

4/10/69

Dear Rayl,

Your letter of 4/8, enclosing one from Gary to you and page 20 of "Miscellaneous Resolutions" arrived today, with the Xerox of the Durkin story from "Combat".

It is possible I may be able to locate the source of this resolution. I expect to see someone next week who might be able to do it for me. There is also someone to whom I can mail a copy in the hope he can do something with it. For this purpose it would be better if you could send me a copy without the note at the bottom. Were I to make a copy of this remote copy, it would be more indistinct and rather conspicuous.

About Gary, I am in complete accord. He is a wonderful young man.

Gary didn't give you Ginsburg's address. It is 110 W 40 St., NYC 10018. If you write him, I suggest a very brief note for that is the kind of magazine that could try and have some fun at your expense. If I may suggest a formulation:

"Mr. James R. Scofield is in error in this sentence in your current issue: 'That is why H.L. Hunt - a George Wallace and Birch-society booster- is one of the biggest contributors to black militants...' (If you desire, 'Each of the three allegations is wrong'.) I would appreciate a correction in the first convenient issue."

Unfortunately, I have forgotten what the last material you sent was. I do know that what you said you would collect from your NSRP file has not arrived. I am even more unhappy now that Stoner is one of Ray's lawyers. Do you know anything about the other two, Robert W. Hill of Chattanooga and Richard J. Ryan of Memphis?

If this was a reference to the Durkin piece, I am glad to get it. It is a shallow, inaccurate piece. One reference to me is libellous, and he knew it when he wrote it. Throughout he makes up what he would like to be the case and isn't, leaves out what is uncongenial. These people are their own worst enemies. He has a wierd concept of who is a Communist. Generally, it is anyone he doesn't like. Now I happen to dislike Joesten very much, but I also know that he regularly ridicules the Russians in his writings. This is hardly the hallmark of a Communist. Durkin is poorly grounded in his alleged specialty, for he missed much he could have used about some of those he named. The tragedy is that these nutty beliefs are credited, reprinted, and soon people believe them, quote sincerely.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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PAUL M. ROTHERMEL, JR.
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

April 8, 1969

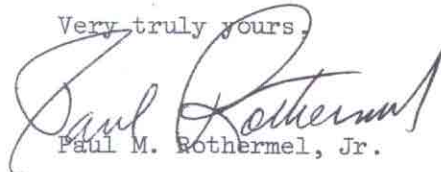
Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

Thank you for your letter of April 3. I hope the last material I sent you was of some value. I am enclosing a copy of page 20 of the Resolutions. It was sent to Mr. Hunt and he does not now recall who gave it to him and we have been unable to ascertain on the basis of what we have in the office. Mr. Hunt is getting concerned about the information because he does not consider it to be fair at all. He has never supported the John Birch Society or George Wallace, although he has been accused of having done so erroneously. If you could find out for me what publication this came out of, we might be able to contact them with the hopes of persuading them by some past factual information that Mr. Hunt is not anti-semitic and very much wants to clear the record where it is inaccurate.

I am enclosing a copy of Gary's letter. He is certainly a wonderful person and I hope I have the opportunity to meet him in person.

Very truly yours,



Paul M. Rothermel, Jr.

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Enclosure

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April 3, 1969

Mr. Paul Rothermel Jr.

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Dear Paul:

While paging through the current issue of Avant Garde magazine, I came across the following quote:

"Any full-scale armed confrontation with the white power structure would bring nothing but death and destruction--in the thousands and hundreds of thousands--to blacks, while doing little damage to whitey. That is why H.L. Hunt--a George Wallace and Birch-Society booster--is one of the biggest contributors to black militants,..."

This came from an article by the historian James R. Scofield entitled "The Black Power Failure" and is part of an indictment of black power. The quote was taken from page 23 of the current issue of the magazine, which is number 7. The magazine, as you probably know, is one of Ginzburg's, and probably a direct successor to EROS.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Gary
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MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

1. Hunt Products

WHEREAS: The National Federation of Temple Youth continually strives to achieve the Jewish Ideals of social justice and

WHEREAS: Mr. H.L. Hunt of Dallas, Texas openly donates large sums of money to the John Birch society and associations which support Arab claims against Israel

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that NFTY urges the boycott of all HLH products at (UABC) camps, city functions and conference events.

2. Studies of Violence and Non-Violence

WHEREAS: NFTY believes that it is important to attack the problem of violence in the United States at all possible levels and

WHEREAS: It should be one of the purposes of our educational system to achieve respect for non-violence

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that NFTY urge the UABC through its Commissions on Education and Social Action to seek religious and secular education toward nonviolence that includes in school curricula the teachings of Ghandi, Thoreau, Martin Luther King and others and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY urge the UABC to request that the National Institute of Mental Health, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, special U.S. Commissions and other agencies to continue to initiate and circulate studies which delve into criminal pathology, the social and psychological bases of mental health and non-violence and other factors that tend to create or alleviate violence in modern society.

3. NvN and Cvn

Since youth groups change personnel and leadership frequently, the Board recommends that a youth group which has won NvN two successive years may, upon request to its Regional President and to the National Office work for NvN rather than Cvn during the following year.

Note: H. L. Hunt has never made a contribution to the John Birch Society, which is a rival organization to LIFE LINE.