Characters one meets while boating

eccentricities

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The Readers Digest has a series called "the most unforgettable character I've ever met." It's usually about semi-famous men, but I ran jacross a character in the British West Indies last week that might quality. As we were island hopping a catamaran sailed by captained by a thin tamed individual with a long beard, as but be bandanna in his hair but wearing no other clothes. He was reading a paperback book as he sailed. Obviously he was the topic of conversation and coincidentally we anothered off the same island that night and we invited him aboard our boat the hext morning for coffee.

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AT THIS POINT he was wearing an abbreviated loin oth. He was tan all over and didn't have an extra

oth. He was tan all over and didn't nave an extra nee of fat on his body.

During our discussions he indicated he was a "child the universe" although originally he was Dutch. He dla high school education, tried marriage bot it, du't work, and had salled the Carribbean for six years.

He ate fish once a week but otherwise ate only natu-

ral foods with no meat in his diet. He did admit he liked the smell of filet mignon when it's cooking. While we were talking he was baking bread aboard his boat. His boat was his home and he was doing construction

on it to make it more comfortable, HE ANNOUNCED that he had finally put it all to-

gether in life.

If he needed money he went out on charter but only for people he liked.

He hated capitalism because it made the rich very rich and didn't give the poor a chance.

He said it was stupid to have money and build a large house, because you had to build a fence around it and protect it with dogs.

He believed the best political philosophy was one of staring all goods, like when he ran out of food he felt people should share with him.

After he left we talked about how the guy have to can, stopping off at deserted islands without a care in the world.

world. ATER THAT NIGHT we stopped off at a different island and went to a small restaurant. On the wall they had the front page of a newspaper tacked up which told of how the federal authorities had just incovered a half million dollar eache of marijuana in anj empty shack on this island.

After dinner we were discussing the character we met with the owner of the restaurant. He knew him well and pointed to the newspaper on the wall.

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It kind of shattered our dream of what Old Case had called "putting it all together in life."

"GRIPPING" DRAMA IN OUR



Tin Richard Writes

Politicians getting bad rap

the chance? Probably never.
Would the Michigan Demo-cratic State Central Com-mittee have uttered flatulent sounds over a car-top loudspeaker when a Republi-can candidate attempted to speak to union men at a fac-tory gate? Doubful. And vice-versa for the GOP.
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The point is that political parties are governed by elected committees whose members are answerable to the folks back home. In any such committee of 50 or 100, at least one member will be honest and blow the whistle on a dirty trick proposel.

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President Nixon himself admitted (1) he always ran his campaigns through a personal organization rather than a party and (2) he failed to supervise adequat-ely his 1972 reelection effort. His political party wasn't to

blame.
Recall some of the local campaign excesses:

The 1973 Garden City mayoral race – nonpartisan.

Moelke vs. McNamara for Livonia mayor in 1970 –

suspect the bulk of fair campaigns in partisan races for which a party wasn't responsible.

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In some cases, this will be simple wooded areas where height process can be held.

In others, such as during the winter months, it means for which a party wasn't responsible.

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To passing on a smile to the state and townships.

If current city services are to be kept at an even level and recreation buggets to be increased, substantially, city officials will have to look to their constituents to pick up may be a simple to thought hese tragedies.

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It's fashionable these days to dump on politicians, which is precisely why I intend to be nice to them today. It's not had I'm feeling sorry for them or even trying to make up for my past fulminations. The truth is that our party politicians are getting a bad rap from the Watergate fail-out, et al. Look at it this way.

Would the Republican National Committee have an thorized the Watergate about not have a contained that millionaires and abort union leaders do.

out, et al. Look at it this way: Would the Republican National Committee have authorized the Watergate break in? No way. Would the Democratic National Committee have authorized the Watergate break in? No way. Would the Democratic National Committee have done it to the GOP if they'd had the chance? Probably never.

Energy crisis affects homes

The national energy crisis has affected most suburban households in many little

ways.

In some, it is turning down the thermostat a few degrees. In others, it means adjusting personal schedules so car pools can be formed.

In recent weeks, the crisis has taken on a new twist with anxious mothers watching their youngsters start off for school in what looks like the middle of the night.

But with the change in life styles and habits in suburbia, there is another dimension of the energy crisis that has yet to be felt.

That is the impact on local governments and your tax bills.

for Livonia mayor in 1970 nonpartisan.

The enemies of Westland Mayor Gene McKinney in 1971 at home or close to home on the weekends instead of filling in 1971 and 73 - nonpartisan.

Farmington School Distribution of the past few pieces - nonpartisan.

Vince Petitoren again.

trict internal politicing of the past few politi

In the summer, it will And who said the energy mean tennis courts, swim- gnip pools, bleyele trails, nature trails, just to mention a four a few.

A suburban recreation di-rector said recently at a pri-vate meeting of his city offi-cials the energy crisis may force him to plan for a trebi-ing of recreation facilities.

This is due to families staying close to home on weekends instead of driving across the state for activi-ties.

If local communities plan ahead, the recreational facil-ities will result in mul-ti-million dollar bond issues to finance important build-ings and developments.

It will also mean added operating funds on a continuing basis to staff the facilities.

At the same time, cities are predicting a sharp drop in state revenues rebated to them through gasoline and weight taxes.

Full cooperation is needed

"These are times that try ments souls."

Unemployment, shortages, strikes, inflation. All weigh heavily on America today.

So, what can we do about:

When things get rough, the view of the country was divided. Brother was fighting brother, families were in opposite camps. No one kene what the outcome would be.

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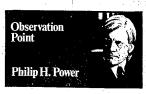
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World War I, World War, So, what the outcome would be.

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A smiling police official, who related the warrage person few welcome. It does not controlled warped up in our own troubles that war is still "fought", in glice world. We can all do something to the part of the world warped up in our own troubles that war is still "fought", in glice world warped up in our own troubles that our troubles are, there are others who are far worse fet have well were all we will have troubles, problems, weren if we that for cooperation, understanding, friendship. They call for making friends of a transpert of the world war in the world with the world were windered to be the path's sould be the path of the world war in the world war in the world war in the world war in the problems of the war in the world war in t

Strange things are happening



By PHILIP H. POWER Co-publisher

There are mysterious, powerful, and only dimly understood forces brewing here in the suburbs these days. Consider these symptoms, which link themselves together into a singular pattern:

• In 1973 the Michigan meat boycett glot its start from a group of housewives in Farmington.

•When the cross district school busing issue was at its hottest, more than half the houses in the affected suburbs suddenly sprouted "This Family Will Not Be Bused" signs in front windows.

• Many of the men now involved in the strike and threats of violence by independent truckers are suburbanites, profit oriented individual businessmen caught in what they regard as an unfair government squeeze.

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Contrary to the predictions of most political experts, suburban votes for George Wallace swamped other contenders in the Michigan Democratic presidential primary in 1972, and later that year highly conservative Bob Huber won an upset victory in the middle-roading 18th congressional district that includes Troy.

The pattern, of course, is for suburbanites – generally regarded as staunch defenders of the status quo with little regard for radical ideas of direct action – to get directly involved in protest movements of a radical sort when they are sufficiently steamed up about something.

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A University of Michigan sociologist, Donald Warren, has been studying the rise of "Middle American Radicals," and some of his research findings are of enormous importance for us in the suburbs.

Warren says that direct action invoements such as the meat boycoit constitute responses to "a problem directly affecting many families and one which had not previously occurred nor been carried out within the purview of a union, protest group or other 'established' structure."

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purview of a union, protest group or other 'established' structure."

Froule who join such movements are not necessarily rich or poor or liberal or conservative, but they do seem to have some common characteristics, according to Warren.

"They have a lot of trust in the system, but its' being thwarted by interest groups and their own interest group does not have much to say." Warren finds. Their frustrated trust finds a hostile outlet against so-cletal groups both above and below them, who seem to enjoy special government treatment.

In the past, such people were fairly well represented through traditional interest groups such as churches, unions and political parties. But, Warren finds, people elect churches are courting other groups, unlon leaders are out of touch with their rank and file, and political parties are ossified and unresponsive.

"Middle American Radicals see formal organizations not holding to clear cut rules and not being responsive to their own concerns," according to Warren. For once, it's nice to find a sociologist who seems to be making sense.

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Most folks, whether they live in the suburbs or not, traditionally have solved large social problems through the fine tradible interest group organizations. Workers confronted employment problems through the PTA, tiberals depended on the emercates to represent them, and conservatives the Republicans.

Conservatives the Republicans:

Large traditional problems through the PTA, tiberals depended on the Republicans to the traditional to the past few years that established interest groups have not evolved quickly enough to keep up. What is the union's position on the gas bortage? How do PTAs feel about the scaling price of mea? What will the Democrats do to stop inflation? How do the Republicans feel about basing?

Ten years ago, those were not even issues. Today they are the stuff of immediate, interse concern for suburbanites. Yet no established interest group has been able to be flexible enough to express their concerns.

Result? Fristration. Immatlence with existing inter-

cerns.
Result? Frustration. Impatience with existing interest groups, political parties, governments at all levels.
A tendency to take direct action, to create a new group to take a relevant stand on a problem. A direct reversal of the out-dated notion that suburbanites are stolid, con-

of the out-dated notion that suburbanites are stolid, con-servative, slow, non-active.

And a profoundly widespread feeling that the exist-ing political system is ineffective and irrelevant.

My guess is that this process will go a lot further before it reverses itself. Our established interest groups, so far, have not shown much flexibility or inter-est in representing people when new issues show up, and until they do the mood of frustration and irritation which so characterizes the Middle American Radicals will continue to be one of the most powerful forces in the suburbs.

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Is strong, full time mayor the answer?

stonally to meet on a Satur-Around its board gather from day morning for steak and hour to hour shitts of at eggs with private business tondered the state of the

The outcome, I fear, would once again be a government of committees to which they were born. The McNamara philosophy is one to which they should listen — a strong, fulltime mayor leadership re-sponsible personally to the voters.

Livonia's chief executive