

# NAIL BAMBI?!

## ZAR'S MAN'S GUIDE TO DEER HUNTING

By A. ZAR GARDINER

Once again hunting season is just around the corner and the woods will be packed with thousands of crazed, blood-thirsty, so called sportsmen. Deer hunting is an art form and in order to be successful one must know all the ins and outs of the sport in order to ensure success. Here are a few helpful hints to help, maybe you, get a deer.

The first thing the beginning hunter must learn is that most deer have the ability to make themselves invisible during open season. Areas that before the season were packed with herds will on opening day, be devoid of animals.

It is extremely important to "scout" for deer before the season opens, looking for deer sign. Contrary to popular opinion this does not mean looking for scrapes, rubs, droppings and well-worn trails. The proper way to locate where the deer are is to drive down the highway until you see a sign that says "deer crossing." You now know where the deer are.

The weather influences the pattern of the movements of all deer and the hunter must always take it into account. Certain weather is good for hunting and other weather can be bad. Here are your guidelines:

**Rain:** Forget about hunting in rainy weather, deer bed down. They do not move about. Any sign is washed away. Don't bother trying for them in the rain. Stay home.

**Cloudy Days:** Bad, verging on hopeless. Deer on cloudy days worry that the clouds will produce rain and they sulk in thick cover where you can't see them. If it is cloudy, stay home.

**Sunny Days:** Stay home. In bright, open, sunny days, deer stick to the cool deep thickets, browsing contentedly and not moving. Your chances for scoring are almost nil.

**Fog:** No good at all. You can't see them, but they can smell you. Stay home and read a book.

**Storms:** Don't bother - deer seek shelter in storms. Stay home.

**Snow, Cold, Ice:** Success percentage zero. Like any intelligent animal, deer migrate

instantly south when cold. Stay home.

There are several hunting techniques used by experts. The most common is called stalking. In this, hunters creep slowly through cover searching for deer who as stated, are also creeping slowly through cover. On occasion one group spots the other and waves.

A second method is called still hunting. This method comprises of sitting in one spot, totally motionless, waiting for deer. Invariably the hunter moves just as deer is nearby and he spooks it. Oh well.

An extremely effective way to get deer is from a tree stand. This method takes advantage of the fact that deer, having no interest in bird life, seldom look up. A hunter in a tree has an excellent chance to get his trophy. One important thing to remember is never build your stand so high in the tree that the ground is out of range.

It is vital that the hunter learns to track deer. An ex-

pert can look at a leaf against which a deer has brushed and instantly tell its weight, sex, direction in which the deer was travelling, what was in its mind and its credit rating. On the other hand, the beginner can trip over a deer and not recognize it. Most hunters fall between these extremes. The only way to learn is to practice.

Deer are amiable creatures and like each other's company. An effective way to track them is with realistically painted, life size decoys. Arrange the decoys so you can hide in the centre of them. The one bad thing about this method is that other hunters will shoot at the decoys. Fortunately there are many lightweight bullet-proof garments on the market today.

Once you have bagged your deer, remember, one important thing; don't try to show your buddies how macho you are and carry it out on your shoulders or you too may end up draped over someones bumper. Have a good season.

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## NOTES

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## POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES

By R. HUTCHINS

Well, the heavyweight battle of the season is about to take place. In the far right corner we have "Rappin' Ronnie", undefeated heavyweight champion of the free world and in the center of the ring, "Fightin' Fritz", the challenger and decided underdog. As they eyes of the world begin to focus keenly on the upcoming American election both candidates seem to have drawn their respective battle lines, honed their ideological weapons, and prepared images of themselves as true potential leaders of a "free" America.

If one is to respect the media's measuring devices for public opinion then it is obvious that Ronald Reagan is the man to beat. For 4 years the American public has been lulled into conformity by Reagan's stage presence, his incredible ability to brandish the sword of justice in the name of America and apple pie. I personally find Reagan's brand of Americanism to be overly conservative, irrespective of key interest groups, whose value to the democratic process is undeniable and whose voices have been left out of his vision of America.

It is unfortunate that a pre-occupation with "stability" has led many Americans to overlook the frightfully aggressive right-wing policies of the Reagan administration. Very few Americans take credence in the fact that America has never before been so unpopular world wide or that the escalating arms race is directly related to a growing American military complex. Although a picture of stability and economic recovery has painted a picture of stability and economic recovery he has also lulled Americans into believing that the Soviet threat is greater than the threat of domestic decay and thus placed communist paranoia above the survival of Liberal Democracy at home.

I am fearful that a massive Republican landslide would be just the tool needed by Reagan to take America into a right-wing tailspin that can only further alienate her allies and waken the voice of liberalism at home.

Although Reaganomics has been (in the short run), successful, it has placed unbelievable burdens on key sectors of American society. Cutbacks in Social Security, education and environmental protection have left many Americans disillusioned and alienated from the political process. Reagan's vision of America is extremely narrow and in many ways undermines the true nature of democracy.

On the other hand, the moderate views of Walter Mondale and the democrats are perceived by many to be a threat to America's "stable" world position and not tough enough to deal with the Soviet menace. Democrats are more a part of special interests. Critics point out that a Democratic government will spend more money on Social Services while cutting back on military spending, ultimately weakening America's "negotiation from strength" position.

In a world living under the daily threat of military destruction the time left for liberal experimentation is dangerously short. If statesmen like Mondale or Reagan fail in the near future to satisfy the prevailing hunger for economic and military security the masses of mankind will turn with relief to simplicity and certainly of dictatorial solutions. This is the key to American politics, since they are flag bearers of Western Liberal Democracy, they must show by example the true strengths of their democracy. I personally feel Reagan's vision of military supremacy and his antagonistic behaviour are threatening America's position and undermining the true value of our liberal tradition. If we cannot show by example our humanistic and liberal beliefs then how can we expect the rest of the world to support us and believe in, our system's egalitarianism?

Since the outcome of the American election does not seem to be in question, then I am fearful we are on the threshold of a dark period in history. If Reagan is successful in his bid for reelection (it seems he will be) then our chances of a negotiated freeze with the Soviets and a renewed respect among America's allies seem dismal. If present "military stability" and "power" are the pre-occupations of American voters then the future holds a hostile picture and an inevitable de-stabilization of the western world, its principles and liberal democracy.