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article seemed to be the most laughable of the two.

Do you know that in 1964 in Oklahoma, the people were not only bombarded with 6 sonic booms a day, but were also bombarded with Chamber of Commerce—City Council propaganda? The people of Oklahoma were told that the sonic booms were a sign of progress, that more jobs were in the offing, and that Oklahoma would be a massive center of air commerce as a result of (our) endurance.

A group of people petitioned the court for an injunction to halt the booms, but a Federal Court judge refused to hear the case with the comment. "I disagree with you anyway."

The statistics cited in your article which found only 20 to 25 percent of the people objecting to the sonic booms are therefore, unreliable.

Personally I find no analogy or comparison whatsoever between a jet at 1.500 feet after takeoff, and a sonic boom. Please ask Dr. K. D. Kryter if he honestly believes that a jet aircraft approach and fly-over at 1,500 feet is as bad as quietitude disrupted by some donkey whaming the wall under the window by which he is reading?

The astronauts don't cause sonic booms—why not design an SST that will fly at an altitude which eliminates sonic booms?

By the way—who in the world is so important that he must travel from the East Coast to the West Coast (or vice versa) in three hours?

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## **High Regard for Toads**

Sir

I am interested in your alarming article headed, "A Plague of Toads" (SN: 7/8). The article is rather frightening.

As I understand it, this is the same toad that we have in large numbers in Hawaii. It is considered valuable because of its insect-eating propensity. We have, on occasion, gone out with a big cardboard box to gather them up where we can find them to take them back to our yard so it will be well stocked. With thousands of people we share a high regard for them. They are credited with having tremendously reduced the centipede population.

Dogs learn quickly to leave them alone. In 30 years of practicing medicine in Hawaii, I have not heard of injury to a human.

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