

What's it 5











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at  
you!

OFF TRAILS 36. hum...well I only wrote that out of a sense of order, I don't think I've anything to say.. oh except...Sorry Bob, if I'd known you were going to write saying words to the effect that 'thank god there won't be any changeing around of the constitution for ages' I would have at least held those suggestions I made in..er..one of my zines..over until this mailing.

I'll be interested to see any comments made about the format of this last OT.

DOLPHIN 5. Elinor Busby. The noble and kindly editor is/was not quite so N & K as you might imagine...in fact, as every late zine arrived the N&K editor was noisily doing his N&K nut. However, Dave Hale was post-mailing, and he lives up the road, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile, so I provided him with 30 or so envelopes and he mailed the late zines out with his lot....otherwise the N&K editor was seriously thinking of just sitting on the zines and asking the mailers for instructions on how they wanted them disposed.

now I don't want to worry you, but, I've heard a rumour that our Ethel intends to pound all late zines to pulp and use the result to make a papier-matche outfit for the '64 convention....(ahem).

Anyhow, I'd glad you did another Dolphin.

All this talk about euthanasia and abortions and so on....all of these ..problems?...that are supposed to pose a moral problem...it strikes me that what is wrong is not the various "unmoral" approaches to the problems..but the actual moral system itself.

In other words, the moral system presently current among what we term the civilised or Christian countries, is completely unrealistic and quite inadequate...and cruel.

Take for instance all the guff that's talked about abortion and prostitution and sexual intercourse



outside marriage. Why, it's perfectly obvious and according to man's nature that the major preoccupation, pleasure and healthful recreation of mankind is sex. All the evils arising out of the natural desires of mankind do arise only when these natural instincts are in some way frustrated. And a major source of frustration is the present moral code.

So, I advocate a complete reform (something, however, I think that only an atomic war could bring about..for reasons which are obvious enough..to me anyway) Marriage could be retained more as a formal contract than anything else, and monogamous marriage would become a rarity...I visualise 'family' groups of 10 or more adults where everyone takes a share of running the home...a sort of family it would be easy to leave or join. Legally there would be no such thing as sexual offences...the only such would come under assault. And to make things much simpler the children would take their mother's name and property inheritance etc., would be via the eldest child..except where a will is made of course. It goes without saying that contraceptives would be as common as cigarettes, and with just as little social stigma attached to their use. In such a set up one of the first things that would happen would be a systematic and wholehearted war on VD. Well you get the general trend?.

Cure the roots, not the symptoms.

You can't learn to drive and get a licence over here in one week, Elinor...because there's a waiting list of at least a month for the tests ....darn it, there's something wrong with this typer, the stencil won't feed through right.

i-shine JMBaxter. Well, this is a little old now...but I'll have a quick glance through because there may be something that is still topical.

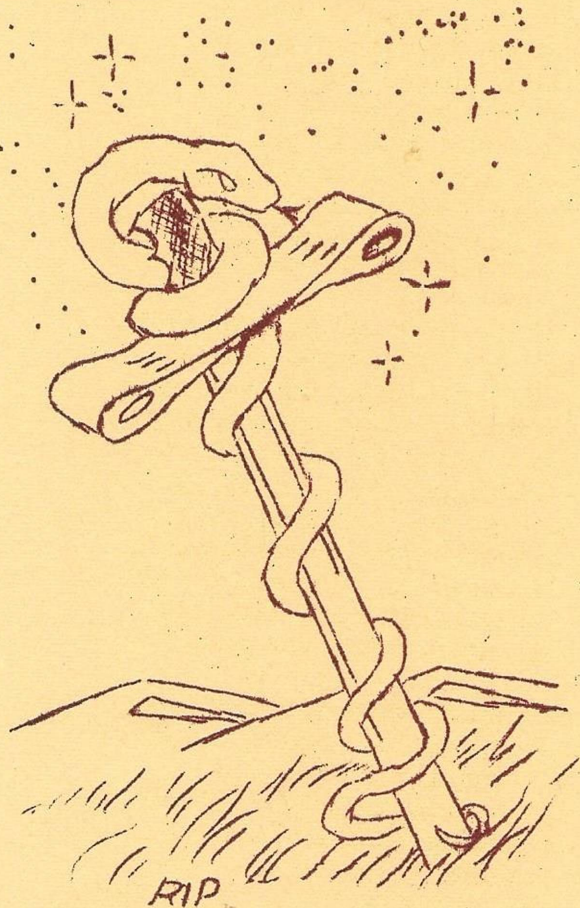
well, I guess the film reviews, the submarine thing Sturgeon later wrote up...and the Willich advice to neos starting a fanzine are pretty well topical still...the Willick thing, (quite amusing, and with perhaps more than a grain of truth) could have been printed any time in the last 10 years or more and still not date... but for all that there's nothing to inspire - in me - a desire to make any remarks other than those I've already made...it's a pity really that i-shine wasn't published when it should have been.

SOUFFLE 5 JMB. I believe you said - in a letter - that there wasn't much to the cover...but at least it's clean and neat and rather droll....I like covers anyway.

the system of numbering your pages which is, I believe, a hold-over from the late lamented IPSO, I like. (Maybe this sort of thing, the commenting on layout etc., belongs really in a loc to a genzine, but I like the appearance of this method so much I thought I should at least write a word of .. approval/encouragement).

Sorry, but I'm not very interested in films, if I ever become interested I'll write you a long commentary, OK?. I might here remark that - barring a few exceptions - I prefer the written word as a medium. Because it gives more reign to the imagination. Exceptions are mainly messageless films...ie; I can get "messages" from books, if I want to...films I tend to regard as being much more a medium of pure entertainment....but I'm willing to listen to arguments, if you think it'll do any good.





SOUFFLE 5 JMB. Clippings. enlightening!

J'R Maze, well, it is interesting, but I for

one can't find much to "think and talk about", as to me this supposes a divergence of opinion. And I find nothing here under that label.

The second page of Foysters thing is quite amusing.

No, it wasn't Albert Namatjira, the bloke had some fairly ordinary name like Saunders...(I have a book about immigrants and Australia, published about 1953, which describes very briefly the state of Australian art of that period)...but I have no idea where that book is.

See, everybody, if the Aussis can run state lotteries then why not everyone else too?.

I haven't seen THE VOODOO MAD yet. It makes me feel all put upon.

IVAN THE TERRIBLE was shown on BBC not too many months ago...I thought it was Great. Also they did a reshaw on Alaxender Nevsky, that was fine too...the shots of the Teutonic knights with those huge sweeping cloaks and their very grim looking helmets...most satisfactory.

WHATSIT 4. me.

ENVOY 13

ENVOY 14 the only thing I want to mention is 14. I

recieved the Studebaker column at

the very last minute, (I'll have your gut for garters next time Donald) and as I'd stapled 13 and Whatsit...and was too lazy to unstaple them...and I didn't want to add the pages on the end as they stood...I used the 14 cover, which was done anyway, intending to write a few more pages to fill it out. With one thing and another I didn't have time to write anything...as the bundle I'd been waiting for turned up the day I ran off the stencils for the column, (the same day I recieved them, Don.) I just stapled it together, ran off the last pages of OT, and bundled all the mailing to send out.

TAFF, so OK, they've jacked up the basic donation to...whatever it is, 7/6?...but as I remarked, I can't see this helping much...unless the vast majority of TAFF contributors have always and will always donate only the basic...I was and am under the impression that only a few give only the basic donation.

Here's another OLAF cover for you Fred, (E 13), did you like the one on 12 which I created especcially for you?.

Oh, I looked on the map....there are roads on Shetland, at a rough estimate, going by my AA Handbook, I'd say there are 400 miles of road in all. ...and you do have an airport....is it grass or a built airfield? what sort of traffic do you havd ...do they need another air traffic controller?



CYRILLE Bill Evans. About you query, a strike or something delaying your mailing until after the deadline. 1, you should have had 6pp in by your 2nd mailing anyhow, according to constitution, or you would have been out. 2. if it was a case of say the last 6pp of your miniac then I suppose with an excuse like this the AE or officer in question would keep you in. IF by some chance you had not sent in 6pp in your second mailing..and owed a whole 12pp in you last mailing...then I'd be more inclined to say, "tough luck mate, if you had shown greater willingness earlier on mebbe we could have stretched a point, but not now"... on the other hand perhaps, tho' I can't imagine one, you have a good excuse for not sending in 6pp in your first 3 mailings.... sheesh...(you know, now that I'm no longer AE I'm going to miss these little lectures.).

Your remarks about the story I tacked on the Back of JMBs' SOUTFLE. The "hero" is, (as indicated in the story) throwing a switch that should result in the tank of water tipping on its side and precipitating the water onto the Engine. As far as I remember, with the old steam locomotives, they take on water through their..funnels...that chimney thing in front. So the idea was that by tipping several thousands of gallons of water on it, at least a few gallons would get down the spout and into the boiler...if the water does not go through to spout to the boiler, then that's my mistake, uh, put it down to poetic (or whatever its called) licence. As it was, you will note that I got the Engine submerged in the local river (in real life not deep enough to float a row-boat at this spot) whereupon water got into every place that water could get into.

John Bristol, huh?. you mean those stick figure things I did?, come now William...your'e being facetious. Saying that the illos should never have been allowed to see print is fair enough, but turning on the old sarcasm is just not cricket. Talking about "British calm in politics" what sort of a write-up have the US papers given this Profumo/Keeler/Ward scandal?. Oh, I saw a rather interesting poster outside a church the other day that you might be amused by, it read, CHRIST WILL CONQUER RUSSIA THROUGH ISREAL. A mystic saying if there ever was one. Ah, Chesli is a pseudomom.

RAIN OF TERROR if you can bear to re-read it, if you notice that she comes in very early, for no particular reason but that I wanted to keep 3 different lines going throughout the story. (the telephonist).

BASRA Journal J England. I ran this off for Jim and while I was doing it asked him if he'd mind me running off a few extra to send out to OMPA. I don't know, until I see this mailing, if it was of any interest, but look at it this way, it was a free bonus. The most interesting for me were Dave Sparrow on the duodecimal system and Heseltons' The Old Straight Track. As a matter of fact there is a "hill fort" marked on the (1 inch to the mile) map only a mile from here...at the foot of Whychbury hill ... I've often noticed the mound there, but thought that it might be a barrow. And then, there was a skirmish fought there during the Civil War, from what I hear. (OUR Civil War, not the States one) as a matter of fact local tradition says that Charles 1st hid out near there, in Hagly/Lyttleton Hall I think...and also for a time down near the Stewpony somewheres....there are plenty of oldish houses around here with Priests Holes in them.

But that's getting away from the subject...there are plenty of old castles, hill forts, manor houses, Roman forts etc., scattered around here, particularly - naturally - near the Severn fords. And its great fun tracing the old Roman roads on the map. The better maps also show pre-Roman roads/tracks..the ridge roads are particularly interesting.





BASRA Journal J England. I like the idea of the duodecimal

system so much that I made the inhabitants of my fantasy world use the system...actually it comes in very useful...a Century becomes, in present usage, 144 men...plus 1 officer. That makes 4 sergeants & 8 cpls...132 men, divided into squads of whatever number suits, I like it. There are other remarks that could be made, but I'll save them for Jim, they will not be anything new to OMPans.

PHENOTYPE Eney. I heard another version of how Edward 11 ..or, met his end...(was it at Caernarvon castle?) in the version I heard a metal tube was inserted in his rear and boiling lead was poured into him. A rather horrible way to go eh?.

I liked the one about the carbons, it has an element of authenticity (and plausibility) about it too. and this George Seithers is an obvious genius.

lots of people get to feel sick in cigarette smoke...I know that if I came down the first thing in the morning and one of my relatives has lit a woodbine, the smoke sets me off - quite - often, into a bout of retch/coughing, and I've been smoking a pipe now for 10 years or more. Worse than cigarette smoke from someone actually smoking is when there is a cigarette end left, still alight,

in the ash-tray...the smoke always seems even more horrible from a fag that's just burning away.

Your peculiar licencing laws are the reason, I suppose, why we see all these private bars in homes in American pictures, (or merely a cupboard with some bottles in it). Ah, me lads, you never know what you were doing when you threw off the yoke of Olde England. Think of it, if ye were still with us you would likely have the same sort of system as we have. Here, providing only that you look old enough and the pub is open, you can buy what you like, when you like, and as much as you like...and I might point out that alcoholism is less in this country, even percentage-wise, than in the states. In fact I have seldom even heard the word alcoholism mentioned in ordinary conversation. (I say seldom because I'm sure it must have been mentioned sometime, tho' I can't remember a conversation where the word or subject came up....). Ella told me about all



the rigmarole you have to go through to get the hard stuff. It's, well, I'd call it positively uncivilised. Actually, all that happens is that the system discriminates against the righteous citizen... anyone who wants to get a supply of liquor must surely be able to get it illegally, quite easily. Its a real barmy set up you have.... why don't you organise another revolution?, I mean, it comes to something when a man has to sign forms to get a drink. pshaw.

I wish I hadn't read the SENSE OF F.I.P.A. thing now... so I could find something to say each time about the FTL. Ah, Sweet Idiocy.

BIG DEAL 3 Dave Hale yes..well...I can't think of anything to say now...after typeing out the heading too.

ERG 16 Terry Jeeves. looking at the lines on the flying machine, the left fin, in the vicinity of the right-angle, makes me wonder what you use to cut stencils with... those lines there look so fine that the only thing I can think of, to give that effect, would be a pen nib, a nib with the point broken off. What did you use?

Say, whats all this I hear about nitty amateurs?.....dum, de, dum, dum.! Say Terry, did you hear that some dirty dog pinched some of Ken Slaters books? I heard that about £7 worth were missing. Makes one think what sort of people one may have been rubbing shoulders with. Very bad bussiness. I furthur heard, (maybe I'm naive, but it shocked me) that Ken usually loses at least a couple of books every year.

If the press and/or TV people come next year I heartilly recommend that they be advised to stick their cameras & note books where the monkey stuck his nuts... the only things they were interested in were the "monster" side of the con... which ...um, don't say it. They were also interested in a Mr Kingsley Amis, who no-body as far as I know saw for more than two minutes. And the band! gripe, gripe, gripe, maybe we can get a tape recorder next year, there are plenty of tapes and tapers around in fandom.

It does seem rather incredible that a member might find it impossible to do 12 pp in his year. (6pp by his 2nd mailing, or OUT, the constitution reads), and, barring extremely exceptional circumstances, what you say about the, (as I takd it) lack of the proper spirit in arguing about what counts as activity, trying to get away with as little as possible... you have put it quite mildly.

I believe that the spirit, rather than the letter of the law, should be the uniting factor in an APA, in OMPA. What is needed, I'm afraid, is a drastic purge... although ... now I think of it, there are not many OMPAs who are merely 12pp a year types.

Perhaps we should do away with page quotas?, or advertise the fact that a person can get the OMPA mailings, at a price (Ron, how much?), without being a member... if the mailing is all he wants... it seems silly to take out a membership, and then not make use of it.... in fact, if a person finds himself in a position where he can't see himself contributing for some time, and he gets to the head of the w-l, why does he not tell the AE that he'd prefer to wait a while?. Or, in the case - and its happendd - of a good member who has had a bit of bad luck and can't save his membership, why don't more of them ask to be retired, rather than wait until they get dropped. (Apart from the fact that in such a case activity credits would be donated by his mates if he so much as lifted a finger.. and its worth it to keep a good member). Look at Bill Donaho now, dropped for not paying dues (as of this time), if he had indicated his intention of staying in Ron or me, or anyone here, would have paid up for him.. but no. Silence, until his late letter got here. Well, thats the way the cookie crumbles... as a certain TAFFer was wont to say.

Hmm, I haven't heard him say it lately, or write it.

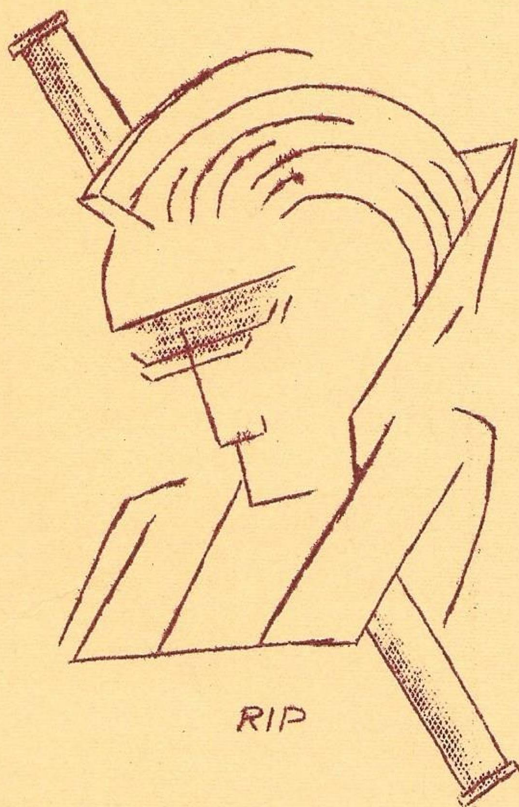


ERG 16 Jeeves. Oh, notice the Atom  
cover on last OT, this  
is so I can get  
Elinor Busby on a sacrilegious charge  
if she rips it off....

Actually, Terry, more than 50% are  
below average, in any sort of thing  
you reduce to averages, this is a  
mathematical Law. (or if it wasn't  
before now, it is now, because I'm  
declaring it...hmm Cheslins Law,  
it has a ring to it...as the cow  
said to...er...well, we'll not go into  
that). You see, work it out.  
5,6,7,8,9,4,3,2,1. added together  
make 45, 45 div by 9, as there are  
9 figures...= 5. is average.

this works out at a perfect  
average, 4 figures below, and 4 above.  
but of course this is not realistic.  
In IQ for instance ...hmm, say we have  
9 people, IQs. 80, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120,  
130, 130, 140....div by 9...= 107, which  
makes...hmm, 4 below, 5 above...gee...  
somethings wrong somewhere, excuse me  
for an hour while I try to sort this  
lot out...hmm, if. . . . .

it seems that unless you have a  
figure wholly disproportionate, you do  
get exactly the same number of figures  
above as below...hmm, now that's  
something.....if it were a case of 9  
figures ranging up to 20, plus the number, 447 (say) then there would be only  
one number above average...but when they are grouped, (like a load of buckshot  
actually), all within a certain target area...hmm, the highers and lowers  
theoretically cancel out...and maybe in practice too...but it would be some job  
determining even a 1000 IQs....and really, to get anything like an accurate  
picture you need millions at least. I give it to you Terry, nearly 50% are below  
average.



SCOTTISHE 32 Ethel. artwork ny Atom. Good conrep from Varley, but then, he  
always seems to write entertainingly.

I'm glad that Scot has a wider  
audience than OMPA, this deserves to get circulated widely. That illo of  
Walt Willis in WARBLINGS is very good indeed, did Athur draw it from memory  
or did he have a photo handy? I'd say he had a photo. If I ever think up  
something original to say about WAW I'll let you know. Apropos this talk of  
death duties, and about how someone should have to work for his money, and not  
just inherit it. Tony & I and the Stourbridge lot were extremely bitter  
when we read that, (one of the royal family types, Armstrong-Jones and Maggie  
I think..(but it might have been Oglewatsit and Alex) hired a plane to fly  
home a few weeks ago...for £9,000. £9,000!!!!!! for a single trip. Yow. and  
that, as Daphne said, would be enough to buy all our lot a house each...the  
sort of money that is a fortune to people like us, they throw away like  
that...makes me feel all livid and resentful.



SCOTTISHE 32. re;- your remarks to Colin Freeman, about "the ideal woman that all men dream about is an impossibility. Fortunately for the human race they are usually willing to settle for a living breathing woman". Now I have a theory. I think that men are not really "willing to settle for a living breathing woman", but they settle for a real woman...and keep right on looking for their ideal. I could expand on these remarks, but supporting evidence is so obvious that its not worth typing out. I think what our country needs is a dictator....me.

AMBLE 44 Mercer. "a dealer in textile or small wares" it says in my dictionary. and I thought it was something like a thatcher or a wheel maker...truly OMPA has an Archie type shopkeeper.....but, seriously tho', its very interesting looking up names to see what they mean, or rather, what they once mean't. It might be interesting to look up the names of all the OMPans..but that, in my case, would mean a trip down to the library. I'm sorry Archie, You've told me before about there being 2 ls in Worall, but if I remember the ls in Worrall, I forget the "r's".....

I thought the Stourbridgd war games were big, until I saw the one that one of the Brummies has...(He and his brother have been playing for years). They have the floor of one room (and lots of spare bards besides) covered with swuared-off hardboard. Briefly what it amounts to is they each have an army of 1939 standards, of 3 or 4 THOUSAND counters, each, and they play on this great board....some games last for months, he says and they are, (from the sheafs and sheafs of score sheets, move sheets, etc., etc., etc.) very complex indeed. (aircraft and ships are included too, authentic.) (the game I mean).

UL 10 Norm Metcalf.... hmm, it takes a long time for the bundles to get to you out there on the west coast. Any idea how this time could be shortened?. You could pay more and have your bundle sent express..(or whatever the method is called .. um, First Class?). You will vote for the thrice-yearly amendment if it ever get proposed, won't you Norm?. (how about sending me an application form, I want to join the Church of the Brotherhood of the Way, I Believe!).

CopmaCT 2 Ella. I know how Ella makes such a good job of running off the Atom covers, (and the rest too), she turns the dufer by hand, and slipsheets every one. I must ask Gestetner about this automatic slipsheetter of theirs. By "more interesting" edition I mean - for instance, - an edition with a good dust jacket, (rather than, say, a SFBC one, or a Boots ex-libris), or one maybe that the author has written in...or one which has been illustrated, or maybe has a nicer typeface, or - as you know - one that is more complete than the other....some editions get cut to pieces when they are re-printed....thats why I bought TO THE TOMBOUGH STATION, even tho' I read it in magazine form. This isn't snobbery Ella, its very practical. Arthur is not only amusing, but pretty accurate too. The view from the balcony, (he didn't mention) is extensive. From 7 floors up thats to be expected I suppose. The night view, while not as magnificent as some I've seen, on films only, is pretty good, to the south and east particularly. This is a source of pride to Fred. As well it might be. Its a pity, isn't it Ella, that we couldn't get up to the roof. The view should be even better. (The caretaker or whatever he's called locks the doors leading to the flat rooftop of the flats. The flats are truly magnificent, and if London fandom could only wangle themselves into the building.....the flats are far more private than most houses. I never saw a neighbour all the time I was at Ellas...

VIII



SAVOYARD 10 Bruce Pelz.

I wish you  
had put the  
names of  
those fans under their photos.  
You know, I almost remembered the  
name of the author, the one who  
wrote the "singing defeats the  
aliens" story. But I couldn't  
quite..nearly tho', nearly.

Talking about politics, and  
political cartoonists, leads me  
to think of the political type  
writers. The ones that amuse  
me most are the lads who start  
their unthinks with words like;-

"all thinking people must  
agree" or, "the concensus of  
mature political thought shows.."

which, of course, really means,  
"if you don't hold the same  
opinions as I do then you must  
be an unthinking, immature, nit".

I don't believe, (Mills mean't  
something entirely different of  
course in these questions, I'm  
merely giving you my version of  
your answeres). Britain has  
anything like the US July the  
4th (apart from the date) it has  
no significance here. And Guy  
Fawkes day has little or no  
resemblance to it either, except  
we let off fireworks. July 4th  
taking it as meaning Indipendence  
day...well, the last time we  
got conquered, 1066AD, we  
stayed conquered, we never had  
a rebellion, (a sucessful one)

so we can't celebrate Independence Day. The nearest thing we've had to a  
sucessful rebellion was Cromwell, and that republic fell with the return of  
the Stuarts. --- 3, is one, of course, since you only get born once, at least, I  
only got born once..you?. 4.yup, 5...yup, 6,yup, 7 forgot the origional question.  
8.yup. 9 huh?, yup. to 10. If you like OT cover maybe I should just put out a  
fake OT once in a while...hum, thats a thought.

Go tell the Spartans, you who read, we took their orders, and are dead".  
memorial stone, where, commemorating what?.

hmm, I was going to fill this space here with various questions like  
that above. But the only ones I can think of are too easy, unlikely to  
be answered by an American, or I'm not sure of the answeres myself, so that  
puts paid to that little idea. While I'm at it I'll endorse that book  
Jimmy Groves was on about a mailing or two back. THE TESTIMONY OF THE SPADE.  
only thing wrong with it is that I'd have liked it to be much longer.





MORPH 31 John Roles. You might be interested to know that the British Museum had this listed as ODZAA on their official receipt. They must have overlooked the back-page logo.

One thing about Morph, it certainly has a "different" cover. Is it anyone I know?. It looks like a refugee from GARDENING CLUB, and he's lost a toe from his left foot. I've heard of "Nine Fingered Frodo", but this is ridiculous!

DARK IMAGES & UNSEEN GODS? what?. I never saw that..unless it was under some other name.

Have you another copy of HADRIAN V11 you'd like to sell?. Oh, Role on.

DETROIT IRON 2 Dick.Schultz. what amazes me is where you pick up all these bits of info, like Ludwig here...I suppose its because you are, (I believe this is the correct term) a Germanophile...(10 to 1 I've spelt it wrong). Anyhow, it was most interesting. (sorry Dick, thats about all ).

VAGARY 18. last on the list unless we have some postmailings. Hi Bobbie. (Look Bobbie, I wish you wouldn't do that. Just as I typed your name there was a clap of thunder and the dog ran behind the sofa...deny it if you will, but it seems mighty significant to me). Ah, now it pours itself with rain. (again).

Yes, shame about Pope John, he seemed such a decent old stick. And coming as he did after the introverted scholarly Pius X11 his impact was all the greater. If his successor keeps up the work John started this may become one of the great revivals.

Poor Haile Selassie, he didn't get much help from us when Italy invaded Abyssinia..if Hitler had't got nasty its probable he'd still be a king, (an Empror actually) without a counrty....I here there is a cult amongst the Jamaica negros that claims Haile Selassie is the (or a) reborn prophet or saviour...(they never got any answers from their letters to him, and this they attributed to the "fact" that he is not yet ready to reveal himself. About a month after I saw this TV interview the Jamaica people had a pretty violent riot.

Our cat looks and acts very wise at times..but he does some awful stupid things too. But I've talked about him before. Deformed nude on the cover of Conversations. Ah, so thats what it was...er..nude what?....(ho hum.)

My dear Bobbie..its standard procedure to place the blame on a dead man. Preferably a dead man with no relatives of prominence. Ho, been reading up the Keeler case and the offshoots?. Very amusing actually. The only reason that this is damaging to the people concerned is because of the present, quite hypocritical moral code. 11th commandmant, thou shalt not be found out, has been broken, and this is the one that gets enforced. I thought it was rather disgusting the way those women (newspaper report) booed Christine Keeler as she left the court, ((notice Astors name?)) in another age she would have had a very respectable position in society for plying her trade. These booing women were, it seems to me, being very narrow minded..and they were obviously delighted to have someone to ostracise. (spell?) If prostitution were legal and honorable then there would have been no blackmail attempts, and no scandal. I'd laugh like a drain if they start mentioning Labour names.

Our family was pretty lucky during the war...only a few of my relatives got killed (wounds don't count), the nearest relative was one aunt. There were two of them, in Brum, in the house during a raid, one hid under the living-room table, the other in the pantry. A bomb dropped on the pantry. It didn't explode, but it killed this aunt. What annoys me are munition workers. The ones who cunningly got munitions jobs to avoid conscription. B.....s.

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R.P

VAGARY 18. one of the things that has made war possible - in the past at any rate - is the inability to convince the majority of people we haven't lived through one just how reprehensible it is.

I am thinking, at this moment, of the period known as The Gay 20s (I think) at any rate, that period between the end of the 14-18 war and the Crash of '29. If you read things written of or during that period..(and to some extent from '34 on) it is impossible not to be struck by many similarities in our present time. More particularly if you take the period 1946 1954. (after then the Shadow began to grow again). The present period is in many ways similar to '34-37...although history has not repeated itself exactly. The essentials are there tho'. The main difference of course being the atomic arsenals of the...hmm,..rivals.

What I started out to say was something like, every younger generation consists of a majority of people who know that, 1, the older generation is to blame for all ill and discontents, 2, they could do a far better job than the older generation has done or is doing. 3b, old age is the same as incompetence. etc., and so forth.

And every young generation, as it becomes the older generation, knows darn well that "youngsters ain't what they used to be in my day".

Things that the other generation, the older, held dear, and bled and died for, assume a very unreal position. Even in the countries that lost the wars. If you take a look at the 20s they're rife with just this sort of thing.

So what it all boils down to is this..the whole process seems to behave like some natural law, and its unavailing to try to change the opinions of the young, or old, generation. Its a matter of, one might say, evolution. One day the younger generation will be the old, and their children will excrete just as volently on them.

If of course there is another generation in 10 or so years time.  
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