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COMMUNIST ACTIVITY AT REED COLLEGE

Rumors of excessive radicalism, even of Communism, have involved Reed College, Portland, for years past, but the public has been disposed to consider them exaggerated.

Developments of the past few days, the visit of the House of Representative Un-American Activities Committee to Portland, and testimony offered by a former professor to the committee in Washington, suggest that the situation was even worse than rumor said it was.

Testimony involves a considerable number of former students by name, and the professor, Dr. Stanley Moore, now on leave of absence in the east, is as specific as anyone could ask. Dr. Moore states that he taught at Reed five years, made no secret of his Marxist beliefs, but rather went out of his way to propagate them, not only received no rebuke from the college administration, but was twice promoted, first from assistant to associate, then to full professor.

"That is the considered judgment of the Reed community," Dr. Moore states in an open letter to the college president, trustees, faculty, students and alumni, made public Thursday, adding: "Arrived at freely, slowly and on the basis of relevant evidence. If it is reversed now, who will stand condemned?"

President Duncan S. Ballantine sought to excuse the college, explaining that it is the policy of the college not to examine the conduct of the faculty unless there is substantial evidence of misconduct or unless the good name of the college or the individual requires it."

This is a good policy, but isn't the teaching of a philosophy whose propagation is part of a plot to destroy the present government of the United States and to inflict death or slavery upon the American people misconduct? Doesn't this teaching and activity involve the good name of the college?

Most people think it does. They are profoundly shocked at these revelations concerning an Oregon college which has generally been held in high esteem despite some suspicion that it was harboring pinkos.

Reed has gone overboard in following a policy that is sound enough within reasonable limitations. It wasn't being broad and tolerant of minority opinions in tolerating communist activity on its campus. It was guilty of a terrible offense against its own students and the people whose support has made and still makes the institution possible.

Tolerance in a democracy cannot safely include alien conspiracies aimed at its destruction. The incidents complained of have happened over a period of past years, but the president's explanation is frightening because it strongly implies that there has been no change in the policy that made this situation possible.

U. N. CEASE-FIRES ESSAYS ON FUTILITY

The United Nations Security Council has unanimously called for a cease-fire in Guatemala and for all UN members to withhold aid from the fighting forces there. Previously Russia had shown its customary opposition to peace by casting its 60th veto in council history on behalf of Guatemala pro-Red government which defeated a motion to refer Guatemalan complaint of aggression to the Western Hemisphere's regional organization of American States, OAS.

U.S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge, council president for June, angrily declared that the Soviet veto showed obviously that Russia has "designs" on the Americas, which had previously been proved by the shipment of $10 million of war munitions to the Guatemalan left wing government. Lodge warned, "I say to the Soviet delegate, stay out of the Western Hemisphere. Don't try to start your plans and conspiracies here."

Despite the Russian veto, Guatemala asked the five-member Inter-American Peace committee of the OAS to help stop the invasion against President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman's government.

The cease-fire call by the Security Council was voted after the Guatemala delegate charged Honduras and Nicaragua, backed by the U.S. and the United Fruit Co., had connived in an aggression against Guatemala by mercenary expeditionary forces.

Lodge denied the charges and defended the U.S. government said information available "strongly suggests that the situation does not involve aggression, but a revolt by Guatemalans against Guatemalans."

The Guatemalan delegate accused the U.S. Department of State of defaming his government and said the American ban on arms shipment had left his country defenseless. But he conceded that communism had "a certain support in Guatemala."

The council's cease-fire resolution "calls for the immediate termination of any action likely to cause bloodshed and requests all members of the United Nations to abstain, in the spirit of the charter, from giving assistance to any such action."

If it takes as long for the U.N. to secure a cease-fire in Nicaragua as it took in Korea and as long as it is taking in Indochina, the Guatemalans will have a chance to settle their fate themselves—which is as it should be.—G. P.

A SENATORIAL SUICIDE

It is tragic that such a distinguished public servant as Senator Lester C. Hunt of Wyoming should end his life by shooting himself Saturday.

Only 52, it was announced only a few days ago that Hunt would not seek re-election this year because of illness. He evidently had an incurable case of cancer.

Hunt had served as governor before he became a senator. He was highly regarded in both offices and should have had many years of useful service ahead of him.

Senator Hunt's death restores, for the time being, a Republican majority over the Democrats in the upper house, which was lost when Robert A. Taft's death substituted a Democrat for a Republican in Ohio. The count has been 48 Democrats, 47 Republicans and Morse, independent.

A Republican governor will presumably appoint a Republican to succeed Hunt, which will make the party count 48-47 for the G.O.P., plus Morse as a Democratic ally, but also plus Nixon, the vice-president, as a tie breaker.

This alignment may continue past the November election, or it may be changed any day, for many of the senators are elderly men.

Unanimous vote in the State Grange against a general sales tax for Oregon should remind any legislators who may be toying with such an idea that firm opposition to a sales tax is one of the "facts of life" in Oregon. The Grange is representative of the public generally on this issue. Revenue deficiencies might be thus met somewhere else. The sales tax meets with little objection in Washington where the people appear to prefer it to a state income tax such as we have here. But not in Oregon. Better look some other place if more shekels are needed.

THE 'ORDINARY' AMERICANS

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Information Office Purged Of Demos, Harry's Picture

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—It may make some people unhappy to have it published, but the White House recently received a confidential memo telling how thoroughly all Democrats had been purged from the U. S. Information office and how Harry Truman's picture definitely was not shown on the U. S. information bulletin boards abroad.

Reason for the memo was a complaint from good old Speaker Joe Martin that the U. S. information offices were still harboring Democrats and were even flaunting Harry Truman's picture overseas. Republican Congressmen used this as an excuse to cut the information office's budget by $13,000,000—a drastic cut at a time when Soviet propaganda offices are spending money by the basketful.

So the White House asked for a report and got back this word:

"With respect to the Acheson speeches and Truman-Acheson pictures reportedly on display at our posts in Spain," defends the memo, "we have talked personally with our public affairs officer, Bill Cody, in Madrid. He swears that they have had no Acheson materials for distribution anywhere in the country since the present administration came in. They have had no picture displays of Truman or Acheson anywhere. There were displays of Marshall's picture at the time he won the Nobel Peace prize last year. It is just possible that Truman might have been in one of the pictures with Marshall, but he knows of no such instance. Cody is one of our best men and definitely not an egghead."

The memo is dated May 11, 1954, and signed by able Abbott Washburn, the agency's deputy director, a former executive of General Mills, Inc., and national director of the Citizens for Eisenhower during the 1952 campaign.

In the secret memo, Washburn states: "Better than 5,000 people have been dropped from this agency since the Eisenhower administration took over on January 20, 1953. Some 2,300 of these were Americans. The rest were local Nationals. In other words, we got rid of almost half of the total number of Americans formerly employed. I doubt whether any other agency in Washington has dismissed, percentagewise, more employees than we have.

"To say 'they have not cleaned house—it is the same old personnel' is just not true!" Washburn laments.

"In order for the agency to reflect administration Republican policy," the memo continues, "we set about the difficult task of filling as many senior executive posts as possible with qualified Republicans . . . the attached list of senior officers of the agency reveals an overwhelming preponderance of Republicans. There are no Democrats among them. Three are government career men with absolutely no political colocation. One is an independent. We are proud of the high calibre of this team. They are definitely not 'the same old crowd of New Deal sympathizers!' To suggest such a thing is extremely unfair to what Ted Streibert (the director) has accomplished in the nine months he has been here."

Note—Originally this political purge was ordered to appease Senator McCarthy, who sent his two Junior G-Men, Roy Cohn and Dave Schine, on a barnstorming trip through Europe to investigate America's information program.

Farm Leaders' Handouts

It now develops that certain prominent leaders have been collecting soil conservation payments for their own farms at the same time they have been denouncing those payments.

Of all the farm leaders, Farm Bureau President Allan Kline has been the loudest in attacking the soil conservation program.

"Payments for practices which have become a normal and accepted part of farming operations . . . should be discontinued," he told Congress with ringing righteousness. "Farmers recognize that the practice of adding fertilizers to tillable acres is a necessary and profitable expenditure for obtaining increased production. Payments should be discontinued on those practices."

Yet the confidential records at the Agriculture Department show that Kline has been taking handouts for these very practices. In 1947 he collected $231.91 for contouring corn and spreading fertilizer on his farm in Benton County, Iowa. In 1948 he accepted another $113.08 for plowing under green manure. In 1949 he applied for $234 for fertilizer practices and another $54 for other conservation steps. This was prorated down to $212.14. His total application in 1951 was for $307.20, but this was reduced to $281.43.

More Farm Payment

The same pattern has been followed by other farm leaders, including National Grange head Herschel Newsom, who testified on Capitol Hill: "We feel there is little justification for making (soil conservation) payments to the farmers who would automatically carry out necessary conservation practices at a profit to themselves without incentive payments. The inability of low-income farmers to finance these practices has been used as an argument for direct subsidy payments, but we cannot solve basic farm problems by putting farmers on a dole. We recommend elimination of the present system."

Yet Newsom has been accepting subsidies for his own 492-acre farm in Bartholomew County, Ind., ever since 1943. He collected $216.44 in 1943, and submitted applications each year thereafter. In 1949, for example, he collected $105.25. In 1950 he accepted $199.05. In 1951 his mother, Mrs. Nellie Newsom, made out the application and got $90.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Tough Crusted French Bread Makes Hit With the Tourist

By HAL BOYLE

PARIS (AP) — Leaves from a touring notebook:

Cooking is a form of poetry in France, and her fine restuarants are almost as famous as her great cathedrals.

But the average tourist coming here isn't a gourmet on a pilgrimage to a culinary paradise. He just wants a good meal that is typical of the country.

To many a diet-starved American there is no greater taste thrill here than big chunks of tough - crusted French bread spread half an inch deep with yellow Normandy butter.

It takes a man back to the days of childhood, when coming home hungry from play, bread was the golden food.

A French waiter, watching a group of us put down plate after plate of the wonderful bread here, asked:

"Don't you have bread in the United States?"

It was a hard question to answer.

In Germany the best food buy is bratwurst. It is a section of pork sausage about a foot long and so heavy it takes two small boys to lift one.

This teutonic hot dog is broiled over a charcoal fire and, served with a bun, cost less than two-bits.

Owners of American baseball clubs wishing to lure fans back to the ball parks might try replacing their present anemic hot dogs with these St. Bernard lengths of Bratwurst. After downing one, a fan would be too sleepily satisfied to complain about the quality of the mustard—or the pitching.

The U. S. Army garrisons on the continent of Europe still live pretty much to themselves, creating small islands of America largely isolated from the life of the country around them.

The same people meet the same people every day, and get as bored with each other sometimes as do the members of some country club sets back home.

"It might have been necessary to do this right after the war," said an officer. "But the war has been over a long time now."

"We are making a mistake by not getting out and mixing more. We need all the friends we can make—and you don't make friends just talking to yourself."

Along with the group of former war correspondents who visited the beaches of Normandy ten years after the landings was a key invasion figure, Benjamin A. Dickson, who had an unusual story to recall.

Dickson, 57, a retired colonel from Paoli, Pa., was chief intelligence officer of the U. S. Army on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

"During the landings a copy of our battle plan was washed overboard and floated to a section of the beach held by the Germans," he said.

"They recovered it. Here they had a document giving the actual battle lineup of our invasion forces — an intelligance agent's dream. But the document was so complete and detailed they thought it must be a trick to fool them, and they failed to act on it."

American staff officers had expected 35,000 casualties in the first few days of the invasion.

"Actually we had fewer-about 28,000," said Dickson. "But had the enemy accepted on its face value this battle plan that had accidentally fallen into their hands they could have quickly moved reinforcements down from Calias, and I'd hate to think about the result.

"But they couldn't believe their own good luck. They were afraid it was a trap."

That's always the problem, in war or peace — what can a man believe?

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Chinese Commies Treble the Output of Deadly Drugs

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, June 21 — Mao Tse-tung's Communist regime has stepped up the production of such deadly drugs as heroin, opium and morphine by threefold since his forces won absolute control of China. It marks a reversal of the nation's long-range policy of stamping out this menace.

According to Harry J. Anslinger, United States Narcotic Commissioner, it is an "insidious, calculated and official offensive." "It is designed to obtain gold, essential raw materials and other supplies. Drugs are now one of China's principal exports and sources of revenue."

They are also relied upon as a weapon in China's military and political expansion. They are counted on to destroy the morale and fighting spirit of military and civilian populations in adjacent Asian countries slated for conquest, especially South Korea, Japan and Southeast Asia. The Vietnam people's indifference to the Red invasion is attributed, in part at least, to drug-bound paralysis.

NARCOTICS IN BOXES OF FLOWERS. Huge amounts are now reaching the West Coast of the United States on the persons of seamen and in specially constructed camphorwood chests. A recent seizure in San Francisco contained enough heroin for a million addict doses.

"One of the dealers arrested," says Commissioner Anslinger in a recent report to the United Nations, "operated a florist shop and made heroin deliveries disguised as boxes of flowers. Other dealers make deliveries in the usual manner in such places as Chinese restaurants and seamen's halls.

"Arrangements for sales are often negotiated at elaborate Chinese dinners. Chinese social clubs are frequently used to arrange for sale and delivery of narcotics. One such club is known to the authorities as a gathering place for Communist Chinese and Chinese alien smugglers."

DIABOLICAL TACTICS Mao Tse-tung makes no attempt to conceal his devilish strategy. As the U. S. publishes lists of defense contracts, he issues frequent orders for larger production of poppies, construction of new processing plants and expansion of his sales and distributing organizations.

The traffic is handled by the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Trade. Periodical quotations on the prices of heroin and opium are posted by the Bank of China, as Wall Street announces fluctuations in the prices of stocks.

Finance Minister Jung Tzu ho recently reported exports valued at $60,000,000 over a short period. But he complained that the total was 20 per cent short of the Government's goal. However, when cut and sold at fantastic figures, this amount represents several hundred millions for purchase of rice, tin, rubber and other strategic goods.

DRUGS TO DEMORALIZE ENEMY "Thus," says Anslinger, "spreading narcotic addiction to demoralize the enemy and to obtain funds for political and military purposes is not just the policy of one man in the Communist regime. It is the policy of the Communist Government in mainland China."

Anslinger points out that almost all the high officials controlling sinister traffic have been trained in espionage at Moscow. Most of the smaller fry — sales representatives, distributors, couriers, peddlers — are hardened Reds.

Incidentally, as further evidence of the hideous purpose behind the opium offensive the Communists forbid civilians and military to use drugs. Heavy penalties are provided for violators.

"From the beginning," reports Anslinger, "the Communist purveyors have realized the dual purposes of this business—money receipts and demoralization of the free peoples. The traffickers emphasize in their literature that users of these drugs lose their effectiveness as workers and soldiers."

End of an Absurdity

St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Perhaps it is just as well for the feredal treasury that the average person didn't know the Federal Housing Administration was permitted to lend taxpayers' hard-earned money for some of life's fluffiest niceties like barbecue pits, lawn sprinkling systems, kennels, flower boxes, photo-murals, door-closing devices, ad infinitum. The rush for hand-outs might have been unbearable.

The fact is, the idea of making available federal aid for such purpose is so absurd it probably never occurred to the average homeowner, who was serenely under the impression Uncle Sam's aim was to keep the rain off of ill-housed people, but not with gilded shingles.

Thanks to the recent FHA scandal which disclosed these luxuries incidentally to the expose of major home repair loan abuses, Washington now has sternly notified offices to ban them.

The episode of the federally- financed fineries can be taken as another indication a big motive in the life of any government lending agency is to show a volumn of loans that will insure its perpetuation.

No Oil Boom

(Astorian-Budget)

We don't hear any local oil excitement due to the borings of test wells across the river plus the leasings done in this area by a major oil company or two. Time was when one just had to whisper "oil" and fever would grip a community. In these blase days it apparently takes rumor of a uranium strike to stir up any excitement about mineral wealth.

DON'T "BE YOUR AGE"

Sherman County Journal

Gray hair isn't bad unless you live up to it.

Salem 17 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

June 21, 1937

Quelle restaurant on State street had its opening date set for June 22, and presented itself to Salem patronage as the finest place of its kind on the Pacific Coast.

Dr. Clara M. Davis of Minnetaka, Illinois, had told the Canadian Medical association that young children are perfectly capable of chosing their own diets and thriving upon them.

A huge mural depicting the arrival of news of Oregon's statehood in Salem has been mounted in the senate chamber under supervision of Frank H. Schwartz, New York artist who accomplished the mural.

WPA had temporarily supended authorization of any new propect costing more than $40,000.

Dr. F. K. Noffsinger, educational consultant for the American Automobile association, had said that youthful motorists, physically capable but lacking in judgment, were the most dangerous drivers.

Congress had taken another step toward making $5,800,000 available for the Willamette Valley Flood Control project.

Ed. Barrow, president of the New York Yankees, had announced that Lou Gehring suffered from chronic infantile paralysis and probably would never play ball again.

Despite White House silence on the 1940 presidential race, two senate democrats had spoken of a third term for President Roosevelt should he want it.

EASY HAIRCUT PAYMENTS

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