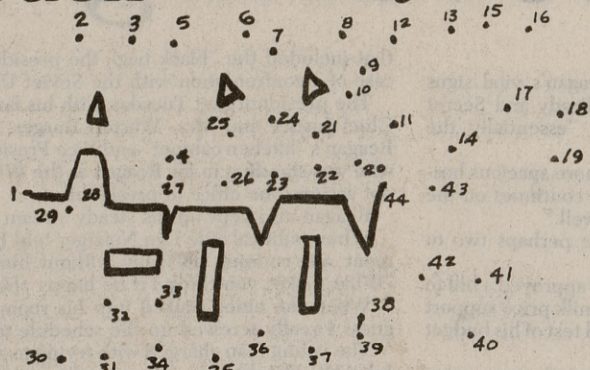


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## Slouch By Jim Earle



## There's no Nobel for finesse

By DICK WEST  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — What must have been some of the most subtle negotiations in modern times took place during the recent U.S. visit of Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito.

According to published reports, President Reagan wanted to persuade Ito to cut back auto exports to America without actually asking Ito to cut back auto exports.

Although we won't know how well he succeeded until we count the number of Japanese cars that reach our shores in coming months, administration officials seem to feel the oblique approach hit home.

One cabinet member commented that the Japanese were "very astute" and thus able to figure out "what we were saying."

Not having a transcript of the Reagan-Ito talks, I cannot tell you exactly what was said. But from various second-hand interpretations, I surmise that the meeting went something like this:

The president welcomed the foreign minister to the White House and asked

what had brought him to America.

The foreign minister replied that he came here under the impression the president had something important to discuss with him.

The president said that as a matter of fact there was a little matter he wanted to take up. He asked if the foreign minister had noticed anything curious during his visit.

The foreign minister asked if the president were referring to the custom of staging the annual Cherry Blossom Festival either before or after the Japanese cherry trees were in bloom.

The president said no, he was alluding to the number of Japanese cars on the streets.

The foreign minister said he had indeed noticed this display of hospitality and wanted to thank the president and the American people for going to so much trouble to make him feel at home.

The president said he appreciated the foreign minister's sense of gratitude but felt the foreign minister should be informed that the large turnout of Japanese cars was

an everyday occurrence and not a special muster in honor of the foreign minister's visit.

The foreign minister said that was remarkable and a tribute to Japanese-American friendship.

The president said he was highly in dreadfully worried about the U.S. auto industry. He wondered if the foreign minister saw any cause-and-effect relationship between woeful conditions in U.S. auto industry and the number of Japanese cars on American streets.

The foreign minister said such a connection had not occurred to him. However, said a ton of bricks didn't have to fall on to get a point across. Any export cutback would severely damage the Japanese auto industry, he added.

The president asked about the possibility of selling Japanese cars in Japan.

The foreign minister said that was certainly a novel suggestion. He said he would study it further when he got back home.

## Missionary slaying raises old CIA issue

By DAVID E. ANDERSON

United Press International  
The kidnapping and slaying of Wycliffe Bible translator and missionary Chester Bitterman raises anew the old question of the relationship of American missionaries abroad and the CIA.

Bitterman's kidnappers claim the linguist-missionary's employer, Wycliffe's Summer Institute of Linguistics, is a front for the CIA. They have demanded an end to all Institute activity in Colombia.

The Institute, which has more than 100 missionaries in Colombia, vigorously denies the charges.

Two issues have been raised: the use of the missionary profession as a CIA cover and the use of actual missionaries as sources of information.

Since 1977, the CIA has been under policy directives not to use clergymen, journalists or educators — a policy that CIA Director Stansfield Turner last year admitted had been violated.

Efforts to write that policy into a strict legal prohibition in a new CIA charter failed last year, with opponents of the prohibition claiming it would limit the agency's flexibility.

No one within the religious community expects any positive action under the administration of President Reagan.

One of the leaders of the effort to defeat the proposed prohibition last year was Dr. Ernest Lefever, then head of the Ethics and Public Policy Center and now head of the State Department's human rights office.

"If information about highly secret, sensitive and dangerous activities on the part of an adversary is needed, it may be justifiable for a CIA operative to pose as a journalist, geologist, or even a medical missionary,"

Lefever told Congress.

"The ultimate moral measure of any such deception should be the consequences of the act — both short-range and long-range," Lefever said, arguing it is "sheer nonsense" that the use of a missionary cover by CIA agents compromised the integrity of the profession.

Opponents of CIA use of missionaries and clergy, either as cover or as agents, argue that such use creates both short- and long-term problems.

"Our United Church of Christ ministries around the world and the ministries of other Christian churches depend upon intimate, trustful relationships," Dr. David Stowe said at the time of the Turner revelations.

"We cannot tolerate the jeopardizing of these relationships by even the suspicion that missionaries, clergy or church workers are involved in spying," Stowe said.

The Rev. M. William Howard, president of the National Council of Churches, said CIA use of the profession as a cover for their spies "effectively impugned the reputation of every American missionary in every country they serve with the support of the American churches."

Most mainline Protestant denominations supported the restrictive legislation and many churches have internal policies forbidding their missionaries to cooperate with the CIA.

But the church policies do not stop CIA agents posing as missionaries and the general mood of the public, as well as the Reagan administration and the Congress, makes it unlikely churches will get any changes.

Bitterman's tragic death is unlikely to change that.

## the small society by Brickman



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It's your turn

## Local bar manager raps fraternity

Editor:

Enclosed you will find a letter I have written to the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. The letter is basically a chastisement of those persons incapable of adult behavior in public. I would like to stress the fact that this is not our overall impression of fraternities or of the student population. This relates only to those Sig Eps who can't control themselves. I would appreciate your printing the letter in its entirety as a general notice to anyone who may think that Rebels will tolerate anything but decent behavior by its customers. We try to provide the best atmosphere, we ask in return the best in behavior from our customers. We don't think that's too much to ask.

(To the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon): For the past six months Rebels has striven to provide the best in food, drinks, and atmosphere to the Bryan-College Station community. We have done our utmost to accommodate all our customers and in particular the students of Texas A&M University. In order to do so there must be certain common rules of behavior followed by all

our customers, so as not to be offensive to anyone. We understand large parties may get out of hand at times and certain persons may get a little out of line. We do not understand organizations, supposedly projecting a refined image, to be consistently out of line and troublesome. Your fraternity has proven itself to be just such an organization.

There seems to be a tremendous lack of self and group discipline, and common courtesy among your members. The instances of your group's rudeness and complete disregard for others are too numerous to cite. It has actually gotten to the point of my employees requesting not to serve you. Their request is hereby being granted.

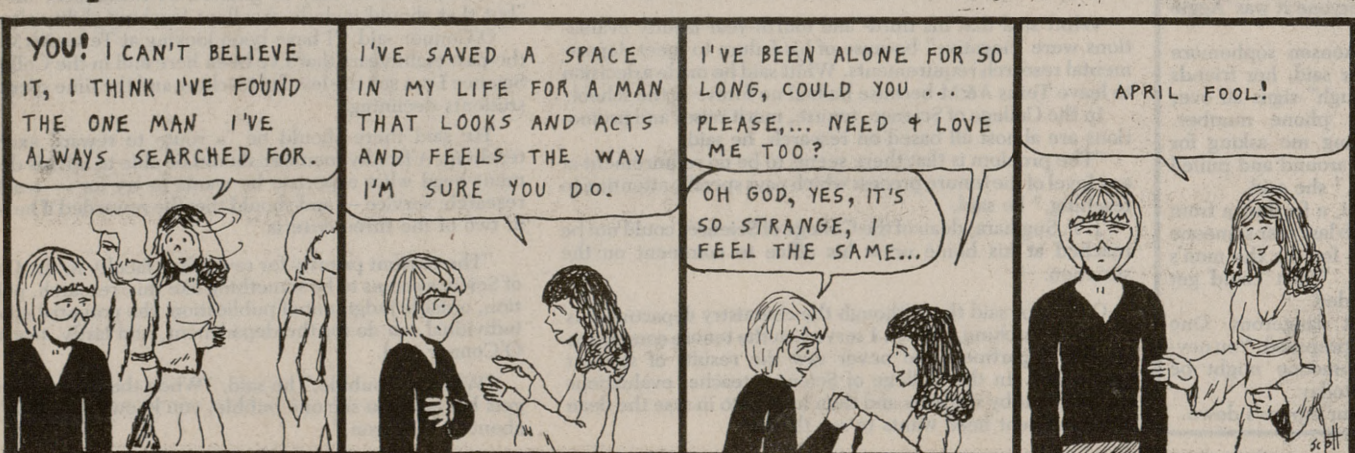
As owner and manager of Rebels, I have reached the limits of my tolerance for rude-

ness and childish behavior. I have neither the patience nor desire to spend my time that of my employees babysitting your group whenever they descend upon Rebels. Effective immediately, your fraternity is barred from Rebels in groups larger than four. Should any larger groups gather together you will be asked to leave. It will remain in effect until such time as members of your fraternity have shown themselves capable of behaving as adults.

I would appreciate your relaying this message to all concerned. Should you wish to discuss this matter you may contact me. Rebels between the hours of 2-4 p.m. or at 846-7421 to set a meeting.

Steve Larson, Manager  
Rebels Restaurant & Bar

## Warped



By Scott McCullar

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