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address in her Death aspect. The whole tale probably represents a ritual sacrifice in which the Goddess is supposedly slain, but an animal substituted instead. The black hair, red lips, and chalk white skin of the stepmother and Snow White are also properties of the Goddess; white, red, and black are sacred to her in her three aspects as Mother, Bride, and Lacerator; or Goddess of Birth, mating, and death. Flaherty may think this explanation as far-fetched as the "anti-feminist" one... but kindly remember that not even Disney could make this tale entirely cute. The Goddess was supposed to be terrifying, and rituals in her honor were performed until fairly recently throughout Europe... she is Nightmare, and a few other

Soiling the Till

Dear Sir:
 I see where the Committee to Re-Elect the President has collected contributions of \$246,000 since the first of the year. This brings its cash-on-hand to a mere \$4.7 million. Is the Committee to Re-Elect the President going to be a permanent institution in Washington? I thought the prez had already been re-elected.

—Craig Karpel
 West 57th Street

...some sacrifice.
 There are a number of other fairy tales which can be interpreted as variations on this story, and many similar themes in which women are far from passive, and I think it's very perceptive of Mr. Flaherty to see that there's rather more to Snow White, etc., than a put-down of women.

—Mrs. Otis Kidwell Burger
 Bethune Street

Open Pore Policy

Dear Sir:
 I got a big charge out of Ron Rosenbaum's coverage of the Jerry Kretchmer debacle (Voice, March 15). Taking political advice from Jack Newfield is like gulping aspirin for a case of terminal acne.

—Louis H. Sampliner
 West Hartford, Connecticut

The Best Ears Of Our Lies

Dear Sir:
 I am the "ex-intelligence agent" Ron Rosenbaum mentioned in his piece, "The Assassination Labyrinth" (Voice, March 8), and I would like to offer a couple of footnotes to his article.

The "new breed of lie-detecting device" Mr. Rosenbaum mentioned is called the Psychological Stress Evaluator. It detects the same kind of stress that can be observed with the conventional polygraph, but it requires only a tape recording of the subject's voice, and not physical connections, such as blood pressure cuffs or pneumographic tubes. Because of this, it is a unique tool for historical research.

The principal reason I did not run the Dallas police tape through the PSE was not that it was a fourth generation tape, but because this recording of conversations between a police dispatcher and the patrol cars did not contain any disputed testimony. Actually, the PSE works quite well on fourth generation tapes, although I did not know this at the time of Mr. Rosenbaum's visit. Recently,

I ran a tape of Clifford Irving, made before his conviction, in which he describes one of his interviews with Howard Hughes. The PSE showed deception very clearly on the original tape, and did equally well on a fourth generation copy I made in order to test this very point.

Since Mr. Rosenbaum's visit, I have collected the recorded testimony of 24 persons having knowledge of the JFK assassination, ranging from eyewitnesses to members of the Warren Commission, and including the pathologist who conducted the autopsy. I have processed the tapes and analyzed the results. A picture of what really happened in Dallas has begun to emerge. It agrees with neither the Warren Report

nor Jim Garrison's version of the event.

I hope to use the PSE to investigate several other mysterious events of recent history. The results of the JFK assassination tapes will be summarized in a magazine article to appear later this year. If my results from investigating the other cases warrant it, I may present them in the form of a book.

—George O'Toole
 Gaithersburg, Maryland

Fuel for Thought

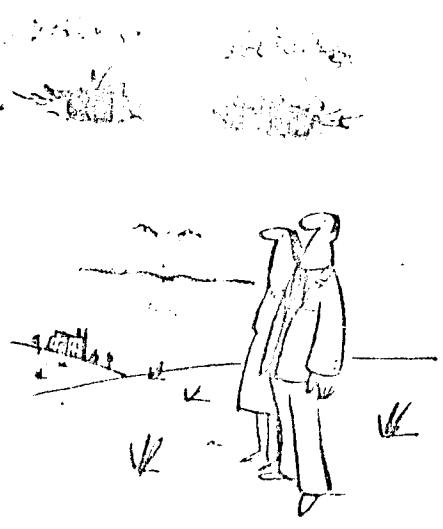
Dear VV (not sexist "Sir"):
 Bravo Bartle Bull for shining the torch on "The Gnomes of Abu Dhabi" (Voice, March 15). Perhaps if the total amount of Arab/Russian oil is pumped out by 1981 (while simultaneously the value of the dollar is reduced to 1921 marks or 1948 Chinese) we can simply stick them with all of the dollars, then switch the American economy to wampum (received in payment for Black Mesa).

Seriously, it's about time the oil lobby was exposed as the slick operators they are. The so-called energy crisis is roughly equal to

Aye the Jury

Dear Sir:
 This is a belated note of appreciation for Paul Cowan's articles on the jury in the Harrisburg Seven case (Voice, February 1 and February 8). What a valuable inside view of how justice is pursued!

—Edwin Kennebeck
 West 4th Street



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