

By Terry Tickle

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY BLUES

Alright, I'll admit it! I am an old line liberal and as such I am still oriented to Eugene V. Debs, the New Deal and Rex Tugwell rather than Clever, Carmichael and company although I am sympathetic to many things they say. Every society must be in a continual process of change for it to grow and survive, and human nature being what it is, a certain amount of agitation must occur to provide this change until such time as men are able to solve their problems intelligently and intellectually. Clever, Carmichael and company have done much to provide the needed agitation. However the principle method by which men advance has for 2000 years been the university--not the university as a battlefield but the university as a place of collectively high intelligence where societies' new ideas can be born. If the college and university students and faculties cannot change their curriculum, rules and social environment without violence, the prospects for the future of mankind looks dismal. Violence can be expected from the poor and the under educated. They do not understand the world in which they live and have no other outlet of protest against their uncontrollable environment. Such is not the case with the students and faculties of our colleges who have the intelligence to understand their world and through research, writing, and teaching to do something about it. It is because of the many outlets available for intellectual expression that one must find totally objectionable the events at San Francisco State College.

Two groups, the Black Student Union and the Third World Liberation Front have torn the campus apart with their demands, many of which have no logical application to a "street car" college like SFSC.

*Sandlewood  
Dreams*

Numbers roll...  
and thoughts begin to stroll...  
Through the canyons of my mind...  
Clouds of incense fill the room  
The world keeps going in all its  
gloom.  
While I sit and watch it pass...  
Knowing I've found peace of mind at  
last  
Not forever...

But I'll be back

Rick Caswell

They have demanded "the rapid establishment" of a school of ethnic studies. Such a department is not a bad idea but not if it is rapidly established. Such a school and department requires new faculty members, carefully selected, a specialized library, always an absorbing cost; as well as new office and staff. They have also demanded unlimited admission of non-white students regardless of qualifications. Now no one denies the need for equal admissions but would anyone at NCSA demand admission of a student regardless of dancing ability or musical training. The quality of any school would be destroyed by such demands.

The behavior of these groups has been most unintellectual. Not only have they attacked newsmen on campus, they also broke into the office of the campus newspaper and beat up the editor and several reporters. The last group to use such violent methods of intimidation was the Klu Klux Klan.

Liberals always face the problem of a lack of unity, yet if society is to advance under the leadership of the liberal community, the liberal is duty-sworn to act with all his intellectual capacity. The liberal community, of which SFSC president Ichiya Hayakawa is surely a member, must not give support to fascism hiding under the guise of liberalism. The liberal must be willing to listen to each new idea and be ready and willing to adopt it, if it proves intellectually valid, but he must not accept nor support an idea simply because it is new or because followers of the idea call themselves liberal. We are at a time which requires much more intelligent thought and much less irrational violence.

## TICKLE'S REPLY

In reply to Mr. Wilson's letter in last week's Essay I would first request that his various theses be broken down into their separate units for more accessible analysis. To discuss pure economic systems is to beg the point of their reality. Some qualifiers must be given. I also question limiting the discussion to economic aspects when most contemporary research indicates man's psycho-physical actions are more the foundation of his life than an economic system. Men, after all, have lived successfully flourished under a variety of economic systems. But the statement which I oppose most vehemently is Mr. Wilson's assumption that a "basic requirement of the nature of man is the freedom of his mind." Every event of written history indicates that man is most willing to surrender his free-

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MARK TWAIN TONIGHT

dom of mind as long as he is given or is promised security. This thesis, discussed in detail in Erich Fromm's Escape from Freedom, demonstrates that even in the 20th century the human community will entrust itself to a madman, Hitler, for example, in return for security. Man will burn books, close schools, annihilate his intellectuals and censor all forms of communication in return for an extra five minutes on this earth.

Furthermore, I submit that although there has never been a pure system of laissez-faire, that the closer we have come to it, the more life has been a living hell for the masses of people,

I now hope that Mr. Wilson will find here more material for discussion.