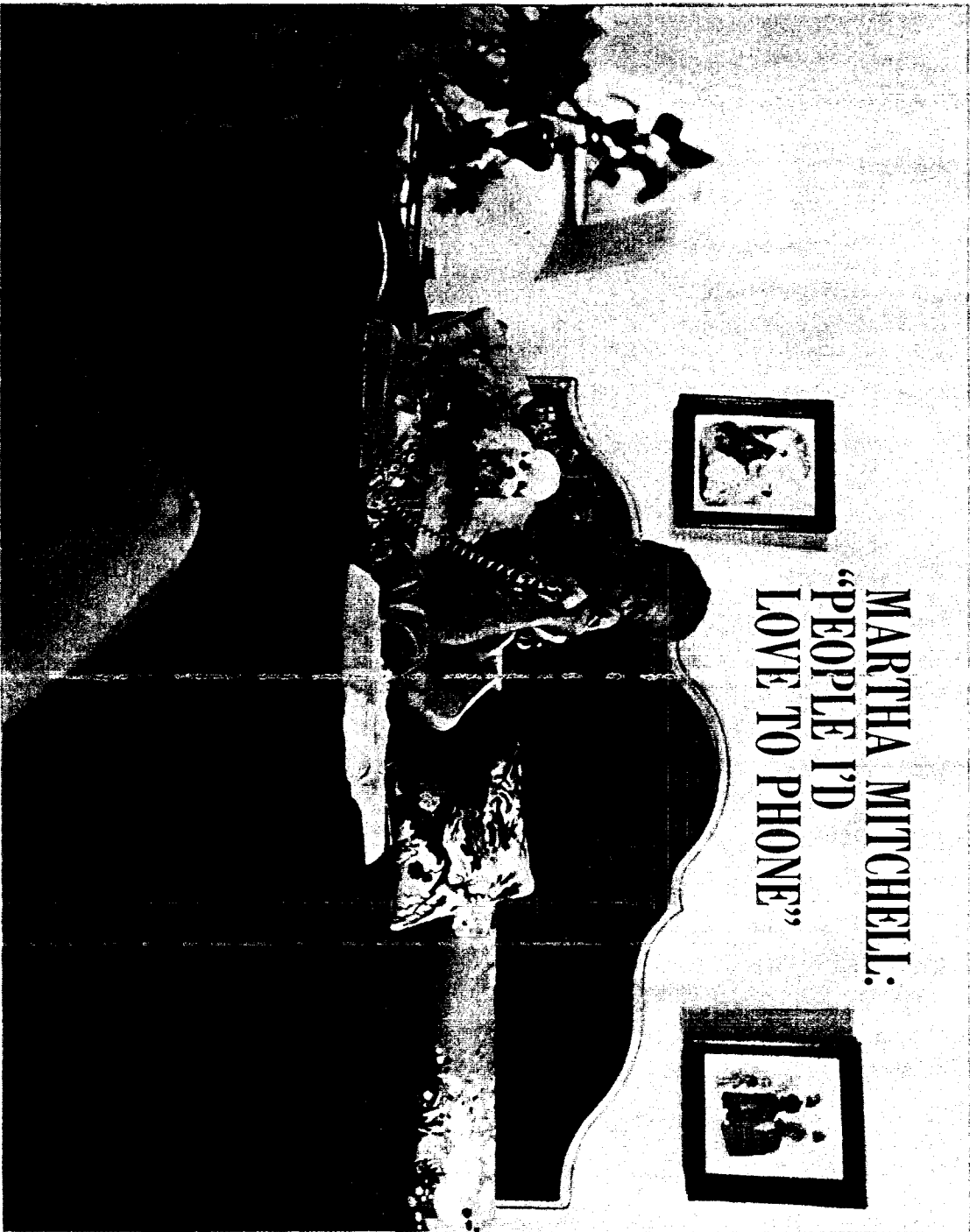


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**MARTHA MITCHELL:  
"PEOPLE I'D  
LOVE TO PHONE"**



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**MARTHA MITCHELL** *continued*

business at home. You should be a leader. Your state has the largest city in the world and it should be making money instead of being in the red. Get Lindsay to help you, if he really means business." If Rockefeller can't set a good example he should quit.

*John Fairchild, of Women's Wear Daily*

"Now that you've made such a mess with the midi skirt, what's going to be your next big mistake?" That would be my phone call to him.

*American fashion designers*

American designers should be told to get off their high horses and design the kind of clothes American women like to wear. If they'd design more feminine clothes there wouldn't be so many of them going out of business.

All of that leather business! Women wearing leather look as if they're getting ready to open at the rodeo in Madison Square Garden. American designers have imposed all their stupid ideas on American women and most women aren't liberated enough to know they don't have to sit back and take it.

*Vice President Spiro Agnew*

The other night at a party the Vice President told me that he is stubborn!

Did you know that? I'm going to call and ask if he'll *please* come over and explain some of his highfalutin words to me. I can't find them in my dictionary. And maybe I should ask him if I can give him golf lessons!

*Sen. Jacob Javits of New York*

Senator Javits was in the Chemical Corps with me during the war. I knew him when. Why, he mentioned my name on the Senate floor when my husband John was being confirmed as Attorney General. Senator Javits is a real character and I like to kid him. I want to call and ask if he'll propose a bill, and get it passed, so we will have two Vice Presidents. One isn't enough. We need a Vice President to make speeches and another to go to the social things. If the President feels he needs one to help him out maybe we'd better have three!

*Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts*

I wish he'd help me out. So much of my mail is from people complaining about freeloaders. They say Teddy Kennedy is responsible. I want to ask him to do something to get rid of the freeloaders we have, instead of encouraging more.

*Julia Child, Gourmet Chef*

I wonder if she knows how to make salt-risin' bread? If not, I'll offer to teach her. It's the worst smelling stuff in the world when it's being made, but it's so good. And I'll bet she doesn't know how to make chittlin' bread. I'll offer her my recipe. She's such a good cook of French cuisine, but she's miss-

ing some of the best food in the world if she doesn't try our Southern dishes. I'd like to challenge her to a cook-out, cook-in, or whatever she'd call it. She can make her French stuff and I'll do good things like spoon bread and fried grits. I'll even teach her how to make pickled pigs' feet. That should be good for a lot of laughs!

*Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin*

His country has been stealing secrets from the United States for years. In the past they've had a much better spy system on account of it. So they owe us a debt. I'll tell Mr. Kosygin he can repay that debt by getting out of Cuba. We don't want his subs 90 miles off our coast.

*Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas*

I want to call Half-Bright, or Quarter-Bright, or whatever-you-call-him, again, to ask how he was able to get such a hold on the Arkansas Gazette. [One of Mrs. Mitchell's most famous telephone calls was made to the Arkansas Gazette, at 2 in the morning, demanding that the paper "crucify" Senator Fulbright. The newspaper refused.] I also want to know when the Senator is going to Arkansas so I can go with him to see what he does. He seldom goes there, and when he does he doesn't do anything.

*Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy*

She's such a great lady. I'd like to tell her that I admire her so much.

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Every man is entitled to be valued  
by his best moment. —Emerson

