CLIC Meeting Fetes Borough

The Constitutional Liberties Information Center of Los Angeles, a Communistled organization, is sponsoring an 80th birthday celebration March 6 for perennial party-liner Reuben W. Borough.

Borough, who was a leader and Senate candidate of the CP-run Independent Progressive Party more than a decade ago, will be feted by a group of "sponsors" named last month in the Communist People's World. Proceeds will go to the CLIC organization for its propaganda activities against the anti-Communist McCarran and Smith Acts.

Sponsors for the Borough affair are Rev. Stephen Fritchman, Los Angeles Unitarian minister who took the fifth amendment on Communist Party affiliation before the House Committee on Un-American Activities; Robert W. Kenny, member of the Communist-run National Lawyers Guild; and Charlotta Bass, head of the Los Angeles committee for the Communist People's World.

Also, Belle Parsons Clewe, formerly active in the clemency drive for atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg; Nathan A. Garfield, a sponsor of the subversive American Peace Mobilization; Russell L. McKnight, active in a Communist-lining Hollywood union; and Gretchen Tuthill of Carlsbad, Calif., who has participated in Communist-front activity.

SINCE 1961

The Constitutional Liberties Information Center, beneficiary of the event, has been active in Los Angeles since the late summer of 1961 when it was set up to oppose application of the McCarran Internal Security Act.

After the Supreme Court opposed the Communist Party's application for a rehearing on the legislation, CLIC shifted its activities to opposing prosecution of Communists who refused to comply with the act and to campaigning for its repeal.

Operating originally from Hollywood post office box 388, CLIC subsequently set up offices at 1213 North Highland St., Los Angeles.

Its officers were Borough, chairman; Hugh DeLacy, vice chairman; Robert C. Travis, secretary; and Morton Newman, treasurer. Office manager was Helen Blair.

DeLacy, Travis, Newman and Miss Blair have all been publicly identified as Communists.

Functions of the CLIC organization have included soliciting funds and letters opposing the anti-subversive legislation, sending delegates to Communist rallies and furnishing speakers with "facts about America's witch-hunting laws."

On the national level, CLIC's functions have been performed by two declared Communist-front organizations, the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties and the National Assembly for Democratic Rights.

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Just Who's the Exploiter?

Proof of the vast disparity between Communist theory and practice was graphically portrayed in a Communist paper itself last month.

Progressive Labor, organ of a splinter Communist movement, carried photos of a picket demonstration being staged at 104 Third Ave., New York, City, against miserable living conditions in a nearby apartment.

The landlord turns out to be the well-known Harry the Tailor, who advertises regularly in the Communist Worker and the National Guardian and whose place of business is at the 3rd Ave. address.

"The tenants at 102 3rd Ave.," says the Communist Progressive Labor, "have not had hot water or heat in two years."

Yet "Harry" continues to contribute financially to two papers which claim to champion the little guy against evil exploiters.

The Communists In the Co-ops

Communists are welcome at the Northern California chain of Consumers Cooperatives of Berkeley, according to Coop Education Director Emil Sekerak, because "political tests are not a qualification for membership."

In an interview last month on KCBS, Sekerak denied that the organization has any political purpose. He conceded, however, that Oakland Communist lawyer Robert E. Treuhaft has "been active" in the now-thriving Bay Area Funeral Society, a funeral co-op which operates from the University Avenue Co-op Center, Berkeley. The funeral affiliate got its biggest boost from a book written by Treuhaft's Communist wife, Jessica Mitford, challenging the present free-enterprise funeral system.

One old-time Communist who needed no such invitation as Sekerak's is Oiva Nurmela, 48, who sought and won election as a congressman at the Telegraph Avenue Co-op Center last year.

Nurmela, of 6348 Heather Ridge Way, Oakland, was formerly registered as a Communist voter in Alameda County and is currently an active leader of Communist efforts among East Bay Finnish-American residents.

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Pro-Oswald Drive Pressed

The first chapter of the most important Communist propaganda campaign since the Rosenberg case has been written and the rest of the book will unfold within the next few months.

The campaign is the Oswald case. Its evolution could prove a salutary lesson in Communist strategy for Americans concerned enough to look beneath the wrappings.

Already superseded are the early disavowals by the Communist press that the accused presidential assassin was a Marxist. Now, the line has turned into an outand-out denial of his guilt.

The denial was planted in the Communist National Guardian of Dec. 19 in a "legal brief" by left-wing New York attorney Mark Lane, purportedly written "in the public interest" to aid the Warren Commission's probe of the slaying of John F. Kennedy. Emerging as the villains in the tragedy are the FBI, the police and "hysteria."

ASSASSIN FREE

"If Oswald is innocent," wrote Lane, "..., then the assassin of President Kennedy remains at large."

Right on schedule, this reversal of contemporary history was picked up for wider circulation by the left-wing Pacifica radio stations on both coasts. Brochures reprinting the Lane article and selling for a dime are also on sale by the Guardian.

But to prove really effective, the brief needs to sell its views to an already confused public via the metropolitan press. In this effort the Communist movement is counting on letters to the editor from CP supporters,

One such letter did, in fact, appear this month in the San Francisco Chronicle. From Albert Lannon, Jr., of San Francisco came a letter Jan. 7, which declared that "Oswald did not and could not have committed that horrible crime" and asking circulation of the Lane brief "in the interests of justice."

SOM OF COMMUNIST

The name of the letter-writer has long been familiar to observers of the Communist scene. He is Albert Francis Lannon, son of Albert F. Lannon, Sr., who was national coordinator for waterfront sections of the Communist Party.

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TOCSIN published weekly at Oakland, California. Publisher, Charles Fox; Editor, George H. Keith Second-class postage paid at Oakland, California Subscription rate \$10 per year.

Thriving CP Press Tough Competitor

The most prosperous among the Communist wasklies is the National Guardian, which enjoys a budget of a quarter million dollars a year.

A quarter million dollars is a sizeable sum for any enterprise. A quarter million dollars davoted to weekly Communist propaganda from only one of countless Communist publications is truly astonishing.

As TOCSIN hobbles along on its tight budget, we keep asking ourselves why the majority of patriotic Americans seem unwilling to finance an opposition paper capable of meeting the Guardian's threat.

TOCSIN made it through 1963 after its demise was all but certain by a last-minute rescue executed by a small number of sup-

As 1964 begins, TOCSIN is constrained to begin all over again its appeals for more support, for subscriptions alone cannot maintain a publication of this kind.

To TOCSIN's small, dedicated staff it seems unfair to demand continually the sacrifice of all our leisure and energy to produce a carefully researched paper - acclaimed by experts to be the best in its field in the United States - and have at the same time to worry constantly about meeting the costs of production.

We will be happy to continue doing our part. We call upon you to do yours in pledging a monthly sum to TOCSIN and in aiding us in finding new subscribers.

Adult Education - In Class Revolution?

Former Trotskyite Paul Jacobs, Peace Corps consultant and trade union expert for the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions of Santa Barbara, thinks Communist training centers are just a kind of night school.

A defense witness in the libel suit for former Washington State Representative John Goldmark, Jacobs testified that a Communist workers school which he and Mrs. Goldmark had attended "was more of an adult education center in a way." The Goldmarks are suing a newspaper and four individuals on grounds they were libeled by statements linking them with Communism.

Jacobs, who is also a staff member of the University of California's Institute of Industrial Relations, was a vocal opponent of the UC speaker ban against Communists, recently lifted. He held in 1962 that keeping Communist Gus Hall from speaking "makes a martyr of him" and was "intellectually unsophisticated."

Our Society-Right or Wrong'

Criticized for the frequent appearances of such Communist luminaries as Mickie Lima, Pacifica radio stations are exploiting an isolated appearance on their stations of a John Birch Society leader to prove they present all shades of political opinion. And the Birchers have fallen for the bait.

This was confirmed by a letter read over KPFA, Pacifica's Berkeley outlet, Jan. 10 and rebroadcast Jan. 12. The letter, from an unidentified Birch member in Southern California, referred to an interview last November on KPFA with Dr. John A. Richardson of Orinda, Calif., a Birch section leader. The interview was repeated on Pacifica's KPFK, Los Angeles

The conclusion to be drawn from the letter was that the Bircher's first loyalty is to the Birch Society - and anti-Communism be hanged.

The letter was introduced and read by Trevor Thomas, KPFA station manager, as follows:

Last year — the tail end of the year — I think it was perhaps in November or early December, we had an interview conducted by Elsa Thompson with Dr. John Richardson, and Dr. Richardson was a prominent member of the Birch Society in the Bay Area. We had a number of letters on this, and one of them - this was later broadcast in Los Angeles and this letter came and it said:

"Dear Mrs. Thompson: A friend of mine urged me to listen today" - by the way this was - the same program was broadcast on KPFK in Los Angeles -"a friend of mine urged me to listen today to your station because he wanted my confirmation of his suspicion. So I listened and agreed with my friend that your interview with 'Dr. Richardson' was very cleverly done - typical leftist method - I bet that you staged this interview so that the Birch Society would be embarrassed because of the intellectual inadequacy of its leaders or members. It did not help when you gave your fictitious 'Mr. Richardson' the grade of a doctor because we know that an educated man would certainly express himself better and how to — and would represent the great ideas of the Birch Society.

"Your trick did not work. I may change my mind about your crummy station if you should be able to produce your doctor. Enclosed is an envelope with a letter. Please try to dispatch it to Dr. Richardson. He will answer if he exists and if not, I certainly will expose your faked interviews."

Well, we didn't send the letter and assumed that this gentleman in Los Angeles would spend his own stamp. And so we sent Mr. Richardson's - Dr. Richardson's - address back to him. Despite the evaluation of this writer, Dr. Richardson

is certainly most real. And today a letter came back:

"I thank you for your kind help in securing Dr. Richardson's address. Please forgive my previous nasty letter I wrote. the copy of which I mailed to Dr. Richardson. He did not honor his disappointed fellow-Bircher" - this is in handwriting and a bit hard to read -"he did not honor his disappointed fellow-Bircher with an answer, nor did he try to protect KPFA from my exposures. I am sorry that it caused the station postal expense, which I herewith reimburse with thanks. Do try to get more Richardsons on the air for the enlightenment of doubters. You do a fine job. Enclosed one dollar."

Cuba Aid Group, Castroite Link

The Communist-led Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba is using facilities of the moribund Fair Play for Cuba Committee to solicit funds.

The Emergency Committee, headed by Communists Sidney J. Gluck and Dr. Louis I. Miller, was set up ostensibly to seek help for hurricane victims on the island. No such committee, however, has been set up to aid the victims of the disaster which also hit Haiti.

An appeal for funds was mailed out last month under the signature of V. T. Lee, national director of the Fair Play Committee. The distribution was made from address plates furnished by the National Guardian, Communist weekly printed in New York.

Contributors were invited to make payments through the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, the Emergency Committee or the American Friends Service Committee, a nominally Quaker organization which has been repudiated by patriotic members of the Society of Friends.

Other sponsors of the Emergency Committee include:

Rev. George A. Ackerly, Rev. Gross W. Alexander, Clyde R. Appleton, M. S. Arnoni, James Aronson, Rev. William T. Baird, Rev. Lee H. Eall, Daniel M. Berman, Irving Bienen, Derk Fodde, Rev. Harold O. Boon, Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Brameld, Dr. Walter Eriehl and Eleanor

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Also, Beniamino Bufano, Rev. Raymond Calkins, Rudolf Carnap, Noam Chomsky, Robert S. Cohen, Ruth Gage Colby, Thomas E. Colgan, Alexander L. Crosby, Ephraim Cross, Bertha E. Davis, Jerome Davis, Robert W. Dunn, Ruth Calvin Emerson, Lincoln Fairley, Waldo Frank, Marion C. Frenyear and Rev. Stephen H. Fr tchman.

Also, Maxwell Geismar, Rev. Frederick L. Glson, Dr. H. M. Gold, Rabbi Robert E. Goldburg, Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, Richard B. Gregg, W. E. Hocking, John L. Homan, Jr., Charles P. Howard, Edna Ruth Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Milton E. Jucovy, Rockwell Kent, Margarett I. Lamont and Dr. Paul H. Lavietes.

Also, Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, Walter C. Longstretch, Rev. Howard D. McGrath, Rev. James R. Macfay, Lafayette Marsh, Kenneth O. May, R. Clyde Minor, Rt. Rev. Walter Mitchell, Judge Stanley Moffatt, Otto Nathan, Scott Nearing, Harry K. Neir, Jr., Benjamin Nichols and E. F. Patterson.

Highlander Head in Bay Visit

The Communist-supported Highlander Folk School, an ostensibly integrationist organization which was forced by court order to close doors in Monteagle, Tenn., is thriving under its new name and tax-exempt status in Knoxville.

This is confirmed by Myles Horton, director of the organization — now the Highlander Research and Education Center — in a visit to Berkeley Jan. 5.

Horton was guest speaker at the South Berkeley Community Congregational Church, Fairview and Ellis Sts. Pastor of the church is Rev. John B. Thompson, a veteran Communist-front member, who is a present member of the Highlander board of directors (TOCSIN, March 27, 1963).

Highlander had lost its tax-exemption as a result of a sensational trial in 1959. The Tennessee State Supreme Court upheld the circuit court's finding that the school had been operated for Horton's personal profit and had engaged in the unlicensed sale of beer.

NOW TAX-EXEMPT

After loss of its charter, Highlander reorganized under the new name in Aug. 1961 and last March received tax-exempt status — retroactive to the date of incorporation — from the Treasury Department.

Since that time, Horton has freely pointed to the department's ruling as proof that his organization can have no Communist leaning.

Horton, who swore on a passport application he had never had any Communist affiliations, was identified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee as an official of the now-defunct Southern Conference for Human Welfare, cited as a Communist front (which has since become the Southern Conference Educational Fund).

Thompson introduced Horton to his congregation as the "grandfather" of Martin Luther King, explaining that King has stated he owed his entering the civil rights movement to Rosa Parks, a Highlander alumna. It was Miss Parks who launched the Montomery, Alabama, bus boycott eight years ago.

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Horton asserted that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, another "civil rights" group, is currently asking Highlander to provide it with a training program for racial demonstrators.

Like Horton, the SNCC national chairman, John Lewis, has also recently toured California (TOCSIN, Dec. 25, 1963). He appeared Dec. 7 at a San Francisco "workshop on civil liberties and civil rights" as co-speaker with Frank Wilkinson, director of the Communist Party's National Committee to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Lewis affirmed that Communists were welcome in his organization and promised a racial crisis next summer in Mississippi so large that the Federal Government will have to take over the state."

The Highlander director reported on the progress of one of its affiliates, a school recently launched by Highlander's folksinging Guy Carawan on the Sea Islands off South Carolina.

Carawan is one of the authors of a revised version of "We Shall Overcome," hymn of the civil rights movement. A delegate to the 1957 Communist World Youth Festival in Moscow, Carawan made headlines when he followed up his Soviet trip with an illegal excursion to Red China.

The Communist press has listed Carawan's affiliations with such declared Communist fronts as the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions.

A bulletin dated Oct. 2, 1963, from the Charleston Unitarian Church of Charleston, South Carolina, lists Carawan's family as among its new members.

Peking's Frank Proposal: Peace to End All Peace

There is no use in waging peace unless there is something worth fighting for. Nor is having peace of any value without an enemy to fight against.

Such is the import of a speech by the Red Chinese delegate at the Communistsponsored World Council of Peace last November in Warsaw.

Peking Review, the Communist Chinese English-language journal, of Dec. 6 quotes him as having said: "If there were no longer an enemy of peace, nor the need to oppose such an enemy, what then would be the raison d'etre of the peace movement? In reality, a vicious enemy of peace stands right before us, that is, imperialism headed by the United States."

In these terms, America's noisy Women for Peace means Women for Opposition to the United States of America. Or perhaps, Women Strike for a Bright Communist Tomorrow.

PHASING OUT

Identified Communist Maud Russell, publisher of the pro-Peking Far East Reporter, offers an assortment of propaganda pamphlets priced at a nickel up. One currently funny title: "How the Chinese Are Conquering the Food Problem." (How, indeed? By eliminating it?) The brochure is not intended for Chinese — er — consumption.

Miss Russell's publication is also distributing reprints of a "sermon" by Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, pastor of the Los Angeles First Unitarian Church and a fifthamendment-taker before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The talk, delivered last Sept. 22, propagandizes for the Communist position vis-a-vis South Viet Nam.

San Francisco left-wing Assemblyman Philip A. Burton's sister-in-law, Michele (Mrs. John) Burton, is the daughter of Jack Hall, a top Communist in Hawaii. She was a delegate in 1962 to the Communist World Youth Festival in Helsinki.

Two letters to the editor of the Jan. 11 People's World reflect in unobtrusive ways the solidarity felt by readers of the Communist press. They unintentionally acknowledge that the P.W. is no newspaper in the ordinary sense of the word but rather a weekly brief from the party to its sympathizers. One of the letters speaks of "our" (rather than "your") women writers; the other calls for more use by "ourselves" of the phone-in type radio show.

West Coast residents will see a familiar array of Communist names — and possibly a few new ones — in the Feb. 1 People's World. In that issue the Communist paper will print the names of those who have sent greetings to the 26th anniversary of the West Coast party organ — as well as the money to cover this privilege.

From January to December 1963 the leftwing National Council of Churches biweekly Information Service bulletin carried 34 articles on race relations and only 26 on religion.

We're still laughing at the straight-faced utterance in a funds-appeal blurb for the so-called Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba, a Communistrun organization: "Already an independent ad hoc committee of persons with various attitudes towards the Cuban Revolution has been formed...." Various attitudes — from far left to farther left.

Pete Steffens, University of California journalism prof, who is the son of Communist Ella Winter and the late Lincoln Steffens, defended the Communist Worker on a Jan. 5 KPFA (Berkeley) broadcast. He obligingly referred to the subversive paper as "the opposition press" and approved the manner in which it exploited the Willie McGee case, a CP cause celebre of several years ago.

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CO-OP

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A member of the Young Communist League in 1934, Nurmela was registered as a Communist in 1936, 1938 and 1941, when the CP was still listed on the ballot as a legitimate political party. By 1948 he had become a petition circulator for the Independent Progressive Party, a Communist-run third party effort.

YOUTH DELEGATE

Among his early activities on behalf of the party, Nurmela was a delegate to a meeting of the Communist-run American Youth Congress, Oct. 19, 1935. During that decade he also sponsored the candidacy for public office of another East Bay Communist, was active with a CP-supported "Council for Civic Betterment" and was a member of the Finnish Workers Club. The club met at the still-flourishing party gathering place, Finnish Hall, 1819 10th St., Berkeley, formerly known as Comrades Hall.

Nurmela was also a member of the Finnish branch of the International Workers Order, a Communist fraternal-insurance front.

The Finnish Cultural Club of Berkeley listed Nurmela as a spokesman in 1958. "It may be correct to call us left-wing," Nurmela told a San Francisco reporter April 23 of that year, "insofar as most of us have progressive ideas. But we're definitely a non-political organization."

To the question, "Are any members of the club Communists?" he answered, "I don't know whether they're opposed to them or not."

BACKED PARTY CANDIDATE

Nurmela's own lack of opposition to Communists found forthright expression not only in his earlier registration as a Communist but in his support of party-backed candidates during the 50's. Among these were attorney Bertram Edises, an identified Communist who ran in 1950 for Alameda County (Calif.) district attorney. Edises was a partner at the time of Robert Treuhaft, the Communist lawyer and funeral co-op booster referred to above.

A former organizer for the Communistrun ILWU at the Berkeley Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., Nurmela hosted a benefit for the People's World Sept. 26, 1942.

Since 1956 he has been active in the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, a Communist front which exploits immigrants' anxieties, and other Communist efforts.

Nurmela has also supported the clemency committee for condemned atom spy Morton Sobell and the move to kill the Walter-McCarran Immigration Law and has been a member of the Independent Voters of California, a Communist-led united-front movement.

LANNON

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Lannon senior was a one-time member of the Lenin School in the Soviet Union, Communist training center for sabotage and political warfare. His son was arrested in San Francisco in the May 1960 Communist riots against the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Said labor columnist Victor Riesel of Lannon senior in a Nov. 1949 article: "Lannon it was who stood accused by a witness in the famous Politburo trial of telling a Maryland Communist cell, back in 1945, that if war came between the U.S. and Russia, he knew the Red Army would invade Alaska from Siberia and sweep down through Canada while the Communists here sabotaged industry. At that time he was a member of the Communist Party's national committee."

In 1951, the elder Lannon was jailed under the Smith Act, which makes it a crime to advocate the violent overthrow of the government.

The younger Lannon's activities, apart from rioting, have consisted of writing articles and letters for both the Communist press and metropolitan papers.

In 1961, he formed part of the Berkeley left-wing claque which sought to ridicule a series of lectures called "Facts About Communism." New Horizons for Youth, labeled a Communist publication by the FBI, carried a poem by Lannon in Dec. 1960 entitled "Black Friday Blues," in reference to the HCUA demonstrations. ("If they should ever come back someday — We'll meet them again in the very same way....," wrote Lannon. "... They're just like the Nazis..."

A pamphlet entitled "In Search of Truth" published by a pro-Communist group called the Bay Area Student Committee to Abolish the HCUA, received support from Lannon in 1960. The pamphlet attempted to whitewash the rioters and shift blame for the subsequent arrests to law enforcement officers. The pamphlet and the recent Lane brief on Lee Harvey Oswald offer a striking parallel in propaganda techniques, a TOCSIN reader pointed out.

Reprints Available

A reprint of TOCSIN's article of Aug. 28, 1963, entitled "Writer Jessica Mitford Equals Communist Decca Treuhaft" is available at the rate of 20 cents for five; \$2.50 per 100; \$20 per 1000.

A reprint of articles on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee from the Dec. 4 TOCSIN is also available at the same rate.

Red's Book Free For Ministers

"Is nothing sacred any more?" asked an outraged Oakland clergyman this week in reaction to a startling announcement. The announcement placed side by side the Bible and Communist Jessica Mitford Treuhaft's anti-American funeral tract, "The American Way of Death." The Mitford book is being offered free as a premium for purchasers of "The Wycliffe Bible Commentary."

Evangelical Books, a publishing house which operates from 400 Community Drive, Manhasset, New York, is making the offer.

Jessica Mitford, who lives at 6411 Regent St., Oakland, is the wife of identified Communist lawyer Robert E. Treuhaft. Many times identified as a Communist Party member in sworn testimony before government agencies, author Mitford has also written for the People's World under the name of Decca Treuhaft.

Making no mention of Mrs. Treuhaft's party activity, Evangelical Books declares its intention to place her book in the hands of every clergyman free. "The material in the appendices will be an invaluable reference source for you in counseling your parishoners for years to come," says a blurb from the company.

Evangelical Books is even going to the expense of printing a special paperback edition, since Simon and Schuster, the original publisher, has not yet issued one.

A testimonial from Edmund Palmer Clarke, professor of Biblical literature at Crane Theological School, Tufts University, urges that the Communist's book "be on the shelves of every seminary library and distributed to members of the clergy" and their parishoners.

PHASING OUT

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Ella Winter herself has now established residence in Berkeley after years of voluntary exile in England. Eventually the Bay Area will have had most of the Communist big names.

The Communist Worker is so sloppy with its facts about the assassination of President Kennedy that it twice refers in its Jan. 5 defense of avowed Marxist Lee Harvey Oswald to "Lee Howard Oswald."

"TOCSIN is on the wrong track," a letter-writer informed us last week. "The way to fight Communism is to ignore it."

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