

CORONER'S INQUEST 5¢

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MOVE

In their haste to appease the voters and enhance the community image, Thorson and our school board have violated many student freedoms, caused inconvenience, and refused to adjust to the times. The root of the whole mess seems to be the question of smoking. No way, says Thorson. That's easy for the school board to say, sitting there chomping on cigars. That's easy for York faculty to say with their plush smoke lounge. (By the way Mr. Stacy we still can't find that student lounge.) No, instead they're all worried about the next referendum while spending \$20,000.00 annually on toilet tillies. The school has only responded with a promise for benches outside. Wee. Big help for smokers. The city came through with a legal aspect allowing smoking on the right-of-way. Thanks city, we are all choked.

Right now, a student who wants a puff must go into that "neighborhood" loiter a little, and light up. So residents complain to the school about vandalism, littering,

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"Ask Mr. Thorson where those smokers are hanging out!"

OUTRAGE

It's never good to write a slanderous article or intentionally go after an individual solely for the purpose of defaming his character, but some people leave themselves wide open and really deserve it, so here goes. President Nixon is a loudmouthed, fatheaded, idiotic, insensitive, disgraceful, disgusting, boring, revolting moron who hasn't an ounce of sense or an iota of respect for the American populus, a people he claims to represent. In short, he would do this country a great service if he packed up himself and all of his Henry Kissingers and got his body out of this country. So there.

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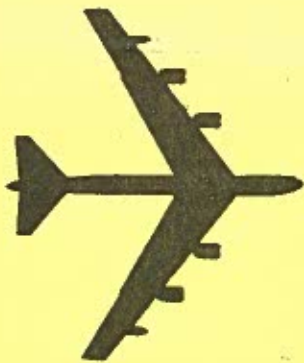
York-Hi

The York-Hi is really doing a nice job this year: a nicely lousy paper. Along with the fact that they still refuse to take up a definite position on school affairs, their articles are absolutely sickening, a disgrace and an insult to our intelligence. For those of you who were unfortunate enough to buy a subscription for the paper, you also got chinned on that deal.

I kept close track of their issues during the year. When they "accidentally" collected the sub cards two issues ago, the total value of papers obtained through the card was \$1.55. A mistake was made, they said (that's for sure) and the cards were returned for the last issue and presumably can be used for the p2

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Now to clarify. Nixon had the gall to go on American television, prime time of course, delaying popular shows, and essentially lie to the entire country. The topic of his little speech was Vietnam. He obviously felt compelled to explain how it was that the war he is "winding down" happened to flare up in the past few days and why it was American planes were bombing in North Vietnam. Apparently, the North Vietnamese and National Liberation Front were showing who really has the military power in all of Vietnam by pushing the South Vietnamese armies around, which were incapable of doing much except retreating. In response to this nastiness, the US sent planes to bomb such military targets as a Russian ship in Haiphong harbor and Hanoi itself. All of these air strikes protect American soldiers in Vietnam. How, nobody probably knows, but it sounds good, or at least that's what Nixon hopes the American people will think. He went on and on about his ending of the war. (A little interesting note on that: Nixon in three years of "winding down" the war has dropped more bombs on Vietnam than Johnson ever



did in his years of escalation.) He also talked about Communist aggression and how the South Vietnamese people had rejected communism and the Viet Cong. He couldn't have been talking about the last election where only the US supported candidate's name was on the ballot. He then finished his oratorical masterpiece by saying that the US had to prove to all the evil countries of the world (read: communist) that they couldn't go around forcing their political system on anybody else. Each nation has a free choice. Of course, if someone does violate this supreme edict, like, say a group like the National Liberation Front, which although a South Vietnamese group, is just a tool of Communist North Vietnam and China, as we all know, than they have to be suppressed because they can't have that much free choice which might endanger American influence.

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next. So add 15¢ for the last issue and let's say 25¢ for one more and we get a grand total of \$1.95. (Even if they suddenly get generous and decide to give us one more 25¢ issue, the total would only be \$2.20) If a person missed an issue, then he loses on the value. But now it seems we paid those crooks \$2.25 for a sub at the beginning of the year. There is still 30¢ unaccounted for. Deception and thievery might be a good way to describe it, led on by a faculty member no less.

Now take Coroner's Inquest. We have always charged 5¢, a fantastic value considering it costs us 6.3¢ to publish each copy of each issue. It may be a poor business procedure for us, but you are the ones who gain. At least we don't try to supplement our annual income with malpractice.



Well, this whole speech was just an insult to all of the American people. He must really think that we are all a bunch of idiots who will believe what we're told. He must think that all he has to do is say that everything's all right and we will believe him. Forget Nixon, that's not true anymore. Prove to us that bombing Hanoi protects US soldiers. Prove to us that the South Vietnamese army can withstand the enemy without American support. Your own army sent a report to you a few months ago that said that the S. Vietnamese army couldn't stand it, and sure enough, as recent facts show, it can't. Prove to us that the war is really ending and a peace is being worked out. Prove to us that the government in S, Vietnam is the people's choice. Prove to us that this war is right. By the looks of it, Nixon, you have an awful lot of proving to do, that if you want to survive politically you had better do.

And another thing. North Vietnam, you're not so innocent and are just as guilty and wrong. You and Nixon look pretty much the same to me, both ugly and rotten.

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NATURE



ECOLOGY AWARENESS

socializing, which, after all, has little to do with appreciation of nature. Pollution can be thought of as just an outcrop of this attitude; few seem to care what damage they do to nature, as exemplified by the hundreds of signatures one can find in any cave, or by the thousands of beer cans by any shore, or by the millions of tons of garbage dumped outside of any city. Can one deny that the present ecology furor is based on nothing less than our own survival, and could never have been started on grounds of mere conservationism?



I submit that we are losing sight of nature; cities, and especially city-bred attitudes, are ruining it for us. Nature is still all around us, but we seem more willing to watch it on television or read about it in books than to discover it for ourselves.

Consider the ironies of our society. Shoes are needed to walk on the concrete sidewalks which are everywhere and which are, after all, built in order to keep our shoes clean. Automobiles spew so much smoke into the air around us that we have to take drives into the country to get away from it. Thousands of manhours are spent every year studying the aspects of distant stars which can't even be seen from city or suburban areas because of the pollution and the lights. Look at the sky at night. It doesn't even get very dark anymore!

The snubbing nature gets is more than ironic; it is tragic, in that people can be so apathetic about natural phenomena that they have no idea of the beauty they are missing. People with money, who can pick and choose where they live, often choose high-rise apartments where everything is plastic and steel and which are sometimes miles from the nearest tree or blade of grass. Even those who live in the suburbs usually spend most of their time indoors, often emerging only for yardwork or



We need nature, but not only to survive. Nature has more value than as just air, food, and water. Love is something expressed toward nature or natural objects, such as persons. Wisdom is generally achieved through knowledge of nature. Beauty is so much a part of nature that it's impossible or nearly impossible to create it without imitating some natural phenomenon. The more we lose sight of nature, the more we lose these things, and we are losing them. A person without love, without knowledge of beauty, without some semblance of wisdom, I can only regard as insane; certainly so deprived that no one would wish to be like him. Yet, as we ignore nature, that appears to be the direction we are heading.

Our dwindling awareness of nature probably will never become bad enough to destroy us (although the possibility should not be ruled out completely). Still, its value to our lives is immeasurable and it is time we try to rediscover it for ourselves. Nature is not something we can well afford to ignore, or even take for granted.

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A Meaning for Failure in Vietnam

Whatever else it may be, Nixon's decision as regards the war in Vietnam is controversial; and although it has not aroused as much general antipathy as the Cambodia invasion, its implications and possible effects cover a far wider ground.

Everyone knows the basic outline of Nixon's plan: to compell first an internationally-patrolled cease-fire and second the release of our prisoners, by blockading North Vietnamese ports and interdicting rail lines from China. The plan may be summed up as an attempt to achieve some of our original goals in Southeast Asia while divesting ourselves of any political or military interests there.

Superficially it is a plan like any other plan, in that it will fail or work. If it succeeds, Nixon is guaranteed re-election and a decent page in some unwritten history book.

But: what if the plan should fail? Surprisingly there has been little rational speculation as to the implications of this possibility. One can listen all one wants to descriptions of a third nuclear holocaust--but what might really happen?

To find out one first must decide precisely how the plan could fail. Chances of nuclear war are slim; the Russians are not so foolish as to want one over North Vietnam, and therefore will probably avoid the minefields while issuing condemnations of our actions--which they have. The Chinese are in no position to conduct a war with us. Therefore, failure is likely to issue from a very common source: the inability of the blockade to hurt the North Vietnamese war effort by blocking supplies.

Suppose, then, that the plan did fail. What would this mean? Very simply, I am convinced that it would be interpreted by the collect mind of the world that the United States is incapable of conducting a conventional war against insurrectionists such as is likely to be carried out in any revolution in any Asian country.

Our political incompetence has already been established by the war--- such a defeat would demonstrate our military incompetence, too. It would of necessity show that the type of limited war which must be fought today if wars are to be conducted, is beyond the capacity of this country to engage. The antiquation of our military equipment would also be demonstrated, as well as our inability to adjust the war to the situation. And this would mean that the only force we could fall back upon to stop a communist insurrection would be threat of nuclear arms.

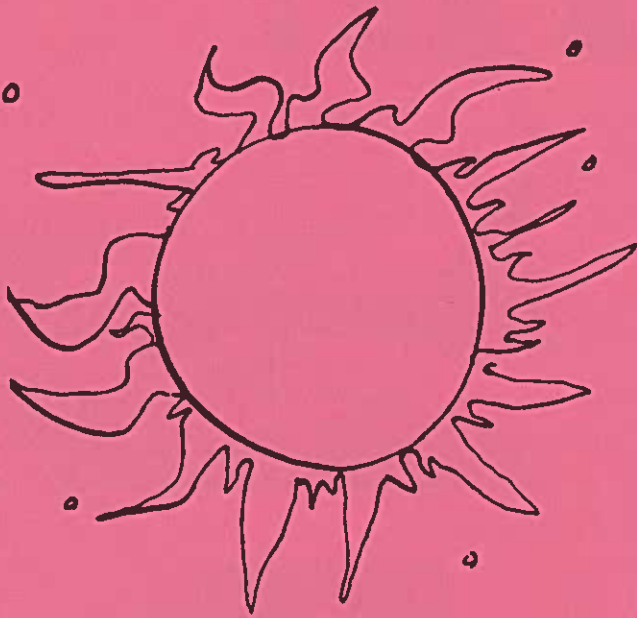
But the communists know--everyone knows--that the United States would never employ nuclear weapons except in reply to nuclear weapons, which means our threat would be no threat at all; and Vietnamese-type wars could be carried out with impunity by whomever cared to prosecute them.

Obviously such a situation would be intolerable. The whole of SE Asia could disintegrate without our ever being able to help, even if the countries in trouble truly wanted our assistance. What is the solution, then, to the problem? Simply that the blockade must work, and must be given time to work, and the psuedo-liberals must be patient with Nixon. If Saigon falls before the interdiction takes effect, then all is lost. We must not only blockade the north, but also help the south until such time as economic pressure forces the north to accept our terms. Otherwise, we shall be reduced--to exaggerate--to grovelling infants playing with a bomb marked A.

Gary Reger

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PRAIRIE PATH



It's our world and we're stuck with it.

Not everyone uses the prairie path, but those that do have always had enemies determined to destroy it. This time it seems to be the Honorable Robert T. Palmer, our city manager and a bunch of greedy businessmen on South York Rd. Those wonderfully conservation-minded people wish to build a parking lot on land adjacent to the path by their businesses at York and Vallette. Too little parking space available they say. That's funny, I count three parking lots in the immediate vicinity; but then I didn't consider the typical lazy attitude of most Americans which requires them to either park directly in front of a store or not stop at all. You're right, Mr. Palmer, we Elmhurst residents can't walk a couple hundred feet from an existing parking lot around the corner.

The prairie path is not just an expressway for hiking or bicycling, but a strip of land for the preservation of natural prairie life. Already too much land has been stripped away in the US for gross lots. This proposed lot in Elmhurst would strip some of the foliage from around the path. This defeats the purpose of the path: without the prairie there could be no path.

loitering, etc. Elmhurst cops go to work. Instead of complaining about the students, the residents should complain that Dist. 88 has not found a place on school grounds where one can smoke. This would keep down the number of loitering smokers in the neighborhood.

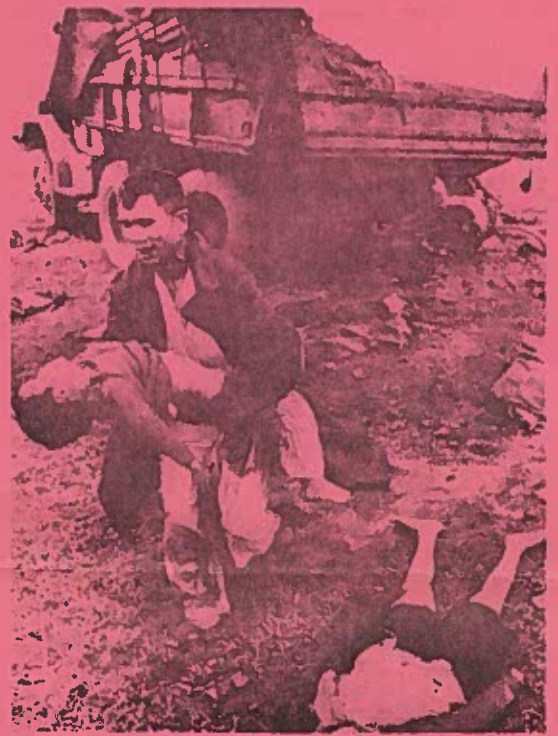
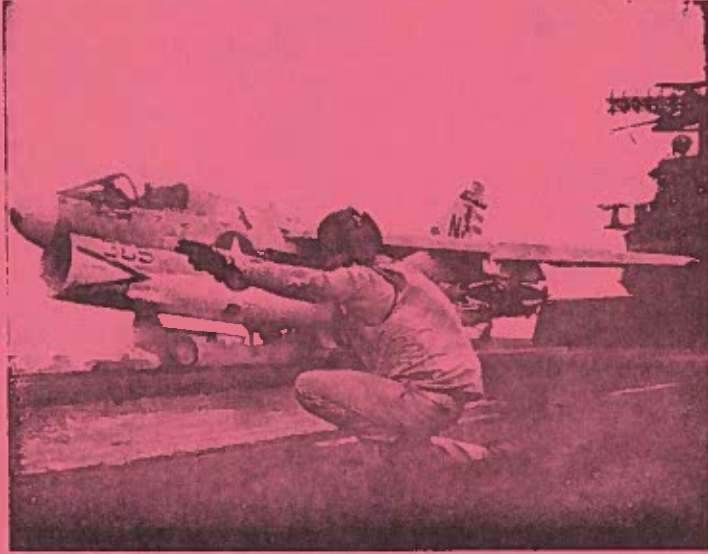
In addition, resident complaints have cut drastically the available parking space around school. The city has now put up no parking signs in many places. (Instead of wasting tax money on changing signs and ticketing cars, the city should spend a little more time keeping the street lights on at night rather than during the day!) Another slap in the face to the students. If there was no smoking problem, there would be no loitering problem and no problem with mobs hanging around their cars.

A note to local residents. It was your choice to live near the school. Some people have to put up living near an expressway or factory. You will have to put up living near us.

It is a shame when people are too embarrassed to stand up for what they believe. It is also a shame that many of our parents can't express what they believe. I am now referring to a letter CI recieved after our last issue. It was signed only "Your friend, a parent." This parent must have had no more than an eighth grade education because after three or four readings, we still couldn't figure out what this parent was trying to say. We could tell that it dealt with the Undeserving article in our last issue and something about Nixon, rhetoric, and China. But whether this person feels as we do on this subject is still unknown. If I wrote like that I'd be embarrassed to sign my name too.

That's life. The 3,600 students at York are residents of this neighborhood 8 hours a day. We demand a big say-so in what goes on. You could try helping your problem and ours too by asking Thorson for a smoking area on campus. If you don't like the situation, tuff it. MOVE.

DEATH!



What good is freedom and peace when there is death, destruction and suffering among the Vietnamese people?

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