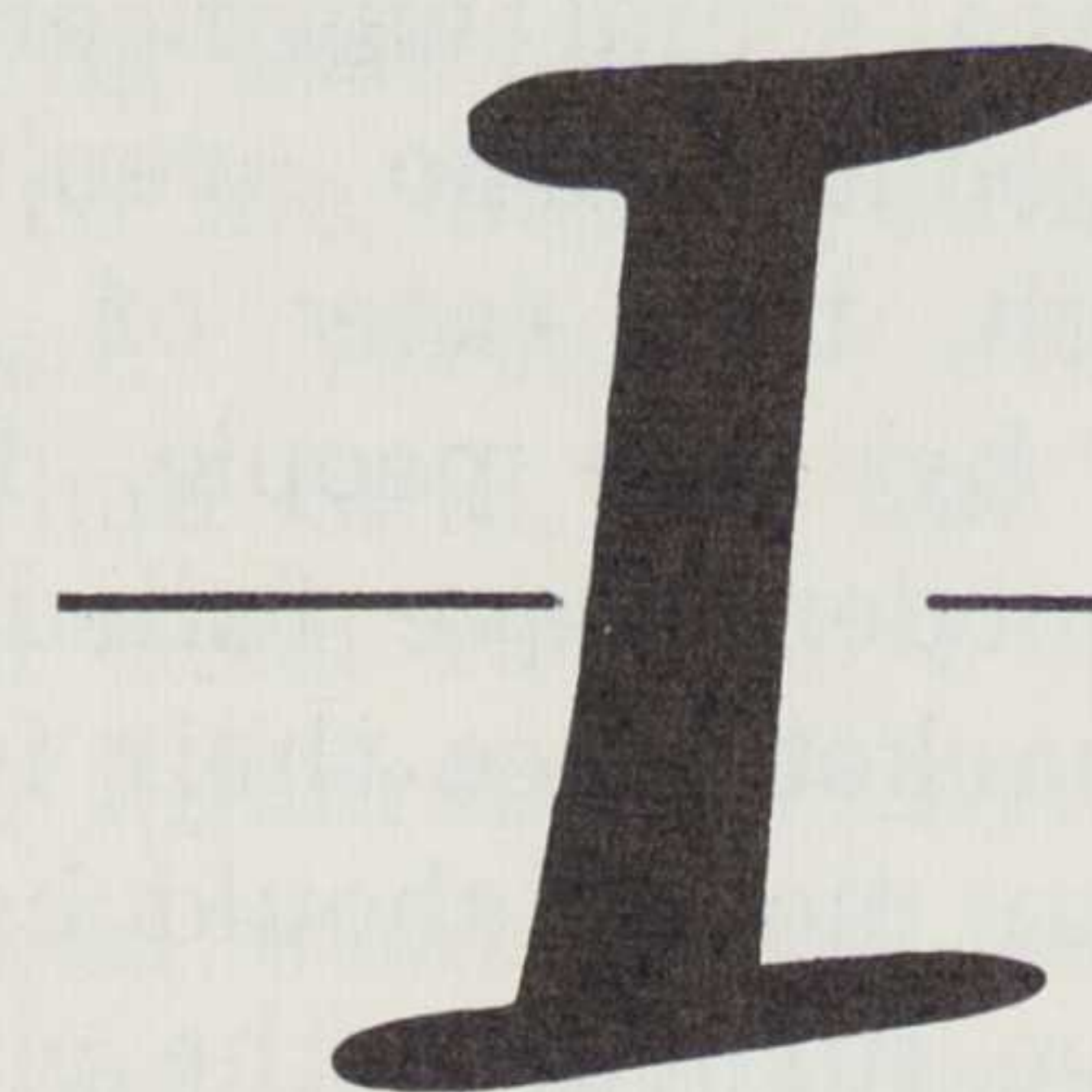


The point being made here is not that the supporters of a university, philanthropic or governmental, *should* have the power to control the university. The point is simply that the economic facts of life mean, ultimately, that they *do* have this power. (And let it be noticed that from the neutral perspective of the economist, this ultimate control is not at all inefficient. With a given distribution of resources, a society "should" — as a matter not of ethical rightness but of efficiency — get the universities which are desired by those willing to make the sacrifices needed for them. And this does not prevent the economist from recognizing that what donors desire *may* be quite "wrong" from the educational and cultural point of view.)

Moreover, recognition of this ultimate economic control does not, at all, necessarily spell the impossibility of free academic inquiry. Hopefully, supporters will deliberately seek to shape an institution designed to promote free inquiry and to respect the intellectual integrity of its faculty and students. But we must recognize that

this is a hope which depends on the *willingness* to do so on the part of those whose resources support the university. (An entirely appropriate question in this regard is that touched on briefly by Professor Stigler in his well-known essay, "The Intellectual and the Market Place," of whether state support is more or less likely to conduce to an atmosphere of academic freedom than private philanthropic support.)

And once again, let it be stressed that supporters may well elect to delegate wide powers to faculty and to students. To differing extents this is, indeed, the almost universal practice. And it may be an entirely desirable policy to extend this practice further. The point being made here has nothing to do with this possibility. It deals only with the demands and procedures for power shifts within the university that rest upon the call for the *surrender* (partial or total) of the *ultimate* responsibility and power that rest on the supporters of the university. It is the calls for this kind of surrender which are both economically unrealistic and socially harmful. Ⓜ



## THE RADICAL

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MY IMMEDIATE reaction to the newspaper headline, "Zarbin's Radical Right Ravings Embarrass Council," was bewilderment. I had not intended to embarrass, or to distress; I merely had hoped to explain why I was in opposition to a proposal, and to ask the council to consider my objections before deciding whether it would approve the ordinance.

What had I said that drew such strong reaction? I had gone before the city council to argue against the inclusion of health and safety standards in existing buildings (commonly known as a "housing code") as part of a revised Construction and Residential Safety Code ordinance.

I oppose a housing code for two reasons: 1) because it is an invasion of the use of private property; 2) because the acknowledged reason city officials and community "leaders" want it is to qualify the city for a variety of Federal aid programs, such as urban renewal

and model cities, which I oppose. I told the city council:

"How a man lives inside his house, what sort of house he has, is not the legitimate business of the city council or its agents. . . . This city council has no charter to invade my home or to regulate my personal habits so long as what I do is not destructive to other human beings. If I want to live in a room without windows, that's my business. If I want to read by candlelight, that's my business. If I don't want to put a furnace in my house, that's my business — and it can be nothing but arrogance and know-it-allness for anyone else to presume to tell me how I should live. . . .

"The fact that the proposed ordinance would (temporarily) lack enforcement provisions does not lessen the provocative nature, nor does it reduce the insidious implications, of the ordinance. Moreover, to suggest or to hint, as it has been done, that the city would not attempt to enforce its provi-

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