy and cruel husband, a neglectful father, a hardfisted employer, an ill-tempered neighbor, a loud-mouthed opinionated boor, a social snob, a provocative chauvinist, a religious bigot and a malignant racist: in short, a despicable human being."

-- Elmer Rico

Minority Report: An Autobiography

ERIC BLUMENSON, Box 187, Wesleyan Station, Middletown,
I completely disagree with your view of the Republican Party.
You favor the nomination of Goldwater because it would restore the Republican
Party's traditional Republican principles, and would enforce the two party sys-
tem. There are several fallacies in this statement.

One dangerous assumption you seem to make is that the two-party system is
advantageous. You say a clear choice between a Goldwater conservative and a
Johnson "liberal" is necessary. This is not so. If Goldwater ran, for example,
against Johnson, a two party system would indeed exist. Conservatives would
rally around Goldwater, moderates around Johnson. But who would represent Lib-
erals? Communists? Fascists? Socialists? Rockefeller supporters? The true
liberal differs from Johnson and his conservative fiscal and foreign policies
as much as Johnson differs from Goldwater. Yet the two party system assumes that
some directly opposed groups (e. g. Socialist Labor and Communist) are going to
band behind one candidate. If they don't, and if a minority party runs a candi-
date, it takes the risk that this candidate will drain votes from their favored
major ones. Why did the Communists endorse FDR when FDR was anti-Communist?
((They didn't. They ran candidates against him in 1932, 1936, and 1940, and did
not function as a political party in 1944 due to the wartime alliance.)) Be-
cause of the two party system. Third parties rarely have a chance in countries
where only two parties are expected.

Of course there is an alternative. If five or six candidates ran, and became
presidents at the same time, each view would be represented. These presidents
would each have votes on an "Executive Council" in proportion to their popular
votes of the last election. Not only would this give representation to minor par-
ties at the polls, but it would continue this representation where it counts -- in
government. It would also prevent a situation like the one of 1912, when, because
of a split Republican Party, Woodrow Wilson could capture the presidency. Wilson
had a clear majority of votes in only 14 Southern states. Because Taft and Roose-
velt had opposed each other, Wilson probably represented a minority view as
President.

Of course, it is almost an impossibility that this system of government will
take root in the US within the next hundred years, but I do not think that a Gold-
water-Johnson struggle would be a remedy for our lack of freedom, and don't think
that you should treat it, and its "two-party system" as such.

((I favor a clear choice, but this doesn't necessarily restrict us to only
two parties. There was a clear choice between Johnson and Goldwater on domestic
policy, as Johnson's subsequent magnificent record in domestic legislation shows.
But there was no choice between them in foreign policy, a fact unapparent in 1964
but now tragically evident. Increasingly, the techniques of resistance perfected
during the civil rights campaign are now being applied to opposition to the Presi-
dent's foreign policy. There is so much third-party talk about, that by 1968 or
1972 we may have an alternative before us for which to vote.))

Now, to another point. Assuming that the two-party system is desirable, I
feel that this system would best be served if a Lodge, Scranton, or even a Rocke-
feller got the nomination. (Rockefeller is, despite your misconceptions, quite
opposed to Johnson, especially on foreign affairs.) ((On foreign affairs? How?))
If the two party system is to be effective at all, the parties must represent the
two major groups of opinions in this country. To say that Goldwater is justified
because he goes back three decades to "traditional" Republicanism is absurd; if
you follow that view through, Gov. Wallace should get the Democratic nomination,
because the tradition of the Party stems from Jefferson, and Jefferson favored
states' rights. ((Look up Jefferson's dealings with the 'Essex Junto', the New
England secessionists, and see how truly he was devoted to "states' rights".))
People change; just because the majority of the Republicans 30 years ago favored
conservatism doesn't mean that they still do, or that they still favor the same
type of conservatism. One of the advantages of a democracy is that it is flex-
ible: as people change, so do parties. But your idea of looking back to the past
nullifies this advantage.

((For the present Republican devotion to conservatism I refer you to last

San Francisco.))

Secondly, Goldwater would probably wreck your two-party system. It is estimated that he has only 30% of the Republican vote, and that Cabot Lodge has much more. ((At San Francisco: Goldwater 883, Lodge 2.)) A Goldwater nomination might well ruin the Republican Party. Alf Landon won only Maine and Vermont in 1936, and this kept the Republicans out of power until they put up National Hero Dwight Eisenhower. Could a Goldwater nomination mean the death of the Republican Party and the birth of a one party system?

((I find it possible to control my grief over the impending demise of the party of Herbert Hoover, Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon, and Strom Thurmond.))

In summary, what we need is a 6 party system; since this is far from probable we should try to maintain the two party system; and a Goldwater victory in San Francisco will mean the ruin of this two party system.

"The Devill is commonly termed King of Hell, Prince of This Worlde, et cetera, but these Titells are nought but Rhetorick. For in sooth is he the Arch Rebel and Arch Democrat. Kings and Princes are placed in Authoritie over their Realms by God, and they are His Vassals even as Dukes and Earles are their Vassals. The Spirit of Rebellion againste the constituted Princes of earthlie Realms hath its Origine in the auncient Rebellion of the Devill againste God. As God's Guidance rests upon Princes, so doth the Devill's Guidance inspire the vulgus to repeat in parvo his Rebellion. As an Example of this, the Devill's Name is 'Legion' whilo God is One."

- Nicholas Merrick

Democratic Confounded (1661)

JIM MEIER, 5914 School Section Road, Cheviot, Ohio 45211 (9 June 1964):
The letter column was by far the most provocative feature this issue ((POINTING VECTOR #20)), as could be expected since it comprises more than half the issue.

James Wright did a reasonably good job of being assinine ((sic)). My objections to his letters:

1) We must maintain an anti-Communist attitude lest we let our guard slip. I'm sure the Commies wouldn't require much of an invitation to take over. Corny, maybe, but true.

((Next time you're in New York, drop around to Communist Party headquarters at 23 West 26th Street. Then ask yourself if they look like they're about to take over anything.))

2) Jim purported to tell us why "we have this attitude of anti-Communism to such a sickening degree". Yet he apparently considers that he has fulfilled his objective with the statement: "Because it is considered the 'healthy attitude' to take". Which, as you can see, merely goes in a circle. His question should have been, "Why is it considered the healthy attitude to take?" and the answer to that, of course, is that we cannot hold to our democratic principles and peacefully co-exist with a power (or powers) diametrically opposed to ours in regard to a man's place and right in society, whose goal is to conquer and rule the world. That is assuming, obviously, that one does not consider the cold war to truly be peaceful coexistence.

3) The self-righteous, hooray-for-me attitude was a little hard to stomach. Specifically, "I decide what is RIGHT, not what is 'healthy'." Written with strains of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" in the background, no doubt.

Norm Codner made some good points about the value of the martyrs to the Negroes' cause. However, you also have to look at it from the other point of view; maybe these happenings discouraged many Negroes who would otherwise demonstrate for their rights due to fear that the same thing might happen to themselves and/or their families. In regard to your violence-should-be-met-in-kind theory, in, say, the case of Medgar Evers, would you have advocated retaliatory measures? I'm trying to "feel out" your position on this matter more clearly.

((By now, two "mistrials" have been declared in the case of Beckwith, Evers?

murderer. A third trial is unlikely. Much more of this sort of thing, and someone is going to decide that a loaded shotgun overrules a loaded court.))

Re your reply to my own letter, I can't really agree with your implied consensus of Coulson's review column...After having looked into some of your views more deeply, through a few issues of PV primarily, I have to say that I do feel that you're a bigot, particularly in your one-sided treatment of conservatism. There are some good notions inherent in conservatism, whether you admit it or not. ((I agree. That's why I support William F. Buckley's proposal for legalized gambling.)) For one thing, quotes out of context can be very misrepresentative. And for another, you simply can't lump all conservatives together like that anymore than you could claim that Khrushchev, Castro, the Pope, Lyndon Johnson, and yourself all advocate the same "liberal" philosophy. ((To the best of my knowledge, Johnson is the only one of that lot who calls himself a liberal.)) One other point on this topic. In "Conservatives' Plans for Our Future" you seem to insinuate that Goldwater is a segregationist. ((So did Goldwater, when he voted against the Civil Rights Act and went a-campaigning in the South.)) I understand that Goldwater is not a segregationist, and that he was something of a pioneer in integration in his store in Arizona. The flaw in his civil rights stand is that integration is the business of the individual state. I might mention that I can't guarantee the truth of my statement, but don't seriously doubt its source (a local newscaster on a news analysis show with at least one non-Goldwater supporter present when it was said on the air.)

Bob Schneider says, "...it's nice to know that part of the younger generation has some intelligence." Which is to me, a pretty sickening comment. Why single out the younger generation? Do people expect the younger generation to be much better or worse than the generation which guides them?

Bob also talks about students at his school who hate Negroes and want to join the Klan. I hope the readers didn't take that as a reflection on Cincinnati's racial attitude. I don't go to Bob's school, but, knowing human nature, suspect that those potential Klansmen are more talkers than doers. People often are. I don't deny that some people are prejudiced, but I doubt that they are so vehement as Bob's letter indicates.

"The MacArthur Memorial" was revolting. ((So were some of the "eulogies" that conservatives gave to President Kennedy.)) I only read the first two paragraphs; there was so much bias and half-truth in the second paragraph that it would certainly have been a waste of time to finish reading such muck. And I'm sure that I don't have to point out the faults in that paragraph.

JAMES WRIGHT, 1605 Thayer, Richland, Washington 99352 (11 June 1964): The cover ((of #20)) was really good. One of the best fanzine covers I've seen. Great artist, your wife. (I presume you were the model for the musical instrument?)

"The Assassination of Nikita Khrushchev", fiction by John Boardman, left no without an inkling of comment except: prove it. ((Prove fiction?))

...I feel more respect for Poul Anderson by his last letter than by the one in PV #19...Sometime before school let out I gave a report on Russia. In this oral report I told about Communism and the present government of the USSR. When speaking about Communism I told of Marx, Engels, Lenin & Co. and gave what was a fair, objective report on the subject (I think). I gave good and bad points of Communism. Then I said that Russia has a government more totalitarianistic than Communist. I elucidated on this and went on. After the report, a class-mate asked me "where I got this Communist literature?" That one really shook me. I stand on my statement that since it is not "healthy" to show any viewpoint other than anti-Communist, the students will keep on swallowing right-wing propaganda.

...I think that the main cause of the world conflict is because of one fact. People are more concerned with their "heritage" than with the future. Nationalism and racism perpetrate this. If we could make the earth one vast "melting pot" with the races gradually intermingling and becoming one race, then that would solve a great many problems. And if all the different cultures and ethnic groups could merge, that too would help. Also if religion were entirely forgotten, You

see my point? There would be one race, one nation. Instead of fighting it out, to see who will come out on top, they merge to form the top. I'm not saying it is original, but it is independent...

Your answer, in the way of a quote, to A. G. Smith ((in #20)) was a true

"This Nation Under God..." ((poem by Walter Lowenfels in #20)) revolted me, not because of its quality, but what it said. It is all too true.

...Great idea of Seth's. Let's have a Negro Army, a White Segregationist Army, and a White Integrationist Army, then have a real free for all. You just gave me an idea for a story. But, I'm against Negro rights by violence.

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