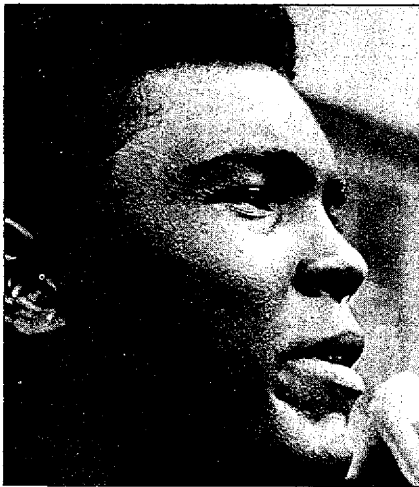


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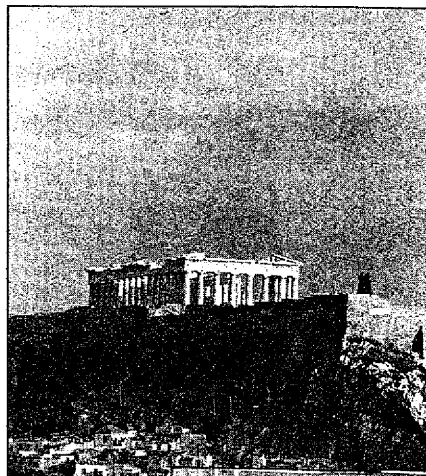
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Apologia:

THE CIA, our invisible government, seems too incompetent even to fade away quietly. Since RAMPARTS started all that fuss last March, the Agency has become a sort of bad news household word. In the latest installment of true CIA confessions, a former spook executive has copped out, admitting he was the bag man (\$50,000 in \$50 bills) for Victor Reuther's "clean" union. And away our romantic illusions keep going.

For our part, assistant managing editor Sol Stern, the Harrison Salisbury of RAMPARTS, is preparing for July a report on Arthur Schlesinger and his gang that will show how prominent American intellectuals were in the CIA dirties up to

their brains. This month, former FBI-man Bill Turner, the J. Edgar Hoover of RAMPARTS, writes from New Orleans about the CIA's care and feeding of groups now suspected of being involved in President Kennedy's murder (p. 17).

Since this CIA thing is obviously a serial, we are pulling together all the thrilling endings in a book to be published in a rush this fall by McGraw-Hill. They're calling the book *The CIA File*, but then that's the sort of thing publishers do for a living.

This is June, and for RAMPARTS it's a very crowded June indeed, so we have rolled over and played dead for the copy department to make room for some station-identification type announcements, to wit:

The excerpts from Father Marc Oraison's *Le Mystère Humain de la Sexualité*,

which we predicted (January 1967) might do for sex in the Catholic Church what Teilhard de Chardin did for evolution, were from Sheed and Ward's English language edition, *The Human Mystery of Sexuality*.

The Index for RAMPARTS Volume 4 (May 1965 to April 1966) has finally been prepared by aging slave labor in cramped conditions, and is now available to anyone with the price of a stamped, self-addressed envelope and good eyesight. Please kindly address requests to Henry Luce, the office manager, at 301 Broadway, as he is a monkey and doesn't normally get much mail.

For those who have written to ask whether Vampira on our masthead is a real person or not, she is my sister. That, of course, may be ducking the question.

—W.H.

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