

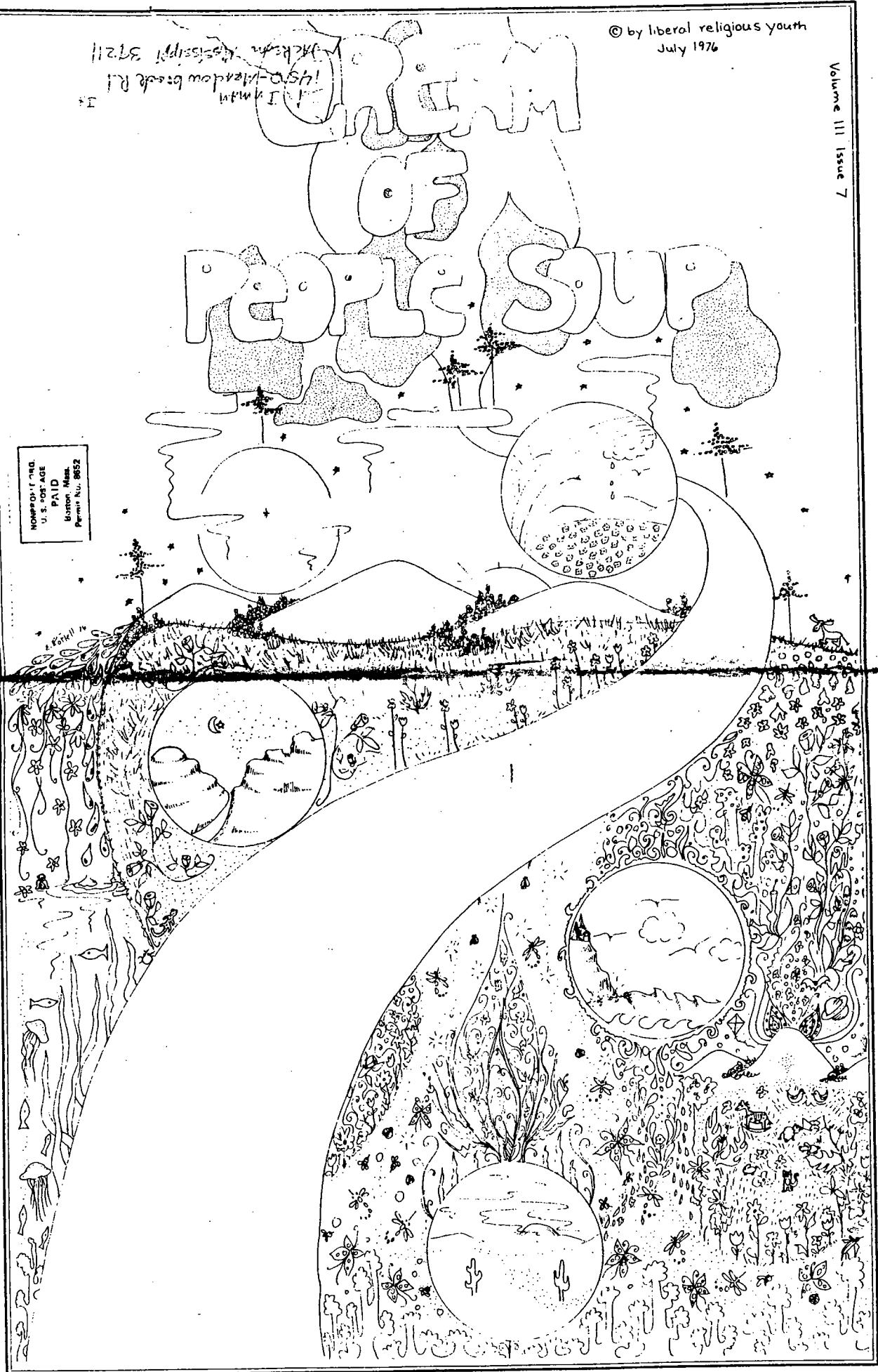
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Timmer, where are you? I miss
you're co, send me your address.
We just gotta write. Lotsa
things happened, went to jail
in Louisiana, got sunburned in
Feb. in FLA., thumbed up and
down east coast of U.S. (N.H.,
to Fla. and back), got
married this a.m.! Write soon
as you can! New Address!
Mr. & Ms. James Bathalon Jr.
705 Union St. #4
Manchester, N.H.

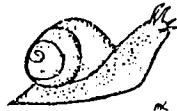
Glaucus /Horizon/ Chris Murphy:
Also Chris Blaisdell: Where
are you? Please tell me if you
get a chance, Oh, Please!
Smudge & Belfry

Dear Stacey, Todd, Cathy & Phil-
I love you all. Please write or ca
ll because I am very lonely!
Love Kyle- 3647 Therese
Wayzata, Mn. 55391...473-4750

To Denise in K.C.-
Cocaine all 'round my brain!
- Joanie

HEIP! I'm dying of boredom and
loneliness in West Hartford-
Somebody write. even if you don't
know me. Dec Kegeles-114K. Main S
t. West Hartford Ct. 06107

To all my friends who don't
know where I am;
Linda Steiger: 274 Band Rd.
Boulder Creek, Calif. 95006



Hey LRY'ers... I'm drowning in
a lack of care. I'm in a small
group of people starting a local
group, in a little conservative,
fundamentalist town. We'd sure
all like to know your out there.
Suggestions would be appreciated.
Can't wait to hear from you! love
you all,,, Gordon Klement
304 Moultrie Pl.
Santa Paula, Calif. 93060

P.S. If you like to write, so
do I. Send your address & maybe
we can get something going.

Melvin (K.C.) LRY and other Tolke
in lovers: If you've read the
trilogy & the Hobbit, try to get
"A Guide To Middle Earth" by
Robert Foster. Also you may
enjoy the Earth-Sea trilogy by
Ursula K. LeGuin. Oh, there is a
club for Tolkien nuts: the
"Tolkien Society". I'm not a
member, just heard about it. I am
a member of the St. Pete Fla.
Lry If you want to contact me,
place another "personal"



Please Write I'm also a hobbit
lover! ms. Ali, 15- Cheryl-Ann.
Dr. , Rutland, Ma. 01543

Todd- his name is Mark, but
I'm not really sure, so I'd
like to get to know you better.
almost for sure I'm coming up,
so send directions (and a picture)
Love Kyle...

Hey folks! keep these
short!! Remember the
U.S. Post Office is for
letters! Isn't it worth 13¢?

To Janet H. in Omaha- How do
you do sweetie-poo? A big howdie
and a hug to John! - Joanie H.



wayne- watch a sunrise
for me... stacey

To Everyone , Star lry 76,
It's kind of hard to explain
but you'll know what I mean.
Keep the Star Feeling as long as
you can There arn't many
beautiful things left. See you ne
xt year. Love Peter



To Grunt Allen in K.C.- Here's
the personal you've been hopin'
for. Read it proudly. I love you.
- Joanie H.

Help no LRY's here or church.
I'm alone and scared. Need a
heck of a lot of letters and
friends to pull me through. I
will write back. Rebecca Mc-
Connell, 700 L. Spruce St. #6
Deming, N.M. 88030

To Kate, Barb and Pam,
To top off a saJ farewell, all I
had left to remember you by all
washed out in the first wash. I
shouldn't have used a watercolor
pen. How about a repeat with a
permanent magic marker? P.S.
Kate, you got your wish. Now
you can draw something else.
See you soon, Love Peter P.P.S.
Send me the letter Q

HEY LRY-er's! I am still here at
215 Commonwealth, Flint, Mi., 48505
Would appreciate any and all
inquiries as to my state of mind,
etc., from folks I love and miss;
also from people I love but haven't
met yet. After July my address
will be 11318 Grand Oak Dr., #1,
Grand Blanc, Mi., 48439. Yes,
mommykins and daddykins have
decided to move back to "Big
White", as it's known by those wh
o know, and they're taking me
with them. But it's not so bad,
thank you for askin', because
I'm off for Higher Education in
the fall. And me a high school
dropout. Ah well. Such is life:
Bozo goes to college. P.S.
Supernut where art thou?
Phone me or something, dear girl,
I miss you (I also thought you'd
dig having your very own
personal in the Personals.)
Long Live Lesbian Refugees from
Yugoslavia!

To the North Star Federation-
the most beautiful people I will
ever know...
Farewell to you and the youth I
have spent with you. It was but
yesterday we met in a dream.
You have sung to me in my
aloneness, and i of your
longings have built a tower
in the sky, but now our sleep
has fled and our dream is over,
and it is no longer dawn, the
noontide is upon us and our
half walking has turned to
fuller day, and we must part.
If in the twilight of memory
we should meet once more, we
shall speak again together and
you shall sing to me a deeper
song, and if our hands should
meet in another dream we
shall build another tower in
the sky. (Gamble Alden Life
Insurance Co.) i will always
love you all.-stacey bamford.

Dear Hartford Local, although
i'm known by my bitching &
depressions about LRY, i wouldn't
bitch about it unless i really
thought it could be better.
same with depressions, if i
thought there was nothing that
could make it better, i wouldn't
care. If i thought you were the
more "typical" Hartford(etc.)ites
i wouldn't bother trying to
explain my feelings, to because
i'd know you wouldn't listen.
And if you were i wouldn't
feel comfortable with you & i
probably would have quit. I just
wanted to explain this because
i probably won't see you over
the summer- if i don't, please
keep in touch. Love Dec. P.S.
Jen, i wasn't "acting" at the
last LRY meeting during the strok
ing...

Kevin Bell, This is (fuckin,
fuckin) Lizbeth alias "S. Belle"
where are you? I need some direct
ion or rather, a sounding board
won't you please write c/o
Hazel Thornton- 200 Spillers In.
Houston, Tex. 77043 now if not
sooner (I'm now in the sooner
state) Manges Moj, L- also
Kendermota Cha Cha- I am
a Commie Rat.

to: wimpy (good friend, great
person, much lovd LRY person
from Phx AZ) from: all of us who
need you, luv you and wish we ha
d you back again. THE BEST OF
LUCK(lifesavers) and lots of LOVE
You better make very sure you get
to continental. PLEASE Be care-
ful and write to us let us know
what you are doing.

To Audrey, I can't go anywhere
far, work conquers all. When
can I see you again? The Star
feeling is starting to wear off.
What can I do? Talk to you later.
P.S. Send me the letter L.
Love Peter.



To Paul and Martha, Well we
finally made it home after
missing our town of Well
Try Route " sometime. It's
lots of fun L.S. Hold on, I made
a small error. Mom's going to 2nd
family week so your guitar will
take a little longer than planned
but I haven't forgotten. P.S. How
s your ear? Love, Peter

Hello, i am looking for someone
to play a few games of chess by
mail. Should be fairly good to
so so as far as talent goes.
applicants should be ready for a
lasting relationship. Thanks-
write to: Ken Kerr
1430 N. Church St.
Rockford Ill. 61105

"Orangebird, Ice, Kangaroo,
Smiles, David, Torro, and 7th St
I miss you here in Colorado...
HUGS & KISSES-- Wimpy "

Cyndi-Ilove you ... no B.S.

Warning: #10-- Beware of
pefilte fish in the harba.

David Innes: Please get in
touch with me sometime! I
haven't seen you since NERO
midwinter 74, or so, Are you
still alive? Love Harry
Shuman... 933 E. 7th St.
Plainfield N.J. 07062...

To all my friends in the midwest
I have now moved to California.
Here is my new address-
Jay Loftis- 1024 Circle Creek
Lafayette, Calif. 94549

People Soup readers, Hopefully,
I'm going to be a foreign
exchange student from our high
school next year. I want to go to
a french-speaking country, but
I don't really care where. Does
anyone know of some interesting
french-speaking countrys where
there are exchange opportunities?
I know there are several in Africa
(and that does excite me!wow!)
but I'd like to know of others
people have had contact with.
Some places, the educational
system is bad enough that it
wouldn't be worth going there to
study. But how do I know what's
good and what isn't? I'd also
like to hear from kids who've
been to other countries and know
what kind of problems I'll be
up against. Any information will
be appreciated and helpful. So
write! Thanks-Laurie Horton
R.D. #1, Box 42
Alfred Station, N.Y. 14803

Oh- if I do end up in some exotic
far away place, I'll write the
Soup and let you know what it's
like... Tarzan strikes again?

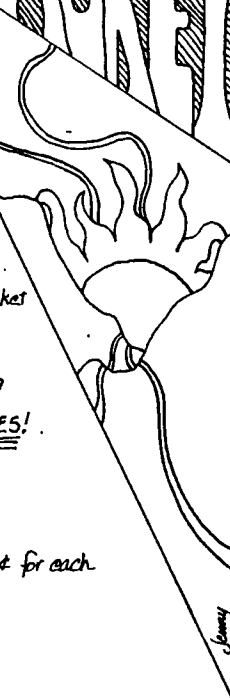
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NOTICE:

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LRY 25 Beacon St. Boston 02108

Many times an issue of People Soup will have a plea for articles, information, and graphics. The reason for these pleas is that LRY's newspaper needs input from its readership. The Executive Committee could be only a newspaper staff and spend all of its time on People Soup - but that isn't its purpose. People Soup isn't the Executive Committee's, it belongs to all LRYers. Because we wonder how many people truly feel that their input is valuable, because we wonder how many people just aren't sure what sort of input we want, because people ought to know the reasons why LRY has a newspaper -- we thought that we would let you know.

Unfortunately, an author's name was left out of the last Soup. Beverly Hendricks, our last apprentice, wrote the article on page 8 titled Not A Tourist. Read it and accept our apologies.



- 1) COMMUNICATION- A channel for relating experience with workshops, programs, problems and the solutions used that will be useful to others rather than just reading material.
- 2) ARTICLES BASED ON THE THEME OF THE PARTICULAR ISSUE-
- 3) ARTICLES TO INFORM- such as social issues like Senate Bill I. These are more objective, hopefully, than what is classified in the Biofeedback pages.

Between the 5th and 6th issues of Soup we had an onslaught of artwork sent in. Why did it slow down? What a teaser to pull on us faithful souls. Please send it again, it was beautiful- but it has to always keep coming. If your work hasn't been included yet consider these factors: was it in black ink? perhaps the size is awkward for us to use, or maybe it just hasn't been used yet--have faith it will be used appropriately. Please send more, for the Soup needs its spice...

- 4) ENTERTAINMENT- poetry, personals, and the artwork.
- 5) BIOFEEDBACK- interchange of opinions on certain issues that pertain to the world at large or more specifically, LRYers.
- 6) FED'S UPS AND DOWNS- announcements about federation or local activity, including conference information.

Interested in a conference to work on solutions to issues that affect the world? The Fourth Annual UN Youth Seminar will be January 12-14, 1977. This conference has dealt with themes such as "political prisoners," and "the international balance of power" in past years. A meeting to plan the Seminar's theme will be held by youth of the New York area, in early fall. If you are too far away --your input is still valuable and will be received by Bob Brown (address below).

We hope that this helps to clarify a few minds and encourages some of you not so brave souls to try out your writing ability. (It is shocking to realize that from a readership numbering more than 5000 that so little trickles in to us to print. Interesting fact- we print almost everything we receive and yet there is never enough.) If you can do it for your classes than I'm sure you can do it for the Soup. Try us, we'll like it. If you have any questions or you'd like to try out some ideas on us before beginning-- just write to LRY 25 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02108.

The Seminar includes workshops, discussion, simulation games, movies with resource people from government departments, universities and volunteer agencies appropriate to the theme. It is held at the Church Center of the UN Plaza--so some awareness of the UN's activities is gained.

Arrangements will be made with one of the UU societies and your sleeping bag will be needed. Registration is \$7.00 plus \$9.00 for accommodations. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to share ideas (to request scholarship aid simply indicate why you have a need), write to Bob Brown: c/o UU-UN Office, Room 7D, 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017. The seminar is sure to be another high-energy and positive force created by those youth who participate.

Jan Vickery Knost is the minister of the First Church and Parish in Dedham, Massachusetts. We became acquainted with him through his position on the UUA Board and his offering LRYers copies of The Invisible Sun for a reduced price. In addition, \$1 from each of these copies will be donated to LRY. If you would like this book of poems send a note and \$2.50 (perhaps some postage) to LRY 25 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02108.

Mahatma

sandals shawl and spectacles
begging bowl and pipe
were left to time
in substance
that he owned

and yet beyond
and for eternity
a figure lives
forever

he was the david of his time
the sun
it never set
upon the empire all called britain
that was goliath

he took it all to task
and won
o'er salt and spindle

it was that simple substance salt
the means
of strike-ing for his people (all)
and new concern for freedom

he lived in peace
yet brought destruction
to an empire
by the way he preached
ideas

his motherland
(oft charged with chaos - pakistan
was thus unchained
and in that cause
he won far greater glory
than mere battles do

he won for man

To Ghandi,
and no wonder

JVK

-- just us typewriters,
Jennifer, Gary, Carlotta

BIOFEEDBACK MONITOR SYSTEM

Dear People Soup,
I have read many letters in Soup's Bio-Feedback from older LRY'ers, saying that they're "sad to leave all you wonderful people, LRY was fantastic, but..." and they all go to say how good LRY was before and what a shithole it is now.

I have been an LRYer for a year now. I have seen and heard a lot of opinions. I haven't done much about trying to change LRY for the better, 'cause I didn't want to seem too pushy or whatever. But now I'd like to tell you what I think as a younger, "rookie", LRYer.

A lot of times when we look back on the past, we seem to remember basically what we want to remember, the good things. Compare it with the present and you'll probably come up with your plain, average, everyday shithole.

I have also noticed that at meetings we generally sit around "shootin' the shit" or playing Wink. I have no objections to doing that all the time, that is, if you're a snail or a goldfish. I think what makes LRYers pissed off the most is that they're expectations and needs aren't being fulfilled. Why aren't they being filled? Because most of us are waiting around for someone to do something. That's what we get, someone doing something, whatever. And I'll tell you now, that doesn't quite cut it, does it?

This is our LRY! We have the power, the ingredients and the potential to do it! So let's get our ass in gear!

Lots of love and hope,
"The Hobbit"

P.S. I think LRY is super and it's going to get better, I know it is.



Dear Persons,
Since January of this year I have been working with the people of downtown Harrisburg, PA. We have been trying to organize our selves to avoid being chased out of the last place we have to congregate after 7:00 P.M., the place being the streets of downtown Harrisburg.

Being a member of the LRY for 4 years as a member and advisor of DVF, I feel that the LRY would do the Youth and others concerned a lot of good. The people need to get organized to help themselves solve their problems of where to go after 7:00, what to do, and finances to do this with. We know that the LRY does this in all of the locals. What I would like to suggest is that the people of downtown start an LRY local for the area. There already is a local in Harrisburg, but since this local has fallen apart a couple of times and is not on good terms with the church, I feel a separate local would do a much better job and prosper into a strong and stable local of about 35 members. But to do this we will need a lot of help and support from everyone in the LRY. Anyone interested in helping us with this project should write to:

"Fang" Dennis Dougherty
314 8th Street
New Cumberland, Pa 17070

The people of downtown Harrisburg would like to get to know the LRY so if things work out for the good, we will hold a conference for all of us to get together to exchange thoughts by the start of the fall. So if enough of you write to me and offer your assistance, we can have a new local in the LRY.

Working for the good of all,
"Fang" D. Dougherty

Dear People Soup,
My local recently received a letter from Continental complimenting our local programming. The letterhead read "Liberal Religious Youth A Non-Denominational Youth Organization." This letterhead speaks of a trend in LRY away from the UUA. In my experience this trend is largely supported by LRYers who are not Unitarian Universalists. I find this trend very distressing because I think LRY is a denominational organization; it is, and I think it should be, intimately related to the Unitarian Universalists Association. Whether or not LRY is legally affiliated with the UUA is outside the scope of this letter, however LRY should affiliate if it is not already affiliated.

The UUA provides most of Continental LRY's funding. Of the several dozen local and fed advisors I've met since I joined LRY, I have never known an advisor who wasn't a UU first. Local churches provide LRY locals with a place to meet and sponsorship which helps legitimize LRY's existence to society's authority figures (like police). In my limited dealings with police and LRY, I have been supported by my church. I feel most denominations wouldn't have provided this support.) Some churches contribute to local LRY budgets.

On the other hand, some local LRY groups contribute to their church's budget. LRY provides churches' need to staff their committees. (In the past year LRYers from my church have served on the church Board of Trustees, R.F. Committee, Maintenance Committee, Youth-Adult Committee, and Shared Property Management Committee). LRYers are active in UU districts and at the Continental level. Annually there are quite a few LRYers at General Assembly. LRY is active in denominational issues, LRY apparently had not a small role in assuring continuing funding for the Office of Gay Concerns at the '75 GA.

This interdependence in no way threatens LRY autonomy. LRY membership, decision-making process, budget, resource people, etc. cannot legitimately be dictated by the church any more than LRY can dictate church membership, budget, etc.

I do not mean to imply that all LRYers should be Unitarian Universalists. I believe LRY to be open enough to be able to include and be attractive to youth of liberal religious beliefs regardless of denomination, if any. Yet I don't think that our inclusion of non-UU youth should allow our relationship with the UUA to be called into question.

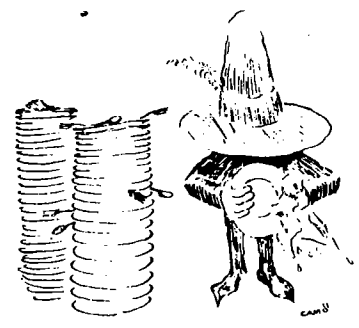
All this reminds me of the debate the Continental LRY Board had two years ago on what LRY's symbol should be. There were three attractive symbols in the running. A couple of non-UU LRYers began to speak out against having a symbol with a flaming chalice in it. Peter Malven counted 13 (a simple minority) of the Board members wearing flaming chalices, but these people didn't affirm UUism very strongly. Looking back it seems incredible: Unitarians in a Unitarian organization didn't affirm their Unitarianism in order to avoid offending a small non-Unitarian faction.

What I've been saying amounts to this: those of us LRYers who are also Unitarian Universalists must begin affirming our UUism. Those of us who are not UU's must know we are welcome in LRY even though it's affiliated with the UUA. LRY's relationship with the UUA is very important. Both LRY and the UUA would suffer if that relationship were destroyed.

Sincerely,
Karl Kharas

Editor's Note: I feel it necessary to clarify the point about the stationary on the Continental office. True, the letterhead stated LRY as a non-denominational youth organization. But the choice of the word "non-denominational" was only because our minds were ignorant of a better word, such as "non-creedal." We have since then clarified this point by changing the letterhead to say "A non-creedal youth organization affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association."

But my comments in no way deny the attitudes that Karl has put forth for consideration. I support what he has said, that we must recognize our relationship with the UUA as an asset.



Dear Sirs:
As a former member of LRY I am used to the more radical opinions expressed in People Soup, but the article by Liv about the connection between capitalism and sexual inhibition is simply too much. It represents a pathetically paranoid form of leftism which finds a conspiracy behind every social ill; ironically, it is best paralleled by the brand of right-wing cretinism that links international bankers, Jews, communism, and sex. Mr. Liv (gender here is indeterminate), posits that the nuclear family is essential to capitalism because it encourages privacy and isolation. How privacy and isolation promote the purchase of unneeded goods and the extraction of labor from unwilling workers is beyond me. Such a system would be more likely to foster distinct ethnic cultures and confident individualism, and in fact it does so, as the very existence of LRY demonstrates.

The author goes on to suggest that mogamous heterosexuality provides an outlet for men's need to dominate others. In this instance, he suggests that workers' wives are the victims. Unfortunately, he fails to explain (1) Why this does not translate into a general feeling of individual power and potency expressed in labor unrest; (2) Why capitalists don't want workers totally demoralized; (3) Why women don't dominate men by withholding sex; (4) Why women are hired by private industry in spite of the "need" for them as housewives and submissive sex tools. Furthermore, he gives absolutely no explanation of the mechanism by which horrible plutocrats such a perverse standard on an unwilling populace. Historically, Arabian wives have been the most oppressed women in the world, in spite of the fact that until recently most Arab families have lived hand to mouth off the land, with few large economic organizations. The recent industrialization of these nations has been accompanied by a gradual liberation of their women.

Liv suggests that Marxian socialism would eliminate America's sexual repression by granting all workers collective control of capital. I cannot imagine a more collectivized nation than mainland China. Unfortunately for the author's theory, that country is incredibly puritanical when it comes to matters erotic.

Capitalism is a system whereby people take risks with their money and sometimes receive a dividend for taking those risks. By scattering economic power, it reduces the possibility that the central government can exercise tyranny over a nation. It does not bother me that it is a corporation which sends me Playboy's luscious monthly dividend. Capitalism may or may not have faults which are worthy of discussion. Reform is not aided by frantic and fatuous theories of conspiracy.

Sincerely,
Bryan H. Jones
P.O. Box 2923R
TCU Station
Ft. Worth, TX 76129

