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So I deal with her. I deal with her mechanically. I give her a bottle and hope that she goes to sleep, even though she's passed the age when she wants to sleep all the time. I do other mechanical things but basically I'm not with her.

Now women are going to face a lot of those problems.

The first thing you've been told is that it's an evil thing not to want to be with your kids all the time. What do you mean you don't wanna be, you're told, did you ever see Ozzie and Harriet? When did you ever see Harriet not want to be with her kids?

After all, every mother you've seen on television loves her kids all the time. The good mother is the one who wants to be with her kids all the time. She loves every minute of it.

O.K. models are held up for this, models that are destructive, models that are unreal, models that speak emotionally that we can't possibly meet and that force us to feel busy because we just think, "Man, I'm just not as good as old Harriet," instead of saying, "God-dam Harriet. You're a liar. You're a fraud."

So maybe people should help us. Maybe they should say that kids should be brought up in some way, collectively, not by the state, but by a group of people who get together and figure out different ways of taking care of kids.

Some people really like to care for kids a lot of the time. Other people like to take care of kids three or four hours a day. That's not the point. The point is that we have to figure out some creative way of taking care of children. That involves men.

When my daughter was about four or five months, my wife and I were separated which meant that I didn't have any option. I had to learn to take care of a child. For the first four or five months of the marriage, I just psychologically said, "It's her kid; it's her job to do a lot of those things."

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Now, why in the hell can't we think of more human ways of taking care of kids? Why do we have all these marriages that are built on false organizations? I'm saying that the answer may be different kinds of marriages, different kinds of marriages where different couples decide on what they want.

I have friends who aren't married, who are living together and who are having kids.

I have five or six friends living in what they call the collective, where they bring up a couple of kids together. Some of them are

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separated. Some of them aren't. Some of them have very happy marriages.

I have friends who believe it's right for you to sleep with anybody you want to.

I have friends who believe you should only sleep with one person, not because it's a rule, but just because they don't want to sleep with other people.

What I'm saying is that I'm amazed that we live in the type of society where society tells us that one form of organization is the only way to bring up kids; that one form of organization is the only way to have a marriage when in fact, if you look at the average marriage, you see it's not working.

Yet society won't look at itself and say, "something's fishy. We gotta admit that ours isn't the only one and maybe, in fact, is one of the most ludicrous ones."

O.K., so much for a society which makes it very hard to love your own kids.

Now let's talk about men and the few women who will take careers. The kind of careers that people take in business are being advertised today as very dramatic, very exciting, dynamic. But let's talk about it. You are a personnel director. You are told you have a lot of responsibility, a lot of freedom. But what kind of real responsibility do you have? You have the responsibility to

tell people what to do. What's your job? Your job is to get them to work harder.

Why? Because working harder makes more profits. You ought to read Business Week to see what the business men think about you.

For example, Business Week advertises that Feder's air conditioners should be used in the factory. Why? Because the days of the sweat shop are over.

Great. That's a really great idea. Maybe the bosses are getting a little more humane. But wait--why do we want Feder's air conditioners? Because do you know that cooler workers are

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happier workers? And happier workers produce more. And workers who produce more make more profits for the company.

So in fact, the only way you can sell a Feder's air conditioner to a factory is to tell people they'll have cooler, happier workers who will make more money for them by their increased production.

That's a hell of a reason to tell someone they should or shouldn't have to work in a hundred degree temperature; because in fact we can build all the air conditioners we need.

But the only way we can sell them is by selling them to people who see something in it for themselves.

There's a new magazine now called Careers. You ought to look at it because it's geared to the young market.

Careers is a psychedelic oppression.

What it says is turn on, tune in, and do what we say. What it says is, work for the big companies and we'll give you everything you want.

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Then what do you mean you do what you want?

"Well, that's a great step. A lot of companies won't let you wear sideburns."

What businesses are trying to do through Careers is take advantage of the essence of the student rebellion by offering the periphery.

What they say is "Do what we want and we'll give you an air conditioner, an expense account and you can wear sideburns."

But your job still is for you to do what the guy on top says and then tell the people under you what to do.

Now I imagine what a lot of you are saying is "He's interesting and kind of funny, but man he's so sick. He is so depressing. He's painting a distorted picture. In fact a lot of people aren't really that unhappy. I know a lot of people who beat the system. He's one of these professional revolutionaries who's trying to stir me

**Sometimes I just want to give up, and say "I'm tired. I'm tired of criticizing. I would like to believe that killing people in Viet-Nam is a good thing."**

up. He's trying to get me mad. He's probably some kind of misfit. I'm going to handle it. I'm going to make it. Some people don't make it. But I'm going to make it."

Now I'll just say that some of you will make it. But I think you'll make it in very limited terms. I think the only way you can make it under the present system that we both live under is by selling yourself short.

I think the only way you can make it is by saying that the idea of really doing what you want is Utopian--that the idea of really enjoying life all the time is a nice idea but isn't practical.

If you make those concessions, then you're right. You will be happy because what each one of you has really said is "I don't really count."

What you're saying is "Despite the fact that we've been told that Canada is a democracy and America is a democracy, down deep we

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