

New Right Resembles New Left

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 rather than collectivists. We are pro capitalism and pro rights."
 Whatever their label these radicals are propelled by the neuroses of their times and hope for a better world.
 It is by way of Goldwater's concern for law and order, the

right wing's opposition to foreign aid, and their own abhorrence of the use of force against individuals that they arrive at a foreign policy not too different from that of the New Left.

'ACTIVE ISOLATIONISTS'
 "We are not pacifists," Dawson said, "but we are against wars of aggression. The only justification for war is self-protection. You might say we are active isolationists. We believe this country should draw perimeters of protection and stay within them. We shouldn't be imperialists running all over the world, sending in money and troops, and taking over country by country as we are doing in Asia."

"Vietnam is a God-awful mess," he continued. "I'm against the whole foreign policy that put us there, but I don't think after all this time we should just pull out and permit a communist takeover."
 Although Dawson is opposed to communist governments because he believes they almost automatically violate individual rights, he is not opposed to communist societies, even within this country.

"If people want to get together voluntarily and share their wealth, that's their business," he said. "But they have no right to go up the road and take their neighbors. That is a violation of his property rights."
 Dawson is clearly not opposed to cooperative behavior. For instead of each of the rugged individuals going out to get his own lunch, one person offered to get lunch for everyone. To get it, not to pay for it. Their strong sentiment against welfare in any form must have prevented that.

In fact, on a larger scale, their slogan could be "Starve, Baby, Starve." They might even be able to work up a topical folk song with a verse running, "If you can't pay, honey, don't grab my money, Starve, Baby, Starve."

'BITS AND PIECES'
 Of course, they are not opposed to private charity. It's the force they don't like. The mere suggestion of it aroused all manner of outrage. One young man started yelling that it violated him as an individual. It prevented him from having control over his own property and over his own life. Nor did he want to control anyone else's.

"I have no desire to be my brother's keeper. I don't want to put him in a cage and throw him bits and pieces," he said. The young man probably did not know he was backing into the New Left's objections to the oppressiveness of the welfare state. The two groups come to one of their mutual objections to the cage, to the overprotecting, the patronizing, and the degrading of the individual.

The New Left says people should be given what they need without having to be humiliated by welfare department rules and policing. They want the poor to control any poverty money they receive instead of their activities restricted by Washington or local politicians. The assumption behind their view is that people are capable of managing their own lives.

The opposing radicals—the ones on the right—say that people are capable of managing their own lives and therefore don't need welfare. Behind this conclusion is a set of premises that add up to a more flattering view of man than that held by the humanists.

RATIONAL ANIMAL
 They believe man is a rational animal who can control his actions through reason, rather than an irrational animal who is driven by emotions, fears, and needs. They

believe that man has free will and is not simply a helpless product of social and psychological determinism.
 They underplay environment when they conclude that if an individual fails to make a good life for himself, it is his responsibility and he therefore has no right to force others to patch it up for him. It is a reaction to what they feel has been the overplay of determinism since the 1930's.

On the racial question, there is a diversity between the two groups of radicals. The radicals of the right seek the repeal of the public-accommodations section of the civil-rights law.

"I'm not saying Negroes should just accept discrimination in hotels and other privately owned accommodations," Dawson said.
 "I see nothing wrong with organizing a boycott, but I think a man has a right to be a bigot on his own property. I just wish him bankruptcy. I

wouldn't trade there."
 Nevertheless, the group is as opposed to the denial of political rights to Negroes as anyone on the left. They would use persuasion to eliminate the race problem rather than force.

They are fond of quoting Ayn Rand — to whose views they are very close: "A genius is a genius no matter how many morons are in his race, and a moron is a moron no matter how many geniuses are in his race."

'NOT A FACTOR'
 Aubrey Robertson, a young Negro school teacher from Harlem, was attracted to the group because of their emphasis on individualism.
 "No minority group member," he said, "can come to terms with himself or his society unless he challenges to its roots the entire doctrine of collectivism, the tendency to look at human beings as group

animals rather than as individuals. A rational society must be organized in which race is not even a factor."
 Despite his individualistic — almost black power — approach, his next remark sounded as if it came from a nationalist speech.

Just before returning to the mimeograph machine, Dawson added a biographical note: "I even voted for Stevenson."
 "Why?"

"Have you ever read any of Eisenhower's speeches?" he asked, neatly returning the question with a question.
 "Would he do it again?"
 "Possibly." Stevenson seemed the lesser of two evils. "Most likely if I had to make that choice now, I wouldn't vote at all," he said, assuming the posture in the limbo of the radicals — left and right — who are ahead of their political choices.

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ACROSS

- Ostrich-like birds
- English spa
- Catchers in baseball
- P.I. white ant
- Narrates
- Shout of exultation
- French coins
- Grate
- The sun
- Snakes or Porthos
- Continent: abbr.
- Pin for roasting meat
- City train
- In-citers
- Affirm
- Exclamation
- Mine entrance
- Sand hills
- Noisy intake of food
- One of the Bears
- Russian river
- A choking bit
- Open: poet.

DOWN

- Western Indian
- French pronoun
- Catchers in baseball
- P.I. white ant
- Narrates
- Shout of exultation
- French coins
- Grate
- The sun
- Snakes or Porthos
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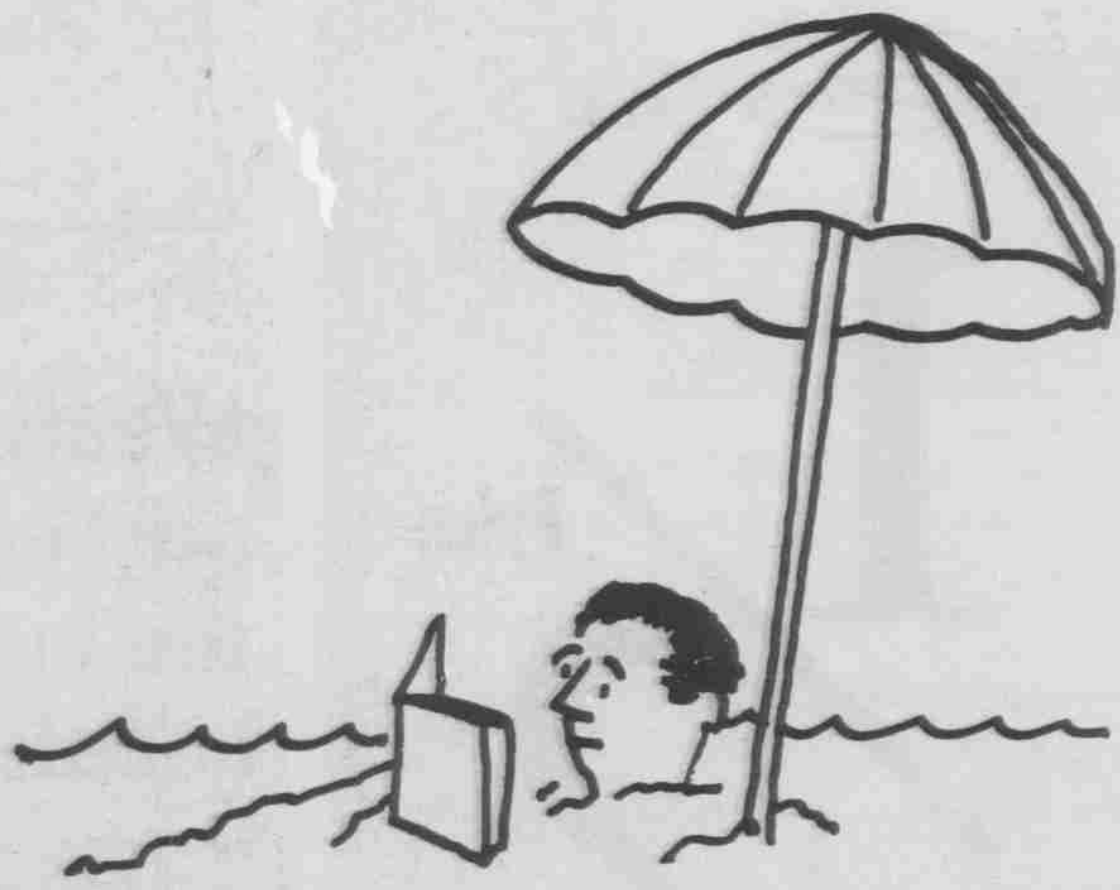
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