

## Limited war?

Is there any such thing as a "limited war"? The Middle East conflict and Vietnam War have been called limited wars. What does that mean?

Does a limited war produce limited casualties? The loss of more than a million human lives in the Indochina conflict would seem to testify to the contrary.

Are the effects of a limited war confined to only military personnel and institutions? The events in My Lai hamlet in March 1968,

the terror-bombings on Saigon streets, the destruction of Hanoi's Bach Mai hospital by U.S. carpet bombing, Israel's attacks on refugee camps, the murder of Olympic athletes by Arab terrorists—all of these tragedies, and countless others like them, poignantly reveal that casualties in a limited war are not sustained solely by the battling military factions.

The downing of a Libyan airliner, killing 106 persons, is the most recent illustration of the regrettable fact that the most disgusting atrocities of a limited war often are borne by the civilian populations of the warring nations.

Thus far, Israel has accepted only partial blame for the loss of 106 lives. This has been enough to quiet the criticism from most of the world's political leaders. It should not be enough to silence the criticism of the world's peoples, even if an attempt is made to understand and accept Israel's delicate and dangerous position in the midst of Arab enemies.

The flight and voice recorders recovered after Israeli Phantom Jets shot down the airliner have revealed that the pilot of the Libyan craft did not know he had been ordered to land and did not recognize the jets which intercepted him as Israeli planes. Further, the airliner pilot was unaware that he was off course and had strayed into Israeli air-space.

Yet Israel's military chief of staff still maintains that the decision to shoot the airliner out of the sky was a correct decision. And Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir says the incident would not have happened if "we had an inkling that there were passengers on the plane." It seems reasonable to expect that



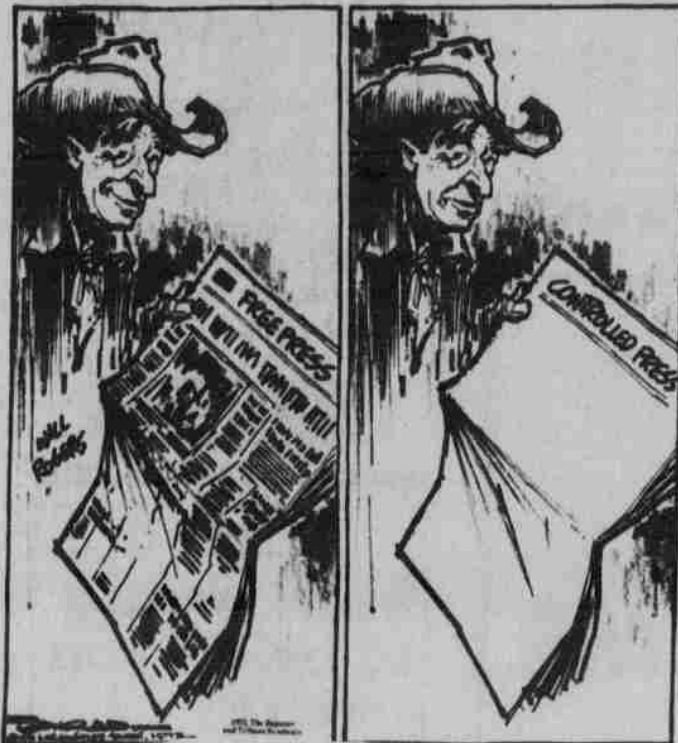
Israeli version of "peace with honor"

the Israelis might have had a slight suspicion that airliners usually carry passengers.

Meir expressed the hope that the airliner incident would not interfere with her talks this week with President Nixon and other U.S. officials. Undoubtedly she will get her wish.

Perhaps the saddest thing about limited wars is that their unlimited atrocities produce only momentary public response. And public reaction to the unjustifiable murder of human beings often does not even materialize in a world which has apparently convinced itself that wars can indeed be limited.

Tom Lansworth



"All I know is what I read in the newspaper."

"All I don't know is what I don't read in the newspaper."

## Straight answers to today's burning questions

The older citizens constantly lament the lack of "manners and morals" in today's young persons. What they fail to realize is that social mores change over the years. For example, we no longer eat each other, offer blood sacrifices on the altar (though this activity has had a slight upswing lately) or talk to burning bushes.

However, for there to be some sort of order in society, there must be some manners and morals, however immoral they may be. To help today's young persons, I have outlined some answers to common questions about manners and morals.

### When is the proper time to light up a joint?

Spontaneity seems to be "in" with today's young persons. Therefore, whenever you feel an urge to satisfy your habit, light up. To avoid unnecessary deaths in the family, one should not light up in the presence of any other individual with a heart condition, unless, of course, death is desired.

Before lighting up, you should heed this warning: like another nasty habit we all know about, smoking marijuana can lead to warts on the palms, as well as insanity.

### Is reading in public mannerly?

Reading as a social convention, like cannibalism and blood sacrifices, is out! As the result of watching television one can see evolutionary changes in man, namely the growing number of individuals with narrowly set eyes.

One can say that reading in public is in bad taste. One should not even be seen carrying a book in public. If you must transport a book in public, carry it in your purse, lunchbox or drawers.

Readers should note that reading can also cause

insanity, wars and, worst of all, higher intelligence. This last symptom can lead to being called all sorts of vicious names by friends and loved ones.

### Must one always be on time?

Adam invented time to fill in the period while he waited for Eve. Time, being a figment of one's imagination, should be scrapped. But remember that scrapping time as an institution will take time.

During the interim, one should adhere loosely to any time schedule. For example, if one invites another for dinner, he should expect him anywhere from three days before to three days after the agreed upon time.

### Can chicken be properly eaten with the hands?

Chicken is not properly eaten with the hands. Chicken is properly eaten with the mouth, although the hands may be used to stuff it in there.

### When can one speak obscenely?

Obscenity was invented to ease mankind. One can invoke an obscene word on occasions where, formerly, one had a choice of hundreds of words. Now these hundreds of superfluous words can once and for all be eliminated from the language.

Surveys of language usage in today's youth indicate that eight to ten per cent of all words they use in discourse are obscene. This figure must be rigidly adhered to. If we wish to continue to progress in language, today's youth will hopefully up obscene word usage to 25-30 per cent.

One should be aware that failure to use obscene words at least eight to 10 percent of the time can be taken as a sign of intelligence! One can be ostracized, blackballed and spit upon by one's peers.

bob russell  
horse sense

### Is effort a dirty word?

Showing initiative is a sign of corruption and perversion by the system. One should avoid, at all costs, any public display of effort.

In order to convey indolence or sloth to one's friends and peers, the following tips may be helpful: 1) Never tie your shoes. When going from one place to another, it is possible to trip on one's shoelaces. After one trips, he should not get up for hours or days. One should never get up by his own effort, unless no one else is in sight.

2) When conversing with a friend, slowly close your eyes, slump over and fall to the ground.

3) Never speak unless spoken to. Taking the initiative to start a conversation can be taken as a sign of initiative, as well as intelligence!

Any further questions regarding today's manners and morals of today can be sent to P. Roth, Portnoy, N.J.

