



## Domestic Affairs

By Jim Herman

### ISOLATION

"Our youth we can have but to-day; we may always find time to grow old." Bishop Berkeley, an Irish philosopher in the early 17th century, said this while explaining the old adage that "age is the only material thing which can be lost but can never be found." True, we may say while assuring ourselves that we still have our youth and vigor; our lives to each of us seems eternal.

For example; the other night I was sitting in my apartment enjoying the daily newspaper. My reading of the Viet Nam War and it's 5,000 American fatalities was interrupted by a knock at the door. Answering the door I came eye to eye with a happy, personality-bubbling life insurance salesman. After introductions and explanations he hit me with the comforting thought that one out of three men die before reaching the age of 65. "Well, I thought, "he's doing his job. I'm sure I'm one of the two-thirds. During his propounding of the one out of three ratio, explaining that even if two-thirds of the male population do reach the age of 65 they don't have a thing to show for their lives (momentarily), I withdrew a cigarette from my diminishing pack and began to light it. "Cigarette smokers," he chimed, "have an even lower ratio of survival!" adding, without explaining his own fiery weed.

Before this crude man left I was placed by him in a bracket called the "whole number bracket," or the people with no chance of survival. I didn't buy the policy but I sure started thinking.

I picked up a Newsweek magazine and read that at least 33% of U.C.L.A. students smoke marijuana, that a record of 732 people were killed in automobile accidents over the Thanksgiving holidays and that 15,000 to 20,000 babies between 5 months and 18 months suffocate each year. I read that in the U.S., annually, 101,000 illegitimate babies are born to girls between the ages of 13-19.

Now I ask Bishop Berkeley where our youth went and where the dividing line between growing old and enjoying youth now lies.

## Letters

### To The Editor

After a large storm hits Alpena, all area schools are requested to close. The reason for this is to facilitate the Highway Department in its efforts to clear the roads and to keep traffic at a minimum; thereby reducing danger to life and limb.

Most schools respect these pleas and close; not so at ACC. It is standard procedure here to ignore the dictates of common sense as well as the dictates of the City Police, State Police, and the Highway Department. Those in power have been lucky so far in that only minor damage has been contracted during these fiascos. (Such as a particular instructor's station wagon being sideswiped by a sliding car in the oval.)

Hope is expressed by this student that those in power will wise up before someone gets killed.

## Editorial

James Allyn

The optimist fell ten stories and at each window bar, he shouted to his friends... "All right so far"



In the U.S., there remains a 100-year supply of manganese, a metal fundamental to the production of steel. Over 90% of all water used by city and industry is useless without costly treatment. At present rates of consumption, known tin reserves will last about 25 years. In 1880 ores with 13% copper content were considered impracticable, now ores with .01% copper content are being mined.

In ten years the size of our cities will triple. At the turn of the century the world will have twice as many inhabitants as it has today.

In 1946 an estimate was made by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization of the increased annual food production required in India in order to meet the minimum nutritional requirements of its growing population. During the course of the year 1966, one million people will starve to death in India.

If the world could dissolve all existing political problems it would still be faced with the ultimate enigma of population. People need to spread out; not because there is too little land, but rather that there are too many people. Humans die of hunger not because there is too little food, but rather that there are too many humans.

By giving countries nutritional aid without adding birth control measures, the situation is only compounded. This act increases the birth rate and decreases the death rate. It is not impossible to put contraceptives in a water supply or in wheat or rice. Neither is it impossible to put births under government limitations.

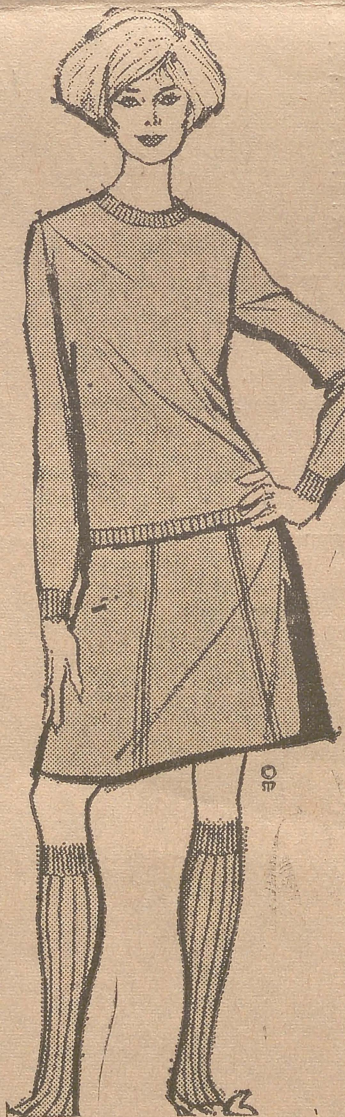
Politicians have steered clear of this fact for a specific reason; it is explosive. Yet when religions or groups block birth control they actually condone starvation and want.

It is ironic that in an era of such great wealth, an era that has provided a glimpse of what a beautiful life could be attained, man should sow his own destruction through his most natural act.

Moreover, it is criminal that those in power should deny mankind this great future by ignoring this problem which, in reality, is the crux of most others.

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