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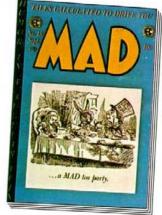


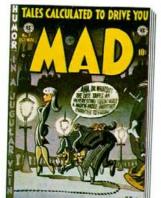


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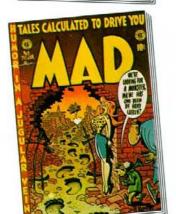


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ANOTHER THROWBACK TO THE "GOOD OLD DAYS"

(which you may very well throw back at us!)





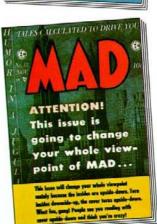
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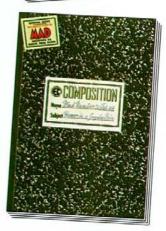




OUR FOURTH ASSORTMENT OF COLLECTORS' ITEMS FROM THESE VALUABLE ISSUES OF THE '50'S

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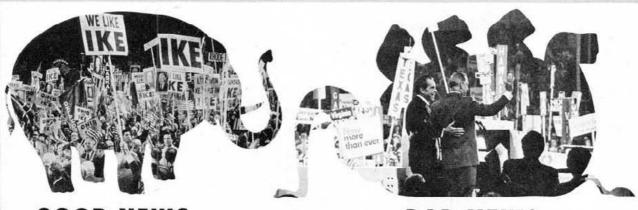
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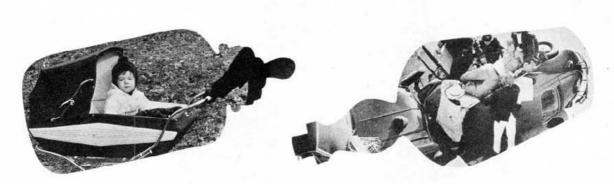
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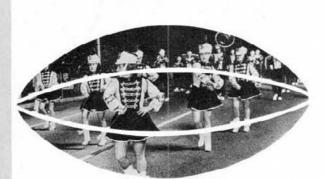
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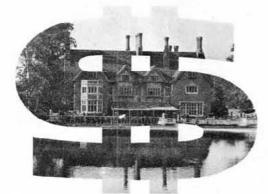
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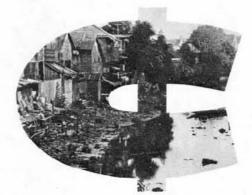
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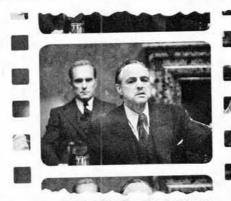
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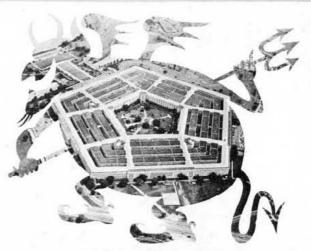
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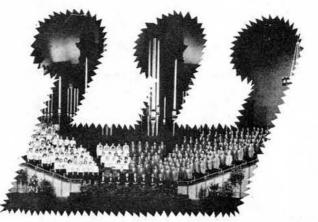
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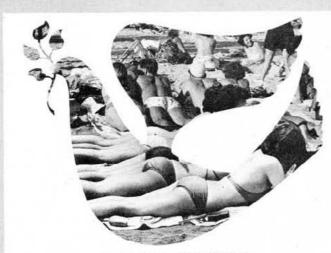
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THE REEL MEANING DEPT.

Do you really think that people communicate with each other by talking? Hah! We laugh in your face! Talking is the surest way of *NOT* communicating! Why? Because people never say what they mean! They

send out coded messages instead! For example, when you ask someone, "How are you?", are you really prepared to hear a long description of their aches and pains? Of course not! In truth, when you ask,

it all depends upon what happens here . . . in the country . . . !

The Marvelous MAD

ARTIST: JACK RICKARD



"How are you?", it's a coded message that actually means, "Who cares!" And so, as a Public Service, we have developed a marvelous little machine that gives the real messages people are sending! (This Introduction is also a coded message which, when it's decoded, means, "This is just another 'What They Say . . . And What They Really Mean' article—camouflaged with a fancy premise!" Here, then, is

De-Coding Machine



... just until we can get rid of them!



WHAT IS FAST
BECOMING THE
ONLY PLACE
TO SEE RARE
VANISHING
ANIMAL
SPECIES?

MAD FOLD-IN

Many species of animals are rapidly becoming scarcer and harder to find. However, there is one place where these disappearing species can be seen easily. To find out where this place is, fold in the page as shown at right.





ARTIST & WRITER: AL JAFFEE ONCE, WILD ANIMALS WERE EASY TO FIND AND OBSERVE. A WORLD TRAVELER COULD SEE A GREAT VARIETY. TODAY, MAN'S BOLD INCURSIONS HAVE MADE MANY SPECIES HARD TO TRACK

THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE METROPOLIS

