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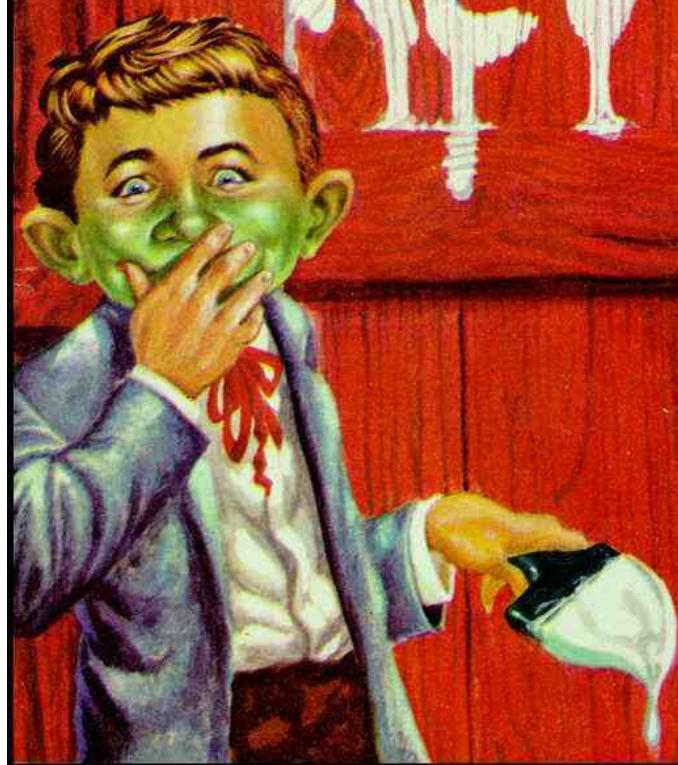
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DENNY FREAS

## How we retired at the age of 11 with \$800 a month

"Like many other 11-year-olds, my twin sister Rhoda and I had been dreaming of retiring for a long time. After all, we weren't getting any younger. We'd begun to notice that running up and down the two flights of stairs in our grammar school sometimes made us puff. And very often, when jumping off our front porch, we got like drawing pains in our ankles. Both of these, we knew, were sure signs of advancing age.

"So we thought about retiring. We figured out that if we saved half our combined weekly allowances, we would eventually have \$500. Which isn't bad money. However, we wanted to retire at 11, not 101!

"Then, one day, while thumbing through a magazine, we came across an ad for the Phonyex Mutual Retirement Income Plan. It pointed out that any forty-year-old could retire in 15 years with \$300 a month for life.

"Well, although we were only 11, Rhoda and I were so anxious to retire that we decided to look into this exciting and unusual plan anyway. And,

as you might well imagine, we discovered an exciting and unusual loophole. Namely that any forty-year-old could retire in 15 years with \$300 a month, providing he first shelled out exciting and unusual premium payments. Something like \$2000 a year for those 15 exciting and unusual years.

"So Rhoda and I went up to the Phonyex Mutual Offices, and we told the people there what we had discovered about their exciting and unusual retirement income plan. Mainly, that the only ones who could afford it were people who were so rich they had retired already!

"Naturally, the folks at Phonyex Mutual begged us to keep our little secret to ourselves, and we told them we would think about it.

"So now Rhoda and I are living on a huge estate in Florida, enjoying life. We like it so much, we intend to spend the remainder of our twilight years—say another 80, give or take 10—right here.

"And on the first of every month, like clock-work, we get our check for

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"We heartily recommend similar retirement plans to all 11-year-olds thinking of retiring. Just remember this: go find other companies with exciting and unusual loopholes. The suckers at Phonyex Mutual are all ours!"

### Send for Free Booklet

The preceding story is not typical at all. Our lawyers are working on this case right now, and one of these days we'll have those two fresh, blackmailing brats in jail. However, we assure you that you can retire in 15 years with wonderful monthly checks from us. Our payment plans are simple, and *any* millionaire can afford them. But even if you know you *can't*, why not fill in the coupon below and mail it off anyway? We've got tons of regular insurance literature here in our offices, and we're dying to find people to send it to. When you get right down to it—sly little sneaks that we are—this is the *real* reason we place these ads!

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# MAD

"It's a good idea to keep your words soft and sweet  
because you never know when you'll have to eat them!"

Alfred E. Neuman

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When an American TV show is shown abroad, changes have to be made. The one that ought to be made is: denying its U. S. origin.

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Since the interpreter is so important, Ike should take an expert to Russia. It's tough enough understanding him in English.

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We learned something when we plowed through garbage pails for this article . . . mainly, that's where all the copies of **MAD** end up.

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Strikers who follow our advice might gather some sympathy from passers-by, not for their demands but for their state of mind.

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**MAD** salutes our American doctors by revealing the fantastic progress they've made, raising their high standards . . . of living!

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**MAD**'s version of a movie magazine may get a strong reaction from Hollywood; mainly, your editor might end up seeing some stars.

# IT'S BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

as you'll discover when you give the latest MAD pocket-sized book...



...because you'll receive it right back in your face!

So our advice is: after you've finished reading this 7th collection of idiocies from past issues of MAD, which joins "The MAD Reader," "MAD Strikes Back," "Inside MAD," "Utterly MAD," "The Brothers MAD," and "The Bedside MAD," make sure you don't try giving it away!

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## LETTERS DEPT.



### RECOMMENDATION

Six months ago I was looking for a copywriter to round out the staff, and I got a line on a man who had just been fired from another agency. While checking his references, I called an executive at his previous agency to find out why they dropped him. He talked vaguely at first, not wanting to be a character assassin, but finally he got to the meat of it. "Well, for one thing," he said, "he's a *bi-fi* bug—not that there's anything wrong with that, mind you; but he also—well, he'd buy *records* and bring them to me in the office and ask me if I ever heard them, and I'd never heard of them! Not that there's anything wrong with buying nutty records, mind you; but he also—well, he reads *MAD Magazine!*" Needless to say, I hired him, and he has become one of our best men.

David Barbour  
Copy Chief  
BB&O  
New York City

Obviously, he doesn't read it carefully enough!—Ed.

### NO DOOR!

Ach du Lieber! Better der VOLKS Wagen iss havink der shtoopid hole by der roof, so der crazy Captain can ould getten! Der car got eine doorhandle, aber no door! Your artist ist ein Dummkopf! Herr Douglas Dunn Grand Rapids, Mich.



Our artist says, "Du bist ein dummkopf!  
Der door ist on der udder side!" — Ed.

Hi! Marginal Marvin again . . . with a new game that makes any clod into a gag cartoonist if he can draw an "O" or an "X"! I call this great new game "MAD Y'OX"!

### PROTEST LETTERS

For your information, the common house-fly does not belong to the *Genus Diptera*. The house fly is a member of the Phylum *Arthropoda*, the Class *Hexopoda*, the Order *Diptera*, the Family *Muscidae*, the Genus *Musca*, and the Species *Domestica*. I realize this might sound trivial to you, but I assure you the fly feels quite strongly about it. How would you like to be called something you are not? Like "journalist," maybe?

Richard W. Nagle  
Catholic University  
Washington, D.C.

This is a letter of protest about your "Protest Letters" article in the Jan. issue (#52). As an entomologist, it is my duty to your readers to warn them about your flagrant misuse of scientific nomenclature. Any half-witted, bug-brained fly-lover knows that "Diptera" is an *order*, and not a *genus*! You must have gotten thousands of letters like this.

J. G. Cummins  
Columbia University  
New York City

That's right! From thousands of half-witted, bug-brained fly-lovers!—Ed.

### MAD TRUCKS



Attached is a photo of one of our fleet of trucks advertising MAD. It's a great magazine, and has tremendous acceptance here in Detroit. You will be pleased to know that the trucks have attracted a great deal of attention cruising around the streets of Detroit and environs, and have subjected the drivers of these vehicles to a lot of good-natured kidding.

Ivan Ludington, Jr.  
Ludington News Co.  
Detroit, Mich.

Like having rocks thrown at them?—Ed.

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225 LAFAYETTE STREET  
NEW YORK 12, NEW YORK

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NOTE: Allow 8 weeks for subscription to be processed



All you have to do to play "MAD Y'OX"! is: think of a gag caption, and then illustrate it with O's and X's... like the following...

### AN EVENING WITH FRED ASTAIRE

While watching "Another Evening With Fred Astaire" on Wednesday, Nov. 4, I was shocked to suddenly see Alfred E. Neuman doing a dance number. Did my eyes deceive me, or was it really him? And if so, what was a low-class bum like him doing on a high-class show like that?

Gary Auten  
Denver, Colorado

In my opinion, Alfie deserves an "Emmy," and a show of his own.

Marie L. Woods  
National City, Cal.

Boy, you guys have even warped Fred Astaire's mind with that magazine of yours. That's right! Good ol' Fred was dressed up as Alfred E. Neuman on his recent telecast.

Lon Pinkowitz  
Ridgefield, N. J.



Fred as Alfred

### CONFUSED

I am a confused MAD reader, mainly because when you guys write an article, sometimes you write it across a whole double-page spread like this, and then sometimes you then across the other page like this. Please make for a while, and up your minds!

Phyllis Hendry  
Detroit, Mich.



Chase-ing Around

### REQUEST

Why don't you sprain your brain and come out every month?

Mrs. Tom Mills  
Arlington, Wash.

Because we fracture our brains coming out eight-times-a-year!—Ed.

Please address all correspondence to: MAD, Dept. 54, Room 706, 225 Lafayette Street, New York City 12, New York

### A LOVABLE APRIL FOOL

... and his money are soon parted, especially when he falls for this ad and spends it on a full-color reproduction of Alfred E. Neuman, our "What—Me Worry?" kid. So don't you be an "April Fool!" Send for your copy in March! Mail 25¢ to: Dept. "What—Color?", c/o MAD, 225 Lafayette Street, New York 12, New York



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THE TWO BIGGEST LAUGHS IN  
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## MAD FOR KEEPS AND MAD FOREVER



MAD  
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These hard-bound de-luxe anthologies contain the best material (each different) from past issues of MAD Magazine. You get 128 pages of riotous material, many in vivid color, and a forward by Ernie Kovacs in MAD FOR KEEPS. You get 136 pages of hilarious satire, also many in vivid color, with an introduction by Steve Allen in MAD FOREVER. Yes, if you're looking for laughs, these two anthologies are the biggest laughs in the publishing industry! Mainly, they think we were crazy to print 'em!

MAD ANTHOLOGY DEPARTMENT  
225 Lafayette Street  
New York City 12, N. Y.

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MAD FOR KEEPS  MAD FOREVER

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the money, tellas! I promise!"  
"ND HAVE A HEART! I'll get

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Today, most of the characters who enter politics are either millionaires, crooks, or nuts! Mainly because careers in government service just don't pay well enough to attract top-calibre people. On the other hand, Madison Avenue continues to pay out gobs of big money for ad testimonials from famous athletes and entertainers,

# Ad Testimonials

**"That Unsightly, Plastered-Down Look**

**Almost Wrecked  
My**

**Political Career!"**



**Vitalis** HAIR TONIC



"I used to dream of having hair that looked like I'd slept in it," says now-unkempt Senator Jack Kennedy, perennial middle-aged boy wonder of the political arena. "Instead, my hair had a greasy, plastered-down look that made people distrust me! And what I used to do to an antimacassar was a crime! Then I tried VITALIS, and the VITALIS Hair-Torture Test. Thanks to VITALIS, today my hair has the tortured look that wins new friends wherever I go! So, if you have any Presidential ambitions like me, I advise you to try VITALIS!"

who really don't need the loot. In view of this MAD asks: why not make politics a more lucrative profession by encouraging ad agencies to spread some of their huge advertising budgets among the men who are in (or who are trying to get into) government service? Then, we'd see things like these utterly ridiculous . . .

"Whaddya mean 'strike'?"  
That was a mile too high!"

# from Politicians

HAROLD STASSEN, America's  
Outstanding Political Failure says:

**I'm from Minneapolis  
and I ought to know**



"A fellow with my knack  
for never getting elected to  
anything naturally begins  
to have some doubts about  
himself after a while. But  
I've found one thing that's  
really great for conquering  
those Election Night blues.  
Mainly, I drown my sorrows  
the light, refreshing, "fun"  
way . . . with BLATZ!"

## WIN OR LOSE

Tie One On The Way Experienced  
Politicians Do . . . Drink

**Blatz Beer**

**"WHEATIES give me the  
lift I need for  
PRESIDENTIAL  
CAMPAIGNS"**

SAYS  
ADLAI STEVENSON

FREQUENT RUNNER-UP IN  
MAJOR POLITICAL RACES

"I always finish way ahead of the Socialists, the Prohibitionists, and even the big brawny Vegetarian candidates when I train for my campaigns the nutritious and body-building "WHEATIES" way! Unfortunately, in recent races, my Republican opponents have been able to match my stamina. So why not move up to at least second place in whatever you do, like me, with a daily energy breakfast of WHEATIES with milk and fruit? That is, unless you can find out what breakfast cereal Republicans eat! When you do, please tell me!"



START YOUR DAY . . . EVERY DAY . . . WITH

**WHEATIES**

"THE BREAKFAST OF ALSO-RANS"

"Can't we send  
your kid brother  
to the movies?"  
XO

# "I Never Dreamed That Bausch & Lomb CONTACT LENSES

COULD MAKE ME SO MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE!"

SAYS HARRY S. TRUMAN  
Former Federal Employee



"I figured I was doomed to spend my whole %#\$!&# life wearing those regular #\$\$%&# unsightly glasses because I'm really blind as a #\$\$%&# bat!" says the formerly unattractive former Federal Employee HARRY S. TRUMAN, resident of Independence, Mo.

"Then I asked my #\$\$%&# optometrist what in #%%\$# I could do to discard my unsightly glasses and be alluring to women (other than Bess, who doesn't see too good herself)! I'll be a #%#!# if the guy doesn't answer by fitting me with a pair of contact lenses!"



"Talk about your dashing youthful-looking #\$\$%&% lady-killers, here I am in my brand new Bausch & Lomb contact lenses. My double-breasted suits still make me look like I'm a square and slightly unattractive, I admit, but from the neck up, I'm a #% living doll!"

# Bausch & Lomb CONTACT LENSES

"YOU'LL REALLY SEE SWELL BEHIND B & L!"

"If you want to be  
the life of the party...

## LEARN VENTRILOQUISM!"

Says Jim Hagerty,  
Popular Washington  
Entertainer



"I turned White House press conferences into S.R.O. smash hits merely by learning to project my voice so it sounds like it's coming from another part of the room. You too, can learn ventriloquism at home — as I did! It's easy! It's fun! And it's profitable!"

**ACME**  
SCHOOL OF  
VENTRILOQUISM

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"SLICK DICK"

## NIXON

Star Vice-President  
Of the U.S.A. says:



I LOOK SHARP..... I FEEL SHARP...  
I AM SHARP..... THANKS TO MY  
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"After a hot day of campaigning (without actually admitting I'm doing it), nothing helps me overcome the strain of having to be nice to people like a refreshing Gillette Adjustable Razor shave!"



"I set the blade angle on my new Adjustable Gillette Razor at "5" for a medium beard. This clever move convinces any skeptics who may be watching that I'm really just an average sort of fellow!"



"When lathering up for my Gillette shave, I usually resemble Santa Claus, which you've got to admit is a new twist in my campaign to create a lovable and benign picture of me for the voting public!"



"In no time at all, I'm finished except for the transfusion. My friends tell me that, thanks to my new Gillette Adjustable Razor, I'm going to make the handsomest Presidents since Millard Fillmore!"

## THE NEW ADJUSTABLE **Gillette** RAZOR

WITH 5 BLADES-\$1.95



## WATCH

"Jovial John" McClellan  
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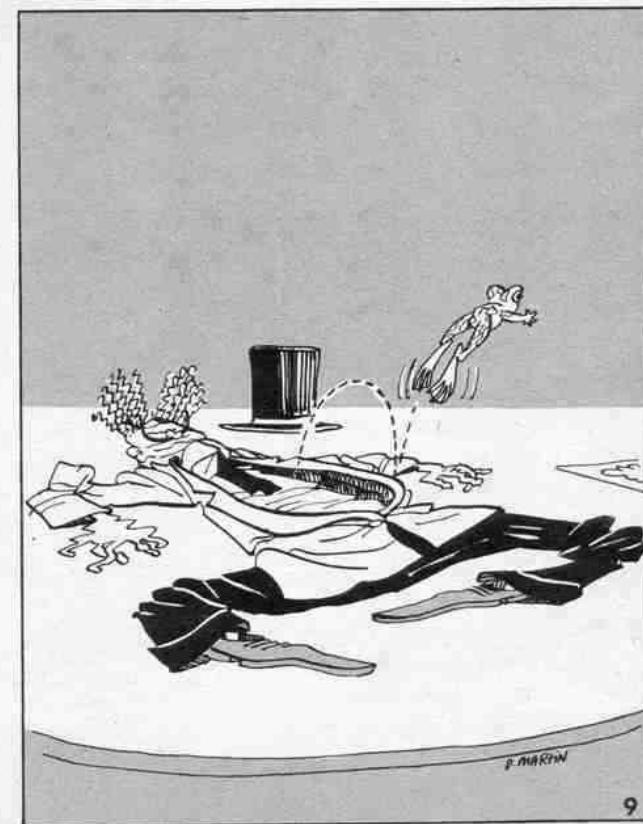
"Gentleman Jimmy" Hoffa  
Friday Night—The Gillette Cavalcade of Sports

Lately, our maddest artist, Don Martin, has been fascinated with magic. It all started when he got married, and learned that the hand is truly "quicker than the eye." Mainly, his wife started grabbing the MAD checks before he even saw them!

# THE



# MAGICIAN



# How I Turned \$6.85 Into a Zillion

—starting with nothing but ambition,  
perseverance, and greed

by William Nickelnurser



**P**ERHAPS the hardest thing about making a million dollars as a slum landlord is wanting it badly enough. It takes a tremendous amount of drive and ambition to work up enough greed to accomplish the job. For me, it was easy. I guess it all started when I was a little boy. We were very poor, and we lived in a small shack near the garbage dump. One day, when we just couldn't dig up the rent, we were evicted. As I sat in the snow with my twelve brothers and sisters, I watched another family move into our home. They handed our ex-landlord a lot of money, and kissed his hand. Using one of the bills to light his huge cigar, he sneered sarcastically at my widowed mother, and twirled his long black moustache. Then he kicked my brother, Tom, for blocking his way (but Tom was frozen stiff, so it didn't really matter that he rolled down into the town dump), and headed for his chauffeured Rolls Royce. Right then and there, I knew what I wanted to be!

I started small. I scrimped and saved. My wife and children didn't have enough to eat or enough to wear, but that didn't make a bit of difference to me. I was determined to achieve my ambition of someday becoming a huge success in the "Slumlord" business. Finally, I had enough to buy my first rental property — a fully-occupied condemned tenement.

#### **Building Code Violations Must Be Fixed**

When it comes to a condemned tenement, there isn't anything, no matter how broken-down, that can't be fixed. Those of you who haven't read my book will quickly say, "Sure, we know violations can be fixed—but carpenters, electricians and plumbers cost money. It would take 50 years to get back an investment like that!" I say, "Bah!" My book shows the way. A successful slumlord knows how to fix, and whom to fix—mainly the building inspector! As I always say, "Never spend more, when you can bribe for less!"

#### **How to Pyramid Your Money at the Expense of Others**

The first rule in the slumlord business is: "The poorer the tenant, the bigger the profit!" The explanation is simplicity itself. For example, a poor

family needs a two-room apartment, but can't afford the \$40.00 a month rent. So you divide the two rooms into four smaller apartments, and rent each one for \$20.00 a month. The poor families are happy with the low rent, and the slumlord is happy with the increased profit. Of course, you may ask, "How can two rooms be divided into four apartments?" The answer is simply that poor people realize they must do without such luxuries as privacy, air and sunlight! As I always say, "It's better business to take from the poor and give to the rich!"

#### **Rent Control—How To Beat It and Still Stay Within The Law**

As any smart operator knows, there are loopholes in any law. Finding them is the key to success. The rent control laws are full of them, and my book shows you a few that would scare every tenant in America to death. Here's a comparatively mild example. We all know that raising the rent on an apartment can only be done if the property is improved. And of course, the tenant must request the improvement. Naturally, the miserable wretch is wise to this trick, and won't cooperate. But fear is a powerful ally for a slumlord. Simply start a rumor that old refrigerators can give off deadly fumes. Then send the building janitor to "inspect" them — having first rehearsed him well in his act — saying, "Tsk, tsk, it's beyond repair! It can go any time! One just like it wiped out a family across town recently!" They'll be pleading for new refrigerators. So you buy a bunch of cheap ones—wholesale — and boost the rent 15%. The refrigerators are paid off in a year, and from then on it's all gravy. Of course, the enterprising slumlord doesn't even buy new refrigerators. He merely switches them from one apartment to another. This is just one example of the many ways my book teaches to beat rent control — all within the law!

#### **How to Gamble with Other People's Money**

What could be more thrilling than to gamble with other people's money? Think of the pleasure you'll get making yourself rich with money the banks lend you. And the best part is: if things don't work out, you don't get hurt. I mean, who cares if you lose the bank's money? They can afford it!

#### **How to Beat the Tax Bite**

Most people feel the U.S. Tax system is fair because it's levied on a graduated scale. That is, the people who *make more pay more*. Well, I've figured out some cute little twists that are much fairer. My book tells how you can *make more and pay less!* As I always say, "Let the suckers who don't know the tricks, or can't afford sneaky accountants, support the country!"

#### **"There Must Be a Catch to It!"**

Right now, it would be understandable if you were sputtering, "But, it isn't that simple! It can't be! There must be a catch to it!" Of course there is! If you had a sure-fire way to make money, would *you* go blabbing it to everyone? 'Course you wouldn't! After all, if everyone became as rich as I am, I wouldn't feel so superior. My analyst tells me I'm trying to share my secrets to make up for my guilt-feelings — getting all this loot at the expense of others. Baloney! There's a very good reason for this book, and guilt-feelings have nothing to do with it! A long time ago, I realized that greed can be a powerful driving force, and I know there are millions of greedy people like me. So, with the "Slumlord" business getting a bit risky these days (what with all them slum clearance projects and all going on), I decided to get out while the getting's good, and into a new kick where I could start pyramidizing more money.

And now, those millions of greedy people are buying my book like crazy, and they've started me on my way to my second fabulous fortune!

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VARIATIONS ON A SCREEN DEPT.

As you probably know, many popular American television programs are shown in other countries around the world. Which is only fair! After all, why should we be the only ones to suffer? However, what you may not know is: when these American TV shows are presented in another country, certain changes are often made in the format of the program to fit in with the country's social customs. With this article, MAD demonstrates the important changes that are made.

# Around The World With U.S. Television



First, Here's A Typical Popular U.S. TV Series . . .

## FATHER KNOWS BETTER

Keep your hands up! You  
really expect me to talk  
for that old gag about  
someone behind me?"

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Hello, Dear! I'm home! I see that your makeup is perfect as usual, and, like a true TV wife, you're immaculate and beautiful after 10 straight hours of strenuous housework!

Hello, Tim! I see you are extremely handsome as usual, and, like a true TV husband, you're neat, natty, and full of pep after a grueling 8-hour day at the office!

And now, since you're an intelligent-type TV father, unlike Ozzy, Dogwood, and those other clods, why don't you go inside and help the children with their average every-day teenage problems?

Good idea, Marjorie! There's Batty, so I'll start with her!

Hello, Batty! What typical teenage problem can I help you with in my usual level-headed and intelligent manner?



Hello, Dad! I was thinking about wearing this black dress instead of my print tonight. Also, I might as well tell you that I'm secretly married. I'm expecting a baby, my husband ran off to Australia, and I'm drinking an awful lot lately!

Well, Batty, as a sophisticated, non-bumbling TV father, I suggest that you decide the proper plan of action for yourself! It isn't right for me to butt in! However, personally, I prefer the print dress!

Hi, Dad! Here's my average, everyday teenage problem: yesterday, I robbed a gas station, drove off in a stolen truck, and crashed into a police car! I was caught, I'm now out on bail, and next week I expect to be sentenced to five years in prison! Dad . . . what can you do to help me?

Don't worry, Buz! I'll not let you down! An intelligent TV father is a close friend to his son during his trying teenage years! So, the day before you leave for prison, you and I will go out in the back and play catch for half-an-hour!

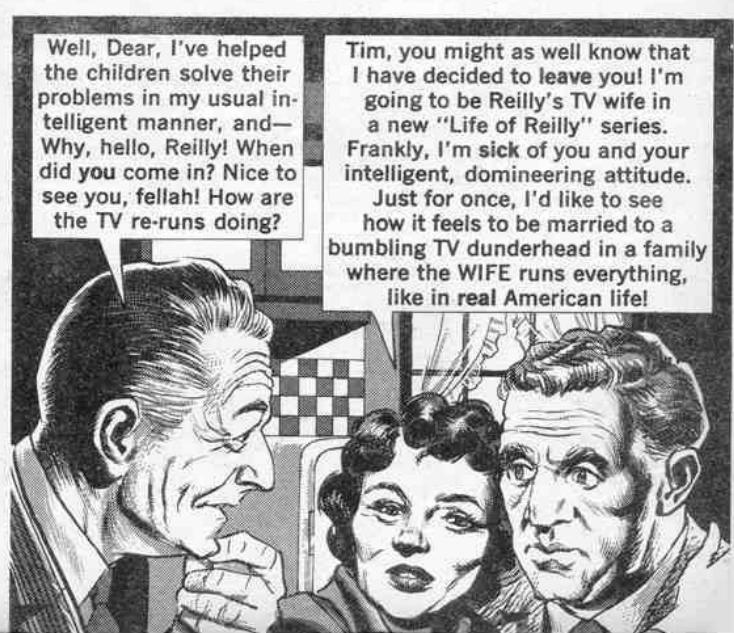
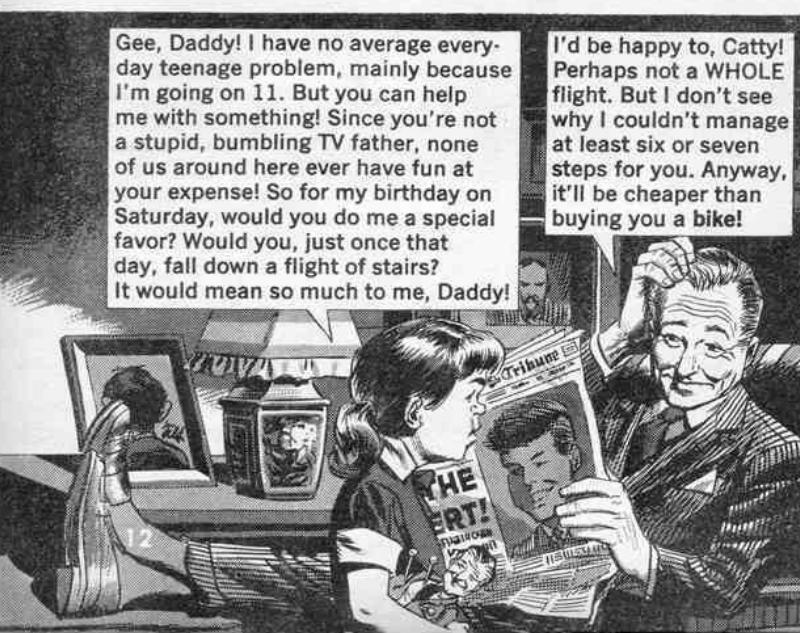


Gee, Daddy! I have no average everyday teenage problem, mainly because I'm going on 11. But you can help me with something! Since you're not a stupid, bumbling TV father, none of us around here ever have fun at your expense! So for my birthday on Saturday, would you do me a special favor? Would you, just once that day, fall down a flight of stairs? It would mean so much to me, Daddy!

I'd be happy to, Catty! Perhaps not a WHOLE flight. But I don't see why I couldn't manage at least six or seven steps for you. Anyway, it'll be cheaper than buying you a bike!

Well, Dear, I've helped the children solve their problems in my usual intelligent manner, and—Why, hello, Reilly! When did you come in? Nice to see you, fellah! How are the TV re-runs doing?

Tim, you might as well know that I have decided to leave you! I'm going to be Reilly's TV wife in a new "Life of Reilly" series. Frankly, I'm sick of you and your intelligent, domineering attitude. Just for once, I'd like to see how it feels to be married to a bumbling TV dunderhead in a family where the WIFE runs everything, like in real American life!



Now, Here's The Same Show As It's Presented in ENGLAND . . .

## PATER IS BEST INFORMED

"No, I don't want  
a blindfold!"

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I say, Maude, my dear! I'm back from the office! Had a bit of touch and go today! Train was late, misplaced the Carruthers' report, lost my wallet, and war was declared! But I must say you look absolutely ripping tonight! I'd kiss you . . . if we knew each other better!

Since we've only been married for 48 years, perhaps you'd like to shake hands instead, Timothy! And now, while I'm warming up the beer for dinner, why don't you go inside and help the children with their average, everyday problems?



Being British, and somewhat reserved, I shall refrain from a show of emotion. However, let us look at it this way! You are forty-seven now! And this summer you may go out with boys! Do you honestly expect a decent chap of fifty-three to think seriously about dating a girl who wears a BIKINI!!



Pater, I have no average teenage problem, mainly because I'm 36! But I do want to ask your permission to go to the cinema tonight with Bertie! Bertie is 43, you know, and his Mummy, Pater, Grandma and three of his Aunts will accompany us!

Sorry, Kate, but it wouldn't be decent! However, I have no objection to Bertie ringing you up for a date when you're of age . . . say, 11 years from now! I saw that film at the cinema, and couldn't understand a word the actors said! Those American Late Show TV viewers are so RIGHT about British films!



Good evening, Beatrice! Or is it Nancy! No, Nancy's my secretary! It must be Beatrice! Yes, yes! Mater introduced us last July, didn't she? Well, out with your problem, child!



Hello, Governor! Had a bit of a problem! Today, I went into a petrol station and bashed the attendant so hard he dropped his cup of 4 o'clock tea. Then I robbed him of 250 pounds and 6 shillings, set fire to the place, kicked two Bobbies who seized me, and threw an inkwell at the magistrate who sentenced me to five years in gaol! What ever shall I do?



Well, Maude, I've helped the children solve their average, every-day problems, and—Hello! I say, who is this odd-looking creature?



What shall you do, Herbert? Why you shall serve the 5 year sentence, and be thankful it is not 10! Imagine—forcing a man to drop his cup of four o'clock tea!

This is Sir Cedric Koukie, Timothy! I must tell you that I am leaving you! Frankly, I am sick of warming beer and making tea for a stuffy old walrus like you! I want excitement! So, from now on, you'll find me as Sir Koukie's secretary every Friday night on the new Scotland Yard thriller "77 Downing Street." Cheerio!—I mean, like, I'm splitting, Man!

Now, Here's How The Same Show Is Presented In FRANCE . . .

## LE PERE EST LE PLUS SAGE

"Stop! You don't know what you're doing! The law says I'm entitled to a fair trial!"



Bon soir, Chérie! I have returned from ze office! Ah, but you are beautiful tonight! If I bend you ovair like zis, and kees you for six or seven minutes, you would not mind?

Non, Monsieur! I would not mind! It is your wife who would mind! I am ze maid, remembaire? And now, while I prepare le dinnaire, perhaps you weel go inside and help les children wiz zere average, every-day problems!



Allo, Brigitte, ma jolie! It is that perhaps I can help you wiz your average teenage problems, non?



Ah, but I do 'ave l'objection, Brigitte! Remembaire, ze dance is to be formal, and many important people will be zere . . . Charles de Gaulle, Maurice Chevalier, Lyle Bettger . . . How would eet look if you walk in wearing a face towel? Non! Tonight you must dress **conservative**! You must wear a **BATH TOWEL**!

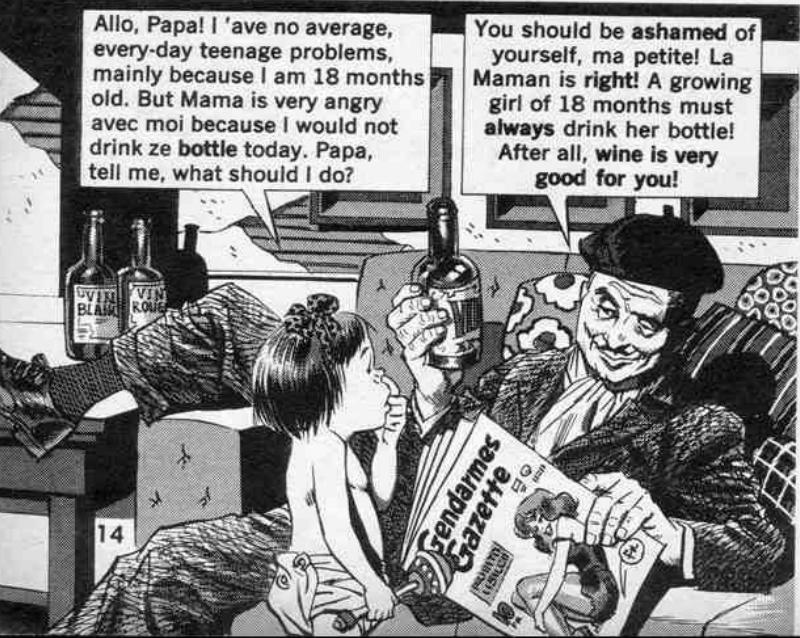
Allo, Papa! I 'ave ze teenage problem! Namely, you are my teenage problem! How do you expect moi, a boy of 17 years, to find ze right girl to marry, when my **Papa** dates every one of my girl friends?

Excusez-moi, Henri! But of course! You are right! I have behaved terribly! Imagine, moi, a grown man wiz ze wife and ze trois children acting like un fool. I promise zat, from now on, I will act like un Frenchman of dignity, wiz a duty to his family and his community! Henri, go out wiz any girl you like, and I weel no longaire interfere! Just stay away from ze maid. She's **MINE**!



Allo, Papa! I 'ave no average, every-day teenage problems, mainly because I am 18 months old. But Mama is very angry avec moi because I would not drink ze bottle today. Papa, tell me, what should I do?

You should be ashamed of yourself, ma petite! La Maman is right! A growing girl of 18 months must always drink her bottle! After all, wine is very good for you!



Eh bien, Cherie! I 'ave helped les children to solve zere problems and . . . Allo! Who is zis strangaire in ze kitchen?

Zat is your wife, Monsieur! She has found about us! She told me to tell you to go jump in your Renault! Here are ze keys, and ze balloons!



Here's How The Same Show Is Produced In JAPAN . . .

## HONORABLE FATHER IS WISEST

Greetings, honorable wife! Honorable polite husband is home from honorable office! Why do you have pained look on honorable face?



Because honorable husband has forgotten to remove shoes, as is customary upon entering Japanese home, and is now standing on wife's honorable bare foot with size 13 clodhopper! Now please to go inside and help honorable children with honorable everyday teenage problems!

Greetings, honorable daughter! Honorable father desires to assist in most polite way with honorable problems!



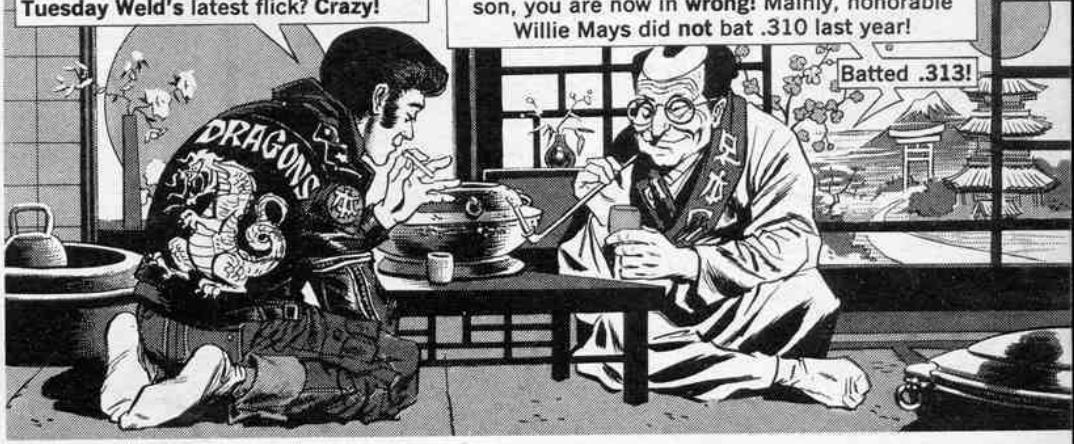
Honorable father, please to examine new kimono which I purchased only last week!

Notice that it is already showing distressing signs of WEAR and TEAR!

It is to be expected, honorable daughter, mainly because in quest to save honorable buck, you went bargain hunting and bought honorable cheap, imported imitation! For proof, cast honorable eyes upon label: "MADE IN U.S.A.!"



Hi, Daddy-O! I got no problems, but le'me give you some Americanized skin anyway! Hey, man, did you dig Willie Mays, winding up last year with a .310 batting average! And 'ol Fabian coming up with another smash R 'n R disc? And, man, what about Tuesday Weld's latest flick? Crazy!



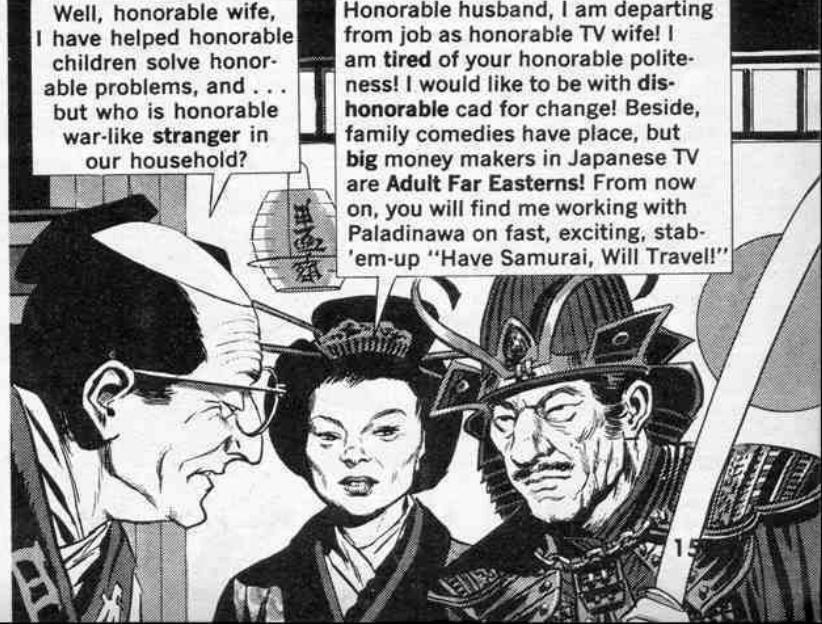
I have not teen-age problem, honorable father, because I am only 9! However, tomorrow, I am quitting school, moving to Tokyo, renting own apartment, meeting fast crowd, and studying to be Geisha girl! Is all right for 9-year-old to take a giant step in life?

Honorable youngest of daughters! I am appalled! Do you realize what you have said? Under no circumstances will I permit impolite child of mine to take giant step—not until you say "May I?"



Well, honorable wife, I have helped honorable children solve honorable problems, and . . . but who is honorable war-like stranger in our household?

Honorable husband, I am departing from job as honorable TV wife! I am tired of your honorable politeness! I would like to be with dis-honorable cad for change! Beside, family comedies have place, but big money makers in Japanese TV are Adult Far Easterns! From now on, you will find me working with Paladinawa on fast, exciting, stab-'em-up "Have Samurai, Will Travel!"



# FATHER KNOWS BETTER, BUT NIKITA KNOWS BEST

And Here's How The Same Show Is Presented In RUSSIA . . .

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Let's have a nice clean fight!!!  
State Boxing Commission . . . 50  
You all know the rules of the

Hallo, Mishuginov, my potato bug! I am home from factory! I would kiss you, except that vit our builds, it would be impossible for our lips to touch!

Hallo, Timolikov! I have surprise for dinner! It's new dish called "Pizza"! Pravda says ve invented it last week! Vy don't you see if you can halp our children vit average, every-day problems? You won't find little Vanya—I had her purged this morning! But Ivan and Dorshka are around somewhere!

Hallo, Dorshka, my buttercup! Vat leetle teenage problem can I halp my daughter vit tonight?

I am not your daughter, Dorshka! I am your son, Ivan! You vill find Dorshka across the room!

Dorshka, my darlink borscht beet! Vat leetle teenage problem can I halp my daughter vit tonight?

I am not Dorshka! I am Vladimir! I am son of Pushkins, other family who shares this apartment! And vat makes you think ve got problems here? Are you trying to foment trouble against the State? I would report you to my brother, who is Party member, except that I cannot distinguish him from my sister!

Ivan, I am worried! I cannot find Dorshka anywhere! I know she is not wrastling tonight! She wrastles only on Mondays! And I am positive that I saw her truck parked outside! So she must be around someplace! Do you have any idea vere she is, Ivan?

Ivan? Vat Ivan?  
I am not Ivan!  
I am Dorshka!  
Who are you?

Mishuginov, my tractor! I have had terrible time solving problems of our children tonight . . . mainly because I cannot recognize them!

I feel that I am not only letting my contry down, but also this vunderful TV program! After all, if I cannot recognize mine own children, how can I prove to them that "Father Knows Better"?

Shtop vorrying! I have already proved it to them earlier today, vile you vere working at factory! You forget, Timolikov, that you are Mother. I am FATHER!



NYETS TO YOU DEPT.

A few months ago, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev visited the United States. Everybody remembers the commotion he made on that occasion. Well, *you'd* make a commotion too, if your wife forgot to pack your red underwear! Anyway, his visit was of grave concern to the whole world. And President Eisenhower's coming visit to the Soviet Union will be of equal concern. Because at meetings like this, the fate of the entire human race hinges on every word. Thousands of newspapers, radio and television shows quote verbatim what is said. And yet, they don't really quote Ike, or Nikita, because who can understand them in the country they're visiting? Actually, they quote that *other* fellow . . . that little guy who stands in the background . . . the one nobody pays any attention to. Yes, this man has emerged as the most important and **powerful** figure in International Politics today. We happen to be talking about . . .

# THE INTERPRETER

TO ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERPRETER, LET'S EXAMINE A STATEMENT MADE BY PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST SEPTEMBER. NOTICE THE SUBTLE CHANGES IN MEANING THAT THE INTERPRETER HAS INTERJECTED:



SEE WHAT WE MEAN? THAT'S WHY THE INTERPRETER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TAKES ALONG ON HIS COMING VISIT TO THE U.S.S.R. IS SO IMPORTANT! IN FACT, WE FEEL HE SHOULD TAKE ALONG A TEAM OF INTERPRETERS . . . EACH WITH A SPECIAL TALENT. THEN, THEY CAN BE CALLED IN AS THEY'RE NEEDED. LIKE F'RINSTANCE . . .

WHEN IKE HAS TO "TALK TOUGH" WITH KHRUSHCHEV, LET JIMMY CAGNEY INTERPRET:

We in the United States still vividly recall the Hungarian episode, and we will do all that we can, within the scope of our power, to see that a similar incident never happens again, and that world peace is preserved!

Ike says: "So you're the guy who gave it to Hungary in the back, eh? Well, listen . . . we don't like punks! So you tell your guys to lay off, see! And that goes for them other countries in your operation! We want peace, see, and if any rat starts up . . . well, he'll be taken care of!"

Khrushchev says that Russia is more powerful, and is not afraid of America!

Well, that's a delicate problem, and, of course, no hasty decision should be made outside of the United Nations!

Ike says: "Shut ya big mouth, Fats! And show a little respect! Because any time you care to tangle with us, this is just a little sample of what you can expect, see!"



WHEN IKE MUST BE "SOCIALLY CRITICAL," MORT SAHL CAN DO IT DIPLOMATICALLY;

Khrushchev claims that American workers are exploited under the Capitalist system!

In defense, let me point out that, under the Democratic system, the American worker has attained the highest standard of living in the world!

Ike says: "That statement is just Khrushchev's defense mechanism to overcome his own job insecurity! Like he's probably wondering, now that he's 65, when they're going to retire him — **forcibly!** Right? Okay! Actually, American workers are exploited! They still haven't got the four day week! Disaster! But here in Russia, the workers are all abused mentally. Like I saw this typical laborer lifting 300 pound sacks, which is too much for any woman! At least, on a collective farm, women can find their own level! They can all drive tractors! Right . . . ? Okay! Onward . . . !"

Khrushchev claims that America is dominated by powerful Wall Street Capitalists!

It may be true that significant contributions to our economic stability are made by wealthy industrialists and financiers, but the actual control of the government is in the hands of the people!

Ike says: "I don't know very much about Wall Street! In fact, I've never even visited downtown New York. But as far as our government is concerned, when an American official makes a mistake, he makes a mistake! Like he isn't exiled to Alaska! Right? Okay! I understand that a Party member recently called Khrushchev a "fink," and for three weeks, he had to disguise himself as a Volga boatman! He was caught and eliminated, but the firing squad applauded him for his artistic effort! Actually, the Russian people have no say in their government! The country is run strictly by Khrushchev—and Khrushchev is run strictly by Mrs. Khrushchev! Are there any groups I haven't offended?"



## WHEN KHRUSHCHEV GETS "HUMOROUSLY INSULTING," LET JACK E. LEONARD RETALIATE:

Khrushchev claims that you're not doing an effective job as President because you play golf too much!

It's true that I have my periods of relaxation and recreation, but I do not feel that it has interfered with my duties as President!

Ike says: "As far as that is concerned, Khrushchev is doing an excellent job for the country . . . but a rotten one for the city! No, actually he's doing a great job for the country . . . but not this country! Greenland, maybe! Let me say that I have seen Mr. Khrushchev . . . and I have also seen the opening of the Bolshoi Ballet . . . and I didn't think much of either of the premieres!"

Khrushchev claims he's reached the moon! What do you say to that?

We are now in the process of developing a number of rocket engines which may equal or even surpass Russia in its exploration of outer space!

Ike says: "The way you all guzzle vodka in this country, I'm surprised you haven't reached Mars! And talking about barren spheres, one look at your head, and I can understand why they chose Yul Brynner for the 'Brothers Karamazov'! And finally, let me say that if you ever need a friend—try and find one! . . . and watch yourself at all times!"



"Sidney, this is your blind date, Selma! Selma, I want you to meet . . . Hey, Sidney!"

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## AND WHEN IKE GIVES THOSE QUALIFYING ANSWERS, GARY COOPER CAN SIMPLIFY 'EM:

Khrushchev wants to know if you agree that world disarmament is the most important problem we face today?

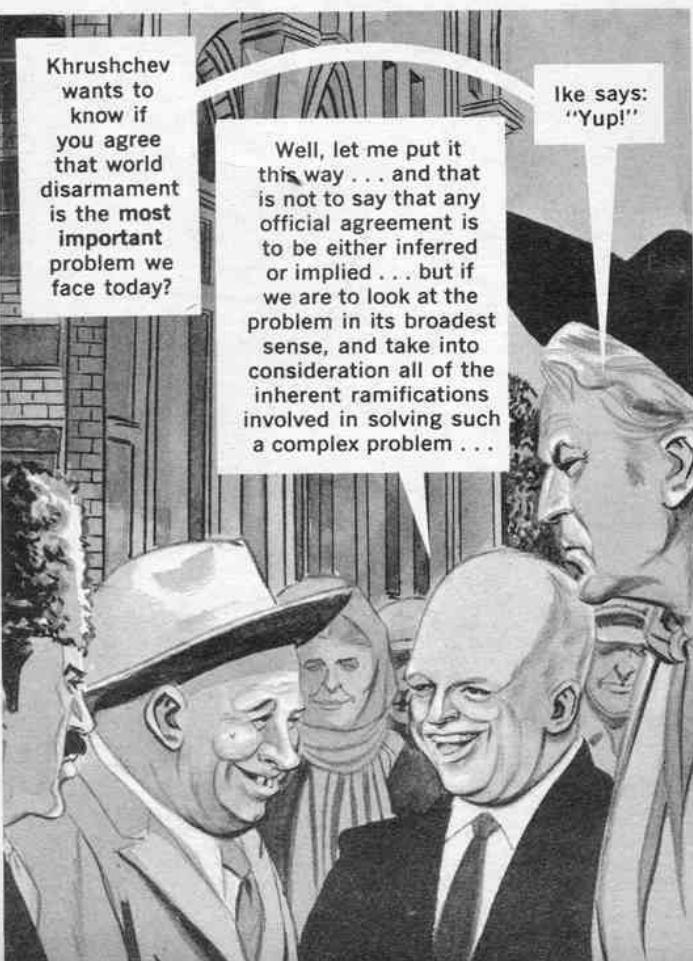
Well, let me put it this way . . . and that is not to say that any official agreement is to be either inferred or implied . . . but if we are to look at the problem in its broadest sense, and take into consideration all of the inherent ramifications involved in solving such a complex problem . . .

Ike says: "Yup!"

Khrushchev wants to know if you agree that the U.S.S.R.'s proposal for world disarmament is the only sane one we can adopt?

First, let me say, in regard to his question, that when a proposal for world disarmament is accepted . . . and I do not mean to, in any way, give the impression that the U.S.S.R.'s proposal will be the one which, in the final analysis, will be accepted, that the ultimate plan which we will all agree on will be the one that . . .

Ike says: "Nope!"



Everybody's going around these days claiming that "An educated America means a stronger America!", but nobody seems to be doing anything about it except our dedicated schoolteachers, and MAD Magazine. (Our dedicated schoolteachers seem to be doing everything they can to help the situation.

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Where U.S. 66 meets highway 22 (at a 47° angle of incidence)

ONE WAY

and MAD seems to be doing everything it can to hinder it!) Actually, we at MAD feel that Madison Avenue could make a significant contribution toward a more informed public by merely slipping scientific, mathematical, and historical facts to us cleverly . . . like for instance in these . . .

# BILLBOARDS

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"I swear I'll jump if you come any closer!"

General Cornwallis, who surrendered to the Continental Army at Yorktown in 1783, never had the fun of saying

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ANCIENT HISTORY TELLS US THAT ROME BECAME THE MOST POWERFUL EMPIRE IN THE CIVILIZED WORLD. AND THEN THE ROMANS STOPPED WALKING, AND TOOK TO RIDING ABOUT IN CONVEYANCES.

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"I repeat! Two volunteers  
for a light patrol, take  
one step forward!"

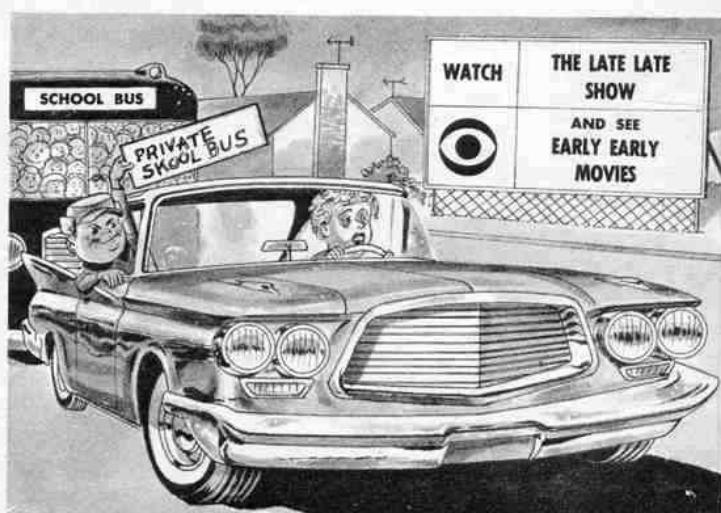


TODAY, THE UNITED STATES HAS BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL NATION IN THE CIVILIZED WORLD. AND LIKE THE ROMANS, WE ARE BECOMING SELF-INDULGENT.

# AMERICA IS



In the old days, when we needed something at the grocer's we walked. Today, we drive to the supermarket in our cars.



Our kids don't even walk to school any more. A bus picks them up at the corner, or Mom drives them the two blocks.

## LITTLE BY LITTLE, CONVEYANCES ARE

There was a time when the average, inactive businessman got his exercise out on the golf course, walking around the 18 holes. Today, he rides around in a "Golfmobile".

The necessity of walking is being eliminated from other sports, too. For instance, skiing. A skier once got good exercise climbing them ski hills. Now, he uses ski lifts.



AS A RESULT OF SELF-INDULGENCES SUCH AS THIS, THE ROMANS BECAME SOFT AND FAT. AND SO THEY WERE EASY PUSH-OVERS FOR THE LEAN AND HUNGRY BARBARIAN INVADERS FROM THE NORTH.



"Sidney, are you sure it's all right bringing me to this Greenwich Village party?"

F'RINSTANCE, LITTLE BY LITTLE, WE HAVE STOPPED WALKING, AND TAKEN TO RIDING ABOUT IN CONVEYANCES. AND SO, AS A RESULT, MAD FEELS THAT . . .

# GETTING SOFT



Climbing stairs was once good exercise. Today, the only stair-climbing we do is when the elevator's out of order.



And in places where elevators would make no sense, like a two-story building, we've replaced stairs with escalators.

## ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR WALKING

The inactive man also used to get exercise pushing a lawn mower. Today, the gadget is mechanized. Now, he sits at a desk all week, and sits at the lawn mower on the weekend.



Recently, the greatest threat of all, mainly the one that threatens to eliminate walking entirely, made its appearance. THE MOTOR SCOOTER! To see its effect, turn page:



# THE MOTOR SCOOTER WILL

## IN OUR SPORTS BASEBALL



America's National Pastime will take to wheels as crowds cheer a new version of the home run . . . the "home drive".

## FOOTBALL



Our exciting Fall spectacles will feature a new gridiron star, the Quarterback affectionately called "snake axles".

## BASKETBALL

College and Professional Coaches will search the country for men who can shoot baskets while driving tall scooters.



## IN OUR



Social dancing will have the new look as ballrooms become death traps for couples who aren't light on their wheels.



Americans will become so lazy, they won't even walk from the front door to the garage for the car; they'll scooter.



Motor scooters will be carried everywhere, hanging from the back of the family car like a dinghy on a motor yacht.

And as infants grow up in this lazy, self-indulgent world, they'll be taught to scooter instead of learning to walk.

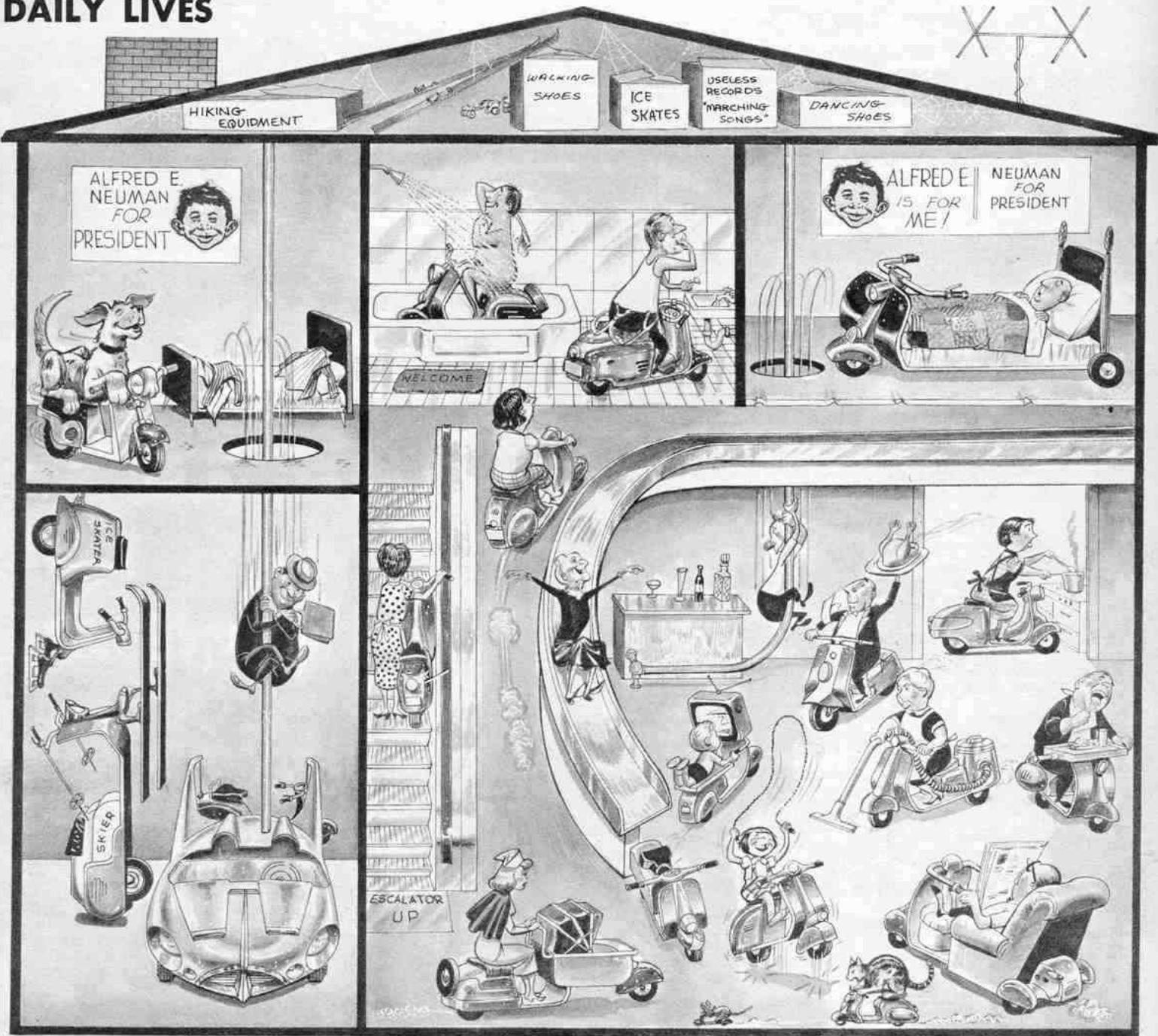


# ELIMINATE ALL LEG-WORK

## DAILY LIVES

"Have you anything to say before I pronounce sentence on you?"

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The American home will be re-designed for the family on wheels. The patter of little feet will no longer be heard

In time, our legs will become vestigial organs, and we'll end up soft and fat, looking like round-bottom toy dolls.

around the house. Instead, we'll hear the screeching of brakes and the clatter of engines as walking disappears.

And round-bottom toy dolls, like the Romans, will be easy push-overs for the lean, hungry barbarians from the East.

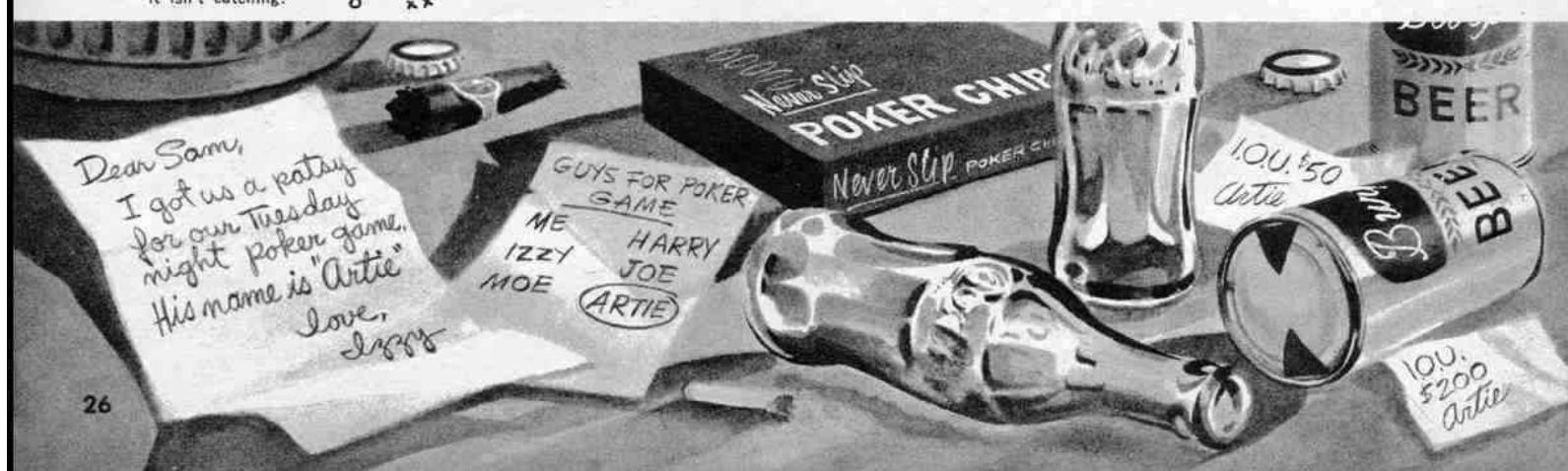
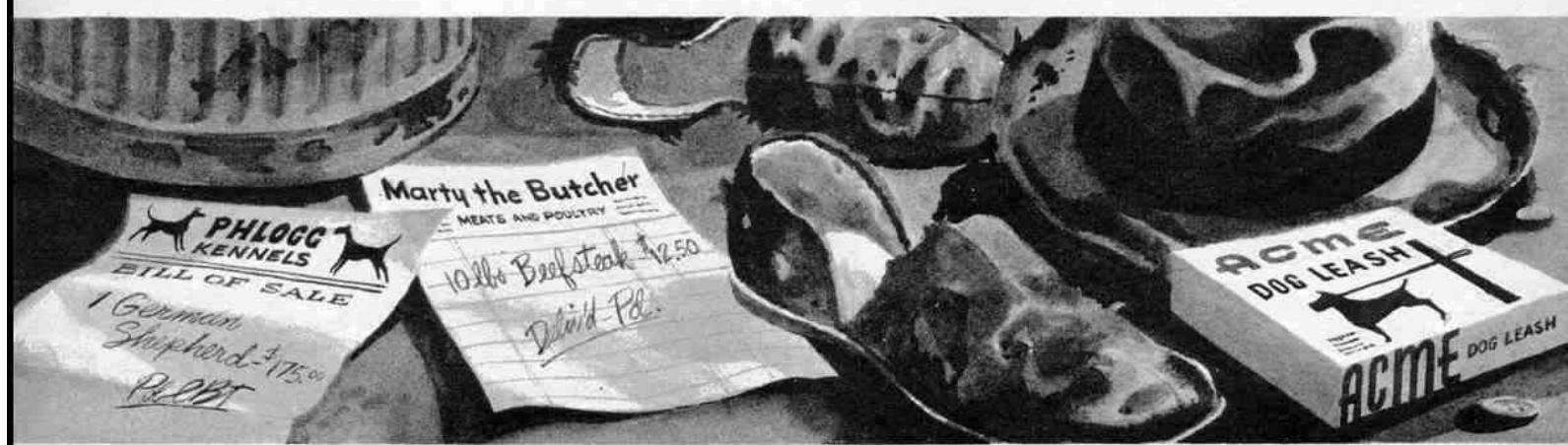


A HEAP 'O LIVIN' DEPT.

Do you want to know the guy who has the real inside information on what's going on in your neighborhood? Well, it's not the postman who gets to see all of your mail! And it's not the delivery boy who gets to stand in your foyer so he hears what's going on in your house! Nosiree! It's the garbage man who gets to haul away your trash! This guy really picks up the dirt! Since we at MAD know all about trash (because we publish so much of it), we can't help but agree that...

YOU CAN  
LEARN A LOT  
WHEN YOU  
GO THROUGH  
PEOPLE'S...

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE





"MAD Y'OX are fun, eh, gang?  
Hey, did you notice that the  
'O' always does the talking?"



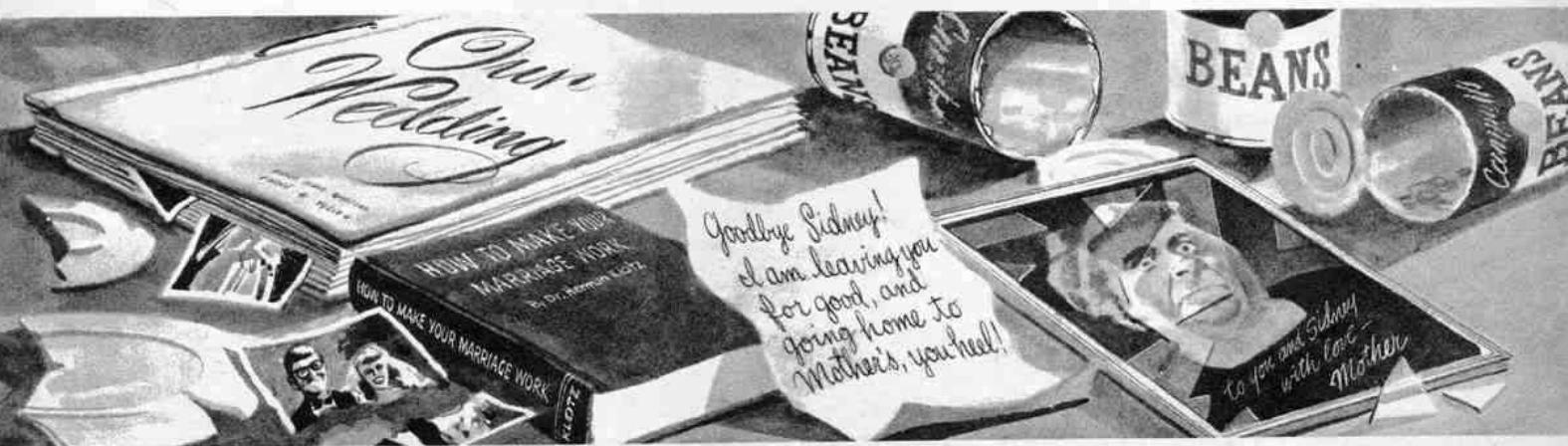
When you're through with ours,  
try some "MAD Y'OX" yourself!

# GARBAGE

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

"Irving, this ferris wheel  
is making me very nauseous!"

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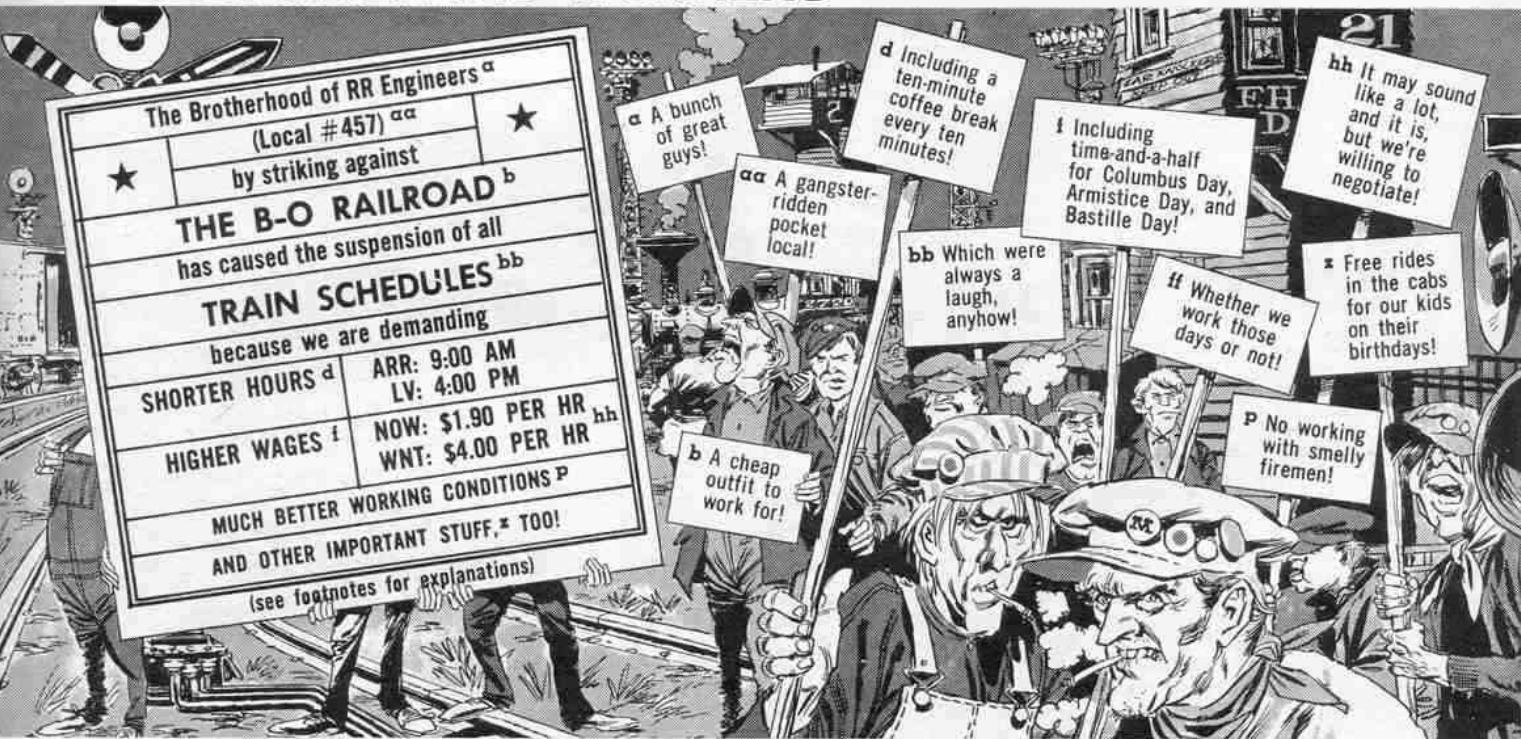
WORKERS OF THE WORLD, REWRITE! DEPT.

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"I kin lick any man inna-housh!"

Whenever workers go out on strike, they announce the fact to the general public by forming a picket line, and carrying around "On Strike" signs. The trouble is, there are so many strikes these days, the public doesn't really notice picket lines like they used

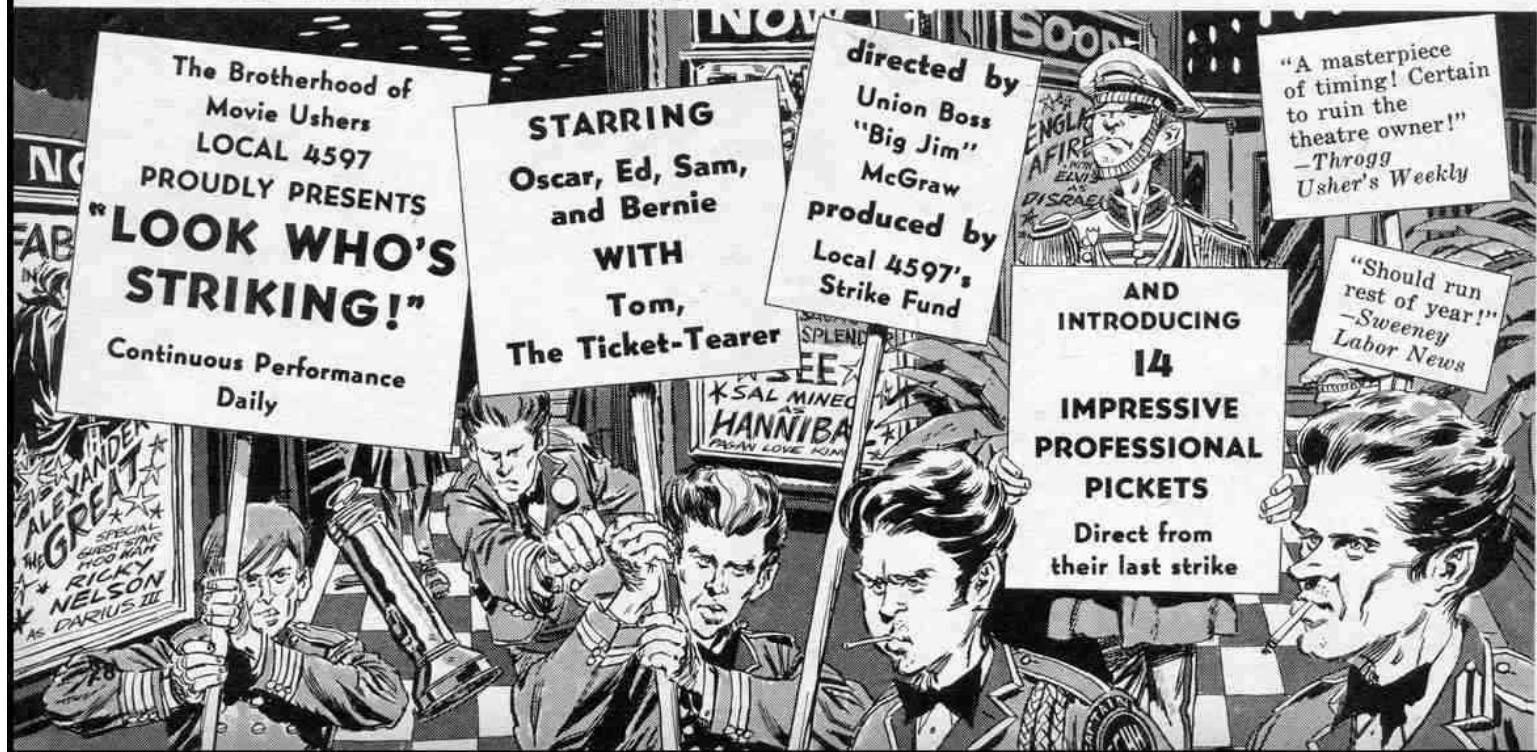
# DISTINCTIVE

FOR RAILROAD WORKERS



ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

## FOR MOVIE USHERS



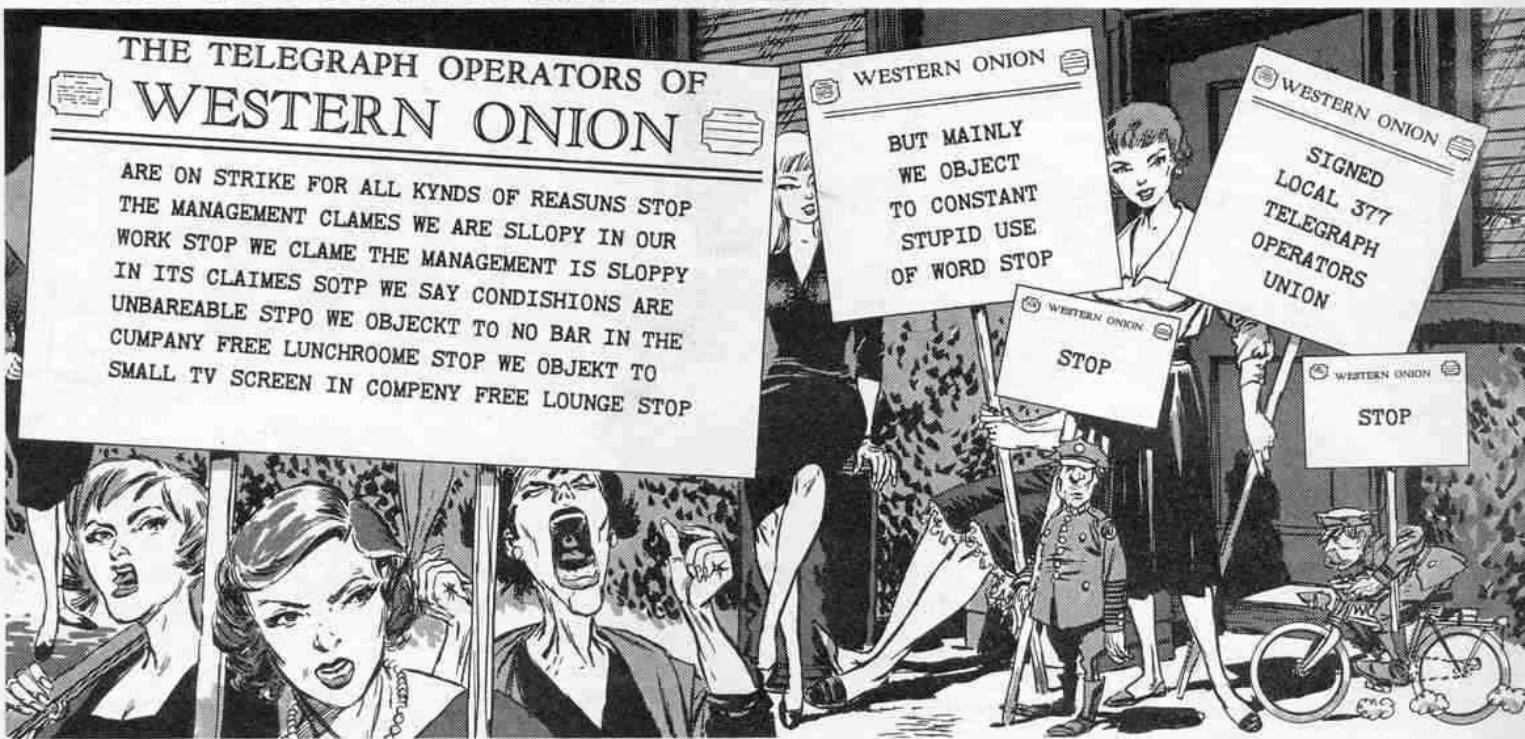
to! Mainly because these picket lines with their unimaginative "On Strike" signs all look alike! So MAD suggests that strikers wise up, and create entertaining "On Strike" signs that pertain to their particular trade or profession, and start forming these . . .

"I can't understand how they seem to know every play I call!"



# PICKET LINES

## FOR TELEGRAPH EMPLOYEES



WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

## FOR TRUCK DRIVERS



## FOR CIRCUS WORKERS

The image is a political cartoon poster. At the top, it reads 'THE EMPLOYEES OF QUINCH BROS. CIRCUS PRESENT THE GREATEST STRIKE ON EARTH'. Below this, there are four boxes: 'THRILLS' (big top collapse), 'VIOLENCE' (strongman Hugo), 'SPECTACLES' (savage lion Leo), and another 'SPECTACLES' (Galo). A central text block says 'PLUS: Goons! Thugs! Finks & Scabs!'. Below that, 'EXTRA ADDED ATTRACTION' is listed as a '45-Minute Mob Riot over Severance Pay in the Huge Center Ring!' and 'SPECIAL EXTRAVAGANZA' is listed as a 'Gala Stampede of 100 Elephants in support of a longer Coffee Break!'. At the bottom, it says 'AND FEATURING 2500 COUNT THEM 2500 NATIONAL GUARDSMEN vainly trying to restore law and order'. The poster features a lion, a woman, and a man with a trumpet at the bottom.

## FOR OPTICAL WORKERS

## **FOR COLLEGE PROFESSORS**

SHAW-FIRED PLOT DEPT.

There seems to be a rash of new musicals slated for Broadway based on the "Madison Avenue" theme. Since one of the most successful musicals ever to hit Broadway was "My Fair Lady," based on the book by George Bernard Shaw, we figure it won't be long before we'll be seeing a hit "Madison Avenue" musical along the same lines and called . . .

# My Fair Ad-Man

ARTIST:  
MORT DRUCKER

BASED ON THE BOOK "YOU'RE A PIG, MALLION"  
BY GEORGE BERNARD SCHWARTZ

WRITER:  
NICK MEGLIOLA

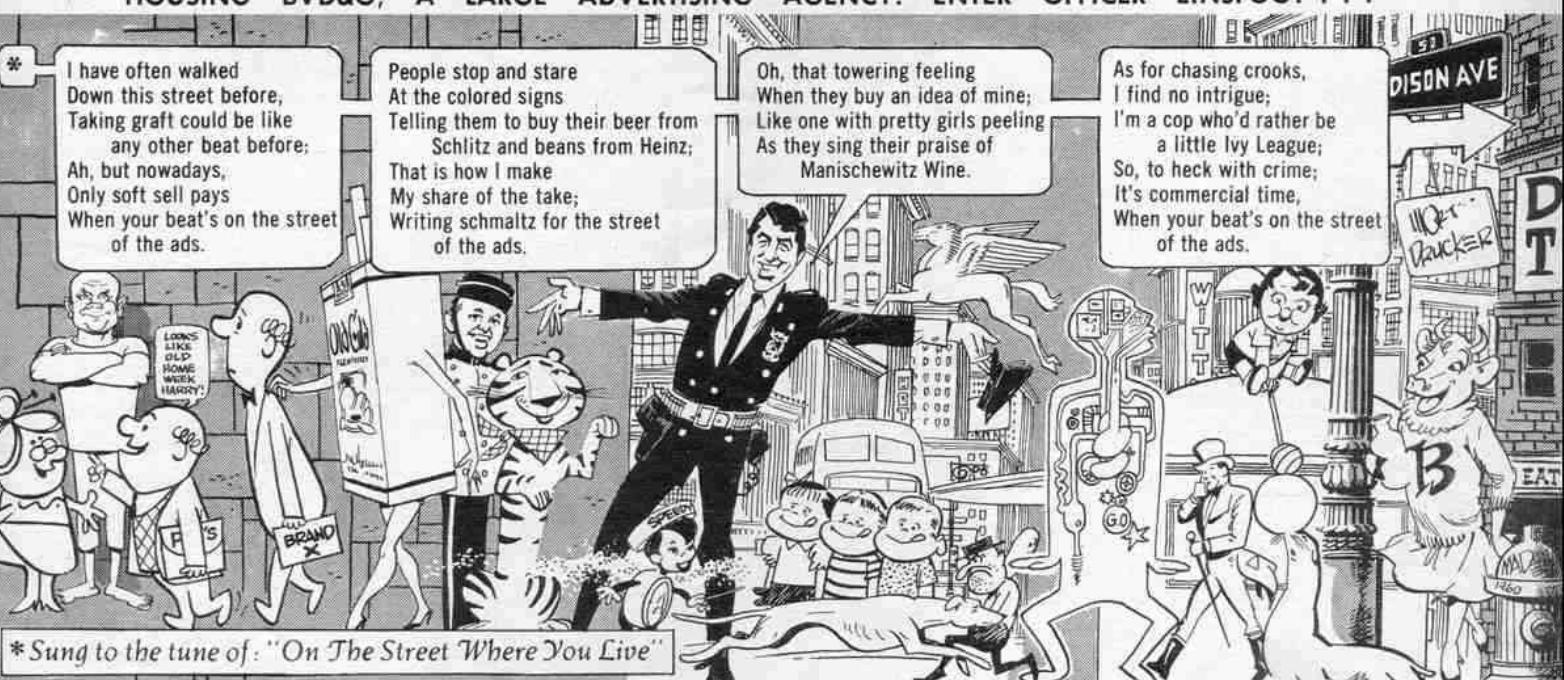
ACT 1, SCENE 1: EARLY MORNING ON MADISON AVENUE, OUTSIDE OFFICE BUILDING  
HOUSING BVD&O, A LARGE ADVERTISING AGENCY. ENTER OFFICER EINSFOOT . . .

\* I have often walked  
Down this street before,  
Taking graft could be like  
any other beat before;  
Ah, but nowadays,  
Only soft sell pays  
When your beat's on the street  
of the ads.

People stop and stare  
At the colored signs  
Telling them to buy their beer from  
Schlitz and beans from Heinz;  
That is how I make  
My share of the take;  
Writing schmaltz for the street  
of the ads.

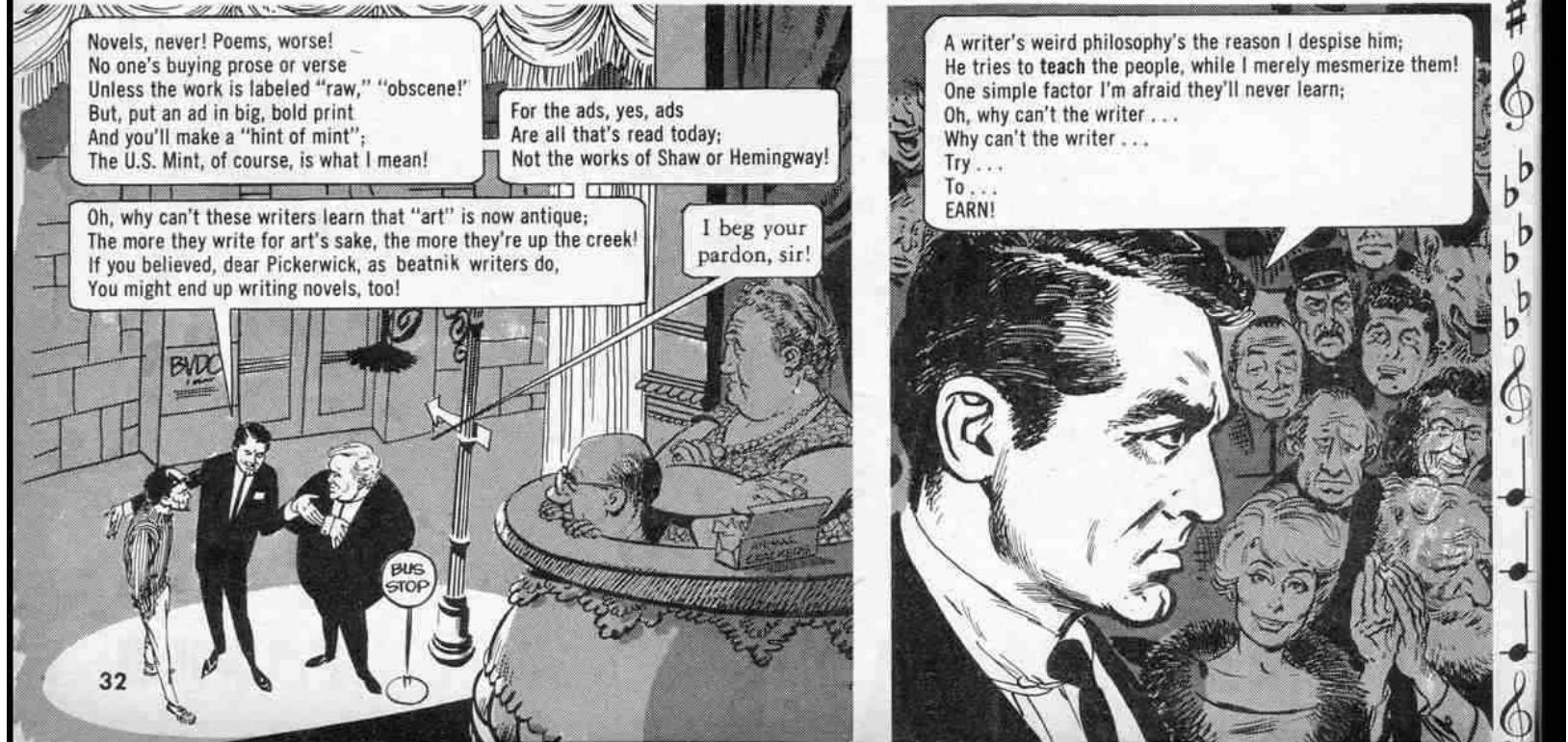
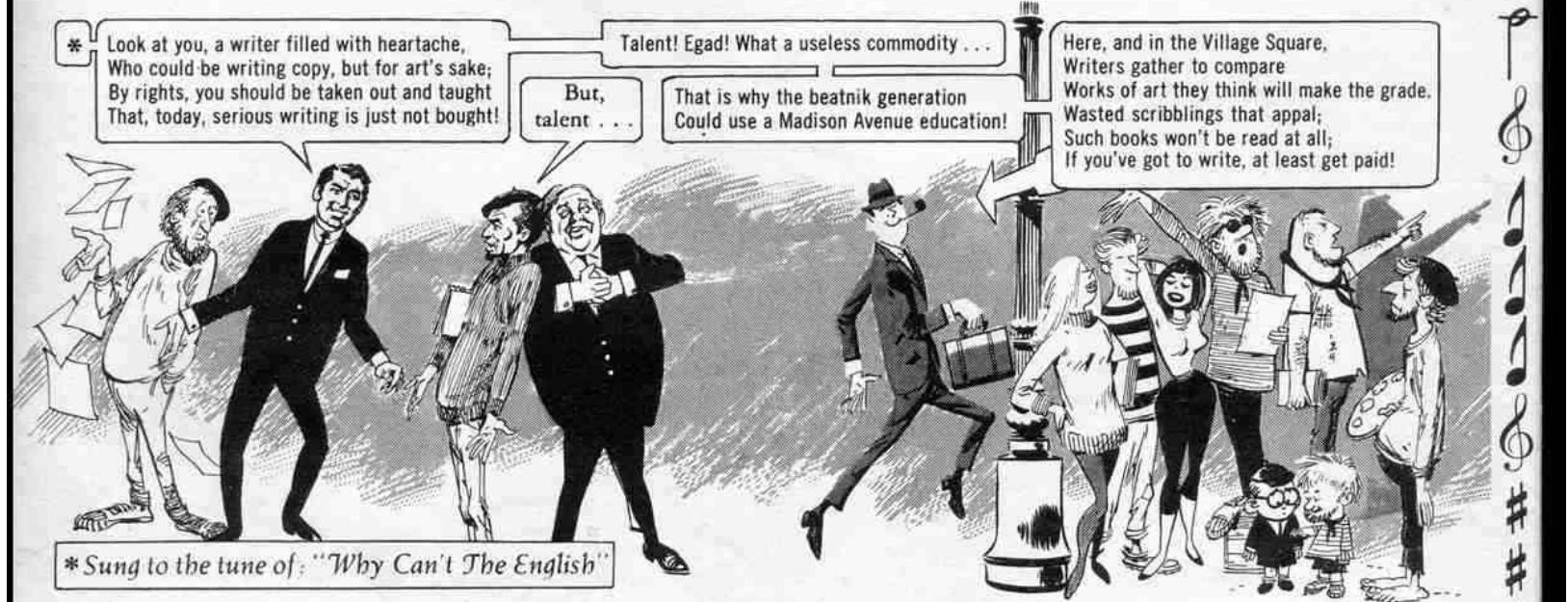
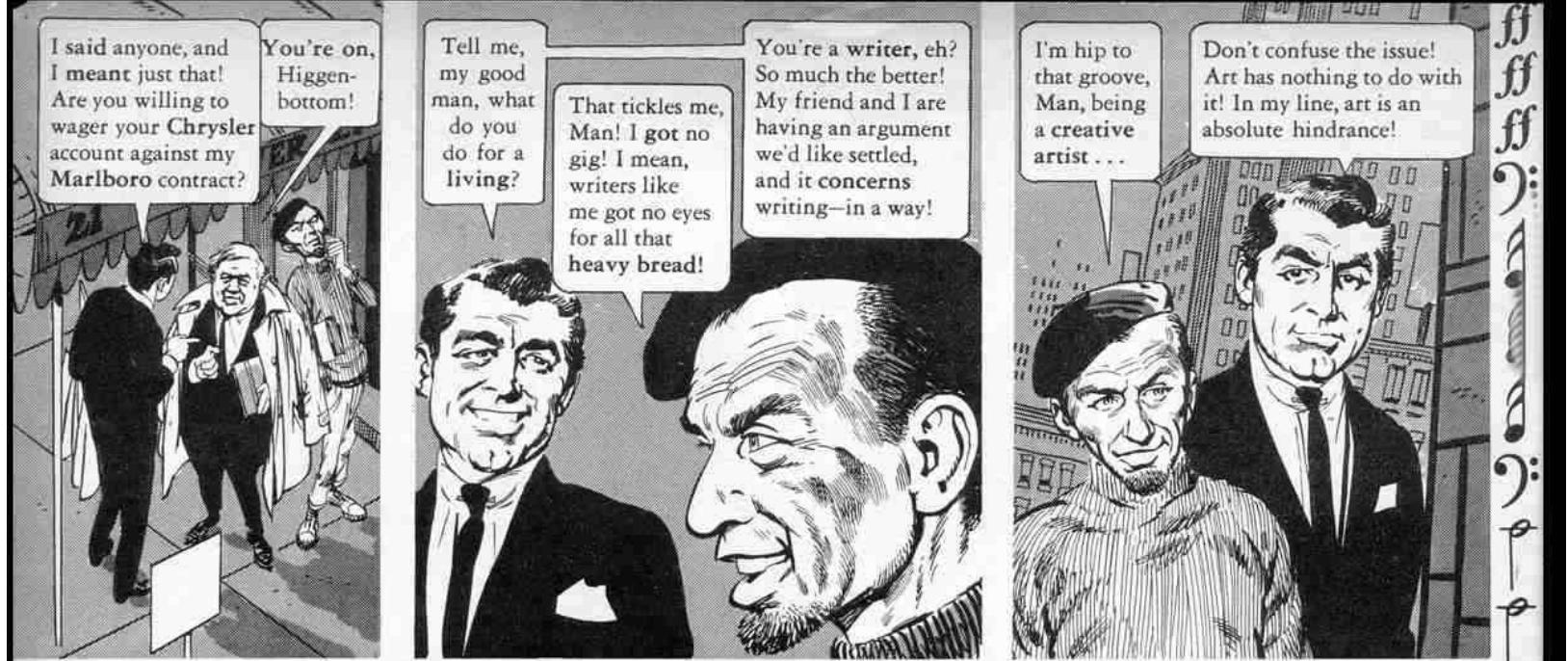
Oh, that towering feeling  
When they buy an idea of mine;  
Like one with pretty girls peeling  
As they sing their praise of  
Manischewitz Wine.

As for chasing crooks,  
I find no intrigue;  
I'm a cop who'd rather be  
a little Ivy League;  
So, to heck with crime;  
It's commercial time,  
When your beat's on the street  
of the ads.



ENTER HENRY HIGGENBOTTOM AND CHARLES PICKERWICK, BVD&O ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES  
ON THE WAY TO WORK . . . FOLLOWED SHORTLY BY IRVING MALLION, A BEATNIK . . .





Man, that'll never come on!

Why not? Listen, you'll be well-paid for participating in our little experiment!

Man, you just don't dig me! Like I don't have eyes for that heavy loot, Dad!

Then what in the name of J. Walter Thompson do you want?

Well, if you gotta be put hip ...

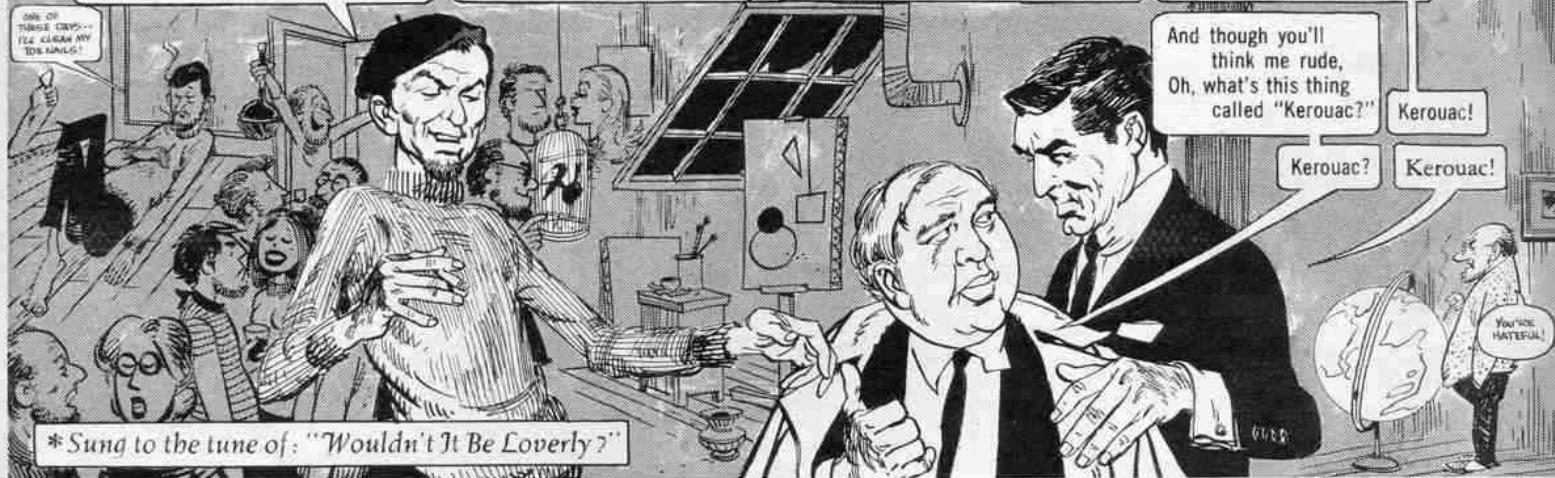


\* All I want is a pad somewhere  
Way downtown near the Village Square,  
Without a phone or care ...  
Oh, wouldn't it be Kerouac!

Lots of coffee, and lots of beer,  
Lots of parties that last all year,  
With no landlord to fear ...  
Oh, wouldn't it be Kerouac!

Oh, so Kerouac caring nothing  
How the world lives on;  
I would never budge till it  
Was gone, like I mean real gone!

Modern paintings  
to set the mood;  
They'll look normal  
when we get stewed ...



\* Sung to the tune of: "Wouldn't It Be Loverly?"

Kerouac isn't a thing! Kerouac's A person, squares! Jack Kerouac is our leader—our inspiration! He wrote "On The Road!" Man, like I dug that book so much I wrote a sequel to it called "Son Of On The Road," by Irving Mallion!

Would you like it published,  
Mr. Mallion?

It would groove  
me the most! I'd give anything!

Would you give  
me two months?

Crazy, Man!

Then it's settled! For the next two months, you belong to me. I will provide your food, your lodging, and your clothes, which I will choose! During that time, I will attempt to teach you to become an Ad-Man! At the end of the two months, if you desire to stay, I will get you a good position at BVD&O. If not, I will have your book published, and you will be free to return to your sickening existence. Are you ready to start?



Let me make one more  
late scene with the  
cats I dig the most,  
and I'll glim you in  
the early bright!

All right, Mallion!  
I'll see you at  
9:00 AM tomorrow!



ACT 1, SCENE 2: A CAFE ESPRESSO SHOP IN GREENWICH VILLAGE. IRVING MALLION, THE BEATNIK, IS EXPLAINING THE DEAL TO A GROUP OF HIS SEEDY FRIENDS . . .

... and that's the pitch! I figure I'll play it cool for a double bill-payer until my gig comes on!

But, Glib Street, Irving! I dig that creative cats have to be bugged till they make it, but this Madison Avenue bit is, like, too far out!

Man! Like playing it square for two months can be a drag!

Do you dig that it means slipping the bed before two bells, and scoffing a . . . choke . . . breakfast?

Well, like I just gotta make it, Cats! But don't worry! I may be packing my grey matter uptown, but I'm stowing my ticker here in the Village!

\* For . . . I'll be an ad-man in the morning;  
I'll wear a suit, and nose of brown:  
Off goes my beard-o;  
No more a weird-o;  
'Cause I'm moving way uptown.

I've got to be there in the morning;  
Can't let the boys from Westport down;  
No more espresso;  
My new address-o  
Is somewhere with the squares uptown.

No more a beatnick . . .  
I'll be a hack.  
My underwear will . . .  
Have buckles in the back!

Yes, I'll be an ad-man in the morning;  
You needn't look at me and frown;  
If it's appalling,  
You I'll be calling  
To take me from that place,  
To snatch me from that life,  
To save me from that world uptown!

\* Sung to the tune of: "Get Me To The Church On Time!"

ACT 2, SCENE 1: THE NEXT MORNING. HENRY HIGGENBOTTOM AND CHARLES PICKERWICK DISCUSS THE PREVIOUS NIGHT'S EVENTS IN HENRY'S PLUSH OFFICES AT BVD&O . . .

You know, Pickerwick, perhaps I was a bit too hasty in choosing a subject for our little experiment. I must admit that pig, Mallion, has me worried!

Come now, Henry! Let's not start out pessimistically. Why, I'll even help you out, knowing, of course, that you can't possibly win!

Kind of you, Pickerwick! But . . . sniff, sniff . . . what is that foul smell? Oh . . . it's you, Mallion! Come in. Come in! And tell me . . . why don't beatniks believe in bathing? Or is your philosophy to make the rest of the world "Pay through the nose"?

Daddy-O! At this moment, the only smell I got eyes for is the "sweet smell of success"!

Well, if that's your goal, Mr. Mallion, the first thing you've got to learn is to be full of life . . . LIFEBOUY, I mean!

Grab him, Pickerwick!

\* You've never had a clean shave or a haircut!  
A bigger bum, I never hope to see!  
Your taste is sad in choosing what you wear!! BUT—  
With a little bit of soap;  
With a little bit of soap;  
You'll be looking just like him and me!

With a little bit;  
With a little bit;  
With a little bit of soap  
you'll look like we!



\* Sung to the tune of: "With A Little Bit Of Luck"

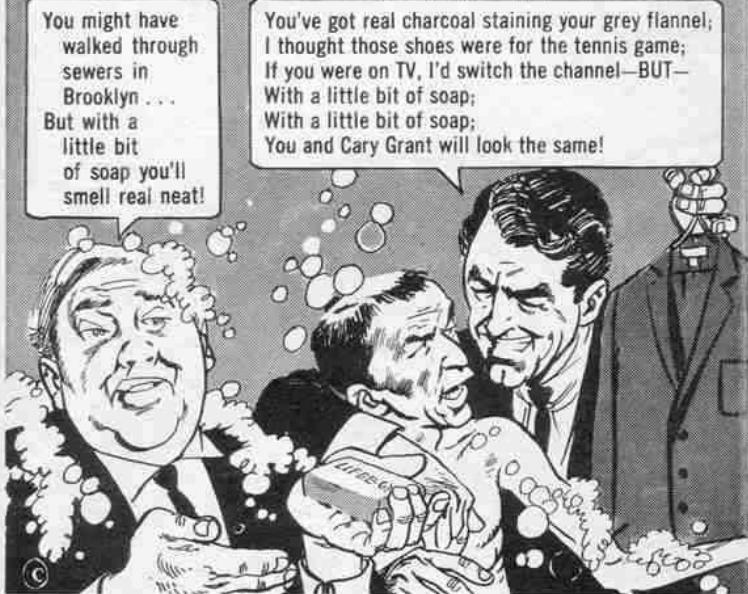
Oh, I can see "your best friends haven't told you";  
And I might add your breath's not "kissing sweet";  
A drop of Stoppette no one's ever sold you—BUT—  
With a little bit of soap;  
With a little bit of soap;  
You'll smell better than Palmolive-Peet!

With a little bit;  
With a little bit;  
With a little bit of soap  
you'll smell real neat!



You might have  
walked through  
sewers in  
Brooklyn . . .  
But with a  
little bit  
of soap you'll  
smell real neat!

You've got real charcoal staining your grey flannel;  
I thought those shoes were for the tennis game;  
If you were on TV, I'd switch the channel—BUT—  
With a little bit of soap;  
With a little bit of soap;  
You and Cary Grant will look the same!



With a little bit;  
With a little bit;  
With a little bit of  
LIFEBOUY soap!

Look at yourself,  
Mallion! Tell me,  
do you like what  
you see?

Yecch! I'm  
disgusting!



I was hoping you'd feel  
that way! Now, I know  
we're on the right track!  
But, to look like an ad-  
man is one thing! To think  
like one is another! I  
will now teach you the  
most important basic  
principle we have here on  
Madison Avenue!

Repeat after me . . .



An ad that's bad will end up spoofed in MAD! \*

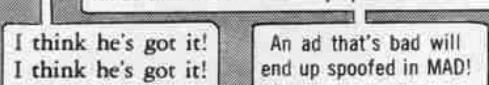
An ad that's bad will end up spoofed in MAD!

Again!

An ad that's bad will end up spoofed in MAD!

I think he's got it!  
I think he's got it!

An ad that's bad will  
end up spoofed in MAD!



By George,  
he's got it!  
By George,  
he's got it!

Two months,  
Pickerwick?  
Two weeks is  
more like it!  
Why, he's  
practically an  
ad-man already!

To you, perhaps,  
Henry! But would  
he pass for one  
of us at . . . say,  
the monthly  
account exec and  
copywriters' brain-  
storming session?

\* Sung to the tune of: "The Rain In Spain"



That would be the perfect final test! And the next session is on the 24th... three weeks away!

What would I have to do?

Simple! Polish a few apples... laugh at some ridiculous jokes. In other words... phoney it up! Tell him, Pickerwick...

\* You'll have to "yes" all night Every big wheel in sight, And then "yes-yes" to more; You'll have to cast your vote For some half-soused old goat You'd normally ignore.

You'll quickly learn just how to do back-slapping; And how to say what's wrong is right; For if you want to stay To get your weekly pay You've got to "yes-yes-yes" all night!

\* Sung to the tune of: "I Could Have Danced All Night"

You'll have to nod your head To some ideas you dread, And act like they're just great; You'll have to say "of course" Until your throat is hoarse, To things just second rate.

You'll quickly learn why this field's so obnoxious; And how to say that black is white; To make that cashier's line, You'll tell them they're just fine, And then you'll "yes-yes-yes" all night!

Not me, Daddy-O!  
I won't do it!  
I can't do it!  
I'm splitting this crazy scene!

Oh, Mallion... remember... "Son Of On The Road"?

And so I'll "yes-yes-yes" all night!

### ACT 3, SCENE 1: THREE WEEKS LATER. HIGGENBOTTOM HAS WON HIS BET. MALLION HAS BEEN PASSED OFF AT THE BRAINSTORMING SESSION AS A HEAD COPYWRITER...

I can't see why you're so unhappy, Henry! You've won your wager. Mallion was introduced as the head of our Los Angeles copy department, and no one suspected a thing!

That's just it, Pickerwick! We did too good a job on the poor lad! Did you see him, shaking hands with everybody, agreeing with things we know are so completely contrary to his nature. We did him a gross injustice! We ruined him! We found him fresh and clean... and we...

Fresh and clean?

Yes! Not in the physical sense, perhaps, but his mind was fresh and clean, free of the falseness of our world. And we threw him into it... chin deep!

Good morning, Henry, Charles! If you have a moment, I'd like to discuss our little experiment!

Don't bother, Mallion! We understand completely! I want you to know that I'm sorry I got you mixed up in this madness... and that I'll start making it up to you immediately by calling a publisher friend of mine. Your novel will be printed, and you'll be free to return to your old life as soon as you wish!

Return to  
my old life?

Are you  
fellows out  
of your minds?  
Who needs it?

I've grown accustomed to this place;  
It's clear that I was once a goon;  
I've grown accustomed to the boys  
Who "con" you with their poise;  
The "spot";  
The "ad";  
Accounts I pad  
Are second nature to me now,  
Like sipping scotch all afternoon;

You see, I've grown to be dependent  
on my clothes from Italy;  
The snide remarks and insults  
I now make so wittily;

I've grown accustomed  
to the life;  
Accustomed to the dough;  
Accustomed to this place.

PAY  
NOW  
WORRY  
LATER

\*Sung to the tune of: "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face"

Hear that,  
Pickerwick?  
And you said  
"it couldn't  
be done"!

You surprise  
me, Mallion!  
But what about  
your manuscript?

Burn it!

Then, I guess  
this musical  
is just about  
over!

Not quite!  
We've still  
got our  
reprise!

That's right!  
Shall we!  
A—one . . .  
A—two . . .

\* We are the famous men who bring you  
Ads that we know you all adore:  
Luckies and Camels,  
Dutch Boy Enamels,  
And forty billion billion more.

You have to read them in your papers;  
You have to watch them on TV;  
We flood the nation;  
Reach saturation;  
On this we know you all agree.

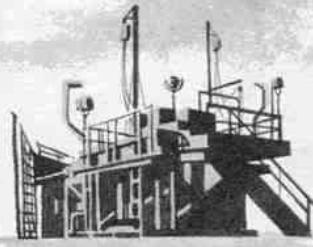
If you don't listen,  
we don't care, friend;  
We'll go subliminal  
and get you in the end!

'Cause we are the guys who make commercials;  
Here is our stirring battle song:  
"We do the lying;  
You do the buying!"  
And now we bid you all . . .  
And now we bid you all . . .  
And now we bid you all . . .  
So . . . Long.

\* Sung to the tune of: "Get Me To The Church On Time"

**SPATIAL DELIVERY DEPT.**

A few months back, the newspapers ran stories about the launching of a U.S. mail-carrying rocket. According to postal authorities, this experiment will lead to many things. We agree — it surely will lead to many things — all bad! Mainly, if the



ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

With our luck in rocketry, we'll need expanded facilities to handle the rush of business at the dead letter office.

# MAIL BY

## HERE ARE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WE CAN EXPECT

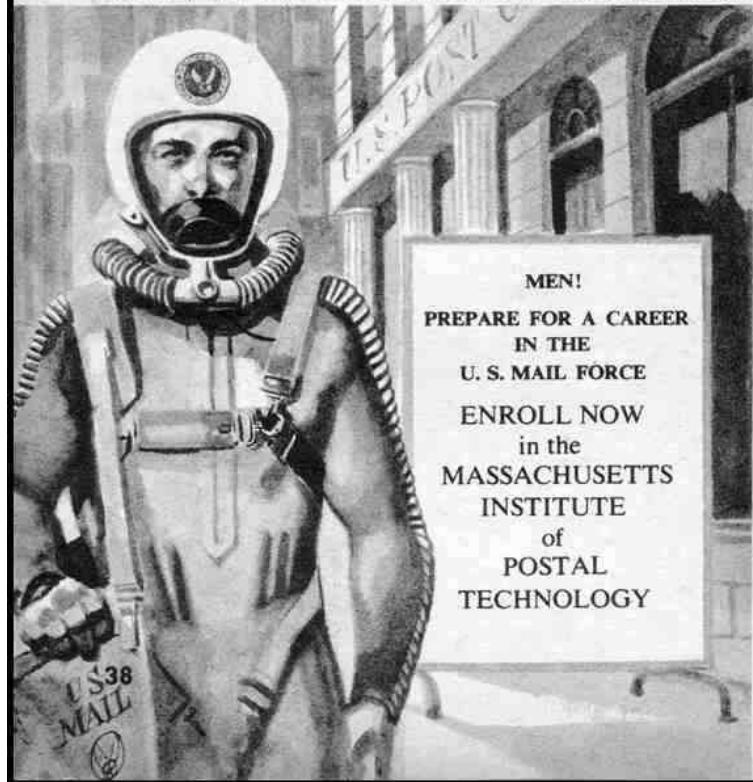
Mail by missile will create inconveniences for the public, especially those who forgot to follow postal regulations.



This added glamour will bring strong demands by postmen for costly new uniforms (and costly new salaries to match).



Out over the Western plains, there'll be a revival of the old-fashioned art of mail robbery (by "Skywaymen," yet!).



government's involved, there's sure to be plenty of goofs. And anyhow, what's the point of delivering mail faster, when the mail most of us get these days shouldn't even be delivered at all? The whole country's in for trouble once we start sending

# MISSILE

## ONCE THIS METHOD OF MAIL DELIVERY IS ADOPTED

It will mean new headaches (and possibly other new aches) for stamp collectors, due to radioactivity in outer space.

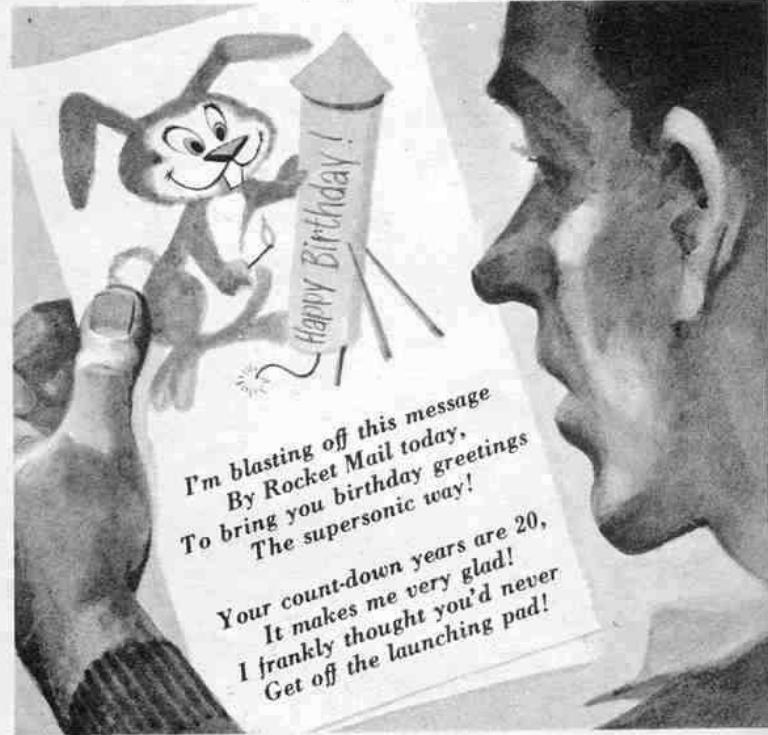


And that's just the beginning! Because the first time one of those furshugginer mail rockets accidentally goes off course . . .



WRITER: SY REIT

This new method of mail delivery will bring a change (for the worse) in the literary quality of cards and letters.

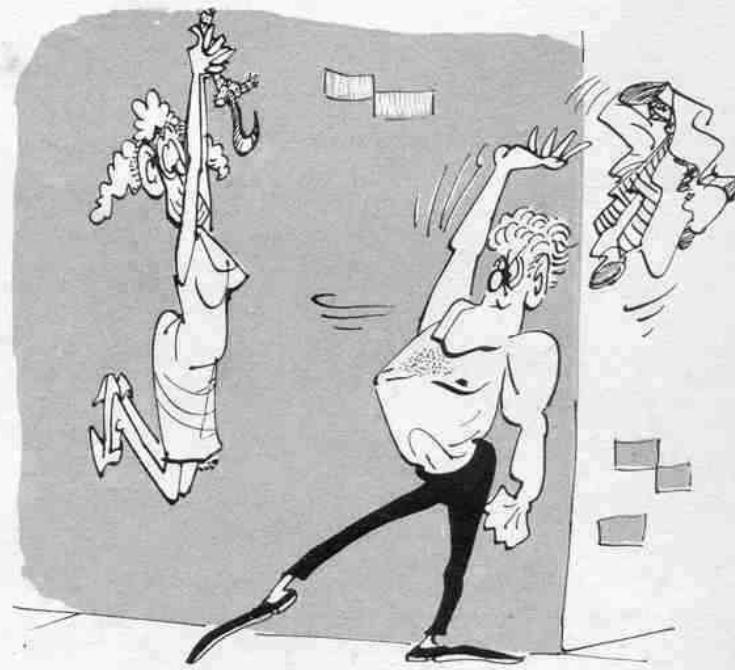


## WE'RE REALLY IN FOR TROUBLE!



Our maddest artist, Don Martin, had always dreamed of rescuing a damsel in distress. The closest he came was handing his wife a bottle of Pepto-Bismol. And then, last week, he got his opportunity . . . his chance to be

# THE HERO





YESTERDAY



TODAY



**THAR'S GOLD IN THEM THAR ILLS DEPT.**

WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE MARVELOUS ADVANCES THAT MEDICAL SCIENCE HAS ACHIEVED IN THE LABORATORY... BUT HOW MANY OF US EVER STOP TO THINK ABOUT THE MARVELOUS ADVANCES MADE BY OUR WONDERFUL FRIEND... THE FAMILY DOCTOR? IN THIS ARTICLE, MAD CAREFULLY EXPLORES THE...



OK

## DOCTORS' PROGRESS

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: AL JAFFEE

"Stop it, Henry! What kind of a girl do you think I am!"



In the old days, distance was a serious problem. Patients often had to cover long miles to reach a doctor, and this resulted in many dangerous... and even fatal... delays.

In the old days, waiting rooms were small, uncomfortable, and offered no diversion, such as magazines, to quiet the nerves of the anxious patients waiting to see the doctor.



Today, the telephone immediately spans long distances and reaches the doctor's office, where the nurse can tell you how many days you'll have to wait before you can see him.

Today, the busy physician includes a large, comfortably-furnished, modern waiting room as a part of his offices, which makes the ordeal of getting sick almost a pleasure.





In the old days, the lack of up-to-date medical equipment made it difficult for the doctor to administer properly to the patient who came to him with any serious problem.



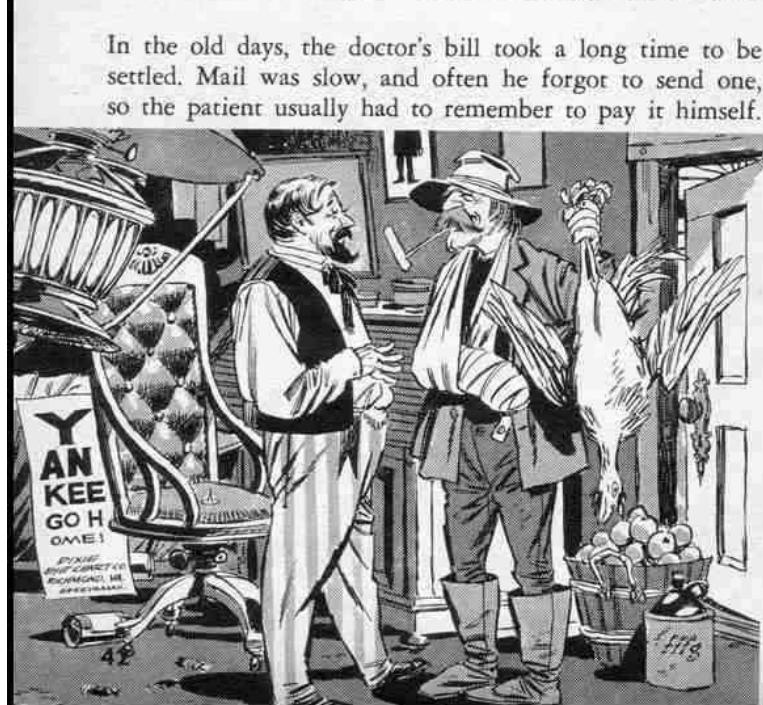
Nowadays, excellent equipment is available to the General Practitioner, only he doesn't have it! Instead, he sends his patients to the guys who do . . . THE SPECIALISTS!



In the old days, a day off for a doctor was rare, and if it was taken, was particularly rough on his patients who had no way of reaching him should an emergency case arise.



Today, no matter where the doctor goes, he can remain in constant touch with his office to advise emergency cases which arise that he's operating, and find another doctor!



In the old days, the doctor's bill took a long time to be settled. Mail was slow, and often he forgot to send one, so the patient usually had to remember to pay it himself.



Today, our modern billing methods, fast mail service, and mainly collection agencies, lawyers, and courts make this, the doctor's most important activity, quick and efficient.

"I wonder if getting  
into a fraternity is  
worth all this!"

**STARS AND TRIBE FOREVER DEPT.**

A couple of issues back, we confessed that MAD wasn't the funniest magazine on the newsstands today. We said that those serious Teenage magazines were much funnier. Well, now we've got another confession to make: mainly, we were wrong! Those serious Teenage magazines aren't the funniest magazines on the newsstands today, either. Those serious Movie magazines are even funnier! Judge for yourself, gang, with our version of an issue of . . .

# MOVIE LAND

## DIRECT FROM THE HEART OF HOLLYWOOD!

**PLUS**

Radio Land  
TV Land  
Record Land  
Book Land  
Gum Card Land  
Disney Land  
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**"WHAT I TAUGHT  
CARL SANDBURG  
ABOUT LIFE"**  
By Tuesday Weld

**SPECIAL CONTEST**  
Win A Date With  
WALTER BRENNAN

**SCENES FROM EDD "KOKIE" BYRNES'  
HILARIOUS NEW CINEMASCOPE COMEDY:  
"The Albert Einstein Story"**

**SAL and ELSA**  
THE FACTS BEHIND HOLLYWOOD'S  
HOTTEST ROMANCE RUMOR  
(Which We Made Up First!)

HE'S MIGHTIER THAN HERCULES . . .  
MORE POWERFUL THAN SAMSON . . .  
ALMOST AS STRONG AS VIC TANNY!!

CAST OF THOUSANDS  
COST OF MILLIONS  
PROFIT OF BILLIONS  
3 DAYS in the MAKING  
INCLUDING TRAVEL-TIME  
TO AND FROM LOCATION

THE EARTH'S MOST  
POWERFUL MAN!

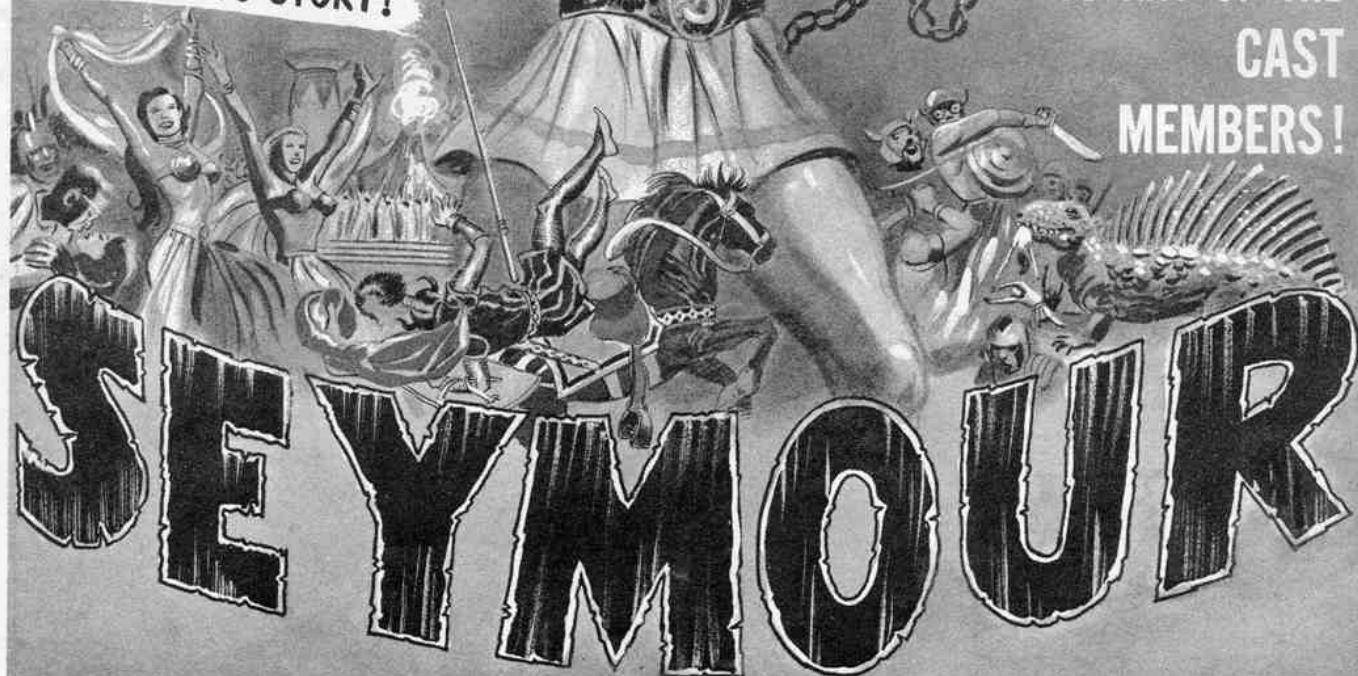
THE WORLD'S MOST  
EXCITING WOMEN!

THE SCREEN'S MOST  
RIDICULOUS STORY!

SEE  
SEE  
SEE  
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SEE

heroic Seymour destroy the  
entire Chinese Army with a  
rusty fly-swatter!  
the unbelievable human  
sacrifice of 300 TV repair-  
men to the great god, Alvin!  
the seduction of Seymour by  
the bewitching Amazon, Blanche,  
and her 800 Mah-Jongg partners!  
the blood-curdling orgy of  
1000 Purple Housewives in a  
Trading Stamp store window!  
grown men and women in the  
movie audience weep and become  
violently ill from the plot!

DON'T BREATHE  
A WORD ABOUT  
THE EXCITING  
ENDING  
OF THIS FILM  
TO ANY OF THE  
CAST  
MEMBERS!



STARRING

**ARNOLD  
STANG**

with ZAZU PINKY CARMEN HAPPY LYLE SONNY DEANNA  
PITTS LEE LOMBARDO CHANDLER BETTGER TUFTS DURBIN

Produced and Directed by Ira Quickbuck \* Screenplay by Rocky Graziano  
and introducing THE ENTIRE TURKISH ARMY as "ANDY"  
Based on a Bad Dream by Yogi Berra

# MY EXCLUSIVE HOLLYWOOD



It's a Spring divorce for beaming Biff Bopp and lovely Kim Storch (his 18th, her 11th), shown here at Ciro's. Biff's next wife, Zelda, is waiting outside in the car.



By  
Louella Parsnips



Sharp-eyed honor students from Hollywood High School's Current Events class spot a famous world figure at the recent premier of "I Was A Teenage Chicken-Plucker."

I can't tell you how excited I am about the way lovely Dibbie Raynors has bounced back after her recent tragic divorce. Right now, Dibbie is the "dating-est" gal in town. Since 9:00 A.M. this morning, she's already dated Arnold J. Love-lace, Lyle Bettger, Georgie Jessel, Slats Fazzuli, her Laundry Man, her Gardener, and a wandering "I-Cash-Clothes" man named Irwin. And the amazing thing is: Dibbie has a whole afternoon and evening ahead of her! Good work, Dib!

Ignore all those ugly, disgraceful, and disgusting rumors that vicious people around here keep spreading about the Tab Bentleys and their two-week-old marriage. Take it from me, they're definitely getting a divorce!

Naomi Pfefferman, the fabulous 14-year old actress who has been Number-One Hollywood Screen Star for almost three years now, got the scare of her life last Wednesday. Somebody at the studio told her that she might have to make a movie! Fortunately, it was just one of those practical jokes. For which all of us who know and love Naomi are grateful.

I'm glad to see that handsome young screen sensation, Paul Umlaut,

is not one to let his folks down. Paul resolved to have his elderly parents live much closer to him than they had been, just as soon as he made it big here in Hollywood. And so, last week, devoted son, Paul, moved his mother and father out of their one-room tenement flat in the Bronx, and into their brand new home . . . a one-room tenement flat in Chicago.

*You Never Know In Show Biz*  
Dept.: Only six short months ago, young hopeful, Tab Sfortz, was an usher in New York's Paramount Theater. Today, Tab is an usher in New York's Capitol Theater.

Hats off to Edd "Kookie" Byrnes for being a great American patriot. Last week, "Kookie" bought himself the biggest swimming pool in California . . . "The Pacific Ocean." But patriotic "Kookie" is allowing the United States Navy free use of his swimming pool for naval maneuvers next summer. I'm proud of you, "Kookie."

Nobody could be happier than I to learn that Rock 'n Roll great, Frankie Avalon, has landed the starring role in the forthcoming film, "The End of the World by Atomic Radiation." Because of the serious nature of this picture,

Frankie has agreed to sing only 41 songs, many of which will be in a slow, serious tempo.

Ingrate Dept.: Since I am the most important single individual here in Hollywood, and the second most important person in the whole world (I believe Hedda Hopper might outrank me by a hair!), I want to say that this is the last time I'll ever give newlyweds Piper Pepper and Pupi Pappy permission to get married. Not only did they have the gall to evict me from their honeymoon cottage after I'd spent only 13 days with them, but they had the effrontery to make me sleep in a separate room. I say: Pooh-pooh to Pupi and Piper!

There's never a dull moment in Hollywood with fun-loving playboy-actor Hugh Tsardis around. Last night, Hugh dynamited the Black Derby Restaurant, killing 234 people, many of whom were former wives of his. Hugh, when are you going to grow up?

That's all for this month from My Exclusive Hollywood. Next month, the juicy details on how I didn't let 12 different Hollywood couples get married. Also, exciting photos of six of them down on their knees begging me.

# The Magic Is Gone From Our Divorce

*What was hailed as the most successful Hollywood divorce of the year 1957 has turned into an uncomfortable happy marriage for two warm, wonderful people who are now desperately trying to find out what went wrong and why!*

by Lance Boyle

AS TOLD TO GLORIETTE DIRT



Lance Boyle and Phoebe Bebe in happier days, when everybody thought their once-in-a-lifetime divorce would last forever.

When no-talent starlet, Phoebe Bebe, and I filed suit for divorce a few years ago, you couldn't find two happier people in all of Hollywood, except maybe our Press Agents. True, both of us had been divorced from other people before, but *this* divorce, we felt, would last forever. How little we knew what the future would bring!

Everything was wonderful for a few months. Phoebe and I separated, ignored one another, and even lived in different States. If ever we did meet, we would hit, kick, curse, and throw things, just like any typical divorced Hollywood couple. Our screenland friends and movie fans were very happy for us.

And then, one day, it happened. How? Who knows? How do any of these things happen? A kind word you didn't mean to say. A laugh instead of a sneer. An accidental kiss, instead of a punch in the mouth. All that Phoebe and I knew, suddenly, to our horror, was: **OUR DIVORCE WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE!**

Oh, we tried everything to save it. We visited Hollywood psychiatrists who specialize in breaking up marriages. We double-dated with happily-divorced Hollywood couples in their broken homes. We took comfort at their youngsters, each of whom could visit upwards of eight parents apiece on any given weekend. But it was no use. **WE WERE HEADED FOR A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE, AND THERE WAS NOTHING EITHER OF US COULD DO ABOUT IT!**

I don't have to go into detail about our getting back together again, our second honeymoon, and the arrival of our two children. The memory is too painful.

But now, what of the future? Phoebe and I have made up our minds. We're going to really settle down and take one more crack at a divorce. And we hope and pray that, this time, it will work.

Not so much for ourselves. But for our children's sake.

# REVIEWING THE MOVIES

★★★★★ Fantastically Fabulous  
 ★★★★ Merely Fabulous  
 ★★★ Superb, but not Fabulous  
 ★★ Excellent, but not Superb  
 ★ Magnificent, but not Excellent  
 A—Recommended for Adults and Children  
 B—Recommended for Children and Adults  
 C—Recommended for Adults, Children, and Pets

★★★★★ **MARVIN MEETS THE ANTEATER MAN**—Fabian, a Rock 'n Roll UN Secretary General, sets out through the deadly North Bronx Swamp to build a radioactive Monopoly set. Spring Byington provides the love interest. A rollicking, romantic comedy. (B)



★★★★ **SOPHIE GOES TO WAR**—Based on the historical true life of the world-famous explorer-philosopher-raconteur, Tuesday Weld, this exciting drama will make you laugh, cry, and itch in spots. Starring Marjorie Main (as Tuesday), William Bendix (as Wednesday), and Arnold J. Lovelace (as himself). (C)

★★★★ **THE LAST ANGRY CHICKEN-PLUCKER**—Against fearsome odds, Dr. Frankie Avalon, a Rock 'n Roll surgeon, fights to save Disneyland from the threat of a serious athlete's foot epidemic. Bette Davis plays his mixed-up teen-age daughter, Thursday. (C)

★★ **THEY CAME TO THE A & P**—Civil War General Gary Crosby saves a frightened corporal (Brigitte Bardot) from a firing squad by impersonating President Eisenhower. Ulysses S. Grant plays Tommy Sands as a boy. A heart-stirring drama. (A)



★★ **LADY CHATTERLEY'S ACCOUNTANT**—When an accountant named Irving (Ricky Nelson) discovers that his lovely client (Jane Darwell) owes \$2.89 in back taxes on her two-million-acre ranch, the fun really begins. Ricky and Jane sing 56 hit songs, some with accompanying music. Also starring Melvin, the Wonder Horse, who sings 3 hit songs. A first class science-fiction thriller. (A,B,C)

## DEAR SHELDON

If you have any questions about Hollywood that you'd like answered, simply address them to: *Dear Sheldon, MOVIE LAND MAGAZINE, Direct From The Heart Of Hollywood, Box 12, Passaic, New Jersey*. Sorry, but we only print the most interesting queries. Unless we happen to know the answers to the dull ones.

Q: What ever happened to the great character actor **Harvey Zucker**? I haven't seen him since the memorable pyramid-building scene in "The Ten Commandments," in which he carried a pebble.

J. A., DOVER, DEL.

A: *Harvey* is on his way to bigger things. In "Ben Hur," he carries a rock.

Q: My wife claims that the gruesome mechanical man who got his head torn open during the Horror Movie on The Late Show last night was **Boris Karloff**. I claim it was **Doris Day**. Who is right?

B. V., MADISON, WISC.

A: Neither of you are right, because there was no Horror Movie on The Late Show last night. You were probably watching a Horror Headache Commercial.



Q: I know that **Tony Curtis** is not his real name. Can you tell me what he is actually known by to his family?

R. S., SEATTLE, WASH.

A: His children refer to him as "Daddy."

Q: Is it true that the forthcoming film, "The Supreme Court Story," will star the three **McGuire Sisters**? Since this movie will deal with men, this sounds hard to believe.

C.S., QUINCY, ILL.

A: It sure does. Actually, the film will star the Three Stooges.



Q: What Academy Awards did that excellent Rock 'n Roll movie, "You're Nuthin' But A Houn' Dog," win last year?

R. E., LANSING, MICH.

A: Best Foreign Sounds In An English-Speaking Picture; Best Screenplay By A Seven-Year-Old Boy; and Best Screen Story Adaptation From A Chinese Laundry Ticket.

Q: I am the President of an international organization of atomic scientists, physicists, physiotherapists, Nobel Prize winners, aeronautical engineers, and philosophers. How can I get in touch with the Sage of Hollywood, Miss **Tuesday Weld**, so that she can lecture us on some interesting topic next month.

B. V., WASHINGTON, D. C.

A: *Tuesday* is on the East Coast now, so you're in luck. Write her c/o Department of World Enlightenment, United Nations, N.Y.C.



Q: I'm just crazy about that dynamic new actor, **Rock Cowznofski**. Could you answer some important questions about him for me? Like; does he carry out his garbage in a paper bag? What does he like better on Pizza, anchovies or sausage? Which side of his face does he shave first? Does he ever get hay fever? Has he got an aunt named Yetta? And what's his next picture?

G. B., BATON ROUGE, LA.

A: Honestly, the nosiness and sheer nerve of some of you movie fans simply amazes me! Why on earth could you possibly want to know something as personal as the name of his next picture?



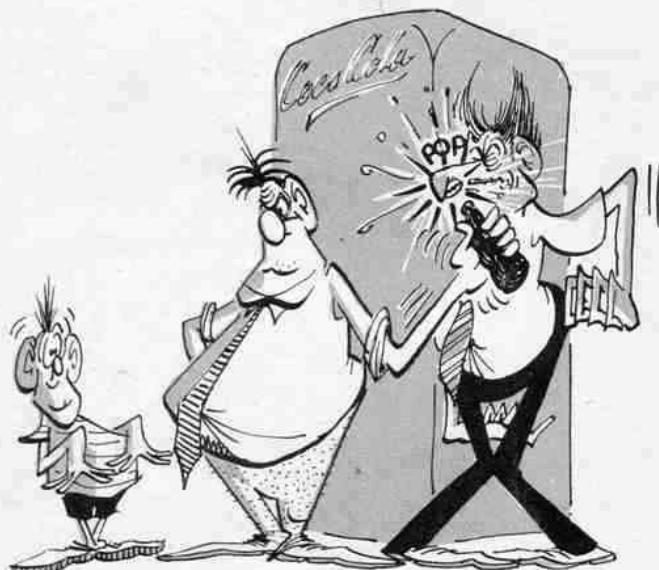
Q: Last month, **MOVIE LAND** Magazine actually was stupid enough to write a story about someone named **Cary Grant**! What's the idea of wasting valuable space on unknown actors, when there are so many Hollywood Stars around, like: **Ricky Nelson**, **Tommy Sands**, **Tuesday Weld**, **Fabian**, **Sandra Dee**, and **Arnold J. Lovelace**? Do you realize that an article like that could put you out of business? I think your Editor is an idiot!

B. F., BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

A: Since this is our last issue, I can safely say that I agree with you!

For his parting shot, Don Martin recalls the time he visited his Daddy's office, and learned all about the business...of

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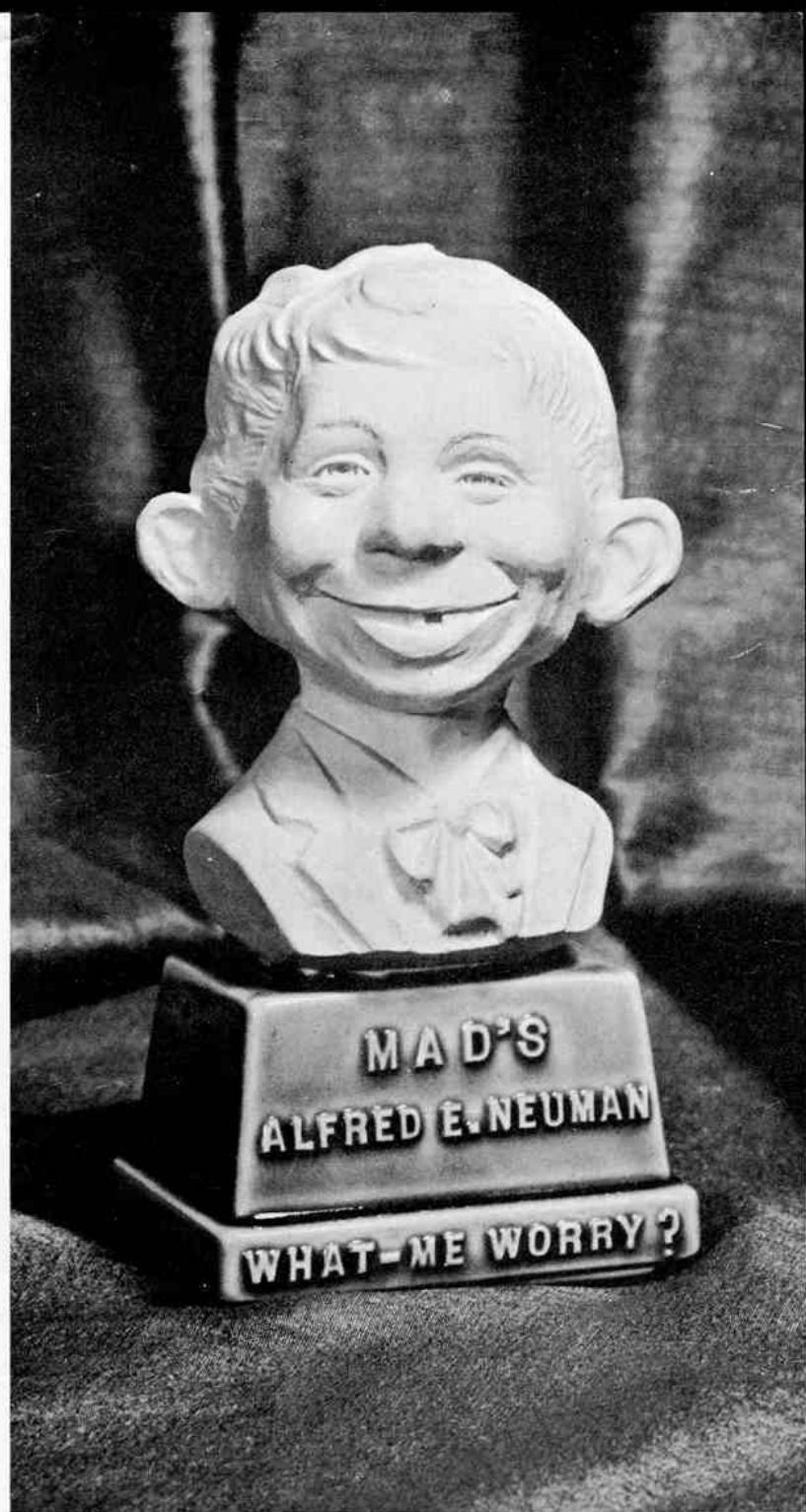


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