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Dear Mr. Kominsky,

Thanks for the interesting literature on your book. I had heard favorably of it from someone in California. Unfortunately, our finances and debts are such that I simply can't buy any book. That is on a subject to which I have been close going back to the 30s. I have never lost my interest in those extremists. But right now there is nothing I can do about it. I am into too much for one man as it is.

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Your letter was dated June 26. It was postmarked that day. It reached me today.

Good luck,

Harold Weisberg

Morris Kominsky
400 East Franklin St.
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June 26, 1971

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Indirectly, I have heard that you have just written and published another book, entitled Frame Up.

Please advise at your earliest convenience what it deals with, and the price.

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Faithfully yours,

Morris Kominsky

Morris Kominsky

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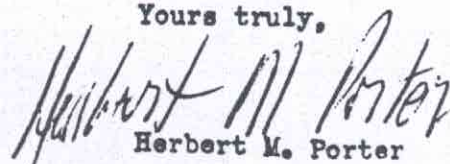
I have just read Volume I of Morris Kominsky's Book "PLAIN LIARS, FANCY LIARS, and DAMNED LIARS."

I found this an extraordinary experience despite my many years of familiarity with the political situation in this country and elsewhere, my many years of involvement in the lives and fate of people, both individually and in groups. I cannot say that this is other than a tremendous book and an absolute tour de force into the field of exposing the sociopathic recesses hidden behind the respectable facades that have hidden the destructive elements of our society for so long. Both those "respectable elements" which are securely stationed in governmental positions of apparent safety and those who are sniping away at the safety of the world and of the people in it from outside of government. Like all of those who are actively engaged in research, which, of course, is a great part of my profession, I am bound to stand in awe of the monumental job of research epitomized by the work of this book. I find it just absolutely beyond compare and I take off my hat as a research student, in addition to everything else, to the man who accomplished this tremendous job of putting together the impeccable research structure that this book does contain.

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Yours truly,


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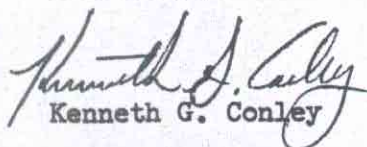
Dear Mr. Kominsky,

I have just completed reading The Hoaxers and words cannot express how useful your monumental work will be for us. Already, this book which I have had for less than a week looks years old because of the underlining and notations I have penned throughout its pages. It is now the most valuable reference I have on the right wing.

Most books dealing with the right wing are either worthless exposes, featuring numerous photos of white sheeted Klansmen, neo-Nazis with swastika armbands, and stockpiles of guns; or they are sociological works that are of interest, or use, only to the scholar. I consider your work to be ammunition. It is a reference work that can destroy the very foundation of beliefs held by the average right wing dupe. The well meaning, but misled individuals, often times taken in by the astonishing number of phoney quotes used by seemingly all right wing propagandists, should find a rude awakening from the groundless fears that have been nurtured within them.

I am looking forward with the greatest anticipation for the second volume.

Sincerely,


Kenneth G. Conley

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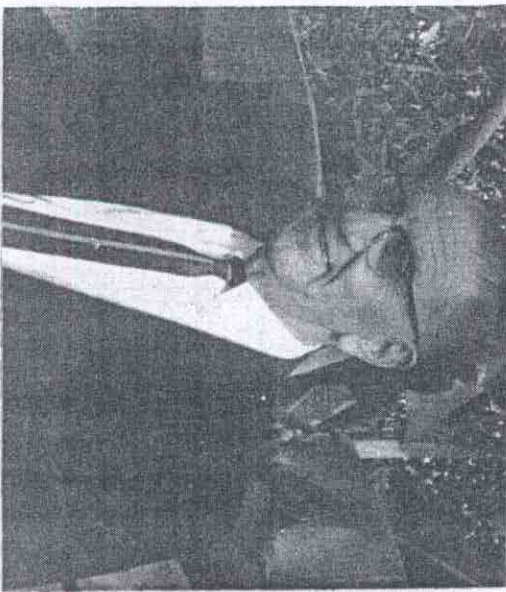
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By
MORRIS KOMINSKY



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ULTRA-RIGHT FORGERIES EXPOSED

By HAROLD TICKETIN

The Hoaxers, Plain Liars, Fancy Liars, and Damn Liars, by Morris Kominsky. Brandon Press, Boston, 1971, 735 pages, indexed, \$12.50. (May be ordered from the Author, 400 E. Franklin St., Elsinore, Calif. 92530.)

PROVING an argument out of the mouth of one's opponents is a technique associated with Socrates, who infuriated the Greeks by constructing theses from the utterances of those with whom he disagreed. Clearly, Socratic dialogue depends on the correct reporting of the opposing point of view. That is why it is so tempting for a debater to attempt to win by simply altering his opponent's words.

In a remarkable volume entitled *The Hoaxers, Plain Liars, Fancy Liars and Damn Liars*, Morris Kominsky makes the corrosion of classical debate clear by an almost encyclopedic recitation of the 20th century fabrications which have gained the public ear as truth. Obviously dedicated to the rehabilitation of honest public debate, Mr. Kominsky dissects the most ferociously fought issues of our time, the Cold War, anti-Semitism, racism,

China, mental health, Bitchism, etc. Mr. Kominsky shows in superabundant detail the mendacity of much that passes as respectable debate in our country. His volume is highly reminiscent of the "undercover" books of the 40's by John Roy Carlson which, in quite similar terms, exposed the falsehoods of the extreme right.

Mr. Kominsky is a man with a healthy respect for the ideal of a free market place of ideas, with the single proviso that conscious misrepresentation of the other fellow is not fair play. While the overwhelming number of items relate to the verging political debates of our time, he perhaps best illustrates the misuse of language, in terms of nuance, innuendo and tortuous context, to say nothing of outright alteration, with the opening example of "the Arm Landers hoax." Miss Landers was once asked whether it was true that she was in jail. Her answer was "Yes. I was in jail on Feb. 19, 1959. I spoke to the inmates of Cook County jail and am delighted to report it was one of the most attentive audiences I've ever had. Not a soul walked out."

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ness which Mr. Kominsky exposes in this book, the first of two projected volumes on neo-fascism's approach to media in America.

The serious side of the book is contained in the relentless exposes of falsehoods paraded as truths in the public media. Mr. Kominsky shows that, undeniably, Lincoln never said "You cannot help small men by tearing big men down," nor did Lenin say "This is a fight to the end, to their extinction!" Mr. Kominsky proves that Khrushchev's "We will bury you" was wrenched out of context in a manner to make him look like an obdurate aggressor hell bent for war.

He takes apart and puts back together dozens of right-wing shibboleths which have served as the foundation for a whole climate of opinion simply by repetition in respectable and not so respectable sources. The list of misquotes attributed to Lenin runs to no less than 20. They include some of the favorite cantrips of the right-wing press which have been freely repeated by upstanding politicians distressed of being elected not on their records but on the anti-communist line.

Quite coincidentally, one of the most interesting and best documented Lenin hoaxes is one with which the present writer was personally acquainted. On Feb. 22, 1960, the Columbus, Ohio, *Dispatch* carried an ad from the Trunken Roller Bearing Company of Canton, Ohio, one of our more conservative corporate goitshs, which quoted Lenin as saying "We shall force the United States to spend itself to destruction." Mr. Kominsky documents the clear untruth of that statement. He relies on the report of the incident by Ohio State Prof. David Spitz, who wrote an article in *Harper's* entitled "The Trinken Edition of Lenin" dem-

onstrating beyond a doubt that the statement simply did not exist. Both the newspapers and the corporation defended the arrogant disregard of the proper use of quotations by saying that, in effect, Lenin said the same thing. It happened that I had a student who was in the public relations department of Trinken who had specifically been involved with this hoax. Out of curiosity I asked him where the quote came from. He informed me that someone high up in the company had picked it up from the right-wing commentator Henry J. Taylor and insisted on its use in the ad despite the obvious lack of documentation.

The incident illustrates one of the crucial points made throughout the book: the simple fact that a statement appears in print does not mean that it is true. Moreover, the fact that the source is called *The Congressional Record* is no guarantee of veracity. Mr. Kominsky is not afraid to name names in this congressional-rightist ploy. John M. Ashbrook and Frances P. Bolton of Ohio were common offenders, readily willing to insert into the record misquotations and downright lies which they had taken on faith from the most extraordinary sources. The late Everett Dirksen, Martin Dies and Edward Derwinski (R. Ill.) have consistently served as mouthpieces for the airing of views that would be rejected because of lack of verification almost anywhere but in *The Congressional Record*.

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ment, as specifically admitted by the Representative's staff, was a letter to the editor in the *Washington Evening Star*.

It is of course impossible within the compass of a short review to include in detail all of the mischiefs exposed by Mr. Kominsky. The book is probably better approached as a kind of encyclopedia of untruth rather than a fireside volume to read straight through on a winter night. Mr. Kominsky's zeal to unmask deceit has led him to indulge in a kind of "overkill." He tends to hammer out conclusions from the reader which are fairly obvious from the detailed analyses.

Aside from undermining the status of *The Congressional Record* as a reliable repository of public record, the book imparts the overwhelming impression that the kookeries of the far right, while seemingly laughable, are far from funny, when measured in terms of public impact. Over and over again, one finds the most ridiculous fantasies repeated by responsible leaders and journals eager to please some sector of the public. The book reminds us once again that Joseph Goebbels was no fool when he urged constant repetition as the means to fast any belief at all on an all too pliable public.

For anyone who has ever been exposed in the smallest degree to the fantasy world of the right-wing press the book is a saddening trip through strange but familiar territory. We re-visit with Mr. Kominsky old familiarisms about Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, "the Communist," George Washington's "anti-Semitism," Ben Hecht's "anti-Christianism," Kol Nidre misrepresentations, false quotes from Soviet officials, including the famous Mamnisky misquote about "war to the Hills" between Russia and the U.S.

There are false "Zimover" letters, Chinese "threats" by the cartoon, the near-political world of Robert Welch's *British Society* and the Chang Kai Shek family. We take a short tour of the paranoid land where a proposed mental hospital for Alaska (which had none) becomes a Communist plot to inter right wingers in that icy preserve. We discover that, for the ultra right, psychology is deeply suspect because it can be combined with politics to produce Communist psychopolitics, a surreptitious method of making everyone subservient to orders from the Kremlin!

Mr. Kominsky has undoubtedly been a source of irritation to the many public figures who have received pointed letters asking for the exact source of the "allegations." This book, nevertheless, demonstrates clearly the need for more public consciousness, such as the author to keep the record straight.

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The Hoaxers—Plain Liars, Fancy Liars and Damned Liars.

By Morris Kominsky. 726 pp. \$12.50. Branden Press

This book is a monument to the diligence of *Morris Kominsky*, MFSA member and free-lance writer. It thoroughly documents the falsehoods, distortions and quotations made out of context by rightist, racist and chauvinistic individuals and groups. Their large number startles the reader! This book is an invaluable reference in identifying them.

One of many widespread fabrications cited by Kominsky is the quotation Cold War propagandists persistently attribute to Lenin. For example, in "U. S. News & World Report," February 7, 1958: "Said Lenin in Moscow, 'Promises are like pie crust, made to be broken.'" Kominsky wrote the magazine, received this reply, "Actually Lenin was quoting the English writer Jonathan Swift, 'Promises like pie crusts are leaven to be broken,' says the English proverb."

The Author cites many other statements and charges by Anti-Communists designed to convince the public that the Soviets cannot be trusted to keep their word. He readily concedes that the Soviet Union has abrogated *some* treaties and withdrawn *some* promises, but in this connection he quotes a Quaker booklet, "Steps To Peace": "All sovereign states have tended to abridge agreements when it was to their self-interest to do so."

Among examples of American violations given by Kominsky are the U. S. invasion of Santo Domingo (violating the Kellogg-Briand Pact, the UN Charter, the Charter of the Organization of American States) and our invasion of Vietnam in violation of our own Constitution, which gives only Congress power to declare war. The moral the author draws is, "Judge not, lest ye yourselves be judged."

Regarding the Red Scare, Morris Kominsky believes its central aims are to secure huge military appropriations, for the financial gain of the arms suppliers, and to use big military spending to avoid economic depression. In view of deepening recession despite 10 years of war in Vietnam, Kominsky says, "(The militarists) now face the dilemma that war is no longer feasible as a means of priming the economy. And for the first time in American history, Big Business . . . knows that it risks total annihilation if it unleashes a major war."

—Wilfrid Laurier Husband

(*Morris Kominsky* has begun work on Vol. II, "America Faces Disaster," after surgery and a ten-day stay in the hospital. His wife's serious illness puts him under a "crushing financial burden," and he needs "the help of more people of good will.")

"The Hoaxers" is a *must* book. Make out your check to Branden Press, Inc. and send it to Morris Kominsky, 400 East Franklin St., Elsinore, Ca. 92530. Recommend this book to one or two friends, and to groups of friends in which you meet.
—Ed.)

U.S. FARM NEWS
"THE HOAXERS" MARCH

By Morris Kominsky 1971

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No doubt every reader of this message has asked or been asked, "What can I do to promote peace?" Many of us have neither given nor received a satisfactory answer to this question. Here, I believe, is, however, a satisfactory answer for most: read and get others to read, "The Hoaxers: Plain Liars, Fancy Liars and Damn Liars," by Morris Kominsky, a Branden Press publication, Boston, Mass.

In this book you will find recorded in detail the real Fascist-Nazi Plan for destroying whatever freedom is left in the world. Hitler's Master of Deceit, Joseph Goebbels, would turn green with envy, if he were alive, upon observing this master blueprint for the subversion of all freedom and human decency everywhere.

The only part not made clear in Kominsky's book is that the foundation for this grand conspiracy was laid during WWI, continued between the Great World Wars, and completed after WWII. Its super structure began with the Truman Administration's global grab for power, called Pax Americana by some and U.S. Imperialism by others. Without U.S. power elite's sanction, this conspiracy could never have

been launched.

Some of you will recall the great fanfare with which Mr. Truman launched his \$400 million campaign for "Containment of Communism" in Greece and Turkey, 1947. Most of you, however, do not know that while Mr. Truman was thus fanning the flames of his Cold War Hate Campaign, Stalin was urging Tito to stop giving sanctuary to the Greek guerrillas because Greece, he stated, was by agreement, in the West's sphere of influence (see "Free World Colossus" by David Horowitz).

Fewer of you still, if any, will recall that during this period, Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was regaling the Washington Cocktail Crowd with this story: "When the President told me he wanted \$400 million to Contain Communism in Greece and Turkey, I replied: 'Mr. President, if you will scare the American people out of their pants, the Congress will appropriate the money.'" And continued to the laughter of us audience, "Both of us delivered."

In this manner, most of the official lies since WWII have originated. Assistant Secretary of Defense, Mr. Arthur Sylvester, reportedly told the U.S. press in Saigon, 1965: "If you expect the Government to tell you the truth, you are stupid. Did you hear? I said stupid." It is vitally important, it seems to me, to remember this incident when evaluating official pronouncements, whatever the source. With apologies for this diversion, I will return to "The Hoaxers" with this comment: without official sanction these liars could not have succeeded.

Once the official Pandora box of lies about the International Communist Conspiracy was re-opened after WWII, "The Plain Liars, Fancy Liars and Damn Liars" were free to spin their poisonous web of fear and hate. And only a massive campaign for truth by decent people such as the readers of this letter can ever return the genie to its box.

The Morris Kominsky book gives the information necessary for this vital struggle. Accordingly, I urge the readers of this message to start a movement in every community to place this book in every library and in as many homes as can purchase the book, for it is expensive: \$12.50 per copy. Advertise the book by word of mouth and through the mass communication media at every opportunity. Answer the lying peddlers of fear and hate by letters to the editor, spot news on TV and radio when available, and talk to churches, clubs and any other groups you can reach.

The answer to your question: "What can I do" is here. Everyone, I repeat, everyone, can participate in this struggle and will, if really concerned. It is not going to be an easy struggle, for active participation means you will be smeared. And this lying crowd of peddlers of fear and hate has massive support from the U.S. ruling class. Nevertheless, the nation you save, if saved, will be your own and the future, if saved, will be that of man and woman.

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