

REMARKS MADE ON THE DEPARTURE FROM BACHELORHOOD
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It is traditional in these affairs that the Best Man rise for a few remarks of a gently insulting nature directed at the Groom. Earlier today it occurred to me that I might have some preparation to do. Of course once I thought about it I realized that to insult Larry even at extended length required no preparation. Most of the time he's like a pin cushion walking around waiting for someone to stick it to him.

I am able to oblige thanks to the generosity of Melvin Laird whom we back at the Pentagon refer to reverently as CINCMIC. That's for Commander-in-Chief Military-Industrial Complex. He let me leave the Army Operations Center where I work to come out to Albuquerque. While Albuquerque's a drag I was glad to get away. They're always fighting in the War Room.

The Petroleum Club has certainly given us choice beef. That was Larry's choice. Puss wanted Chicken Kiev. She said it would help Larry get used to being hen-pecked.

Tonight we're celebrating the first intelligent decision Larry has ever made. Not that he's convinced of it. While you all were into your Crab Louis I stopped him trying to beat it out of here through the kitchen. Actually, Puss is much too good for Larry anyway. Her only fault as far as I can see is that she sees something in Larry. I think that's because she fell off a lama once as a little girl.

During cocktails, Mr. Griffin indicated to me that he was a little worried about Larry's being able to support Puss in the style she's become accustomed to. There's something to that. Puss asked Larry if he'd fly her to Venezuela for their honeymoon. He offered to send her steerage on a Creole tanker as far as Havana. Mr. Griffin was also worried that Larry knows nothing about oil. I told him not to worry on that account. While Larry is not very refined, he's about as crude as they come. The real problem with Larry, I informed him, comes from his not being very bright. The first thing he did when he decided to get married was to quit his steady job at Time. He's dumb trying to make it as a free lancer. He suffers from a chronic lack of talent and that is going to cramp his style. He also forgot the immortal words of the Founding Father, Henry R. Luce, who said without being asked, "Time is money." Now he's abandoned the chance to devote a Life-Time to acquire the gold watch at the end of the rainbow of labor by which to tick off the seconds to his coronary by. Naturally, Larry wouldn't depart due to a busted artery. He's too vein for that.

Old No Talent hasn't been doing well selling his stuff. The only rags that have bought any of it are schlocky outfits like the New York Times Magazine, Life and Playboy. Puss is worried that he'll sell more articles to Playboy. She's heard of the editorial conferences on the oval bed at Hef's hutch.

You all know I'm kidding about Larry's lack of talent. Even as a young high-schooler he attracted the attention of literary critics with his verse. One prize he won was a two week vacation at home. The principal

gave him that for some of the verses he wrote on the bathroom walls of the girl's locker room. The story of how he got in there is a drag. He was only caught because even then he was vain enough to end the obscenity with his byline. Now that's really dumb. He might have gotten only one week at home if he hadn't tried to illustrate his poems.

Puss really got close to Larry when she was a student at Mt. Vernon Junior College in Washington. Its not hard to see why. Mt. Vernon is an all girl school with a very permissive philosophy. It has the worst reputation of any college in the District. Even George Washinton was rumoured to have slept there. Puss was a sociology major. Her best marks came in Taming the Male of the Species 101 and Animal Husbandry.

They're going to be very happy in Washington. Larry has rented an attractive house. It once belonged to Bella Lugosi. He's buried in the basement I understand. At least the cement was wet when I visited there. And its not often you get a house with a complete labrotory and detention cells thrown into the rent.

Larry has taken some advice on the eve of marriage and rejected some. I convinced him not to let Puss join Burning Tree Country Club. I quoted H.L. Menken on clubs for women, "Only if all else fails." Larry chose to ignore another view of Menken's. Menken swore that, "Love is the delusion that one woman differs from another."

I would like you all to rise now and join me in a toast to Puss and Larry. First, in view of their bat-infested castle in Washington, let us drink to their Housing and Urban Development. And secondly, in view of their deep love for each other, let us drink to their Health, Education and Welfare.

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- 1) Pleasure of CINCMIC / Pentagon / always fighting in the War Room
 - 2) Cherique wife / celebrating 1st intelligent decision Harry has ever made
 - 3) Caught leaving thru pitcher / on whole house best thing to happen to him
 - 4) Her only fault is finding something despicable in Harry
 - 5) Hard to support in accustomed style / fly to Venezuela / house moon / create steering tanker offered
 - 2) Mr. Griffin worried / knows nothing of oil / He's both may not be refused but he's as crude as they come.
 - 6) Harry not bright / quit Tina / horen Burt's a country firm handles skin
 - a) no talent
 - b) Time is money
 - c) gold watch
- Martin Mitchell
Blessed Relief
- 7) Disaster / only NYT, Life & Playboy articles since
 - 1) editorial copy in Heff's hutch if Playboy continues
 - 8) Successful Hi-School author - several prizes
 - 1) 2 wk vacation at home at the principals direction
 - 1) obscene poems on restroom walls
 - 2) caught only because vanity made him put his byline down
 - 3) would have been in hell but for the principal's intervention
 - 9) Puss really got close to Harry while she was at Mt. Vernon an all girls school in Washington / very permissive
 - 1) worst reputation of any girls school in D.C. & understandable
 - 2) George Washington was reputed to have slept there.
 - 10) Puss majored in Sociology. Her highest marks came in
 - 1) Taming the Male of the Species 101 and
 - 2) Animal Husbandry
 - 11) Soon settled down in old house / belonged to Bella hugosi
 - 12) Harry has taken some advice and rejected some
 - 1) agrees with H.L. Mencken on Burning Tree & clubs for women
 - 2) disagrees with Mencken that Love is the delusion that one woman differs from another
 - 13) Propose two Washington toasts "To 1
 - 1) in view of the castle rented from Vincent Price To Their Housing and Urban Development
 - 2) in view of Their deep love for one another To their Health Education & Welfare