THE MONTHLY "BOOKS" mag says William Manchester had problems also with his H. L. Mencken biog, that Knopf had to persuade Manchester to chop out much material it felt he either switched or "misunderstood".

Prince Rainier bought a complete closed-circuit TV system for his Palace in Monaco . . . Clint Eastwood's dates system for his raiace in Monaco ... Clint Eastwood's dates with Doris Lilly are just old-Roman-friendship stuff, of course; Clint's happily wed . . . Times Square schlack shops sell "authentic" shillelaghs; marked "m a de in Japan."

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