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(Soundoff continued from p. 9)

Communications can be a real bother at times. Gregory **Betts' article ("The Endangered** "") is a good example of this; in it, he expresses some ideas that I agree with very much, but the fashion in which he does it makes me head straight for my poison per (typewriter, actually).

Wasting no time, Mr. Betts begins the article by criticizing what he refers to as "hand-medown" values which many cling to. I'm far from a supporter of society and its rules, taboos and rituals, but I'm also far resilience of individuals.

from assuming the role of a universal judge. If people want to form societies, then the continuity that comes from "handme-down" values plays an important role. Maybe I'm too much of an idealist, but 1 choose to believe that these values are not automatically accepted by most people; Mr. Betts seems to think that they are. Is it really all that difficult to conceive of people questioning their values at some point, or at various points, in their lives? Have a little faith in the

I spent the last 3 years down in the States and i watched the "Moral Majority" grow (a cancercus growth is a good analogy). Mr. Betts doesn't seem to like Jerry Falwell and his book burning buddies and that boffles me. The worst thing about fundamentalists is their conviction that they are preaching an absolute truth. It would seem that Mr. Betts is a fundamentalist agnostic/individualist. Nothing to be ashamed of, but the terms "fundamentalist" and "individualist" seem to contradict

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with, as many overseas

Words are inadequate

each other (I should note that Mr. Betts has not classified himself as a fundamentalist agnostic/individualist; it's simply a phrase that I chose to use).

To show what I mean, let me look at some of the qualities which ha attributes to "Manalive" (apparently a term used to describe anyone who gets anything out of life).

First, Man-Alive is supposed to know "that elitism is not snobbery but necessity." Now, come on; you start with individualism and then you turn around and begin to set up classes? Informal classes, to be sure, but classes nonetheless. Try to keep in mind that the Tao is the "spirit of the valley."

Secondly, he "accepts the necessity of. . . his own impending absolute death." Again, 1 fail to see his reasoning. As an agnostic (this much is apparent from his last article), he's not supposed to be making absolute statements like that. Maybe his philosophy has undergone a major change in the last few weeks; I don't

S.S. Mullin that all political and religious press such things. Communicacreeds are anesthetics or tions can be a real bother at Projects decorations." Personally, 1 times.

insonity (my apologies to the Poli. Sci. people). I do not understand however, why religion is so bad while philosophies not classified as religions, agnosticism among them, get off scott-free. Surely if a belief such as judaism is merely an "anesthetic" or a "decoration", then so are the non-religious doctrines of agnosticism, atheism and empiricism, to name a few. And if these are so useless, then why does Mr. Betts choose one over the other and why does he write about them in first place?

Just to end this up on a friendly note, Mr. Betts' point on the bastardization of the word "freedom" is ver important. In his book Illusions, **Richard Back writes "We are** all. Free. To do. Whatever. We want. To do." There are so many who cringe when they hear that, that I begin to wonder how many actually want freedom for themselves or even understand the concept. Sometimes I wonder if I understand it.

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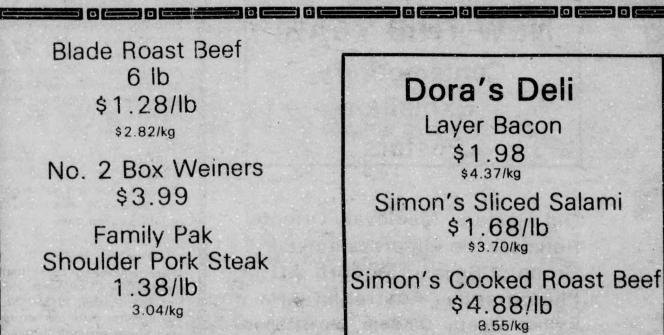
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