

## Letters

### Hurrah for Pill

Editor, States-Item:

Hurrah for the "pill!" Down with the mid-Victorian scare mongers! God bless the freedom from fear of unwanted pregnancy!

The current hearings on oral contraceptives seem terribly one-sided. All seem to subtly advocate population explosion or illicit abortion. Never do these eminent physicians reveal such vital data as the dosage of estrogen or progesterone administered to the animals or the given span of dosage; the accumulative effects, if any, of these hormones; or the condition of the women prior to taking "the pill," since a thorough physical examination is rarely required prior to receiving a prescription.

As an educated woman with a master's degree, I realized three years ago when I embarked upon my adventure and subsequent romance with "the pill" that I was a guinea pig; however, as a high school teacher of 10 years, I have seen too often the horror of the tortured youth whose girl is "in trouble."

Of course, the married couple who is confronted with an unplanned blessed (?) event is really just as pitiful since they feel obligated to feign happiness. In any case, there is nothing more tragic than the advent of an unwanted child whose birth heralds, in most instances, the

ruination of three lives.

Seldom, if ever, is this child to live blissfully unaware of his parents' resentment and oft-times embarrassment. He is usually the symbol of guilt and unfulfilled dreams. Certainly, the minute chance, which has not been proved conclusively, of cancer, blood clots, blindness, and multitude of other ailments is minor compared to the monthly anxiety experienced by non-users of "the pill."

Wasn't the asinine cyclamate furor enough to temper these wild conclusions? However, since reason seldom prevails these days, I'm going to stockpile my pill reserve so that I can enjoy peace of mind.

One of the Unaffected

### Garrison Note

Editor, States-Item:

I don't expect to see this in print but I must take you to task for the "editor's note" after the letter by Andrew J. Sciambra (Jan. 13). You simply can't let a man alone, can you?

Jim Garrison showed the whole U.S. that he stood for JUSTICE, something the press is not familiar with. You could take a lesson from him.

As a New Orleanian and a patriotic American, I am proud to live in a city dependent upon Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison for justice in law.

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