

BOOK REVIEW

LORD OF THE FLIES

By Cathy Digges

On the surface *Lord of the Flies* appears to be a juvenile narrative about a group of little boys who are marooned on an island without adults. As in the adventure stories which the boys have heard, they divide themselves into opposing factions which stage constant raids on one another. However, the se raids get out of hand, and two of the boys are brutally murdered. During a particularly fierce battle, a passing cruiser catches sight of flames on the island, and subsequently the boys who are still alive are rescued.

Hidden in the deep symbolism of *Lord of the Flies* is the essence of man's nature. The little boys represent mankind and its degeneration from relative innocence to evil, hate and violence. *Lord of the Flies* is then basically the tracing of the decay of the individual which in turn affects the demoralization of society. There are three main characters: Ralph, who represents the civilized man; Jack, who is the wild, unruly element; and Piggy, who is personified intelligence. Piggy is practically blind with his glasses. These glasses are shattered in one of the battles, and their destruction symbolized the decline of human reasoning. The plot moves from organization and sanity to

chaos and depravity.

Even the fact that the little boys are finally rescued by the ship is no cause for relief, since Golding makes it obvious that these children are only being rescued back into the same kind of corrupt atmosphere that they left on the island--the world as fashioned by adults. *Lord of the Flies* has a depressing message, but one which is relevant for the turbulent society in which we live.

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Turkey crisis; and India-Pakistan dispute.

The Secretary-General U Thant, in a message issued on United Nations Day to mark the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the U. N., said, "It seems clear, as the United Nations begins the third decade of its life, that great as are the dangers in the world which it serves, they are no greater than the opportunities open to us. These opportunities must be urgently seized by governments, organizations and individuals alike, for in making and building of peace, every kind of positive effort is required."

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There is also a lack in Christianity, and a decline in the vigor of Mohammedanism and Buddhism so prevalent in the Oriental Countries.

Miss Hoyt says "The trip was fabulous. I was so impressed with the pitiful condition and the extremely poor people and also with the children who were so darling."

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