

# LETTERS

nd life meaningful, I mean really worth living, really open, really hopeful and loving, DON'T WE? I can't conceive life without these elements, but I sure wonder if they exist in this life, if no one ever speaks of love, of encouragement, of hope, of meaning, of heart felt hope, of deep issues and if people don't live lives that show love of life, wisdom, truth and a desire to share meaningful experiences and if people are living lives like this then I want to see them because what I see now I find very discouraging and bewildering.

Some people never speak; they grunt and when they do speak they complain. Some people criticize everyone and everything except themselves. Some people can only socialize when they drink. Some people are fearful, and they lie. Some people only communicate with silly jokes and negative humour. everyone smokes and drinks and they socialize with cigarettes and beer, tell them how I really feel and they start to squirm and sometimes they only tell

Dear Discouraged:

Your letter has been thus far the most profound expression of despair this campus has seen. You've asked the right question where you ask why the human element has been disregarded by all in their relations with others and themselves. We must now consider the reason for this. To do so it is imperative that I refer to Capitalism; the problem has its roots there. But how? Within our capitalist society, the values which the members incorporate are those created and perpetuated by the dominant ideology-capitalism. They are: acquisition of money, status, prestige, security, power. In order for these values to dominate, human values, i.e., love, compassion, equality, self-actualization, etc., must be subordinated to the capitalist values thus necessitating a denial of the human in man so that the animal in man can dominate. You see, these capitalist values have done very well by enabling man to secure a living from nature. The problem however, is, that if it is made a total life style it renders man to the level of an animal by forcing him to remain in the sphere of satisfying his basic (animal) needs.

This is then, the root of your problem and all those of whom you speak. But why do they permit this to hap-

pen to them? Because since birth they have been reared to believe that this is in fact the way the world is and should be. That is to say, although they are the If and when they do "stand out" of their situation, they will then become aware of the contradictions inherent in capitalism and thus in themselves, and then they will act against it by positing the alternatives such an awareness will reveal to them.

me how they feel is when they are drinking. When I ask about GOD, some say I don't know. When I ask about pre-marital sex, some say I don't know. When I ask about cigarettes, some say, I don't know. When I ask about drinking, some say I don't know. When I ask about the church, some say I don't know. When I ask about death, some say I don't know. When I ask about pain and hurt, some say I don't know. When I ask about abortion, capital punishment, poverty and life, some say I don't know. When I ask why do people not smile? they just laugh, why do they curse and mock others? Why do people gossip? Why do people shout and scream and pretend? Yet every part of them speaks confusion, frustration, hurt, laziness, apathy, hatred, and contempt. I don't usually get any answers, for all my questions, which tear my heart, haunt my sleep, invade my mind, drag my spirit, and take life

This is precisely why we at the Cadre, are so hostile to capitalism - because it renders the human to the world of the sub-human; it does not permit full growth and development.

The reason why everyone is apathetic and unconcerned is because they are caught up in capitalism and are suffering its contradictions; they cannot yet give satisfactory answers to your questions because THEY DON'T YET KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS! It hasn't entered their consciousness yet - and this is precisely the function of criticism - especially self-criticism. This explains the critical stance of the Cadre.

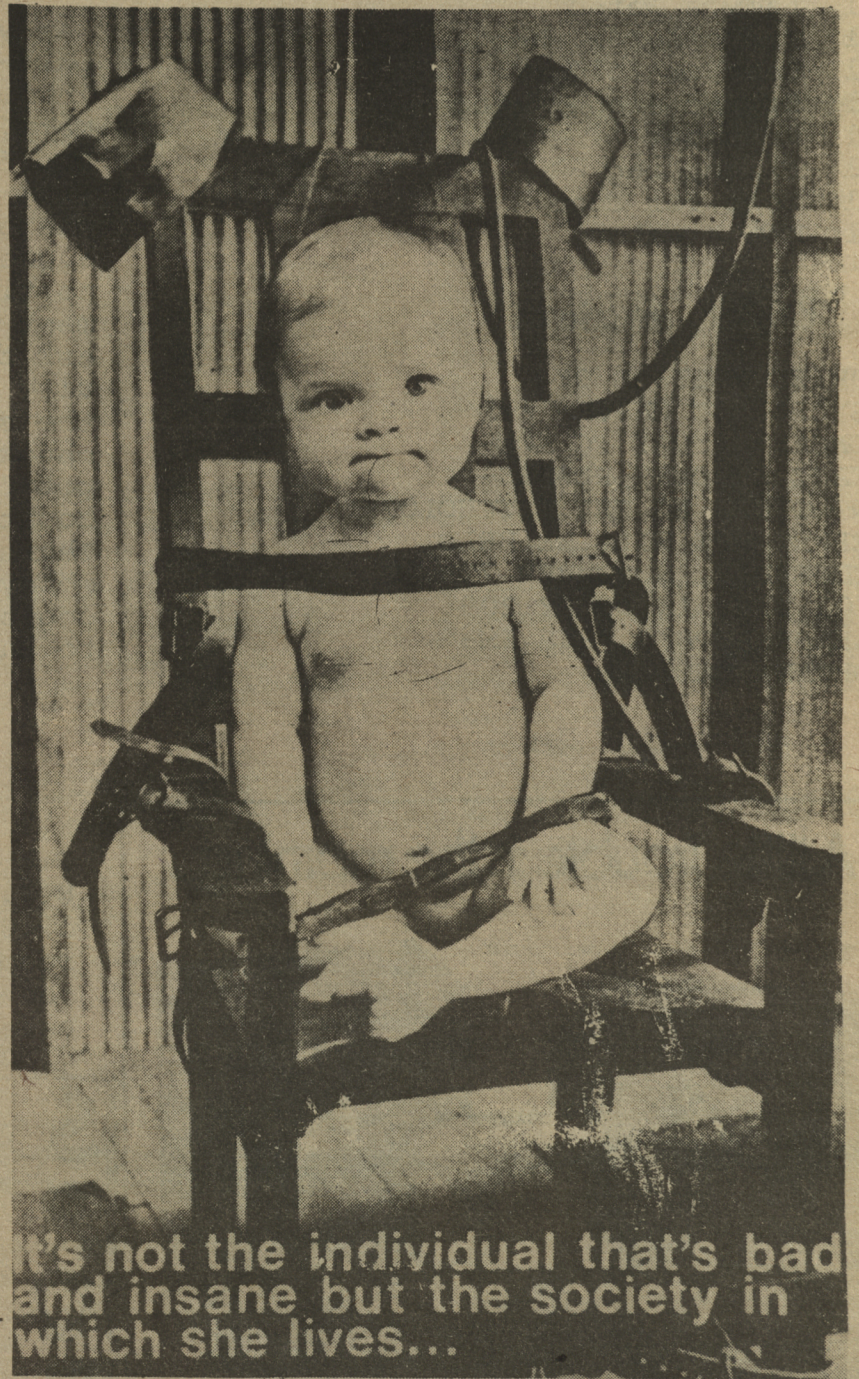
When we become aware of what capitalism is, we can then set out to create a world wherein those human values, love, self-actualization, etc., are dominant. Then we can create man as man. In such a society products and victims of

from my face. I usually get two kinds of response. One is, don't bother me and the other is, well, you know, it's kinda like this well you know type of thing, and all that kinda stuff, well you know and so, but, I guess, and all that rot, do you know what I mean?

To be sure I don't, I really would appreciate hearing from some people who are glad to be alive. If they are too busy being alive I have a serious question.

Thanks for your time, continue your search for truth and continue challenging people. I hope you can help me as I am discouraged but I am open to criticism. I cannot longer suffer the pain of a phony world. Show me what is good, FELLOW STUDENTS, show me what is good.

Very Discouraged  
If I get no response, I assume that there is no good or that people don't know what is good or people don't care!



It's not the individual that's bad and insane but the society in which she lives...

capitalism, they are not yet able to put themselves at a distance from it so as to view it for what it is. there will be no apathy because everyone, without exception, will be pursuing his full growth and development; this is the criteria for a happy, satisfied, being.

Sincerely,

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