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surely more serious problems in the modern world than the claims of rival theocracies.

A lot of things have turned themselves inside out.

Who would have believed that the land of Jefferson and Lincoln would become the oppressor of the poor of the world?

Who would have believed that the heroes of Stalingrad would not only tear up their monuments but be currying favor with the sponsors of General Guderian and the von Krupps?

And, who would have believed that the Jewish heroes of resistance and survivors of discrimination will be dispossessing Arabs?

Torrance, Calif. JOHN MANNING

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Your special issue was beautiful. I read it with some apprehension after reading in the *National Guardian*, "We are not anti-Semitic. We are against Zionism"—also in *Northern Neighbors* that "Israel had to make war because of economic problems." But TMO has not let me down.

Chicago, Ill. HERMAN GARFIELD

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The psuedo-left and liberal fakers accept an exceptionalist viewpoint towards the Jews, the perennial victims of cowardly majorities.

Arab and black nationalism is good; Jewish nationalism is evil. No mention is made of Arab leaders' present collaboration with neo-Nazis; gross charges are hurled at Jews for their forced dependence on the USA. Arab inhumanity towards their own people goes practically unchallenged; Jews are condemned for taking care of their own. Arabs demand a Holy War of extermination; Jews ask for dialog. Nasser is a fascist, and you had better not try any leftist criticism against his grotesquely paranoid government; Israel has a functioning left opposition as well as many advocates of the Arabs. Arabs, African Negroes and the East European countries have enormous business relations with the USA; Israel is condemned for having them also.

These comparisons could be drawn on and on. Why are so many leftists blind to them? Because they want to be *respectable* in their own camp, and to see the Israeli side of the story is not respectable, simply because Israel is not verbally at odds with the USA. There is also disgusting moral cowardice towards black racists.

It is moral bankruptcy to equate fascist Arab murderers with all the virtues simply because they pop off against the USA. The proof of that moral bankruptcy lies in the claim that there is any similarity between Vietnam's struggle to be free and the Arabs' lust to finish the job Hitler started against the Jews.

Los Angeles, Calif. GUILLERMO LIBRADO

"GARRISON AND WARREN: ANYTHING IN COMMON?"

Since Garrison would be a fool and rascal to reveal his full case before the trial of Clay Shaw, it follows that your demand, in the October TMO, that he reveal the whole truth is already a full denunciation.

If Garrison's case deserves any scepticism, it must be a benevolent scepticism. You cite the fake "leads," which were being foisted on the critics a few months ago with the probable intention of misleading and discrediting them. One obvious difference between such leads and Garrison's work is that he has, undoubtedly and unerringly, located the plot to kill Kennedy in its actual locales and its evident milieus. Another difference is that Garrison has bet his life on the outcome.

So doubt if you must, but without spite, with more goodwill and with the best characteristic of doubters, a little patience.

Philadelphia, Pa. HAROLD FELDMAN

(Mr. Feldman's article, "Fifty-one Witnesses: The Grassy Knoll," appeared in the March 1965 issue of TMO.)

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The Minority of One is, in my opinion, a periodical of the greatest significance. It is a unique organ which affords the American people an opportunity of examining the other side of the coin. It has fastidiously thrust into debate the great issues of our time and it has, with perspicacity and devotion to objectivity, searched for truth.

It was with great dismay, therefore, that I read the article on Garrison. In it, the standards of objectivity and honest challenge, which I have learned to expect from TMO, are sadly missing. That there are troublesome aspects to the Garrison investigation thus far is undeniable. Mr. Garrison has developed some seemingly questionable witnesses and evidenciary material. I do not quarrel with TMO's contention on that score. What I do question are some of the statements made in the article which I know to be misrepresentations of the facts. For example, the statement "Garrison wanted them all (independent researchers) in his corner and carefully cultivated their friendship and support" is a total misrepresentation, at least insofar as I am concerned.

I do not know what evidence Mr. Garrison has or has not. I see no reason, however, why, when judges and grand juries find sufficient cause to bind a man over for trial, the District Attorney should not be allowed to proceed with his case and to stand or fall on the evidence presented in a courtroom.

What saddens me is that a periodical which has earned the most profound respect for its singular integrity, courage and honor has allowed its prejudice against the tactics of the District Attorney of New Orleans to besmirch its reputation for uncompromising representation of the facts.

Beverly Hills, Calif. MAGGIE FIELD

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District Attorney Garrison is not a careful student of the published documentation and he has been less than candid in discussing the contents of the exhibits in some instances. However much he prefers to "avoid getting involved with details," it is self-evident that errors of detail can lead right to appalling miscarriages of justice, and that details are of cardinal importance in any homicide and certainly in a conspiracy that culminated in a Presidential asssassination.

I regard the Garrison investigation as a mere sequel to the Warren Report, in which misrepresentation and error serve repeatedly to incriminate Oswald in the conspiracy, even if he is exonerated of firing the shots. As I have said on an earlier occasion, one is not obliged to take sides in a conflict in which both parties (the Warren Commission and the District Attorney) have shown disregard for truth and readiness to accuse Oswald on the flimsiest grounds.

New York, N.Y. SYLVIA MEAGHER

(Space considerations necessitated that we omit from Mrs. Meagher's letter a discussion of four specific examples of Mr. Garrison's inaccurate and misleading pronouncements.

Mrs. Meagher's book Accessories After The Fact, *is reviewed elsewhere in this issue by Dr. Conor Cruise O'Brien.)*

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I never thought you would follow the pack of the hundreds of American editors screaming for Jim Garrison's scalp.

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For the first time John Kennedy's assassination is being investigated inside and under the rules of the American judicial system. THIS is the difference between Garrison and Earl Warren.

If Garrison makes no case, I had rather hoped you would join me in a dark corner for a heartbreaking cry.

Midlothian, Texas — PENN JONES, JR.

(Mr. Jones is author of the two-volume Forgive My Grief.)

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Your editorial on the Garrison affair represents a refreshing and heartening reaction to the headlong plunge most of the ex-critics of the Warren Report have taken into District Attorney Jim Garrison's arms.

I say ex-critics because the critics of the Warren Report have any valid existence as such only if their ethical, logical and factual standards are better than those of the Commission they criticize, or, for that matter, of the Dallas authorities. Well, here, confronting the Henry Wade of New Orleans, the critics have accepted the most baseless, senseless and shameless accusations ever produced in the case, and it doesn't seem to affect them.

To emphasize only some of the examples you have quoted, I would say that one Perry Russo, even without Vernon Bundy as "extra added attraction," largely outweighs Howard Brennan, Helen Markham and Marina Oswald together, in spuriousness and contempt of the public. As for Jim Garrison's "code," an unbelievably idiotic "demonstration," which should not have resisted a five-minute scrutiny by an average 10-year old child, the fact that the New Orleans district attorney could survive it more than those five minutes reminds us that in our biased world, *le ridicule ne tue plus.*

I have from the beginning, in my cables to *Le Figaro,* treated Jim Garrison's accusations with the same utmost scepticism and soon moral disgust I had shown to Henry Wade in November 1963. I am glad your honest and straightforward editorial gives me the opportunity to state my position on this point for the American reader.

Congratulations again.

New York, N.Y. — LEO SAUVAGE

(Mr. Sauvage is U.S. correspondent of Le Figaro, *Paris, and author of* The Oswald Affair.)

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Both TMO and Sartre's *Le Nouvel Observateur* have criticized the USSR for not living up to its professed goals of supporting the fight of the Vietnamese with enough vigor to deter American aggression there. At first glance I thought you were right, for there can be no question that the Russians have in some cases actually helped the Americans. However, after further thought I feel that their policy *may* turn out for the best. In the process of kicking the U.S. out of its privileged position in the underdeveloped world it *may* be best for the Russians to do nothing, not giving the U.S. even the slightest excuse to shift to them the blame for the failures of the American system. The U.S. imperialists should be allowed to exercise their frustrations and aggressions in a series of hopeless localized wars—and this on the theory that when the American people find out the immoral nature of the American Empire they will rise up in disgust as the French did.

The only thing that really worries me about this thesis is that it will give the Rightwing enough time to come to power in this country, and I know that this means fascism.

Berkeley, Calif. — A. RIBER

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The point is not to persuade "reasonable" Russian rulers to "bar the way to American war criminals"; deeds speak, not rhetoric. The rulers of the USSR become more eloquent every day. Soviet aid to the Brazilian rulers tears one's eardrums and rips the wincing eyelid. Soviet suspension of Indonesian debts is active aid to the CIA fascists there who are even now spilling the people's blood and opening up the labor and riches of Indonesia's people to U.S. exploitation.

Let's not cloud the issue with well intentioned appeals to counter-revolutionary regimes claoked in revolutionary rhetoric. The role of the Soviet Union's ruling class is clear: to manipulate the strings on their aid to bring the DRV to negotiate in the presence of imperialists in their country, to force the DRV to sell out their brothers. The point is not to call for more aid from imperialism's junior partners, but to accept *no aid* from them.

Chicago, Ill. — EARL SILBAR, Chicago Progressive Labor

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By what right are you demanding of the Soviet people what you should be demanding of the American people? After all it is the American government that is conducting this genocide. What right have you to demand that the Soviet people lay *their* bodies on the line in a nuclear confrontation (since that is what it would be), while they are still nursing the wounds of 20 million dead and are barely recovering from the great devastation of their