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THE LIBERAL ODYSSEY 1930-1980

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Rich, Liberal Ology, 1930-80.

1. Favorite passage from Greening, 375

2. R's quest is sobering, has led from opt. to pessimism, upbeat to down.
354 "We are entering a new age of man".

Now, opp. in Am. is only talk, not reality. 7. A

One infers R's quest for wisdom has found also sadness.

3. Would we live in war created by '30s liberals.

No mention of new world being created by BBs he originally addressed; networking, decentralizing, human potential, connectedness.

4. Now, rediscovering findings of great pessimists.

Solved problem of probn. Cf. H.G. '79. Marx.

Class society. Again, H.G., wedge being driven thru society.

"Go to N.Y." Again, H.G.

Consciousness ~~IV~~ IV: ~~something~~ there's a worm in the apple.

Cf. H.G. 306, improv's persn. qualities lead to
Δ l.v., swallow up gain. BINKs can afford home,
but who else?

Reich, Greening

1. School regiments people.
2. Gov. machinery captured by class interests?
No, Technology leads (Vebden!)
3. Consciousness - (herald)
People are stereotypes
Particular values are parts of some invisible whole.
No part of his consciousness can be challenged w/o threatening the whole.
4. Hints of Games People Play, crowd actions.
5. Consc F: Free mkt.
II: Large Corp., org.
III: New generation.
6. Key reform is choosing a new life style. This gives transcendence.
7. Greening of Am. is upbeat, like Naishitt today. over machines.
Cheerleaders for current trends.
Now, Reich is - - - Tempora's Anti
On Tempora, On Mores
8. It's not the machine, it's the driver that uses it to bully us.
Needed: automatic confiscation of machines, when misused.
Now, machines can intrude, preempt, law allows; but if you attack the machine, law supports it.
Like hanging the horse thief.

9. By choice of life-style, "We are entering a new age of man." 354

10. Marx began a movement vs. conc. of ec. power! 355
(No, Marx celebrated conc. Advocated drafting labor into indl. armies.)

Nazi's rebels saw Marx thru rose-colored glasses, rewrote him & used as symbol of things he never tolerated.)

11. People's Park challenged Univ. land tenure - hence all A.D. 364 (they o'looked another 58,000 a.)

(Meantime, warbarbarians in ATVs take over 100s of acres; powerboats take over lakes; etc.)

12. Fulfill yourself, thus help others. 368
(Thinly disguised revival of Adam Smith!)

13. Find freedom in unjust. by giving up ^{ambitions} ~~life~~ to get ahead; that's how they control you. 369

("Slave has but one master...")

("... want to be a priest or a bishop?")

(Works better when you have tenure.)

14. Classical heroes struggled, but essence of the epic is the growth of the hero in experience & wisdom. A quest for consciousness. 375 " "

15. Wisdom or ~~consciousness~~ consciousness may be gained w/o depriving anyone else - (another free lunch!) 383
cf. Upton Sinclair!

Naisbitt

1946-64 is baby boom.

1970, b. boomers were i. 24-6 yrs. old.

Rich addressed them as h.s. + college students

Naisbitt, 15 yrs. later, hits them in mid-career.

BBs are entering age of breaking away, founding cos.
The entrepreneurial age.

Reich, Ben. & the Forests, 1962, Fund for Rep.
Law Prof. Yale. Tch. nat. res.

Wrongly dates delegation from Cong. in 1930s.
F.S. goes back much further.

Understates current Cong. power, e.g. James Weaver of
Roseburg & s.y.

January 15, 1987

Professor Mason Gaffney
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Dear Mason:

On Thursday, February 12, Charles Reich will lead a dialogue at the Center on "The Liberal Odyssey 1930-1980" and we would like very much to have you as one of the participants in this discussion.

The dialogue will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 with lunch here at the Center. We will be happy to pay your expenses.

As you know, Mr. Reich's book, The Greening of America, is one of those works that seems to be indelibly identified with much of the ferment of the 1960's in this country.

I am enclosing a set of notes he has prepared for our February 12th dialogue. In addition, we will send a transcript of his Regents Lecture at the University of California, Santa Barbara campus. He will deliver the lecture on February 3rd and that lecture, plus the enclosed notes, will be the basis for our dialogue on the 12th.

I do hope you can be with us for this important discussion. Would you be good enough to call us COLLECT (805) 961-2611 and let either me or our Assistant Program Director, Barbara Green, know whether you can accept our invitation?

Sincerely,



Donald McDonald
Acting Director

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February 5, 1987

Professor Mason Gaffney
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Riverside, CA 92521

Dear Mason:

Attached is an edited version of Charles Reich's UCSB Regents lecture: The Liberal Odyssey 1930-1980, which will be the basis for our discussion with Mr. Reich here at the Center at 10 to 12:30, Thursday, February 12.

I am looking forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,



Donald McDonald
Acting Director

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Hope you can be here, Mason.