

Some Contest Pipes Look Like Pipes

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NEW YORK (NEA)—Take more than 500 sculptors with lively imaginations and a good supply of clay. Tell them to sculpt up a new pipe. What do you get?

Among other things, you get a pipe that looks like a piece of driftwood, a pipe that looks like a snake, a pipe that looks like a rooster—and, surprisingly, a pipe that looks like a pipe.

These were some of the entries in a pipe sculpting contest, sponsored by a pipe manufacturer (Kaywoodie). The idea behind the event, president Morris Levinson said, was to come up with some new pipe designs.

"Some of these have commercial possibilities," Levinson said, looking at a long table with the prize-winning creations. "And some of them don't."

PRODUCTION KEY

He picked up a little black item that curved downward so that the bowl wound up below the stem. This one, he said, could be made by mass production, which is the test of commerciality. As far as smoking joy goes, there is no particular advantage in having the bowl below the stem, but it might sell.

There were others that were less sensible. One, for instance, was a clumsy affair that looked like it was washed up on a beach. It had three bowls, and someone suggested that you could put a different tobacco in each bowl and blend as you smoke. Levinson didn't seem excited by the idea. "This next one," he went on hurriedly, "we're definitely going to make." It had the bowl in the shape of a golf driver. The whole affair looked like a golf club. It only took an honorable mention in the prize department, but Levinson obviously felt it had the greatest potential value to his stockholders.

ROOSTER BEST

Artistically, the sculptor-judges decided, the first prize was a weathered rooster. You smoke through the tail-feathers, and the bowl is about halfway between the cockcomb and the white meat. Very pretty, but it would take a mighty powerful set of teeth to hold it aloft for a pipeful.

Animals seemed to be the biggest single inspiration for the sculptors. Second prize went to a snake-like pipe, with the bowl clenched firmly in the viper's jaws, and third to a sort of dragonish beast. There was one that had a squirrel lying on the stem, and a ceramic bowl on one pipe was in the shape of an elephant's head with jeweled eyes.

NUDE GIRL

One pipe-dream was fashioned to represent a nude girl, which is OK if you want to stick a pair of feet in your mouth. And there was one that was made of three fishes, each one swallowing the next, with the last one swallowing nothing but the tobacco you stuck in it's bowl-like mouth.

The surrealist sculptors were well represented. One creation didn't even seem to have a place for tobacco, which is carrying surrealism pretty far. Several had great sweeping curves; one so sweeping that if you stuck the bit



SERPENT pipe is smoked by sculptor Edmondo Quattrocchi.

In your mouth, the bowl would be in the general vicinity of your left eyeball.

Levinson said that his firm would probably make up sets of the top prize winners, more or less as collector's items. They have too much hand-carving to be commercially practicable, however.

One sculptor seemed slightly downhearted about not taking a top prize. His creation looked like an honest pipe, with a figure resting on the stem and leaning back against the bowl.

"I made a mistake," he said, fingering his entry gently. "I made it look too much like a pipe."

Legion Head Sees Threat To America From 'Eminent Men'

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Lewis K. Gough, national commander of the American Legion, said today the real threat of communism to America does not come from the down-trodden but from eminent men who have let themselves be used in the Communist cause.

In an address prepared for delivery before the 91st annual meeting of the National Education Association (NEA), the Legion chief said that of the group being used by Communists, "educators and scholars comprise by far the largest majority."

As an example, he said, of 60 witnesses called before the House Committee on Un-American Activities during one year, only two were of foreign birth.

"The other 58, without exception," he added, "were native Americans of eminent learning—Phi Beta Kappas or Ph.D.'s or scholars of the first rank."

"Not one was a manual laborer or a farmer of the proletariat class which the Reds profess to speak for. And what kind of showing did

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Enrollment this year had dropped to 19 from the one time peak of more than 100.

Federal payments to reimburse the school board have been withdrawn.

Director of the school for the past year has been John Irving with Irvin Wagner teaching.

A charge of waste and maladministration leveled at the school some years ago was officially cleared after investigation.

The Roses really were in bloom at the Overland Women's Golf Club tournament in Denver. Jeanne Rose won the first flight, Rose Goldberg the third and Selma Rose the fourth.

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