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LETTERS

to the editor

Implications of research project

Sir:

The juxtaposition of "Lack of Communication Deplored" and "Gentle Threats Held Most Effective" (SN: 2/10 p. 139) is curious. Dr. Aronson ignores the fact that big threats can be recognized by the child as absurd and out of proportion and a clear case of bad faith and hostility. But much worse, that by establishing good relations with the child and then manipulating him in a totally nonsensical manner, he deliberately seeks to prevent communication between the generations and to reinforce in the child the reasonable suspicion that he is a non-human object to adults—a toy or pet to play with.

The whole concept of government, schools, society and other institutions deciding that they are right, know what is best for people and should dictate behavior, values, etc., is the cause of much antisocial behavior and the Negro withdrawal Dr. Pettigrew foresees (the Negro refusal to be treated as a child and society's refusal to accept him as an adult).

Until the child is allowed to choose his own values and attitudes and have these respected by adults, communication won't be improved and possibly a greater number will adopt the antisocial behavior they find necessary to gain some respect for themselves as real people.

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