

## "PROTEST AGAINST TARBOX"

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Two stories appeared in the April issue of Time Magazine that seem to me to be related. One brief report concerns a speech of Miss Anna Freud, daughter of the founder of Modern Psychiatry Sigmund Freud. She remarked that the "adjustment" emphasis of psychotherapy is not useful today with a new generation of people who have little interest in adjusting to the norms of society because of a basic loss of affection for modern society itself. In the same issue of Time appeared the cover story on John Updike, one of the most important modern American writers, and in particular, review of his latest book "Couples." This novel records the weary boredom that has settled down upon the people of a new morality where permissiveness has at last won over puritanism. But, something has gone wrong; what was supposed to be camp and fascinating, free and easy is lackluster, the cast of characters predictable and indistinguishable, the results painful and destructive.

It is not surprising that the student generation today is on the whole very skeptical of villages like "Tarbox." Their own alternatives may be

confused but the cry of protest is unmistakable.

In fact, we are all in one way or another making the discovery that meaning is more important than desire, integrity is more fascinating than perversity, faith is more substantive than cynicism.

These are important discoveries to make even though the journey our generation has taken to make them has been costly.

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