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**WALT'S** Men's Shop

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tences. The house has no markings. The men work at normal jobs in Stockholm during the day, but must return to Nackahemmet at night. The wages from the jobs are banked for each man. Board and room are deducted and he is given an allowance for his busfare and other needs. Saturdays the men are free from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Of course, the men at Nackahemmet are "elite" prisoners. Most are serving their first term. It is hoped that as a result of the Nackahemmet program, the men will have no difficulty in adjusting to society and normal

occupations upon release. Thus, their first term will be their last. In all fairness, consideration must be given to the problems and shortcomings evident in the Swedish prison system. The staff problem is pressing. There is a shortage of labor in Sweden, and it is difficult for the prisons to hire bright young men who have many appealing fields to choose from. The result is that Swedish guards and too many officials are untrained. Thus, it is imperative that Swedish prisons be modern and clean if good men are to feel its worthwhile to spend their careers in them.

A most ironic problem seems to be that technology can be carried too far. Ivar Hojer says the much-publicized television camera installation at Norrtalje prison may be impractical. Apparently, it is very difficult for a guard to concentrate properly on a bank of television screens. Nothing moves for so many hours that if someone does stir in the prison yard, the guard is so hypnotized by the screens he does not notice.

The most obvious problem lies in the area of financing. The cost of the Swedish prison system has been high. In one of the newest and most experimental institutions, the daily cost per inmate is \$12. Capital outlay per bed has been as high as

\$10,000. Even the most visionary penologist will be likely to ask if the Swedish taxpayer is getting his money's worth.

The salient criterion in assessment is the recidivism rate. According to Sven Larsson, chief psychologist for the Swedish prison administration, about 60 to 70 per cent of the persons now in Swedish prisons will return to prison. This is slightly better than in Canada where figures from 70 to 80 per cent are usually quoted.

Still, has it been worth pouring vast amounts of money and ingenuity into Swedish prisons when over half the prisoners will return? Why not keep medieval Longholman instead of demolishing it to make room for two new prisons at a cost of nearly \$5,000,000?

This view is unnecessarily short-sighted and unfair to the men of vision who have made Swedish prisons the most progressive in the world. Overnight results cannot be expected in an experiment of this nature. Sweden has made a noble commitment to scientific penal policy and we must watch and wait while she attempts to carry out that commitment.

The jury is out. It should be back in just 15 or 20 years with a verdict on the success or failure of the world's penal laboratory.

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brand me as poor sport or the like; however, I would challenge any engineer to see any sense in the dunking process.

I strongly recommend to engineers who have difficulty comprehending any polysyllabic words to borrow a Thesaurus from me. The footnote which I have made in reference to John Milton may be looked upon by engineers in lines 180 to 187.

Yours truly,  
Gary Buss  
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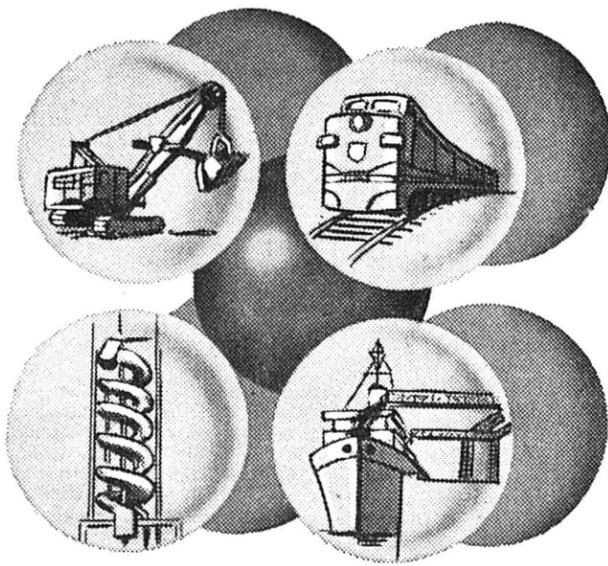
To The Editor:

I would like to extend my thanks to those individuals with intellect sufficient to ignore the obviously-dyed radical who signs "Equality for all."

The administration's slant with respect to this function was unavoidable. Upstairs, in the theatre section of the Auditorium, the Edmonton Light Opera Society was presenting "Kismet," one of the highlights of the season, the interruption of which would have been very costly to the perpetrator(s).

May I point out to you, then Equality, that the Administration you accuse of favoritism was merely supplanting your weak little brain the only way it could.

G. W. Meyers, Eng. 4  
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