

After you hold your beliefs, please set them for my file on one of the few copies of a actually libelous and unbecomingly interpreted. It is far to the right of reason, write for the other publication and send them to believe what he says!

is traditionally defined in terms of God-to-man and man-to-man relationships. But it is time that we rediscover a third area of religious significance, that of man-to-environment. Oriental religions teach the affinity of man to nature, and Christianity did, too, up to the Renaissance. In this area lies a rich spiritual encounter and probably the only way out of the mess into which our unbridled use of technology has gotten us.

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Integration at Work

Dear Sirs:

I would like to take mild exception to one statement in Haynes Johnson's outstanding article in the December issue on trends in today's racial scene.

He wrote that when black children from the ghetto are put into schools with upper income white children, "the whites invariably outstrip the blacks academically. . . ."

He should have said "black children from poor ghetto families," which I think is what he meant. But there are many of the black children in ghetto schools whose families are part of the "growth of a substantial black middle class" that Johnson finds so encouraging. Their families, seeking to escape the ghetto, often move into good white neighborhoods. When they do, white parents, fearing that the schools will lower their standards to accommodate black children whose lower academic ability is indeed considered "invariable" by most whites, flee the schools and often the neighborhood. And, as a result, "integration" becomes "transition."

Recently *The Los Angeles Times*, in some astonishment, ran a banner headline proclaiming "BLACK SCHOOL HIGHEST IN IQ." In district-wide testing, a ninety per cent black elementary school in the integrated middle-class Crenshaw area had topped the list in IQ for all the vast and predominantly white Los Angeles school system. The neighborhood the school serves is more than fifty per cent white, yet white parents were sending their children elsewhere, all unaware they were running from the smartest children in town.

The white families with children still in this school, and the white families who are and will be moving in, come mostly from the young generation free of old racial stereotypes, who also encourage Haynes Johnson.

I just want to underscore the hope he finds in these two groups. They are getting together in the integrated neighbor-

hoods, and in school their children are doing great.

JEAN GREGG MILGRAM
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Garbles in Brandon

Dear Sirs:

In my piece on Indians in the January issue of *The Progressive*, the meaning of a remark that reconstruction of Indian education might offer "a vestibule to reconstruction of education even in our mainstream world" was lost due to a garble in printing that left it reading "a vestibule to reconstruction of Indian education even in our mainstream world."

Also, my statement, "It is not separation from the BIA that most Indian communities most want but some control over it. . . ." suffered an editorial change into ". . . some control over their destiny under the umbrella of the BIA. . . ." which is something else.

WILLIAM BRANDON
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Potomacus 'Chauvinistic'

Dear Sirs:

I am a new subscriber to your magazine, and I commend you for having the slogan that the truth will make you free. Therefore I am shocked at Potomacus' column, "The Word from Washington," in the December issue. Specifically I refer to his remarks regarding the testimony of Major Luis Maldonado Trinidad before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

I did not know that Potomacus was a racist, and surely you would not employ a racist, would you?

I ask this question because Potomacus made fun of Major Trinidad. A reading of his testimony will show that Mr. Trinidad speaks English with some difficulty and mispronounces certain words and gives a Spanish inflection and pronunciation to other terms and names. The quotation that Potomacus cites from Mr. Trinidad is from the transcript, it is true. But Potomacus gives the impression that Mr. Trinidad wrote a report on the history of Communism and that he presented the report to the Internal Security Subcommittee.

I have a copy of the report Potomacus quotes, so let me set the record straight on his racist attitude towards Major Trinidad. The report is the transcript of three persons testifying to the Subcommittee

about violence in Puerto Rico. Major Trinidad is one of these persons. He prepared a series of notes to aid him in his testimony and read from them to answer certain questions. Major Trinidad's occasionally hesitant English and pronunciation accounted for the grammatical errors and the erroneous spelling (in English, that is) of the names of Marx and Engels.

I see nothing wrong with calling Engels "Federico." The Foreign Languages Publishing House in Moscow is issuing the works of Marx and Engels in dozens of languages, including Spanish. Would you like to know how the names of the authors are given in the Spanish translations? Carlos Marx and Federico Engels.

Potomacus admits he has not read the other eighteen parts of the series. I contend that he has not even read Part 19—or he would have known what Major Trinidad was doing, instead of making his chauvinistic attack.

Are the nineteen parts together "full of chuckles"? Only in Potomacus' warped mind. I guess he's the kind of person who holds his belly with laughter at reading about Communist sabotage activities, Communist brutalities against prisoners, Communist infiltration of Latin America, and Communist use of native American dupes via front organizations such as the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

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Reply from Potomacus

Dear Sirs:

We suggested, in the December "Word from Washington," that the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee's series on the "Communist threat" in the Caribbean "might make an excellent Christmas gift for the man who has everything." Mr. Durkin obviously is that man. Among the things he has is an acute susceptibility to the conspiratorial Cold War claptrap that is the Subcommittee's standard stock in trade.

He also has some difficulty reading. In the brief item that prompted Mr. Durkin to unmask us as racists and chauvinists, we quoted these two paragraphs from a paper prepared by the Subcommittee's witness, Major Luis Maldonado Trinidad:

"Federico Engels and Carl Mark, two young Germans (Jewish) persecuted by the German, French, and English authorities, due to their idea, conceived the idea of creating according to them, a corrupted society. This corruption being caused mainly by their capitalist countrymen. They be-

gan to fight for the resolution of the working class.

"As we have seen, marxism laid the stones to build the communist party. Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin, the three of them Russian, applied it to the social, religious, economical, political and familiar life, with the organization of the Soviet Republic in Russia. This culminated in the actual Government of the political-military dictatorship, directed by a small group of men who have authority of life and death over millions and millions of slaved people."

Our purpose—and we thought we made it plain—was to illustrate the kind of simplistic rubbish that passes for "expert testimony" in the Subcommittee's interminable hearings. Like Mr. Durkin, we see nothing wrong with calling Engels "Federico," though we must confess that "Carl Mark" gave us pause.

To be blunt about it, Major Maldonado seems to have trouble with names; he referred elsewhere in his testimony to one "Vito Marcantorrios," whom we have identified, after much sleuthing, as the late New York Congressman, Vito Marcantonio. We can't help but wonder how many Puerto Ricans have innocently run afoul of Major Maldonado's Criminal In-

vestigation Corps because he permitted himself a slight slip of the tongue or pen.

Why, incidentally, does Mr. Durkin repeatedly refer to Major Maldonado as "Mr. Trinidad"? As an authority on Spanish nomenclature, he surely knows better, and as a close reader of the Subcommittee's transcript he must have seen that the witness was repeatedly—and correctly—referred to as Major Maldonado. Could this be racism or chauvinism on Mr. Durkin's part? We sincerely hope not.

Mr. Durkin hit home with his reproach to us for reading only Part 19 of the Subcommittee's hearings. We have since remedied the oversight by browsing through the other eighteen parts, and there were times—ah, there, Mr. Durkin—when we held our belly with laughter. It just goes to show, we suppose, how warped our mind is.

POTOMACUS
Washington, D.C.

Justice for Alcindor

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for Peter Collier's fine article on Lew Alcindor in the December issue. In keeping with most other *Progressive* articles, it ranks as a public service, doing rare justice to a man not generally appreciated off the basketball court.

DAVE MCLALLEN
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Indians on The Rock

Dear Sirs:

I spent Christmas day with the native Americans on Alcatraz. A friend and I went over with a cargo of propane gas. The Indians are in need of butane and propane gas for their cooking in that grim place. The Indians are feeding close to two hundred people there three times a day.

I have begun a Butane Gas Fund for the Indians of Alcatraz. A \$200 check has been given me to start off the fund. I would like to ask readers of *The Progressive* to send checks to my office address below. Receipts will be sent promptly. These contributions are tax deductible, since the Indian Center here is sponsoring the legal occupation by Indians of Alcatraz.

The good humor, the dignity, and the energy of these Indians on The Rock are deeply moving. The deprivations might seem to us overwhelming, but several of

these men and women said that conditions are better there "than on the reservation." Although this was said with gentleness, I cannot think of any more damning words that might have been spoken to white-skinned Americans.

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Royko on the Moon

Dear Sirs:

I need not introduce Mike Royko to many *Progressive* readers who have known and loved him for years. To those unfortunate subscribers who do not know Royko, I would simply say that he is the greatest Chicago journalist of the era, a modern Upton Sinclair out to battle the forces of evil and advance the good of humanity.

When man first walked on the moon (vicariously via the crew of Apollo 11), Mike Royko devoted his *Chicago Daily News* column to other walks that need walking, walks here on the soil of earth that we have far too long neglected to take. It was an excellent article, one which should be widely read and pondered.

I have reprints of that column which I will gladly send free to any reader of *The Progressive* who will send a stamped envelope.

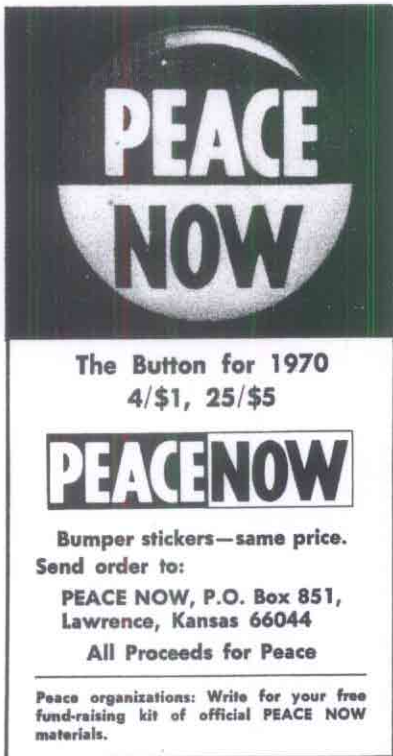
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Gerald Smith's Subsidies

Dear Sirs:

It is common knowledge that fascist movements in the United States have some financial "angels" as did the Hitler movement in Germany. What is *not* well known is that a primary American fascist movement is being subsidized directly and indirectly by taxpayers' money. This is the movement led by Gerald L. K. Smith, preaching hatred against Jews and blacks.

A Federal grant of \$182,000 was quietly authorized by the Department of Commerce, matched by county funds for another \$45,500 in Carroll County, Arkansas. The money is for new roads to Smith-organized projects: a Christ of the Ozarks statue and a "Passion Play" of the type that stimulated anti-Semitic outbreaks in



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