

ing this nation would have to be invented. Thus, we can rest assured that no one will rock the boat too badly, even, and especially, if it is occupied by pirates.

## A Commentator Fights a Reporter

I. F. Stone, who puts out *I. F. Stone's Weekly*, is Washington's most honest reporter. But I. F. Stone, the reporter, is often at odds with I. F. Stone, the commentator, the latter possessing a distinct dislike of the former. The source of the conflict is the fact that the reporter keeps embarrassing the commentator, frequently digging up facts which no one but leftist dissenters want to hear anything about. That's why the commentator about once a year comes up with something spectacular to restore the reporter's good political graces with a few remaining lunch-time friends in various government offices.

Last year, an opportunity was provided by a New York rally of students who had just returned from a trip to Cuba, unauthorized by the State Department. Mr. Stone promised to address the rally, but when next its organizers heard from him it was through the good offices of the daily press to which he sent a cancellation of engagement plus a renunciation of his would-be hosts as "out-of-this-world leftists."

It is obviously time to place this year's sacrificial lamb on Stone's personal altar of an imaginary shred of respectability. The sacrifice-bearer ostentatiously announces the high cost of this choicest of lambs: Let it be known that I pay my gods dearly, that I put at their feet not just anybody, but "my dear and revered friend, Bertrand Russell." And to impress the anti-Russell veterans who might not think too much of this Johnny-come-lately act, the penitent Mr. Stone offers oozing and cloying denunciation of the American left, which, in a new application of the Equal Guilt Doctrine, is equated with HUAC, the Eastland Committee and the late Joe from Wisconsin.

Since Stone who sets a limit on thoughts which may be considered about America, anyone who, unlike himself, does not accept the Warren Commission's Report "as conclusive" need not be debated; that man's lies, charges, thoughts, suspicions, considerations are "dishonorable" and he is himself "either unscrupulous or sick." Indeed, the very Mr. Stone who spends half of his professional life on perfectly legitimate conjecture, speculation and deduction, believes any and all conjecture pertaining to The Assassination to be a virtual crime.

Having duly delivered his sacrifice and having also thrown in a few smaller lambs to boot, it is now time to bow to the priests of the temple. Thus, minus Mr. Stone comes to the defense of Senator Russell of Georgia and Congressman Boggs of Louisiana as "highly respected" men, whose racist views have nothing "to do with their probity." Of the other members of the Warren Commission, John J. McCloy is purified through the reliable process of having been Stone's acquaintance, and Allen W. Dulles emerges as a man so remote from the faintest suggestion of intrigue that it is inconceivable

that he would ever conspire against anyone and anything, particularly "with the secret service." The crescendo of his hymn is reached when Mr. Stone laughs off any suggestion that such organizations as the FBI, the CIA and the Secret Service would ever conspire to keep something secret. (Does Congress pay them for much else?)

Like many sacrificial rituals, Mr. Stone's too has certain unmentionables. Therefore, his quotes from Lord Russell's "16 Questions on the Assassination" (Sept. TMO) are orphaned as far as source is concerned. Which is understandable, if one considers that Mr. Stone's October 5th newsletter was his annual petition for political acceptability.

No doubt, about one year from now commentator Stone will again try to exculpate reporter Stone by carrying another sacrifice to the gates of Washington's official residences. It is all because commentator Stone is terribly afraid of reporter Stone; he is also very inferior to him in intelligence, integrity and perspicacity.

## For Survival and Expansion

A publication cannot stand still; no matter how high the rate of its subscription renewals, a promotional effort must constantly be launched in order to replace the non-renewals. This publication has reached a stage whereby its continuance depends on the enrollment of a significant number of additional subscribers. Accordingly, we have set before ourselves the goal of enrolling 25,000 additional subscribers within the next few months.

To make this possible an expenditure of \$100,000 is called for. The promotional program can be launched, however, with a fraction of the total cost, since increased revenue from its initial stages will hopefully finance the more advanced ones. We have appealed to our readers for \$35,000 to cover our present deficit of close to \$14,000 and to get the promotional drive under way. As of October 1st, we have received \$5,842.00.

We shall venture the immodesty of saying that in the five years of its existence, *The Minority of One* has grown in stature and that by now it is viewed as an important voice for peace and justice by significant segments of the American and international intellectual community. If this voice is to endure, and if it is also to influence general public opinion, a concentrated effort must be made to introduce it to ever more people. The responsibility for the achievement of this goal must be shared by all those who consider it worthwhile. The generous help of each of them is required both in enrolling subscribers from among their acquaintances and in providing the funds on which the success of our Drive for Survival and Expansion depends.

We make this appeal from the pages of the issue which completes our fifth year of publication; and we hope that by the time our specially enlarged anniversary issue of December, 1964 goes to press, the growing response from our readers will have brought us much closer to reaching the goal of this Drive for Survival and Expansion.

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