

# Party Digs Up An Old Ghost

The Communist Party has produced a new switch on the thief's old trick of crying, "Stop thief!"

It has mounted a drive against "Nazi criminals" in the U.S. With its own record for violence and terror again under public scrutiny since the assassination of President Kennedy, the CP has become acutely aware of the need for the strongest possible diversion strategy.

One hundred delegates and observers from eight cities staged a national conclave in Chicago against Nazi war criminals and Nazism two days after the President's slaying.

Chairman of the morning session, held at the Hamilton Hotel, was Sam Pevzner, representing the New York Committee Against Nazism and Anti-Semitism. Pevzner is identified among "writers and propagandists for numerous Communist publications" in the 1959 annual report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. At HCUA hearings held in June 1958, Pevzner invoked constitutional privileges in response to questions about Communist Party associations.

## COMMUNIST-FRONT ADHERENT

More than a decade ago Pevzner was on the board of a cited Communist-front publication called Jewish Life, 35 E. 12th St., New York City. The magazine was a monthly published by the Communist-run Morning Freiheit Association and declared itself dedicated "to strengthening the friendship of the Jewish people with the Soviet Union." Its editor was Louis Harap, identified as a Communist in sworn testimony before a Congressional committee.

(The HCUA pointed out that this magazine was "not to be confused with the Orthodox Jewish Life, also popularly known as Jewish Life, which is a bi-monthly publication of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.")

Chairman of the arrangements committee for the Chicago meeting was Rabbi S. Burr Yampol, who has been a sponsor since the early 50's of numerous activities. (continued on page 2)

## CP Magazine Rushed to Disavow Oswald's Ties

The Communist Party was so thunderstruck by the revelation of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald's Marxist connections that it fell all over itself in denying the CP had ever heard of the guy.

So urgent did the party consider the need to disclaim Oswald that it rushed into print with a hastily inserted footnote to a tearful sympathy editorial in its magazine, Political Affairs, extending condolences to the President's widow. The urgency of the footnote is indicated by the fact that Oswald had not yet been shot.

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## TWO COMMUNIST PAPERS VIEW THE ASSASSINATION

# FBI 'Attacked; Oswald Defended

Terrified that the American public will not buy the Kremlin version of President Kennedy's assassination, the Communist Worker is boldly continuing its campaign to hang the murder on the "ultra-right."

In a lead story Dec. 17, the CP's principal hate-sheet strikes out at "the fake claim that Lee Harvey Oswald was a 'Communist.'" It accuses FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover of "encouraging the rightist campaign" and charges the FBI with "cooperation for a red-baiting diversion from a full and honest investigation of the Kennedy assassination."

The Worker also levels a blast of invective at the Dallas "oil-rich multi-millionaire backers" of what it terms a "well-financed conspiracy to take the onus of responsibility for the assassination" from unidentified right-wing elements.

The paper is circulating the fiction that Oswald was in reality, not the pro-Castro Marxist he admitted being, but "an undercover agent" of an unspecified government agency.

"Those on the left," says the Communist paper, "along with a majority of Americans, backed President Kennedy and are certainly the last people to want him silenced."

The Worker, lists as the basis for its support for Kennedy the fact that he sought to end the cold war, that he sent troops to handle civil rights problems, that he "entered into an agreement with the USSR following last year's Cuba crisis that obligated the U.S. to bar in-

vasion attempts," and that he "opposed the new movement for right-to-work and other extreme anti-union legislation."

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A Communist newspaper devotes half its Dec. 19 issue to denying the guilt of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

A five-page National Guardian article defending the avowed pro-Castro Marxist is presented in the form of a report to the Warren Commission investigating the slaying of President Kennedy.

Purportedly offered to the commission only "in the public interest," the report is authored by New York attorney Mark Lane. Lane was among signers of a petition to President Kennedy in 1961 asking clemency for identified Communists Carl Braden and Frank Wilkinson, then in prison for contempt of Congress.

Severely critical of the FBI, Lane's report praises Justice Earl Warren as "a fair and great American."

Lane has been active in the Communist-led campaign to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities, was a scheduled speaker for a New York "ad hoc" group protesting the 1962 Los Angeles HCUA hearings and was among signers of an anti-HCUA ad in the New York Times, Feb. 22, 1962.

A former New York State assemblyman, Lane introduced a resolution to support a statute of limitations on deportations. This is a position long favored by the Communist American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which pledged its support to Lane in the action.

Lane was also the leader of opposition to New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller's civil defense shelter program.

In 1962 he was one of the featured speakers at an Easter "peace" demonstration which rated the lead spot in the April 24 Communist Worker for that year.

Along with Communist Russell Nixon, general manager of the National Guardian, Lane was an invited speaker at a demonstration May 28, 1962, "to prevent another Korea" in Southeast Asia.

The Worker further listed Lane as a speaker at a Hiroshima Day rally in Aug. 1962. During the Cuba missile crisis, Lane took part in a Washington "no war over Cuba" picket line.

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## Support Urged for Halsey's Book

The Communist Party has called for the widest possible circulation of a new anti-anti-Communist tract by Margaret Halsey called "The Pseudo-Ethic."

The CP's theoretical magazine, Political Affairs, for December hails the work as the answer to a propagandist's dream. It takes the spotlight off Communist crimes and attributes all evil to the anti-Communist movement.

Herbert Aptheker, writing in the December issue of the magazine, praises Miss Halsey for claiming that "anti-Communism is one huge hoax manufactured by and maintained by the bosses of an 'affluent society' — the better for them to hold on to their rackets."

Already an admirer of Miss Halsey's five other books, Aptheker lauds "The Pseudo-Ethic" as the best of the lot.

### CITED BY WORKER

The Communist Worker has on other occasions used Miss Halsey as an authority for such propaganda drives as its defense of the Women for Peace organization in Dec. 1962.

Miss Halsey, whose other books include "Color Blind" and "With Malice Toward All," signed a Communist-backed petition filed with the U.S. Supreme Court Sept. 14, 1955, to void the McCarran Internal Security Act. Miss Halsey's co-signers included identified Communists Victor Arnautoff, the late W.E.B. DuBois, Howard Fast, the late James W. Ford, Sidney J. Gluck, Albert E. Kahn, John Howard Lawson, William M. Mandel, Holland Roberts, Maud Russell and Rose Russell.

Reports of both the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and the House Committee on Un-American Activities list Miss Halsey as a sponsor of the Communist-run Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, March 25-27, 1949, arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, a cited Communist front.

Liberation, a left-wing monthly published in New York, lists Miss Halsey among contributors.

Publisher of Miss Halsey's new book is Simon and Schuster, the company which issued Communist Jessica Mitford Treuhaff's anti-American funeral tract.

# Party Worried About Informants

Chapters of a number of organizations not cited as Communist fronts have been under FBI scrutiny, according to transcripts of Subversive Activities Control Board hearings on the case of Communist John W. Stanford, Jr. Stanford, of 1118 West Rosewood, San Antonio, Texas, appeared before the SACB Sept. 23 to answer questions about his failure to register as required by the McCarran Internal Security Act.

FBI informants testified at the hearings that the organizations whose meetings they had attended included the Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Church, San Antonio, the Political Association of Spanish-Speaking Organizations (PASO), the American GI Forum of Dallas, and "probably" the NAACP.

SACB hearings on Advance, a Communist Party youth organization also re-

quired to register under the McCarran Act, revealed that the FBI had an informant in a chapter of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and the Bronx Civil Liberties Group, according to the Communist Worker of Dec. 17 which loudly condemns the FBI surveillance.

The Worker article attempts to foment the fear that the mere presence of informants means that an innocent organization will be branded as a Communist front.

## 'NAZIS'

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ities of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, a Communist front.

Yampol described the origin of the "anti-Nazi" group and its predecessor, the Anti-Heusinger Committee. He said the present organization was dedicated to the exposure of Nazi criminals living in the U.S., and attempted to relate them to "native fascists."

### CP REPRISALS

The Communist Party of the Soviet Union is known to have sent out word for reprisals against alleged "war criminals" living in other countries. One such message appeared openly in the Soviet English-language edition of New Times for September (TOCSIN, Oct. 23, 1963).

Elected to head the U.S. "anti-Nazi" committee were president, Yampol; vice presidents, Professor Kubilius of Chicago, Stanley Novak, former member of the Michigan State Legislature, and Leon Kupalka of New York; secretary, Mrs. Sylvia Schwartz of Chicago; and treasurer, Julius Reblsky.

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## Reds Control Summer Camp

Although the new year has scarcely begun, a Communist-run children's camp in New York is already busy sending out brochures for its 1964 summer season. Camp Kinderland of Hopewell Junction, N.Y. — declared in a 1956 New York State legislative committee report to be under the control of Communists — describes itself as an organization stressing the "secular role of Jewish culture and history."

Emphasis is also "placed upon the important role of the Negro Integration Movement in our country today, reflecting the role of the Jewish community in relation to this movement," says a letter from Camp Director Elsie Suller.

David Greene, declared by the report to be "incontrovertibly a long-time Communist stalwart," was the manager of Camp Lakeland, the adult portion of the separately-run Camp Kinderland. Greene testified that Camp Kinderland had from 800 to 900 child campers each summer. His chief assistant in charge of the children's unit was Harry Sandler, an identified Philadelphia Communist.

The camp advertises a cultural program "conducted by skilled specialists, assisted by our counselors and group leaders" and "guest speakers from the Negro Integration Movement."

A former counselor at Camp Kinderland is Mike Stein, who is president of Advance, a New York "youth" group ordered to register as a Communist front under the McCarran Act. Stein was a delegate in 1961 to the World Youth Forum held in Moscow. He represented the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee, which FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover called a Communist operation.

Camp Kinderland operates from a New York City office at 1 Union Square West.



# Lawyer Turns to School Books

A high school textbook dispute in San Rafael, Calif., last month involved one participant who has gained fame in more militant controversy as a member of the Communist Party and an attorney in leading Communist cases.

He is Richard Gladstein, of 168 Palm Ave., San Rafael, who was identified as a member of the Communist Party by Dr. Jack Patten before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, June 19, 1957. Mrs. Gladstein, a former president of the San Rafael High School PTA, now edits its publication, the Booster.

The current law partner of identified Communists George R. Andersen and Ewing Sibbett of San Francisco, Gladstein, was formerly associated with Communist lawyer Aubrey Grossman (TOCSIN, Dec. 25, 1963). Gladstein and Grossman were credited in the Communist People's World with training the staffs for the Los Angeles law firm of Margolis and McTernan, the Honolulu firm of Bouslog and Symonds and the Oakland firm of Edises and Treuhaft. All of these lawyers except Myer C. Symonds, who took the fifth amendment regarding CP membership, have been publicly identified as Communists.

Gladstein's other current associate, Norman Leonard, has long been affiliated with Communist fronts.

## ARCHIE BROWN CASE

At present Gladstein is handling the appeal of Archie Brown, old-time waterfront Communist and one-time CP candidate for California governor, who was convicted in 1962 of violating the Landrum-Griffin Act by holding union office while a Communist Party member.

In 1949, Gladstein was one of the attorneys whom the party elected to defend 11 national CP leaders tried under the Smith Act for advocating violent overthrow of the government.

"His abusive treatment of the court in this instance," the HCUA reported, "led Judge (Harold) Medina to cite him for contempt and impose upon him a sentence of six months in jail."

Admitted to the bar in 1931, Gladstein served as official attorney for the Marine Cooks and Stewards Association of the

Pacific, which was ousted from the CIO in 1950 for following the Communist line. **WATERFRONT CONTROL**

An affidavit submitted to the California Committee on Un-American Activities in Dec. 1946 by merchant seaman William P. M. Brandhove, declared that Gladstein worked vigorously to promote Communist control over the Marine Cooks and other waterfront unions.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, a Communist front which exploits immigrants' anxieties, named Gladstein as its San Francisco counsel in 1947. He was among those who signed a letter sponsored by the Communist Civil Rights Congress in 1948 protesting deportation of Communists.

Vice President of the Communist-run National Lawyers Guild in 1950, Gladstein was a delegate to the Guild's 19th annual convention in 1954. He had earlier been associate editor of the organization's Lawyers Guild Review.

A skilled public speaker and law analyst, according to the HCUA, Gladstein was asked in 1947 to analyze the Taft-Hartley law for the leaders of the Communist-controlled United Office and Professional Workers of America.

Gladstein has also appeared as a speaker at other Communist-front groups, including the California Labor School, speaking on such topics as "The Walter-McCarran Act — Death to American Liberty."

## 'Unequal Equations' Spread Party Line

One of TOCSIN's functions is to aid readers to explode pro-Communist arguments by analyzing typical polemical tricks employed.

One favorite device in such arguments is the unequal equation. An example of it appeared in an article in the Dec. 1 issue of Concern, a Methodist magazine.

Defending Communist folksinger Pete Seeger against charges of party membership, Rev. A. Finley Schaef (who has been a member of the Communist-run Methodist Federation for Social Action) drew the following hollow analogy:

"There seems to be no evidence that Seeger can be 'identified with the Communist Party.' Perhaps it is true that he has performed at Party or front-organization rallies, but he has also sung for church groups, and that doesn't make him a Christian."

The answer to this one is that anyone can sing before a church group, but Communists simply do not invite known opponents to sing before them.

No, of course not, Junior, the Communists didn't have anything to do with it. Didn't you read where Castro said he was sorry?

## PHASING OUT

**Selective culture:** Whenever the Communist movement finds a well-known name from literary history who can be made to seem a pre-Marxist, out comes a new edition. International Publishers, printer of Communist books, has announced a new paperback of selections from the 18th century French writer, Diderot. His materialistic writings "foreshadowed the conscious dialectical view of... Marx and Engels," says a blurb.

Other news from the red book shelf: Convicted Communist perjurer Carl Marzani and his publishing partner have issued a hard-back smear of so-called "hate groups," called "The Yahoos." Its author is "Mike Newberry," writer for the Communist Worker, whose real name is Stanley Storch Steiner. Steiner's by-line accompanied his book for children, "The Last Horse," published in 1961 by the Macmillan Co.

The Communist National Guardian will be leading a group of tourists to Mexico Jan. 17. Fellow-travelers?

More of those "forums" burgeoning throughout the country. In Newark, New Jersey, the Friday Night Forum was to present Communist Joseph North, Worker columnist, at one of its sessions last month.

Columbia University invited Fred Jerome, son of Communist V. J. Jerome, to speak on "An Examination of Violence in America" Dec. 12. Young Jerome, who was a defiant HCUA witness last year following a visit to Cuba, is presently editor of Progressive Labor, a very violent publication of pro-Peking Communists who are fed up with Moscow's "rhythm-method" view of violence.

The Bainbridge Culture Club of the Bronx heard Communist Herbert Aptheker speak on "The International Situation Today" Dec. 20.

A new 16 mm sound film demanding clemency for imprisoned atom spy Morton Sobell is being mass circulated among TV and radio stations, movie theaters and other groups by Sobell's defense committees. In Berkeley, the Sobell organization is led by Communist Emma Coe, wife of former People's World writer Lee Coe.

Coe, who is also an identified Communist, is now an editor of Progressive Labor, the pro-Peking journal. Finance committee chairman for the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committee is Mrs. J. Arthur Ragsdale, whose husband regularly advertises a TV repair service in the Communist National Guardian.

Old Communist writer Ella Winter, on a KPFA, Berkeley, radio interview in December, voiced a certain measure of disenchantment with today's Communism as practiced in the Soviet Union, but it was the disenchantment of the ivory-tower purist. Miss Winter, who once supported Stalin's bloody purge of old Bolsheviks during the 30's, indicated her

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**AT LONDON RALLY****A CP Admission on Civil Rights**

A deported American Communist living in England has admitted that the Communist Party regards the American civil rights struggle as nothing more than a part of the Communist conspiracy.

Claudia Jones, former secretary of the Women's Commission of the U.S. Communist Party, described "the struggle of the American Negro people for civil rights (as) part of the widespread struggle all over the world against colonialism and imperialism," the Worker reported Dec. 8.

Miss Jones made her evaluation at a London rally Dec. 7 of the Communist-backed Committee for Democratic Rights in the U.S. and the Committee of the Afro-Asian and Caribbean Organizations.

The "Democratic Rights" group is the British equivalent of two American Communist fronts set up to preach hate for the anti-subversive Smith and McCarran Acts: the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties.

Sharing the platform with Miss Jones was Rev. Donald Soper, an English Methodist minister who recently toured the United States.

In an earlier report on activities of the Committee for Democratic Rights in the U.S., the Worker named as participants California Communist Holland Roberts, director of the San Francisco American-Russian Institute, and Mike Tigar, an employee of Pacifica Foundation radio stations who was formerly chairman of the University of California's left-wing Slate party.

**Claudia Jones' Record**

Although the U.S. succeeded in deporting Claudia Jones in 1956, her activities as a Communist agitator have continued in Britain where she is editor of a paper called the West Indian Gazette. The paper has been campaigning for independence of the West Indies since it began publishing more than five years ago.

"We help lead the fight against the British fascists, who attack our West Indian people as the Mississippi racists attack American Negroes," Miss Jones declared a short time ago in Moscow. "We develop unity among our people."

Born Vera Cumberbatch in Trinidad, Miss Jones was also later known as Mrs. Nick Scholnick. She came to the U.S. in 1924 and rose to the posts of educational director of the Young Communist League, editor of its publications and assistant to Communist leader Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

She served a one-year sentence under the Smith Act, which makes it a crime to advocate violent overthrow of the government.

**Rev. Soper's Visit**

"If world government comes, Khrushchev will be its first president," declared Rev. Donald Soper last Feb. 19 during a visit to Berkeley. Soper, then appearing as an Earl Foundation lecturer at the Pastoral Conference of Berkeley's Pacific School of Religion, is a long-time booster of the Soviets, whom he regards as only friendly rivals.

"I am anxious to test our capacity to outstrip the Communists, to outthink, outdo, and even outdie them," he said.

He said he thought Khrushchev to be a religious man because he "quotes the New Testament far more often than do your American politicians."

"Communism fulfills the Sermon on the Mount," the minister declared, since "the Russians never starved their surviving enemies."

When he was reminded of the recent publication of a book describing starvation conditions in a Russian prison camp, he responded that this is "evidence of liberty in Russia. They now allow criticism of its affairs."

He charged that the evidence that liberty dies under Communism is "manifestly rubbish" because even in bondage "the spirit of freedom burned fiercely" in the hearts of the young Hungarian freedom fighters.

When a reporter observed that this was not much consolation to the dead Hungarians, Soper explained that "death was not an ending."

People of the free world should submit to Communism even if it kills them, Soper advised. "If the choice is between World War III and dealing with the Communists, even submitting to an invasion, I prefer the second," he said.

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disappointment that today's revolutionaries lack fervor. Her dreamy-eyed search for Communist "purity" recalls psychologists' case histories of psychopaths whose sexual object is the fantasied purity of little children.

**MARK LANE**

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He delivered a lecture at New York City College last March opposing the McCarran Internal Security Act, which requires Communists and Communist organizations to identify themselves.

**FBI Head Looks At U.S. Courts**

*In view of the kind treatment frequently accorded by the courts to Communists and other offenders against American justice, the following remarks are quoted from J. Edgar Hoover's speech before the Brotherhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, December 4, 1963:*

Law and order are bulwarks on which successful government must stand. Without law and order, society will destroy itself.

Fantasy and weakness have too often prevailed in the administration of justice where strength and realism are essential needs.

There are some misguided social workers and judges who have perverted the meaning of mercy. When so-called mercy aids society's enemies, it is no longer mercy. It is sheer stupidity, if not worse. Justice is needed—stern justice. Without such justice our streets—and our families—will continue to be endangered.

Justice is not served when the innocent victim and society suffer while the vicious criminal goes free.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., observed: "At the present time in this country there is more danger that criminals will escape justice than that they will be subjected to tyranny."

Judge Learned Hand said: "Our dangers do not lie in too little tenderness to the accused. Our procedure has been always haunted by the ghost of the innocent man convicted. It is an unreal dream. What we need to fear is the archaic formalism and the watery sentiment that obstructs, delays and defeats the prosecution of crime."

Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo observed: "Justice, though due to the accused, is due to the accuser also. The concept of fairness must not be strained till it is narrowed to a filament. We are to keep the balance true."

Let us proceed to try armed robbers as armed robbers. Let the punishment fit the crime and let us "keep the balance true."

Wherever politics and opportunism remain primary considerations in the appointment of jurists, parole officials and others charged with the administration of justice, the public should have more adequate guarantees for the immediate removal of those who prove by their unjustifiable actions that they cannot be entrusted with the important responsibilities of their offices.

No, Junior, Castro didn't mean U.S. leaders should actually fear for their lives. He was speaking metaphorically.

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