

Balance Sheet On McCarthy

By Joseph Keller

Months before the McCarthy-Army hearings, in our Dec. 7, 1953, issue, we published a Socialist Workers Party statement which drew the balance sheet on Senator Joseph McCarthy...

The victory of McCarthyism would signal the crushing of the labor movement, the conversion of the U.S. into a land of concentration camps, and a reign of terror against political dissenters and minority groupings that would make the horrors of Hitlerism seem like amateur beginnings...

In contrast to our basic conclusion that McCarthyism is the American form of fascism and that anti-communism is the greatest asset to McCarthyism, Wollman attempts to attack McCarthy with McCarthy's own best weapon, the "communist" smear...

Wollman repeatedly complains that "McCarthy has played into the hands of the Communists... made the going tougher for the many others who long before had been fighting to stop the spread of communism at home and abroad...

Wollman's attack on McCarthy has two basic weaknesses: (1) it accepts McCarthy's own premise that "communism" is the "greatest menace" facing America; (2) it misrepresents McCarthy's methods as differing from those of the witch-hunters...

This is given away by Wollman himself. Right at the beginning of his articles he speaks of "the Senator's record since he first embarked on the Red hunt Feb. 9, 1950..."

But they cannot tell the truth about McCarthy and his fascist aims. To do so, would undermine their own claims about the "Communist conspiracy," by revealing that the real menace to America is fascism...

Wollman and Scripps-Howard went along with McCarthy for four years, playing him up, encouraging him. Not until very recently did they find his methods of fighting "communism" a "major liability to the cause of anti-communism..."

Sat. Eve. Post Tries to Conceal Fascist Nature of McCarthyism

By George Breitman

Something about McCarthyism has the editors of the Saturday Evening Post deeply disturbed. Not the great political power that McCarthy commands...

What worries the Post editors most is the "fantastic delusion" accepted by "millions of Europeans," that McCarthyism represents a fascist threat to the U.S.

Recently, according to the July 10 Post editorial, some Americans in Austria visited a conservative member of the cabinet. The visitors had already heard the "preposterous yarn" about the growth of American fascism...

Then the Americans visited "a distinguished financier, who is also one of the top conservative political leaders." The financier "did not ask them" about the fascist danger in the U.S.

In West Germany, the editors lament, "the same fiction is widely accepted."

This "myth" must be "smashed," they insist. American officials, from the President on down, should "state the truth simply and conclusively. We should not permit our allies to be estranged from us by a big lie which we could quash every time it appears..."

EUROPEAN VIEWS "It is natural," they concede, "that Germans and Austrians, being more than a decade of fascist tyranny. Yet from their personal knowledge, they ought to know clearly what a fascist movement is and what it is not..."

There, in a nutshell, is concentrated all the wisdom of the Post (and, we might add, of some other publications that consider themselves more radical than the Post).

The Trumbull Park Riots -- Part III

From the beginning of the fight at Trumbull Park, the Socialist Workers Party has called for action by the people to stop the anti-Negro terrorism...

The Socialist Workers Party knows the fascist attack can be stopped at Trumbull Park. Not by depending on the bosses' representatives in City Hall...

Conferences with the mayor are O.K. Investigations are O.K. But when, after 11 months of investigation, all the mayor can say in the face of continued violence is "The police... are doing a good job..."

Just as a strike shows the boss what the workers want, so a demonstration will show the mayor what the people want. The demonstration will show the mayor that the people think he is falling down on the job...

Thousands of people can be mobilized at City Hall by the NAACP and the unions. The streets can be filled with people. The mayor will understand.

The demonstration will show the fascists something, too. It will show them that the people of Chicago are organized against them. Fascists are cowards. They have threatened more violence, but when they see the majority organized against them, they will be forced back into their holes.

Every local union, every tenants' group, every NAACP branch should elect delegates to a city-wide Congress of Labor, called by the NAACP and the unions. And this Congress of Labor could constitute a permanent defense committee.

This committee will be our organization, to which we bring our grievances. It will keep the mayor's promises for him. Right now, where can a victim of police brutality go? To another cop? With the permanent defense committee, he comes to a group made up of workers...

And the Congress of Labor could set up an anti-Jim Crow flying squadron of 1,000. This flying squadron will be on call at all times to go to Trumbull Park, or any other place, to see that peace is maintained.

Here is a program for Trumbull Park that will work. And you can help put it across. Get your union to pass a resolution favoring the program. Urge your church to support it. Speak for it in your tenants' group.

Why They Foster Jim Crow Trumbull Park, Cicero, Harlem, Detroit, Fontana — the pattern is always the same. All the branches of government — the cops, the politicians and the courts — line up against the people. Why is this? The answer is simple. Big Business makes money out of Jim Crow, out of Jim Crow ghettos, out of pitting white against black.

FALSE AND DOGMATIC Let's grant that Hitler and Mussolini had a "definite organization, a mass party" (though Mussolini's movement originally included members of many parties and did not call itself a party until its third congress). Does it follow from this that no movement can be called fascist unless it assumes the same organizational form that European fascist parties assumed before they came to power?

That's the Post's argument, and it is false to the core. Not only false, but guilty of the kind of sterile dogmatism that the defenders of capitalism are fond of attributing to Marxism.

By what social or political law is it decreed that McCarthyism must be an exact organizational replica of Hitlerism before it can be termed fascist? Democratic capitalist parties and movements in this country have different organizational forms and traditions than their European, Asian and African counterparts; why then shouldn't American fascism

have unique and peculiar features? A POSSIBILITY Is it possible for McCarthy to become a fascist dictator and president of the U.S. without forming a new party organization? The Post's editor would deny such a possibility — because that isn't how fascism came to power in Germany.

But we see it as a possibility — if McCarthy should succeed in capturing control of the Republican Party and converting it into a direct instrument of fascism. What would he need a new party for if an old one could be made to serve his totalitarian purpose?

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Probe Housing Swindle



Discussing Senate probe of FHA frauds, housing chief Albert Coles (center) confers with chairman Homer Capehart of Senate Banking Committee and Sen. Burnett Maybank. Senate hearings have already revealed that building contractors made profits of 10,000% and more on housing deals financed by FHA.

...10,000% PROFITS

(Continued from page 1) "Builder Smith went to his banker with the FHA commitment. The banker agreed to lend him the money. He started building. When the building was completed — surprise! — it didn't cost \$5,200,000 nor even \$4,680,000, but only \$3,000,000, with a handsome profit to the contractor already included in the cost."

Mr. Smith quickly repaid his \$3,000,000 of construction loans (out of the long term mortgage on the building) and found himself with \$1,680,000. That was his "windfall."

So go ahead. The field is wide open. Become an FHA builder. It beats working for a living. If something goes wrong and you don't make a profit, do what Levitt did on one of his projects that didn't pay off. He simply gave it to the government (which had guaranteed the mortgage) and tried again.

As for nasty criticism from those who assail you for profit making, brazen it out like Sarnor, who said: "It is true... that I had about \$2,500,000 left over from the mortgage loan, when I finished. What of it? Should I be stigmatized as a crook because of good luck and good business sense, gained in twenty-seven years experience?"

Or wave the flag like Bertram Bonner of Richmond, Va., who said "Frankly, I believe this project was intended to be extremely profitable to builders and the purpose was based on the American tradition that if you want to get the job done, if you show the American businessmen where they can make a hefty profit, they will really go out there and do you a job."

THE MILITANT ARMY

The current series of Anti-Fascist Militant Mobilizations has resulted in an encouraging increase in sales. New York Literature Agent John Tabor reports a continued good response to the paper the fourth week of their campaign.

Our Brooklyn team sold 27 copies door to door this week. In the downtown project Pete and Janet sold one six-months renewal, one new sub and two single copies. Ethel B. Priscilla, Dave M. Bob, Pearl, Dorothy and John T. went to the uptown project Friday. They sold 30 single copies and four new subs and got a 25c donation. A number of renewals have been obtained also. This is in addition to our work in these new neighborhoods.

Oakland Literature Agent Dolores Seville writes, "Our bundle was sold out again! All at union meetings. Our new comrade and two new friends have augmented our sales staff and increased our sales."

Dick Carter reports sales in St. Louis of one six-months renewal and five single copies house to house.

Literature Agent Gordon Bailey writes, "The San Francisco comrades had a good response to the paper from the workers we approached in our Militant campaign. For the last two weeks we have sent out a team on Saturday afternoon and another team on a weekday night. Both teams have had no difficulty in selling all their papers. Some comrades are revisiting homes where Militants were previously sold while others are opening up new territory. Another comrade is visiting for renewals."

Comrade Lou Mason reports the results of recent sales in Buffalo. "During the past month we have been selling Militants door to door in working-class neighborhoods. A total of 65 single copies were sold and we found many friendly and responsive workers. We plan to take future issues to them and sell subscriptions."

Pittsburgh Militant salesmen have been exploring two new neighborhoods and have started sales on the campus. Comrade Mary Butler writes, "We had especially good results in street sales in one neighborhood. We sold out very quickly and are planning to sell there regularly. We are very pleased to have a new comrade going out with us."

Comrade Dan Roberts reports, "In the last two weeks in Newark, Joe, Larry, Dick and I went out for new subs and single copies. Two new subscriptions were obtained and 12 single copies sold. In addition Ruth and Al went out for renewals and obtained two."

Comrade Clara Kaye sends in the following scores for Seattle: "Ann and Leon, four Militants, on their regular route; George and Frank, eight, on their regular route; Jack and Ann, eight, to new buyers; George, seven, to new buyers; and other comrades sold six."

Detroit Literature Agent Janet MacGregor reports, "Rev covered his route this week and sold seven Militants and one six months sub. Frank got the promise of a sub this Friday and one two weeks from now. I covered some call backs. Rudy and Johnny went out yesterday and got a promise of a sub tomorrow night which is pay night. Ed got one renewal and promises for three more."

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