

at times exhilarating if somewhat jumbled piece of work. He has a certain grace with which he ticks Nixon off as a cheap little bastard and other appropriate characterizations which one simply finds nowhere else.

About your note of 9/23.74 and the possibility of getting the Cubans' notebooks, we just don't know any young people who have the slightest interest, and certainly none who would have entree at the Hoover Library at Stanford, or to Stanford's Latin-American archives if they're separate from the Hoover Library.

We're sorry to hear about Hoch. For what it's worth, my own feeling about him has been that he is a very isolated person and very hard to communicate with. Certainly he always acted as though he were scared to death of us when it came to any human contact. So while his venture with the melons indicates that he can be influenced, I would ascribe his use of the material you object to more to simple ignorance and inexperience (both inevitable in a person so isolated and hard to know) than to his having been persuaded to do it by someone else, although that cannot be ruled out. The point may be that he could not have been persuaded in any case had he had enough real association with other, real, people. It does seem that, in general, any young person with enough concentrative capacity to become genuinely interested in this particular field also usually comes up with a blind spot or deficiency of some kind which sooner or later gets them into a situation where they perform with less than honor or ~~ethical~~ ethical principle. In other words, they simply don't know how to behave in the sense of making an honorable choice in certain situations.

Glad to have your 9/16/74 thoughts on the pardon. We too had noticed, and continue to notice, how Ms. Nixon has faded from the picture and stays out of it, and, like you, have from the first felt it meant something rather important. Today, for example, when he left the hospital, there was no mention on radio reports of either her or Tricia, merely someone stating from Long Beach that Julie was elsewhere in the hospital as her father left. Tonight, one report said Pat and Tricia left with Nixon, but no further mention.

On the whole, we feel that the fleebus caper has lost much of its clout due to that shameless hussy and female chauvinist, Betty Ford, who had the gall to have a ~~mastectomy~~ mastectomy just as the fleebus tide was running full. How can a mere mortal man hope to compete, in this degenerate mammalian society, with a dramatic coup like a mastectomy -- short, of course, of having one testicle removed? Do you suppose that the matchless medical team of Tkach and Lungren could locate a new bloodclot in one of Nixon's balls? Only ~~one~~ ^{one} would be enough, of course, to even the score with that insolent woman in the White House, and there'd still be one left, wouldn't there? Tune in tomorrow.

Thanks for the clipping on Margaret Mead and UFOs. We'd not have seen it otherwise. She's typical of the way the scientific crowd avoids the issue while seeming to deal with it.

By the way, I promised to let you know about KPFA. They got back on the air two or three weeks ago. Broke and operating only with volunteers after caving in to the strikers. Their programming even poorer than before, with even the news affected adversely. Will Lewis of KPFA ~~about~~ ^{about} ~~posting~~ ^{posting} ~~temporarily~~ ^{temporarily} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~manager~~ ^{manager} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~hobbs~~ ^{hobbs} ~~ad.us,~~ ^{ad.us,}