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## Cold War On The Psychiatrist's Couch

Others might think that communism was a result of class conflict, of language, economic change or political fanaticism; but Frank knew that communism was the face of the devil... put on earth to test against the morality of men.

—THE UGLY AMERICAN

LIKE Father Finian, the Jesuit who took alone into the imaginary Asian land of Sarkim to seek native communism, many of us know that Soviet designs thinly mask the machinations of Satan.

Whether the cockpit is Syria or Quito or Berlin, political, economic, geographical power quests are Evil incarnate.

If communism is Evil, how can it be anything but treacherous? If certainly treacherous, if the enemy, how otherwise can it be done in than by final act war?

Such questions are put by Dr. Jerome Frank, professor at Johns Hopkins medical school in a revealing article, "The Great Antagonism." The article, Dr. Frank has no illusions about communism as tyranny or as a political force. He would not want the United States to lose influence to Russia; nor would he relish the forfeiture of individual political liberty in the West.

But psychological training — he is a psychiatrist by profession — leads him to see startling likenesses between contesting power states in today's world and the psychotic patient he treats day by day.

Both the United States and Russia, facing the peril of an atomic war, have, he thinks, come to grips with the danger, like psychotics who refuse to acknowledge the existence of a problem of overwhelming size, both go in for what he calls "denial." We deny to our consciousness that the world could be reduced by war to a world of radioactive smoke. Frank's denial is in the White House, politicians and many scientists talk blandly of "deterrence" and "massive annihilation" with the casual air of children disputing who has been "killed" in cowboys-and-Indians.

"Russia," Dr. Frank writes, "wanted to ban atomic weapons when we alone had them; we want to ban outer space as an area of conflict now that Russia seems to be ahead in this field. We ring Russia with bomber and missile bases, she treacherously crushes Hungary and develops ICBMs, each thereby strengthening the other's fear of attack and increasing the probability that it will occur."

This is "the self-fulfilling prophecy." Does "balance of power," originally a geographic concept, mean anything

now that East and West have missiles? We have 35,000 atom bombs stockpiled to Russia's 10,000. What does "catching up" in the arms race mean? If the atmosphere can be poisoned anywhere by anyone, what does "national security" mean? With atomic weapons there are no boundaries; there are no balances of power; there is no real "catching up" to be done.

Putting the cold war under psychological scrutiny will not automatically end it, nor will Dr. Frank's analysis release East from viewing West as the enemy (and vice-versa). But Dr. Frank has made a telling case against the vanity of verbal warfare.

The greatest danger is not armament itself, but the view that states somehow are predestined to fight each other; that there is no way out of the vicious circle of rocket-building contests. Nations, like individuals, need a kind of self-awareness which has escaped the Russians.

Their devotion to a framework of dogma makes us automatically "the enemy," and in reaction to it we are quickly coming around to the "enemy" view of Russia.

If the cold war were not seen in black and white terms, perhaps the suggestions for negotiating a territorial swap in central Europe could make sense. If Mr. Mikoyan were not blasted inhospitably as a "murderer," perhaps we could take advantage of his visit to work out useful trade schemes. If the Middle East were not seen as the theatre for a contest of communist and capitalist allegiances, perhaps both the U.S. and Russia could collaborate on economic development. Every step into concrete economic and political arrangements, where co-operation and not mutual castigation are involved, would help to avert war.

The United States and Russia are devoted to vastly different economic and political ideas—we to some, Russia to others. Competition and rivalry are inherent in the nature of things. Frank's question is worth thinking about: "Need the devil be invented?"

## Life In America

INTERVIEWS with parents of nearly 600 children in the Detroit area indicate that mothers and fathers are coming under the influence of a welfare bureaucracy which affects their attitudes accordingly. In time past, parents of the predominant middle-class will spank their youngsters more often. —Press release from John Wiley & Son, advertising THE CHANGING AMERICAN PARENT.

## Leave Problems Alone; Move People In

COV. Lather Hodges, The Lionhearted, has swapped roars with the Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral in faraway London.

Canon John Collins roared first when he read in the British press of two North Carolina Negro boys, aged 8 and 10, who had been sent to Morris Training School because they had "kissed" a white girl. He fired Gov. Hodges a protest cable but about the time the cable was due on the governor's desk Canon Collins released the text to British reporters.

Piqued Gov. Hodges wondered whether the Canon didn't seek notoriety more than information. He said so by return cable.

Maybe the governor is right. But how much more interesting it is to speculate on the human being's insuppressible urge to solve faraway problems. Canon Collins is worried about two Negro children in North Carolina. Americans are worried about Boris Pasternak because the Russians wouldn't let him have his Nobel Prize. Bertrand Russell and a group of politically conscious Englishmen are raising money for dissenters on trial for treason in South Africa. Southern editorial writers leap with relish a few months ago on the Notting Hill race riots in London. Tears of lament flowed, but many of them were crocodile tears. No one was malicious, but there was an audible sigh of grati-

## Life In China

THE film deals with China's reeducation campaign in which parents denounced children and children denounced each other. The Peiping review says this movie is 20 minutes of sheer comedy. Report in the Sr. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## WINTER MORNING

THE inapt, gnomesque winter morning is a nocturne in gray and black painted by Winter. You get the impression that the early morning is an artistic contrivance because it is difficult to believe that nature can be so gloomily despondent. You think the alarm clocks and factory whistles have lost what little judgment they ever had, and the whistle cry, mixed up demon, and the whistle is a mean owl hooting your breakfast time when he really knows this bleak and enveloping darkness implies three a.m.

The neighborhood dogs, knowing a rank error is being made deride the rudeness with sharp and scathing denunciations. The milk man is a specter from "the misty mid-regions of Weir." The man is immaculate blackness, and the couple of white bottles flash half-heartedly

# Joe Martin Propitiated 'The Hard Gods Of Politics'

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON  
 THE young men were bitter and desperate for strong leadership. The old men were bitter for the reasons old men have. The party chiefs, fearful of the future, were seeking a quick sacrifice to propitiate the hard gods of politics.

It would have been different, of course, if the last election had turned out differently. It would have been different, too, if the President of the United States were not the removable, unchangeable head of his party during his whole term in the White House. In their present mood, the congressional Republicans would surely have risen against Dwight D. Eisenhower, if that road had not been open to them.

### ROAD NOT OPEN

But that road was not open. So they rose against the existing leadership in the House and Senate. Old Joe Martin is kindly, loud, endlessly hard working, but he is less tough and less efficient than the leaders in the Senate. So Martin became the scapegoat for the Republican Party's crowding out of the opening of the seventh Eisenhower year.

Party loyalty, which is his whole creed, forbids the brusquely dismissed leaders of the House Republican from blaring out such crude, unfashionable truths as the foregoing. Yet his dismissal in the House and just short of 20 years in the leadership, has left Joe Martin quite visibly rueful and hurt.

### HIS WAY

"If you'd done everything I ever asked you," he said sadly, "wouldn't you think he'd stand by you?" All he had to do was pick up the telephone, but he didn't.



Joseph Martin & Ike: The Boss Didn't Telephone

That's his way, of course, and I don't blame him personally. He was very kind after the result, really very kind. I'm sure he wasn't in it, but some of his people were, and so were Nixon and the Dewey crowd. They had to be. A man like Charles Halleck can't come up and beat the leader all by himself.

"They said I didn't fight the Democrats hard enough. Well, I had to get votes from Sam Rayburn and McNamara to put Ike's program through, didn't I? You can give 'em hell but safe enough if you have the votes. But we're a

minority, as Halleck will find out soon enough.

### GLAD TO BE OUT

"The truth is, I'm glad to be out. The next two years are going to be very rough. That's another thing Halleck will find out. But I wasn't glad to be beaten. I've never been beaten before in my whole life. And you don't like being left by fellows you've always depended on and tried to help. I didn't like that, either."

The old man—he is 74—half shook his head, as though to

shake unpleasant thoughts out of it and turned to talking of the past. No American will ever again have the same sort of career as this small-time blacksmith's son, who went to work at 510 a week when he left high school; saved half his salary; and just in buying the local newspaper with the thousand dollars he had banked at the end of four years.

Small town editing got him into politics. He managed the last campaign of the first Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge. He came to the House a marked man, in

1924, because he was a friend of the enigmatic Coolidge. Nicholas Longworth first brought the matter from one that runs the House. And he will look back on the time of Longworth and John Nance Garner as a halcyon era.

### THE GOOD LIFE

"Those were the days of the bipartisan room, where Nick and Jack Garner used to get together and settle things over a drink," he says. "They were my friends, and I'm proud of it. Of course I didn't drink with them or play poker with them. I never drink or play. All I've ever done is work. It's been my life, the work of the House; and it's been a good life."

In the last week of the last session, he put in 96 hours (his secretaries counted) on the work of the House. He paid for that with a blood clot in his leg. Six doctors, he assures you, say the leg is all right. He carries a reassuring letter from one of them, but still, the illness worries him; for he has never been really ill before. He will take a little vacation, to "get really cured."

### ALWAYS A REPUBLICAN

After that, he will come back "to be an independent member." He adds hastily, "I don't mean politically independent. In all ways he is a regular Republican. I mean free to do what I like, somehow because, as he repeats, burn, his old friend, has offered him any office he chooses in the Capitol. He has a committee, which is certainly a feat from this earth, the Space Committee," which does not interest him greatly. But he will find work somehow because, as he repeats, "the work of the House is my life, and I guess it will be to the end."

# People's Anti-Dynamite Law Should Cover Private Homes

New York  
 THE Charlotte News has recommended public service in its excellent editorial of Dec. 13 supporting proposals by Governor Hodges for the new General Assembly, increasing the penalties for those guilty of bombing public buildings and those who perpetrate bomb hoaxes.

We are pleased that your editorial referred to the American Jewish Congress statement some weeks ago condemning "panic" action in the wake of bombings and the professional marketeers and mailing of hate propaganda.

Senator Ervin has announced he will introduce federal anti-dynamite legislation that would make it a crime to transport explosives in interstate commerce with the intent to use them unlawfully against communal buildings. We believe such legislation should be extended to cover private residences and places of business, as well in a bill proposed by the American Jewish Congress of 72 bombings and attempted bombings in the 11 Southern states since January 1955, it is disclosed that 41 attacks—more than half—were directed against private residences and places of business, including those of two white clergymen.

We believe an anti-dynamite law aimed at protecting private as well as public places would represent an effective step in meeting the problem.

—WILL MASLOW  
 General Counsel  
 American Jewish Congress

## Thanks For Christmas & New Year Aid

Charlotte  
 TO ALL friends of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. I wish to give my sincere thanks to the Good Fellows Club, the Welfare Dept. and friends of the church for giving my children and me a very wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. Without their help we would not have had a Christmas. Thank you all very much.

MRS. HELEN HARRIS  
 Teamsters' Local Has Free Elections

Charlotte  
 MUCH has been written in the papers recently about the pros and cons of organized labor, whether or not the police, municipal or other government employees shall be allowed to organize. This is a debatable question

and I certainly don't profess to know all the answers. I do know that as a truck driver employed by Associated Transports, with whom I have worked for more than 20 years, I am proud of the company for which I work and am equally proud of being a member of Local No. 71, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Since becoming a member of organized labor and realizing that it is for the common good and not for any individual or group of

individuals, I have worked hard for the union. While continuing to drive my truck I was honored in April, 1958, by being elected to a 5-year term as secretary-treasurer of my local. There are over 300 members of this organization and the percentage of those voting is far above that of any city, county or national election. What is important is that this election was conducted in the best democratic manner with no duress, coercion or buying of votes.

This being true how can the press continue to refer to the Teamsters Union as belonging to Jimmy Hoffa or any other individual? As a group I do not believe there can be found any finer group of more patriotic citizens than the members of my local. If given an opportunity to do so I am sure that Mr. Hoffa will make the International Brotherhood of Teamsters just as "sinnepure" as it is possible to make any group of men. Certainly, he will do more for the truck driver

than could or would their enemies or competing unions.

—H. GRADY HONEYCUTT  
 Local No. 71  
 International Brotherhood of Teamsters

## Mix Common Sense With College Theories

Charlotte  
 THE BIGGEST problem in accounting for warrants is not keeping them, but preventing malicious prosecution.

Human nature being what it is, many people come into police headquarters seeking to use the power of the law for personal revenge instead of justice. There are those who live on a diet of make-believe—with an insatiable desire for evil and criminal litigation. These are the police who have been handling unskillfully.

This type of warrant simply gets lost, for the good of all concerned. Forcing the police to account for every warrant means that the prosecutor will have to do in public what the police have been doing in private—screening out embarrassing malicious prosecution. The office of prosecutor is extremely sensitive to political pressure. The prosecuting officer's primary duty is not to convict, but to see that justice is done. There have been many classic examples of abuse of power by prosecutors under political pressure, the most famous one being the Lindbergh case. Unfortunately, malicious prosecution by solicitors goes on all the time in everyday life.

In theory, the bright-eyed boys from the University can work out a fool-proof system of handling the paper work. But what about the consequences of putting all the prosecutive decisions in the hands of the political hawk? The best possible insurance against malicious use of the law is an independent reporter. The price of justice is eternal publicity. Let's mix some common sense with the college boys' theories.

—JOHN C. BENNETT

## Quote, Unquote

"The cat is less reputable (than dogs and horses), because she is less wasteful; she may even serve a useful end. She lives with man on terms of equality... and does not lend herself with facility to an invidious comparison between her owner and his neighbors." —Thorstein Veblen, "The Theory of the Leisure Class."

## 'Anybody Want To Argue About Other Rules?'



# Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round The 100 Proof Payoff In Alabama

WASHINGTON  
 A STRANGE income tax case indirectly involving the brother of Gen. Wilton Persons, the ex-convicted Sherman Adams, the White House, has been killed by the Justice Department. It may have far-reaching political reverberations.

### Payoffs

The case involves payoffs by northern liquor companies to two Alabama politicians, the late Governor Emory Solomon, close political crony of Gordon Persons, former governor of Alabama. It also involves seven front men used to conceal the payments.

Ex-Gov. Persons admitted to this column that he received money from Throver and Solomon, though he claimed they were political contributions and that he did not know where the money came from originally. He denied emphatically that he had asked his brother-in-law, the White House, to intervene in the tax case though he said his brother must

have known about the case.

Most significant fact in the scandal is that the Treasury Department officially recommended criminal prosecution. However, someone near the top intervened. The prosecution which would have been highly embarrassing to the brother of White House aide Persons, was stopped.

In the Truman administration, Congress instituted an investigation of cases in which the Treasury had recommended prosecution but which the Justice Department failed to prosecute. When a case has been terminated by the Treasury and sent to Justice for prosecution, it is considered alright. Barely does the Justice department refuse to carry out a Treasury recommendation.

### Front Men

After Persons became governor in 1950, he appointed Jimmy Throver, ex-mayor of Dothan, to the ABC liquor board which rules on what liquor shall be sold

in the state of Alabama. Throver worked with Emory Solomon, who was one of Persons' leaders in the Alabama legislature. And since the ABC liquor board can arbitrarily any brand of liquor from the state, the big liquor distributors not only flooded them with free liquor, but in this case paid political tribute through front men.

### Secret Bank Accounts

Jimmy Throver, working with Gov. Persons' political henchmen, proceeded to set up a network of friends and relatives as "company representatives." For the most part their salaries were paid over to Throver and Solomon. Some checks were mailed direct to P. O. Box 236 in Dothan, the ex-mayor's post office.

Other money was deposited in the Headline National Bank partly owned by Solomon's brother, D. G. "Gibby" Solomon. What added to the conspiracy which

tax agents uncovered was the fact that the money was deposited by Throver in the names of the front men, who never knew they were being paid. Since the money was both deposited and withdrawn without their knowledge, presumably their signatures had to be forged.

Gibby Solomon admitted he had set up the bank accounts for Throver, but claimed it was a common procedure in a country bank.

### Just Part Of Story

This is just part of the amazing story of how certain big liquor companies funded an estimated quarter of a million dollars down to Alabama as payoffs for having their brands sold in Alabama, and how the recipients, after failing to pay income taxes on the money, got their tax case fixed in Washington.

The remainder of the story, with a roll call of those involved, and the explanation of ex-Gov. Persons, will follow in an early column.