

You also put it well. Matt is a great human. This is but part of what has long bugged him. In 1968 he was talking of moving to Vancouver, just to get out of the country. Later he just refused to see the obvious in his old friend from his Philadelphia days, Salandria, and in Garrison. I don't ever remember Matt of "eanine telling the two beautiful kids "enough" when they were in front of TV. There was another passenger in thos 31 feet, a

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HW:

Thought you'd be interested in this comment from your friend Matt Herron. He says it very well, of course, but I'd say commercial television is only the latest manifestation of the "incessant, mindless blather" to which he objects and that before TV there was commercial radio, and Hollywood and Madison Avenue, and before that there was the familiar ballyhoo practiced by nearly all the press going back at least to P.T. Barnum. This tropism toward euphoric fantasy is one side of the coin, probably an escape mechanism from our puritanical consciences which will do anything, grasp at any straw, as long as we do not have to think about our crimes of racism and other unworthy hatreds. The other side is the commercial un-ethic which has persuaded us that lies and nonsense are not really harmful as long as they sell something. This we simply refuse to challenge in the mass. We're beginning to do it as consumers, even in an organized way, but the un-ethic still pervades the media, all of them, and TV happens merely to be the most all-pervasive form to have hit us.

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fine young man named Phil Stern who elected to go to jail rather than skip country or be part of the Army that was in VN. He got out in time to join them after they left N.O. By accident, I was also there when he surrendered to the authorities after losing before the Supreme Court. He was an apprentice. Matt is a great photographer who started as a writer. He told me he found it too painful. I expect he is doing a book. The rode out 3 hurricanes. It was an exceptional adventure. Great human beings. I read the story in the dentist's chair while I was waiting for something he'd put in before a filling to dry!

HW:

NY Times for Sunday 14 January 1973 has a long piece by Seymour Hersch on the Watergate defendants and how they are still being paid, apparently by money from CREEP et al which has been thoroughly laundered and reaches them through undisclosed individuals. Much detail. It's a long story, practically a full page, which you should have.

We went into SF and got a copy of that Sunday issue, and can copy for you if HR hasn't supplied it to you, which he might well do, since He sent me some book reviews on China from the same issue.

Please say, one way or another, whether you need the Hersch story from us.

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Thanks, but by now you know I made a copy and sent it to you. I got another dupe today and am sending it to LF in a.m.