

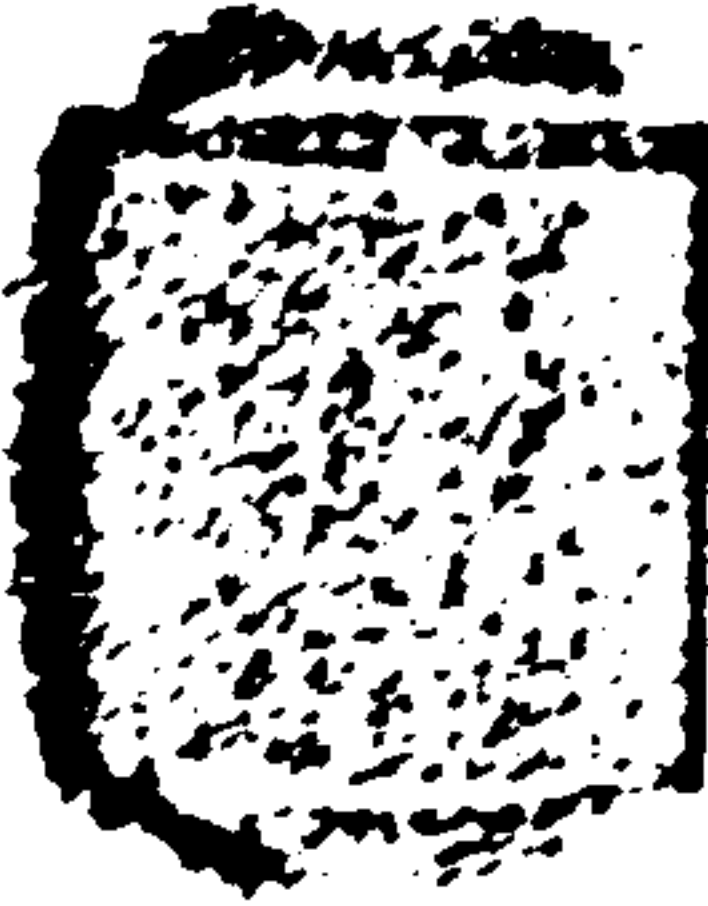


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Historic Diary.

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From Oct. 16 1959 Arrival -

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Oct. 16. Arrive from Helsinki by train; am met by Intourest Repre. and in car to Hotel "Berlin". Reges. as. "student" 5 day Lux. tourist. Ticket.) Meet my Intorist guided Rimma Sherikova I explain to her I wish to appli. for Rus. citizenship. She is flabbergassed, but agrees to help. She checks with her boss, main office Intour; than helps me add. a letter to Sup. Sovit asking for citizenship, mean while boss telephons passport & visa office and notifies them about me.

Oct. 17 - Rimma meets me for Intourist sightseeing says we must contin. with this although I am too novous she is "sure" I'll have an anserwer. soon. Asks me about myself and my reasons for doing this I explaine I am a communist. ect. She is politly sym. but uneasy now. She tries to be a friend to me, she feels sorry for me I am someth. new.

Sun Oct. 18. My 20th birthday, we vist exhib. in morning and in the after noon The Lenin-Stalin tomb. She gives me a present Book "Ideot" by Dostoevski.

Oct. 19 Tourism. Am anxious since my visa is good for five days only and still no word from auth. about my request.

Oct. 20 Rimmer in the afternoon says Intourist was notified by the pass & visa dept. that they want to see me I am excited greatly by this news.

Oct. 21 (Mon) Meeting with single offial. Balding stout, black suit fairly. good English, asks what do I want?, I say Sovite citizonship, he ask why I give vauge ansewers about "Great Soviet Union" He tells me "USSR only great in Literature wants me to go back home" I am stunned

I reiterate, he says he shall check and let me know weather my visa will be (extended it exipliers today)

Eve. 6.00 Recive word from police official. I must leave country tonight at. 8.00 P.M. as visa expirs. I am shocked!! My dreams! I retire to my room. I have \$100. left. I have waited for 2 year to be accepted.

My fondes dreams are shattered because of a petty offial; because of bad planning I planned to much! 7.00 P.M. I decide to end it. Soak rist in cold water to numb the pain. Than slash my left wrist. Than plag wrist into bathtub of hot water. I think "when Rimma comes at 8. to find me dead it wil be a great shock. somewhere, a violin plays, as I

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Oct. 21 (con.): watch my life whirl away. I think to myself. "how easy to die" and "a sweet death, (to violins) about 8.00 Rimma finds my unconscious (bathtub water a rich red color) she screams (I remember that) and runs for help. Amulance comes, am taken to hospital where five stiches are put in my wrist. Poor Rimma stays by my side as interrptor (my Russian is still very bad) far into the night, I tell her "go home" (my mood is bad) but she stays, she is "my friend" She has a strong will only at this moment I notice she is preety

Oct. 22. Hospital I am in a small room with about 12 others (sick persons.) 2 ordalies and a nurse the room is very drab as well as the breakfast. Only after prolonged (2 hours) observation of the other pat. do I relize I am in the Insanity ward. This relization disquits me. Later in afternoon I am visited by Rimma, she comes in with two doctors, as interr she must ask me medical question; Did you know what you were doing? Ans. yes Did you blackout? No. ect. I than comp. about poor food the doctors laugh app. this is a good sign Later they leave, I am alone with Rimma (amongst the mentaly ill) she encourgest me and scolds me she says she will help me me get trasfered to another section of Hos. (not for insane) where food is good.

Oct. 23. Transferred to ordinary ward, (airy, good food.) but nurses suspicious of me. (they know). Afternoon I am visited by Rosa Agafonova of the hotel, who asks about my health, very beautiful, excelant Eng., very merry and kind, she makes me very glad to be alive. Later Rimma vists

Oct. 24 Hospital routine, Rimma vists me in afternoon

Oct. 25. " "

Oct. 26 An elderly American at the hospital grow suspicious about me for some reason. because at Embassy I told him I had not registered as most tourist and I am in general evasive about my presence in Moscow and at hospital. Afternoon Rimma vists.

Oct. 27 Stiches are taken out by doctor with "dull" scisor

Wed Oct. 28 Leave hospital in intorist car. with Rimma for Hotel "Berlin" later I change hotels to "Metropole" all cloths packed, and money from my room (to the last kopeek) returned as well as watch, ring. Ludmilla Dimitrova (Intorist office head) and Rosa invite me to come and sit and take with them any time. I get lonesome at new hotel. They feel sorry for me.

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Oct. 28(con.) Rimma notifies me that, pass & registration office whshes to see me about my future. Later Rimma and car pick me up and we enter the officies to find four offials waiting for me (all unknown to me) They ask How my arm is, I say O.K., They ask "Do you want to go to your homeland. I say no I want Sovite citizen I say I want to reside in the Soviet Union. They say they will see about that. Than they ask me about the lone offial with whom I spoke in the first place (appar. he did not pass along my request at all but thought to simply get rid of me by not extending my Soviet visa. At the time I requested it) I describe him (they make notes) (what papers do you have to show who and what you are? I give them my dischare papers from the Marine Corps. They say wait for our ans. I ask how long? Not soon. Later Rimma comes to check on me. I feel insulted and insult her.

Oct. 29. Hotel Room 214 Metropole Hotel. I wait. I worry I eat once, stay next to phone worry I keep fully dressed

Oct. 30. Hotel Room I have been in hotel three days, if seems like three years I must have some sort of a showdown!

Oct. 31. I make my dision. Getting passport a 12"00 I meet and talk with Rimma for a few minutes she says; stay in your room and eat well, I don't tell her about what I intend to do since I know she would not approve. After she leaves I wait a few minutes and than I catch a taxi, "American Embassy" I say. 12"30, I arrive American Embassy, I walk in and say to the receptionist 'I would like to see the Consular" She points at a large lager and says "If you are a tourist please register". I take out my American passport and lay it in the desk, I have come to dissolve my American citizenship. I saymatter-of-factly she rises

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and enters the office of Richard Snyder American Head Consular in Moscow at that time He invites me to sit down. He finishes a letter he is typing and than ask what he can do for me. I tell him I have dicided to take Soviet citizenship and would like to leagly dissolve my U.S. citizenship. His assitant (now Head Consular) McVickers looks up from his work. Snyder says- takes down personall Information, ask questions

Sat. Oct 31. (con) warns me not to take any steps before the soviets except me, says I am a "fool", and says the dissolution papers are along time in preparing (In other words refuses to allow me at that time to dissolve U.S. citiz. I state "my mind is make up" From this day forward I consider myself no citizen of the U.S.A. I spend 40 minutes at the Embassy before Snyder says "now unless you wish to expound on your marxist belifes you can go." I wish to dissolve U.S. citiz, not today he says in effect. I leave Embassy, elated at this showdown, returning to my hotel I feel now my enorgies are not spent in vain. I'm sure Russians will except me after this sign of my faith in them. 2:00 a knock, a reporter by the name of Goldstene wants an interview I'm flabbergassed "how did you find out? The Embassy called us." He said. I send him away I sit and relize this is one way to bring pressure on me. By notifying my relations in U.S. through the newspapers. Although they would say "ifs for the public record." A half hour later another reporter Miss Mosby comes. I ansewer a few quick questions after refusing an interviwe. I am surprised at the interest. I get phone calls from "Time" at night a phone call from the States I refuse all calles without finding out who's it from. I feel non-deplused because of the attention 10:00 I retire.

Nov.1 - more reporters, 3 phone calls from brother & mother, now I feel slightly axzillarated, not so lonly.

Nov -2-15 Days of utter loneliness I refuse all reports phone calls I remaine in my room, I am racked with dsyentary.

Nov 15 - I decide to give an interview, I have Miss Mosbys card so I call her. She drives right over. I give my story, allow pictures, later story is distorted, sent without my perrrmission, that is: before I ever saw and O.K.'ed her story. Again I feel slightly better because of the attention

Nov. 16. A Russian official comes to my room asks how I am. Notifies me I can remain in USSR till some solution in found with what to do with me, it is comforting news for me.

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Nov 17 - Dec. 30 I have bought myself two self-teaching Russian Lan. Books I force myself to study 8 hours a day I sit in my room and read and memorize words. All meals I take in my room. Rimma arranged that. It is very cold on the streets so I rarely go outside at all for this month and a-half I see no one speak to no-one except every-now-and-then Rimma, who calls the ministry about me. Have they forgotten?, During December I paid no money to the hotel, but Rimmer told Hotel I was expecting alot of money from USA. I have \$28. left. This month I was called to the passport office and met 3 new officials who asked me the same questions I ans. a month before. They appear not to know me at all.

Dec 31. New Yearseve, I spend in the company of Rosa Agafoneva at the Hotel Berlin, she has the duty. I sit with her untill past mignight, she gives me a small "Boratin," clown, for a New Years present She is very nice I found out only recently she is married, has small son who was born crippled, that is why she is so strangely tender and compelling.

Jan 1 - 4 No change in routine

Jan 4. I am called to passport office and finilly given a Soviet document not the soviet citizenship as I so wanted, only a Residence document, not even for foringners but a paper called "for those without citizenship." still I am happy. The offial says they are sending me to the city of "Minsk" I ask "is that in Siberia? He^oply laughs. he also tells me that they have arranged for me to recive some money though the Red Cross. to pay my hotel bills and expensis. I thank the gentelmen and leave later in the afternoon I see Rimma "she asks are you happy" "yes"

Jan. 5. I go to Red Cross in Moscow for money with Interrupter (a new one) I recive 5000. rubles a huge sum!! Later in Mink I am to earn 70 rubles a month at the factory.

Jan. 7. I leave Moscow by train for Minsk, Belorussia. My hotel bill was 2200, rubles and the train ticket to Minsk 150. rubles so I have alot of money & hope. I wrote my brother & mother letters in which I said "I do not wish to every contact you again." I am begining anew life and I don't want any part of the old".

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Jan 7. Arrive in Minsk, met by 2 women Red Cross workers
We go to Hotel "Minsk" I take room, and meet Rosa and Stellina
two persons from intourist in hotel who speak English Stellina is
in 40's nice married young child, Rosa about 23 blond attractive unmarried
Excellent English, we attract each other at once.

Jan 8. I meet the city mayor, comrade Shrapof, who welcomes
me to Minsk promises a rent-free apartment "soon" and warns
me about "uncultured persons" who sometimes insult foreigners.
My interpreter: Roman Detkof, Head For. Tech Instit. next door.

Jan. 10. The day to myself I walk through city, very nice.

Jan. 11 I visit Minsk radio factory where I shall work.

There I meet Argentinian Immigrant Alexander Zeger
Born a Polish Jew. Immigrant to Argen. in 1938 and back to
Polish homeland (now part of Belo.) in 1955 speaks
English with Amer. accent he worked for Amer. com. in
Argen. He is Head of a Dept. a qualified Engineer, in late
40's mild mannered likable He seems to want to tell me somet.
I show him my tempor. docu. and say soon I shall have Russ. citiz.

Jan. 13 - 16 I work as a "checker" metal worker, pay: 700 rubles
a month, work very easy, I am learning Russian quickly

Now, Everyone is very friendly and kind. I meet many young
Russian workers my own age they have varied personalities
all wish to know about me even offer to hold a mass meeting
so I can say. I refuse politely. At night I take Rosa to
the theater, movie or opera almost every day I'm living
big and am very satisfied. I receive a check from the
Red Cross every 5th of the month "to help" The check is 700 rubles.

Therefore every month I make 1400. R. about the same as the
Director of the factory! Zeger observes me during this time
I don't like: picture of Lenin which watches from its place of
honour and phy. training at 11.-11.10 each morning (compulsory).
for all. (shades of H. G. Wells!)

March 16. I receive a small flat one-room kitchen-bath
near the factory (8 min. walk) with splendid view from
2 balconies of the river, almost rent free (60. rub. a mon.)
it is a Russian's dream.

March 17 - April 31 - work, I have lost contact with
Rosa after my house moving. I meet Pavil Golovacha.
A young man my age friendly very intelligent a
excellent radio technician his father is Gen. Golovacha
Commander of Northwestern Siberia. Twice hero of
USSR in W.W. 2.

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May 1 - May Day came as my first holiday all factories Ect. closed after spectacular military parade all workers parad past reviewing stand waving flags and picutres of Mr. K. ect. I follow the Amer. custom of marking a Holiday by sleeping in in the morning. At night I visit with the Zegers daughters at an party throw by them about 40 people came many of Argentine origen we dance and play around and drink until 2 am. when party breaks up. Leonara Zeger oldest dau. 28 formally married, now divorced, a talanted singer. Anita Zeger 20 very gay, not so attractive but we hit it off. Her Boy-friend Alferd is a Hungarian chap, silent and brooding, not at all like Anita. Zeber advises me to go back to U. S. A. its the first voice of oppossition I have heard. I respect Zeger, he has seen the world. He says many things, and relats many things I do not know about the U. S. S. R. I begin to feel uneasy inside, its true!

June-July Summer months of green beauty, pine forest very deep. I enjoy many Sundays in the enviorments of Minsk. with the Zegers who have a car "mos.vick" Alfred always goes along with Anita, Leonara seems to have no permanet Boy-friend, but many admirirs. She has a beautiful Spanish figure, long black hair, like Anita. I never pay much atten. to her shes too old for me she seemes to dislike my lack of attention for some reason. She is high strung. I have become habituatated to a small cafe which is where I dine in the evening the food is generally poor and always eactly the same, menue in any cafe, at any point in the city. The food is cheap and I dont really care about quiality after three years in the U.S.M. C.

Aug -Sept As my Russian improves I become increasingly concious of just what sort of a sociaty I live in. Mass gymnastics, complusary after work meeting, usually political information meeting. Complusary attendance at lectures and the sending of the entire shop collective (except me) to pick potatoes on a Sunday, at a State colletive farm. A "patroict duty" to bring in the harvest. The opions of the workers (unvoiced) are that its a great pain in the neck. They don't seem to be esspicialy enthusiastic about any of the "collective" duties a natural feeling. I am increasingly aware of the presence, in all thing, of Lebizen, shop party secretary, fat, fortyish, and jovial on the outside. He is a no-nonsense party regular.

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Oct. The coming of Fall, my dread of a new Russian winter, are mellowed in splendid golds and reds of fall in Belorussia plums peaches apricots and cherries abound for these last fall weeks I am a healthy brown color and stuffed with fresh fruit. (at other times of the year unobtainable)

Oct. 18 my 21st birthday see's Rosa, Pavil, Ella at a small party at my place Ella a very attractive Russian Jew I have been going walking with lately, works at the radio factory also. Rosa and Ella are jealous of each other it brings a warm feeling to me. Both are at my place for the first time. Ella and Pavil both give ash-tray's (I don't smoke) we have a laugh

Nov. Finds the approach of winter now. A growing loneliness overtakes me in spite of my conquest of Ennatachina a girl from Riga, studying at the music conservorie in Minsk. and-short After an affair which last a few weeks we part. Nov 15 in Nov. I make the acquaintances of four girls rooming at the For. lan. domitory in room 212. Nell is very interesting, so is Tomka, Tomis and Alla. I usually go to the institute domatory with a friend of mine who speaks english very well. Eraich Titov is in the forth year at the medical institute. Very bright fellow At the domatory we 6 sit and talk for hours in Russian english

Dec
1 I am having a light affair with Nell Korobka.

Jan 1

New Years I spend at home of Ella Germain. I think I'm in love with her. She has refused my more dishonourable advances, we drink and eat in the presenece of her family in a very hospitable atmosphere. Later I go home drunk and happy. Passing the river homeward, I decide to propose to Ella.

Jan. 2. After a pleasant hand-in-hand walk to the local cinema we come home, standing on the doorstep I propose's She hesitates than refuses, my love is real but she has none for me. Her reason besides lack of love; I am american and someday might be arrested simply because of that example Polish Intervention in the 20's. led to arrest of all people in the Soviet Union of polish oregon "you understand the world situation there is too much against you and you don't even know it" I am stunned she snickers at my awkwardness in turning to go (I am too stunned too think!) I realize she was never serious with me but only exploited my being an american, in order to get the envy of the other girls who consider me different from the Russian Boys. I am miserable!

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Jan 3. I am miserable about Ella. I love her but what can I do?
it is the state of fear which was always in the Soviet Union.

Jan 4. On year after I received the residence document I am called in to the passport office and asked if I want citizenship (Russian) I say no simply extend my residential passport to agree and my document is extended until Jan 4. 1962 Jan-4-31 I am stating to reconsider my desire about staying. The work is drab the money I get has nowhere to be spent. No nightclubs or bowling alleys no places of recreation except the trade union dances I have had enough.

Feb. 1st Make my first request to American Embassy, Moscow for reconsidering my position, I stated "I would like to go back to U.S."

Feb. 28th I receive letter from Embassy. Richard E. Sneyder stated "I could come in for an interview anytime I wanted."

March 1-16 I now live in a state of expectation about going back to the U.S. I confided with Zeger he supports my judgment but warns me not to tell any Russians about my desire to return. I understand now why.

March 17 - I and Erich went to trade union dance. Boring but at the last hour I am introduced to a girl with a French hair-do and red-dress with white slipper I dance with her. Then ask to show her home I do, along with 5 other admirers. Her name is Marina. We like each other right away she gives me her phone number and departs home with an not-so-new friend in a taxi, I walk home.

March-18-31- We walk I talk a little about myself she talks a lot about herself. her name is Marina N. Prosakoba.

Apr: 1st-30 We are going steady and I decide I must have her, she puts me off so on April 15 I propose, she accepts.

April 3', after a 7 day delay at the marriage bureau because of my unusual passport they allow us to register as man & wife two of Marina's girl friends act as bridesmaids. We are married at her aunt's home we have a dinner reception for about 20 friends and neighbors who wish us happiness (in spite of my origin and accept) which was in general rather disquieting to any Russian since for. are very rare in the Soviet Union even tourists. after an evening of eating and drinking in which Uncle Wooser started a fight and the fuse blew on an overloaded circuit. We take our leave and walk the 15 minutes to our home. We lived near each other. at midnight we were home.

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May Day 1961. Found us thinking about our future. In spite of fact I married Marina to hurt Ella I found myself in love with Marina.

May - The transition of changing full love from Ella to Marina was very painful esp. as I saw Ella almost every day at the factory but as the days and weeks went by I adjusted more and more my wife mentally. I still hadn't told my wife of my desire to return to US. She is madly in love with me from the very start, boat rides on Lake Minsk walks through the parks evening at home or at Aunt Valia's place mark May June - A continuence of May, except. that; we draw closer and closer, and I think very little now of Ella. In the last days of this month I reveal my longing to return to America. My wife is slightly startled. But than encourages me to do what I wish to do.

July - I decided to take my two week vacation and travel to Moscow (without police permission) to the American Embassy to see about getting my U. S. passport back and make arrangements for my wife to enter the U. S. with me.

July 8 - I fly by plane to Minsk on a 11 - 20, 2 hrs 20m later after taking a tearful and anxious parting from my wife I arrive in Moscow departing by bus From the airfield I arrive in the center of the city. Making my way through heavy traffic I don't come in sight of the embassy until 3:00 in the afternoon. Its Saturday what if they are closed? Entering I find the offices empty but manage to contact Snyder on the phone (since all embassy personal live in the same building) he comes down to greet me shake my hand after interview he advises me to come in first thing mon.

(see - July 8 - 13.)

July 8. Interview July-9 receive passport; call Marina to Moscow also.

July 14. I and Marina return to Minsk.

July 15. Marina at work, is shocked to find out that everyone knows she entered the U. S. embassy. They were called at her place of work from some officials in Moscow. The bosses hold a meeting and give her a strong browbeating. The first of many indoctrinations.

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July 15 Aug 20. we have found out which blanks and certifikates are necessceary ~~for~~ to apply - for a exit visa they number about 20 papers; Birth certificates affidavite photos ect. On Aug 20th we give the papers out they say it will be 3½ months before we know wheather they'll let us go or not. in the meantime Marina has had to stade 4 different meeting at the place of work held by her Boss's at the direction of "someone" by phone. The young comm. leauge headquthers also called about her and she had to go see them for 1½ hrs. The purpose (expressed) is to disaude her from going to the U.S.A., Not effect: Make her more stubborn about wanting to go Marina is pregnet, we only hope that the visas come through soon.

Aug 21-Sept 1 - I make expected trips to the passport & visa office also to ministry of for. affairs in Minsk, also Min. of Interl affairs, all of which have a say in the granting of a visa. I extracked promises of quick attention to US.

Sept-Oct 18. No word from Min. (They'll call us.)

Marina leaves Minsk by train on vaction to the city of Khkov in the Urals to vist an aunt for 4 weeks. During this time I am lonely but I and Erich go to the dances and public places for enitanment. I havent done this in quite a few months now.

I spend my birthday alone at the opera watching my favoriot "Queen of Spades." I am 22 years old.

Nov-2 Marina arrives back, radiant, with several jars of preserses for me from her her aunt in Khkov.

Nov-Dec. Now we are becoming aniod about the delay Marina is beginning to waiver about going to the US. Probably from the strain and her boing pregrate, still we quarrel and so things are not to bright esp. with the approach of the hard Russian winter.

Dec 25th Xmas Day Tues. Marina is called to the passport & visa office. She is told we have been granted Soviet exit visa's. She fills out the completing blank and then comes home with the news. Its great (I think!)

New Years, we spend at the Zoger's at a dinner party at midnight. attended by 6 other persons.

Jan. 4. I am called to the passport office since my Residenceal passport expires today, since I now have a US. passport in my possition I am given a totly new resid. pass. called, "Pass for Forin," and since they have given US perrmission to leave, and know we shall, good to July 5, 1962.

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Feb. 15. Days of cold Russian winter. But we feel fine.

Marina is supposed to have baby on March 1st.

Feb 15 - Dawn. Marina wakes me. Its her time. At 9:00 we arrive at the hospital I leave her in care of nurses and leave to go to work. 10:00 Marina has a baby girl. when I vist the hospital at 500 after work, I am given news.

We both wanted a boy. Marina feels well, baby girl, O.K.

Feb. 23 Maria leaves hospital I see June for first time.

Feb. 28 I go to registra (as prespibed by law) the baby.

I want her name to be June Marina Oswald. But those Beaurecrats say her middle name must be the same as my first. A Russian custom support by

a law. I refuse to have her name written as "June Lee."

They promise to call the city ministry (city hall) and find out in this case since I do have an U.S. passport.

Feb. 29. I am told that nobody knows what to do exactly, but everyone agrees "Go ahead and do it, " Po-Russki." Name: June Lee.

March. The last commiques are exchanged between myself and Embassy. letters are always arriving from my mother and brother in the U.S. I have still not told Erich who is my oldest existing aquaitance, that we are going to the State, he's o.k. but I'm afraid he is too good a young communist leage member so I'll wait till last min.

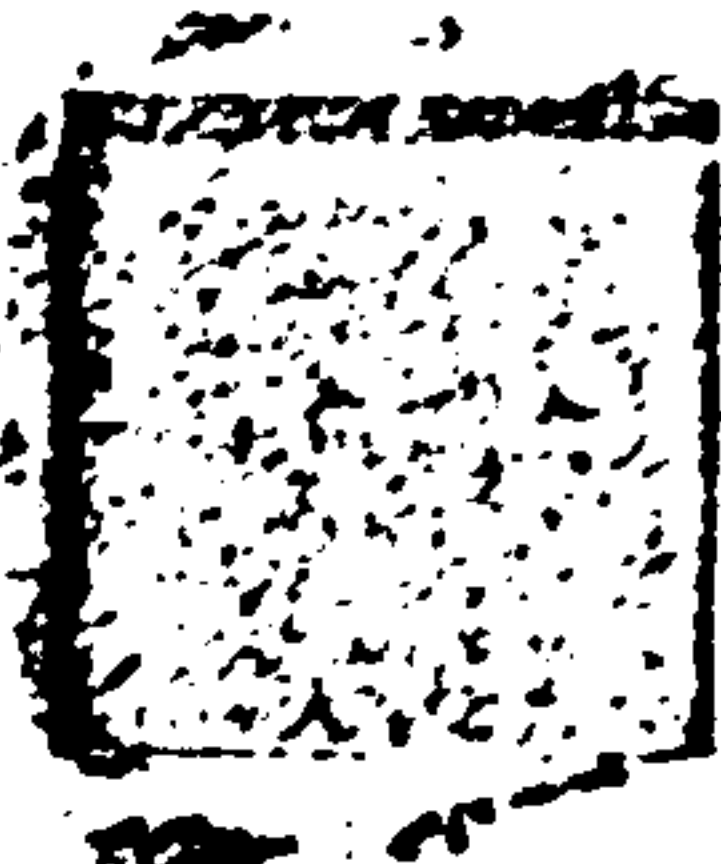
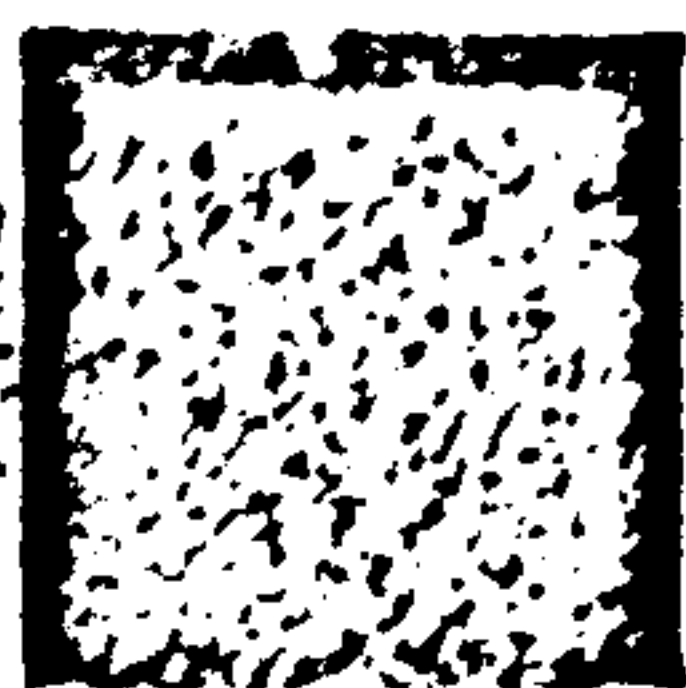
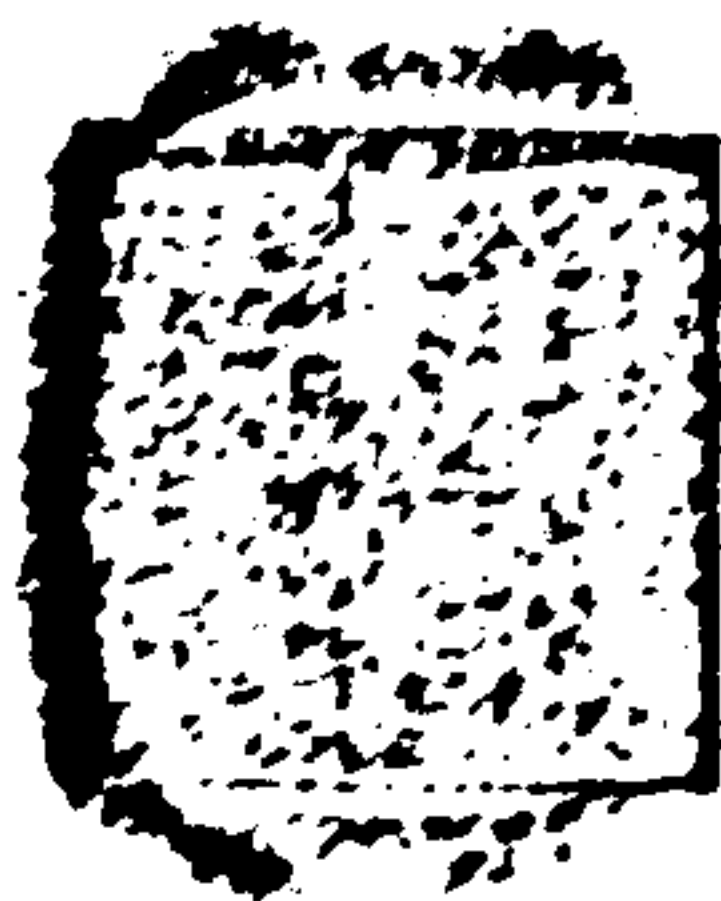
March 24 - Marina quits her job in the formal fashion.

March 26 - I recive a letter from Immigration & Natur. service at San Antonio, Texas, that Marina has had her visa petition to the U.S. (Approved!!) The last document. Now we only have to wait for the U.S. Embassey to recive their copy of the approval so they can officially give the go ahead.

March 27 I recive a letter from a Mr. Philles (a employ. of my mother, pleging to support my wife in case of need.

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I have often wondered why it is that the communist, anarchist capitalist and even the fascist and anarchist elements in America, always profess patriotism toward the land and the people, if not the government; although their ideals movements must surely lead to the bitter destruction of all and everything.

I am quite sure these people must hate not only the government but even the people culture, traditions, heritage and very people itself, and yet they stand up and piously pronounce themselves patriots, displaying their war medals, that they gained in conflicts long past between themselves.

I wonder what would happen if somebody was to stand up and say he was utterly opposed not only to the governments, but to the people, too the entire land and complete foundations of his socially.

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I have heard and read of the resurgent Americanism in the U.S., not the ultra-right type, but rather the polite, seemingly pointless Americanism expressed by such as the "American fore group" and the freedom foundation.

and yet even in these vieled, formless, patriotic gestures, their is the obvious "axe being ground" by the business with invested intrests of the sponsores of there expensive undertaking.

To where can we I there turn? to factional mutants of both systems, to odd-ball flanaganist Hegelian idealists out of touch with reality religious groups, to revisinist or too abserd anarchism. No!

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too a person knowing both systems and their factional accessories, there can be no mediation between the systems and that as they exist to-day and that person.

He must be opposed to their basic foundations and representatives

and yet it is immature to take the sort of attitude which says "a curse on both your houses!"

there are two great representatives of power in the world, simply expressed, the left and right, and their offspring factions and concerns.

any practical attempt at one alternative must have as its nucleus the traditional ideological best of both systems, and yet be utterly opposed to both systems.

for not system can be entirely new, that is where most revolutions go astray industrial or political, go astray. and yet the new system must be opposed unequivocally to the old that also is where revolutions go astray

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but stand fastly opposed to the revival of forces who have led millions of people to death and destruction and in a dozen wars and have now at this moment led the world into unsurpassed danger.

We have lived into a dark generation of tension and fear.

But how many of you have tried to find out the truth behind the cold-war clichés!!

I live as man I, have lived under both systems, I have sought the answers and although it would be very easy to dupe myself into believing one system is better than the other, I know they are not.

I despise the representatives of both systems whether they be socialist or christian democrats. whether they be labor or conservative they are all products of the two systems,

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automation for instant.
Automation may be compared to the
run away robot who displays so many
falicites that it is obvious it is
run away. rather it is the much
more sutle aspects of Industrialization
and mechnicization which brings the
greatest hardships upon the people
a general decay of class'es into shapless
sociaties without real cultural foundations,
regementation, not so much of people
since industrialization actively provides
for more free movement of class'es
around each other, but rather of ideals
although those regemented ideals have
more freedom of expression throughout
all the class'es.

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The biggest and decided key fault development of the our era is of course the fight for markets between the imperialist powers themselves, which lead to the wars, crises and oppressive friction which you have all come to regard as part of your lives.

and it is this the prominent factor of the capitalist system which will undoubtedly eventually lead to the common destruction of all the imperialistic powers not so already many fascist lesser imperialist countries have become dependent upon other factors than domination of colonialist force colonies through force, they have been devastated of their former colonies by the three great imperialist forces countries or in some cases even given up their colonies themselves as unprofitable and other many cases the oppressed peoples rose up and physically through the colonist out and this process is continuing even today as we all can see. but what is important to remember

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Is that the old system of capitalism even within itself is revising and what is most evident, forming imperialist economic collations, such as the common market.

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In the communist experamint serveal factions and unavoidable developments have emerge which Marx and Engles could not possibly have foreseen their emerges with increasing clarity two monumentle mistakes which Marx and Engles made, not to mention the very key stone of Marx's economic theory "the doctrine of surplus value manufae which has always been unshakey and controversial.

The first mistake is fairly well known even at this stage in the communist development the "withering away of the state" as it was called that is centralized however Marx envisualized that the aboliation of class'es would lead to the gruaual reduction of state apparous. however this is not the case and is better observed than contemplated. the state rather becomes more extensitve in that while the powers of central ministrys or delagated they are not reduceded in the dividving of a organ of state power into smaller units at lower levels so althugh the ^{some} ministrs ef have actually disappered in Moscow they have become more entrenced than ever at lower levels thus

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in dividing power you multiply units
and in everyday life you become
more and more depend on these organs
of state power. ~~then ever more than~~ ^{wherever}
~~ever before~~ ^{you turn} you meet them and they
touch the lives of the people more
and more, and a new beauracracy,
rather than a withering away of the
state. In Russia in the last two
years their has been a shift of
power from the capital of Moscow to
the so-called "Republics" but state
apparist, simply grows into a greater
maze throughout these republics, thus
in minsk the capital of belorussia,
the ministry of Interia became responsible
in 1960 for determining the eligibility of aplicants
for hard to get exit visas too
leave the USSR formaly the official
progrative of Moscow alone but now that
this state ministry in Moscow has "withered
away" it becomes all the more difficile to
get an exit visa since now one has to
go to the area, city and republican state

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capital committees of bureaucrats and on top of all that a last final O.K. has to come from increadibly the Moscow ministry of foreign affairs!! the withering away of the state as Marx envisualized was a unforeseeable mistake pointed out by many critizes of Marx.

The second mistake Engles and Marx made was is much more obscure but fundelmen tally just as important.

In the late 1800's Engles wrote Vanti Dühring which rightly critized Eugen Dühring's, a german idealist who was supposably not consistent enough in his materialism for the dialectical materilist Marx. In his critical anylis of Dühring Engles said with much heavy sarcism that Dühring only changed a word in his putting forward of his social revolutionary ideas that a changed word "was the word community from the word state whereas Dühring wanted Social Democracy at a local or

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Dear Mother

Well, we-

community level, Marx and Engles
advocated a centralized state which
would later "withor away."

But in this Marx and Engles was
mistaken again.

as history has shown time again the
state remains and grows whereas true
democracy can be practiced only at
the local level, while the state centralized
state, admistrative, political or supervisual
remains their can be no real democracy
{ a loose confederation of communitys at
a national level with out any centralized
state what so ever.

in equal division, with safe guards
against coilation of communities there
can be democracy, not in the centralized
state delagating authority but in numeross
equal, progressive states
demeeratuely the communities practicing and
developing democracy at the local level.

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there have already been a few organizations who have declared that they shall become effective only after conflict between the two world systems leaves the world country without defense or foundation of government, organizations such as the minute men for instance, however they intend are preparing to simply defend the present system and reinstate its influence after the mutual defeat of both systems relatively which is more or less taken for granted.

These armed groups will represent the remaining hard core of fanatical american capitalist supporters.

There will undoubtedly be similar representation of this kind by community groups in communist countries.

there will also be many decided religious segments of putting forward

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their own alternatives and through larger memberships than the minute men ect.

however there will also be anarchist pacifist and quit probably fascist group splinter groups however all these unlike the minute men and communist partisan groups, will be unarmed.

The mass of survivors he will probably however will, not belong too any of these groups, they will not be fanatical enough to join extremist, and will be too disillusioned too support either the communist or capitalist parties in their respective countries. after the atomic catastrophe they shall seek an alternative to those systems which have brought them misery.

But their thinking and education

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will be steeped in the traditions of those systems they would never except a "new order" complete beyond their understanding, any more than they would except the etc deem it necessary to oppose the old systems but support at the same time that their cherished traditions.

I intend to put forward just such an alternative

~~In the United States it would mean~~
In making such a declaration I must say that in order to make this alternative effective, supporters must prepare now for the in the event the situation presents itself for the practical application of this alternative

in this way the ~~minute~~ ^{materialist} men and their narrow support of capitalism have been most far-sighted, however they present only a suicide force whereas ~~in my alternative we would consist of~~ what is needed is a constructive and practical group of persons desiring peace

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When I first went to Russia in the winter of 1959 my funds were very limited, so after a certain time, after the Russians had assured themselves that I was really the naive American who believed in communism, they arranged for me to receive a certain amount of money every month. Ok it came technically through the Red-Cross as financial help to a Russian political immigrant but it was arranged by the M. V. D.. I told myself it was simply because I was broke and everybody knew it. I accepted the money because I was hungry and there was several inches of snow on the ground in Moscow at that time but what it really was was payment for my denunciation of the U. S. in Moscow in Oct November 1956 and a clear promise that for as long as I lived in the USSR life would be very good. I didn't realize all this, of course for almost two years.

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As soon as I became completely disgusted with the USSR, Soviet Union and started negotiations with the U.S. Embassy in Moscow for my return to the U.S. my "Red Cross" allotment was cut off.

this was not difficult to understand since all correspondence in and out of the Embassy is censored as is common knowledge in the Embassy itself.

I have never mentioned the fact of these monthly payments to anyone.

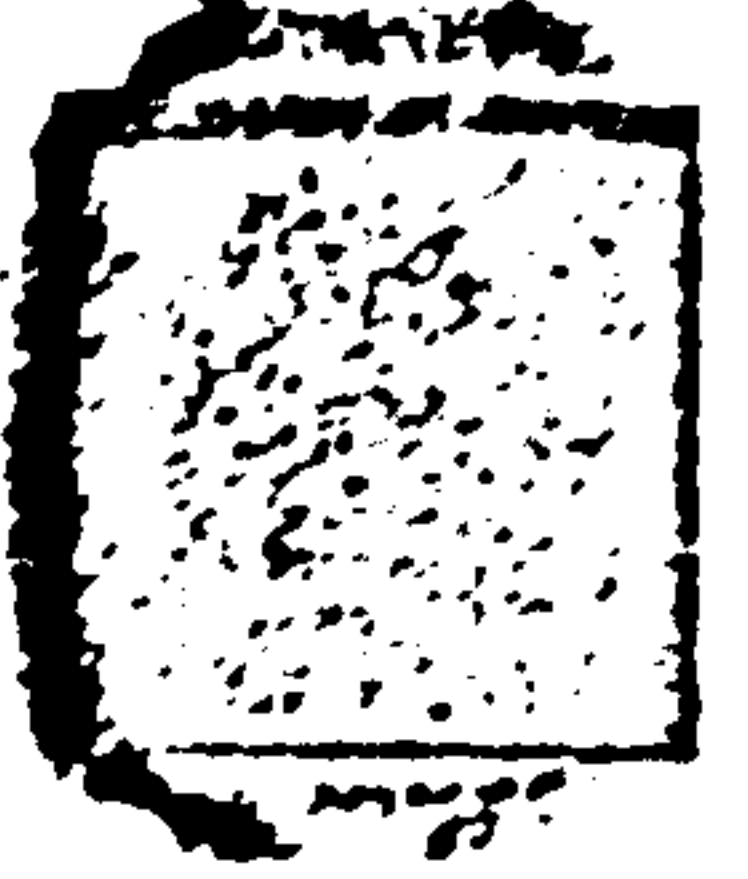
I do so in order to state that I shall never sell myself intentionally, or unintentionally again to anyone again.

as for the fee of \$ _____ I was supposed to receive for this _____ I refuse it. I made pretense to accept it only because otherwise I would have been considered a crack pot and not allowed to appear to express my views. after all who would refuse money?!?

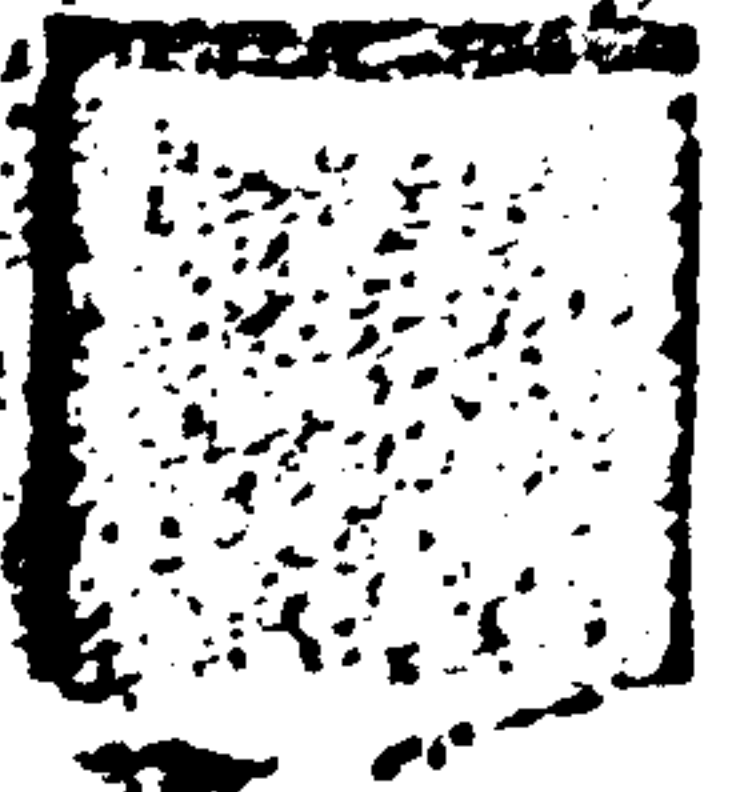
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In the city of Minsk there are 10 factories plants and industrial enterprizes these enterprizes emply over 250,000 people or 55% of 539,000 people the population of this city the fifth ranking in the USSR after Moscow, Leingrad, Keiv and riga. the capitol of the modern State Boleprussia it is an important Industrial and stratically located city.

In the story of the workers of this great city lies the key to understanding the charlctes of the russian people the understanding of the aims and the hopes of the biggest country in the world in land mass and the secound greatest Industrial power I shall not in the course of this book refer to the argrical and service class'es.

In the course of recontruction at the end of the 2nd WW under the reign of Stalin all major resources were turned to the rebuilding of the Soviet State, All sakrifices were made, including the sligting of the light consumer Industry, to rebuild the heavy industry, the Steel mills and machine tool plants. the parts and locomotive works. This book is an attempt at presenting a picture of the people who work in the modern russian working class.

Reference which I shall make and figures are taken from the Book "USSR Statices 1960 put out by the central ministry of books and printing, Moscow," and figure taken from the text of the 22nd congress of the KPSU. which will form the still unpublished basis for the "USSR Statices for 1962" book to be published in Moscow in early 1962.

This book is not, however, one enconomic anayils of the Soviet Union. It is a book into the lives of work-a-day average Russians.

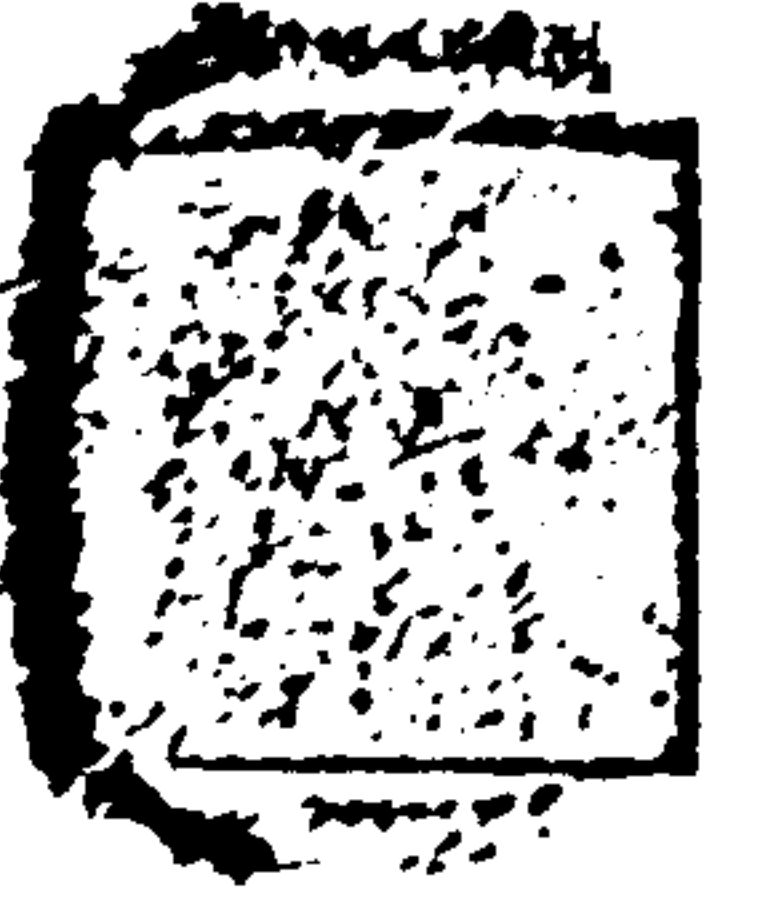
About the Author.

Lee Harvey Oswald was born in Oct 1939 in New Orleans, La. the son of a peew Insuraens Salesman whose early death left a -----mean streak of indepenence brought on by negleck. entering the US Marine corps at 17 this streak of independence was strenghted by exotic journeys to Japan the Philipines and the score's of odd Islands in the Pacific immianly after serving out his 3 years in the USMC he abanded his family american life to seek a new life in the USSR. full of optemism and hope he stood in red square in the fall of 1959 vowing to see his chosen course through, after however, two years and alot of growing up I decided to return to the USA. this book is not a story about himself. He is only the narrator. relying-on-what-he-saw-and-heard-and-found-out. He dose think, however, that no too many people, at least americans, have had the oppitunity to look into a often increible and sometimes terrifying world, but a world whose outward apperance is very like our own, is-not-quiet-so-gray.

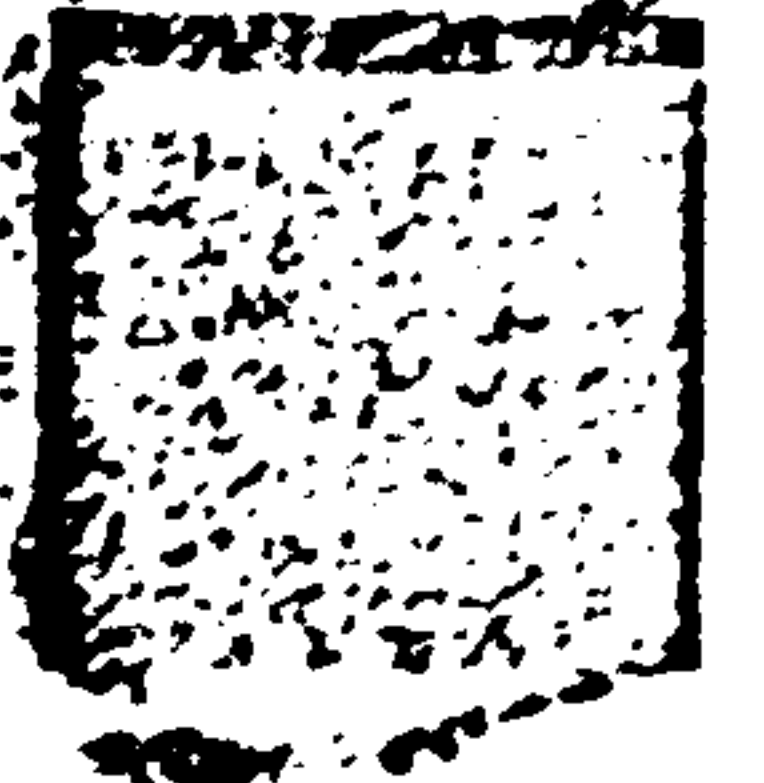
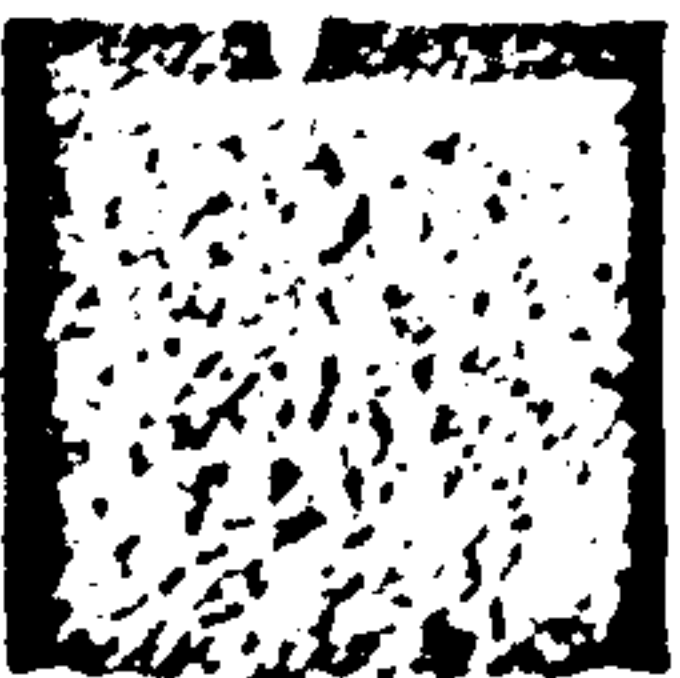
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'The Communist Party of the United States has betrayed itself!

it has turned itself into the traditional lever of a foreign power to overthrow the Government of the United States, not in the name of freedom or high ideals, but in servile conformity to the wishes of the Soviet Union and in anticipation of Soviet Russia's complete domination of the American continent.

The Forster's and the Flynn's of the subsidized Communist Party of the United States have shown themselves to be willing, gullible messengers of the Kremlins Internationalist propaganda.

There can be no international solidarity with the arch-betrayers of that most sublime ideal.

There can be no sympathy for those who have turned the idea of communism into a villainous curse to western man.

The Soviets have committed crimes unsurpassed even by their early day capitalist counterparts, the imprisonment of their own peoples, with the mass extermination so typical of Stalin, and

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the individual surpresstion and regimentation under Krushchev.

The deportations, the purposefull curtailment of diet in the consumer slighted population of Russia, the murder of history, the prositution of art and culture.

The communist movement in the U.S., personalized by the, Communist Party U.S.A., has turned itself into a "valuble gold coin" of the Kremlin. it has failed to denouce any actions of the Soviet Goverment when similar actions on the part of the U. S. Goverment bring pious protest. Examples:

Denounced:

United States
Atom Bomb Test
Cuba
N.A.T.O. Manuvers
U-2
Congo
Negro lynching

Not Denounced:

Russian
Atom Bomb Test
Hungary
Warsaw Pact Manuvers
Sobel
Eastern Germany
Genocide

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Only by declaring itself to be, not only not dependent upon, but opposed to, Soviet domination and influence, can dormant and disillusioned person's hope to unite to free the radical movement from its' inertia.

Through the refusal of the Communist Party U.S.A. to give a clear cut condemnation of Soviet piratical acts, progressives have been weakened into a stale class of fifth columnist of the Russians.

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words

In order to free the hesitating and justifiably uncertain, future activist for the work ahead we must remove that obstacle which has so efficiently retarded him, namely the devotion of Communist Party U.S.A., to the Soviet Union, Soviet Government, and Soviet Communist International Movement.

It is ~~fairly~~ foreseable that a coming economic, political or military crisis, internal or external, will bring about the final destruction of the capitalist system, assuming this, we can see how preparation in a special party could safeguard an independent course of action after the debacle, an American course

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steadfastly opposed to intervention by outside,
relatively stable foreign powers, no matter
from where they come, not in particular,
and if necessary, violently opposed to
Soviet intervention.

No party of this-type can
attract into its ranks more than a
nominal number of fundamental radicals.

It is not the nature of such an organization
to attract such a membership, as lets say,
the Republicans or even the Socialist
Party, but it is possible to enlist the
aid of ^{discouraged} ~~disatisfied~~ members of the Socialist
Party and even some from more "respected,"
(from a capitalist viewpoint), parties.

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But whereas our political enemies
talk loudly now, they have no concept of
what total crisis means.

The ^{fact} ~~off~~ ^{ion} which has the greater basis
in spirit, and the most far-sighted and
ready ^{membership} ~~faction~~ of the radical futurist, will
be the decisive factor.

We have no interest in violently
opposing the U. S. Government, why should we
manifest opposition when there are

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far greater forces at work, to bring-about
the fall of the United States Government, than
we could ever possibly muster.

We do not have any interest in directly
assuming the head of Government in the event
of such an all-finishing crisis. As dissentent
Americans we are merely interested in
opposing foreign intervention which is
a readily foreseeable conclusion if
one believes in the theory of crisis.

The emplacement of a separate, democratic,
pure communist society is our goal, but
one with union-communes, democratic
socializing of production and without
regard to the twisting apart of ~~Marxist~~^{property}
communism by other powers.

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The right of private personal ~~property~~^{property},
religious tolerance and freedom of travel
(which have all been violated under Russian
"communist" rule) must be strictly observed.

Resoluteness and patient working towards
the aforesaid goal's are preferred rather than
loud and useless manifestation's of protest.
Silent observance of our principles is of
primary importance.

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But these preferred tactics now, may prove to be too limited in the near future, they should not be confused with slowness, indecision or fear, only the intellectually fearless could even be remotely attracted to our doctrine, and yet this doctrine requires the utmost restraint, a state of being in itself majestic in power.

This is stoicism, and yet stoicism has not been effected for many years, and never for such a purpose.

There are organizations already formed in the United States, who have declared they shall become effective only after the military debacle of the United States. Organizations such as the minute men, or the opposite of a stoical organization. But these performers are simply preparing to redefend in their own back yards, a system which they take for granted will be defeated militarily/ ^{elsewhere} a strange thing to hear from "patriots". These armed groups represent hard core American capitalist supporter's. There will also be small armed communist and probably Fascist groups, There will also be anarchist and religious

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Groups at work.

However, the bulk of the population will not adhere to any of these groups, because they will not be inclined to join any of the old factions with which we are all so familiar.

But the people will never except a new order presented by politicians or opportunist.

Logically, they will deem it necessary to oppose those system of Government against whom they have been educated, but they will be for againts anything resembling their latent capitalist masters also.

Steadfastly opposed to the revivel of the old forces they will seek a new fore.

This will be the sentiment of / the mass'es.

But any organization cleverly manipulating word's may sway the mass'es

This is where a safeguard is necessary.

And not only a safeguard, but a safety valve, to shut off opportunist forces from within, and foreign powers from without.

There can be no subsitute for organization and procurement work. Towards the aforestated ideals and goals.

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8. work is the key to the future door, but failure to apply that key because of possible armed opposition in our hypothetical, but very probable crisis, is as useless as trying to use force now to knock down the door.

a-safety-valve-is

Armed Defenses of our ideals must be an accepted doctrine after the crisis, just as now refraining from any demonstrations of force must be our doctrine in the mean time.

No man, having known, having lived, under the Russian Communist and American capitalist system, could possibly make a choice between them, there is no choice, one offers oppresstion the other poverty. Both offer imperilistic injustice, tinted with two brands of slavery.

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But no rational man can take the attitude of "a curse on both your house's". There are two world systems, one twisted beyond recognition by its misuse, the other decadent and dying in its final evolution.

A truly democratic system would combine the better qualities of the two upon an American

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foundation, opposed to both world systems
as they are now.

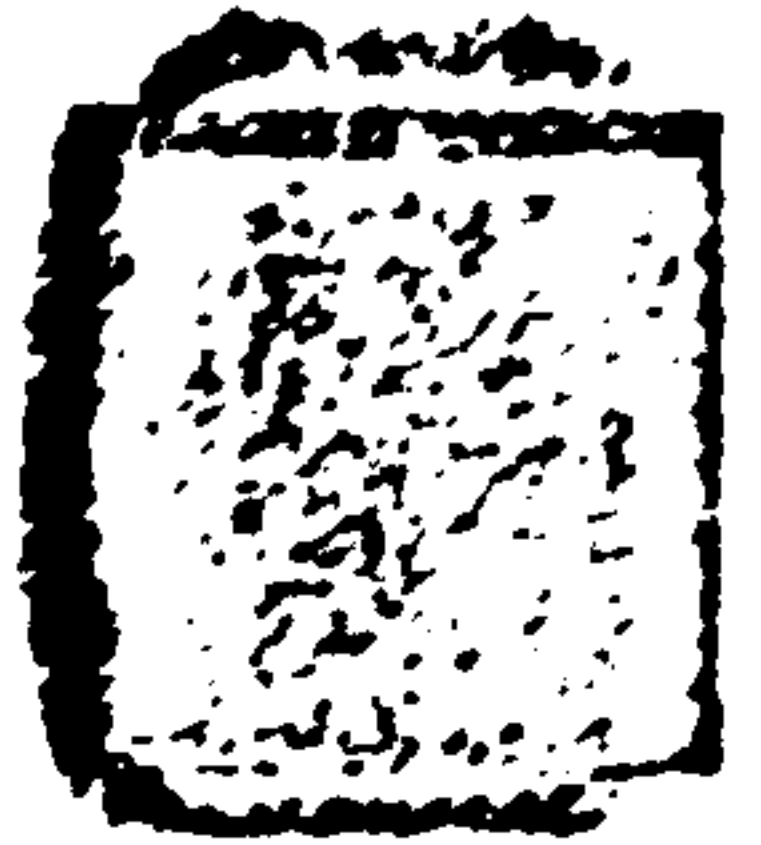
This than is our ideal.

Membership in this organization implies
adherence to the principle of simple
distribution of information about this
movement to others and acceptance of
the idea of stoical readiness in regards
to practical measures once instituted in
the crisis.

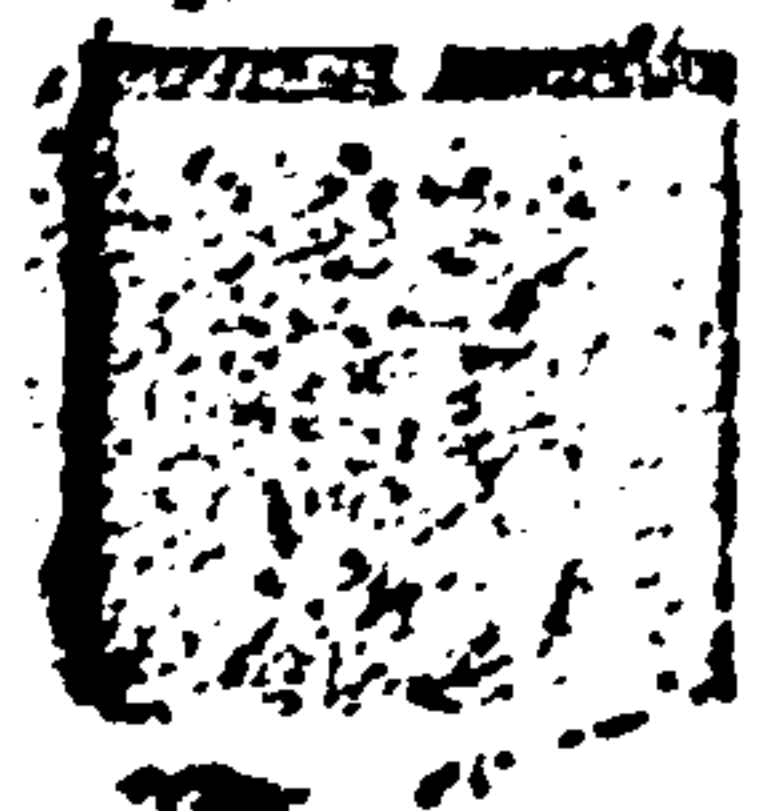
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speech before

1. Americans are apt to scoff at the idea, that a military coup in the US., as so often happens in Latin American countries, could ever replace our government. but that is an idea that has grounds for consideration. Which military organization has the potentialities of executing such action? Is it the army? with its many constripes, its unwieldy size its scores of bases scattered across the world? The case of Gen. Walker shows that the army, at least, is not fertail enough ground for a far right regime to go a very long way. for the same reasons of size and desposition the Navy and air force is also to be more or less disregarded. Which service than, can qwalify to launch a coup in the USA? Small size, a permanent hard core of officers and few baseis is necscary. Only one outfit fits that description and the U. S. M. C. is a right wing infiltrated organization of dire potential consequence's to the freedoms of the U.S. I agree with former President Truman when he said that "The Marine Corps should be abolished."

2. My second reason is that undemocratic, country wide insitution know as segregation. It, is, I think the action of the active segregationist minority and the great body of indiffent people in the South who do the United States more harm in the eyes of the worlds people, than the whole world communist movement. as I look at this audience there is a sea of white facts before me where are the negro's amongst you (are they hiding under the table) surly if we are for democracy, let our fellow negro citizen's into this hall. Make no mistake, ~~I-am~~ segregationist tendencies can be unleared I was born in New Orleans, and I know.

In russia I saw on several occiasions that in international meeting the greatest glory in the sport field was brought to us by negros. Though they take the gold metals from their Russian competitors those negros know that when they return to their own homeland they will have to face blind hatred and discrimonation.

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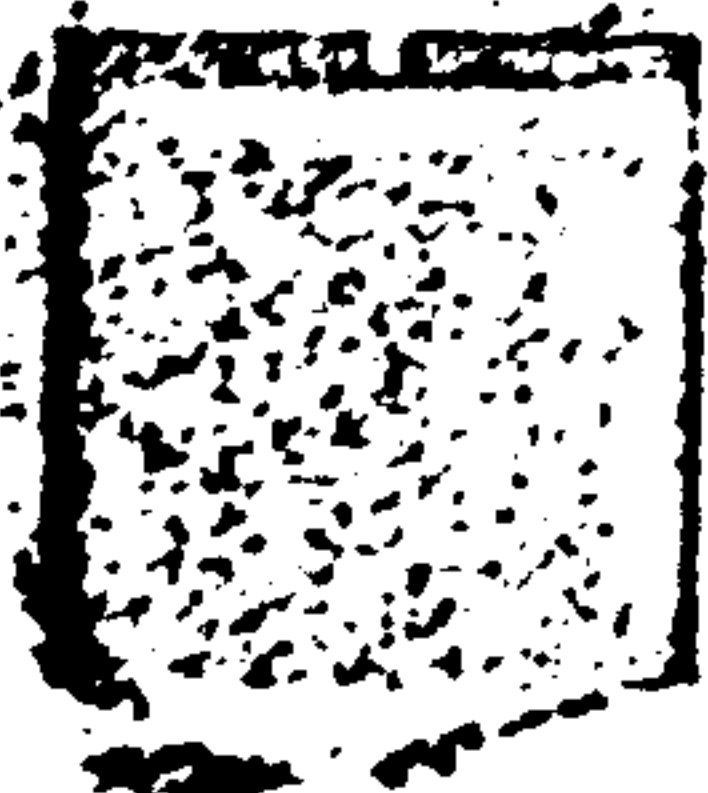
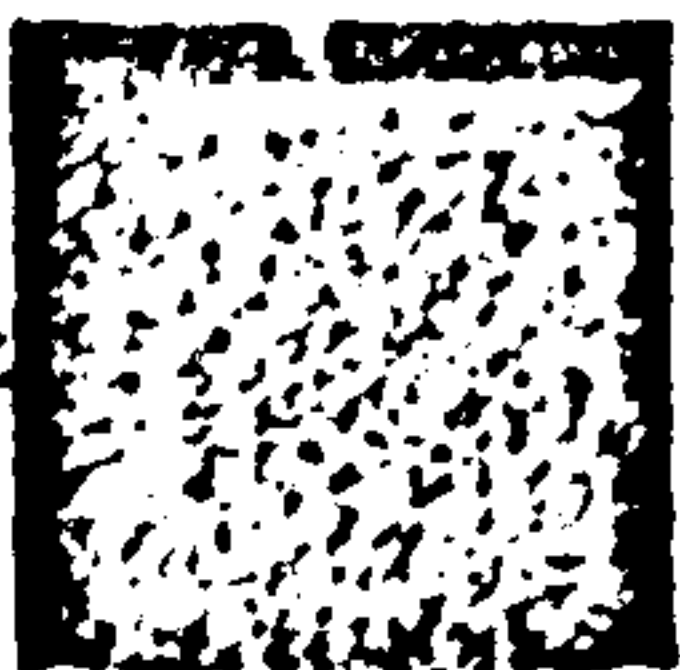
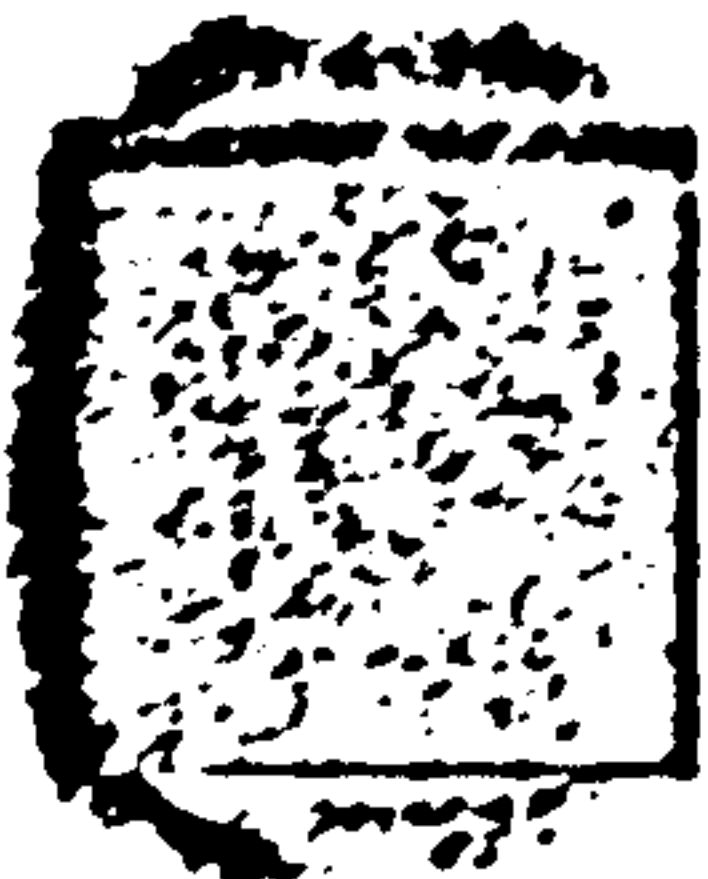
The Soviet Union is made up of scores of naturiclists asians and Eurpr-asian's armenian and Jews whites and dark skinned people's yet they can teach us a lesson in brotherhood among people's with different customs and origids.

3. A symbol of the american way, our liberal concesin is the existance in our mist of a minority group whose influence and membership is very limited and whose dangerous tendencies are sufficeanly controlled by special government agencies. The communist party U. S. A. bears little resemblance to their Russian conterparts, but by allowing them to operate and ever supporting their misguided right to speak, we maintain a tremonusu sign of our strenght and liberalism harasment of their party newspaper, their leaders, and advocates, is treachery to our basic principles of freedom of speach and press. Their views no matter how misguided, no matter how much the Russians take advantage of them, must be allowed to be aired. after all communist U. S. A. have existed for 40 years and they are still a pitiful group of radical.

4. Now-a-days- most of us read enough about certain right wing groups to know enough how to recognize them and guard against their corresive effects. a would like to say a word about them, although their is possibley few other american born person's in the U. S. who know as many personal reasons to know and therefore hate and mistrust communism. I would never become a psuso-professional anit-communist such as herbert Philbriks or Macarthy. I would never jump on any of the many right wing bandwagon's. because our two contries have too much too offer too each other to be tearing at each others truths in an endless cold war. both are conountries have major short comings and advantages. but only in ours is the voice of dissent ~~all-the-ability-of-that-voice-of-dissent~~, allowed opportunity of expression, in returning ----- to ---- the U. S., I hope I have awoken a few who were sleeping, and others who are indifferent.

I have done alot of critizing of our system I hope you will take it in the spirit it was given. in going to Russia I have followed the old priciple "Thou shall seek the truth and the truth shall make you free In returning to the U. S. I have done nothing more or less than select the lesser of two evils.

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A system opposed to the communist.

In that the State or any group of persons may not administer or direct funds or value in circulation, for the creation of means of production.

- A. Any person may own private property of any sort.**
- B. Small business or speculation on the part of a single individual be guaranteed.**
- C. that any person may exchange personal skill or knowledge in the completion of some service, for remuneration.**
- D. that any person may hire or otherwise remunerate any other single person for services rendered, so long as: that service does not create surplus value.**
- E.**

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, A system opposed to the Capitalist in that:

No individual may own the means of production, distribution or creation of goods or any other process wherein workers are employed for wages, or otherwise employed, to create profit or surplus profit or value in use or exchange.

- A. In that all undertaking of production, distribution or manufator or otherwise the creation of goods must be made on a pure, collective basis under the conditions:**
- 1. equall shares of investment be made by members.**
 - 2. equal distrubution of profit after tax, be made to all investors.**
 - 3. that all work or directive or administrative duties connected with the enterprize be done personally by those investors.**
 - 4. That no person not directly working or otherwise directly taking part in the creationial process of any enterprize, have a share of or otherwise recive any part of the resultant profit of it.**
 - 5.**

**Stipend
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