

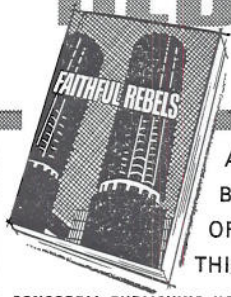
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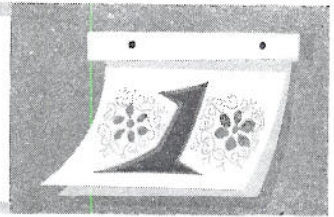
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## First of the Month

by Cleveland Amory



SEPTEMBER was the month when, at long first, there appeared one prominent Republican candidate with the courage to take on the Administration about Vietnam. George Romney's statements were hardly earthshaking, but they served, if nothing else, to counter the incredible declarations of Legion-capped Gerald Ford.

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All in all, we admired most *Esquire* magazine for its courageous search-and-employ mission to find a brand-new Republican—one with no strikes on him. Their find: Indiana's highly regarded liberal businessman, Irwin Miller, a man once described as looking like "a cross between Fulbright and Goldwater," but with some new, fresh, different, and, above all, his own ideas. Whether Mr. Miller could beat Mr. Johnson we don't know, but we do know that there are at least 500 potential Irwin Millers in this country; and we also know that if the Democrats bring up that old saw about not changing horses in midstream, then maybe from the size of the Vietnam stream, we ought to elect not a President but a King.

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Meanwhile, a poll of 160 authors, for a book called *Authors Take Sides on Vietnam*, showed an overwhelming preponderance in favor of at least a cease-bomb. Among these: Nelson Algren, Hannah Arendt, James Baldwin, Simone de Beauvoir, S. N. Behrman, Nathaniel Benchley, Robert Bolt, Kay Boyle, John Malcolm Brinnin, Brigid Brophy, William S. Burroughs, James Cameron, Paddy Chayefsky, John Cheever, Haakon Chevalier, Robert Creeley, Robert Crichton, Babette Deutsch, Peter DeVries, Robert Eberhart, Richard Ellmann, Jules Feiffer, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Leslie Fiedler, John Fowles, Pamela Frankau, Northrop Frye, Allen Ginsberg, Paul Goodman, Graham Greene, Joseph Heller, Nat Hentoff, Thor Heyerdahl, Pamela Hansford Johnson, James Jones, Walter Kaufmann, Mark Lane, Marghanita Laski, Doris Lessing, Kingsley Martin, Gavin Maxwell, Thomas Merton, Arthur Miller, Jessica Mitford, Nancy Mitford, Alan Moorehead, Iris Murdoch, Edna O'Brien, C. Northcote Parkinson, Harold Pinter, J. B. Priestley, James Purdy, Herbert Read, Kenneth

Rexroth, Alain Robbe-Grillet, Harold Rosenberg, Philip Roth, Richard Rovere, Bertrand Russell, Nathalie Sarraute, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Irwin Shaw, C. P. Snow, Edgar Snow, Susan Sontag, Terry Southern, Stephen Spender, Enid Starkie, Christina Stead, George Steiner, I. F. Stone, William Styron, Harvey Swados, Barbara Tuchman, Kenneth Tynan, Gore Vidal, Sylvia Townsend Warner, Arnold Wesker, Richard Wilbur, and Leonard Woolf.

Among those in favor of our policy: William F. Buckley, Jr., James Burnham, Vyvyan Holland, James A. Michener, Nicholas Monsarrat, Marianne Moore, Mary Renault, William Sansom, John Updike, and Alec Waugh.

Those begging the question, or undecided: W. H. Auden, Robert Graves, Elspeth Huxley, Stanley Kauffmann, Malcolm Muggeridge, Marshall McLuhan.

The most concise answer—Jules Feiffer: "I'm against. Isn't everybody?" The most moving—Susan Sontag: "America's war on Vietnam makes me, for the first time in my life, ashamed of being an American." The bitterest—Irwin Shaw:

Unlike many of our commentators and officeholders and military leaders, I have no theory about how we could win the war in Vietnam immediately. But I do know how President Johnson, who is worried that the opinion of the American people on the subject of the war is divided, could rally all Americans to his side.

All the President would have to do is lend the North Vietnamese three or four of our aircraft carriers and let them sail back and forth off Cape Cod, without any danger of being attacked, while sending off waves of bombers to shower Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and the suburbs in between with high explosives, napalm, and defoliating chemicals for a year or two. The bombing should be planned in such a way that a great number of the casualties would be sustained by children. At the same time millions of pamphlets should be dropped stating that all this was being done for us in the holy name of peace and religion, the religion in this case being international Communism.

A good proportion of the children should come from families who, out of a secret admiration for Communism or a sick desire for tranquility, had conspired to help the invaders. After two or three casualties in each family, the parents, along with all other Americans, would be convinced that the