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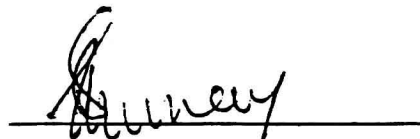
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FOREWORD

BY SIMON MURRAY

“A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest of men” — a sage once said, and how true it is — A sense of humour is the best ‘passe-par-tout’ known to man. It is international although it needs variation from place to place in order to avoid local ‘taboos’. I knew a place in Africa where they used to recommend you go for a swim because it was full of crocodiles — they thought it was hilarious if you got chopped up — Not everybody’s cuppa — so humour needs to be coupled to sensitivity — But it’s magic when it’s working well — It’s good for the health — it’s an amazing device for getting out of trouble — it has been known to save lives. It’s unequalled in its success at getting into things. It is magnetic to invitations. It reduces temperature and it can cause buildings to collapse. There is simply nothing that has the versatility of humour. It is manufactured — created if you like, to provide happiness and yet it uses up no natural resources. If it has one drawback, it is that it comes in varying qualities, from the very bad to the very good — And the very good, certainly as far as consistency is concerned, is sadly, rare.

Therefore, let us be thankful that among us we have Basher to provide us with pleasure, laughter, sometimes even thoughtful humour, in a quality that is consistently good and long may we continue to be able to laugh at ourselves.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Simon Murray', is written over a horizontal line.

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AUTHOR'S NOTE

I would like to thank the array of distinguished writers of forewords to my annual collections who have all — quite out of the kindness of their hearts (Denys Roberts twice) — gone out of their way to think of something polite (apart from Jimmy McGregor — an original Tattie Bogle) to say about my cartoons — which have been appearing daily in the South China Morning Post since January 1st 1984 and for which I offer no apology.

This year, which will see the sale of the 40,000th published 'Basher' cartoon book, I would like to extend my particular thanks to Simon Murray amongst whose carefully selected words there is no indication of any overt symptoms of legionnaire's disease.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Templar'. The signature is stylized, with a large, sweeping 'T' and a cursive 'emplar'.

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P.S. I have been able to sleep a lot better this year knowing that Mr. Yip Yu Bun of "The Green Pagoda Press" is in charge of printing this year's edition.

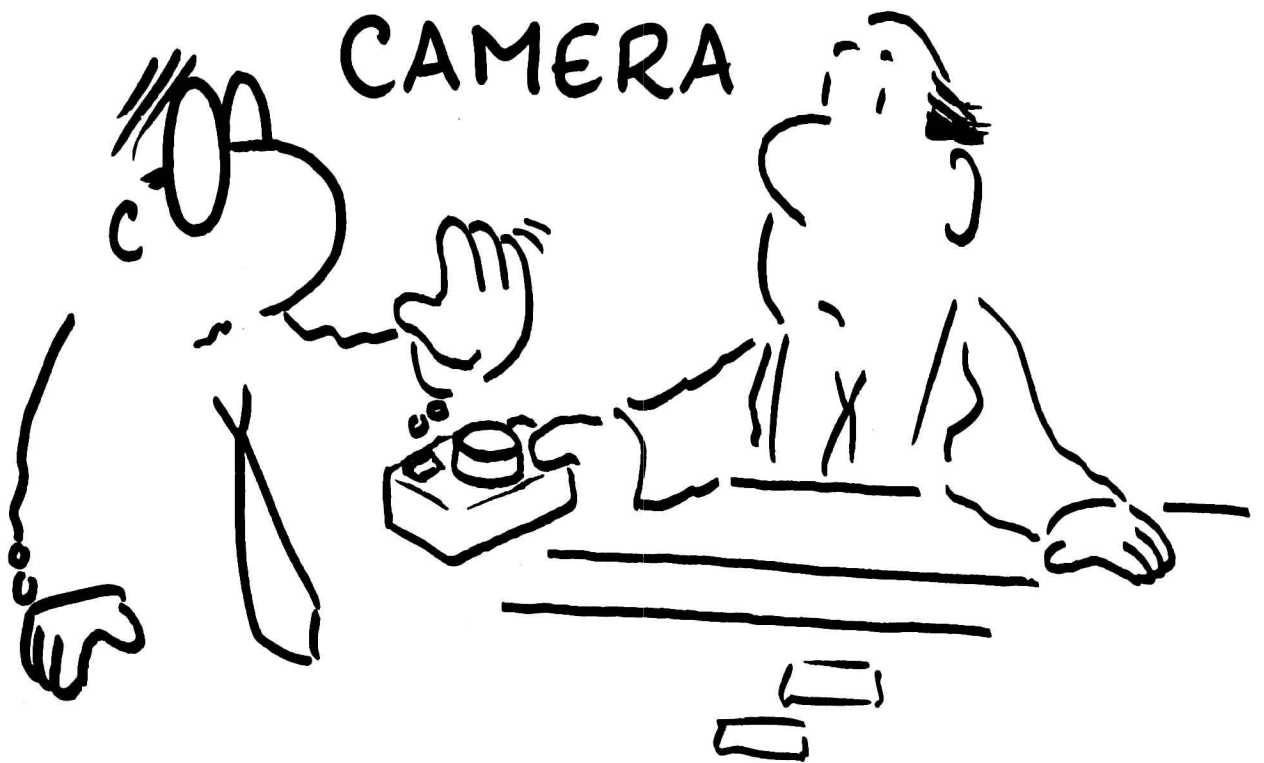
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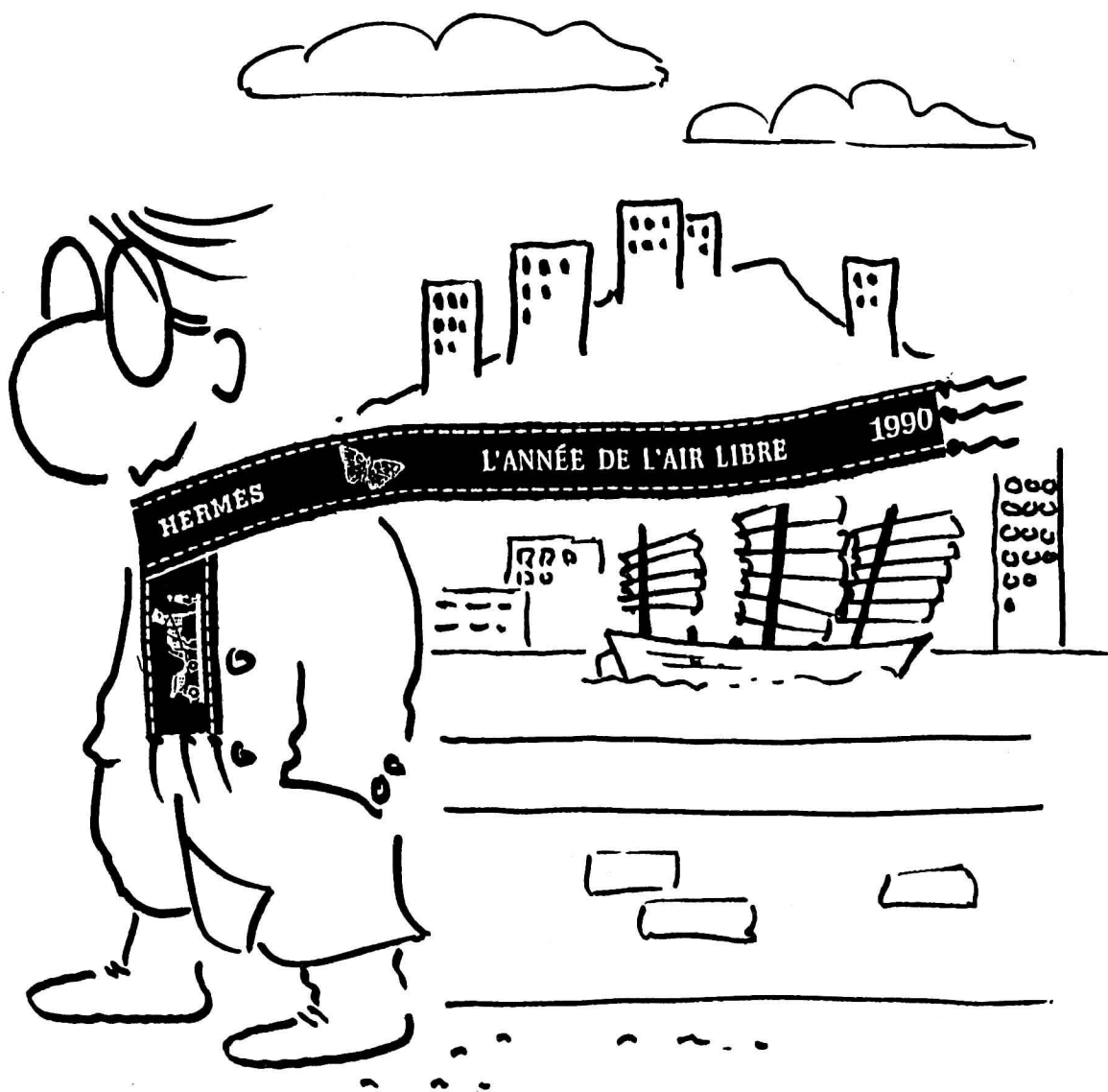
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HE THINKS ALL HIS
CHRISTMASSES..



.. HAVE COME AT ONCE





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PARIS

Oliver's

HEY, I'M REAL SORRY GUYS
- WE'RE FRESH OUT OF..



.. CHOCOLATE COVERED
POTATO CHIPS

THE "ELITE TREAT" AND OTHER "YUPPIE GOURMET"
PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FROM OLIVERS

WHAT GIVES
THEM SUCH
AN APPETITE
FOR FREEDOM?

ABOUT A HUNDRED
AND FIFTY YEARS
OF BRITISH
RULE



WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING
TO DO ON JULY 1ST
1997?

PAINT THE
TOWN RED



THIS IS MY PARTY
HAT!



YOU WON'T BE NEEDING
THAT..



WE'LL READ
YOU YOUR
RIGHTS

SO THIS IS THE SYSTEM YOU WANT
TO PRESERVE!



DON'T WORRY
WE'LL GUARANTEE YOUR RIGHT TO
REMAIN SILENT



WHAT'S THE
LATEST SCORE?

NO CHANGE. STILL..
" PLA — 3,000 OR SO
STUDENTS — NIL



DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT
MIGHT THREATEN YOUR
STABILITY



.. AND IF YOU HAVE
ANY COMPLAINTS..



GOOD FOR HIM! I SOMETIMES
HAVE TROUBLE CRAWLING HOME
FROM THE F.C.C.





DO YOU AGREE WITH LYDIA
-THAT WE SHOULD BE
"SENSITIVE TO THE VIEWS
OF THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES"?)

I THINK WE
SHOULD BE EVERY
BIT AS SENSITIVE
TO THEIR VIEWS..

