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A Book Review--I

The Blue Book of the John Birch Society, by Robert Welch. No publisher nor price listed. Paperback, typewritten and reproduced by off-set lithography.

This is an astounding book. An evangelical book. An idealistic book. A practical book. A book of unbelievable contrasts. And, it must be added, a profoundly and deeply shocking book.

THE book cannot possibly be adequately reviewed in the space available, for it consists of 182 pages, and on almost every page is a paragraph or sentence, that begs for comment.

There is much in the book, as a matter of fact, that any loyal patriotic American can agree with, wholeheartedly. There are broad, sweeping generalizations about truth and God and patriotism; there are poetic quotations scattered liberally throughout; there are proclamations of high and noble purpose.

But the book is so obviously obsessive, so patently based on a weird twisting of history and contemporary events, so clearly the result of the hatreds and fears of one man, unhappily matched by thousands of others, and has such an unreal view of the world, that it defies rational analysis.

THERE are eight sections, or chapters. It begins with a reading of history which gives to the communists a monopoly on brains and organization and aggressiveness and dedication. Wherever the communists have gained, it was the result of the conspiracy, and much of this was from within--betrayal by men high in the councils of the free world.

Foreign aid is a communist plot. So is national defense. (Sputnik was simply a gimmick to scare the American people.) So were the study reports which showed increasing concern over growing Soviet military strength. It says:

"... Although our danger remains almost entirely internal, from Communist influence right in our midst and treason right in our government, the American people are being persuaded that our danger is from the outside, is from Russian military superiority. And under the excuse of preparing to match that military might, of defending ourselves from this threat of outside force, in other words, under the guise of fighting Communism, we are being stampeded into the biggest jump ever towards, and perhaps the final jump right into, socialism and the Communist camp."

Welch views things in stark black and white. And the complexities of history, of economics, of politics, of social structure--these are brushed aside, ignored, or twisted to his purposes.

IN WELCH'S view, we are losing the cold war. He makes many mentions of Communist successes; none of the successes of the free world. And our losses are not so much the result of international power politics as they are the result of betrayal in places high and low.

How to excise this "cancer"? In part by a return to fundamental religion and its attendant morality. At least "one-third of the services in at least the Protestant churches" are assisting this cancer, Welch declares, "And some actually use their pulpits to preach outright Communism..."

EVEN though the Communist octopus "is so large that its tentacles now reach into all of the legislative halls, all of the union labor meetings, a majority of the religious gatherings, and most of the schools of the whole world," history is not on their side, Welch states, in one of his rare bursts of optimism.

But it must be fought with any and every means at hand. And he outlines them:

- 1. Was the District of Columbia once larger or smaller in area than it is now?
2. Which Federal government agency is responsible for the calculation of tables of the tides?
3. In the 1936 election, who was the Republican candidate for President?
4. The European city, Geneva, is in which country?
5. Do pythons kill their prey by venomous bites or by constriction?
6. In which national cemetery were the remains of the W.W.II unknown buried?
7. Is pure tin subject to rusting?
8. In what unit of measurement does the Weather Bureau measure rainfall?
9. What is ornithology?
10. Is a woodpecker's tongue larger than his head?
Answers: 1. Larger. (The portion ceded by Virginia was re-added). 2. United States Coast Guard. 3. Alf Landon of Kansas. 4. Switzerland. 5. Constriction. 6. Arlington National. 7. No. 8. Inches. 9. Study of birds. 10. Yes.

THERE is no sissy-like compunction about truth, or honor, or decency, or the American right of free speech, or the presumption of innocence until guilt is proven, or any other such nonsense. No indeed. If a man thinks other than the way you do, smear him, and don't fuss about the niceties. This is his implicit message.

Stoop to the communists' tactics, if necessary, but do it in the name of a proud, moral, religious, free America.

"Fantastic?" Welch asks of the situation facing us. "Of course it's fantastic. But everything I am talking is fantastic."
Truer words were never spoken.--E.A. (Continued tomorrow)

Dennis the Menace



"I GOTTA KEEP THE SOAP OUTA MY EYES, DON'T I?"

Communications

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Early Files
To the Editor: E. A. said he saw his first fly Saturday, April 1 (Editorial 4/4/61). However we've had flies for a week or more already. Please don't print my name and address because there are probably ten thousand other valley residents who had flies before we did. (Name on File) Medford

Handicapped Employed
To the Editor: Your issue of April 2 carried a report written by Mr. John W. Sinders, retiring chairman of the Jackson County Committee for the Employment of the Physically Handicapped. This report is very interesting to many of the members of Camp White and no doubt created some little speculation among the many persons who reside in Jackson County, who although physically fit are still not employed.

In his farewell tribute to his committee, Mr. Sinders falls somehow to give any actual figures as to just how many persons have been aided in finding employment while in a handicapped status, nor does he offer the names of the employers, who he states "are taking giant steps forward with our handicapped program." Mr. Sinders not being available for comment I naturally look to you as publisher of his report to give us this information. If you find it not ethical to supply the names of these firms, will you please give us the information in a broad manner, such as lumber or veneer plants, truck operators, railroads, etc. I think a bit of clarification will be read with interest. William A. Allen, Camp White No. 10509 White City, Ore.

Editor's note: During the year 1960, jobs were found for 75 persons with physical handicaps, representing about 25 per cent of those who had registered with the state employment office. This is considered to be an unusually good percentage, running higher than the average in this situation. Most of those employed were placed in clerical-type jobs.

The Warren Family
To the Editor: After reading L. C. Powell's rather heated letter concerning Chief Justice Warren, I am at a loss to comprehend what all the shouting is about. Does he know, or have proof of his accusations? Or is he simply accepting the valuable words of Dan Smoot--a gentleman who, it seems to me, hasn't a good word for anyone, regardless. Far be it from me to argue the point with Mr. Powell or Smoot or anyone else. It could be true, I wouldn't know. All I do know, is this: That's a pretty serious charge toward a man of Justice Warren's standing. It particularly concerns me, for the following reasons: Approximately 10 years ago, we lived and worked in Sacramento, in the state civil service, in the Capitol area. We had many friends among the state employees--it was, I hasten to add, a friendly, neighborhood group, including the, at that time, Governor Warren family.

Our impressions of the Warrens, from the governor to his wife and smallest child, were of the best. They were an excellent example of our idea of a good, "earthy," average American family and

home, which is one of the most essential needs of our nation today. Americans will never be any stronger than its homes, and the devotion and sympathy, also love, expressed in those homes. From what we see, hear and read, as a nation of real homemakers, it's getting rather weak, to say the least. We knew the Warren family quite well. They were warm and friendly, as good neighbors, as one could ever have. This thought is of particular concern to me today, for exactly 10 years ago today we, and the Warrens, attended Easter Services there, the most beautiful service of my experience. Both Mr. and Mrs. Warren sat there in tearful quiet, as their lovely daughter sang in the choir; however that day their baby girl, Honey Bear, was seriously ill in the hospital. A few days later I chanced to pass the historical but ugly old house used as the Governor's mansion. The son was in the back yard. I stopped and inquired of his sister. His reply, "I don't know yet, but would you mind saying a prayer for her?" That's my personal experience with the Warren family. I'm a little irked at those accusations against what seemed to me a very fine man, and I add an excellent and devoted father. If there is proof, unquestionable, no hearsay, I should certainly be surprised and deeply grieved. Mary Williams, Central Point, Ore.

Sad State of Affairs
To the Editor: A recent news item stated that the U.S. Attorney, Gen. Kennedy is going to start an investigation into all price fixing. This action was, no doubt, triggered by the recent conviction of the Big-Wheels of the Electrical Industry for trying to blink Uncle Sam. While not surprising, it is a sad state of affairs, when companies of their financial stature will stoop so low. Or has big business lost all sense of honesty and ethics? Of course, most major lines of merchandise, both retail and wholesale, are established (fixed) by trade associations--or the "Gentlemen's Agreement," and are followed quite closely by members. This practice might be termed a fair trade method, but is profiteering on the small buyer. This practice by the big steel companies functions like a cartel, and outwits the anti-trust law. E. E. Ward, 880 Stewart ave., Medford.

John Birchers
To the Editor: I have been following the series of articles in the Mail Tribune and Oregon Journal by the excellent writer, Barbara Bunt, and her team of UPI special reporters, who are writing about Mr. Robert Welch and his so-called "John Birch Society." First, let me say, "I'm glad I am not a Republican." Second, I'll bet a Lincoln penny that if Barbara and her boys were to turn loose "all" they have learned about Mr. Welch and his John Birchers that they would look more like White Cedars, which I have usually found to have a rotten heart. Malemute Slim, White City, Ore.

Christian Teaching
To the Editor: I cannot answer all the fine letters received in answer to my suggestion that religion should be taught in the schools. Only one person disagreed with me. Her letter made me think that perhaps I should

Anti-Americanism on Rise in South Korea On First Anniversary of Rhee's Overthrow

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
The first anniversary of the violent student riots which finally led to the overthrow of President Syngman Rhee finds Korean economics in chaos, the students still restless and anti-Americanism on the rise. In February, handbills carrying "Yankee go home" slogans appeared in city streets. At a protest rally against the new U.S.-South Korean

aid agreement a speaker asked whether the United States ambassador was the new "governor general of South Korea." It was on April 6, 1960, that the anti-government riots began in Seoul, continuing for the next three weeks. On April 27, 1960, after more than 100 persons had been killed and nearly 1,000 injured, Rhee submitted his resignation. These were the first of the "rule by riot" student demonstrations, successfully imitated by leftwing Japanese students to prevent the visit of President Eisenhower and by Turkish students in Ankara and Istanbul to topple the Menderes government. In May it was announced that the Korean provisional government and the U.S. aid mission jointly would investigate waste and mismanagement of U.S. aid funds permitted by the Rhee regime. Since 1952, U.S. aid, exclusive of military aid, had been pumped into Korea at the rate of about \$200 million a year. The United States paid for South Korea's 600,000-man army. American military aid for 1960 exceeded a quarter of a billion dollars. This is the situation, then, that preceded new economic and technical aid agreements signed Feb. 8 of this year. The agreements provided for \$207 million in economic aid for 1961, with the further possibility of an additional \$43 million, plus shipments of surplus U.S. agricultural products. But they also gave the United States the right to "continuous observations and review" of how South Korea administered the aid. Opponents charged the United States now could interfere in almost any phase of Korean government. Businessmen and Korean newspapers objected and new student demonstrations erupted. In a population of about 22 million, more than two million South Koreans are unemployed and four million are under-employed. Promised tax reforms still have not been carried out. Contributing to the unrest has been the government's action devaluating the currency, cutting the official rate of the hwan in half 1,300 to the dollar. The government action simply placed the hwan at what previously had been the black market rate, but to the average Korean it meant that his money had lost half its worth. Unrest mounts, and if it continues to mount, the government of Premier John M. Chang could go the way of Syngman Rhee's.

Court Nears Decision on Union Dues for Political Purposes

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington--UPI--Another minority case is about due for Supreme Court decision--but with a difference. This legal dispute involves not racial but minority and individual rights of union members. A decision for the complaining minority individuals would have one of two profound effects upon the structure of organized labor. It would: -Invalidate the union shop with its requirement of union membership, or; -Compel union leaders to finance their political activities exclusively from voluntary funds. The litigation is known as the Loper Case, taking its name from Miss Nancy M. Loper, one of the complainants. It has been before the Supreme Court since 1959. A few employees of the Southern Railway sued to forbid their union to spend dues money for political objectives to which the complaining members were opposed. This is a union shop situation. The complaining union members, therefore, may not withdraw their dues support of the union without forfeiting their jobs. That makes the Loper Case a hot one. The narrow area of individual rights in which the issue is raised contributes also to the political importance of the case. It would be difficult for the court to render an opinion in this case without establishing as the law of the land either: -That a union member cannot be compelled to contribute toward political expenditures for objectives that he opposes, or; -That such an individual or minority group is without constitutional protection against such.

political purposes. Federal courts have held, however, that unions may make political medicine in their publication or use the medium of TV and for educational purposes. The rights of freedom of speech, press and assembly protected unions in those fields. The TV case arose in Michigan. In deciding it, three U.S. Supreme Court justices held that if minority rights were involved at all, this simply was the concern of internal union management. "To date," these three justices suggested, "unions have operated under a rule of the majority." That suited the labor leaders fine. The notable trend of the modern court, however, has been to protect on such questions the minority or individual complaining of oppression. The three justices were, nevertheless, of the modern court; Chief Justice Earl Warren, Associate Justices Hugo Black and William O. Douglas. Georgia's Judge Long's opinion said: "I find that part of the dues and assessments are used for the support of political organizations working in support of candidates for state and federal offices, and also for principles and doctrines which the plaintiffs and the class they represent do not care to support."

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

DEFINITIONS NOT IN WEBSTER'S: BACHELOR: A man who knows the precise psychological moment when to say nothing. WIFE: A person who can look in a bureau drawer and find the husband's tie clasp that isn't there. PEDESTRIAN: A chap who knows what the motorist is driving at. COMMUNIST: A red hot Marxman.



A bashful, but wealthy, young gentleman took a beautiful maiden out for a motor ride in the moonlight. She shaded her eyes with a handkerchief, then expired completely. "Goodness!" exclaimed the concerned young gentleman. "I wonder what's wrong. What do you think that was knocking?" "Perhaps," said the maid demurely, "it was opportunity." © 1961, by Bennett Cerf, Distributed by King Features Syndicate

Birch Society Probe Seen Embarrassing To Congressmen

Washington--UPI--Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said today there would be "a lot of embarrassed people" in Congress if an investigation of the John Birch Society were launched. The Senate GOP campaign chairman, leader of his party's conservative wing, told United Press International he knew "liberal Democrats as well as conservative Republicans" who belonged to the controversial organization. Generally, Goldwater said, John Birch members are "impressive" intelligent people. He said the group's objective was to "fight Communism" and for that reason it should not be labeled "ultra-conservative."

Community College Measure Favored

Salem--UPI--The Senate Education committee Tuesday unanimously voted out "do pass" a bill putting Oregon into the public junior college business. It carries a price tag of \$2,553,000 for the next two years. Dr. Leon P. Minear, state superintendent of public instruction, hailed the proposal as "an upward extension of public education." The committee settled on a policy of having the state pick up the biggest part of the tab. Along with the money bill, SB422, the committee approved SB440 making it easier for those sections of Oregon interested in a community college to form an "area education district." This bill would give the State Education Department \$666,222.

Dr. Bower To Speak at Southern Oregon

Ashland--Townpeople are invited to attend a lecture by Dr. Eli Bower of the California state department of education, entitled "Emotionally Handicapped Children," April 11 at 9 a.m. at Southern Oregon college in Churchill hall, room 203. On the previous evening, Dr. Bower will speak at the annual dinner meeting of the Child Guidance Clinic. Dr. Bower is also the author of the book "Early Identification of Emotionally Handicapped Children in School."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The situation in Laos: At the eight-nation SEATO meeting in Bangkok last week, the U.S. and its allies made it clear that they will fight, if necessary, to stop a communist take-over of Laos. At Jakarta, in Indonesia (which leans generally to the communist side) Communist China's foreign minister Chen Yi warned yesterday that SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) sends troops into Laos then China will also send troops. In reply to a British plan for an immediate cease-fire in Laos, the Soviet Union Saturday suggested holding a 14-nation conference on the political future of Laos and agreed to join Britain in calling a cease-fire. However, the Russians want to hold a conference whether or not the fighting stops in Laos. WHAT the world needs is somebody who can come up with a proposal for getting out of Laos that will be so wise and so sound and so practical that nobody concerned will dare to turn it down and, at the same time, so diplomatic that it will SAVE EVERYBODY'S FACE. What a chance for a TRULY GREAT character!

GETTING closer home: The census bureau tells us this morning that in 1950 there were 99 men and boys for each 100 women and girls. But, in 1960 there were only 97 men and boys for each 100 women and girls. And-- The census sharps add-- In 1960, there were 9.1 million women 65 and older and only 7.5 million MEN 65 and older. Make your own wisecrack. It's too risky for this department to tackle. NEAR Hamilton, New York, the other day, little Barbara Linsley, age 4, fell into an old well (with water at the bottom) at an abandoned house where the family had stopped for a look-see. This happened. Little Barbara HELD HER BREATH when she was taken under--as she had been taught by her mother to do. Then when she came to the surface she took hold of a protruding rock in the well's rock wall, as, previously, she had been told by her mother to do if any such thing ever happened to her. Meanwhile, the mother sent Barbara's brother, age 6, running for help. Then, as she had TAUGHT HERSELF to do, she climbed 24 feet down the well's rock wall, lifted Barbara's head above water, braced her back and feet against the rocks of the 3 1/2 foot well's wall, and waited for help to come. LITTLE David did his job well, as he had been taught to do. He ran a half mile to the nearest house. There was a telephone at the house. He phoned the nearest fire department. The firemen arrived in time and pulled the mother and daughter out, shaken but otherwise OK. THE moral? If there were more Mrs. Linsleys--wise, farsighted and fully prepared to handle any emergency that might arise--there would be far less tragedy in the world. If Mrs. Linsley were RUNNING this world, there would be fewer messes like Laos.