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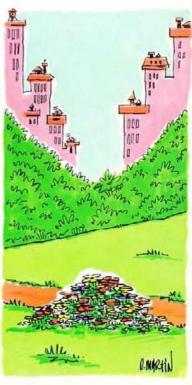
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"Raising children is like taking pictures: You never know how they'll come out!"—Alfred E. Neuman

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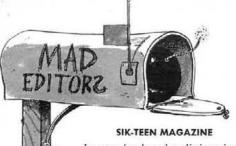
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In your frank and realistic satire of a typical teenager "pop" magazine ("Sik-Teen"—MAD #121), you make the observation through a letter in the Editor's Column that Negroes are never featured in these mags. The reason is obvious: The mass of these mags' readers are girls between 11 and 14. At that age, unless they themselves are Negro, girls simply are not interested in rhythm and blues and jazz performers. They prefer long-haired idols who employ hippie gimmicks, psychedelic lights, and punctuate their performances with wild, obsecne dancing. I can't think of a good Negro group that employs such infantile things.

J. L. Rochester, Pa.

Your satire of "16 Magazine" was in very bad taste. The way you loused up a GREAT teenage mag was utterly distasteful. And the way you made sick fun of some great stars was more than I could stand.

Kary Seyle
"A 16 Reader and proud of it!"
Santa Cruz, Calif.

It's about time someone cut down on those silly, pointless Teeny-Bopper magazines! Keep up the good work!

Bob Clifford Neenah, Wisc.

During a recent visit to New York, I stopped in to see Gloria Stavers at "16 Magazine" and inadvertently...well, deliberately...brought along a copy of MAD containing your "Sik-Teen" parody. As you can see by the photo, the article put Gloria into a mild state of shock.

Brendon Boone "Garrison's Gorillas" Hollywood, Calif.

You should see the state of shock we're in from doing the research for it!—Ed.



LETTERS DEPT.

Your "Sik-Teen Magazine" made me sick! It was poorly thrown together, the gossip was made up, the letters were obviously faked, the products grossly overpriced, and the contests no doubt rigged. It was, in fact, just the same as any "real" Tecnage Fan Magazine, and I laughed all the way through it!

Lee Ray Superior, Nebr.

We'd like to point out a mistake in your "Sik-Teen" article where a pair of personally initialed adenoids from Davy Jones's throat were offered as a prize. Anatomically, the initials depicted were on the uvula. However, we will accept one uvula in place of the pair of adenoids.

The Student Nurses Memorial Hospital Springfield, Ill.



Adenoids?

Your "Sik-Teen" parody of "16" was not funny at all. The whole thing should have been thrown out before it reached the presses! I hope that your idea of humor improves its quality, or else you'll lose many MAD readers.

Tracy B. Suppe A "16" Reader Dunellen, N. J.

I could never put into words how much I enjoyed "Sik-Teen". It was hilariously funny and deliciously sickening and it portrayed beautifully the silly junk us teenage nuts are reading today.

Suzanne Paquin Woonsocket, R. I.

Your satire, "Sik-Teen" was dull, boring and tasteless. The magazine you were satirizing, "16", is a lot funnier!

B. Barber Alliance, Ohio

I am very proud of MAD for printing (and whoever wrote it for writing) "Sik-Teen Magazine". Keep up the nauseatingly delightful work. I am thoroughly convinced that you and your staff are rare voices crying out for sanity in a "mad" world.

> Carol Mihelich Seattle, Wash.

Who WROTE that ridiculous "Sik-Teen Magazine" in your latest issue?

Larry Siegel New York City

YOU did, idiot! (Our apologies for not including Larry Siegel's byline.)—Ed.

THE FLYING NUT

Congratulations on your fine piece of satire, "The Flying Nut". The title alone was a stroke of genius in itself, and the rest of the article carried out the theme beautifully. I was raised a Catholic and I find that articles like this and "The Ten Commandments — Revisited" and "A Psalm for A Sabbath Morning" very very rewarding and meaningful.

John F. Martin, Sgt. USMC "Leatherneck Magazine" Washington, D.C.

As a long-time Catholic, allow me to thank you for "The Flying Nut" satire. It is about time someone struck out against the big business of "religious entertainment". By putting a torch to such trivia you have shown great courage.

Charles J. Leerhsen Bronx, N. Y.

After reading "The Flying Nut" I am very disgusted with the whole magazine. I think the article was in poor tastemaking a sick satire out of the best TV star in the whole world. Altogether, I thought it was the most dim-witted, cementheaded, disgusting thing anyone could do!

Minda Larson Evanston, Ill.

Congrats for showing how commercialization of the American contempt for religion has led to something which is in very poor taste.

> Judith Martin New Orleans, La.

Your satire of "The Flying Nut" hit so hard that I did not dare laugh! To do so would have violated the solemnity of the occasion, Great work!

> Larry Green Mayfield, Ky.

SANDLOT BASEBALL

I am supremely happy that someone finally had the courage to expose Sandlot Baseball for what it really is: pure fun... as opposed to that organization of male adults trying to work out their own feelings of inadequacy through their kids: Little League Baseball!

Philip M. Rosoff Philadelphia, Pa.

What's going on? "Sandlot Baseball" made sense!

Tommy Nestor Astoria, N. Y.

"A Nostalgic Look At Sandlot Baseball" was a riot...mostly because it's still played the same way!

Claudia Milesky Harrison, Ohio

"Sandlot Baseball" was a Grandslammer!

> Tom Doyle River Edge, N. J.

VALLEY OF THE DOLLARS

You truly deserve a medal for your hysterical "Valley Of The Dollars". After reading the novel and seeing the film, I agree completely with your suggestion for a final resting place for authors who keep writing such vacuous garbage.

Dan Forbes Lincoln Park, Mich.

How you could do such an awful satire of "Valley Of The Dolls" is beyond me. It was a superbly acted, well written and directed motion picture. You guys are really MAD!

Diane Pruitt Nashville, Tenn.

The picture (as well as its papyraceous predecessor) was utterly without redeeming social value and your expose was deserved and hard hitting. Keep up the good work.

Danny Susott Hampton, Va.

"Valley Of The Dollars" was senseless, tasteless and humorless! In fact, it was exactly like the movie!

Tom Sleeper Phoenix, Ariz.

EVERYDAY PSYCHEDELIC FUN

Hey, gang! You left out the worst one: MAD...a cuphoric drug in widespread use, producing a pleasant mindless state. Users can be easily identified by their idiotic facial expressions and a very low level of intelligence. MAD is extremely harmful even in small dosages, leading to rapid softening of the brain. However, use of this tasteless drug does not constitute a serious problem, since those attracted to it are usually on the lunatic fringe and in hopeless condition to begin with.

Al Tucher Somerville, N. J.

Thanks for so cleverly pointing out in your "Everyday Varieties of Psychedelic Fun" that we have much more to worry about than the people who send their own minds where they want to go...mainly the people who send other people's minds (and bodies) where they do not want to go. Your satire gets more bitter and pointed all the time,

George Baral Dept, of Chemistry The University of Chicago

LEGAL ADVICE

Could you tell me how many lawsuits you must handle a year?

Ray Meany Pennsauken, N. J.

All of them!-Ed.

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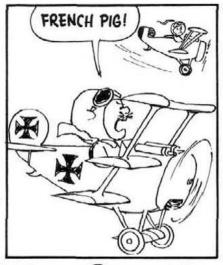
HANG ON, SNOOPY! DEPT.

Just as there are two sides to every war, so are there two sides to every Comic Strip. Ever since Snoopy (of "Peanuts") started telling us about his run-ins with The Red Baron, we've wondered about The Red Baron's version of this historic struggle. Well, now the story can be told! Recently,

Adventures Of OR "Happiness Ist Ein

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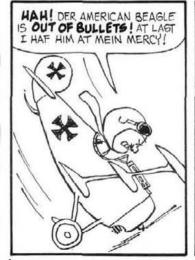
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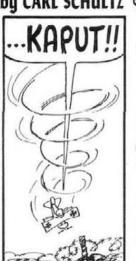


THE RED BARON









by CARL SCHULTZ

MAD's Research Staff returned from Europe with several installments of a German Comic Strip he uncovered while perusing early 1918 copies of the Hamburg Post-Dispatch. And so, for the first time in the United States, here is the other side of the story . . . mainly the hitherto unpublished . . .

The Red Baron Kleine Kaput Beagle"

WRITERS: FRANK JACOBS & BOB MUCCIO

THE RED BARON









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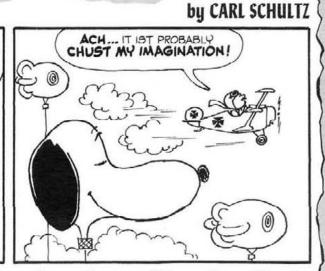


THE RED BARON

ALL DER TIME, I KEEP THINKING ABOUT DER AMERICAN BEAGLE! HE IST BECOMING AN OBSESSION!!







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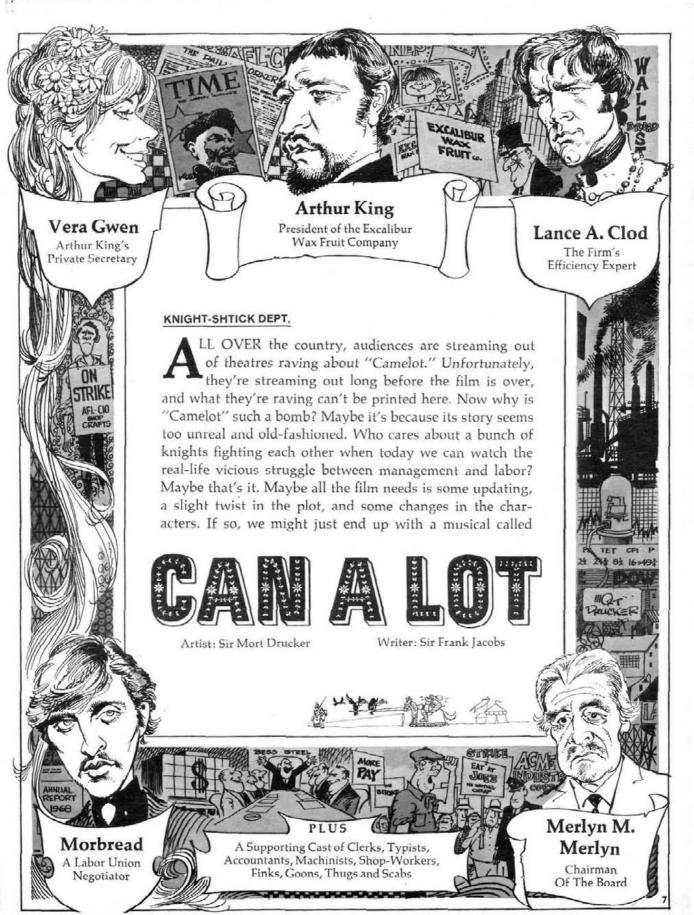
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O

Why are

you out to

Excuse me, Arthur, but Morbread, the vile, sniveling Union Representative is here to see you!

I don't mean to rock the boat, Arthur, but unless you can comply with this list of demands, the men are going to walk out!



You can't be serious! No

firm in its right mind

would go along with a 20

hour week, profit sharing,

3 month vacations at

double pay, and new sweat

We're prepared to compromise. Scratch off the sweat socks!



Because

Because you make us work under substandard inhuman conditions! No one would believe that in a musical today! Because I'm a hopeless neurotic with an Oedipus complex, and by destroying you and your firm I'm really destroying my father! Now that's something an audience can believe! But enough of this nonsense! Leave me alone with my efficiency expert and I'll talk to you later.



Sorry I'm late, Arthur. I've been trying to find a way to cut down on paper clips!

Stash your paper clips, noodnick! We're in trouble . . .

No one

would



*The Bible says that we should love our neighbor,

That we will go to hell if we do not;

He'd can a lot!

Today if Moses dealt with union labor,

The union now is threatening a walk-out;
Their pay demands have put me on the spot;
I'd much prefer to cut the stupid talk out
And can a lot!

Can a lot! Can a lot!
I'd love to clear them from the shop
If I can a lot . . . can a lot . . .
My labor pains would stop!

They want a workday starting at 10:30, With overtime commencing right at 3; Before they call the shot And profits go to pot, I've got to find a legal way for me To can a lot!



* Sung To The Tune Of "Camelot"

ACT ONE, SCENE TWO: The Labor-Management Round Table

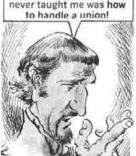






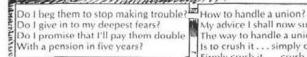


Sure I do! You told me that a young businessman should learn from the animals and birds! That he should develop the kindness of a cobra, the vision of a lizard, the humility of a peacock, the honor of a jackal! But the one thing you never taught me was how to handle a union!



* How to handle a union? There's a way that is tried and true, A way known to business leaders Who've been caught in a bind like you!





My advice I shall now submit: The way to handle a union Is to crush it . . . simply crush it . . Firmly crush it . . . crush it . . . crush it!



But how can I crush the union, Merlyn? I want to lay them off, but their jobs are protected by law!

Only as long as those iobs exist

I don't understand! Explain vourselfin key, if possible!



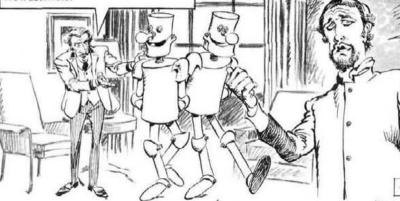
* The union says there'll never be a lay-off! They think that you will soon capitulate! But now we've got them good, and here's the pay-off: We'll automate!

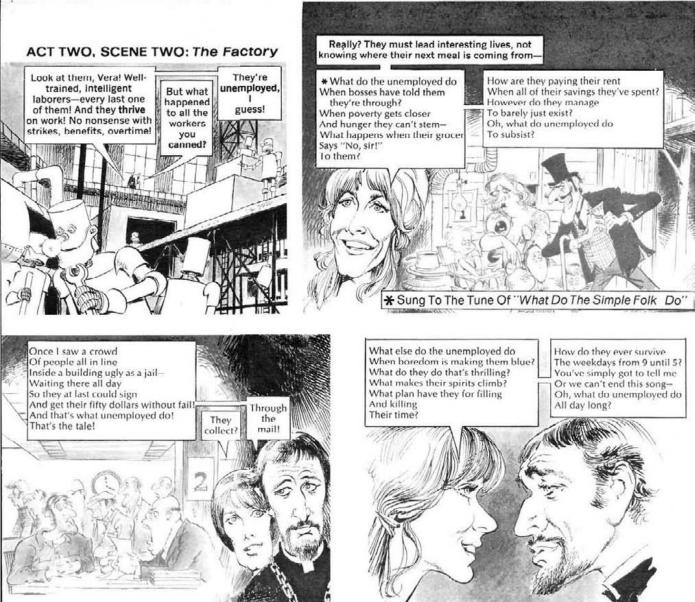
They'll holler that your heart is black as onyx! But they cannot escape their dismal fate! We'll just replace them all with electronics And automate!

Automate! Automate! With ease we'll dump a thousand slobs! When we automate, automate-We'll simply dump their jobs!

Our labor costs will drop to next to nothing There'll be no coffee breaks to bleed us dry! My profits will be great! Oh, I can hardly wait To count the money rolling in as I Now automate!

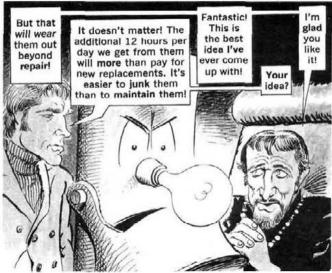
*Reprise To The Tune Of "Camelot















Well, despite the ruin, the havoc, the destruction, and the icky smell of burnt wax, I can still find a moral in this final, nostalgic number;

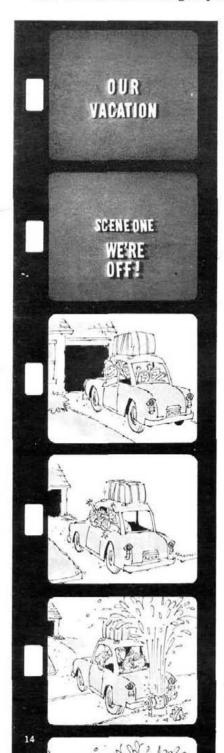


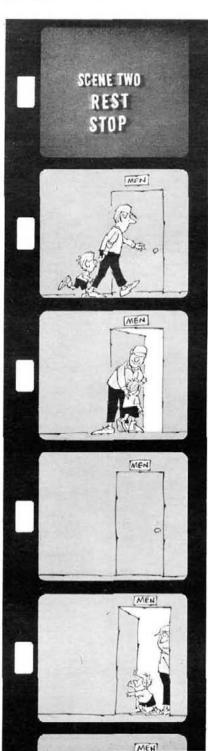


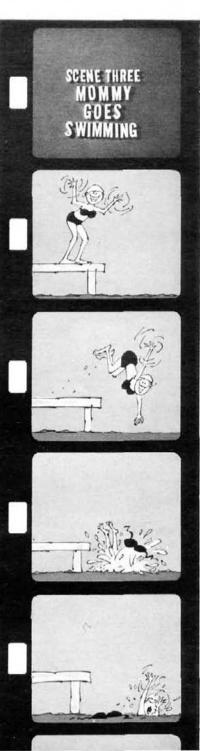
SCREAM GEMS DEPT.

The worst things about vacations is when YOU go on them . . . and then subject US to that most sadistic of all torture devices: Your "HOME MOVIES" of them! And so, not to be outdone, we now take sweet revenge by subjecting YOU to . . .

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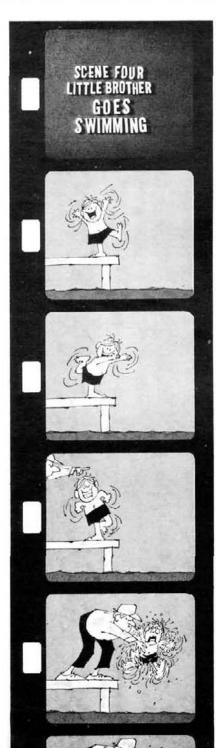


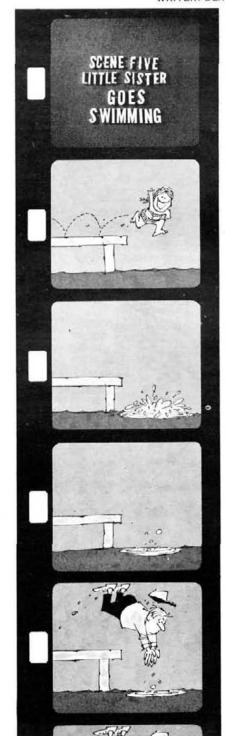


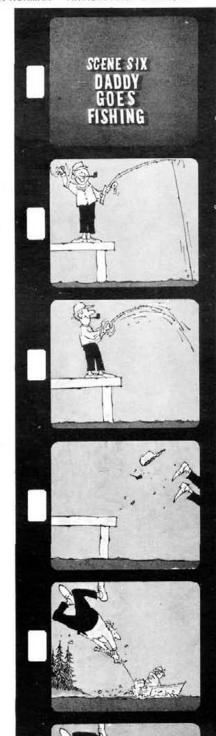
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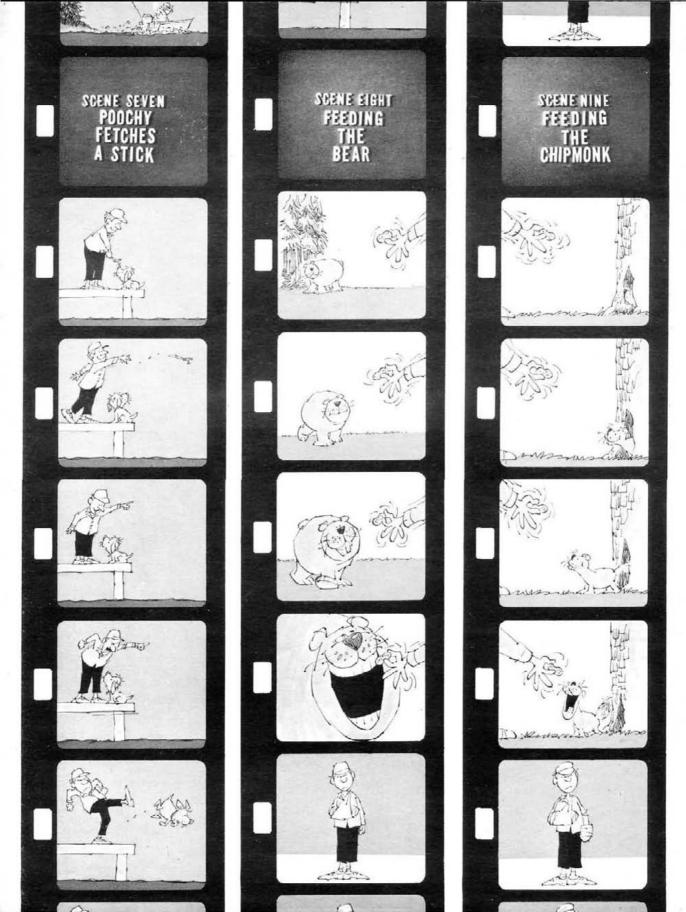
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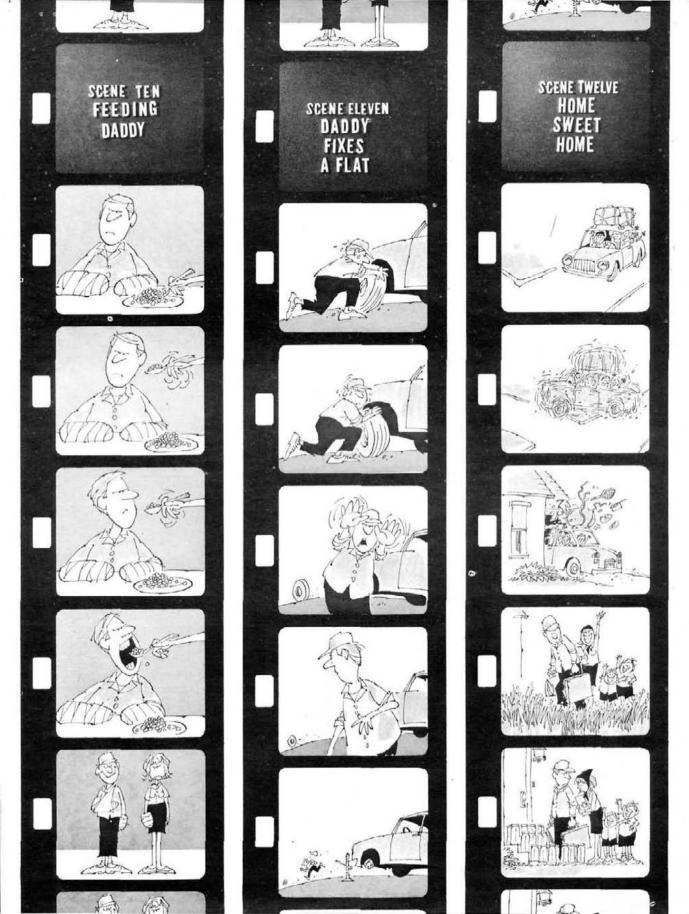
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BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

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OOL FOOTBALL





Huh???





Wow! Is that Drum Majorette











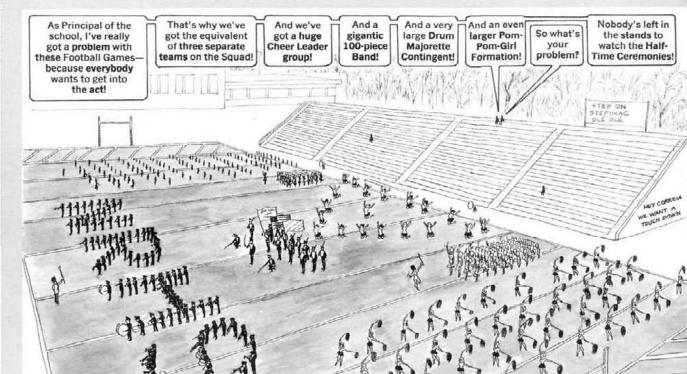
My Father and Brother are fanatic fans! Why I was practically brought up on Football! So don't try to put ME down with your typical MALE SUPERIORITY!



Wait! Let ME explain the game to YOU!
That guy is getting the ball and he's running around end with those other two guys blocking for him! And now he's handing it to that other guy who's cutting back across and . . .
He's broken through!! YAHOO!! WOW!!













ROUND TRIP DEPARTMENT

Much has been written about hallucinogenic drugs like LSD, and the glories (or dangers) of taking pyschedelic "trips". Some unsavory magazines have even featured this topic on their covers in order to sell copies. (See MAD #116.) And so, because MAD is interested

E PSYCHIAN

- 9:00- I enter the offices of MAD Magazine and I am given L.S.D. on a sugar cube which I put into my coffee and drink.
- 9:06. My stomach gurgles and mythroat tightens. I never use sugar in my coffee!
- 9:18- A blood-curdling scream pierces the air.

 I hear humanity crying out in anguish...

 suffering pain... intense pain!

 Is it my first HALLUCINATION?
 - 9:20 NO!! It is the Publisher of MAD-Bill Gaines-writing a check! It is the same sound I hear every payday!
 - 9:35 I AM BEGINNING TO THINK THE DRUG WILL HAVE NO EFFECT WHATSOEVERY! HERE IT IS -THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES AFTER GOOBLING, AND NOTHING IS FURNING!
 - 9:53 THE PUBLICHER OF MAD, ADOLPH HITLER, ENTERSTHE ROOM AND ASKS IF I AM K.O.? I TELL HIM I'M RASPBERRIES! ON THE WAY OUT, SHE STABS MY TEDDY BEAR! ON PURPOSE!! ON PORPOISE!! SOMETHING IS FISHY!!!

9:76-STILL NO EI TIGHT! LOU I RIP EVE 10:10:10 THE TO HAIRUN IT'S AN.

in truth, because MAD desired to find out once and for all what taking an LSD "trip" was like, and mainly because MAD wanted to feature this topic once again in order to sell copies, we talked one of our writers into taking LSD, and describing his experiences in

ENG DIEN

WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO

FECK! MY SKIN IS ON TOO SY TAILOR! LOUSY BURTON! RYTHING OFF! RTOISE IS RACING THE DER MY ARMS! ARMS RACE!! GBRIGHTLICE!

112:30 THE RUBISHER OF MUD, HUGH HEFFER, TAPS ME ON THE BROCCOLI-

90:76 I MAKE OUT SHAPES IN THE ROOM A DESK- A LAMP-A STAGECOACH-A PHUNG

1:15 - PEOPLE ARE STAIRING AT ME! I'M A STAIR-CASE! I TRY TO EXPLAIN THAT SOME FUNNY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED TO MY. BUT IT'S NO.

1:30 - EVERYTHING IS BECOMING EXTREMELY CLEAR!
BUT IS IT REALITY? DO I REALLY LIVE? OR DO
I JUST EXIST IN A CHINGE OF MY BLUK?

1:45- WHAT IS NOT? AND WHY, IF WE, DO WE? OF COURSE!

2:00 A blood-curdling scream pierces the air.

I hear humanity crying out in anguish...
suffering pain...intense pain!

IS IT AN HALLUCINATION AT LAST??

2:03 No!! It is the Publisher of MAD-Bill Gaines-writing another check!

2:05- Everything is back to Norbal.

AWARD TO THE WISE-GUYS DEPT.

Every year, Academy Awards are presented to film celebrities for great achievements in Motion Pictures. But it seems a shame to limit the Oscars to movie-makers only. The most spectacular

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Ho Chi-Minh

BEST PERFORMANCE while on LOCATION



Adam Clayton Powell

achievements are accomplished by celebrities in other walks of life. And so, we hereby bestow upon these public figures the honors they deserve as we open the envelopes and present...

FOR WORLD

CELIEBRITIES

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BEST NEW ARRANGEMENT of the SAME OLD SONG



Richard M. Nixon

BEST PERFORMANCE in a BIBLICAL ROLE



Pres. Charles DeGaulle

BEST PERFORMANCE in an UNINTENTIONAL COMEDY ROLE



Sec'y of State Dean Rusk

BEST PERFORMANCE in an INTENTIONAL COMEDY ROLE



UPI AND WORLD WIDE

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BEST PERFORMANCE in a HIGH BUDGET PRODUCTION



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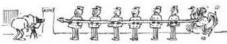
BEST PERFORMANCE in a BLACK & WHITE PRODUCTION



H. Rap Brown



Dr. Timothy Leary



ONE EVENING AT THE HEALTH CLUB









INSIDE-OUCH DEPT.

Here we go again, gang, with the second installment of our new series which explores that hidden world where dedicated people are working tirelessly and secretly to make our lives miserable. This one is . . .

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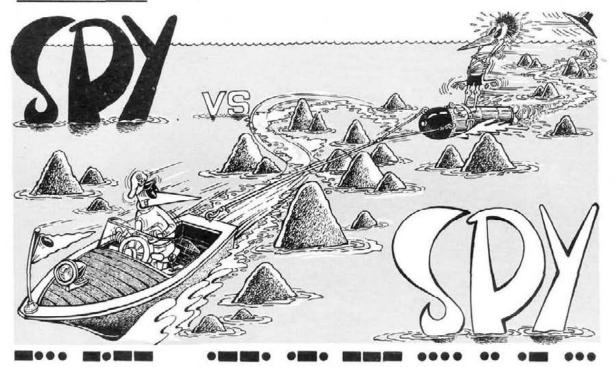
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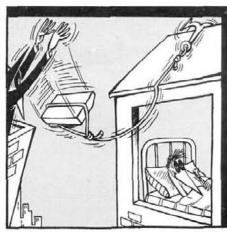
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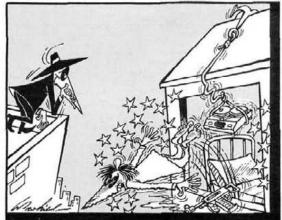












BORN FREEBIE DEPT.

Someone once said: "In this world, you get nothing for nothing!" We don't know who said it, but he probably said a lot of other stupid things, too. Because in this world, there are lots of people who manage to get plenty for nothing. They even have a magazine devoted to their way of life called:



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"I never thought I could make a living doing nothing except turning on faucets and handling towels to grown men. But thanks to the FREE-LOADERS HOME-STUDY COURSE, I learned such money-producing phrases as, 'Hot today, isn't it?' and 'Wash 'em up?' and 'Check your fly?' And today, I'm in full charge of six stalls!"

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THE FREE-LOADER ADVISOR



Each issue, the "Free-Loader Advisor" helps other Free-Loaders who have problems. Naturally, the "Free-Loader Advisor," being a Free-Loader himself, charges a nominal fee for this service. So if you have a problem and you want to consult the "Free-Loader Advisor," include five dollars with your letter. (Please make that \$5.00 in singles, so your Editorwho also happens to be a Free-Loader, can take his 20% cut easily.)

Dear F-L Advisor:

For many years, I have been taking my son to the movies whenever I go, and he has always gotten in at half-price. But lately, the local theater changed its manager, and now Melvin has to pay full-price. Since he's still going with his mother, I think that's pretty unfair, don't you? Melvin is so upset about it that he threw a temper tantrum when I took him to see "Blow-Up" for his 29th birthday. What should I do?

Signed: MOTHER

Dear Mother:

Forget about going to the movies and paying even half-price for Melvin. Instead, start going to the Legitimate Theater for FREE! Just wait until the First Act Intermission, and then you and Melvin merely walk in with the crowd for the Second and Third Acts. And don't worry about missing the First Act. Just pick up someone's discarded ticket stubs and use them the next night.

Dear F-L Advisor:

I love parties. I always have lots of fun at parties. But crashing these parties has become a real problem. I've all but given up trying, because I always seem to get caught. What do I do wrong?

Signed: Unhappy

Dear Unhappy:

The problem is that you like parties and you probably look like you're enjoying yourself whenever you crash one. This is a sure tip-off that you don't belong at the party. No one really enjoys parties.

Dear F-L Advisor:

My ex-husband is giving me trouble. We were married and divorced on the same day, and I've been receiving \$12,- 000 a year in alimony since that day ten years ago. Now, he wants to stop the payments. Don't you think he's being unreasonable?

Signed:

Dear Troubled:

I agree that he's being terribly unreasonable. He should continue to pay you the alimony you so justly deserve. After all, didn't you give him the best seven hours of your life?

Dear F-L Advisor:

I make my living by being a TV Quiz Show contestant. Should I be disturbed at being an Electronic Free-Loader, or is it something to be proud of?

Signed: Pushy

Dear Pushy:

Although being a TV Quiz Show contestant is nothing to be really proud of, it is an acceptable form of Free-Loading. And things could be a lot worse. You could be the Emcee of a TV Quiz Show.

Dear F-L Advisor:

I admit I'm a Free-Loader. I admit I don't do anything worthwhile for a living. I agree I'm a "Yes-Man" to those higher up. I agree that I fill a totally useless position. But does that mean that people should disregard what I say and ignore what I think and pass me off as a nobody?

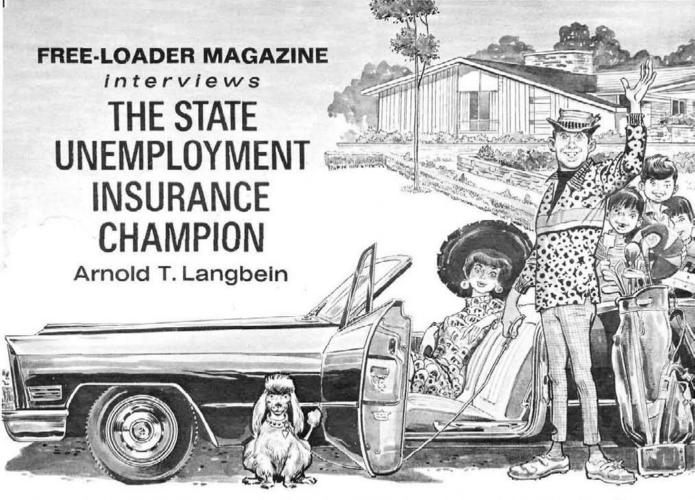
Signed: Anonymous

Dear Anonymous:

First, I know that you should stop feeling guilty about being a useless Free-Loader. Second, I know that Free-Loaders everywhere are proud of you. And third, I know that you are not really "Anonymous," but actually Al Feldstein, Editor of MAD.

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F-L INTERVIEWER: Mr. Langbein, you are recognized as the uncontested Champ—

MR LANGBEIN: How much do you pay for one of these interviews?

F-L INTERVIEWER: Er-well, we don't pay anything, usually. But we do give ten free copies of the magazine...

MR. LANGBEIN: Oh? Well, how much is scrap paper going for these days?

F-L INTERVIEWER: Please, Mr. Langbein, let's get to the interview. How did you become the State Unemployment Insurance Champion?

MR. LANGBEIN: It wasn't easy. The competition is fierce, and getting worse every day. But using good old American "stick-to-itiveness", I managed it.

F-L INTERVIEWER: How long have you been Champion, sir?

MR. LANGBEIN: Twenty-five years, and twenty-five wonderful years they have been. I might add.

F-L INTERVIEWER: Tell us, Mr. Langbein, what excuses do you use to keep unemployed?

MR. LANGBEIN: I just claim I'm a victim of Automation.

F-LINTERVIEWER: Just a minute. Automation has only been a problem for the past ten years or so. How about before that?

MR. LANGBEIN: Then I was a victim of the age of Electricity. Hell, my ancestors claimed they were thrown out of work by the invention of the Wheel. You can always find an excuse, right? F-L INTERVIEWER: I guess so. But if you've been out of work for twenty-five years, how can you qualify for Unemployment Insurance.

MR. LANGBEIN: Well, I take a job for six months, and then I get fired, and then I collect Unemployment Insurance for twenty-six weeks.

F-L INTERVIEWER: How can you be sure you'll be fired?

MR. LANGBEIN: Because I don't show up for the last six months.

F-L INTERVIEWER: How long have you been on your last Unemployment Insurance kick, Mr. Langbein?

MR. LANGBEIN: For three years.

F-L INTERVIEWER: Now hold on. I got you there. You said you only collect Unemployment Insurance for twentysix weeks . . .

MR. LANGBEIN: That's right, smarty. But don't forget Workman's Compensation!

F-L INTERVIEWER: How did you qualify for that?

MR. LANGBEIN: I sprained my ankle on the steps of the Unemployment Insurance Office as I was coming out with my last check. And when that ran out, I applied for the Government Rehabilitation Program, then the War On Poverty Program, then Operation Headstart, then...

F-L INTERVIEWER: But these programs are only for people who live in the slums. And you have this lovely private home in the suburbs . . .

MR. LANGBEIN: I keep a summer place in Harlem just to establish residency.

F-L INTERVIEWER: And you get enough money from all these connivings to live?

MR. LANGBEIN: Not in the style I'd like. It's really scandalous. Do you know that my car is last year's Cadillac? F-L INTERVIEWER: Well, what do you intend to do about that?

MR. LANBEIN: I'm writing my Congressman. But until they pass some more legislation, I'm taking emergency measures.

F-L INTERVIEWER: Really? And what are they?

MR. LANGBEIN: Well, I've put my wife and three sons on Unemployment Insurance . . . kinda bringing the boys into the business, you might say . . . and I've applied for Federal Aid for my (Continued on page 78)

FREE-LOADERS IN THE NEWS



Here's a Free-Loader "Double Header." TV star Doorwood Kirpy, who makes all kinds of money for doing nothing, shakes hands with his agent, who gets 10% for doing nothing except seeing to it that Kirpy continues to do nothing.

Howard Sewell proudly accepts the coveted Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship. This is the 13th Fellowship Howard has received. Asked about the next Fellowship he'll try for, Howard snapped, "What next one? When this one's finished, I'll start collecting my Social Security."





"People should stand on their own two feet!" said Hiram Judd, the President of the "Dirt Farmer's Anti-Welfare State Lobby," which marched on Washington to protest allocation of government funds for the underprivileged. Judd is also President of the "More Subsidies For Dirt Farmers Lobby."

Milton Boiled, famous TV star, shown here at his regular table in Linty's – right up front where passers-by can see – angrily denied he was being used to publicize the restaurant. "When I'm in New York, I always come into Linty's for my free meal!" he said.



WALKING THE DEAD BEAT

News and Views of Free-Loading Around Town by Crafty Finagel

Congratulations to Hilda Biffle who retired to Florida last week. You remember Hilda—she's the gal who has taken advantage of every "Double-Your-Money-Back" offer ever made . . . How about Marvin Simmis, who couldn't find a free parking spot in town the other evening? Marv just got out of his car in the middle of traffic, lifted the hood and removed his radiator cap. When he got back from the movies, he found a policeman giving his car a free carbon-and-valve job . . STREET SCENE: Ivor Balderdash, the celebrated Skid Row Free-Loader, made \$450 last week. Seems he has a greasy rag, and makes a mint threatening to wipe off motorists' windshields with it.

FREE-LOADER OF THE MONTH AWARD goes to the Syndicate that puts up all those gum machines around town that grab your money and don't work. Those gonifs make millions . . . What famous TV comic got a lifetime supply of booze by mentioning Canadian Club on his show? Hope they offer the same deal to me for this mention . . . Hats off to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bernstein. People are still talking about the clever way they conned all their guests into dressing up like bums and then held their son's Bar Mitzvah in the Salvation Army Shelter.

NEWS NOTE: Welfare Workers are planning a strike. They're going to demand that they get paid as much as their Welfare clients receive . . . Kudos to Gourmet Columnist Sidney Fresser, who has eaten in a different restaurant every night for the past six weeks for free. The restaurateurs are hoping that Sidney will feature their establishment in his column. Sidney is hoping that some newspaper will eventually feature his so-far unpublished column . . . The Duke and Duchess of Windsor were in town last night, still giving Free-Loading a touch of class.



Everyone had a great time at the recent Free-Loaders' Convention, even Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kulots, who were unaware that the Convention was being held at their daughter's Wedding Reception. Thanks for the use of the hall, Folks!

Producer David Melnick dropped \$600,000 of his backers' money on his recent flop. Actually, it was only \$400,000, but David took the difference for his week's expenses . . . Overheard on the Unemployment Insurance line: "They can't seem to find me a job as a Financier!" . . . The United Charity Foundation's fund drive dinner last night was a huge success. It raised enough dough to pay the salaries of the executives for another six months . . . Disc Jockey Murphy The "Q" has a unique Free-Loading deal. He sells those free records he receives from the recording companies to the Fink Record Shop . . . Three cheers to the members of the Police Force who don their uniforms on off-duty hours to attend ball games and other sports exhibitions for free.

FREE-LOADING QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We were just passing through," said E.Z. Pickins, referring to himself, his wife and their six kids, "and we thought we'd stop by for a minute to say 'Hello!' "Mr. Pickins delivered the quote to an old Army buddy he'd once met on a line for shots. The Pickins family then managed to extend the "minute to say 'Hello!" into a three-week visit . . . EMER-GENCY NOTICE: If you live anywhere between High Street and Underhill Avenue, contact me immediately. You can drive me to work every morning. But don't get me wrong, I love Free-Loading!

THE FREE-LOADER OF THE MONTH

Each month, FREE-LOADER Magazine honors one person whose activities best illustrate the qualities admired by all Free-Loaders. This month, we salute, with open palms...

CONGRESSMAN AMEN CLAYFEET POWER



Congressman Power addresses a dinner being held to raise funds for his re-election campaign. His goal is \$150,000. "If I can achieve that goal," he tells his guests, "I can retire . . . and to hell with Congress!"

If someone objects to Power's abuse of his office, he merely calls for a Congressional Investigation to get at the facts. Here, we see him using his Congressional Immunity to blacken the reputation of his accuser for life... with no danger to the Congressman.





The fact that Congress is in session does not disturb Congressman Power's daily routine in Bermuda. Here he is seen conferring with a constituent on his yacht, which costs him nothing because he has had it classified as an auxilliary P.T. boat on detached service from the U.S. Coast Guard.



Naturally, Congressman Power also has to attend to Official Congressional Business too. As the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, he takes his job seriously. After establishing friendly relations in Paris, he will do the same in Rome, Nice and Majorca.



Here we see a businessman trying to persuade Power to use his influence to help land a government contract. Power explains that it is unethical to do special favors for "the few". Therefore he does special favors for all — all that can afford the price.

Naturally, a Congressman cannot do everything by himself. He needs many loyal assistants to help him. And who can be more loyal and helpful than "family?" That is why Congressman Power has placed 117 relatives on his payroll . . . including several that have been dead for the past ten years.





With billboards coming down all over the country in an effort to "Beautify America," the creative geniuses on Madison Avenue will have to come up with something to take their place . . . something

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with just as much visual impact. Which brings us to this article. (Okay, smarty-pants, so turning the page was what brought you to this article!) Here, then, are several MAD suggestions for . . .

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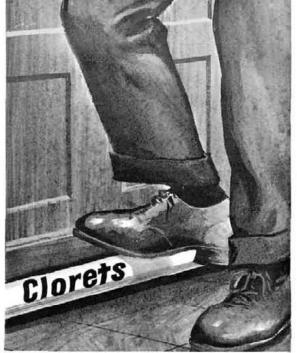
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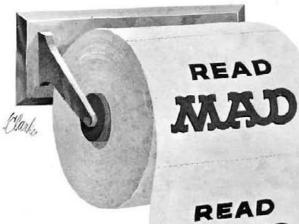










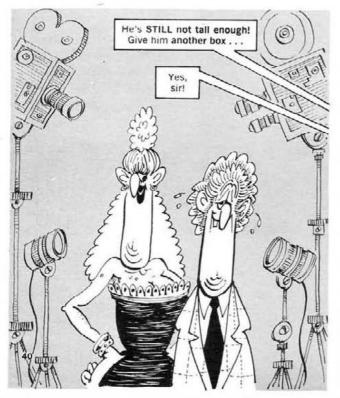


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ON THE SET









THREE FOR THE FUNNY DEPT.

Twice in recent issues of MAD, we've saved you the time, trouble, and tariff necessary to see them by summing up three idiotic films at one shot in a collection which we called "MAD Mini-Movies". Now, we save you the time, trouble, eye-strain, and possible exposure to deadly radiation (if you have the right kind of Color-TV set) by summing up three idiotic television shows in this collection which we call . . .



"It Takes A Crook"



"Mannecch"



"Jugg for the Defensive"



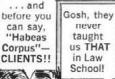


First, let's take this MAD Mini-Vision look at the TV Lawyer who combines the controversial cases of "The Defenders" with the success of "Perry Mason". . .

JUGG FOR THE



If you'd paid attention while you were studying Law, Bem, you'd know that when things slow down, you merely have to grab your golf clubs and say, "I'm finally



'School"?! I learned that from watching Perry Mason!

Mr. Jugg, I just shot my wife! Take my case!

Mr. Jugg, Ljust shot BOTH my wives! Take MY case!

Mr. Jugg, my Boss told me I had bad breath so gunned him down!

Take me!

Mr. Jugg, my son's been arrested for stealing a horse and I'm very rich!









Man, I don't know what We believe happened! I was taking your story. a "trip," see? And then Andrew-but M I freaked out! And the will a Jury next thing I know, I believe it?

I hope it doesn't come to that! I prefer winning my cases by unethical legal shenanigans!



Be serious, Andrew! This is no simple misdemeanor like Murder or Rape! You have been charged with 1st Degree Horse-Stealing!

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So tell me exactly what happened? A lot depends on your story!

100 Even more important! Mr. Jugg's reputation!

You mean . .

like my life?!









was petting this horse!



Is the low down rat who stole your horse in this courtroom?

He's right there ... It was the defendant, Andrew K. Filthyrich!

It looks bad, Jugg! What kind of defense have you planned!

The best defense is always a good offense!

Wasn't that Louis Nizer -"N.Y. State vs. Sidney Clogpoop''?

No. Vince Lombardi-"Green Bay Packers vs. Dallas Cowboys"!

Before I call my usual surprise witness, let me make this brief point: My client is accused of Horse Stealing, but his accuser is guilty of Gal Stealing . . . a crime far more heinous-

Mr. Jugg, any more language like that and I'll hold you in Contempt of Court!

Phyliss Dilly take the stand!

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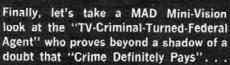
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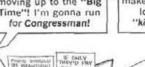
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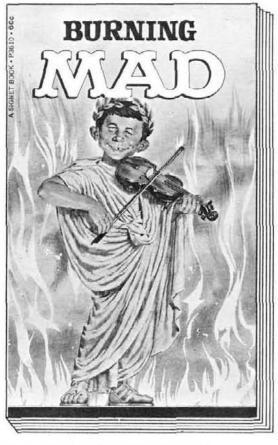


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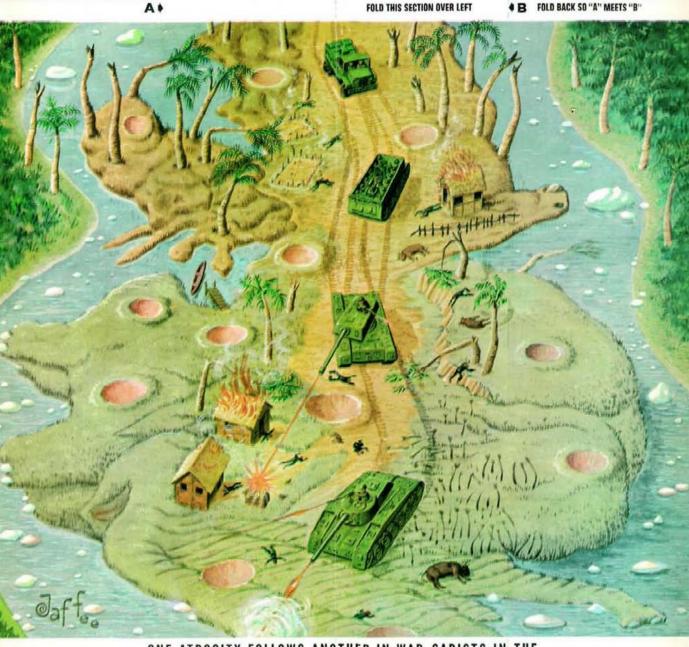
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Hardly a day goes by without news of some horrible conflict taking place in some war zone somewhere. Today, a terrible battle is being fought, and the atrocities being committed are turning everyone's stomach. To find out where, fold in page as shown:



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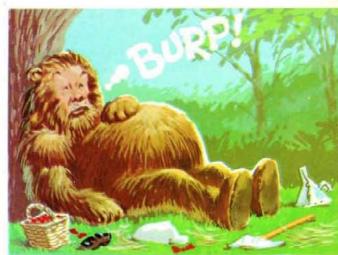
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