

Fashion Issue Timely, Necessary

President Johnson won't be running for office this year. There is a possibility of peace in Vietnam. Dr. Martin Luther King has been murdered. Race riots plague American cities. We put out a fashion issue.

Locally, memorial services were held for Dr. King. We took fashion pictures at a Eugene store. President Fleming resigned, we were writing about how to look romantic.

Eugene McCarthy and Robert Kennedy believe in a peace in Vietnam. They want campaign workers. A peace march is being planned for Washington D.C. next week. Some University students are trying to find out how they can help poor people in Portland and everywhere. You are reading a fashion issue.

If you want to buy a dress this spring you'll plan on spending at least \$20. If you want to buy a pair of shoes, plan on shooting another \$15. And the accessories that complete the outfit will cost you another five or ten.

It is true we are the affluent generation. We've never experienced depression or the hardships of war. Survival is not a day to day question. We, of the White middle class, have it made.

Do you really want to spend your entire life reading fashion issues? Does it really matter so much whether short skirts are in, long skirts are out, or whether one emphasizes the mouth or the eyes this year?

We have it made. Isn't it about time one generation of American women started working so everybody can have something? So everybody can look at fashion issues and be able to go out and buy a \$20 dress too?

Isn't it about time one generation of American women start thinking about doing something for America? We're "equal" now. What about the inequality of the draft? Or are you satisfied to take all the benefits of being a citizen, without taking on some of the dirty work too? What about becoming more socially and politically aware? It's more interesting and profitable than being a fashion plate. We guarantee it.

You're enrolled in the University. Presumably, you are of average intelligence, and are better educated than the average. What are you doing with it? Spring proms are nice. So is Canoe Fete. So are a lot of other things. Look around you. There's a lot that can be done right here on campus and in the Eugene area. Appalachia, Watts and Harlem aren't the only places with problems.

Fashion designers, are in reality, nothing but dictators. When they say jump, you jump. When they say clothes are short, you wear your clothes short. When they say clothes are long, you wear your clothes long. Do you, a college educated woman, have nothing better to involve yourself in than spending time reviewing what is and what isn't acceptable for the fashion season?

We're not saying veto fashion. We're not saying dress like the stereotype of a Russian washing woman. It's an accepted fact that women like men, and vice-versa. It's an accepted fact that women generally dress to please men. That's great.

However, we believe that there is more to life than spending a great deal of your time and an even greater part of your money in supporting the fashion industry. We believe that there are more important things to read about, and to write about than how to achieve the Bonnie and Clyde look, how to look romantic, or how to be a genuine 1968 flapper.

How about getting involved in something? You live in a complex society, there's a lot that needs to be done in every direction. Like the fashion styles this year, you can pick and choose. Take your head out of today's fashion issue, and take a good look around.

And, if you're not too happy with what you see, put this fashion issue down, and DO.

Good Advice

The only genuine, long-range solution for what has happened lies in an attack—mounted at every level—upon the conditions that breed despair and violence. All of us know what those conditions are: ignorance, discrimination, slums, poverty, disease, not enough jobs. We should attack these conditions—not because we are frightened by conflict, but because we are fired by conscience. We should attack them because there is simply no other way to achieve a decent and orderly society in America . . .

—Lyndon Johnson, address to the Nation, July 27, 1967

Emerald Editor:

Call to Resist

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There are many groups within the United States who seek to change one aspect of our foreign policy.

By using conventional means these groups fail to confront the concept of the all-powerful "national interest." This concept operates throughout our foreign and domestic policies and is reinforced by the Selective Service System. Liberal dissent offers the way a person can try to end the war but keep his life style and position in the social structure.

The National "leaders" seek to maintain the present social-political structure first and solve human problems last. They ask us to look for conventional goals of security within their social structure.

A growing group of Draft Resisters are giving up these goals to work to change the magnet of power held by the military-industrial complex. They look at the war in Vietnam not as a tragic mistake but as one of the many decisions made by the military-industrial complex in the pseudo-national interest.

The Federal government's response to the Black rebellion and U.S. foreign policy in the Third World shows a great need for a radical change in our concept of the "national interest" and those who determine it. Only by giving up our present life styles and conventional goals can be hope to achieve this radical change. They can not be co-opted, compromised or bought-off because their price for silence is a radical reordering of our society to solve human problems.

The National Resistance calls for nonco-operation with the Selective Service System. This part of our social system is used both to supply military manpower and to channel all makes into areas in the "national interest." This is done by a system of classifications which force registrants with the "club of induction and/or deferment" into a course of action which is in this "national interest."

Through these indirect means the Military-Industrial complex provides for its engineers, doctors and skilled workers by the deferment system. The draft creates a respect for authority and law-in-order without allowing the democratic process to govern the system.

By removing ourselves from the Selective Service System we seek to change the power of the military-industrial complex and the present defacto-totalitarian draft.

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Morse for Oregonians

Emerald Editor:

Columnist Dick Fagan says that Wayne Morse gets large sums of campaign money from people outside Oregon — people who are not Oregon voters.

Why is this? What has Morse done for these people that make them want to put fat contributions into his campaign?

It seems to me that if Morse is going to be U.S. Senator for Oregon he should tend to his business instead of doing favors for non-Oregonians so that they will make big campaign contributions.

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Indictments

Emerald Editor:

May I suggest to those scholars among us who refer to themselves as Blacks that it is somewhat inappropriate for them to so indefinitely continue their vilification of Caucasian social attitudes.

I say "inappropriate" because there is always the possibility that some ill-mannered, disrespectful Caucasian might ask some Burn Baby, Burn advocates, "Just who in hell are you to talk about morality?" He may, even further, pose such embarrassing questions as (1) What is the crime rate of you Black

people? (2) How many of your fathers desert your mothers, leaving the mothers with the burden of caring for the children? (3) What is your venereal disease rate? (4) How many of your youth graduate from educational institutions? (5) Do you know the illegitimacy of births among Black people? (6) How many robberies, beatings, muggings, rapes, and murders have you inflicted upon innocent people? (7) How many thousands of you have burned your neighbor's home and destroyed his property? (8) How many of you have looted like societal scum in the American cities that you didn't build but that you have burned? (9) How many of you—returning with looted merchandise—have proven to your brother or sister, to your children, or to your wife or husband, that you are a damn thief? (10) Why do all people who can, including other Blacks, move from the proximity of Black people?

Just who in hell are you to discuss social attitudes? You teach morality? ! ! ! ! Why don't you—somewhere—anywhere—while you whine, bitch, and gripe, build a civilization yourself? And don't use any White textbooks, man. Write the books yourself, man. Do all the research yourself, man. Do something for yourself and by yourself, man. The world is waiting, man. Impress us—favorably—for a change.

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Consistent Duncan

Emerald Editor:

Mr. Olstad, a Willamette student, tries to imply that Bob Duncan is the kind of man who would change his position on Vietnam for sheer political expediency. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Duncan's position is clear, it is consistent, and it is one around which all Oregonians (except those who cry for immediate, unilateral withdrawal) can rally.

Just because Senator Morse, after endorsing LBJ, then Rob-

ert Kennedy, then LBJ again, then Kennedy, then McCarthy, now is a candidate himself and doesn't want to alienate any voters, there is no reason to assume that his opponent, Bob Duncan, is dedicated to political expediency.

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Vicious Cycle

Emerald Editor:

I was shocked to read the foolish and irresponsible remarks of senatorial aspirant Phil McAlmond concerning U.S. ghetto riots.

In a recent speech before the North Bend Chamber of Commerce, McAlmond discarded joblessness as a cause for rioting and asserted that if such was the case, Portland's lower West Burnside would erupt.

If this tragic subject were not so grave I might applaud Mr. McAlmond's sense of humor; his comparison between the seething, volatile Black ghetto and the alcoholically anesthetized skid row is (if you'll pardon the expression) a riot!

Is it possible that a man aspiring to the nation's most distinguished legislative body would believe that the unfortunate waywards, derelicts, and dead-enders of skid row are quiescent only "because there has been no Rap Browns and Stokely Carmichael's among them as Mr. McAlmond claims?"

I would remind Mr. McAlmond that ghetto Blacks are born into the inexorable cycle of discrimination, joblessness, poverty, and subsequent frustration. Youthful aspirations are snuffed out early in the life of the ghetto habitue as he becomes trapped by "the cycle," of which joblessness is only one phase. How does one begin to compare the ghetto experience with the circumstance of middle age males, prevailing alcoholism and disease, and failure which describes skid row? I doubt whether the Burnside community of derelicts and broken men could be prompted

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