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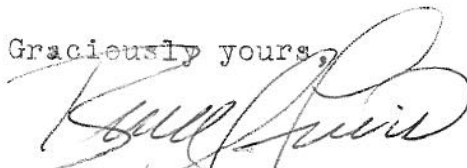
I appreciate the two news items concerning "Georgia Straight," the now defunct underground paper. I find it surprising that the people of Vancouver regarded the paper as immoral and degrading to youth. I thought it quite sedate and believed it bore a strong resemblance to the San Francisco "Chronicle" in certain respects. However, Canadians tend to view matters in a different manner than Americans, and they must have found the newspaper quite shocking. The San Francisco "Chronicle" carried an article about its demise. I believe the mayor of Vancouver was quoted as saying the underground paper was "lascivious." It wasn't.

I once spent a day on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The profusion of vegetation and the verdure of the sylvan landscape were wonderfully beautiful. I never saw so many healthy trees before in my life. I would love to live there.

I ~~xxxx~~ had a telephone in my room ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ when I lived with my parents. When I moved to Berkeley I toyed with the idea of installing one. However, one day I made a most ~~xxxxing~~ shocking discovery You have to pay for it! Can you imagine? I was naive and believed that the federal government or a state agency paid you to keep a phone. I think it is an obstreperous contrivance ~~xxx~~ and was conjured up in the lair of the devil for the express purpose of causing mankind continual auditory horror.

Of course, I am being facetious, ^{But} I'm not succeeding to any great degree. I enjoy tranquility, and it is for this reason that I have not installed Mr. Bell's invention. Secondly, I ~~am~~ would not use ~~it~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ enough to justify the monthly expenditure that ~~xxxxxxx~~ is required. Stan Primmer resides six blocks from my residence, & At present, we are on excellent terms. If you feel urgently compelled to contact me, the quickest way to do so is to phone Mr. Primmer at 845-1047. Unfortunately, in approximately one month's time, Stanley will be leaving us, and unless I find a loving girlfriend endowed with a telephone, you will again have to resort to the mails.

Graciously yours,



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