

COMMUNISTS DISLIKE NAME

Many Too Stupid To Know They're Communists, Writer Tells Stewart

Central Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—One of my readers, writing in response to an inquiry I recently broadcast in an effort to gauge communistic sentiment in this republic, makes the interesting point that, in his opinion, there are about 100 million of Communists in the country, who are wholly unaware that they are Communists.

I never thought of the proposition from quite this angle. Maybe it is an angle from which one should take a squint at the situation.

My own opinion is that the term "Communist" is a commonly used in America as a mere epithet, hurled by conservatives at all sorts of folk who simply are in political or economic disagreement with their accusers.

For example, I have heard many men, prominent in the present national administration, referred to as Communists, who are, in my judgment, nothing but sane conservatives, anxious to make such concessions to a discontented majority as they believe they MUST make, in order to escape the danger of having to make still greater concessions.

Consequently it has been my opinion that the supposedly somewhat communistic trend throughout

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—The Rev. Asa Richardson, pastor of the Birmingham Community Church: "I heartily endorse the Eccentric's efforts to bring to light any mercenary or predatory interests in the Republican Party in state and county government. I am especially in sympathy with the theme of the open letter to Frank D. Fitzgerald which was published in The Eccentric a week ago."

out the United States has been vastly exaggerated—not by the Communists themselves but by anti-Communists, who continually are denouncing, as Communists, folk who are NOT Communists.

I still think so. However, perhaps I haven't made sufficient allowance for folk who ARE Communists but don't know it.

This informant of mine writes from Los Angeles. He thinks he recalls a time, a generation ago, when I was a newspaper man in Indianapolis. Or, he suggests, was it my father? Gosh! I'm glad he doesn't ask, was I my grandfather? Yes, his recollection serves him correctly.

Under No. 26 (his postmark attests it), saying, "Day after tomorrow the Democrats of this state are going to nominate Upton Sinclair for Governor." That they did is now a matter of history. "His (Sinclair's) election, the letter's writer proceeds, "almost certainly will occur in November 1934. If he is accurate, a prophet concerning election day as he proved to be relative to the California primaries, he is a forerunner worth listening to."

"It is entertaining, goes on my correspondent, "to hear and read the ravings of our capitalists as to the dangers of communism."

"But communism is here—in southern California. A lot of the most rabid Communists imagine they are something else, but that is because they are ignorant. They are fighting only a name and that name is communism."

"Did you ever hear of the Utopians? The organization claims to have more than 500,000 members. If it has half that number it has enough to carry any election. It is purely communistic."

The poor fish who are members think they are something else, but that again is due to their abysmal ignorance.

"One of the Utopians' principles is that the profit system must be OKed, let it go. But do you know anything more communistic or radical than that? Can you imagine the capitalist system without the profit motive? The poor profane have embraced communism in the form of utopianism as a living, breathing testimony to the fact that southern California has gone red, and that its sole objection to communism is the name—'communism'."

Personally I wasn't so much surprised at Sinclair's nomination as at the circumstances that he showed his greatest strength in southern California, largely settled by retired small capitalists from the Middle West—hitherto the most conservative of all classes—and his least strength in the north, where his conservatism had gained a dangerous foothold.

Now I begin to understand this seeming contradiction also. I have some relatives in southern California, of just the conservative type mentioned.

Returns on their investments were curtailed as early as the 1920's regime. Under the Roosevelt regime their living costs are rising. They're turning more and more to the out-and-out radicalism of the previously far redder north.

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Mayor Allen said: "I'm convinced we accomplished as much as it is possible to accomplish at any conference of that sort."

Separation Meets Objections Commissioner Luther Hencock asked whether the separation was wanted by the people of Birmingham or whether it was an idea of the State Highway Department. He said that many people have come to him with objections against the construction of a grade separation, he said.

Commissioner Lawrence Hubert maintained that the grade separation is needed to prevent the highway from dividing the community into two sections and destroying its unity.

(Concluded 3 from Page 1) Sease, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Blair "Doc" Sease of Ferndale avenue, is leaving for a trip with pardonable impetuosity to Sunday afternoon when he and his dad will be in the city of St. Louis.

Hornby, manager of the St. Louis Browns, to visit him in the Brown's dugout at Navin Field, where the team will be winding up the season in a game with the Boston Red Sox.

Stanley Harris Sease for the former manager of the Tigers, now guiding genius of the Boston Red Sox.

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New Service Station To Open Saturday Opening is scheduled for Saturday, the new Woodward-Willits Service Station, 264 North Woodward, owned by Thomas H. Cobb, 416 Hawthorne road, the station will be in charge of J. C. Greenell, assisted by Harry Fardey. Mr. Grinnell has been in the real estate business in Birmingham for several years, and Mr. Fardey for the past seven years has been employed by the Gulf Refining Company.

The station will distribute Gulf gasoline and other products, and will also be fully equipped for washing and greasing cars.

EQUALIZATION SUIT TO BE FILED NEXT WEEK The joint suit of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills against Oakland County's 1934 equalization will be filed "not later than the latter part of next week, and possibly in the middle of the week," Frank W. Atkinson, Bloomfield Hills attorney who is representing the cities, said yesterday. The cities voted to join in the suit after the State Tax Commission had denied their appeals from the equalization as set up by the county equalization committee.

'M' EXTENSION COURSE OPENS AT CRANBROOK Twenty-five persons were in attendance at Christ Church Cranbrook Tuesday evening when the opening class in a University of Michigan extension course in current books on social, political and economic problems was held. Meetings of the class are held at 8 P. M. every Tuesday in the Library of the church.

H. Marston, of the department of journalism of the University, is the instructor. Walter Lippman's "Method of Freedom" will be the topic for discussion at the meeting this Tuesday. Any person interested in the subject is invited to visit the class.

REAL ESTATE BOARD TO HEAR NHA REPORT A report on the activities of the National Housing Administration in this area is to be given at a meeting of the Birmingham Real Estate Board and property owners Association, to be held in the Community House at 11 P. M. Monday. Information regarding the annual state convention of Real Estate Boards in Ann Arbor, Michigan, will also be given at this meeting, according to W. Whiting Raymond, president of the Birmingham board.

BOY SUSPECTED IN THEFT OF CASH KEY Three \$1 bills and \$1 in change were stolen from the home of B. E. Hofius, 268 George street, he reported to police Sunday night. The theft occurred when the house was unoccupied for about 15 minutes. The front door was unattended.

Neighbors reported they saw a boy, 12 or 13 years old, enter the house. The money was taken from pocketbooks lying on a bedroom dresser. A key to the front door was also taken.

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BRONAGE TO SPEAK ON COUNTY GOVERNMENT A luncheon meeting on county re-organization, which anyone in Oakland County may attend, is to be held in Hotel Heidenbrunn, Pontiac, at 12:30 P. M. next Tuesday, according to Mrs. C. R. Patton of Drury Lane, who is in charge of reservations for Birmingham guests. Reservations must be made in advance through Mrs. Patton, president of the Birmingham League of Women Voters, is a member of the Oakland County Committee on County Re-organization, composed of representatives of various clubs and societies throughout the county.

The speaker at the meeting, Mrs. Patton said, will be Prof. Arthur W. Bronage of the political science department of the University of Michigan, who will discuss the Constitutional amendment to be voted on in Michigan in November which would enable individual counties to change their form of government if approved by the county as desired. Similar meetings are being planned in other counties throughout the state, Mrs. Patton said.

CHANGE HOUR OF SERVICE The United Presbyterian Church on Woodward avenue has changed the hour of its Sunday morning worship service from 10 o'clock to 12 noon. The Bible School will meet at the same hour as in the past.

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