

OTTO DIX: SOLDIER WITH PIPE, 1918

in the next war, pipes will be
forbidden the (non-commissioned) combatants,
all tobacco will be,
alcohol also,
all sex almost certainly,
as hazardous to one's health.

A MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE IS

mortgaged twice,
collateral for an equity loan,
and jointly held, with right
of survivorship.

BLACK MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, ETC.

The day that he lost fifteen thousand
dollars in the market, he came through
the door to find his wife on his case
for forgetting to take out the trash.

WE ALL SLEEP WELL AT NIGHT

secure in the knowledge that roy scheider is
out there protecting us from evil,
foreign or domestic,
the conspirators and the lunatic who acts alone.

but in 52 — pickup
which i just watched on the cable,
roy was looking very pale and weary.

FOR THE TIME CAPSULE

if you wish to understand
this year in the history of the universe,
consider the fact that it is altogether likely
that more americans,
not excluding the intellectuals,
consider john lennon and yoko ono
great talents and great human beings,
than do ernest hemingway.