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WHO'S A COMMUNIST?

IT HAPPENED by coincidence rather than design, but the exchange of verbal broadsides between Presidential Advisor Averell Harriman and Senator Robert Taft comes at an opportune time. It helps the people of this country to keep the forthcoming Congressional election in proper perspective, and to understand from whence cometh much of the stimulation for the wave of hysteria sweeping the nation.

If you accept at face value the charges by Messrs. Harriman and Taft respectively, you come to the impossible conclusion that Mr. Truman and Mr. Taft have both been aiding and abetting the Soviet Politburo in recent years.

Mr. Harriman didn't go so far as to call Mr. Taft a Communist sympathizer. He merely listed a number of measures the Senator had fought—the Marshall Plan, the North Atlantic Pact, the Military Arms Program, etc.—and said Taft's support had been in line with "Communist objectives." He meant that the Politburo was opposed to those same measures.

Senator Taft, in a column for Ohio

newspapers written the day before Mr. Harriman's speech, accused the Truman Administration of "appeasing the Communists" and of helping to build Russia's military might. Mr. Taft didn't bring up the same measures Mr. Harriman had referred to, but cited the Yalta and Potsdam conferences, and the Far Eastern policy as proof that the Administration has shown a "sympathy for Communism."

Obviously, something is wrong somewhere. If the Taft-Wherry Republican line has been pro-Communist, and if the Truman-Adlai line has been pro-Communist, then why in the world has been fighting the Communists these past five years? Henry Wallace?

We believe we know what's wrong. It's those elections coming up next November. The Administration would like to liquidate Mr. Taft. Mr. Taft not only doesn't want to be liquidated, but he hopes that the Republicans will win a majority in Congress. At such a time, it is fairly convenient to yell about the beam in the other fellow's eye and overlook the mote in your own.

NARROW SQUEAK FOR MR. ATTLEE

ONCE again, by a very slender majority, Britain's Labor Government has survived a key test. On Tuesday the House of Commons, after a tumultuous session, upheld by a vote of 305 to 260 the decision to nationalize Britain's steel industry next Jan. 1.

Undoubtedly the failure of Winston Churchill's motion of censure will disappoint the conservatives on this side of the Atlantic. The conservatives don't like British Socialism in any form. And now they have an additional concern—the fear nationalization will impede Britain's defense preparedness program.

The two causes for complaint, the latter is the only valid one. If we concede that the people in a democracy have the right to govern themselves, we can not logically object to the carrying out by the Labor Government of a pledge made in the latest British election and approved by the voters.

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WORTH A TRY, ANYWAY

THE people who live close to the W. T. Davis dump, this quarry has a legitimate complaint. The gaping hole, and the nuisance if there ever was one, and their determined efforts to get something done about it are in order.

Much of the recent trouble has stemmed from unauthorized dumping by private individuals. Done with no supervision, with no precautions, and without regard for action of the hot Summer sun, this kind of dumping has created objectionable odors and produced noxious fumes.

At first it was suggested that the City should erect a stout fence around the quarry to prevent unauthorized dumping. But the City has no authority to spend money on private property, and that fell through.

Yesterday the Council decided to start dumping general refuse collected all over the city in an effort to fill the hole. The Council acted in face of certain efforts by nearby residents to fight such a solution

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We believe the proposed method is worth a try. If opponents take the question to court before the operation is under way, they can base their arguments on the belief that the City's method will be a nuisance, and their case will be weakened thereby. We would suggest that they at least let the City try its method for a few months. If it is not satisfactory there will be ample time for court proceedings.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE FLUP?

WHERE'D IT GO? The flu, we mean? Did you ever notice you don't have it anymore?

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From The Greensboro Daily News

CALLING ALL GOOKS

OVER in Korea we call them "gooks." It is one of those epithets which the dictionary refers to as "chiefly contemptuous," such as "spik," "kike," "wop," and "kraut," and so on.

"Gook" is a wonderful word. What does it mean? It means you. Or so says a Korean student in a letter to The Washington Post.

Koreans usually call the United States "Gee Gook" in which "mee" means the aboriginals of America and "gook" means country. The word "gook" was so frequently caught by GI ears that many of them apparently came to mean the term in reverse to designate Koreans.

Down in Mexico we call them "greasers"; they call us "gringos," because our soldiers a hundred years ago sang a song, "Green grow the grasses," or for some equally foolish reason.

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Take The Escalator



Red Smears Threaten Basic Tenets Of U. S. Constitution

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON. A NOTHER in the long series of Communist smear attacks recently, this time in East Georgia, it was announced officially that the party would continue until all traces of "foul liberalism" were root and branch.

It is important to understand what the Communist overloads and high excitements mean by "foul liberalism." They mean to wipe all the rights of the individual to the right of the choice of place to live. The slightest deviation from the long-drawn-out and body brings swift and terrible reprisal.

THE greatness of this country has been built on freedom of choice. The ancestors of most of our people were free choice. Often this has been abused, and freedom has become license or reckless indifference to the welfare of the nation. Nevertheless, the ideal of a free choice has been the guiding light that burned brightly for all the world to see.

Now there are those who believe that some Americans are willing and even eager to barter this bright light for a drive for power over greed and hate or for whatever reason they want to show off on the right of choice and above all, on the free choice of ideas.

Some of the bills in the anti-subversives bill that Congress has adopted, it goes beyond the obvious to attempt to restrict inadequate laws to prevent espionage and possible sabotage. It undertakes to restrict the rights of citizens who may or may not think.

Some of the bills prescribe the free choice of ideas in the real of professional patrioters. Some of the bills attempt to presume to say who shall and who shall not be heard on the radio and on television.

This has been carried down to the point of attempting to blacklist people and understand the roles have nothing to do with political or business interests. The blacklisting has been done in the roughest and in no evidence at all.

It has been going on for some time. A year and a half ago Fredrick Bow, Schoppert, and Midridge, used Communist attack for libel. The suit cost them more than \$50,000. They finally got a grudge-

ing retraction. Since that many others have been subpoenaed for treatment, without warning or without any chance to examine the charges or the evidence. They may or may not be back of the charges.

If you derive an individual of his livelihood, you purge him or her. You liquidate the individual. When Senator Schoppert of Missouri read a speech prepared for him by others smearing Secretary of the Interior, Chapman, he was using the same technique. The motive, however, appears to have been to smear the Secretary and he has faithfully carried out public power policies duly approved by Congress. Chapman's interest is power.

The speech Schoppert read was read in front of and previously repudiated charges cooked over by Fredrick Bow, Schoppert, and Midridge. Chapman answered back with the vigor and the courage of his proud belief in the rights of the individual.

He had made a choice. The government was public. A government attempt to be heroic about it because it was doing what he wanted to do.

Yet the audience in the Senate hearing room that heard him chose to show off. All of the hearing room has meant in both reward and sacrifice. Although Chapman's family have known it, Chapman received such serious wounds in World War I that he was unable to get life insurance. When he said that what he could have done was not the matter of money but the honor of a name, he was speaking the literal truth.

SCHOPPERS SMEAR REPRISALS. The Schoppert smear has resulted strongly against those responsible for the present work of the committee room the Republicans are jokingly accusing the Democrats of having planned it themselves.

I believe that when the American people understand the meaning of the present attempt to circumscribe and suppress freedom of choice, they will stand up and fight. They may react in violence and anger against those who are smearing it and that reaction will be harmful. If the American citizenry smears away, there will be little left to defend, and few who will be zealous to defend it.

Why Does Govt. Release Big Wartime Crooks So Quickly?

By ROBERT C. URAK

NEW YORK. I SEE WHERE they spring that gibed crook, Andy May, and Fredrick Bow, Schoppert, and Midridge. They are in the same class as the big the other day, leaving our prisons virtually free of culture, education, and industry. (Maj. Gen. Henry Mevers, the love-thief is still doing some time and leading a nice class to his sink.)

Ex - Representative May, the flower of Wall Street, was put on account of age, poor health and a past reputation for having been kind to his mother. He was doing an eight-months-to-two-year job. And he beat it after taking it under the table. In June, 1947, of accepting bribes from a couple of Wall Street named Garson he was put off service of the sentence until last week. He was released.

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Seating Red China

BRITISH Foreign Minister Bevin has been nursing a plan to get Communism China admitted to the United Nations.

Bevin has worked out his strategy with India's Premier Pandit Nehru. Both are convinced that, although Russia has been assisting for the Chinese Communists to be admitted to the U.N., the United States is not anxious to see China joining the world organization. According to British officials, Bevin hopes to keep China out, but the Chinese people to be their one real friend.

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