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Scum,

Because you are chicken shit cowards you will not print this - but I will have my say to you degenerates.

You bitch about the police all the time, that's because you always breaking the laws of the most wonderful country in the world, and their only doing their duty.

Every decent law abiding, America loving, citizen joins me in asking you lazy cowardly pot smoking bastards to please get a one way ticket to China or Russia.

We don't need you.

I held my nose and read your rag June 28-July 4th, when I finished and let loose of my nose the smog smelled good.

Oh PLEASE go out on the freeway all of you sick degenerates and lay down [around 4:30 p.m.], just have a sit in, protest something but be sure you invite all of your law breaking gang and be sure to sit on the freeway.

When you sit on the freeway don't take Bukowski with you, he isn't responsible for his acts, no unatic is, and I'm sure he wont be around long anyhow.

My prayer each day is. Oh God help the police to crack the skulls of the crude that are trying to demoralize our your folks and overthrow this wonderful country, which they can never do.

Even your address has a dirty overtone...69.

I picked up two young girls the other day that were hitchhiking and I ask them if thay sold the Open City, their answer was heart warming, "I wouldn't be caught dead with that pornography rag" Thank God.

Anonymous Hero  
Van Nuys

Dearest Editor,

It is easy to complain about the threat of fascism, or it being latent in the land. But pragmatically excessiveness or to use a quote; "extremeism in the defense of liberty," does more to prepare the land for fascism than anything the right wing can muster. Just as Bull Connors did more for civil rights than the liberals, bombing of draft boards justify police excesses. Hitler came to power as an alternative to Communism, and while he used the Jews as a scapegoat, he still needed the threat of communism to muster the support of the establishment. The victors of World War One contributed their share too so it could be the chickens came home to roost. But at what cost?

Not until someone breaks into your home to steal a radio or some other magnificent item of questionable value can you come off your pompous perch of righteousness. Sociologically to allow looting is to encourage it to the point that it ultimately turns on those looting; for they are the real problems that accompany revolution, one of the worst

being the new order is usually more regressive than the prior.

As Goldwater unwittingly sanctioned the violence in the streets by defending extremism, you contribute toward the inevitable repressive measures that will answer violence. "Violence begets violence."

In your hortatory writing you jeopardize me, many if not all the people you claim to be interested in helping and not least of all yourself.

M. Lazar  
North Hollywood.

Dearest Editor,

Well, I guess you don't print letters from readers but here's a try.

On the "Meeting in Hashbury." Anti-minority whether it's the establishment or the underground, sounds the same. This wasn't really gross, but any type of prejudice, whether it's against Quakers, Unitarians, Buddhists, Blacks, Whites, Reds, or Mormons is just plain prejudice, which means it's bred out of misunderstanding. As a Mormon who intends to found a commune, newspaper, and work in rock and nature, along with other hippie-type Mormons, I get sick of out-and-out prevarications [LIES] about Mormonism. The woman in that article doesn't obviously know much about her professed religion. Something like most people. The fact is, polygamy was not meant to be a permanent practice - if Christians can't take it how do they justify Abraham and the bunch. The doctrine was set aside because we didn't want the blood persecution to happen all over which was the reason we retreated to the desolation of the West in the first place. The government sent an army any way.

But when you want to take on the whole world [Tolstoy said, "it is destined to become the most powerful force the world has ever known," and he didn't mean violently] you have to make some idealistic concessions in order to get them to clear their head and possibly convert them. Same with free love. The whole anti-Mormon crusade is ridiculous and evil, in all senses of the word, because it is this type of thing which led to the slaughters in our early history. OK. And people who attack it are so outright misinformed [or lying like nothing else] that it is strange. Look at anti-Mormons: do you find happy, loving, dancing, gentle, unbitter people there? Just read that article.

I will eagerly engage anyone in a discussion-debate on Mormonism. Nothing in our religion, which is one of the, if not the, fastest growing major religions in the world and U. S. To call it a cult is ignoring the vast scientific and non-scientific evidence which backs up the Book of Mormon Indian History. So, bigots attack! We love you anyway. [For a typical total prevarication read the articles in "Who's Who," for example]. Mormonism is basically simple but as complicated as the universe itself. And see "2001: a space odyssey." That should put a few ideas in your head along this line.

Scott S. Smith  
Temple City, Calif.

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➤ Oswald [see "Oswald in New Orleans"] had such a beard.

My testimony before the grand jury released to the press as the "perjurious" portion [and punctuated so as to make me sound like a moron] contains my denial that a woman named Barbara Reid - in my considered present opinion - saw me with Oswald in 1963, at about the time she was also boasting to having hexed a Bourbon Street stripper with a Voodoo doll.

Mr. Weisberg described my book as a pamphlet in order to give the idea it was something I'd run off in my basement on a ditto machine and was passing out on Canal Street. I edited the version of my Commission testimony which appeared in that book in order to protect one innocent person who had been inadvertently dragged into the proceedings and to make it clearer and smoother reading. A note was appended at the beginning of the reproduced testimony explicitly noting that it was edited.

My testimony does not paint a "new kind of Communist" - for I said I'd gotten the impression that Oswald was "idle in his admiration" of the Soviet system.

That he admired Orwell, got a Russian newspaper openly in the mail, and was rumored to at one time have had a Secret clearance are things I cannot help. Both Garrison and Weisberg have displayed astonishing chutzpah in misrepresenting that testimony, a matter of public record which can be checked against their assertions, to give you some idea of where they are at.

Donovan's statement quoted by Weisberg, "He must have had a secret clearance to work in the radar center, because that was the minimum required by all of us," is in error. I myself did not have a secret clearance at that time, but worked in the MACS-9 radar center.

I am indeed a defender of widows and orphans, because I am opposed to a money system - controlled through a Federal Reserve Bank - which enslaves them. What Mr. Weisberg fails to add is that along with my "rightwing" economic views I am also opposed to an imperialist foreign policy, in the tradition of the principled isolationists who supported Robert A. Taft. "Confessions of a Rightwing Liberal" by my good friend Dr. Murray N. Rothbard in the June "Ramparts" will give you some idea of my political views, and Harold Weisberg's paranoia.

That Mr. Weisberg should call me a "stool pigeon" because, when Oswald was murdered, I went to the FBI and offered to do whatever I could to assist in the apprehension of whoever had used him as a pawn [as I felt someone had at the time] makes me wonder what this little man who boasts of a history of Establishment finkery for spy outfits

and Senate investigations would call himself!

➤ When, where, and under what circumstances did I pin a "bum Communist" rap on the murdered Oswald when my other Marine buddies would not? Garrison made this same charge in his infamous press release, offering nothing but butchered-out-of-context quotes to back it up. There were people who knew Oswald before he went in the Marine Corps who recall him as a Marxist! And as looking up the affidavits and depositions of Oswald's other fellow-Marines will prove, I was certainly not alone in my observations on this score. It seems that my "crime" is having drawn Oswald out - being thus able to testify in more detail.

The way I learned of the comment of my former girlfriend about me - "If Oswald hadn't killed President Kennedy, he would have done it himself?" - was through Mr. Jenner, Warren Commission counsel.

Weisberg knows this and there is no excuse whatever for his laying the blame to me if my notion of when that comment was made is inaccurate. The Garrisonites seem to

take a sadistic delight in punishing others for the mistakes and deceit of Warren Commission personnel - presumably because they are afraid to go after the responsible parties and must release their aggressions on someone. [Notice that Earl Warren, for example, is not on trial for perjury - nor any other member of the Commission or its staff!]

I have never denied that I was caustic and sarcastic about John Kennedy's murder. Having been shocked by the butchery of Katanga - which was U.S. financed and sanctioned by JFK - my political opposition to Kennedy's domestic and foreign imperialism became a deep personal disgust. Of the Katanga atrocities, Lord Bertrand Russell said they surpassed anything brought up in the trials at Nuremberg for cruelty. Assassination had not yet become a disturbing national pastime, and the tears of people who never cry when the powerless and helpless go down offended me. So I let them have it, man - I celebrated, openly and in public.

Garrison and Weisberg consider this damning evidence, one would have it, that I took part in a secret assassination plot as a secret agent.

I do not think my opposition to JFK deprives me of my civil right to hold a flower in my mouth.

I have never been offered the opportunity, by the way, to confront Weisberg at my local radio station or anywhere else. I did not even learn he had been on the air until I heard a tape of his lies about me three days after the fact.

As for Bolton's open letter to me, I am having copies offset printed for mass distribution precisely to show the many editors and other media personnel who have gotten poison pen letters from Weisberg on the subject of that article, what a willful and malicious liar he is. Let me say now, though, that the "anti-Semitism" of Clint Bolton's piece was that, genuinely mistaken, he understood Harold's last name to be Weisberger.

Apparently they were introduced with a loud Dixieland band playing in the background because, elsewhere, Harold refers to Clint as Cliff. I keep trying to find something sinister about THAT, but I simply do not have Mr. Weisberg's talent.

I think the nicest thing I can say about Harold is that on one occasion he told what is obviously the truth: "It's wonderful. You ought to see the letters. I've got over 500 unsolicited letters. My eyes water when I read some of them. My telephone rings in the middle of the night with people who are troubled. I have insane people who have escaped from the insane asylum, calling me up as

→ the White Knight, to try and help them. They reach out and I can't quite give it to them." ["The Scavengers" by Richard Warren Lewis, Delacorte Press 1967, page 122.]

Poor Harold. When will he get the mass recognition he deserves?

Yes, baby - peace and freedom,  
Kerry Thornley