

# How Males Oppress The Superior Female



DR. ASHLEY MONTAGU talks informally with members of the audience after his lecture Nov. 12 at Schoolcraft College. The topic was "The Natural Superiority of Women" and the male segment of the audience was just as interested in getting more details as the females. (Observer photo)

By MARIE MCGEE

If women were in control of the world, there would be more opportunity for peace than there is now, and maybe wars would cease.

Yes, the day is coming when we'll see a woman in the White House. But if the women's lib groups want to be successful, they'd better broaden their political base and show strength in the voting booth.

Women's place IS definitely in the home the first year or two of a baby's life — and hospital deliveries are the "great maternal robberies."

On Vietnam: "If that is right, WHAT are we doing wrong?"

VIEWS LIKE that make you unpopular with Washington, leading to the "punny" observation that this is the era of "The Agnew and the Nikes."

And so ran the gamut of statements by Dr. Ashley Montagu, noted scientist and

anthropologist, when he spoke last Thursday night at Schoolcraft College. Sponsor of the lecture, the second in a series, was the college's cultural affairs committee.

Technical, logical and humorous all the same time, Dr. Montagu spoke on the provocative theme, "The Natural Superiority of Women." It's also the title of a book he wrote some 20 years ago that's still the target of controversial comment.

Dapper in a grey Edwardian-type suit with a clipped British accent despite 69 years as an American citizen, Dr. Montagu explained to his audience of 400 (a good portion of them males) that the superiority of women is a scientific fact and "not just my opinion."

He said women are their own worst enemy when it comes to dispelling the fallacy that males are the stronger sex. Women can't help themselves, he said, because they've been oppressed by men "just as the

blacks have been oppressed by the whites. Only for a longer period of time."

MUSCULAR strength — the basis for man's belief he is superior — should not be confused with constitutional strength, he said. Scientific facts point out that constitutionally women are the stronger sex, he contended.

Muscle-wise, men are tops. Dr. Montagu commented, and it's this ability to "throw his weight around" that has fostered the male belief he is the stronger of the two sexes.

But after that, it's downhill all the way.

For instance, Dr. Montagu said, men "tend to burn themselves out more quickly." This is due to a higher metabolic rate that requires them to take in energy more rapidly. As a result, they die earlier because they're weaker.

Today's pressures have nothing to do with this early death age, he continued.

Women can't help being superior creatures because the lineup of genes and chromosomes are in their favor, making them more resistant to disease. Women have two complete X chromosomes while men have only one.

Even the lowly female

household shares in this chromosomal advantage. She outlives the male housewife by seven days, he pointed out.

FEMALES ARE born with the great capacity to love because they are the "mothers of humanity." It is this quality that the world is in such dire need of, he believes.

That's why women should be encouraged to enter politics in larger numbers than they have so far done.

While he found many of the

women's lib groups' causes were "challenging," he warned them to remember woman's primary role in life: to bear the young and then sustain and nurture them.

EMOTIONALLY WOMEN are superior because they use their emotions for when they were intended, he said.

Men tend to "internalize" their emotions — winding up with ulcers, chest pains, skin eruptions — and in mental wards, Dr. Montagu pointed out.

Women are "gossipy," he admitted, because they realize that talking is good therapy and that human beings were meant to communicate. "Men, of course, never

## They Dit It Again!

# Girls React Faster In Traffic Emergency

Another claim to male superiority is on shaky ground. Results of a nationwide test show that men may not be better drivers than women after all.

In fact the study showed girls reacted slightly better in four simulated traffic emergencies than their male counterparts.

The teenagers, members of driver education classes using an insurance company driver trainer system, had to cope with an impending head-on collision, a near sideswipe, brake failure, and a tire blowout.

STUDENTS using the system sit in small model cars fully equipped like real automobiles. The "drivers" respond to changing traffic conditions seen in full-color, sound films.

Shown the emergency driving film for the first time, the girls grappled with the crises better than the boys in two out of four situations and tied them in a third.

The percentages of correct responses were:

Tire blowouts — girls, 26 per cent; boys, 19 per cent. Sideswipes — girls, 17 per cent; boys, 11 per cent; Head On — girls, 26 per cent; boys, 27 per cent; Brake failure — girls, 57 per cent; boys, 66 per cent.

ALTHOUGH THE GIRLS did somewhat better than the boys, neither group scored highly. Overall, more than two out of three reacted incorrectly in the four emergencies.

These statistics emphasize the desperate need to train individuals to handle driving emergencies.

Simulation offers the best way of bringing the highway into the classroom and safely exposing beginning drivers to dangerous but common road situations.

DEVICES such as the insurance company system give students an opportunity to practice emergency driving maneuvers over and over until they learn the correct responses that will help avoid accidents on real highways. In real life, of course, drivers may never get a "second chance" to handle an impending head-on.

The system's effectiveness in teaching emergency driving techniques was illustrated when the students were exposed to a second blowout late in the film. On the first blowout emergency, 78 per cent of the students handled it wrong. The second time around, 22 per cent — only a third as many — responded incorrectly.

The system, pioneered by 17 years ago as the first classroom driving simulator, has been installed in almost 800 high schools throughout the country and is used by numerous government and military bodies.

# Auxiliary Will Be Organized At Tea

The Arnold Home is planning a get-acquainted tea Friday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m., in the Home, 1820 W. Seven Mile, near the Southfield Freeway, Detroit.

Purpose of the tea is to organize an auxiliary for the Arnold Home, a voluntary, non-profit, non-sectarian residence for the care of the aged.

The tea will be held in the Caulkins Building at the home. The speaker will be Prof. Leon Lucas, chairman of social casework sequence at Wayne State University.

Mrs. Bryon W. Trerice of Bloomfield Hills is the temporary chairman of the group working for the auxiliary.

Among those assisting her are Mrs. Louis P. Thurmon of Redford Township, Mrs. James F. Cramer of Livonia, Mrs. Henry J. Fiebig of Detroit, Richard C. Lowe of Southfield, Mrs. Raymond Wilson, Mrs. Gerald Agranon and Mrs. Clifford J. Paris of Birmingham and Mrs. R. W. Lundgren of Bloomfield Hills.

The committee is interested in male members and will hold evening meetings in the future for those not free to attend during the day.

Everyone interested in the work of the home is invited. Phone calls may be made to Florence K. Theiler, administrative assistant, KE 1-4001, ext. 43.

The auxiliary's purpose will be to work for the well-being of the residents. The home has been operating nearly 75 years and is self-supporting. It's residents and patients come not only from the Detroit area, but from many points throughout the U.S. and Canada.



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