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VERITIES

THE SEMINAR

By Jeff Greenfield

When thirty or forty delegates who don't know anything gather to exchange information, that is a Seminar. In order for them to have an excuse for group therapy they are about to indulge in, they have Resource Personnel. These are people who sit up front at a table and get a fifteen minute head start on the "Let-Me-Tell-You-First" race. They do not get paid, but resource personnel know that they will Get to Meet Girls at the seminar. That is why they wear coats and ties. Here is the text of seminar VIII-4, titled "Making Higher Educational Student Government Relevant to Meaningful Commitments to Social Reform in the Expanding Educational Context of the World Revolution."

Moderator: (trying to pretend he is not running for office): We're pleased to have three outstanding student leaders with us today to talk about Making Higher Educational Student Government Relevant to Meaningful Commitments to Social Reform in the Expanding Educational Context of World Revolution. I'm sure they've made themselves familiar to you at the Congress and since I can't remember who the hell they are I won't bother to introduce them. Hey, fella, you first.

Panelist 1: Student government in higher education must be relevant; it must make a meaningful committment to social reform; it must be responsible; it must recognize its important role as a viable instrument. Thank you (thunderous applause, punctuated by the crack of a forehead slamming into the table -- it is owned by the fourth delegate to fall asleep during the opening 15 minutes.)

Panelist 2: Student government has to make a committment to relevant and meaningful social reform within higher education. It must not do nothing. It must do something. It must be bold. It must be courageous. It must -- I'm afraid I've lost my notes. Thank you.

Panelist 3: These platitudes must cease. There is room no longer for pious platitudes. The pious platitudes of the past will no longer perform the duty of we as an educated citizenry. We must think new thoughts. We must abandon outmoded ideas. We must be prudent, but liberal; responsible, but militant; progressive, yet conservative; forward-looking, yet faithful to our heritage; courageous, yet timid, mellow, yet refreshing; strong, but weak.

Moderator: Thank you, Mr. Vice-President. Now, let's hear those questions from you folks out there in seminarland.

Ellie May Frum: Well, at my school--see, we're a small school in the Midwest, and we only have 27 people and two teachers--that's Mrs. Whatanobbee, the retired marm, and Old Man Grimsbee,--and--see, we're not allowed to be relevant or anything else, see, 'cause it's forbidden, so in order to be more relevant we have sneaked in copies of Newsweek into our dorm every night and read it, right out

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loud! That's the first time we've used direct action, Were we responsible?

Panelist 1: Yes, but were you viable?

Panelist 2: Yes, be bold.

Panelist 3: You were forthright, yet prudent; mild, yet arousing. . .

Moderator: Thank you. Next question.

Randolph Snerd: At my school, see, our entire student body speaks Ukranian, so we found if we use Ukranian books and speak only Ukranian, that helps a lot.

Luci Bird Goldbaum: At my schooo, see, I'm from a small women's Jewish school in the Midwest, and the dormitory serves only Kosher food, so we held a Cook-out-In, and we brought spareribs and bacon, and now they've changed the rules. They've let us all become Catholics.

Panelist 3: You were bold, but light; incisive, yet extensive; good, yet. . .

Moderator: All right, all right, let's get these out of the way fast.

Rocky Hurt: At my school, see, our entire campus is submerged under 75 feet of sewage, so we have some difficulty in getting relevant and viable like you said. So we give out aqualungs during Freshman Orientation and teach deep-breathing, and gosh, out dropout rate's way down.

Peter Frat: My turn. See, our school has 57,000 people in the Engineering school alone, so...

Sandy Smile: No, n , it's my turn. See, we've got 85 per cent lesbians in our class, so...

Oscar Acne: Shut up! Let me! Let me! We have a Dean of Women who's really John Wayne in drag, and we ...

Voice: Bedouin do not carry water!
We will never carry water!

Voice: Participatory democracy!!

Sue Stein: So after the cops, now remember, this was the first demonstration after the second sit-in, so, like, you know, we moved 75 feet away from the building, so then, remember now this was before the October 30 declaration, we, like...

Chorus: Kill the pig! Suck his blood!

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