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content of the letter he is supposedly analyzing, and instead spouts ecstatic clichés uncritically about an “increasing political consciousness” (Consciousness III, no doubt), and fanatically equates criticism of extremism with “dehumanization of society,” ending with a self-parodying call for “something more sane and constructive.” Dear me!

Recalling the remark of one of Stephen Potter's characters, “You can't argue with a fog. Or a marshmallow,” I won't even try to break into Shambroom's recitation of slogans. Instead, let me follow up Gary W. Stupian's excellent letter (January, page 9) by issuing a call for careful study of the manifest breakdown of reason, in the name of progress, observable in some of our most prestigious universities, and of the stampede of many scientists toward this position, despite its suicidal implications.

Such a study, I hope, would provide the insights necessary to reverse the ideological death-wish (so identified by James Burnham and by Malcolm Muggeridge) that has been sweeping our nation lately. It is high time, I submit, to reject firmly the simplistic dogma equating “social concern” with ultraliberal/crazy-left politics, and to look at the hard realities lurking behind the euphoric slogans one hears among the self-styled advanced thinkers before it is too late.

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Peking University

May I point out that Peking University is not “formerly called Yen-ching University,” as cited in the caption under Chen Ning Yang's picture on page 61 in the November 1971 issue.

Peking University is a national institution, whereas Yen-ching University was a missionary school, which has been closed since 1949. Its campus has since been taken over by the National Peking University, which is the reason for the confusion.

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The Cavendish today

I very much enjoyed reading Samuel Devons's article “Rutherford and the Cavendish” (December, page 38), which arrived just as I was editing the report of my Sabbatical stay at the Cavendish this past year. His description of life at the Cavendish in the 1930's would still be quite accurate today, although it may change now with the retirement of Nevill Mott as the Cavendish Profes-

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