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I agree with Mr. Essex that popularity and "favoritism to military spending" should be set aside for the treaty vote. But I think that past and present Soviet behavior should be on the minds of the Senators when the treaty comes to a vote.

Jerry L. Hayward

Meat nutrition questionable

Patrick Nelson's letter of Sept. 25 on nutrition and other matters demonstrates the blending of smugness and naivete which should make him a welcome member of the AMA. Seldom does one see the bludgeon of "medical evidence" applied with such disdain. Apparently, Mr. Nelson would have us stop thinking because these matters, according to him, have been resolved to the satisfaction of the medical community.

Frankly, I do not feel that questions surrounding the effects of meat-eating on human health have been entirely

resolved. I am surprised that a person like Mr. Nelson who is ostensibly so wedded to objectivity does not choose to address the issues raised by the use of the hormone diethylstilbestrol (DES) to encourage weight gain in cattle. Nor is he interested in the immunological concerns attendant to the routine addition of penicillin to animal feeds and its appearance in tissue samples obtained from meat counter offerings.

Finally, Mr. Nelson would also have us forget that herbicide and pesticide residues have been identified in various meats for many years. These are the sort of questions which have convinced many, including myself, to seek protein sources nearer the bottom of the food chair.

I think a moment should be spent recognizing Mr. Nelson's simple arrogance in establishing once and for all which is Yin and which is Yang. The implication that Mr. Vasina and Ms. Black are somehow philosophically bankrupt because the newspaper quoted them as misdefining the terms is not only adolescent, but demonstrates that no one ever quotes Mr. Nelson in print or he would charit-

ably remember how many hands the spoken word must pass through in order to reach the printed page.

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Dollar size

If the American public learned how to visually discriminate between a nickel and a quarter, it should be able to do so between the quarter and the Susan B. Anthony dollar. When viewed proportionately, the relative size or proportion between the nickel and the quarter is identical to that between the quarter and a Susan B. It is no harder to pick a dollar out of a pile of quarters than it is to pluck a quarter from a pile of nickels once the eye has adjusted to looking for the sizes. I think that the similarity of size argument against the adoption of the Anthony dollar is simply a defense mechanism for those who are too lazy to react to change.

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Satire cannot miss its target

By Michael Zangari

Don't tell me any more jokes unless you are fully aware at where they are pointed. It's not that I've lost my sense of humor—laughing beats the hell out of wailing and gnashing my teeth, it's just that some things are no longer funny.

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I've done my share of one joke columns in the past three years, and on occasion have missed my own point by a country mile. Satire is one of the most difficult things to write well, and one of the most frustrating to read. It has to hit its target square on the jaw, because if it misses just by an inch, it accomplishes nothing, and often can hit a totally innocent bystander. There is always that danger when you

try to ridicule one thing by using another. This was rather graphically pointed out to me by a woman in the Women's Resource Center. She told me about a then on going controversy in National Review magazine. Columnist Nicolas Von Hoffman did a spin off on Jonathon Swift's "A Modest Proposal." Hoffman proposed the burning of children to offset the fuel crunch. What resulted was a barrage of irate reader letters. The magazine got so many in fact, that Hoffman had to write an explanation of his column.

For awhile there was a grass-roots modest proposal to burn Von Hoffman, for no particular reason at all, except that he was Von Hoffman.

Hoffman's was an obvious shot. Why it missed is more than open to debate. One thing is obvious though, it's just that if you are going to do something that is tongue-in-cheek, make sure your head is out in the open and both cheeks are exposed.

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