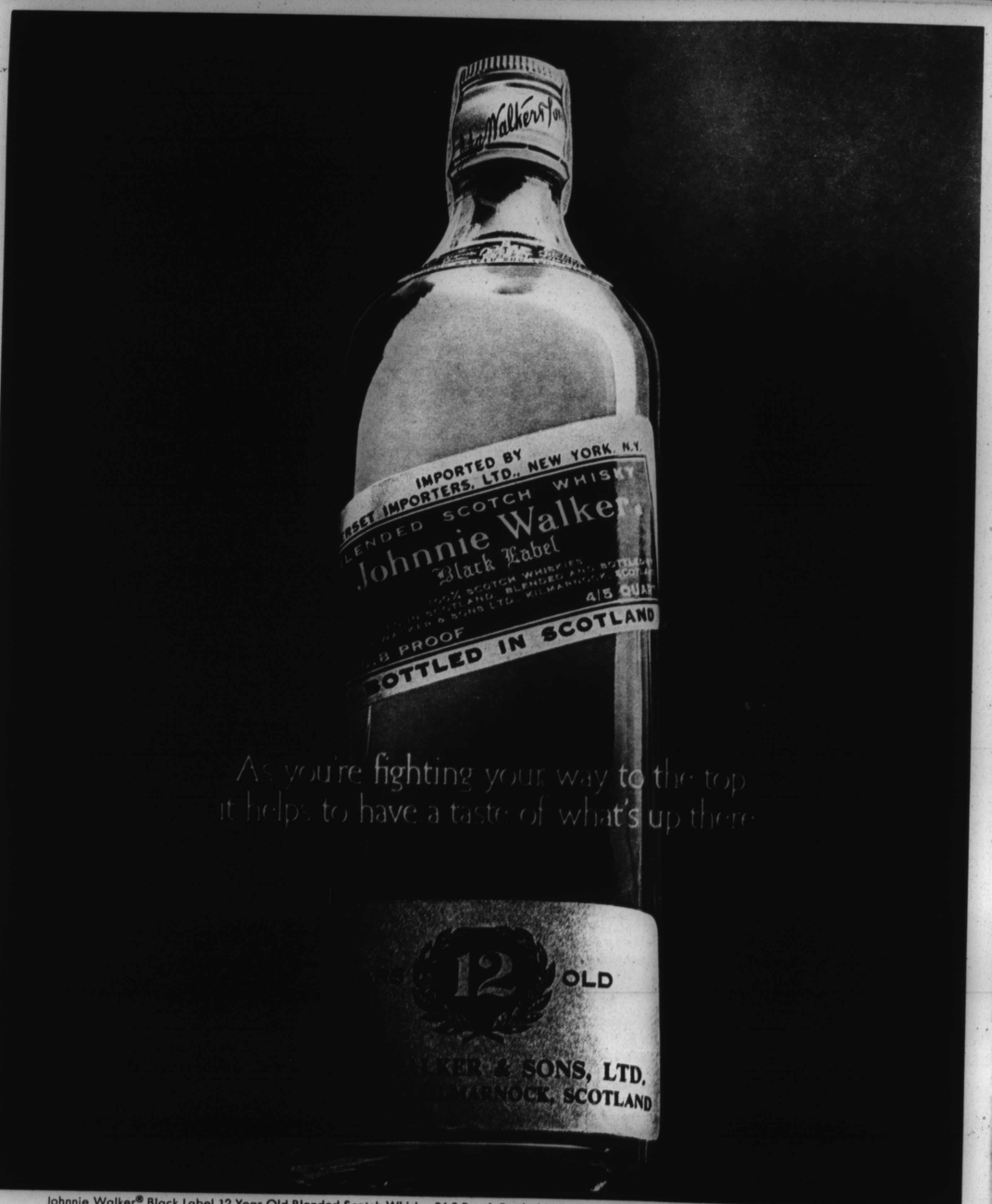


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Moby Dick Predicts

Food Shortages — Attack On Press

The autumn months of fading light are going to be particularly eventful this year. Again, a great deal of the emphasis and interest is going to be in President Nixon's chart rather than the nation's. Having seemingly weathered the attacks of July, the President will, in October, November and the first week of December, appear to be making a comeback: rebuilding his popularity, even apparently overcoming Watergate, partly because of the diversion of attention to Spiro Agnew's scandals and troubles which reach a climax in the middle of October and the end of October.


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There is also a very bad time for Spiro in the middle of November. During that time, when it's bad for Spiro and good for Nixon, he is going to seem to have gotten away with it, but the same terrible transits that the President lived through in July and August are coming back to hit him again in December and January. If December and January don't do it there is still a disastrous April and May, when Mr. Nixon will finally go down.

Economic events? Well let's start with *October*. Food shortages continue and the housing crunch continues, but in the middle of October, the real-estate market slumps. If you haven't sold your house by October 15th, and you probably won't have because houses aren't selling, you're going to get a lot less for it. The entire month is spent in bitter economic battles. There will be attacks on all kinds of currencies, but especially, of course, on the dollar. The gold market and the currency market will be fluctuating wildly and upsetting the stock market. In October, the first real bare market with the majority of investors betting against prosperity almost in living memory, stocks are going to be forced down at a dreadful rate. The time to buy is later not in October of 1973.

There will also be tariff wars, with the United States putting on import and export controls and other nations retaliating: withholding their exports that we need as imports, excluding our exports. All of this fighting with dollar bills isn't going to do the average guy in the street any good at all. It's going to make jobs scarcer, prices higher, and food a catastrophe.

October is a month when there are going to be many great, deep sudden changes in American institutions. Things that you wouldn't think could be changed are going to flip like a pancake in October. Our government and elections will never be the same. Let's hope nobody tries to pull a coup d'etat and pull the rug out from under democracy itself.

From the 11th to the 14th is a very high spiritual weekend. Let me recommend that if you ever go to church, any kind of church, go that particular Sunday. Both the music and the preaching are going to be inspired as you have very seldom heard them. Even if you don't go to church, spend some time especially on the 14th, in contemplation, meditation. Get alone and think deep long thoughts. You will be surprised at how far you get.

Expect Attack On Press

There will be some tricky, tricky legal maneuverings around the 27th and 28th and a judge may shock the entire country. Around the 31st there will be a very active attack on the freedom of the press: A censorship event affecting primarily pornography, although it may also be an attempt to deal with a very sexy fashion, which started back in September, but became popular and gained great ground especially among the young in October of 1973. It's likely to involve just a little too much tease or a little too much exposure for some of us who were raised in less permissive times.

November is always a pretty sexy month and on the 3rd and 4th, especially, there is a time for love — perhaps I should be more honest and say a time for seduction, because that's mainly what's going to be going on. People are going to be falling in love all over the place. Most of these torrid romances will not last past the ninth.

Hijackings To Increase

An epidemic of air crashes and hijackings around November 20th says this is simply not a great time for travel. It's a good time to back off from quarrels and cool it, as people are going to be explosively violent and tempers are hair-trigger, beginning on the weekend around the 17th, reaching a peak on the 20th and only slowly tapering off. It's a time when there will be a lot of fights, explosions, accidents — a bad, violent time.

There will be a perfectly marvelous break for astrology and for the metaphysical and mystical aspects of life around November 22nd. Toward the end of the month some travel scandals; though they may not actually break until early in December. The fight over sex censorship — the trials of *Playboy Magazine* and so forth — are just going to be getting into high gear in the month of November, they begin right at the end of October, but will continue especially for the first three weeks of November pretty much until the air crashes take them out of the headlines.

During that same violent time there is some danger of street riots and clashes between old-fashioned "My country, right or wrong, especially wrong" type patriots and the modern hippie type patriot who believes you serve your country best by criticizing it. If you thought that thing was over — uh uh. It's going to happen around November 20th.

November will be a month of austerity programs, of headlines about how little you can eat and live: of the polarization of synthetic foods and vegetarian substitutes for meat; various and sundry attempts to escape the necessity of eating, which is going to be a bit of a problem this month.

December. The first week is good for the presidency and the rest of the month is good for the people, at the expense of the Presidency. The big crisis comes about December 17th and at that point there is another exposure. You saw how slowly the things happened during the June, July, August buildup of the first Watergate hearings. It's sometimes difficult to identify what is *the* crucial day, although the 20th is the day the tapes came out in July and in some way the 17th will be the day Mr. Nixon tries too much, goes too far; the day a new skeleton comes out of the closet.

Travel Scandals Coming

Most of the news in early December is going to involve foreign affairs.

Those travel scandals will finally break this month and some of the con-men who sang the birds out of the trees are going to find them coming home to roost. There will be news from Jerusalem, a very important story, sad I'm afraid.

This Christmas is going to be really rather grim. The economy is not that good, there are going to be shortages of essential Christmas items. An awful lot of people aren't going to be able to afford the kind of Christmas dinner they're accustomed to. This is of course going to affect retail gift buying and the Christmas spirit won't hit shoppers until mid-month, so if you're a merchant, don't expect too much Christmas rush early in the month.