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11/2-Don't know if your senses of humor coincide with mine, but what I enjoyed will take so few minutes to tell, we'll try. Earlier today "il called to my attention Melina Mercouri's appearance on the David Frost Show, aired here for 90 minutes beginning 8:30. Didn't think of it until 9:30, when I turned it on to hear her spit the word fascism, which one never, ever hears on TV today, and then to respond to a Frost leading question on Agnew's visit there. politely she allowed it would help the dictatorship, asked further she suggested there were better places to go, and Frost reminded her that Nixon was going to China. John Kenneth Galbraith, who today sports a modified Kunstler hairdo, took the play to suggest there was no comparison. Frost had what he thought he wanted. He appears to have gone far right and super-establishment. He had a few unkind things to say about the comparative numbers of people in jail in each country, JKG suggested the populations were not comparable, and while the audience laughed at F went on to say that there is a big difference between those who have never had and are struggling to attain something better (bringing in, without prompting, USSR and Yugo), then going out of his way to compare Yugo with Spain, saying he though we could expect better of Spain and especially Greece, where the word democracy started, and when Mercouri got the mike again to ~~ask who~~ be asked who is worse, she spat it out again, "The Fascists!". When Frost pretended it wasn't all that bad, JKG pointed out that his Greek publisher, having brought out his How to Control the Military and Fulbright's Arrogance of Power is jailed and then, a beautiful line that silenced Frost, "Even some of the Frost Show couldn't be aired in Greece today". I've always been fond of the expressive Mercouri, who I consider a talented performer, a charmer, and more so since she became a political activist whose favorite epithet is "Fascist!". This appearance of Galbraith seems to reflect a forward development by him. He made no effort to hide a favorable attitude toward the eastern countries named, esp. China. Meanwhile, back at the LaFarge enterprizes, about 75% working up, also about 85% of the Chinese name. The child is lucky to be named "Jennifer". She'll be able to use the blanket longer. It has to be bigger to accomodate the letters, as I learned tonight! 2/5 larger, meaning wider, at least, than Larry. Mercouri has had a book out for some time. She appears to be exploiting the possibilities it affords for getting TV time to talk about the Greek dictatorship. Whenever I've caught her, she hasn't been plugging the book but freedom, and an end to dictatorship and condemnation of its friends. When G cautioned her that Agnew would seek equal time if she suggested he is not a nice man, she said, simply, "He is not a nice man." Only infrequently it is not a wasteland. H