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Dictionary of the Left

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT : New Publication: Biographical Dictionary *orig. under*  
of the Left *SOC*

1. This memorandum is for information only to invite your attention to a pamphlet entitled Biographical Dictionary of the Left (Preview Series, Volume One, 1968), a supplementary issuance to American Opinion, the monthly publication of the John Birch Society. Fifteen volumes of this Dictionary are scheduled to appear in this pamphlet form, containing about 3000 names, and, when completed, they will be re-issued in several hard cover volumes. The Dictionary is being prepared by Dr. Francis X. Gannon, head of the Research Department of the John Birch Society.

2. In his introduction, Dr. Gannon states

"In the immediate circumstances surrounding World War II, the leftist sought his niche in ... the Office of Strategic Services ... . Later, the leftist was found in the Central Intelligence Agency ... ."

3. The "A's" open with Dean Acheson and include George V. Allen, the Alsops, Frank Altschul (whose role in the National Committee for a Free Europe is not mentioned), Max Ascoli and Harry Ashmore.

4. Among the "B's" one finds George Ball, and Ambassadors Beam, Bohlen, Bowles, Bruce and Bunker. Former Budget Bureau Bell is included along with Eugene Black. Of Bohlen it is noted that he is "one of the most outrageous apologists for Communists perfidy." Bowles is characterized as "America's most inadequate diplomat." Bruce's role in OSS is listed but not his former membership on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Mac Bundy is included, partly because, as Dean of Harvard, he "placed himself squarely in opposition to federal security" and the government's security program. Brother Bill makes the list with emphasis on the fact that he was "a prime target" of Senator

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# Birch Members Witch Concerns

BY KENNETH REICH  
Times Political Writer

Last year at the annual John Birch Society council dinner at the Century Plaza, there were anti-Nixon slogans on the tables and when society head Robert Welch delivered anti-Nixon comments in his speech, there was roaring applause.

This year, the society, judging from its biggest Los Angeles banquet of the year, is back in more traditional channels, emphasizing an alleged Communist conspiracy—which, the lead speaker contended, had done Mr. Nixon in last year.

A review of speeches delivered by a number of Birch political candidates and officials at the Century Plaza banquet Saturday night shows these highlights:

—Scott Stanley Jr., managing editor of the society's American Opinion magazine and Review of the News, accused Secretary of State Henry Kissinger of working with "his (Communist) masters" to maneuver the former President out of office. He said Kissinger is trying to insure an amalgamation of the American and Soviet governments in the 1980s.

—Welch, 75, who served as a master of ceremonies for the event, attended by about 2,000 persons, said at one point. "By 'left wing,' I'm specifically including Gerald Ford and Nelson Rockefeller."

—Rep. John H. Rousselot (R-San Marino) called for abolition of the

The atmosphere of this year's banquet, as distinguished from last year's, seemed more definitely right wing. Last year, much of Welch's criticism of then-President Richard M. Nixon could have been uttered by liberals.

Stanley's speech, starting things off, set the mood.

"As we sit here tonight, what remains of anti-Communist intelligence operations under the CIA and FBI are under fire by witch-hunt committees headed by Nelson Rockefeller federal personal income tax, making Social Security a voluntary program and scrapping the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, (OSHA), the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Drug Administration.

—Dr. John L. Grady, an American Party candidate for the U.S. Senate from Florida last year, who got enough votes to prevent the Republican from winning, called for a program to elect 50 Birch members to Congress in 1976.

and Frank Church," Stanley began.

"(J. Edgar) Hoover is dead under suspicious circumstances without so much as an autopsy and the FBI is being run by a dutiful liberal bureaucrat (Clarence Kelley) under a radical attorney general (Edward Levi)," he went on.

"In another day, even two years ago," Stanley asserted, "the American people might have looked for help to the Subversive Activities Control Board or the Internal Security Division of the Justice Department or the House Committee on Internal Security.

"But all are now gone, gone in two years . . . crushed in a sweeping campaign to destroy all anti-Communist

order, eliminated in a rush of conspiracy engineered by Henry Kissinger and his masters . . ."

Welch, commenting on Stanley's remarks, told the crowd, "We have just begun to fight" against the alleged conspiracy.

Rousselot, whose speech followed, said the Birch target must be to convert the 85 million working people of the United States.

"We say, at the federal level, let's abolish the personal income tax, flat out," he said. "You don't get the old argument that you used to, 'How will we defend ourselves?' You just say, 'We aren't anyway!'"

Going on to describe Social Security as "a giant rip-off and fraud," the Southern California congressman said he felt the issue of moving against its compulsory features "is ripe . . ." "We can engender a prairie fire across this country, because the average person knows he's been had," he said.

And, he added, "There's lots of regulatory agencies we can abolish. We can abolish OSHA, ICC, FDA . . . How absolutely ridiculous most of those regulatory agencies are. They don't protect anybody. They are a total menace to society."

Several speakers concluded the program by telling of the troubles of confronting anti-Birch arguments in running for public office.

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## 2d Birch Aide Quits In Illinois

CHICAGO (UPI) — A second high-ranking member of the John Birch Society has announced his resignation from the right-wing organization.

Dr. Slobadan Draskovich of Chicago said he has left the Birch group and predicted that "other members of the policy-making 26-man Birch Council may call it quits soon."

Earlier, Revilo P. Oliver, a University of Illinois professor who helped found the Society, said in Champaign, Ill., he was quitting because he could "no longer in conscience remain a member."

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*Box 4-01.3 NBC - Today*

NBC-TV's Today devotes 90  
minutes to the John Birch Society  
next Tuesday morning (7 A.M.).  
A one-hour film showing a meet-  
ing by the Bayside Birch chapter  
will be followed by a 30-minute  
debate. Participants are: John  
Rousselot, public relations direc-  
tor of the Birch Society, and an-  
other Birch press agent, Tom  
Davis versus Benjamin Epstein,  
national director of the Anti De-  
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and its lawyer, Arnold Forster.

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	are being employed to foment civil disorder and chaos under the guise of civil rights.		
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Senate of the State of California:  
**THE CALIFORNIA REPORT**  
 At the request of The John Birch Society, the California Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities conducted an investigation of The John Birch Society and found that its purpose is to prevent the spread of Communism and that accusations of its being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization have no basis in evidence.

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- More Stately Mansions
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- CIVIL RIGHTS POST CARDS (CR-2): Martin Luther King
- JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
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- LOUISIANA REPORT, PART II
- LETTER TO THE SOUTH ON SEGREGATION: Welch
- LOS ANGELES, HELL IN THE CITY OF THE ANGELS: Allen and Richardson
- NEGROES IN A SOVIET AMERICA: Ford and Allen (Communist pamphlet)
- NEW YORK, COMMUNIST TERROR IN THE STREETS: Stang
- OCCUPATION OF THE CAMPUS: (report by the General Legislative Committee)
- REVOLUTION, THE ASSAULT ON SELMA: Stanley
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# What Is The John Birch Society?

## *The Truth May Surprise You!*

This week we are celebrating our seventh anniversary. We are glad to take the occasion therefore, to give as much of an answer to the above question as space will permit, for those who really want to know. So—

### I. Let's Start At The Beginning

The John Birch Society was founded in Indianapolis, on December 9, 1958. It was chartered under the General Laws of Massachusetts as a non-profit educational organization. We have lived up meticulously to those specifications (including not making any profit) for seven years.

During these seven years we have sought to bring into The John Birch Society only men and women of good character, humane consciences, and religious ideals. For we are striving to set an example, by dedication, integrity, and purpose — in word and deed — which our children's children may follow without hesitation.

Members of the Society are of all races, colors, and creeds. We are of all social, economic, and educational levels. We are individualists who disagree among ourselves about many things. But we are firmly united in devotion to those beliefs, principles, and purposes which we do hold in common. For we have voluntarily joined together:

(1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our freedom, our lives, our country, and our civilization;

(2) To prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before;

(3) To restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the ennobling aspirations, on which our western civilization has been built. The longrange objective of the Society has been summarized as *less government, more responsibility, and a better world,*

### II. So We Collide With Communism

These purposes bring us immediately into conflict with the Communists, on two levels. For on the ideological plane the Communists seek always and everywhere to bring about more

government, less individual responsibility, and an amoral world. And on the plane of action, until the Communists can be stopped from completing their subjugation of the whole world, there will be no opportunity for us to move forward at all towards our permanent goals.

We have undertaken, therefore, to play a leading role in slowing down, stopping, and eventually routing the Communist conspiracy. We realize that the one thing no conspiracy can withstand is the light of day on its activities. The only danger to their gigantic conspiracy which the Communists fear is *exposure*. For this reason, we do all that we can to bring to our fellow citizens more knowledge and a better understanding of the methods, the progress, and the menace of the Communist machine. In this undertaking we have become a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have never faced before in any of the vast areas they have already taken over.

So the Communists, grasping this fact very early, set out in 1961 to destroy us. The most official Communist publication in the United States is *The Worker*, in which the line is laid down for the faithful. During the last six months of 1961 there was, we believe, only one issue of this weekly paper which did not contain an attack somewhere in its pages on The John Birch Society; and a number of issues contained as many as six or seven separate attacks on us at that many different places. The Comsymps got the point, and have been carrying out the indicated program with increasing furor ever since.

Of course the Communists follow Lenin's basic strategy of advancing Communism by non-Communist hands. They could never impose the tyrannical rule of some three percent of a population over the whole population — which they repeatedly do in one country after another — unless they could inveigle enough non-Communists and even anti-Communists among that other ninety-seven percent into doing their dirty work for them. Deceptively appealing, for instance, to every motivation in human character, from sordid selfishness to "practical politics" to misguided idealism, they have gradually beguiled a lot of very good Americans into joining the attack on us. Until the maligning of The John Birch Society has

now probably exceeded, in intensiveness and extensiveness, that faced by any other organization in all American history. And in general our defamers do not even try to refute the facts on which we focus attention. They merely call us names for bringing these facts to light.

### III. And Stir Up The Politicians

The John Birch Society is in no sense a political organization. We try to give our members information, understanding, and — we hope — even inspiration, which will make them better citizens. As good citizens they may take an active part in politics. But each member does so entirely on his own, working in the party of his choice, for the candidate of his choice, exactly as do members of the American Legion or of the Knights of Columbus or of the Rotary Club or a Baptist Church.

For we regard education as the means, and political action as only the mechanics, for bringing about improvements in government. The mechanics will automatically be used when sufficient education has prepared the way. We mean it quite literally, therefore, when we say that education is our total strategy, and truth is our only weapon. Or, as made clear throughout the Blue Book and emphasized on its last page, our gigantic task is simply to create understanding.

Members of The John Birch Society, however, are extremely hard working, highly respected in their local communities, and always earnestly determined on behalf of any cause or candidate that they support. When circumstances bring any appreciable number together behind any particular candidate, their weight is out of all proportion to their numbers. And that weight is usually felt, of course, on the side of the Conservatives—of either party. So the Liberals of both parties naturally raise all the clamor they can against Birchers in politics. As the stranglehold of the Liberals on both parties now steadily increases, even Conservative politicians feel unceasing pressures to "improve their images" by joining the chorus of attack on The John Birch Society. Very few of them indeed have ever realized the extent to which they were running interference for the Communists.

A related part of the mammoth and many-faceted campaign which the Communists have

now generated against us is the deliberate, and widespread attempt to associate The John Birch Society in the public mind with the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan, and other so-called "extremists of the left and of the right." Our approach to the problems of today is so different from the viewpoint of the Klans that we have never knowingly admitted a member of any Klan into the Society. We estimate that about forty percent of our total membership is Catholic. Many of our finest Chapter Leaders are Jewish. And we are very proud of our small but growing number of Negro members, who are working so hard — and so courageously — with us to show our fellow citizens, both white and colored, how the Negroes are being used today by the Communists to serve Communist purposes.

So we have no similarity or sympathy whatsoever with the Klans. While the so-called American Nazi Party, according to J. Edgar Hoover, has *less than one hundred members*. And it is visibly given immense publicity by some media for the very purpose of using it, by utterly false association, to discredit The John Birch Society.

Nor is this campaign intended to serve simply the purpose of a vague and general discrediting of the Society; or of merely discouraging our members and prospective members. There are plotters behind it who are obviously working towards a more specific goal. They wish to establish in the public mind, and then to formalize, the concept that since the Communists and Ku Kluxers and John Birchers are all "just alike," and since the Communists and Ku Kluxers are visibly "subversive," then The John Birch Society is "subversive" too. We believe it is to this end, at least in part, that so many high ranking politicians have been seduced into speaking out against us.

### IV. What Have We Accomplished?

We have established a nationwide educational army. It has a fully paid field staff. This army is fighting with facts as its only weapons. And the whole army knows that to be better informed is to be better armed.

For help towards informing ourselves first, and then others, we established a publishing division. It is now turning out books and pamphlets with a retail value of about four million

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dollars per year. We also serve as very sizable distributors of the Conservative books and reprints of approximately one hundred other publishers. And our members now operate some 350 "reading rooms that sell books," scattered throughout the country — most of them under the name of American Opinion Libraries.

We have certainly helped to re-awaken, restore, and strengthen, in tens of thousands of Americans, the three great basic human loyalties: Loyalty to God, loyalty to country, and loyalty to family. The Communists know that they simply must destroy all three of these foundations of our civilization. For they can never rule "peacefully"—that is, without constant resistance—in any place or at any time where there is loyalty to anything except to the Communist state.

We were the first organization in the United States to start calling widespread attention to the world-wide Communist plot to discredit, demoralize, and destroy local police forces. Our members have distributed in leaflet form literally millions of our messages explaining what the Communists were doing in this area, and why. As a result, our *Support Your Local Police* drive has now won tremendous backing from patriotic citizens everywhere.

We are engaged in an entirely proper and constitutional movement to bring about the impeachment of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. As only one result of our educational efforts in support of that movement, we have awakened hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens to the vital differences between a republic and a democracy. Many of them have come to realize the lengths to which our Founding Fathers went in order to give us a republic (not a democracy) — *if we could keep it!* And a growing number now understand how important it is to the Communists to convert this republic into a democracy as rapidly as they can.

Through the distribution by our members of huge quantities of books and pamphlets, we have brought a sizable and increasing fraction of the American people to recognize the high degree of Communist planning, influence, control, and purposes involved in the "civil rights" movement. Our increasing ability to get able, informed, and patriotic Negroes to join us in this effort, especially through continuous and

widespread speaking engagements, has been an important part of this service to our country.

We have helped mightily to offset the emotional and extravagant tendencies of the prejudiced and the poorly informed to blame Communism on any one group or race or organization. The historical facts clearly reveal that the international Communist conspiracy reaches through every conceivable body it can utilize in any way to promote its ends. And we have insisted from the beginning that we are fighting the Communists — and nobody else.

The Factfinding Subcommittee of the California Senate ended the twenty-five thousand word report of its two-year investigation with these paragraphs:

"We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread.

"Our investigation and study was requested by the society, which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

What we have accomplished, above all else, is to keep The John Birch Society alive and growing, as a rallying point for the increasing number of informed and patriotic anti-Communists. Our members have achieved this result, through staggering labor and sacrifice, despite unceasing harassments, and distortions of their actions, and pressures amounting in many instances to serious persecution. And we intend to keep on growing. For we believe the incredibly vicious and massive attacks on the Society have been due, in any final analysis, *not to our mistakes and our failures*, but to our successes and our progress.

#### V. Which Do You Choose?

We cannot give you here the full basis for that choice. But let's put down a few point by point comparisons of the Society with its Communist enemies.

(1) The Communists seek unlimited power

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for themselves, over the whole human race. The John Birch Society does not want any power at all over anybody, either now or in the future. Agreeing with Lord Acton that "power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely," the Society seeks to make progress towards its goals only by education and persuasion.

(2) The Communists believe that any means may be used to attain their ends. The Society believes that improper means are never justified by even the noblest of aims, and that means are as important as ends in any worthwhile civilization.

(3) The Communists always accuse their enemies — such as The John Birch Society — of exactly those crimes which the Communists themselves are committing. We do not bear false witness against anybody, about anything.

(4) The Communists believe that words should be used to conceal thoughts, and that promises are made to be broken. The John Birch Society believes that simple truth is the very core of morality; and that when we can persuade enough people to make truth the prerequisite to all statements and the accepted guide to all action, at least half of the world's problems will rapidly disappear.

(5) The Communists operate in secrecy and darkness. We follow the preponderant custom, among all American voluntary associations, of not publishing the list of our members. With that exception, The John Birch Society has absolutely no secrets of any kind.

(6) The Communists seek to break down all morality, all tradition, and to destroy the whole spiritual and esthetic sense of values which we have inherited. The Society believes that a reverent continuity in human affairs is of extreme importance; and that even the most desirable change should be made cautiously, in order to be sure that it constitutes improvement.

(7) The Communists believe that man is just a material combination of atoms, with no other purpose than satisfaction of the desires of the physical entity thus assembled. The John Birch Society believes that a Divine Creator has endowed man with a purpose and an "upward reach" which are far superior to, and frequently prompt a willing sacrifice of, the desires and needs of the individual himself.

sky, and many other leaders — openly preach that "men must learn to hate," and that only through spreading sufficient hatred can the Communists succeed in ruling the world. The John Birch Society hates nobody, not even the Communists, but only the evil which they do. The Society believes that love for one's neighbor and good will towards all men should be a fundamental motivation in all human relationships.

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The Communists also *pretend* to believe — and some of them undoubtedly do believe — that Communism is "the wave of the future." We believe, instead, that the whole world is now tired of so much strife and bestiality, treason and immorality, cruelty and confusion, blasphemy and destructiveness, bitterness and fear, doubt and despair that always go hand in hand with Communism. We believe that mankind may be about ready to arise, shake off this Communist tyranny and terror, and move forward again towards a more enlightened and humane existence. We are doing everything in our power, by all honorable means, to create the understanding that will produce this result.

If you have what it takes, in character and courage, then by all means join us *now* in our epic undertaking. With the added effort of people like yourself, and with God's help — when and because we have deserved it — we shall break up this immense criminal conspiracy, and return a world gone crazy to sanity once again.

#### IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE

Introductory Packet	\$ 1.00
Special Packet (A thorough introduction to the Society.)	5.00
ONE DOZEN CANDLES (Twelve famous books, in paperbound editions, which give you a thorough introduction to the workings of the Communist conspiracy.)	8.00
ONE DOZEN TRUMPETS (Twelve albums, of two full length records each, to be played in numbered sequence, which give you a comprehensive survey of all the subject matter of this advertisement.)	50.00

All prices postpaid. For the above materials, or simply to have somebody from the Society get in touch with you, write to the address given below.

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*Pres Evans Rowland  
Bliss, John Birch Society  
Pres Morton, Thruston B.*

# Inside Report . . . By Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

*Switched to: Rowland*

WORKING quietly in the background, right-wing Republicans are trying to sink the anti-John Birch Society resolution before it's even floated at the high-level Republican Coordinating Committee here Dec. 13.

Accordingly, in prospect is another bitter battle between the liberal-to-moderate Republicans and the conservative Goldwaterites over the same issue that split the convention in San Francisco in 1964.

Whether Goldwater himself knows it, his closest political friends are quietly passing the word:

Since almost all the top party brass have come out individually against the John Birch Society (and most particularly its leader, Robert Welch), there is just no reason for the 28-member Coordinating Committee to deal with the question.

In fact, it is now widely believed by Republican moderates — who desperately want the RCC to go on record against extremists—that the right wing encouraged National Chairman Ray Bliss to make his uncharacteristic ideological attack on "radical organizations" early last month.

Their reasoning is politically subtle. With Bliss (who speaks for the entire Republican Party) committed against "extremism," a formal Coordinating Committee resolution becomes superfluous.

**EVEN** Sen. Thruston B. Morton of Kentucky, highly respected Chairman of the Senate Republican Campaign Committee, is now neutral about having the Coordinating Committee pass an anti-Birch resolution.

Ironically, it was Morton who struck the first blow against the Society to come from any top Party figure



Novak                      Evans

since the disastrous Goldwater defeat last year. On Sept. 29, he said he would push an anti-Birch resolution at the Dec. 13 Coordinating Committee meeting.

Following Morton in almost ritualistic succession, just about every Republican leader—including Goldwater himself—came out with separate blasts of their own at Welch-style extremism (coupled with attacks on left-wing extremism).

Morton now says his resolution may not be necessary at the Coordinating Committee meeting. He adds, however, that if a demand develops, he'll go along.

But there is quite another viewpoint among other members of the Coordinating Committee, including progressive Governors Robert Smiley of Idaho, George Romney of Michigan and the Eastern liberals. They insist on a formal Party denunciation of the Birch Society with more vehemence today than at last year's national convention.

The background of Bliss's antiextremism statement in Albuquerque early last month offers an insight into the right-wing strategy to dispose of the whole issue without a Party declaration.

Strangely, Bliss's statement was submitted in advance to Tony Smith, Goldwater's old press secretary. Smith and former Goldwater speechwriter Karl Hess are now partners in Research Services, Inc., an outfit that does research for Goldwater and a few other private clients. Nevertheless, Smith was asked by Bliss to approve the text. He recommended several changes and sent it back to Bliss.

As finally delivered, the Bliss text singled out Welch, rather than the Birch Society itself. Generally, it fell far short of the blanket condemnation that the Smiley-Romney moderates want.

**THUS**, THE suspicion among moderates is that Bliss's statement was monitored by the conservatives in such a way that it would not be offensive to the right-wing but would go far enough to void any formal Party resolution.

The reason the conservatives will fight tooth-and-nail against a formal resolution is that it might cut off contributions from right-wing fat-cats. The reason Bliss himself is not eager for a formal Party statement is that it might infuriate genuine Republican conservatives, who view the anti-Birch resolution as directed by the liberals at the conservatives.

But most rank-and-file Republican politicians who have to run for election next year want a strong anti-Birch resolution adopted — unanimously if possible.

The reason: According to all the signs, the Democratic Party's main campaign strategy will be to tie the right-wing albatross around all Republican candidates. A strong anti-Birch statement now would rip this Democratic strategy to shreds.

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## Birch Society—

# In Stamford It's a Tall Secret

By Don Ross  
Of The Herald Tribune Staff

Robert Welch, founder and leader of the extremist, John Birch Society, insists that there is nothing secret or sinister about his flock. When Sen. Thruston B. Morton, R., Ky., former Republican national chairman, denounced the society recently as a "clandestine" organization and compared it, in at least this respect, to the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist party, Mr. Welch heatedly denied the charge.

Stamford is a city of 100,000 in Fairfield County, Conn., where the membership of the society is believed to be large. Public meetings in Stamford addressed by speakers affiliated with the society have drawn big crowds. An American Opinion Library, which distributes literature approved by Mr. Welch, is on one of Stamford's main business streets.

Fairfield County is said by some to have more Birch chapters than any other parts of the country with the exception of southern California, Texas and Florida. There are American Opinion Libraries in Norwalk and Stratford, in addition to the one in Stamford.

A number of prominent Stamford citizens, both Republicans and Democrats, are so disturbed about the inroads of the John Birch Society and other extreme right-wing groups that they are forming a non-partisan committee to fight extremism of both the right and the left. The committee will be announced this month.

It seemed, then, that Stamford would be a good place for the Herald Tribune to test Mr. Welch's statement that the John Birch Society is not secret and has nothing to hide. So this reporter spent four days in Stamford trying to get in touch with society members so that he could interview them and get some idea of their backgrounds, beliefs and activities.

At the end of this period of talking to dozens of people and checking every clue, this reporter found only six people willing to admit their membership in the society. The rest, whether 10 or 500 in number, remained out of sight despite the fact that the reporter made it known to the society's officials that he was trying to test Mr. Welch's contention.

### A PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN

First, the enquiring reporter got in touch with Thomas J. Davis, the John Birch public relations man for the East whose office in White Plains, N. Y. Mr. Davis lives in Stamford.

Mr. Davis said that the society never gives out the names of its members. Mr. Welch promises each recruit, it turned out, that the society will never disclose his name. Mr. Davis refused even to say how many members the society has in Stamford. (Mr. Welch has claimed that the society, now in the midst of a big recruiting drive, has 80,000 members across the country.)

"We respect our members' privacy and we don't want them to be bothered by crazy letters," Mr. Davis said. "But there is nothing about the society that is secret. Members are generally well known in their communities. This is the only way we get new members—by members telling non-members that they belong to the John Birch Society and inviting them to meetings."

The reporter pointed out that the refusal to give names might be interpreted as a desire on the part of the society to make it easier for its anonymous members to infiltrate and take over organizations. Republican Congressional leaders have accused the society of trying to seize and subvert the Republican party. (Mr. Welch has denied that the society ever tried to infiltrate political groups and has said the society is not interested in political parties and cares only about educating the people about the Communist menace.)

After being rebuffed by Mr. Davis, the reporter turned to the next most likely source—Stamford Republican leaders who are fearful that the Birchers are trying to run away with their party and therefore have an interest in identifying Birchers. These leaders were asked if they would give the names of known members of the society or of those suspected of being members.

"They work in secret like the Communists," said one. "They are termites who won't come out of the woodwork," said another.

"You don't know who they are so it's like shadow-boxing," said Robert Bromley, an attorney who is president of the Stamford Young Republican Club.

All the Republicans knew the name of one undoubted John Birch member. She is Mrs. Roseanne Guinta, a voluble, forceful, sharp young registered nurse who claims that she has read all the works of Karl Marx, Nicolai Lenin, Josef Stalin, Nikita Khrushchev and William Z. Foster, who was once leader of the American Communist party.

Mrs. Guinta also regularly reads, she says, the New York Herald Tribune, The New York Times, the New York Journal-American, the New York Daily News, the Worker, the National Review, the Congressional Record, and, occasionally, the Washington Post, and she displays an almost encyclopedic knowledge of dozens of books from the American Opinion Library which warn that the Communist conspiracy has subverted every institution in the country, with the possible exception of motherhood.

"I am proud to be a member of the John Birch Society," Mrs. Guinta said in an interview as she sat in her living room under a big picture of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution, the reporter wasn't quite sure which.

It is Roseanne Guinta, with her cohorts, say the Republican leaders, who is trying to take over the Young Republican Club. The cohorts, the Republicans complain, conceal their membership in the society.

"We have no interest in taking over the Young Republicans," Mrs. Guinta said. "That's just a figment of Bob Welch's imagination. He sees anybody sit

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**Add Publishers**

There's a new paperback publisher in business under the name of The Americanist Library, and behind this lies the John Birch Society. With uniform blue and white covers—and very attractive they are, too—its first book came out last summer, the next four the other day, such titles as "Shanghai Conspiracy: The Sorge Spy Ring," by Charles A. Willoughby; and "Sacco-Vanzetti: The Murder and the Myth," by Robert Montgomery. Leslie Smith is the editor of the series, and from its Belmont, Mass., headquarters he said that 20 more books are to be issued this year, 40 each during the next two years, or a shelf of 100 blue and white titles by the end of 1967. Primary outlets will be the 350 or so American Opinion Libraries, run by the Society and scattered about the country, plus bookstores. The books are \$1 each, are reprints of hardcover works, with substance of political nature, frankly conservative.

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## EISENHOWER FINDS BAY OF PIGS FAULT

Criticizes Kennedy Tactic  
During Invasion of Cuba

By THOMAS P. RONAN

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower indirectly criticized yesterday President Kennedy's handling of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in April, 1961.

Without mentioning Mr. Kennedy by name or going into details, General Eisenhower said that if he "had gone into any movement like that" he would have made sure it was a success.

The invasion by Cuban refugees at the Bay of Pigs had United States support that was at first intended to be clandestine, but soon became obvious. Critics of Mr. Kennedy have argued that if he had authorized substantial air support it would have made the attack a success.

President Kennedy canceled an air strike planned for the day of the raid when some of his advisers argued that it would have damaged the country's image in world and particularly Latin-American opinion.

### Guatemala Incident

General Eisenhower recalled that he had faced a somewhat similar situation in his first term when the United States supported an invasion of Guatemala to oust a left-wing regime.

He said that when a plane was lost and some supply ships were sunk some of his advisers had argued that this country should not send planes to help the invaders. They maintained that it would alarm all of South America and that the United States would lose all its friends there.

The general said he told them there was no way to conceal the role played by the United States and that therefore this country had "better be a winner."

He also argued the South Americans would despise this country as a loser if it ran away from what it had undertaken only because it was afraid of public opinion. The

planes were sent, he added.

He told a news conference at the Hotel Biltmore that when a country "such as ours" appealed to force, it had to be successful.

The conference was held on the eve of the general's 75th birthday to mark the publication by Doubleday today of his book "Waging Peace."

The book covers the period from the general's decision in 1956 to seek a second term until the inauguration of President Kennedy in 1961. It is the second and final volume of his memoirs entitled "The White House Years."

Pink-cheeked and affable, the general answered a series of questions readily and volubly. He showed only slight signs of the speech impediment that has bothered him since his stroke in November, 1957.

### Deterioration Deplored

He opened the news conference by cheerfully disclaiming "any pretense of being an author." Asserting that everything that he had written had been "reporting," the general said he had never made any attempt to develop a style and observed that unquestionably he was a hack.

Again and again he deplored the evidence he had seen of a deterioration of public and private standards of morality and decency.

He said he was especially upset by the attitude of youths

who thought so little of their country that they resisted attempts to get them into the armed services.

He saw as the greatest potential step toward peace a realization by the Soviet Union that it was not necessary for it "to keep a closed society."

This, he said, would encourage world confidence and stimulate efforts to achieve a world without violence.

When asked about the right-wing John Birch Society, General Eisenhower said that Robert H. W. Welch Jr., its leader, had made so many "outlandish, unwarranted and false statements" he could not see how anyone would belong to the organization.

"I think Mr. Welch has done a great disservice to the United States," he said.

The Republican party intends to mark the general's birthday today with fund-raising dinners in 19 cities.

The general plans a quiet family celebration at his son's home in Phoenixville, Pa.

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**The Washington Merry-Go-Round**

# Birchers Draw Answering Fire

By Jack Anderson

The Republican broadside against the John Birch Society is merely the return fire upon those patriots of the



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soapbox, who hit responsible conservatives while claiming to aim at the Communists.

This column has seen the confidential minutes of a typical John Birch meeting,

at which ritual denunciations of the Communists were heard. But the most scathing attack was made not upon the Communists but upon the conservatives, who refuse to swallow extremist John Birch doctrine.

The featured speaker was Scott Stanley, editor of American Opinion, the Society's official magazine, who has a reputation as a spellbinder on the stump.

"The stupidity," he said, "of the conservative majority being pushed around by the liberals is beyond my comprehension."

Then he lashed into former President Eisenhower, whom he accused of removing "less than 150 security risks" from the State Department.

Most of these, he declared contemptuously, were reinstated in their old jobs or transferred to other positions.

Stanley claimed that Ike had left the State Department crawling with 800 Communists and security risks.

He didn't mention that Ike had given the housecleaning job at the State Department to one of the late Sen. Joe McCarthy's henchmen, Scott McLeod, who, after hunting in all the cracks and corners in the State Department, admitted to a Senate committee that he had been unable to find a single Communist.

## Relief for Banks

This column reported recently on the efforts of Rep. Thomas Ashley (D-Ohio) to ram through special legislation that would virtually exempt banks from antitrust laws.

His bill would grant retroactive immunity to three big bank combines, including Manufacturers Hanover Trust of New York City, whose merger was declared illegal last March by a U.S. District Court.

Ashley managed to force a hearing on his bill over the opposition of House Banking Chairman Wright Patman (D-Tex).

Voting with Ashley were Republicans Brock (Tenn.), Clawson (Calif.), Dwyer (N.J.), Fino (N.J.), Halpern (N.Y.), Harvey, (Mich.), Johnson, (Pa.), Mize, (Kan.), Stanton, (Ohio), Talcott, (Calif.)

They were joined by Democrats Cabell, (Tex.), Gettys, (S.C.), Grabowski, (Conn.), Hansen, (Iowa), Ottinger (N.Y.) and St. Germain, (R.I.) and Widnall (N.J.).

After the vote, Patman commented privately: "When the Justice Department stepped on the toes of the country's fourth largest bank (Manufacturers Hanover), the roar let out by Wall Street was heard in every congressional district. The bank's lawyers didn't even file a motion for appeal. Instead, they rushed to Congress for this extreme and unprecedented relief."

## Firearm Champion

One of the most outspoken opponents of the Dodd bill, which would restrict the free sale of firearms to criminals, mental patients and juveniles, has been Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes (D-Fla.).

He is also a part-time major general, who won his stars fighting for Army appropriations on Capitol Hill.

Sikes has long been championing the right of everyone, fools and imbeciles included, to buy weapons, free of Government regulation. A few weeks before President Kennedy was gunned down, Sikes actually tacked an amendment to the Arms Control Act, prohibiting any interference with "the acquisition, possession, or use of firearms by an individual for the lawful purpose of personal defense.

sport, recreation, education or training.

Not long afterward, he was fined \$50 for using his own firearms for unlawful purposes. He pleaded guilty to the charge of hunting turkey over a baited field in Chatom, Ala.

More recently, Sikes has been leading the battle against the bill, introduced by Sen. Thomas Dodd (D-Conn.), to stop the unrestricted traffic in foreign-made and military-surplus firearms.

Testifying before both the Senate and House hearings, Sikes accused President Johnson and Sen. Dodd of going off "half cocked" with their gun proposals and warned that their legislation would violate states' rights.

However, the Senate report on gun legislation, still in confidential draft form, points out that state laws are inadequate to curb the underworld gun traffic.

"The Massachusetts State Police," declared the Senate report, "have traced 87 per cent of the concealable firearms used in crimes in Massachusetts to out-of-state purchases."

The confidential report also discloses: "In gun murders involving emotional provocation, it is apparent that if the gun were not available on the spur of the moment, many such murders could well have ended in assault."

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## Secret Is Out: Rep. Ford Ist Ein Bilderberger

By Richard L. Lyons  
 Washington Post Staff Writer

The John Birch Society's answer to attacks by Republican leaders on the secret, far right organization is this: House Republican leader Gerald R. Ford is a "Bilderberger."

Was ist ein Bilderberger?

John Rousselot, a national public relations director of the Birch Society and a former Republican congressman, said in California that the Bilderberg group is a secret organization and Ford should be asked about it.

Ford said it is an unofficial, changing group of public and private leaders from Atlantic Community nations that meets twice a year to discuss world problems. Sponsored by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands in 1954, it took its name from its first meeting place, the Bilderberg Hotel in Oosterbeek, Holland. It met last year at Williamsburg, Va.

"You don't really belong," said Ford. "You get invited to attend by the Prince." He said he has gone to two of the 13 three-day conferences.

"It's secret to the extent that they don't put out any releases," said Ford. But he said they don't do anything but talk. They make no decisions, cast no votes, have no power or standing, he said.

"I'm also a 33d degree Mason and a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Delta Phi and Michigamua—all secret societies," he said. The last

is a senior honorary society at the University of Michigan.

Right-wing organizations got on to the Bilderberg group some time ago, and it pops up frequently in their literature as an example of what they see as One-World Eastern Establishment groups working behind the scenes to sell out America.

Phyllis Schlafly discussed the Bilderbergers in her pro-Goldwater book, "A Choice Not an Echo," last year in a chapter titled "Who are the secret kingmakers?" She called the group an example of "a little clique of powerful men (who) meet secretly and plan events that appear to 'just happen.'"

Ford had some Bilderberg literature, which showed that those attending its discussions have included Christian A. Herter, Dean Rusk, Gen. Alfred Gruenther, Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer, Paul-Henri Spaak, Guy Mollet, Hugh Gaitskell, and Per Jacobsson.

Until redistricting, Ford represented Holland, Mich., often visited by Prince Bernhard, and his district is still about 60 per cent Dutch descent.

"Just put in that this was started by Prince Bernhard and I don't care what else you say about it," he said.

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# Mere Voices Won't Halt Birch Group

By William Sumner  
Editor, The Pioneer Press

IT IS GOING to take more than voices from the Republican congressional leadership to drive the John Birch society from its self-appointed task of "saving" the Republican Party. They are late with their indictment, and it is plain that they have yet to realize fully the means being used by a dedicated, fanatical minority to capture the basic machinery.

But these new indictments — from Sens. Thurston Morton and Everett M. Dirksen and Gerald Ford, house minority leader—will no doubt give heart to those who are battling this thing out on precinct, district and state levels. Perhaps some day they will be honored for the wounds they have received in this bloody struggle for control.

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THE FACT may have dawned suddenly that while these zealots of the Far Right certainly have demonstrated their assets in organization, doorbell ringing and street-corner exhortation—all of the things, incidentally, the GOP has neglected in the past—their presence, as Republicans, is repugnant to a majority of the voters. And this includes Republican voters.

The question is whether the lessons of the last few years have really sunk in. For too long there was the myth that the Bircher in Chief, Robert Welch, was merely leading a group of little old ladies in tennis shoes. There were school board members, librarians and newspaper writers who could have offered different testimony, having locked horns with these button-down extremists.

But just as there should be little surprise in what the Communists do, their intentions having been made perfectly clear early in the game and over the years, there should have been as little surprise with the successes of the John Birch society at Republican precinct levels.

In his "Blue Book," a transcription of a two-day speech, Welch outlined some of his plans to capture the precincts clearly and specifically.

He has achieved some of his goals in southern California and in the South with a corps of dedicated followers who are fully convinced that everything bad that has happened to this country, every reversal suffered, every step this nation has taken toward socialism—and it has made giant strides—is a result of a three-stage Communist conspiracy to rule the world.

This is the basic source of their strength. It has been manifested in superior organization, by people who are willing to work harder, stay up later and yell louder than anyone else.

Part of their strength lies in their power to intimidate. It is a work of minutes to organize a telephone brigade aimed at some hapless wretch of a school board member. And despite the rather unctuous public approach of their present national mouthpiece, former Congressman John Rousellot, what pours out is pure hate. Few have the stomach to take it.

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WHAT IS so difficult for many to understand is the grip Welch has on the minds of so many who are, in fact, quite decent individuals. It is there that the national Republican leaders should begin their work, along with a great many conservative Republican congressmen who have previously lacked the stomach for it.

On this subject, it is as difficult and time consuming to track down every wild assertion made by Welch and the great horde of Right Wing authors and lecturers — many of whom, of course, are billed as former counterespies for the FBI — as are the claims of faith healers and flying saucer watchers.

There is, however, one group of questions which, if repeated and repeated, might get under the skins of the otherwise reasonable men and women who belong to the John Birch society.

How could this nation have possibly avoided becoming a Communist state if its president, its secretary of state and the head of the central intelligence agency were a part of the conspiracy? Welch was specific in "The Politician" in denouncing President Eisenhower as a Communist.

Society members called this a fabrication at first, until Welch admitted writing it.

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THE TACK now is to describe it as a personal opinion expressed in a personal letter (of which several thousand copies were made) which in no way reflects the opinions of society members who, in the main, don't agree with it either.

But saying they don't agree with it, and respecting them for it, Ike, Chief Justice Warren and the rest do make a rather spectacular roundup in Welch's war on Communists and would seem to cast doubts on Welch's self-proclaimed attribute of having a nose for Communists. If one could not believe him on this score, how could he possibly be believed on any sub-

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## Birch Society Hurts Itself

Sioux Falls Argus-Leader

Members of the John Birch Society — and there's a considerable number in this area—are as a rule men and women of probity and good purpose.

Many of them have been notably successful in their businesses and professions. In a broad sense they are among our best citizens—eager to do what they should, willing to exert energy and expend money in the promotion of that which they deem worth while.

They are among the most loyal of all Americans, cherishing deeply the principles embodied in this nation's format. They appreciate the virtue of our freedoms and recognize the fact that their preservation requires constant vigilance and upon occasion militant defense.

In joining and supporting the Birch Society, they are motivated by the good Americanism that has been through the years a vital part of their lives.

They seek to promote the laudable stated goals of the Birch organization. These are, as officially summarized, less government, more individual responsibility, a better world and the "stopping and routing of the international Communist conspiracy."

### COMMUNISTS ARE HELPED

But—and this is a sad and unhappy reflection upon their activity — they are playing into the hands of the Communists.

They are among the best friends, unwittingly, of the Communist organization. In truth the Communists could well afford to finance the Birchers.

The reason for this is that the Birchers have accepted a leadership and a program so absurdly radical that they are defeating their own purposes. In tolerating the abusive condemnation of many fine American spokesmen, they promoted a destructive distrust of constructive and useful national institutions.

Because so many Birchers are substantial citizens, their words have carried much weight and they have tended to blunt the swords of impressive leaders in the practical struggle to maintain Americanism.

### WHAT RECORDS SHOW

It may be said — and it will be said — that this criticism of the Birch Society is without validity and that the facts are being tortured.

But impressive evidence is being  
Robert Welch, the society's founder,

continues as its leader. He is the man who insinuated that President Eisenhower was a tool of the Communists and that his brother, Milton, was his superior in this group. He said that Allen Dulles, head of the CIA, aided the Communists. He made the same charge in respect to John Foster Dulles while he was secretary of state. And there's much more of the same.

Still tolerated as a member of the Birch Society's top advisory council of 30 men is Dr. Revilo P. Oliver of the University of Illinois. It was Oliver who charged that President Kennedy was assassinated because he wasn't proceeding as rapidly as the Communists felt he should in turning the United States over to them.

That comment by Oliver was printed in the American Opinion, an organ of the Birch Society.

### ABOUT VIET NAM

Much more could be said based upon comments of Welch and those appearing in American Opinion.

Let me cite just one, the following allusion in American Opinion to Viet Nam. "As for Viet Nam, one thing is certain: no action really detrimental to the Communists is conceivable or even possible so long as Rusk, McNamara and Katzenbach remain in power."

### WHAT BIRCHERS COULD DO

All of this is profoundly distressing because the country so sorely needs a unity of force in the battle against not only the Communists abroad but against the encroaching tide of Marxism in this country.

Yet a group that could be powerful is virtually in effect on the other side because it is following so naively the implorings of men such as Welch and Oliver.

This is written not so much in criticism as in sorrow—sorrow because so much energy and spirit are being dissipated.

The rank and file of the Birchers could be a powerful force in the struggle against subversive elements here and abroad today.

And it isn't too late for a reconstruction—for a revision of the Birch leadership on a solid and a sensible basis. Let the Birchers reflect and realize that it is they, not everybody else, who are

—F. C. CHRISTOPHERSON

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Revs Stormer, John  
Revs Philbrick, Herbert A.

## INSIDE REPORT: *The Birch Book*

By Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

WASHINGTON.

The ever-diligent right-wing has concocted a new scheme for peddling propaganda among American college youth under an indirect subsidy from none other than the Federal treasury.

The Federal subsidy stems from the fact that an obscure right-wing organization in Inglewood, Calif., called the Americanism Educational League, enjoys a Federal tax exemption as an "educational" organization. Contributors to A. E. L. can claim their contributions as a Federal income tax deduction.

The league is now soliciting tax-deductible contributions to finance the distribution on college campuses of half a million copies of "None Dare Call It Treason" by John Stormer. An extremist Birchite warning of an imminent Communist take-over in the U. S., this book was bought by the millions by right-wing backers of Barry Goldwater during the 1964 campaign.

The campus distribution of this propaganda is no isolated endeavor of a few Californians. It exactly coincides with a major project of the John Birch Society itself in pushing "None Dare Call It Treason" among college students. Thus, the Federal treasury is in the unwitting position of underwriting the far right's top propaganda campaign of this autumn.

Until recently, the Americanism Educational League

was one of the oldest (founded in 1927) but least effective of the proliferating rightist groups. That was before millionaire Walter Knott, proprietor of Knott's berry farm in Orange County, Calif., and generous benefactor of right-wing causes, took a personal interest. Fueled by Knott's ample funds, the league surged forward.

Last Monday it displayed its new zeal by mailing out a fund appeal for the Stormer book project in a letter signed by ex-FBI counterspy Herbert A. Philbrick, who now makes his living as a right-wing lecturer.

Philbrick's letter, expressing a desire "to stimulate millions of students into reading and discussing important books on individual liberty and freedom," seems innocuous enough to the uninitiated. What they wouldn't know about is the John Birch Society link.

For instance, it is not coincidental that the September national bulletin of the Birch Society reveals that each Birch chapter is being issued 25 copies of "None Dare Call It Treason" for distribution on U. S. campuses. Birch members are urged to give copies of the Stormer book to college students and describe it as different from the "optimistic and deceptive trivia he is so likely to find in most of the academic halls today."

The John Birch Society has reason to love "None Dare Call It Treason." In a concluding chapter titled "What Can You Do?", Stormer cautions the readers not to form their own organizations but instead to join "well established national organizations"—such as the John Birch Society. He even lists the Society's mailing address. In fact, Stormer occasionally lectures for the Birch-sponsored American Opinion Speakers Bureau.

The irony for U. S. taxpayers is that the tax-exempt status of the Americanism Educational League is being used to reinforce the Society's campaign to put "None Dare Call It Treason" into the hands of college students.

Philbrick's letter emphasizes the tax-deductible feature. He urges: "Please use the enclosed postage paid return envelope today to speed your maximum tax deductible contribution toward this worthy project." The enclosed envelope stresses: "All contributions are tax deductible."

Other rightist "educational" organizations have lost their tax-exempt status on the solid grounds that a substantial portion of their activities is political, not educational. Accordingly, the Americanism Educational League may be endangering its own tax exemption by peddling a product so blatantly non-educational as Stormer's book.

But even if the government this very day brings proceedings against the League aimed at stripping away its tax exemption, the entire process would consume six months to two years (exclusive of court appeals).

Moreover, this could have no effect whatever on deductions claimed by individual taxpayers on contributions made now in behalf of the Stormer book project. There is just no remedy. Once Sam is stuck with part of the tab for dispensing the rightist propaganda,



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## Birchists Held Doubled Since Kennedy Death

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 25 (AP)—Robert Welch said today the John Birch Society which he heads had doubled its membership since President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

There are now between 60,000 and 100,000 members, Welch told reporters as he arrived for a dinner in his honor.

The nation's greatest threat still is posed by internal subversion, he said, adding: "It's in everything."

Welch said the U.S. press had Communists in "strategic, not high places." He explained that he believes there are Communists working as "layout—head writers, advertising agencies and so on."

Welch said: "I don't think Communists have 1 percent of the American press."

Of government employes, he said he believes that 98 percent "are perfectly loyal—I don't think they (the Communists) have 2 percent."

Welch reserved comment on the political campaign of Actor Ronald Reagan, who has said he does not want support of the

John Birch Society. Welch said he wants to see the reports and check them before commenting.

The society wants its members to "get in th PTA and become influential—and take over . . ." Welch said. Now, he added, political liberals are active in the parent-teacher associations.

While the John Birch Society is accused of stirring up hatred, Welch said, it actually is the Communists who try to forment hate.

"We don't even hate Earl Warren," he added.

"We hate the forces of evil."

*Pres Buckley, William F. John Birch Society  
Pres Walker Edwin A.  
Pres Brophy, Frank Cullen*

**ON THE RIGHT:**

**Trying to Cure Acute Birchitis**

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

I HAVE LABORED to find the answer to the question: does the typical member of the John Birch Society wince when the leadership makes spectacular remarks imputing pro-communism to the highest officials of government? I have received 200 (and they continue to pour in) letters since I quoted in this column from an article in the current issue of Mr. Welch's magazine, American Opinion. Of those 200 correspondents, only two joined me in deploring the article's excesses.



BUCKLEY

I quoted some typical reactions in an intermediate column. Today I quote from Frank Cullen Brophy, of Phoenix, Arizona, whose distinguished career as a gentleman, banker, rancher, and writer is well known in the Southwest. He is a member of the National Council of the John Birch Society. Let us see how his mind reacts on the questions at issue.

I quoted from the American Opinion article the following sentence: "The attention of the American people was first drawn to the real problem of mental health on Oct. 1, 1962, when, in obedience to the specific demands of the Communist Party, a gang under the direction of Nicholas Katzenbach (now Attorney General of the U.S.) kidnaped General Edwin A. Walker in Oxford, Mississippi."

Whereupon Mr. Brophy writes me: "General Walker was kidnaped, or at least seized unlawfully, confined in a mental institution or prison without proper medical examination, and after some days released due to the patriotic pressures of thousands of outraged Americans. The oddest thing about this is that you think it odd that the John Birch Society takes a dim view of such totalitarian tactics and tries to arouse people before it is too late."

Here is a specimen of the utter hopelessness of communication with anyone suffering from advanced Birchitis. I happen to agree with every syllable of Mr. Brophy's dismay at what was done to General Walker, and am abundantly on record to that effect. But the operative words in the Birch article were that Walker was detained "in obedience to the specific demands of the Communist Party"—words to which Mr. Brophy does not even bother to allude!

AGAIN, I had quoted American Opinion. "The theory that the Warren Court is working for a domestic, as distinct from foreign dictatorship, becomes less tenable every day."

Mr. Brophy writes me, by way of justification: "The pro-Communist activities of the Court in recent years are so obvious that I find it hard to believe that you would find any comment to offer."

The vital difference between "pro-Communist in effect," and "pro-Communist in intention," it once again does not cross Mr. Brophy's mind to mention. When J. Edgar Hoover, by relaxing his vigilance, permitted several convicted members of the Communist Party to slip off to Mexico, the result was pro-Communist in effect; but hardly by design.

When the Founding Fathers ratified the First Amendment to the Constitution, they committed an act that was profoundly pro-Jacobin, and ultimately pro-Communist in effect; but was hardly such by design. When the Warren Court interprets that First Amendment in such a way as to grant license to the Communist party, it is most certainly doing something that is pro-Communist in effect; but in the absence of evidence that the justices are secret friends of the Communist conspiracy, hardly pro-Communist by design.

The Birch article suggests in plain English that the Warren Court is "working for," i.e., is hoping to bring into being, "a foreign dictatorship;" which is to suggest, pure and simple, that the majority of the Court are pro-Communist traitors.

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WHY ARE SUCH elementary distinctions lost on Mr. Brophy? And on other members of the National Council of the John Birch Society? Hasn't their position, to judge from Mr. Brophy's analysis, clearly come down to the following propositions: 1) Things are going poorly for the United States these days. 2) The reason why is because the people who are running things are Communists and Communist sympathizers. 3) Anyone who believes in Proposition 1) yet cavils at the derivative Proposition 2) is either a) naive, or b) irrelevant; and in any event, c) a clear and present nuisance.

In the absence of public disavowals of this reasoning from responsible members of the John Birch Society, one must henceforward conclude that the minority who object to imputing pro-communism to such as Attorney General Katzenbach, and to Justices Warren, Black, Douglas and Brennan, are overruled: that the majority of the members of the Society sanction the imputation of treasonable motives to such men as these: not to mention Dean Rusk, Allen Dulles, Robert McNamara, etc., etc.

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## IN THE BACKGROUND

### THE BIRCHING SEASON

Denison Kitchel, according to his own account, joined the John Birch Society in 1960 and "within ten days or two weeks" quit on learning that Robert Welch had called Dwight Eisenhower a Communist. This revelation, remarkable only by reason of Mr. Kitchel's promptness in self-correction, made Page One of the *New York Times* last week. Thought staggers at what Page One would have been last year ("Goldwater Aide Bares Birchite Past?"); but the spirit of the dear old days, lest any think it dead, is with us yet. The same *Times* in its July 18 Sunday magazine carries two articles: "In the Hearts of the Right, Goldwater Lives!" by Ben H. Bagdikian, and "The Magazines of Dissent Thrive on Unpopularity"

(what do you know?) by Christopher Lasch. Mr. Lasch got a head start by listing, as right-wing journals of dissent, only two publications—*NATIONAL REVIEW* and Gerald L. K. Smith's anti-Semitic *The Cross and the Flag*.

To the routine smear of filth by association, Mr. Bagdikian adds every other low rhetorical trick in the bag. He achieves a fairly good swipe of the board, tumbling into one heap Minutemen and "Republicans who are simply more conservative than William Scranton," but his finest effects are achieved by other, more oblique means. For example, there is the continual use of pathological suggestion, which often begs the question: "At 7 A.M. the first day, a young mother, an attractive, normal-looking woman unlike the stereotype of the Goldwater enthusiast . . ." "Mrs. Friedman's evolution . . . contains several elements common to the Los Angeles syndrome . . ." "She read Barry Goldwater's *Conscience of a Conservative*. This transformed her vague anxieties into an identifiable cause and doctrine."

There is also Emotive Language: "The Reagan candidacy seems to excite the Goldwaterites the most . . ."; and the Loaded Conjunction, e.g. "a 34-year-old businessman who is devoted to party regularity, though himself a conservative." Why "though"? Why not "and"? There is a particularly effective Imputation of Racism Through Unattributed Quote: "Others . . . express sentiments like this one: 'Well, you know Tommy [Kuchel] gets a lot of Jewish money . . .'" And, to sum up, a smashing Silliest Possible Specimen of the Breed: one D. B. Lewis, "an ultra-conservative of unassailable purity," who is lengthily quoted saying things like, "Those [Russians] are practically traitors to the U.S."

There you have Mr. Bagdikian, who believes the stereotype, cherished to this day in unenlightened circles, of Armenians as illiterate rug-sellers. Mr. Bagdikian actually makes his living as an attractive, normal-looking journalist. . . .

PERS VASH, GEORGE

SOC 4-01.2 THE POLITICIAN**Questionnaire**

Sir: Edward L. Colley states (letter, July 21) that the John Birch Society "above all stands for limited Federal Government and upright individual responsibility." I would like to ask Mr. Colley to answer the following questions. They represent what is commonly—and perhaps erroneously—believed to be the essence of John Birch goals and methods.

Did Robert Henry Welch, the co-founder of the John Birch Society write a book in 1958, called "The Politician," in which he accused ex-Presidents Eisenhower and Truman and the late President Roosevelt of being "dedicated, conscious agents of the Communist conspiracy?"

Were John Foster Dulles, Allan W. Dulles and Milton Eisenhower called "tools of communism" in that book?

Does John Birch have secret membership lists, form "cells"? Are "front groups" being organized? Is infiltration of other organizations a method used by the society?

Does the society believe Chief Justice Earl Warren should be impeached? Does the society oppose the United Nations, NATO, the National Council of Churches?

Does the society believe the Protestant clergy is infiltrated with Communists?

Does the John Birch Society wish the income tax law abolished, foreign aid programs ended, cultural and treaty ties with the Soviet Union severed?

In the spirit of upright individual responsibility, the readers of *The Sun* are entitled to an answer to these questions.

George Vash.

Baltimore.

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WHO'S AN EXTREMIST?

Mr. McCARTHY. Mr. President, I have received a copy of an address given recently in Los Angeles by Alan Cranston, controller of the State of California.

Mr. Cranston spoke on extremism, both of the right and the left. In his address he reviews the history of extremism and cites numerous examples from contemporary society. He emphasizes that the remedy is not in attempting to suppress ideas or in limiting free speech in our society, but to meet the efforts of extremists with truth.

I believe his speech itself is an example of what he recommends at the end of his address:

The time has come, I think, for all Americans—liberals, moderates and conservatives, the press and the churches, business and labor—to isolate, point out and reject totally the extremism on both sides of us, the conspiracy theories, the ends-justify-the-means philosophy, the authoritarian contempt for our democracy, the hatred and the bigotry.

I ask unanimous consent that his address be printed at this point in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the address was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

WHO'S AN EXTREMIST?

(By State Controller Alan Cranston to Town Hall, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, on July 13, 1965)

One morning, not too long ago, two bulky pieces of mail landed on my desk in Sacramento.

The first envelope contained a copy of Progressive Labor, a monthly published by the extremely leftwing Progressive Labor Party.

The magazine told me that we Americans live in a Fascist state, that President Johnson and Walter Reuther are among its conspiratorial leaders and stooges, and that President Kennedy was assassinated by the big busi-

ness, police state machine.

It said that all America would know this, if the press were not controlled.

The second envelope contained a packet of material published by the extremely rightwing John Birch Society.

This material told me that we Americans live in a Communist state, that President Johnson and Walter Reuther are among its conspiratorial leaders and stooges, and that President Kennedy was assassinated by the Communists, for not being a good enough Communist.

It said that all America would know this, if the press were not controlled.

Funny coincidence department?

I don't think so.

And I'd like to spend the next few minutes exploring why, in some detail.

There is a virus in our land.

Highly contagious, it has existed throughout history, throughout the world—often dormant, sometimes epidemic, and occasionally fatal.

It will always exist to some extent in a free society, where ideas and judgments—even the false and the execrable—may be voiced, with relative impunity.

But these days in America, and especially in California, the virus is severe, far reaching, and menacing.

The virus is extremism.

Very few, to my knowledge, have really attempted to isolate this virus—to define, simply and precisely, just what extremism is, today.

To all too many, I believe, it has not been made sufficiently clear, once and for all, why extremism is essentially wrong and essentially dangerous.

As a foreign correspondent in Mussolini's Italy and Hitler's Germany in the 1930's, I saw extremism close up, both in its budding and in its fullest and ugliest flourishing.

In the mad world of Adolph Hitler, I saw Jews herded off to concentrations camps, on the harsh road to the ovens of Auschwitz.

In Ethiopia, I witnessed 20th century slavery—Fascist style. I saw black women flogged for failing to salute white men in black shirts.

Years later, I saw the same hatred and inhumanity in Birmingham, where I walked

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# KITCHEL REVEALS 1960 BIRCH LINK

## Goldwater Campaign Head Quit After 2 Weeks Over Attack on Eisenhower

By DAVID S. BRODER

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, July 18—

Denison Kitchel, the director of former Senator Barry Goldwater's Presidential campaign in 1964, acknowledged today that he joined the John Birch Society in 1960.

But Mr. Kitchel said he and his wife quit within "10 days or two weeks," immediately after he read "The Politician," a book in which the society's founder, Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., characterized former President Eisenhower as a "dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

Mr. Kitchel, a Phoenix lawyer, has recently become the president of the Free Society Association, a new conservative education group with Mr. Goldwater as its honorary chairman. One stated purpose of the new organization is to provide conservatives a more acceptable vehicle than the John Birch Society.

Mr. Kitchel's membership in the Birch Society is discussed for the first time in a book on the Presidential campaign, titled "What Happened to Goldwater?"

The author is another Arizona political figure, Stephen Shadegg, who served as Mr. Goldwater's manager in the Oregon primary and later in other Western states.

The book is scheduled for publication on July 30. Mr. Kitchel volunteered his own ver-

sion of his Birch Society membership in an interview.

He said he had never heard of Robert Welch until the spring of 1960, when a number of friends urged him to attend a two-day seminar Mr. Welch was conducting at a country club in Phoenix.

Mr. Kitchel did not attend the first night's meeting but his wife did. At her urging, Mr. Kitchel said, he went to a public meeting on the evening of the second day of the seminar.

Mr. Kitchel said he was introduced to Mr. Welch at the end of the meeting by M. T. Phelps, a former Chief Judge of the Arizona Supreme Court.

Later, he said, he commented to his wife:

"This guy [Mr. Welch] is fascinating. What he says frightens me to death, but he has a lot of interesting information of Communism."

Mrs. Kitchel then applied for membership in the Birch Society for herself and her husband.

### Borrows Welch's Book

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Kitchel said, he borrowed a copy of "The Politician."

Mr. Kitchel displayed a photostatic copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Welch and dated June 6, 1960—about six weeks after the Welch seminar.

The key paragraph of the letter read:

"In my opinion, this document ["The Politician"] embodies the most scurrilous attack on the President of the United States which could possibly be made. It contains charges, based entirely upon inference, which I am reasonably certain the author would not have the temerity to make public. Furthermore, it represents the type



The New York Times

Denison Kitchel

of irresponsible, sensational writing which is best designed to undermine and destroy the very institutions which the John Birch Society was ostensibly designed to preserve."

Mr. Kitchel's letter closed with a request that the Kitchel memberships "be considered as terminated," and he said today that their dues had been returned promptly. Mr. Kitchel sent copies of the letter to Mr. Goldwater, Judge Phelps and others.

Although Mr. Goldwater was presumably aware of his campaign director's brief membership in the John Birch Society, it remained a well-kept secret through last year's campaign, when Democrats were seeking repeatedly to link the Republican nominees to far-right organizations.

While Mr. Goldwater refused

repeatedly to make a blanket condemnation of the society and its members, the Goldwater organization carefully screened any known Birch Society members from positions of responsibility in his campaign.

Mr. Shadegg, in his forthcoming book, said this policy was cited as the reason why he could not accept the offer of Ernest H. Swigert to become finance chairman of the Goldwater campaign in Oregon. He identified Mr. Swigert as a founding member of the John Birch Society.

The book says:

"One of Swigert's close personal friends urged me to ignore the injunction. I don't see how you can refuse Ernie the job on the ground that he's a member of the Birch Society when I happen to know that Denison Kitchel was an early Bircher. . . . Later I checked the story through contacts in Belmont, Mass. [the society's headquarters].

"It was true. Kitchel had been a home chapter member in 1960-61. . . . and had subsequently resigned long before Goldwater appointed him to manage his campaign, because Welch charged Eisenhower with being a Communist."

Mr. Shadegg, who managed Mr. Goldwater's successful Senate campaigns in 1952 and 1958, is highly critical in the book of Mr. Kitchel and others who had principal responsibility for the 1964 campaign.

He said in an interview today that "if the general campaign director had been a member of the John Birch Society, I think it's strange they had this rule." However, he added:

"I think from a political standpoint, they were probably right [in banning Birch Society members]. Goldwater suffered tremendously from people who unfairly criticized him for being the candidate of the John Birch Society."

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# Voice Of The People

## Birch Society Termed Psychopathic And Bigoted

Editor of the Press Herald:

Having read some rather illogical defenses of the John Birch Society, I would like to offer my criticism of that organization. I favor the preservation of constitutional government in the United States, but I do not believe the activity of the society is directed toward that goal. If it is, the cost of achieving that goal through the society's measures is too great.

I first condemn the society for its continual irresponsible and unproved accusations—the farcical allegations of Communist activity and influence in every sector of American life: government, business, and organized religion. Society founder Robert Welch has labeled F. D. Roosevelt, H. S. Truman, D. D. Eisenhower, J. F. Dulles, CIA director Allen Dulles, Chief Justice Earl Warren, and John F. Kennedy as Communists or Communist sympathizers. Welch has said that Americans received the direct Communist line from Kennedy.

The society ridiculously brands the following as "wicked, Communist, and dangerous:" U.S. participation in the U.N., the World Health Organization, UNICEF, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), NATO, National Labor Relations Act, Social Security, urban renewal, fluoridation, the Federal Reserve System, the "mental health racket," federal aid to housing, all reciprocal trade agreements, all foreign aid, diplomatic relations with any Communist countries, TVA, and "deliberately fraudulent" U.S. bonds.

Secondly I condemn the society as a hotbed of bigotry—a congenital disease found in all extreme rightist movements. There exists an interlocking directory between society leaders and leaders of anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, and anti-Negro hate groups. Billy James Hargis and Carl McIntire are notorious hate-mongers who have been prominent in movements supported by the society and Welch. Both of these men have been praised in articles published by the Forum Publishing Company of Boston.

I cite the following quotations from such articles: "Our enemies are in the fol-

lowing order: . . . 3. Zionism, . . . 13. USSR." "Minorities who cannot or will not assimilate into the race do make for trouble, like eating an indigestible piece of meat. . ." "The colored races have ganged up on the white races."

The society recommends the writings of Edgar C. Bundy who claims that the Girl Scouts of America is a subversive organization.

Finally I must cite the society's outdated, isolationist policies in a world that only cosmopolitan and progressive attitudes can save from destruction. Acceptance of the status quo, i.e. the cold war and nation-state system, as permanent is comparable to the rejection of the principles of international peace and equality, and that rejection is exactly what the J.B. Society stands for.

In closing I feel obligated to inform the society's Portland advocates that I have had in my possession for three years the government's "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications." My only regret is that there is no "Guide to the Absurd Extremism to the Right" in which the John Birch could receive its due.

Robert Ebenstein

Portland

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*John Birch Society*

# Birch Society Baron

## Robert Welch Engrossed in Far-Right Calling

By ROBERT E. DALLOS

BELMONT, Mass.—When Robert Welch, founder and leader of the ultra right-wing John Birch Society, took time off recently from fighting communism for a 10-day golfing holiday in Hawaii, rain prevented his going on the links more than twice. While most people similarly inconvenienced would blame the weatherman, Mr. Welch tells a visitor to his office in this sleepy Boston suburb the rain was "probably a Communist conspiracy against me."

He was being facetious, of course, but usually the 65-year-old former candy salesman is deadly serious about the Communist threat. He believes Communists have plotted to subvert the U.S. ever since the Russian Revolution and unless thwarted will have full control of this country by 1975, through the help of alleged Communists or "Comsymps" (a coined word suggesting Communist sympathizers) such as former President Eisenhower, his brother Milton and Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.



Mr. Welch is out to stop such a takeover, and has been not unsuccessful in selling his brand of anti-communism. His society is still far from the proclaimed goal of one million members but enrollment has risen fast since the November elections. It's now estimated at about 100,000—double the number of a year ago. Thus a closer look at the man's aims, methods and the way he lives is particularly timely.

After retiring from the family candy business in 1957, Mr. Welch started to spend full time selling his doctrine. Today he spends 18 to 20 hours a day on Society chores, and often feels it necessary to spend alternate nights in his office though he lives only a ten-minute walk from the Society's two-story red brick headquarters. On these nights he usually grabs catnaps on the tan leather couch in one end of his office. His staff stocks a portable refrigerator with fruit juices and sandwiches for nocturnal snacks.

On one recent morning after an all night session, Mr. Welch greeted a visitor in bedroom slippers, rolled-up sleeves and sporting a short stubble. His five-foot-10-inch frame seems slight, but with enough heaviness about the mid-section to boost his weight to 167 pounds. He talks softly with a lingering trace of Southern accent, despite 23 years

as a resident at the same house here. He sometimes seems quick to anger, and his hands gesture wildly to emphasize some point about Communist infiltrations.

The Birch Society's founder reports he spends his days personally answering letters from members in all 50 states, reading confidential reports from his 70 or so full-time coordinators in the field, chatting with visiting Birchers and reading Communist literature. "I read all the Communist books and literature," he says. "It's the best way I know to find out what they're doing or planning."

Visitors and phone calls leave little uninterrupted time during the day, and Mr. Welch relies on night hours for writing. He uses a dictating machine to write letters, but a typewriter to write and rewrite speeches and the Society's bulletin, which runs between 8,000 and 15,000 words a month. The bulletin lists accomplishments of the past month and makes "assignments" to members for the coming month.

### Scholarly Youth

Such a heavy load of reading and writing may reflect Mr. Welch's early background more than his long career in the candy business. He was born on a farm at Edenton, N.C., in 1899. By the age of seven he had waded through nine volumes of Ridpath's "History of the World." He enrolled at the University of North Carolina at the age of 12 and graduated at 17. He also briefly attended the U.S. Naval Academy and Harvard Law School before joining the James O. Welch Candy Co. which was then owned by his brother and is now a wholly owned subsidiary of National Biscuit Co.

Mr. Welch's copious current writings concern such Birch Society positions as opposition to the civil rights movement, which the Society labels part of a Communist plot to drive a wedge between Americans and to establish "a Negro Soviet Republic in the Southeastern United States." It also opposes: U.S. membership in the United Nations, reciprocal trade agreements, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, defense spending, foreign aid, diplomatic relations with Communist nations, Social Security, the Federal Reserve System, fluoridation of water and the graduated income tax. It favors impeachment of Justice Warren for failing to uphold the Constitution.

The popularity of such a creed among some Americans is evident not only in swelling Birch Society membership, but in Mr. Welch's ability to collect lecture fees of \$1,000 per appearance. He says the fee is high enough "to make it worthwhile and to discourage groups from inviting me." He says he plans to make about five paid lectures this year, and that he turns down many requests. He is a nervous speaker who has been known to stop in the middle of



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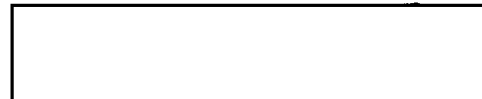
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MEMORANDUM FOR: George Cary

SUBJECT : Statement by Fred Benson Re CIA and the John  
Birch Society

1. Nothing in our files, in my memory, or in Col. Grogan's memory has ever been said by Mr. Dulles, Mr. McGone, or any other CIA official about the Birch Society one way or the other.

2. The only possible item that could even remotely be twisted is the statement by Dr. Reville Oliver, a classics scholar at the University of Illinois and a leader in the Birch Society. He's quoted in the NEW YORK TIMES of 15 March 1964 as saying he began to take the Communist threat seriously when he was in an extremely sensitive secret intelligence agency during World War II when he served in the Army Signal Services in Arlington from 1942 to 1945, and that that agency had since been absorbed by CIA. But, he also says CIA is "an arm of the Soviet Secret Police" (Houston Texas Chronicle, 23 February 1962).



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# THE MINORITY OF ONE

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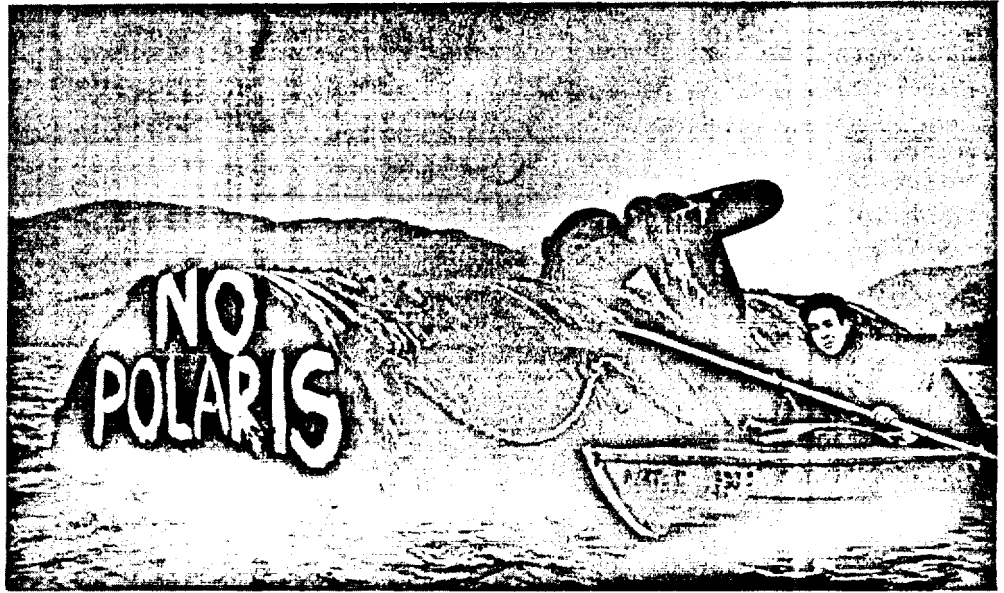
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*A peace demonstrator at U.S. naval base at Holy Loch, Scotland*

## The Thaw: Phase II

Despite the war activities and foreign interventions which are now going on in the countries of former Indo-China and in the Congo, and despite the ominous tensions between Indonesia and Malaysia, the overall international situation appears in 1965 to be calmer and securer than in any previous period of the Cold War. This improvement has been achieved primarily through a measured relaxation of Big Power tensions in Europe; and it found expression in the partial nuclear test ban treaty.

Significant as has been this change, nothing has yet happened to give permanency to the relative thaw in the Cold War. The relaxation is a fortunate caprice, one which may disappear faster than it took to make itself felt. This situation incorporates incalculable potential dangers, partly because the relative relaxation makes people unjustifiably complacent.

Essentially, the test ban treaty was an instrumentality through which the two super-Powers vaguely promised each other

the specific ban provisions as would not durably eliminate the problems of nuclear arming as a source of political crises. The presumed accident, which, on January 15, 1964, caused the escape of some radioactive debris during a Soviet underground A-test, should serve as an ominous reminder of grim possibilities left open by the inadequate test ban treaty. It was fortunate that that accident happened at a time when the United States had no reason to take an irreconcilable view of it. The same "innocent" accident, had it happened against a different diplomatic background, could easily place the super-Powers in a military contest.

The Soviet accident also proved other things. One of them is that the United States has no difficulty in detecting even small amounts of radioactivity released over the Soviet Union. Thus, the question of enforcement controls of a total A-test ban appears to pose no insurmountable technical difficulties. Even more importantly, the accident dramatized how dangerous might

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PROGRAM The Barry Gray Show

STATION WMCA

DATE January 26, 1965 - 11:00 P.M. CITY New York

BELIEVES CIA KNEW CASTRO WAS COMMUNISTGUESTS: Thomas J. Davis, Public Relations man for John  
Birch Society in the East

Edward Costickien, lawyer

Justin Feldman, lawyer

J. Dudley Devine, former leader of Young Republicans  
Club in New York

George Harris, Senior editor of Look magazine

Sam Blumenfeld, president of Coleridge Press

SUBJECT: The John Birch Society

BARRY GRAY: "Mr. Blumenfeld."

BLUMENFELD: "To clear up the question of treason, of course,  
you know the Constitution defines treason as, aid and comfort,  
giving aid and comfort to the enemy in time of war.""Now, of course, it can be easily established that we have  
been at war with Communism, I mean we've got a 50 billion dollar  
defense budget because of that. Now, I don't want to get into  
that technicality of whether..."

COSTICKIEN: "I think your technicality's a little off."

BLUMENFELD: "Yes."

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# Birchite Prof 'Deduced' His Shockers on Assassination

By JAMES S. LEWIS  
Special Press Correspondent

Prof. Revilo P. Oliver, who startled the nation by stating that President John F. Kennedy's "memory will be cherished with distaste" was the next-to-last person to be called by the Warren Commission.

Albert E. Jenner, Jr., Chicago attorney and assistant counsel for the commission, said the University of Illinois professor was "cooperative but didn't support his extremist statements."

Jenner took Oliver's testimony on Sept. 9, almost a year after the assassination. It appears on Pages 709 to 744 in Volume 15 of the 26-volume Warren Commission Report, the last volume to deal with testimony.

Oliver had asserted in a John Birch Society magazine that Mr. Kennedy was "executed by the Communist conspiracy because he was planning to turn American."

THE COMMISSION, Jenner said, wanted to find out if any of Oliver's sources could possibly help them get the full story behind the assassination.

Oliver, Jenner said, "had no basis for many of his statements except clippings he said he had seen or comments on television that he said he thought he had heard."

The classics professor is national councilor for the John Birch Society and stated in testimony that he was present when the society was formed Dec. 9, 1958, in Indianapolis.

One of Oliver's charges was that an army unit had been rehearsing Mr. Kennedy's funeral for a week before the assassination, Jenner said.

Jenner's questioning of Oliver, as it appears in the official report:

JENNER: Upon what source did you rely in making the statement that the special detachment to which you refer began to rehearse for the funeral a week before the assassination?

OLIVER: I relied primarily on the interview given by Captain Cloy to the Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger.

JENNER: Do you have a copy of that?

OLIVER: On the 21st of February, 1964. (Oliver presented a clipping).

JENNER: I have marked as Oliver Exhibit No. 8 a photostatic reprint of an article headlined "A Lot to Remember: McComb Army Officer Big Part in Kennedy Funeral" by Kenneth Tolliver.

OLIVER: This is a reproduction of the clipping.

JENNER: Would you show me where in that clipping it says in any respect that Captain Cloy made the statement that he and his unit were rehearsing for the funeral of President Kennedy a week in advance of the assassination?

OLIVER: My first knowledge of the rehearsal came from a letter I received from someone in Arlington, or Alexandria, informing me that the Army had rehearsed the funeral more than a week before the funeral.

JENNER: But you had the clipping prior to your speech at the Santa Ana Valley High School?

OLIVER: Oh yes, quite some time before that.

JENNER: And before you prepared the speech?

OLIVER: That is right. And that a funeral had been rehearsed.

JENNER: Yes, but not President Kennedy's.

OLIVER: But it turned out to be that.

JENNER: The only point I am making, doctor, is that you will notice in the article that what Captain Cloy says is not what you state in your speech he said, but rather that before the assassination his special unit had been rehearsing for the anticipated possible funeral of President Hoover, who was then ill.

OLIVER: That is right. He said, "We were in a state of readiness and had just finished a funeral rehearsal because there was grave concern for President Hoover's health."

Oliver said he made no effort to check on the person who wrote him the letter containing information about the funeral, but that he did ascertain there was a Captain Cloy.

Among the major sources listed by Oliver are Frank Capell, publisher of a periodical called the Herald of Freedom, of Staten Island. Capell "serves as a research consultant for me," Oliver said.

Another source was right-wing New Orleans publisher Kent Courtney.

Most of Oliver's remarks about the assassination appeared in a two-part series entitled "Marxmanship in Dallas" in American Opinion, a publication of the John Birch Society.

The conclusion of the article was that Mr. Kennedy "was executed by the Communist conspiracy because he was planning to turn American." A section of the hearings reads:

JENNER: What was your source for that statement?

OLIVER: Well, as I have indicated, what I called there the comforting hypothesis that one heard so frequently since Kennedy's inauguration, and which one still hears, that he had in his mind a secret plan, that his policies and the people with whom he surrounded himself in the opening years of his administration were intended to provide a demonstration of their fatuity and probably disloyalty—the fatuity of the measures and the probable disloyalty of the many persons involved; that he was planning to execute, as I said here, a volte-face and . . . espouse a policy on national independence instead of "interdependence."

JENNER: You then say, "Now it was generally suspected for some time before the assassination that Khrushchey and

Kennedy were planning to stage another show to bamboozle the American suckers just before the election next November."

What is your source, if any, for the statement that Khrushchey and Kennedy were planning, as you put it, another show?

OLIVER: The frequent reports of preparations for an invasion of Cuba planned, it would seem, to substitute for Castro a less well-known Communist.

JENNER: Here again this was a statement of deduction on your part?

OLIVER: Yes.

JENNER: From newspaper accounts and radio broadcasts and general information that was abroad?

OLIVER: General information, rumors you pick up, what you are told by various analysts and so on.

JENNER: On Page 26 you state: "One writer has recently suggested that it was the CIA that arranged the assassination of President Kennedy. I know of no evidence to support that opinion. But obviously Mr. Dulles' CIA is open to suspicion."

Who is the writer to which you have reference?

OLIVER: I do not recall. I wrote this of course, in December. I wouldn't want to recall who said it. I have the impression it was in some one of the innumerable magazine articles about the assassination but I would not want to say which one.

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ORG 1: Organization for Civic Responsibility

PKRS: Larson, Arthur (Dr.)

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You have probably read in the papers, or heard over the air, of the formation of the Larson Committee, more formally known as the National Council for Civic Responsibility, described in newspaper headlines as the "Anti-Birch Council," and with the stated purpose of telling "the truth about The John Birch Society and related radical reactionary groups." But let's allow the New York Times to give you, on Page 12, the world-shaking details, in a news article which began on their Page 1. And below you will find the news release on the same subject which was issued immediately by John Roussetot.

Statement Given by John H. Roussetot to UPI, September 22, 1964  
Re: UPI Release on Arthur Larson's Council for Civic Responsibilities

The following are observations of John H. Roussetot, National Director of Public Relations for the John Birch Society, concerning the announcement of the newly formed committee, the Council for Civic Responsibilities headed by Dr. Arthur Larson

(1) The John Birch Society welcomes the so-called "exposure" of its activities. The John Birch Society is proud of its record as a strong pro-constitutional, anti-communist organization. The Society finds itself in sympathy with and cooperating with many other Americanist groups who are effectively communicating the truth about the evil forces of collectivism running rampant in our country. The activities of this newly formed organization will present an opportunity for the American people to see first-hand which organizations deal in truth and which organizations deal in fiction.

(2) I will be happy to meet Arthur Larson on television or in a public forum and let the American people decide for themselves which organizations deal in truth.

(3) The John Birch Society is delighted that the "standards of public discussion and responsible behavior" are to be opened to public perusal because the purposes and programs of the John Birch Society have proven to be right courses of action time and time again. The John Birch Society is always pleased to have a chance to compare its standards with the standards of any other organization including this newly formed committee because the Society's Beliefs and Principles are based on the highest concepts of American Constitutional law, spiritual values, and human decency.

(4) It will be interesting to see if Dr. Larson and his committee will be equally desirous of "exposing" the semi-secret activities of the Council on Foreign Relations of which he is a leading member and which organization has been privately guiding our American foreign policy down the road to ruin for many years. The mistaken policies of the Council on Foreign Relations are fully documented in a book called The Invisible Government by Dan Smoot, (former Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover.) Many members of the newly formed committee headed by Dr. Larson are also members of the semi-secret Council on Foreign Relations which in its own by-laws does not permit representatives of the press to attend its meetings and does not allow council members to comment publicly on what they have heard and/or discussed at council meetings.

(5) We are extremely pleased that Dr. Larson and his group have raised the issue concerning our American form of government. The John Birch Society agrees with former President Harry S. Truman that "this is a Constitutional Republic, not a democracy." We would be happy to debate this issue in depth with Dr. Larson.

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(6) Some of the organizations named by Dr. Larson have been affiliated or have cooperated with the John Birch Society in such a way that the Society has openly and very proudly supported them in their efforts to awaken the American people to the internal dangers of the communist criminal conspiracy and/or socialistic trends. There are many other groups which the John Birch Society has supported which the committee has failed to mention. We support every dedicated, patriotic, conservative organization which is engaged in this educational fight. I am sure that Dr. Larson has noted that none of the organizations named by his committee are on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations nor have any of the officers or leaders of the named organizations refused to testify when called upon before appropriate Congressional committees. This cannot be said of the off-shoots of the Council on Foreign Relations or of its

leadership.

In summary, The John Birch Society places great faith in the American concept of free and open discussion of issues affecting the public. The Society trusts in the ability of the American people to hear arguments for and against public policies and to judge the validity of those arguments for themselves. The very heart of the Society's educational program is the belief that Americans want to know the truth and can separate fact from fiction. All the Society asks is that Dr. Larson and his group present their views in an open, objective and honest manner.

Of course The John Birch Society has never been legally connected nor formally affiliated with any of the groups named, or with any other groups, in any way. We sometimes sell or distribute some of the literature of some of these organizations, exactly as we do the books and pamphlets of many other patriotic writers or groups. Some of them sometimes buy and distribute some of our materials. I have spoken at meetings of some of these organizations, as I have also spoken before hundreds of others, from the League of Women Voters to the Chicago Executives Club. (Which is quite a distance!) And some of our influential members are also influential supporters of some of these groups, and probably of dozens of others. But none of that makes any of these organizations responsible in the slightest degree for anything Mr. Larson wishes to try to pin on us -- from being too patriotic to paying our bills too promptly, or some similar crime.

All of which we are sure Mr. Larson knows. But one of the obvious purposes of his committee is to stir up resentment against The John Birch Society, on the part of other Conservative organizations, by trying to tar them with the long gigantic smear unleashed against ourselves. All we can do to help out in that situation, of course, is simply to state the truth, as we have above, wherever we have the opportunity. And we recommend that all of the other groups being attacked, in this manifestation of "extremism" on the part of Mr. Larson, also set the record straight. In this connection, let us remind our members that all kinds of subtle efforts are being made to create discord between Conservative organizations, just as extensive efforts are now under way to create distrust of, or dislike for, Conservative political candidates on the part of organized anti-Communist groups. And that for our members to become resentful, or to slow down their enthusiastic work for candidates of their choice, because of ill-advised remarks any such candidates may be prodded or beguiled into making during the heat of a political campaign, would be to play exactly into the hands of the Liberals who planned it that way.

As to our own best defense against the misrepresentations to be expected from this Council for Civic Responsibility, Mr. Rousset has already put his finger on the best course, which is

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a good offense. We need only to have enough people learn the truth about the Council on Foreign Relations, to which the leading spirits of Mr. Larson's committee belong, to have the whole intended smear backfire on them in no uncertain terms. And fortunately for this purpose, the tool for this very worthwhile educational effort lies ready to hand. Dan Smoot's The Invisible Government is just out in a new inexpensive paperback edition, which sells at the following prices: Single copies, \$1.00; 6 copies, \$4.00; 10 copies, \$6.00; 25 copies, \$12.00; 50 copies, \$22.00; 100 copies, \$40.00; 500 copies, \$175.00; and 1000 copies, \$250.00. We shall try to keep on adequate supply in our wholesale book department, for wholesale as well as retail sales; or it may be ordered direct from Dan Smoot Reports, P. O. Box 9538, Lakewood Station, Dallas, Texas 75214. We suggest that whenever and wherever any of the radio spots or programs of the Larson Committee appear, this be used as a spark to incite the interest of as many of our patriotic fellow citizens as you can in buying and reading Smoot's The Invisible Government. And if the activities of the Larson Committee should thus happen to result in making Dan Smoot's book as huge a seller as John Stormer's None Dare Call It Treason, we think that this could surely be classified as poetic justice.

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CAPTAIN JOHN BIRCH  
U.S. ARMY

# JOHN BIRCH

## WHAT HE LIVED FOR

*"A young man  
came to the plains of China  
from far-away America.  
He came  
to teach Chinese people  
of the Christian way of life."*

John Birch was his  
own man. At 27 years old - a Baptist missionary - caught  
in the middle of the war with Japan. His career inter-  
rupted on July 4, 1942, he joined General Chen-  
nault's American Volunteer group. He lived and  
worked and fought with the Chinese Army, gaining  
great respect, preaching Christianity where he could.  
Walking hundreds of miles through enemy lines, he  
became the eyes and ears of America's 14th Air  
Force, speaking Chinese and disguised often as a  
spy, he became a legend in his own time. "Where  
there is a man with a mission, John was the bravest man  
I ever knew in a combat in arms."

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Chennault was more specific. "John Birch, over a period  
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# JOHN BIRCH

## WHAT HE LIVED FOR

*"A young man  
came to the plains of China  
from far-away America.*

*He came  
to teach Chinese people  
of the Christian way of life."*

John Birch was his name - 22 years old - a Baptist missionary - caught in the midst of the war with Japan. His career interrupted, on July 4, 1942, he joined General Chennault's American Volunteer group. He lived and worked and fought with the Chinese Army, gaining their respect - preaching Christianity where he could. Walking hundreds of miles through enemy lines, he became the eyes and ears of America's 14th Air Force. Speaking Chinese and disguised often as a coolie, he became a legend in his own time. "Where brave men were common, John was the bravest man I knew," said a comrade in arms.

General Charles B. Stone was more specific, "... Birch, over a period of two years, during which he was almost continually in the field, living under the most primitive conditions and constantly in close proximity to the enemy, achieved phenomenal success."

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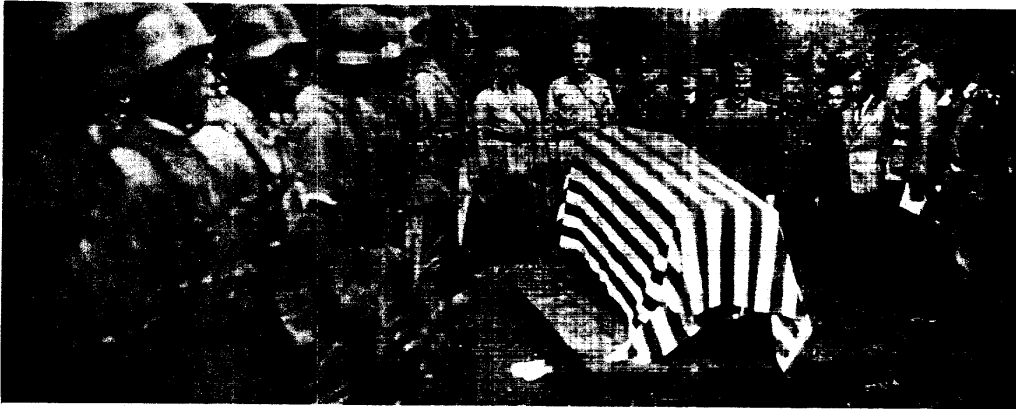
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*Burial of Captain Birch, with full military honors, on a hillside on the outskirts of Hsuehchow.*

## WHAT HE DIED FOR

During the long war Captain Birch never lost sight of his spiritual goal. On August 13, 1945, he wrote in the last letter of his life, "Yesterday, Sunday morning, I held a service especially thanking God for bringing us to the eve of victory . . . Father, do not worry about my 'turning back in the furrow.' As it pleases God to use my voice for preaching His Gospel, I expect to be doing that."

Twelve days later John lay dead in a ditch near the town of Hsuehchow—shot and cruelly bayoneted by "our Chinese Communist allies." His death was known and mourned all over China, for he had become a symbol of Christianity, of true brotherhood and humility, and of the goodness and strength of America. The cruel murder of Captain Birch was a grim warning by the Red Chinese to all who would oppose their 20th century barbarism.

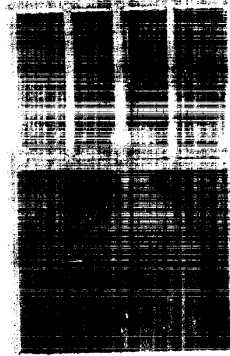
On November 16, 1945, Adeline Gray, who was herself a newspaper woman as well as former instructor at Nankai, wrote John's parents that "Had not the truth been suppressed, Captain Birch's death would have headlined every newspaper in the United States." But the news reached America only through private sources.

The fact that Communism's powerful friends in Washington could hide the truth of his death was a minor evidence of the domination of foreign policy which could smother in the same year the on-the-spot report by Patrick Hurley (our Ambassador to China) of China's betrayal; could completely suppress the official China report of General Wedemeyer; could stop the flow of all military supplies to Chiang Kai-shek, and with raw gall broadcast that Chinese Communists were agrarian reformers and truly democratic. Senator William F. Knowland stated that if the story of John Birch could have been known and understood, it could have made a huge difference in our attitude and the circumstances that led to our engagement in Korea.

It is a testimony to the active Christian faith which John Birch preached that his story is today known and that the symbol of his life, which the Communists tried to stamp out, now guides the society that bears his name.

*"He died at the hands  
of the Red Chinese  
— first victim  
in a long, long war."*

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# WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

Recently a young woman was knifed to death on the streets of New York. The assailant made three separate attacks spaced over a period of thirty minutes. The killing was clearly witnessed by thirty-eight people from the safety of their homes. Anyone of them could have saved her by simply calling the police . . . but no one did. When questioned by the police they answered, "I didn't want to get involved." Some watched with curiosity as Katherine Genovese pleaded for her life. Others found the scene frightening and pulled down the curtain.

Is there a moral breakdown in our country today? Have we become so callous that we do not care if another being lives or dies?

How are we reacting to the realities of our world? What do we think of the steady gain of Communism - of the millions killed, tortured and enslaved by this criminal conspiracy? Do we still laugh at Khrushchev's claim that our children will live under Communism? Do we shrug off Cuba? Will we shrug off Mexico? Are we concerned about the certain, documented, real influence Communism exercises in Washington? Do we watch with curiosity? Do we pull down the curtain on these disturbing thoughts? Do we draw the warm covers of apathy around our necks?

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The goals of The John Birch Society may be summarized as: less government, more individual responsibility, and a better world. The immediate purpose of the Society is to play a leading role in stopping and routing the international Communist conspiracy.

Under Lenin the Communists adopted a three-step strategy for conquest of the world. They have not departed from it since. The plan can be paraphrased as follows:

1. *Take Eastern Europe.* Except for Greece and the city of Istanbul, this was completed by 1950.
2. *Gain control of the mass and masses of Asia.* Today this is more than 80% accomplished.
3. *Encirclement and infiltration of the United States.* Now more than 50% accomplished.

The Communist program requires the breakdown of existing governments, destruction of law and order, and the creation of chaos. Riots are one tool of Communist take-over. Assassination is another. Communists glorify violence . . . it is their most persuasive weapon, and the American people are seeing it at work now in our own country.

Communists work for the gradual but complete destruction of the three great human loyalties - to God, to family and to country. Today you are seeing widespread and tragic results of the insidious forces at work to that end. For the Communists simply cannot permit any lasting loyalty except to themselves.

The John Birch Society realizes that Communism will not be stopped by a half-hearted or left-handed effort. For this reason its members are dedicated and completely committed. They demand of themselves more sacrifice and more work than they have ever put into any organization. This, combined with a unity of purpose and a common understanding that Communism is completely counter to the "upward reach" in man - the realization of man created in God's image - gives The John Birch Society its strength and ever increasing influence.

Members of The John Birch Society realize the grim truth that all of us are involved whether we like it or not. The Communists leave us no choice.

# WE ARE INVOLVED

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# HE HAS STIRRED THE SLUMBERING SPIRIT

The Founder of The John Birch Society is Robert Welch. In the candy manufacturing business all his adult life, he served as a Director of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years. An author, philosopher and historian, Mr. Welch gave up most of his business responsibilities in 1957 to devote practically all of his time and energy to the study of communism. He formed the first working chapters of The John Birch Society in 1959 and serves today as its leader without pay.

Mr. Welch has stated in *The Blue Book*, "It is my fervent hope that The John Birch Society will last for hundreds of years, and exert an increasing influence for the temporal good and the spiritual ennoblement of mankind throughout those centuries."

Mr. Welch's writings have created widespread comment — some critical. Few were ready to believe him when he warned of the impending Communist take-overs by Castro in Cuba, Ben Bella in Algeria, and Sukarno in Indonesia. But with events proving him correct again and again, his writings are now closely scrutinized by all serious students of anti-Communism.

"There is no question," as *National Review* pointed out, "that he has stirred the slumbering spirit of patriotism in thousands of Americans, roused them from lethargy, and changed their apathy into a deep desire to first learn the facts about communism and then implement that knowledge with effective and responsible action."

*Mr. Welch with his wife, Marian.*



*Robert Welch, Founder of The John Birch Society*





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The top advisory body in matters of organization and policy for The John Birch Society is the COUNCIL. The members are shown below:



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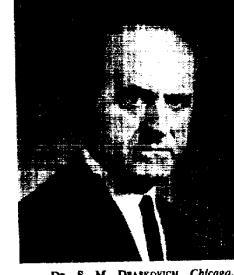
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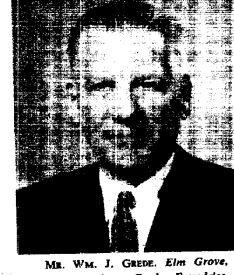
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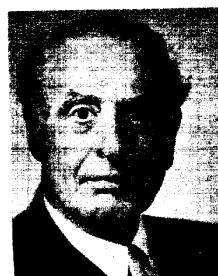
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# THE ORGANIZATION

OPEN AND ABOVEBOARD . . .

*But Structured To Withstand Planned Attacks*

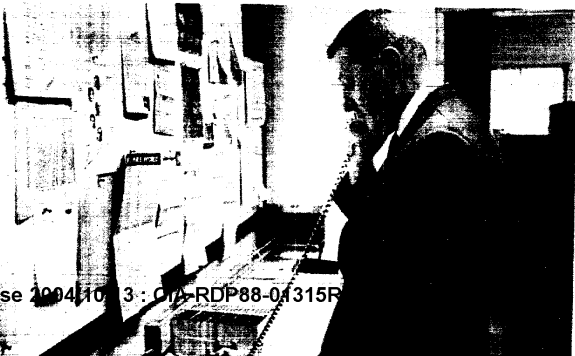
The organization of the Society is simple. A Local Chapter, which has between 10 and 20 members, is led by a Chapter Leader. Usually a Chapter is formed by someone in the neighborhood who is concerned about Communism and who invites his friends to join with him to hold an introductory meeting. A full time Coordinator gives assistance and direction to the Chapters.



*A meeting of California Major Coordinator D. Richard Pine and Coordinators*



*Former Congressman John H. Rousselot (right) is National Director of Public Relations for the Society and Publisher of American Opinion Magazine. He is shown with (L to R) Willard S. Voit, American Opinion Libraries Representative, and Donald Harper, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Rousselot.*



# WELCOME!

*Anyone sincerely seeking information about the Society is welcome at a Chapter meeting. Meetings are held once a month, usually in a member's home.*



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"Although it has been made unmistakably clear by the publications of The John Birch Society, it is well to note again that no member is ever obliged to carry out any action or project the fulfillment of which would be contrary to his conscience."

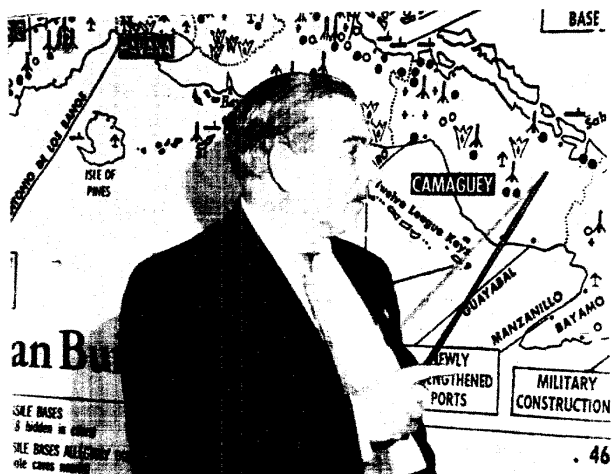
FATHER FRANCIS E. FENTON, M.A., S.T.L.

# ACTION PROGRAMS

The impact of the Society's action programs is due to the fact that the members are well informed and act in unison. The effectiveness of each individual member is multiplied many thousand times by this concerted effort.



Distribution of Anti-Communist Literature



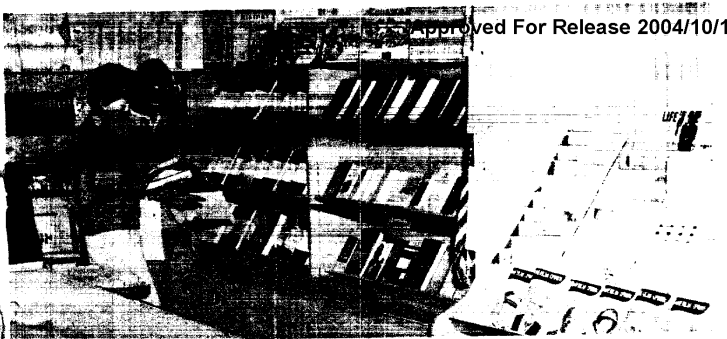
The American Opinion Speakers' Bureau provides speakers for small and large audiences all over the United States. Here Jose Norman, a Cuban exile, speaks on Cuba.



Circulation of petitions on important action such as the impeachment of Earl Warren\*

\*Impeachment is a proper legal procedure provided for by the Constitution. It is the only legal means of removing from office the members of the Supreme Court who are appointed by the President for life. Thomas Jefferson set in motion an action to bring about impeachment of Associate Justice Samuel Chase of Maryland. Jefferson wrote in 1821, "It has long been my opinion... that the germ of the dissolution of our Federal Government is in the Constitution of the Federal Judiciary." The John Birch Society sees that dissolution of our government in the... has provided a packet of information outlining the reasons why Warren should be impeached.

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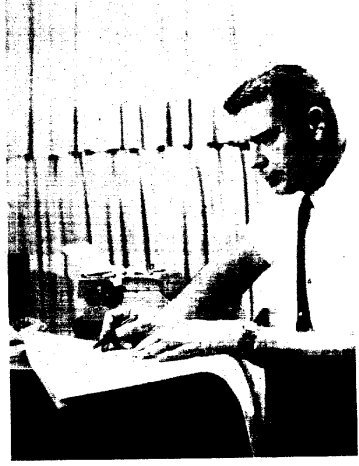
American Opinion Libraries make available Americanist publications.



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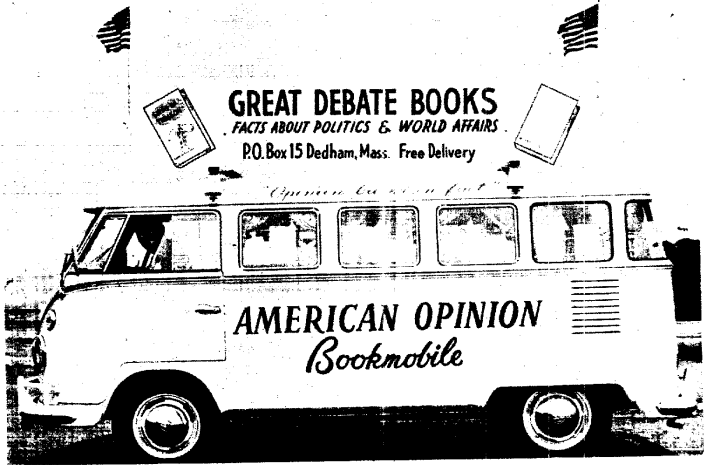
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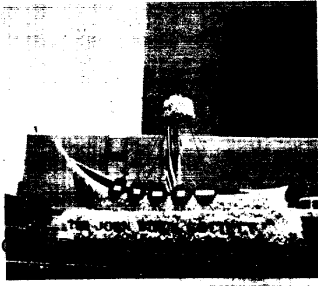


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Booth at Arizona State Fair

John Birch Society



The John Birch Society Float in Dallas, Texas, Independence Day Parade

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# THE COMMUNIST ATTACK



In the fall of 1960 The John Birch Society learned that the Communist Party, U.S.A. was working for the passage of a bill that would take away funds of the House Committee on Un-American Activities so it could not investigate the Communist Party. For a while it appeared they might succeed. Then the Society (and other patriotic groups) began an all-out campaign to defeat this bill. The result was an overwhelming defeat for the Communists in the House of Representatives in 1961, — 412 to 6.

This was perhaps the first tangible evidence of the effective strength of the newly formed John Birch Society, and the Communists decided it must be destroyed. A directive for the destruction of such anti-Communist groups went out from Moscow on December 6, 1960.

The opening official attack against the Society came on February 25, 1961, in *People's World*, an official Communist newspaper published in San Francisco, California. It said there was a new, secret, fascist group which was setting up "cells" all over the United States. The succeeding Communist attacks pulled all the stops out, charging the Society with everything that was evil — hate group, racist, anti-Semitic, Hitlerite, terrorist, ad infinitum. Much of the press picked up the chant, spreading the falsehoods across the nation in a few short weeks.

The intensity and virulent nature of the attacks confused many good people. Some were thoroughly brain-washed. The Communists had used certain trigger words and many Americans reacted in Pavlovian fashion; "hate peddler," "radical," and "extremist" were parroted by people who began to dislike the Society without knowing anything about it.

To disprove the charges leveled against The John Birch Society, Robert Welch requested a thorough investigation be made by an official government body.

## Enter (from stage right) the John Birch Society

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The John Birch Society, a new, secret, fascist group which is setting up "cells" all over the United States, was exposed by the Communist Party, U.S.A. in a recent issue of its newspaper, *People's World*. The society's founder, Robert Welch, is a retired Boston, Mass., lawyer who set up the organization Dec. 9, 1958, at Independence, Ind. Neither the state of place seem to be of importance but the society's "cell" method of organizing and the role of its founder seems to have aroused many...

...and Bill Sumner, the Party's Indiana director, said the society's secret to be at leasting men and women of some stature. It would not pay to down them as a group of fanatics and crackpots, worthy only of a passing mention. The society's secret has been exposed by Robert Welch, author of "The Politically Incorrect Americans" and "The New York Times" columnist. The society's secret has been exposed by Robert Welch, author of "The Politically Incorrect Americans" and "The New York Times" columnist.

...and by the retired well-to-do. The Welch's counsel are such as Jean Charles Mansueti, a former Communist Party member, income tax collector, and Communist Party member. American "experts" of the U.S. State Department, and Adolph Stepan, secretary of the House Un-American Committee and author of "The Politically Incorrect Americans" and "The New York Times" columnist.

...each cell has its director who in turn consults with a central director monthly who transmits orders from above. The society also approved in the monthly John Birch Bulletin edited by Welch.

...Letter writing to public officials and to newspapers has been the main activity of the society but lately its attention has been turned to the U.S.A. which Welch feels is too much to the left.

Welch, who is described as the absolute boss of the society, was born in North Carolina, finished the university there, spent two years at Annapolis and another two at Harvard. He's lived in Boston since 1919.

Communist is merely a cheap "in phrase," Welch points out on one occasion, "a word of demagoguery, and a financial fraud."

AND WEALTHY Welch seems to have taken from at some of the liberal decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court and the other liberal decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — FINAL — Price Ten Cents  
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...Programs that has decided to cut a series of regional conferences to stimulate the use of unemployment and to raise public support for their program to cope with it.

As a result of the proposed action, the principal goal of the program will become evident in many ways.

...President Kennedy's economic program, although essential in the main is far from adequate to cope with existing unemployment.

...Independent labor action is necessary if any constructive legislative measures are to be secured.

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# THE CALIFORNIA SENATE INVESTIGATION

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## TWELFTH REPORT OF THE SENATE FACTFINDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

1963

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### Additional Note:

The Senate report also covers Mr. Welch's widely criticized statements concerning the Truman and Eisenhower administrations. The statements were contained in lengthy letters in which Mr. Welch queried his friends as to the reasons for the rise of Soviet power in the face of United States supremacy following World War II. These letters, not intended for publication, were written at the time the Eisenhower administration was following some of the liberal positions toward world Communism, examples of which were the failure to remove left wing influences from the State Department, the U.S. moratorium on nuclear testing, and accepting Castro as "the Abraham Lincoln of Cuba."

To answer the critics Mr. Welch expanded, slightly revised the letters, and published them in book form in 1963. In the published book, called *The Politician*, Mr. Welch states that the reader can reasonably conclude that President Eisenhower had been deceived by the Communists.

Although Mr. Welch severely condemns the Truman administration's loss of China and the dismissal of General MacArthur, he is just as critical of President Eisenhower for continuing some of the mistaken policies of his predecessors in regard to Communism. Mr. Welch's concern is understandable.

It is important to note that this book is not literature of The John Birch Society. In fact, at the formation of The John Birch Society on December 9, 1958, the original letters were expressly excluded by its Council.

A thorough investigation of The John Birch Society was conducted by the Senate Fact-Finding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities of the State of California under the chairmanship of Senator Hugh Burns (Dem.). Two years in the making, it was released in June of 1963. Quotations follow:

"The attack against The John Birch Society commenced with an article in the *People's World*, California Communist paper, in February, 1961..."

"Our investigation and study was requested by the Society, which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

"We find The John Birch Society to be a Right, anti-Communist, fundamentalist organization. It was conceived, organized, and is dominated by Mr. Robert Welch, who runs the Society with the aid of a National Council and Advisory Committee."

"Communists are trained to obey a directive or a party assignment, whether they agree with it or not. Members of the Society are constantly told *not* to follow any program or directive unless they agree with it, as may be seen in many of the monthly bulletins sent to the members. When the policies and actions of the Society are no longer supported by a member, he may resign and get a proportional rebate of his annual dues."

"We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread."

"The organization is open to people of all religions, all races..."

"From all sources, we found that there was little more secrecy about the society than any other private organization; indeed, that since there had been so much publicity about this movement, in papers and magazines and general circulation, that it is now probably less secret than the Elks Club, Moose Club, or other private group that accepts members by vote or invitation and does not open its meetings to the general public."

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# NATIONAL LEADERS SAY:



**J. EDGAR HOOVER**, *Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation*  
"I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about the menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who have been hoodwinked and duped into joining with the Communists."

*Statement before Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, March 26, 1947*



**EZRA TAFT BENSON**, *United States Secretary of Agriculture, 1953-1960*  
"When he (son Reed) joined I expressed my opinion that I was convinced that The John Birch Society was the most effective non-church organization in our fight against creeping socialism and Godless Communism. I also stated that I admire Reed's courage and applauded his decision."

*Address Delivered December 19, 1963, Boise, Idaho*



**STROM THURMOND**, *United States Senator*  
"I'm not a member of The John Birch Society or any of those organizations. I understand they're against Communism, and I'm for any group that's against it (Communism)."

*Greenfield News, Greenfield, South Carolina, February 2, 1962*



**REVEREND J. L. WARD**, *Minister, Nashville, Tennessee*  
"The John Birch Society is one of the greatest organizations in the world today. It is not subversive. Its concern is with justice for all and the peace and dignity of everyone."

*Statement made August 29, 1964*



**W. CLEON SKOUSEN**, *Former FBI Agent and Chief of Police, Salt Lake City*  
"I certainly would have no quarrel with anyone who wishes to disagree with some idea promulgated by The John Birch Society. In a Republic this should be expected. However, no American should stand by and see a legitimate group of American citizens dishonestly ridiculed and smeared at the instigation of the international Communist conspiracy."



**DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER**, *Former President of the United States*  
"The John Birch Society is a good, patriotic society. I don't agree with what its founder said about me but that does not detract from the fact that its membership is comprised of many fine Americans dedicated to the preservation of our libertarian Republic."

*Column by George Todt in Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, March 23, 1964*





# WHY HAVE SO MANY JOINED?

*In the words of the California State Senate report . . .*

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*In the words of a member . . .*

"For some time, I have been growing more and more concerned with the way in which our nation seemed to be heading and as to what kind of a future my children might expect. When The John Birch Society was presented to me, I knew at once that this was what I had been looking for. The people I have met through John Birch are the finest one could hope to meet."  
Mrs. Beth Cleminson, San Gabriel, California.



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*I would like to know more about The John Birch Society.*

I would like to attend an introductory meeting.  
Please send the items I have indicated:

- Preliminary Information - Free
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*"Merely being patriotic or anti-Communist is not sufficient qualification for membership. We must have associated with us, now and in the future, only men and women of good will, good conscience, and religious ideals. For we are striving to set an example, by dedication, integrity and purpose - in word and deed - which our children's children may follow without hesitation."* ROBERT WELCH

Men and women of integrity and purpose building rededication to God, to family, to country, and to strong moral principles.



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# Right-Wing Income Put at \$30,000,000

## Chance Reported to Be Supporter of Several Groups

By RICHARD DUDMAN  
A Washington Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—RIGHT-WING GROUPS in the United States have tripled their total income in the last five years, a private research organization reported today.

It estimated the current total at \$30,000,000.

Probably two thirds of the total is aided by the exemption and donation provisions of the federal income tax laws, it said.

The report names F. Gano Chance, chairman of the A. B. Chance Co. of Centralia, Mo., as a figure in the "interlocking support" of right-wing groups. It says that Chance, a member of the national council of the John Birch Society, has contributed to 11 right-wing organizations and is affiliated with three others.

The report is the work of Group Research, Inc., of Washington, D.C., which gathers information on right-wing and conservative economic and political lobbies and organizations.

IT SELLS a news letter and a loose-leaf reporting service. It was founded and is headed by Wesley McCune, a former Washington reporter for Newsweek, Time and Changing Times and a former staff member of the Democratic National Committee and the National Farmers Union.

The report analyzes and estimates the incomes of 30 selected right-wing groups ranging across a broad spectrum. These include "out-and-out bigots, such as Gerald L. K. Smith and the late Conde McGinley's Common Sense," as well as conventional organizations such as the American Economic Foundation, the Foundation for Economic Education and the Intercollegiate Society of Individualists.

For those listed, Group Research draws on internal revenue, lobbying and postal reports to estimate a 1963 total of \$14,328,700. It estimates that unpublished income and other organizations bring the total to \$30,000,000 a year.

Heading the list for 1963 are the Twentieth Century Reformation Hour, with an income of \$1,718,000. This is a daily radio program by the Rev. Carl McIntire, heard on more than 600 stations. McIntire attacked the Roman Catholic church in the 1940s as "the greatest enemy of freedom and liberty that the world has had to face today." His chief target now is "modernist" Protestant church leaders.

The John Birch Society, in second place, has climbed from \$129,900 in 1959 to \$1,088,000 in 1963, the report says.

NEXT IN ORDER of the 1963 top 10 are Life Line, a radio program and news letter supervised by H. L. Hunt, the Texas oil billionaire, \$1,088,000; American Economic Foundation, \$953,100; Human Events, \$927,500; Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, \$711,800; the Rev. Billy James Hargis's Christian Crusade, \$677,200; Dan Smoot's radio commentary and news letter, \$455,000; Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian Nationalist Crusade, \$289,700 and the newspaper and pamphleteering operation of Kent and Phoebe Courtney of New Orleans, \$281,000.

THE REPORT said that Chance, in addition to his office in the Birch Society, is a member of the Citizens Foreign Aid Committee, a sponsor of the Manhattan Forum and on the advisory

bodies of the Christian Crusade and the American Economic Foundation's "Hall of Free Enterprise" project.

His Chance Foundation, it said, contributed in 1961 and 1962 to the American Economic Foundation, America's Future, Fred Schwarz's Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, Hargis's Christian Crusade, Circuit Riders, Harding College, Church League, Freedom School, Freedom Foundation, Human Events, the Intercollegiate Society of Individualists, and the American and International Councils of Christian Churches.

The report named these other individuals and firms as prominent in a pattern of "interlocking support" of 20 selected right-wing operations:

The Barber-Colman Co., a machine tool firm of Rockford, Ill.; Harry L. Bradley, board chairman of Allen-Bradley Co., of Milwaukee; Donaldson Brown, a retired DuPont Corp. and General Motors executive; Robert Dresser, a Providence, R.I., attorney; Robert Donner of Colorado Springs, Colo., a retired steel executive; former Gov. Charles Edison of New Jersey, former chairman of the McGraw-Edison Co.

Also Robert M. Gaylord, chairman of Ingersoll Milling Machine Co. of Rockford, Ill.; William Grede, head of a Milwaukee foundry; Walter Harnischfeger, chairman of the Harnischfeger Corp. of Milwaukee; A. G. Heinsohn Jr., head of Cherokee Textile Mills and Spindale Mills; the late Charles Hook, head of Armco Steel; Eli Lilly, honorary chairman of the Indianapolis drug firm; Philip M. McKenna, president of Kennametal, Inc.; the Milliken family and Deering Milliken Research Corp., of Spartanburg, S. C.

Also J. Howard Pew, chairman of the Sun Oil Co. of Pittsburgh; Herbert C. Stockham, general manager of Stockham Valves and Fittings, and Lila Wallace, found-

ers and publishers of the Reader's Digest; Edwin L. Wiegand, chairman of a Pittsburgh electrical heating equipment firm of that name, and Robert E. Wood, retired chairman of Sears, Roebuck & Co.

The report observed that many of the groups have broad support but value large contributions as assuring them an operating base.

Among groups not listed because Group Research could not obtain enough information about them was the leading organization advocating repeal of the income tax, the Liberty Amendment Committee of the U.S.A. Its promotional material last year spoke of a \$300,000 annual budget.

Group Research observed that its report showed that the right-wing was not a recent development. All but seven of the 30 listed operations dated back at least to 1955. Eleven have existed since the 1940s or earlier.

In contrast to the right-wing, Group Research noted that the Federal Government has estimated the United States Communist party's total income in 1951 at less than \$392,000 and its membership in that year at about 31,600. At its peak, total party membership was about 80,000, and income presumably was less than \$1,000,000 a year, the report said.

"The John Birch Society had topped that by the fifth year of its existence," the report observed.

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## DePugh Says He Quit Birchites Over Rift With Robert Welch

### Asserts Leader of Group Accused Him of Takeover Attempt

By ROBERT H. COLLINS  
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff  
Robert B. DePugh, national leader of the Minutemen, said today that he quit the John Birch Society after "Robert Welch accused me of trying to infiltrate and take over his organization."

"The principal difference between me and Welch is that I am interested in everybody's freedom," DePugh commented.

Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, says in a current bulletin of the organization that "DePugh began steering the Minutemen into becoming an underground armed-guerrilla organization, which caused us to drop him from our membership."

"It is worth noting that for about two years Mr. DePugh had made the most continuous and determined effort to bring about extensive collaboration of the Minutemen with the John Birch Society that we have experienced with any other group," Welch said in the bulletin.

#### Refund of Dues

"We have our canceled check of April 7, 1964, made out to Robert B. DePugh, and indorsed by Robert B. DePugh, for the refund of the pro rata part of his dues paid in advance."

DePugh's resignation from the society was disclosed June 22 by the Post-Dispatch. "My feelings are liberal compared to some members of the John Birch Society," he said at that time.

DePugh, of Norborne, Mo., was in the St. Louis area over the weekend conferring with leaders of his organization here about membership and training.

"Contrary to the impression Welch has tried to create that I was kicked out of the John Birch Society, the fact is that I quit," DePugh told this reporter.

"I made it clear in a telephone conversation with Welch that any friction between the two organizations was bad because it represents a rift between the two organizations. I told him I would prefer to see the whole matter dropped. He accused me of trying to infiltrate and take over his organization."

filtrate and take over the John Birch Society. I told him it would appear advantageous to both of us to have no further connections between the two organizations. This was tantamount to my resignation, and I made it clear that it was.

"I think Welch personally is well meaning, and he is an intelligent individual, but he has insulated himself from the membership by a number of assistants who don't measure up to his caliber."

DePugh said that Welch had known almost from the time the Minutemen were organized that they were to be "an underground armed guerrilla organization."

"I never had any intention or ambition of trying to take over the John Birch Society, and it would be ridiculous for anyone to imply that," DePugh said, "but we do have Welch's organization well infiltrated."

#### 'No Ulterior Reason'

DePugh said that there are "no ulterior reasons. We just like to keep abreast of all their activities and know what they are doing and what they plan to do, but apparently Welch thought we were trying to recruit some of his best people."

DePugh said there are two sources of friction between the two organizations. "One is a natural competition for membership, and the other is that the John Birch Society believes it can accomplish its goals through political means. The Minutemen believe it is too late for that."

In a preface to his comments on DePugh, Welch wrote that the John Birch Society had "followed a determined policy, from the very beginning, of never attacking any other anti-Communist group, even when we disagreed strongly with some of their principles or methods."

He indicated that DePugh's previous remarks about the termination of his Birch Society membership made it necessary for the society to publish the truth simply to defend ourselves from further misunderstanding."

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## All Wool and a Yard Deep

By TOM DONNELLY

ROBERT WELCH, the lovable founder and president of The John Birch Society, said on "Meet the Press" Sunday that it's no wonder a Gallup poll shows only 3 per cent of the American people have a favorable opinion of his organization. Mr. Welch said he's surprised the percentage is that high, considering all the smears his group is up against.

The press panel wanted to know if Mr. Welch hadn't smeared people like Mr. Eisenhower and John Foster Dulles and other leading Americans. Mr. Welch said the press was only naming maybe half a dozen people "out of thousands." He didn't go on to say "out of thousands I've called communist agents." So I don't know if that's what he meant. He did say the press was quoting out of context. Mr. Welch has used that phrase before, but I don't believe he has ever issued a directive to the members of his society explaining what it means.

Well, Birchers, it's like this. Take the sentence: "Certain kooks go around saying that Dwight D. Eisenhower is a dedicated conscious agent of the communist conspiracy." If you leave off the first six words, you're quoting out of context. See?

When Lawrence Spivak challenged Mr. Welch on what Mr. Spivak regards as specific smears, in context, Mr. Welch met the challenge by saying that you had to consider the surrounding material. Mr. Welch offered to read a three-minute statement. Mr. Spivak indicated that would take up too much air time. I feel a great opportunity was lost here. I never dreamed Mr. Welch could produce a three-minute context.

Mr. Welch said some people have been trying to blacken the John Birch Society by blackening Mr. Welch. If this is true, it's certainly not the American way. Or at least it's not what we like to think of as the American way. There have been

must be conceded, a few ugly episodes in the past. Certain voices were raised in derision against the members of the Joshua Dumbuncle Geographical Truth Society in 1872, merely because Joshua announced that he had secret documents proving the world was flat. Only a handful of persons said that just because the founder of a society has a peculiar central idea, that doesn't mean that his followers have to follow him all the way down the line, to the place where the Pacific ocean spills off the edge. But the whole Geographical Truth Society episode was a shameful blot, and I'm sorry I mentioned it.

Mr. Welch startled me at one point by saying, of himself and his group, "We figure we don't know everything." That reply came in response to a question as to why the John Birch Society doesn't publish its membership list. The rest of the context was to the effect that organizations like the A.C.L.U. and the N.A.A.C.P. don't publish membership lists either, and if that context helps you with "We figure we don't know everything," you're welcome to it.

How about Sen. Barry Goldwater's analysis of Mr. Welch as "intemperate and unwise?" Mr. Welch said in reply that he didn't think Barry would deliberately smear him. I'm not certain whether Mr. Welch meant he couldn't believe Barry ever said such a thing, or whether he felt Barry may have gotten his words out of whack again.

Mr. Welch offered an interesting definition of his own. He indicated people who don't get his whole context may not know what he means by "treason." For example, he said there are people in Washington so loyal to the One World ideal that they might commit acts Mr. Welch would consider treasonable to the U. S., but which he wouldn't consider treasonable to World Government. Last you might think from this that Mr. Welch is mellowing, he said he isn't. That's just another of those smears. I gather, I must confess I hadn't heard it.

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## THE DISTRICT LINE • By Bill Gold

### We Sure Need Some Pure Feud Laws

POLITICIANS in both camps have been saying that this autumn's campaign is likely to be bitter, perhaps even dirty. I hope that they turn out to be wrong. These quadrennial campaigns give the Nation its best opportunity for intelligent debate and mature reflection. It is a blow to the democratic process when blind partisanship puts reason to rout.



Bill Gold

The first danger in a dirty campaign is that victory may go to the more intemperate candidate rather than to the one better qualified for office. The second danger is that there are always some minds in which campaign falsehoods take firm root.

The campaign ends, but the dirt remains and becomes a breeding ground for increased bitterness and partisanship. In Sunday's editions of this newspaper, staff reporter Julius Duscha, told about a speech made in California by Prof. Revilo P. Oliver

of the University of Illinois. Prof. Oliver is a member of the council of the John Birch Society.

He told his audience that President Kennedy's assassination was engineered with the help of the Central Intelligence Agency, and that under orders from Secretary of Defense McNamara, the Army "began to rehearse for the funeral more than a week before the funeral." He indicated that our CIA was working hand-in-glove with Soviet secret police to murder President Kennedy.

Some 1300 people heard that speech, and many of them probably believe what they heard. The man said it and nobody refuted it, so it must be so. And, as a John Birch member wrote to me some time ago, "Can you prove that Oswald acted on his own and that the CIA was not involved?"

Ordinarily, if I were to announce that the moon is made of green cheese, it would be up to me to offer proof of the statement, rather than up to a doubter to disprove it.

But in politics, the burden of proof somehow gets turned around. If you can't disprove the charge it must be so.

Can you prove that the moon is not made of green

cheese? You can't? Then it must be so.

If I lie to you about a commercial product that I'm selling, the Federal Trade Commission can stop me, and if I promise that my sugar pills will cure your aches and pains the Food and Drug people can come after me. But apparently there is no effective bar against wild statements made in the political arena, and that seems a pity.

Surely there's a more responsible way for a democratic people to discuss national issues.

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**'The Warren Gang'**

# California Crowd Hears Harangue by Bircher

By Julius Duscha  
Staff Reporter  
SANTA ANA, Calif., Aug. 29—Outside the night air was cool and refreshing. Inside it was stuffy and frightening.

Thirteen hundred men and women filled the auditorium of the Santa Ana Valley High School to hear Prof. Revilo P. Oliver of the University of Illinois speak for more than an hour. Outside there were a few pickets.



✻ Duscha ✻

His speech included such phrases as "the Warren gang," "Bobby Socks Kennedy," "a hole called Harvard University," and "the supreme directorate of conspiracy, whoever they may be."

But the speech by Oliver (whose first name is his last name spelled backward) occasioned few comments in California's Orange County.

**Solid-Looking Audience**

Almost every night of the week in the Los Angeles area, of which Orange County is the southernmost part, right-wing extremists are haranguing well dressed audiences made up of middle-class businessmen and their stylishly dressed wives.

These are not little old ladies in tennis shoes from Pasadena. They are not food faddists, religious fanatics or some other kind of cultists. They are solid middle-class Americans.

Oliver, a member of the council of the John Birch Society, got his greatest response during his address on Friday night when he praised the energy and intelligence of the American people.

Then, in mocking tones, he spoke of "the bipeds who are too lazy, too stupid, too savage to work for themselves." His listeners laughed and cheered.

**Foreign Aid Ripped**

Oliver solemnly warned his audience against becoming entangled in such programs as foreign aid, assistance for underdeveloped countries, world peace and civil rights.

**The clear implication of News Analysis**

Oliver's words was that white Americans are a super-race and that other peoples are inferior.

At one point he spoke of the "profound biological differences between human races."

He also was openly anti-Semitic. He read, for example, in a mocking Yiddish accent, a letter of criticism that he had received.

There was no question, though, that his audience responded best to his suggestions that they were successful only because they had worked hard and that anyone who was not successful was simply lazy and inferior and, in Mr. Doolittle's words in "My Fair Lady," among "the undeserving poor."

**Kennedy's Assassination**

Most of Oliver's speech was devoted to a rehashing of charges he made last winter in the Birch Society magazine, American Opinion, that President Kennedy's assassination was part of a Communist plot and engineered with the help of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"I don't know," Oliver said, "whether Oswald was paid by the CIA or by the Soviet secret police—and it's just a matter of bookkeeping anyway."

Oliver also said that under orders from Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara the Army "began to rehearse for the funeral more than a week before the funeral," and there were gasps from his audience.

**Teacher of Classics**

Oliver, a professor of classics at Illinois, is a large man who speaks with a flat Midwestern accent.

He has become one of the star attractions on the right-wing speaking circuit, and a profitable circuit it is.

It cost \$1.50 to hear him. In addition to the speech, delivered in a dark auditorium from a brightly lit stage on which a huge American flag had been pinned as a backdrop, each listener got a ticket stub telling him how he could obtain more information about the John Birch Society.

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**John Birch Society**

To the Editor, Evening Post:

How do you explain the suicide of the West? Is it stupidity? How did Communism conquer and fortify the Island of Cuba right beneath our noses? Do you know? If you don't know, do you have a theory?

Robert Welch did when he founded the John Birch Society in 1958. It must have been a pretty good theory, too, because he out-guessed the entire CIA and U. S. State Department about Fidel Castro, Sukarno, Tito, and a few other interesting people who have taken our money and made fools of Uncle Sam.

Do you want to sample that theory for yourself, first-hand? Do you have the patience to listen through three reels of film while your mind busily ties together half-forgotten facts? Afterwards, do you have the curiosity to fire questions at Bill Highsmith, major coordinator of the society, to straighten out the details?

If you do and are determined to know "the other side" and some truth, too, come to Memorial Auditorium on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Listen, ask, and meet some local members of the society.

M. P. SELONG

Charleston



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## Slain Rights Workers Called 'Cockroaches'

By ERIC CAVALIERO

The three civil rights workers killed in the Deep South this summer were "cockroaches who crawled into the State of Mississippi to incite violence," Dr. Revilo P. Oliver said here last night.

The professor of classics at the University of Illinois and national council member of the John Birch Society told a Tucson Press Club forum:

"I'm truly astonished at the amount of excitement this has occasioned. I noticed in Washington a white woman was raped while praying in her home church, but I don't hear one peep of indignation from the liberals.

"I'm not sure who killed those people in Mississippi," he added. "I strongly suspect that the murder may have followed a common Communist pattern. They either do the work themselves or get someone else to do it for them.

"THOSE PEOPLE are not entitled to one-tenth of the consideration or sympathy they have aroused."

He described the John Birch Society as "a patriotic organization whose principal function is to educate the American people . . . we are trying to distribute information that is not getting out in other channels.

"We are trying to call people's attention to significant events of which they have never heard," he added, "as well as those they have heard but forgotten."

Oliver quoted a newspaper re-



Dr. Revilo Oliver

port which suggested that Dallas police were ready to arrest Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby at the time that an assassination attempt was made on Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker.

"THE STORY says they did not carry it out as they had been told by a high official in the Justice Department they must not do so because it was a matter of national interest,"

he added. "The story describes this official in such a way that it could only be Bobby Sox Kennedy."

In a talk last night at Doolen Junior High School, Oliver suggested that if Communist plans had not gone astray, we would have had "a national Saturnalia of legalized violence under cover of which the international conspiracy could have gained control of the whole nation."

He received a standing ovation from a near-capacity crowd as he added:

"You may owe your life or at least your liberty to the vigilance and sagacity of Officer J. D. Tippit, the policeman who stopped Lee Harvey Oswald on the street and was murdered by the conspiracy's well-trained but not infallible agent.

"It's easy to see what could have happened had everything gone smoothly in Dallas," he added. "There could have been a complete breakdown of law and order everywhere.

"The numerous vermin that have been living for years in ill-concealed anticipation of the glorious day when they will be able to hack Americans to pieces could have started looting, burning and murdering."

OLIVER SAID Oswald had been trained in Moscow and assigned to Dallas. He would have made his escape after the assassination, but for Tippit's sharp police work.

Debunking what he called the "adoration" for the late President, Oliver said: "Jack Kennedy was almost the equal of

the actor who takes the role of Perry Mason in the television series. He was able to recite quite convincingly the lines written by Salinger, Schlesinger and other word twisters whom the taxpayers hire to confuse them.

"At times he sounded American and made sense, and he seemed entirely credible until you realized how his achievements differed from his announced intentions."

He said Kennedy's "well-rehearsed" (opera) was "up to the technical standards of Cleopatra and Ben Hur."

Oliver said a "Kennedy cult" has grown up since the assassination.

"I've received letters from people who wanted to know how it was possible for anyone to be so debased as to criticize the greatest man who ever lived," he said.

He quoted a letter from a man who called Oliver a "hate-monger" and then threatened to squash his eyes out. "That one's from a love monger," Oliver said.

"The adoration of a semi-divine leader is an example of the socialist mentality," he added.

"LIBERAL intellectuals stand on their heads and tell you that the world is upside down," he said. "Not one of them ever proposed or approved anything that would bring \$1 of profit to the American people."

"They've always taken for granted that the taxpayers' money should go to people who are too stupid, too lazy or too savage to work."

He cited the Central Intelligence Agency as "a body that has done the work of the Soviet secret police for years."

Oliver's appearance here was sponsored by the American Opinion Bookstore, 1695 N. Magnolia Ave.

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# SERENE ENCLAVE: SAN MARINO, U. S.

### Birch Headquarters on Coast Shuns Metropolitanism

By GLADWIN HILL  
Special to The New York Times

SAN MARINO, Calif., Aug. 12—A new level of serenity has just been achieved in this extraordinarily serene community. A secret shame of four years' standing has been quietly expunged.

Bulldozers have leveled a ramshackle outbuilding long screened by shrubbery on one of San Marino's large estates. The structure was the only building in San Marino that the 1960 census takers had listed as "dilapidated"—a deficiency of peculiar gravity here.

San Marino is not a name much in the headlines.

That is the way its residents like it. Until last year when San Marino began to receive an occasional mention as the site of the western headquarters of the John Birch Society, it had hardly been in the news since 1949. In that year a little girl named Kathy Fiscus fell down a San Marino well shaft. For a few days the futile efforts to save her life put San Marino on the front pages.

#### A Hemmed-In Haven

What manner of a community is San Marino? Why should the Birch society pick it for a headquarters? Why did San Marino, with only 13,500 inhabitants, provide more members of the Goldwater delegation to the Republican National Convention than any other community except Los Angeles?

A suburb only 10 miles from downtown Los Angeles, an enclave hemmed in by more conventional communities, San Marino is a sort of municipal Shangri-La, a monument to men's conviction that modern metropolitanism can be escaped—if you have the money.

San Marino got its name indirectly from the Graustarkian European republic in the Apennines. It is a community of 4,436 neat, picture-book single-family residences, by law unsullied by a single apartment house, multiple dwelling or boarder.

#### Commerce Limited

It is further unsullied by a single saloon, theater, bowling alley, hospital, undertaking establishment or cemetery. It has no court and little crime.

It has no industry, heavy or light. Its commerce consists almost entirely of 200 retail establishments serving household needs. No building is more than two stories high. None displays a sign of more than 60 square feet. No signs are "animated" even to the point of flashing on and off.

You are not allowed to park a car on the street overnight, or to go from door to door peddling or soliciting for charity.

San Marino is one of the few California communities that has escaped the threat of the freeways. It is one of the few that has not grown at all in the last five years. It is already "full."

#### 'A Mature City'

"Those living here wish to preserve it as a homogeneous, high-grade residential neighborhood," says its mayor, Harry W. Hitchcock. "San Marino is now a mature city—but free from the deterioration that age often brings."

For decades San Marino's only point of international renown was the presence of the famous Henry E. Huntington Library, Art Gallery and Botanical Garden—which even most Californians think is in adjacent Pasadena.

San Marino is one of the most Republican communities in the country. The Democrats are outnumbered almost 10 to 1. It is also one of the most conservative, possibly because it has more to conserve: half the households in the community have an income over \$15,000 and one out of four tops \$25,000.

"I didn't happen to be for Mr. Goldwater," one young businessman, a Republican, remarked with mild amusement, "so I'm being spoken of less frequently."

#### A Sedate Haven

San Marino is not a glittering center of celebrities like Beverly Hills across town. It is, rather, a sedate four-square-mile haven of business executives, with a leavening of professional people, civil servants and a few salesmen, television repairmen and truck drivers.

Its foremost citizen—nonresident at the moment—is John A. McCone, the industrialist now heading the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington.

Others include Earl Adams, a lawyer, who was one of Richard M. Nixon's leading supporters; Frank C. Adams, regional manager of Coca-Cola; William B. Rieke, president of Lockheed International, and Walter Briggs, the Croesus of auto parking.

#### Many Vice Presidents

San Marino's most common occupational designation is "vice president."

Its residents include Edward Rider, vice president of the Citizens National Bank; Kenneth Ball, vice president of the Union Bank; Harwood Benton, vice President of the United California Bank; William Boyer, vice president of the Westates Petroleum Company; Jack Carlson, vice president of Kaiser Steel, and Fred H. Ryan, vice president of the Hollywood Turf Club.

"San Marino doesn't have many celebrities," a local official observed. "Its residents are people who aren't interested in publicity and don't need it."

San Marino has no race problem. Its population is almost entirely white. The 1960 census reported only three Negro families on its fringe.

Residential prices, starting around \$35,000, have tended to exclude lower-income groups, especially since equivalent housing can be bought for far less in the contiguous communities of Pasadena, South Pasadena, Alhambra and San Gabriel.

Real estate prices are high because almost all the city's land is occupied; there are only 99 vacant residential lots.

The community's biggest business is real estate brokerage. Some 40 real estate concerns—double the number of gas stations in town—thrive. Few residents want to leave, but the high proportion of corporation executives occasions many transfers.

San Marino's commercial activities are scattered, under rigorous zoning, in four small clusters that, because of the two-story height limit, are unobtrusive. Colonial and neo-Spanish décor prevails.

Services that have been deliberately excluded from the community, from hospitals to bowling alleys, are available in nearby communities.

#### How It Got That Way

San Marino has its own Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and American Legion post. This week the weekly San Marino Tribune was busy selling tickets for "San Marino Night" at Dodger Stadium.

San Marinians are exceptionally well read. Half the citizens draw books from the public library annually, at a rate of about one a week.

Since many communities might like to partake of at least some aspects of the tranquility that is San Marino's, the question arises: How did the city get this way?

Continued

San Marino got its start in 1903, when the area was several large fruit ranches on tracts that were originally Spanish land grants.

Henry E. Huntington, the traction magnate (a nephew of Collis P. Huntington, the Western railroad freebooter), and George S. Patton Sr., father of the World War II general, bought the land as an exurban retreat. They sold a few parcels to selected friends.

A previous owner, James DeBarth Shorb, had named the nucleus ranch San Marino after his grandfather's plantation in Maryland, which, in turn had been named after the European country. The European San Marino's Mount Titano appears today on the city's seal.

**Incorporated in 1913**

Pressures from surrounding communities for annexation impelled the 579 residents to incorporate San Marino as a city in 1913. Down the decades, the City Council maintained the strict residential criteria the founders had established.

What is recalled as "San Marino's biggest headache" was a three-year legal struggle to beautify the main street, Huntington Drive, with the abandonment in 1951 of the double-track right-of-way of the Pacific Electric Railway — ironically one of the foundations of the Huntington fortune. The city finally got title from the county and turned it into a grassy divider.

The Patton family is still represented by the general's elderly spinster sister, Anne Wilson Patton, who lives in austere seclusion with a staff of servants.

The Huntington family is no longer in the local picture, except institutionally in the transformed family residence. Two ornate white marble buildings, recalling the palaces at Versailles stand behind great iron gates in a 200-acre landscaped park.

One building houses the library, containing several hundred thousand books, thousands of manuscripts, and a million letters and documents. There is a 1455 Gutenberg Bible, a Christopher Columbus letter reporting his discovery of America and the manuscripts of Milton's "Comus" and Benjamin Franklin's autobiography.

The art collection, ranging from 15th- and 16th-century Flemish and Italian works to those of such American painters as Copley, is noted particularly for its 18th-century English group. This is the repository of Gainsborough's "Blue Boy."

and Sir Thomas Lawrence's "Pinkie."

San Marino is run by a City Manager, Charles E. Martin, and an unsalaried Council that meets monthly. Its members are Mayor Hitchcock, a retired utility executive; Wallace Chadwick, a nationally prominent engineer; Theodore Burnett, president of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company; Maurice Jones Jr., a lawyer, and Allen Laws, a utility executive.

The city's budget is around \$1.5 million a year, average for

a community its size. Its city tax rate, \$1.51 per \$100 of assessed property valuation, is lower than that of some neighboring communities even though San Marino's limited commerce makes its tax base small. The total assessed valuation of property is \$59 million.

San Marino's City Hall, surrounding a small grassy quadrangle, houses its 27-man police department and its fire department.

The Birch society has its offices among one of the clusters of shops, in a ground floor suite as prosaic and businesslike in atmosphere as an insurance agency.

John Rousselot, public relations director of the Birch society, says he picked San Marino for the western headquarters partly because it was central to a large segment of the Los Angeles metropolitan population; partly because of what he called the chance availability of agreeable office space at a reasonable price, and partly because the community presented an especially favorable climate of conservative opinion.

Two weeks ago the police received a false report of bomb's having been placed in the Birch office. But this sort of thing is taken in stride. This week there was a similar report concerning a drug store.

More in the category of crises in the minds of San Marinians are occasional heretical applications for a saloon license or other modifications in the city's decorous format. Last week one of California's biggest banks sought a 22-foot zoning variance to enlarge its parking lot.

The City Council turned it down.

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CIA 4-03.1 (Oswald)

PERS.: Oswald, Lee Harvey

## HUAC Echoes Birchites on Oswald Role

**TIMING** its report to almost the eve of appearance of the Warren Committee's report on the assassination of President Kennedy, the House Un-American Activities Committee released its conclusion that Communist Party "propaganda and agitation" was responsible.

The report by the racist chairman of HUAC, Rep. Edwin E. Willis of Louisiana, followed the line of the full-page ads of the John Birch Society last December, in which that fascist outfit claimed Lee Harvey Oswald, "the Marxist," acted on "orders." With even the FBI's and the already indicated Warren Commission conclusion that there was no conspiracy, foreign or domestic, and that Oswald was "alone" in this crime, HUAC could hardly claim that "Communist orders" were responsible. So Willis limited his report to blaming "Communist propaganda."

### NO HEARINGS

HUAC didn't even hold hearings or call the witnesses it usually has ready in its stables. The ostensible reason for the report was to recommend that assassination of a president or vice-president be termed a federal crime. If that recommendation were seriously meant, it might have been submitted at the start, not the end of the congressional session. The report was clearly an effort to get into the act and prejudice the atmosphere against the Warren Commission's indicated conclusion that not ideology but mental sickness was the explanation.

-Willis tried the usual McCarthyite tactic of "guilt by association" to somehow link Communists to the Puerto Rican nationalist shooting at the White House in 1950. Because the Communist Party has always been sympathetic to the struggle for independence of Puerto Ricans and, despite some disagreements, also with nationalist forces, Willis finds a relationship to the shootings in Washington 14 years ago.

Like the Birchites who have been trying to shift the onus of murder from the rightists camp, Willis pictured Oswald as "by his own admission" a Marxist. Left entirely unanswered is the strong evidence that Oswald was a CIA agent (as his own mother asserts he was) and that his not too skillful professed "Marxism" was a required tactic of any secret operative.

HUAC's report was apparently also timed to feed the propaganda mills of Sen. Goldwater's flock of Rightists campaigners. Their main cry is that the U.S. government is already "infiltrated" with "Communists" and that Goldwater will save America from a "red takeover."

The Warren Committee's report, its spokesmen indicated, will be released a week after Labor Day. It was held up until after the two conventions.

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## Young Bircher Says U. S. Helps Spread of Communism

The locations of 10 intercontinental ballistic missiles in Cuba were pinpointed last night by a 26-year-old editor of an anti-Communist magazine speaking to more than 100 persons at the Holiday Inn in Kansas City, Kansas.

Scott Stanley, jr., managing editor of the American Opinion, who is also a native of Kansas City, Kansas, and a graduate of Wyandotte high school, said the locations of the missile silos would be published in the July-August issue of the magazine.

### Hopes CIA Will Buy It

"It is my hope," Stanley said, "that the CIA will spend \$1 and buy a copy of it for the information."

Stanley's remarks on the missiles followed a heated denouncement of American foreign policy in Cuba. He said the United States aided Fidel Castro to attain power.

"The Communist movement, not only in Cuba but in dozens of other areas, has gone nowhere since the end of World War II without the direct or indirect aid of the United States State department," Stanley said.

The American Opinion, whose editor is Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch society, provided the people of this country, Stanley said, with irrevocable proof of Castro's Communist affiliation and even documented its proof with evidence that the bearded revolutionist was a working Communist as far back as 1948.

### Raises Treason Question

"I ask you," Stanley said, "is it error or is it treason for the State department to provide aid even though they know their aid is going to the Communists? Surely no reasonable, decent man can say if it isn't error it can be nothing but treason."

Stanley, in his 90-minute speech on foreign aid, said Communists of six areas have been given billions of dollars. He listed, in order, Cuba, Venezuela, Algeria, Bolivia, Indonesia, and Africa.



Scott Stanley, jr.

"Romulo Betancourt said, 'I am and always have been a Communist,'" Stanley told his audience. "Yet we send his country 500 million dollars in federal aid and report that he is a Social Democrat."

"In April of this year we welcomed Betancourt to this country and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller said he and the president of Venezuela had been friends for nearly three decades. Three decades ago Betancourt was founding a Communist party cell. It almost makes you wonder where the two met, doesn't it?"

### Algerian Aid Cited

Stanley also cited the Algerian aid to Ahmed Ben Bella, Algerian pre-mier. Ben Bella has been a Communist worker since his teenage years, Stanley said.

"Ben Bella was taken to a place of honor atop the tomb of Lenin for May day ceremonies," Stanley said. "He watched the Communist troops pass."

"On October 15 of 1962 he was brought to this country, given a

21-gun salute, heard a speech delivered in French and thanked the President for his backing. He also was given 123 million dollars in federal aid to be added to 21 million dollars that had already been sent.

"Then he went to Cuba, kissed Castro on his hairy cheeks and said he was going to have in Algeria a Communist government, and the State department continues to offer aid."

"Let us pray to God it is error," Stanley said. "For if it is not, it is treason. Tell me that such a continuing action by the State department can be error."

"My God, if it was error, you would think there would be an error on our side once in a while."

Stanley, a member of the John Birch society, said his magazine is in no way affiliated with the organization and fights against membership in any organization.

"It is just an anti-Communist publication," he said.

Stanley told the group the answer to the continuing encroachments on the liberties of the country's people is a concerted effort.

### Extremism for All

"All Americans must pick up the same sort of line," he said. "When it comes to liberty we must all be extremists."

The honest, prudent American must be concerned, he must get involved, Stanley said.

Stanley indicated that his views might be aired during Sen. Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign, and he said there were Goldwater backers with the courage and conviction to bring to light the fallacies prevailing in the State department and other areas of government.

The program, the first of its kind to be sponsored by a group calling itself the American Opinion Forum, was delayed about one hour while the audience watched Senator Goldwater's acceptance speech on television.

The newly organized forum's chairman, Dick Lyons, said the organization will try to bring anti-Communist speakers to the area.

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## Rousselot to Head Birch Press Office

Former Rep. John H. Rousselot (R-Cal.) has been named national director of public relations for the John Birch Society, Robert Welch, founder and president of the ultra-conservative organization, announced Sunday.

Rousselot, present western district governor for the society, will maintain an office in San Marino, but will spend a portion of his time in Belmont, Mass., the announcement said.

Rousselot will be responsible for the general public relations program of the John Birch Society throughout the country. He will especially maintain direct relations with the nation's communications media, Welch said.

The announcement said other public relations offices will be opened in Chicago and Houston.

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## Birch Society Names Rousselot As National Publicity Director

By JOHN H. FENTON

Special to The New York Times

BOSTON, July 2—The John Birch Society appointed a national director of public relations today. Within 15 minutes, he was hard at work giving his boss, Robert H. W. Welch Jr., a chance to regain his composure.

The new officer, John H. Rousselot of San Marino, Calif., was waved to the microphones at a press conference after Mr. Welch, in a heated discussion of civil rights, asserted: "Racial imbalance is a phrase worked up by a bunch of agitators."

At that, Mr. Welch, with a wave of his hand, said: "You take over, John, I had better stay out of this."

### Scholarship for Negroes

The new director began his duties by announcing the establishment of an annual \$1,000 scholarship to "a deserving Negro." It will be named in memory of Manning Johnson, a Negro, who wrote an expose of Communism after defecting from the party.

Mr. Rousselot, a former member of the United States House of Representatives, was one of six California Republicans defeated for office in 1962. Since then he has been Western district governor of the society.

Mr. Rousselot will maintain public relations headquarters at San Marino, but plans to spend part of each month at national headquarters in suburban Belmont, Mass.

Other public relations offices are planned in Chicago and Houston.

The new director's duties were described by Mr. Welch as "especially to maintain direct relations with the nation's communications media."

As soon as the session was thrown open for questions, Mr. Welch was engaged in a debate on politics.

But the leader of the ultra-conservative organization refused to be drawn into any endorsement of any candidate.

From there, the conference swung into a panel discussion on civil rights. Mr. Welch asserted that "there is no such thing as suppression of the Negro."

He said that he sat beside a Negro in a Harvard dining hall for four years, 40 years ago. When Mr. Welch yielded the microphones, realizing that he had reached the limit of his patience, Mr. Rousselot took over and explained that "racial imbalance is a term not well defined."

Mr. Welch jumped back into the discussion when South Vietnam was brought up.

He said, while there was a great furor over three persons missing in Mississippi, "we are not doing anything about seven

of our own American boys who are being held captive by the Vietcong and are being paraded around and exploited by them behind their own lines."

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Mrs. Oswald, Harvey Lee  
Pers: Oswald, Marina  
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## Birch Leader Says Rights Bill Will Hasten Takeover by Reds

The civil rights bill will hasten a Communist takeover of the United States, former Representative John H. Roussetot (Rep.), California, charged here yesterday.

Roussetot, currently western district governor of the John Birch Society, asserted that the civil rights bill will destroy the United States constitution.

It will concentrate and consolidate "fantastic federal power over individuals, organizations and local governments that can be more easily manipulated by the Communists," he said.

Roussetot charged also that Communists have infiltrated and have control of the civil rights movement.

### No Absolute Proof

Speaking at a John Birch Society meeting at the Coronado Hotel, he read charges by the House Committee on Un-American Activities of Communist af-



By a Post-Dispatch Photographer  
John Roussetot

iliations against some American civil rights leaders.

When asked about the validity of such charges, he said, "We cannot hope for absolute proof of their guilt, whatever that may be, but rather proof of their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt."

The overwhelming proportion of civil rights activity is manipulated by the Communists, fellow travelers or their friends, he declared.

Instead of demonstrating, Roussetot suggested that the Negro should "make use of educational facilities already available and the free enterprise system in the traditional American way—the do-it-yourself spirit."

Other minority groups have won their rights through voluntary methods, he said.

### Says Goldwater Will Win

At a press conference, Roussetot predicted that Senator Barry M. Goldwater would win the Republican nomination and the presidency because he knows President Lyndon B. Johnson's weaknesses and will campaign for a strong foreign policy.

Roussetot termed the Scranton backers "the Eastern Establishment—the left-wing collectivists of the Republican party."

He said that the membership of the John Birch Society in Missouri had doubled in recent years. He refused to say what the membership was.

Roussetot said that the John Birch Society believes that Lee Oswald, accused of assassinating President John F. Kennedy, was operating under Communist orders, and that his widow, Mrs. Marina Oswald, is a Communist.

"I can't understand why the United States allows her to travel about freely," he said.



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## BIRCHERS, REDS MAKE SAME ERROR--BRADEN

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Thomas W. Braden, president of the State Board of Education, in a commencement address Saturday said both the John Birch Society and the Communist Party are "elevating hatred to the status of gospel."

Braden called on the graduating class of American River Junior College to "help settle the crisis of our times by working for a victory of ideas in the conflict between ideas and ideology."

"We have seen the Communist Party attempt to make an ideology out of certain economic facts," he said. "We have seen the Birch Society attempt to make an ideology out of certain facts of history."

"Both these attempts have much in common. Both

for the reality from which it was derived."

He said the Birch Society and the Communist Party "eventually come to a point of elevating hatred to the status of gospel."

"If ideology is to be preserved," he said, "men of controversy—these men of ideas— must be hated."

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# John Birch Society Dissected

BY IRVING SCOTT

The John Birch Society is a group of about 10,000 members, paying about \$296,326 in yearly (1962) dues. It has a paid professional staff— from clerks to organizers—of approximately 120 and is said to have an overhead of about \$3,000 a day. It is headed by Robert Henry Winborn, 47, a 65-year-old candy entrepreneur. He takes advice from a ghost cabinet of 24 highly respectable citizens. The highest paid official is probably ex-California Rep. John Rousselot at \$50,000 a year.

The object of the society is "less government and more (individual) responsibility." Its chief avowed enemy is communism. It is an expressly authoritarian movement, more interested in propagandizing than persuading. Its meetings are usually models of ghastly boredom: long speeches, readings, films of speeches, and discussions of the various society pamphlets.

## Against Warren

The society is against such various figures as Chief Justice Earl Warren and Gen. Eisenhower. It was for Sen. Joseph McCarthy and Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker. It dislikes the United Nations and high taxes and welfare programs. Its aim is to enlist a million "dedicated" Americans to fight with the society—but only on its terms.

This country has had a long history of such anti-groups — from Know-Nothings to Prohibitionists. Their fault, perhaps, lies not so much in their paraded bigotry and bias as their inclination to pervert the American right of protest. By viewing the complexity

of the modern world as one-issue mix— communism versus Americanism — they become preposterous. By adopting Communist tactics under the guise of patriotism, they constitute a moral disarmament society of their own.

## Exposed Long Ago

Exposed as long ago as 1960 (first by the Chicago Daily News, in a series by Jack Mabley), the society still goes on—nine-tenths of its support, as indicated by the \$3,000-a-day overhead, unseen. It is a fair subject for public dissection.

But this study of the society from which the above has been taken, THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY by J. Allen Broyles (Beacon: \$4.50), is a somewhat repellent work. Broyles, a BA in Sacred Theology, is an amateur sociologist and professional Maine minister. He dislikes the society intensely and his tone is a continuous struggle to be judicial. The writing is poor, the organization vague, and the style is repetitious.

Broyles gives 115 footnotes for 161 pages, many of the former foolish or worthless.

Because of this, the book leaves the society with some shreds of respectability. The virtue the work consists of a handful of new facts similar to those which should have been acquired by any cub reporter, recorded as ineptly. Broyles states that this is a revision of a Ph.D. thesis for Boston University. If so, someone in Sacred Theology had better help the incoming graduate students.

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Editor's Memo

To William Grede

WE note that you are in town to speak to the Exchange Club meeting tonight at the Cuba Club.

We wonder if you are still a member of the governing council of the John Birch Society. If you are it might be enlightening for the Exchange Club members to hear some discussion about this intriguing organization.



Is it still propounding the doctrine Grede that Presidents Kennedy, Eisenhower, Truman and Roosevelt were part of the Communist conspiracy?

Does it still claim that Chief Justice Warren, the late Sec. of State Dulles and former CIA Director Allen Dulles are Communists?

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# Establish Climate of 'Terror'

**A well-known John Birch Society leader has charged that the Communist Party of America "exerts decisive leadership" in the American civil rights movement.**

Speaking at a meeting at the Eagles Hall sponsored by the local Birch Society, Birch District Governor John Rousselot declared that Communists sought to establish "a climate of terror and distrust between races to attain federal intervention by force into state and local affairs and to achieve passage of un-constitutional legislation."

As an example of "un-constitutional" legislation, Rousselot cited what he called the "fraudulently mislabeled civil rights bill," saying to help the Negro was only the ostensible purpose, but for the "real purpose of concentrating fantastic powers . . . within the executive branch of the of the federal government."

**OPPOSE BILL**

Calling for opposition to the civil rights bill currently before the Senate "with all the effort you can mobilize," Rousselot indicated that Negroes do have "realistic, legitimate objectives."

Opposing legislation except on the state and local level, Rousselot described the South as "rapidly changing," citing examples of school integration and acceptance at Negroes at lunch counters in some cities.

"It is overdrawn to say Negro has little or no representation in the South. The South has a responsibility to change, and it is being changed," former California congressman said confidently.

**RED LEADERS**

"When enough Americans realize that the overwhelming proportion of civil rights agitation is manipulated from behind the scenes by Communist sympathers, or fellow travelers, we can truly approach the problems of minority groups with rationale," he declared.

Basing his speech on an article he had written for "American Opinion," edited by the Birch founder Robert Welsh, Rousselot documented his allegation with many quotes from Communist sources to the effect that Communists should take full advantage of unrest over

racial discrimination in America.

Then, seeking to prove that Communists have "sufficiently saturated" the civil rights movement to exert "decisive leadership," Rousselot quoted extensively from the congressional record and other sources.

**NAACP LEADERS**

Commenting on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people, Rousselot quoted testimony by Rep. E. C. Gathings of Arkansas in the Congressional Record, July 29, 1963, on charges by the House Committee on Un-American Activities that 59 officers, directors and committee members of the NAACP were "associated with 50 identifiable Communist fronts."

Presenting similar documentation on other Negro organizations, indicating guilt by as-

sociation, Rousselot explained his inference by saying "I think there is a strong indication of infiltration here."

Telling his audience that the late Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt "was associated with 82 Communist fronts, Rousselot drew laughter when he commented sarcastically, "I'm sure this was just bad judgment."

A question and answer period following Rousselot's address broke into frequent applause, laughter and occasional snickers as the speaker and his questioners exchange comments and quips.

**AN 'EXPERT'**

One member of the audience suggested he was more of an expert on the Negro problem because "I have been a Negro for 30 years." The Negro then went on to challenge in general terms Rousselot's assertion that the lack of Negro representation in Government is "overstated."

A student questioner observed that the Congressional Record was not an "impeccable source" and pointed out that in the same publication, on April 12, 1960, "the John Birch Society was equated in seven ways with fascism."

The speaker acknowledge the point made, adding that a number of "reasonably reliable" sources were used before he concluded that there was a link between the civil rights movement and Communism.

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# John Birch Chief Lashes at All Foes

BY HENRY HANSON  
Staff Writer

DECATUR, Ill. — John Birch Society leader Robert Welch lashed out here Wednesday night at beatniks, the late Eleanor Roosevelt, last summer's "Freedom March" on Washington and opponents of the Birch Society.

He called opponents of the society "liars, scoundrels, embezzlers and debauchers."

Welch also condemned "the last two Presidents of the United States" — the late President John F. Kennedy and former President



ROBERT WELCH

Eisenhower — for advocating "interdependence rather than independence for this country" in Fourth of July speeches.

Welch spoke here at a lecture series whose chairman, Dr. Dale Scholz of nearby Mount Zion, is an avowed member of the Birch Society.

Most of a crowd of 250 persons, in a high school auditorium that seats 900, gave Welch a standing ovation when he was introduced.

Classics Prof. Revilo P. Oliver of the University of Illinois, a council member of the society, introduced Welch after defending the Birch Society from what he called "the prurient pus that comes out of the press in a desperate attempt to destroy the society."

Oliver said the society's current strength indicates that "all of that pus is exuded in vain."

**WELCH DENOUNCED** "collectivists" as the "forces of evil" and hailed "anti-collectivists" as the "forces of good," declaring that the "forces of evil are always organized while the forces of good are always disorganized."

"It is the destiny of the John Birch Society to fill this void," Welch said. "We are something new in history. We must advocate less government and more individual responsibility."

Welch added without explanation, "The whole key to our working together is tolerance and no compromise."

He denounced the late Mrs. Roosevelt, "The disgusting beatniks of both sexes" and supporters of the Negro March on Washington last summer as Communist sympathizers or "collectivists."

**"COMMUNISM IS** a huge dirty boil on the body of man-

kind," he said. "It poisons the body. It needs to be lacerated and drained."

Welch detailed what he described as Communist or "collectivist" movements in the last 2,000 years of world history. He dismissed Greek philosopher Plato as "infected" with a "fantastic conception of progress."

Welch condemned Communists for conducting clandestine operations. "The thrill of belonging to some mysterious inner circle is one of the strong appeals for belonging," he said.

He did not allude to the fact that Birch Society membership is secret and that the society has never disclosed total membership or funds.

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## Warren Impeachment Campaign Has Wide Backing, Welch Says

The John Birch Society's campaign to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren is "strong and aggressive" and is continuing to win wide support, Robert Welch, founder and leader of the ultra-conservative organization, said here today.

Welch expressed the belief at a press conference that other members of the Supreme Court deserve impeachment, but said he was opposed to moves to impeach other Supreme Court Justices.

"Warren deserves the most discredit for what has happened," and the efforts of the John Birch Society should be directed against him, Welch asserted.

"Warren failed to live up to his oath to defend and support the Constitution of the United States," Welch asserted. "He has been tearing the Constitution down. The John Birch Society is determined to uphold the Constitution."

### On Warren Inquiry

Welch said that there was "no excuse for the Warren Commission not to publish the facts (about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy). As a matter of fact, I see no excuse for the Warren commission."

"For Warren, who is head of the judicial division of government, to have been pulled over to serve the executive branch of government is contrary to the American system."

Welch charged that 3 per cent of Protestant clergymen are Communists. He said that the "figures are fairly provable on this; there are statistics to show this."

"Nobody has complaint with the other 97 per cent" of Protestant ministers, Welch continued. "Nobody is concerned over Protestant ministers becoming Communists."

He explained that the concern was over Communists being graduated from seminaries to become ministers. Welch said the young Communist leaving a seminary to become a minister shows immediate great ambition to rise to high office in his church.

On the contrary, he continued, the typical Protestant minister is content in his position or assignment in his church, no matter what it may be, as long as he feels he is serving God to the best of his ability.

### Cites Reds in High Posts

Welch said there "are Communists in high positions in the Government" of the United States. He was asked to name some.

"We have no business naming them," he replied. "We point to the visible evidence. Who they are is up to the Government to point out."

"There is no such thing as a split between Soviet Russia and China," Welch declared. "It is a complete fraud. It is ridiculous on the face of it. The Chinese have no arms or material of war except that furnished by the Russians. Whoever is boss in the Kremlin could fire the Chinese leaders by telephone."

In reply to questions about the Cuban situation, Welch said, "We are guilty of and responsible for the sellout of Cuba. We have the moral responsibility to go in there and throw Castro out and restore Cuba to the Cubans."

"There is no chance of provoking Russia into a major war over this," he continued. "Why should the Russians go to war? They're winning the whole world with their present strategy."

"There is nothing happening in the racial agitation (in this country) today that has not been laid out in print by the Communists since 1928."

He was highly critical of the civil rights bill, describing it as "10 per cent civil rights and 90 per cent raw drive by the Federal Government for more power."

The bill will "deprive all Americans, white and Negro, of their right to a jury trial, and this 'is to play squarely into the Communists' hands," Welch said.

### Speech at Hotel

In a two-hour speech last night to about 700 society members and sympathizers, he attacked the Federal Reserve System and

participation by the Federal Government in education. He spoke in the ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Socialism could never come to the United States without the Federal Reserve banks, he said, and with the system socialism cannot be avoided.

Welch urged members to advocate "gold-backed, unmanipulated, redeemable" currency to prevent economic control of the country by the Federal Reserve System.

The so-called Liberty amendments, which propose getting the Federal Government out of all business-related enterprises and repealing the income and inheritance taxes, should be supported by all Birchers, Welch said.

Any move by the Federal Government to take any part in education is a clear violation of the Constitution, Welch said, and is aimed at establishing tyrannical control over the nation by directing the schools.

He said that education must be the responsibility of parents, and that the Federal Government must not be allowed to "gain control" of the educational system.

He said Communism is the current form of a historic enemy of man, collectivism, and must be combated by the Birch Society because it seeks to destroy loyalty to God, family and country.

He said members of the society should exert influence on ministers to affirm basic beliefs in God and religion and resist dilutions of those beliefs by liberals and Communists.

All attempts by the Federal Government to "merge the nation into a one world tyranny" must be resisted by the society, he said.

The family is weakened in Russia, Welch said, by teaching the child that his food, clothing, housing and education come from the state rather than from his parents. Welch urged strengthening of the family unit as a bulwark against Communism.

He blamed an eighteenth cen-

tury secret society, the Illuminati, for distortion of the French revolution and said that it duped the French into "destroying their own revolution."

The storming of the Bastille, celebrated by the French on July 14, was an artificial event created by the Illuminati, he said. The civil rights march on Washington is the same type of event, he said, in that it was artificially created.

### What Might Have Been

"If Communist goons would have had enough strength," he asserted, "the marchers in Washington would have been made to burn the city, kill Congressmen and riot. They would then have been told that their actions were symbolic of freedom and the affair would have been a holiday for a new order."

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# Life Among The City's Birchers

By Charles Raudebaugh

An undercover agent who spent more than a year as a member of the John Birch Society in San Francisco has asked to be relieved of his assignment, he told The Chronicle yesterday.

"I can't stand it any longer. They're a bunch of kooks. And now they are suggesting rotating meetings among members' houses. I just don't want those damn fools in my home."

The agent's reports are complete with names, dates and addresses, and have been carefully studied by The Chronicle.

### HANDFUL

His reports depict the Birch Society as having only a handful of members in San Francisco—and these are of ten persons living largely in fear and/or ignorance, and whose political views are naive, obtuse, or both.

Although Birchers resent their Society being called secret, they are secretive about its size. No public statement of membership in San Francisco—or anywhere else, for that matter—has ever been given by Society officers.

The undercover agent's reports indicate that the San Francisco membership is 33—or a microscopic .00005 per cent of the city's population.

### BLAME

Among themselves, Birchers blame their small membership in San Francisco upon the fact that San Francisco is the birthplace of the United Nations and that the press—particularly The Chronicle—is keeping the public in ignorance.

Birchers call San Francisco "Little Moscow."

The great fear of every Bircher—whether he be a retired oldster who is a member out of loneliness, or a businessman who thinks the country is going to hell in a handbasket—is that the Society will be infiltrated by Communists.

The Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley is a Communist school in the eyes of many Birch members, and they believe the League of Women Voters is shot through with Communists.

### LETTERS

Units of the Birch Society are, for some reason, identified by letters instead of numbers. California is in the "Q" group of Birch nomenclature, and San Francisco has chapters QEOP and QHOS.

Chairman of Chapter QHOS was John B. Davis of 1358-A Filbert street, until he resigned a few months ago to further Barry Goldwater's candidacy for the presidency and his own candidacy for the Republican county central committee.

### PATTERN

Chapter meetings run pretty much according to a pattern. There is a group discussion of the monthly Bulletin from Robert Welch, a retired candy manufacturer of Belmont, Mass., who is the founder and autocratic chief of the Society.

Welch, who once stated that President Eisenhower was "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy," gives the members a monthly chore in each Bulletin. It is a task like writing letters urging the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, or campaigning for the withdrawal of the United States from the U.N.

Frequently there are guest speakers. One, an East Bay member of the Birch Society, said that Joseph Shell actually received more votes than Richard M. Nixon for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1962, but that the results were reversed because of crooked election procedures.

### HUNGARIAN

Another guest speaker at a Birch Society meeting here was a self-styled Hungarian freedom fighter who claimed that "the Jews" provoked Hungarian college students into the 1956 uprising that was finally put down by Soviet tanks.

There have been discussions whether Birch Society literature should be passed out to children who ring doorbells for "trick or treat" on Halloween. And admonitions to protest to the Zenith hearing aid people about a new model hearing aid being

called "The Delegate" because the name suggested the United Nations.

Sometimes local political issues such as a zoning limit on the heights of buildings get mixed up in the Society's efforts to save the U.S. from communism.

But Birchism, according to the undercover agent, reaches its heights during the time for coffee and petits-four after the meetings are over. During these periods of

arm's-length Birchism, reason gets punched full of holes and logic is unrecognizable.

The undercover agent told superiors that his masquerade as a Bircher had deprived him of association with his friends and that he felt a strong need to restore relationships with non-Birchers.

"They're a harmless, pathetic bunch," reported the investigator of the Birch members.

Per's Cushing, Richard Cardinal  
Opp. (John Birch Society)  
Per's Stanley, Scott W.  
Per's Davis, Thomas

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# Cushing Retracts Bircher Backing

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, appeared on a New England-wide radio network last night to retract an endorsement he once gave the rightist John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch.

"I was never a member of the society," Cardinal Cushing said. In a voice filled with emotion, the prelate declared:

"I would prefer imprisonment and death under a slave state than membership in an organization which has branded a martyred President of the U.S. as a Communist."

### NOTES STATEMENT

The Cardinal was referring to a reported statement by the Birch Society that the late Presidents Roosevelt and Kennedy were Communists.

"I never met President Roosevelt," he said, "but I am proud to add that I knew the late President Kennedy better than any member of the John Birch Society, and all of them put together."

Cardinal Cushing explained that his endorsement of their work so widely used by the Birch Society had been intended "primarily as a tribute to the character of Mr. Robert Welch, resulting from the one and only time I met him," a few years ago.

### RECEIVED LETTER

At a later date, the Cardinal said he received a letter from a C. M. Crawford, of Los Angeles, questioning whether he endorsed the John Birch Society.

In a return letter, the Cardinal said he wrote:

"I beg to advise you that I do not know of any more dedicated anti-Communist in the country than Robert Welch. I unhesitatingly recommend him to you and endorse his John Birch Society."

The Cardinal was asked to



CARDINAL CUSHING  
*Blasts Birch Society*

clarify his position after Scott Stanley Jr., editor of the rightist publication, "American Opinion," and attorney Thomas Davis, coordinator of the Birch Society, declared on the Long John Nebel program on Station WOR, New York, that they had Cardinal Cushing's endorsement.



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**'Terms Of Hate' By Birch Leader Denied**

To the Editor:

The letter by Mr. Barbour which appeared in letters to the editor March 19, in which he devoted considerable effort to discredit the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, by labeling this group as a "hate" group is typical of the smear campaign being waged against this organization and all patriotic Americans who are aware of our past losses and continued losses to the Communists.

The "tricks" the Communists and their left-wing "dupes" use to discredit any and all anti-Communist activity is best described in J. Edgar Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit." They are masters of the use and play of words; such as "hate," "extremism" and "peace." Naturally, anything which is in opposition to them and their plans of subversion is labeled by them and their dupes as "hate" or "extremism."

Their idea of "peace" is no opposition to them and their plans of world-wide conquest. An uninformed dupe in an "ivory tower" is more use and more value to them than a host of card-carrying members. Indeed, they rely on such uninformed individuals to lend a certain "respectability" to their cause. It would seem, however, that most Americans have a deep suspicion of these ivory tower eggheads. They comprise a group especially evident among left-wing newspaper columnists, in addition to the individuals occasionally writing to the editor.

Bad news is not welcome news. Many of these persons who are truly "dupes" would rather hear no evil and see no evil than face up to the facts of life; the fact of life that the Communists are winning this struggle and have been winning it since the end of the last world war. Just look at the record. Ignorance of communism is the Communist's greatest asset. The first rule of warfare (and we are in a war) is to know your enemy: whether he employs conventional methods, economics, propaganda, subversion, guerrilla warfare, psychological warfare or any other form.

Sure, practically every one of us is opposed to communism. But being opposed to communism is not enough unless all of us recognize the modes and methods the Communists use and are using to infiltrate our country. While ivory tower spokesmen are assuring us everything is rosy we continue to lose to the Communists. Probably there are still large numbers of people who believe "it can't happen here." Most of us, however, are probably aware that it can, and only we can prevent it. I would, again, like to suggest J. Edgar Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit" for an excellent guide to the methods of communism. Recent news events again disclose the presence of spies in our government, the CIA and the State Department. Will we never learn? How much time do we have to continue to learn?

Mr. Barbour ascribes a "hate" label to the John Birch Society, and states it is "extremism" to preach the combatting of communism according to the terms of "hate" to which he says the JBS adheres. His statement is a complete falsity; the John Birch Society does not adhere to "hate." He uses a play of words which means absolutely nothing, but by association attempts to label a good and patriotically dedicated organization as evil.

This is the very technique used by the Communists over and over again. They believe by saying a thing over and over again enough times it becomes truth to them. Mr. Barbour claims to have read the "Blue Book" by the society's founder, Mr. Welch. Yet, in the "Blue Book", there are no "terms of hate" to be found. This is probably one of the best books dealing with the basic reason for life in ethics, Christian principles, brotherhood and moral behavior. One can only reason that Mr. Barbour did not read the book, or is beyond help.

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*Mrs. Pegler, Westbrook  
Pegler, John Birch Society*

### PEGLER QUILTS WORK FOR BIRCH MAGAZINE

Special to The New York Times

TUCSON, Ariz., April 6 — Westbrook Pegler, a 50-year journeyman in the practice of invectives, has again lost a publisher.

When Robert H. W. Welch Jr., the founder of the John Birch Society, rejected his latest manuscript, Mr. Pegler dropped his association with American Opinion, the Birch Society's magazine.

His decision leaves Mr. Pegler nearing the age of 70, without a regular forum for his indictments of the world and its leaders.

Mr. Pegler's association with the Birch Society's magazine began in 1962, after King Features, a Hearst-owned syndicate, bought off his contract and dropped his column.

When Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt died, Mr. Pegler wrote a lengthy funeral oration and submitted it to a newspaper in Richmond, and to the Hoiles chain based in California. Both publishers rejected the article. So Mr. Pegler sold it to American Opinion. The article led to about 20 more for the magazine.

While he was writing for Mr. Welch, Mr. Pegler was not asked to join the John Birch Society.

The last piece Mr. Pegler wrote began with an attack on Chief Justice Earl Warren, contending he implicated the right wing immediately after President Kennedy's assassination.

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# ALLEN-SCOTT REPORT

By ROBERT S. ALLEN and PAUL SCOTT

Communists Charge U. S. Spending Greater Efforts  
On South Africa Blockade Than on Cuban Isolation

WASHINGTON—The State Department is spending more time and energy discouraging U. S. and foreign shippers from exporting goods to South Africa than to Cuba.

Authorities led by Secretary of State Rusk and Undersecretary Averell Harriman are privately passing the word to airlines and shipping firms to abide by the economic sanctions being imposed by African countries against the Johannesburg government.

In sharp contrast, Rusk and Harriman are supporting a policy whereby the U. S. provides navigational help and vital weather information to Soviet jet transports flying strategic cargo and arms to Cuba non-stop from Russia.

The unannounced State Department boycott against South Africa is in addition to the announced policy of the Johnson administration barring arms shipments to the all-white regime.

A theory for this boycott is spelled out in a highly classified National Security Council policy paper on South Africa, which is being circulated at the highest government level on a "need to know" basis.

Drafted by the State Department's Policy Planning Council, the new NSC paper is the first major policy on Africa approved by President Johnson since he took over last November following President Kennedy's assassination.

House insiders report that the policy paper was rushed through the Security Council at "lightning speed" at the urging of Secretaries Rusk and Harriman on the ground that U. S. diplomats needed guide-lines to deal with possible new explosive events in Africa.

Harriman, a presidential trouble-shooter, is now touring Africa briefing U. S. diplomats and foreign governments on the new policy, despite the fact that it has never been publicized in the U. S.

One key State Department official, after reading the top-secret document, reported the policy as so anti-South Africa that it puts the U. S. on the side of the African nations, Russia and Communist China in their efforts to topple that government.

## KEEPING HANDS OFF

The NSC paper also advocates a "hands off" policy on Zanzibar, the first nation to fall into the Soviet orbit since President Johnson took office.

It bars the use of U. S. military force to recover the valuable space tracking equipment on the island or to keep Soviet military technicians from making the island a military base similar to Cuba.

Defense Intelligence Agency warnings reveal that the Kremlin is planning to install SA-2 anti-aircraft missiles similar to those given to Castro.

While the new "African policy paper" stresses that the recent Soviet arms agreement with Somalia has dangerously altered the strategic balance in East Africa, it offers no concrete U. S. counter-measures to stem this tide.

The NSC paper, in effect, backs the Angolan and Mozambique liberation movements by advocating a policy of self-determination in those strife-torn Portuguese territories. It provides no U. S. support for Portugal, a member of NATO, in its life-and-death struggle against these liberation movements, which are heavily infested with Communists.

One State Department expert, vigorously opposed to the new policy, warns that it will pave the way for the eventual take-over of all Africa by Russia and the Chinese Communists.

Already, the policy has blocked U. S. efforts to keep the new regime in Zanzibar from ousting all the moderates in that government. To accomplish this, the pro-Reds exiled their opponents, while U. S. officials sat on the sidelines because of the new policy.

## BREAKING POLITICAL TIES

Former President Dwight Eisenhower has made a final break with former Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson.

In a series of letters to members of Congress, Eisenhower has thanked them for denouncing former political associates of his, including Benson, who are members of the John Birch Society.

"I am grateful for your letter," Eisenhower wrote Rep. Ralph Harding, D-Idaho, "and for the speech that you made in Congress concerning the support and encouragement that the former Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Benson, has been giving to a Mr. Welch, said to be the founder and leader of the John Birch Society."

Eisenhower warmly praised Harding for his political courage in making the speech, stating:

"Your honest and unselfish efforts to set the record straight warm my heart.

"Frankly, because I rarely read such trash as I understand 'The Politician' (to be), I had never before read the specific accusations made against me by Robert Welch. But it is good that when they were brought to your attention you disregarded all partisan influence to express your honest convictions about the matter.

"It is indeed difficult to understand how a man who professes himself to be an anti-Communist can so brazenly accuse another—whose entire life's record has been one of refutation of Communist theory, practice and purpose—of Communist tendencies or leanings."

In a second letter to another legislator, Eisenhower indicated that he would not have anything more to do with Benson politically. Benson currently is in West Germany doing missionary work.

Per: Allen, Robert S.

Per: Benson, Ezra T.

Per: Welch, Robert

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## Circulars Linking Percy to Reds Being Distributed on East Side

### Alton Physician and Lombard Man At- tack GOP Candidate in Pamphlets

Two pamphlets attacking Charles H. Percy on the ground that he attended social functions with Communist leaders and American and Canadian liberals were being circulated yesterday in Madison and St. Clair counties.

Percy, a Chicago business man, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Illinois. He was scheduled to speak at a Republican dinner in Belleville last night.

One of the pamphlets was written by Dr. Harry Mantz, an alton physician, who is a candidate for alternate delegate to the Republican national convention. His tract is entitled: "So You Want to Be Governor? Mercy, Mr. Percy."

Dr. Mantz is running on the same slate with Mrs. Phyllis Schlafly of Alton and Dr. E. L. Rauth, Belleville dentist, who are seeking to be named delegates committed to the Presidential candidacy of Arizona Senator Barry M. Goldwater. The three have the support of the ultra-conservative element of East Side Republicans.

Author from Lombard

The other pamphlet, "But Should I Vote for Percy?", is the work of Paul Stout, Lombard, Ill., whom Dr. Mantz says is a member of the John Birch Society. Dr. Mantz, Mrs. Schlafly and Dr. Rauth have denied charges that they are Birchites.

Both pamphlets point out that Percy appeared at luncheons in Washington with various Soviet leaders in 1959. They mention that Percy acted as host at a dinner July 9, 1959 for Frol Kozlov, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist party, and that two months later Percy was a guest at a dinner given by Nikita Khrushchev.

At the time, Percy was serving as vice chairman of the Conference on World Tensions, which was seeking ways to end tensions of the cold war. The conference recommended an increase in foreign aid to poor countries of the world.

Kozlov came to the United States to open a Soviet exhibition as part of the Eisenhower exchange program. Later, Vice President Richard M. Nixon went to Russia to open an American exhibit as part of the exchange.

Percy was one of 18 American businessmen who attended the Khrushchev dinner. The subject of the meeting was international trade. The businessmen attempted to show Khrushchev that Americans could not do business with Russia on his terms.

Stout's pamphlet states: "It is hard to imagine why a true upholder of liberty would want to mingle socially with these top functionaries in the world's most despotic tyranny."

In his pamphlet, Dr. Mantz listed some well-known liberals with whom Percy has associated in his work with the world tensions group. They include:

Ralph Bunche, American Negro, deputy secretary of the United Nations; Adlai E. Stevenson, American Ambassador to the UN; Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review; Cyrus Eaton, Akron, O., industrialist, who has visited the Soviet Union.

Barry Bingham, publisher of the Courier-Journal and Times at Louisville, Ky.; Marquis Childs, chief of the Washington Bureau of the Post-Dispatch; Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson of Canada, and Dr. Philip C. Jessup, a member of the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

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#### Called Soft on Communism

Dr. Mantz said the pamphlets in no way accuse Percy of being a Communist. They just point out, he said, that Percy is a liberal instead of a conservative and "a little soft on Communism."

Asked if he considered a liberal and a Communist the same thing, he said: "You can't tell. People who are liberals find themselves in bed sometimes with Communists. . . . Take Alger Hiss, for example. He still calls himself a liberal."

Hiss, a former employe of the Federal Government, was accused of being a Communist agent. He was found guilty of perjury in connection with an investigation of the charge.

Dr. Mantz's pamphlet accused Percy of indorsing for membership on the Illinois Fair Employment Practices Commission two men who have been members of "Communist-front" organizations. The organizations were not listed.

"All we're saying," said Dr. Mantz, "is that Mr. Percy is a liberal and is trying to make like a conservative."

REF: James Oliver  
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 PERS: Bunker, Lawrence E.

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## 4. THE BIRCH SOCIETY

By **BERNARD LEFKOWITZ, SIDNEY ZION**  
 and **MARVIN SMILON**

### PENTHOUSE TRUST, INC.

Dun and Bradstreet, can produce no credit rating; banks are cautiously noncommittal; government sources will do little more than confirm its existence.

In fact, there is probably only one authority on the Penthouse Trust. And that is its ultimate beneficiary—the John Birch Society.

Financed by two unmistakably aristocratic Back Bay Bostonians, the trust possesses every outward appearance of consummate respectability. But like the Birch Society itself, Penthouse Trust lives a dual existence.

The principals of Penthouse Trust are Miss Olive Simes and Miss Hope Gray. They are approaching 80 gracefully. In these later years one of their closest friends and most patient advisers has been Col. Laurence E. Bunker. The colonel, a former aide to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, is a member of the Society's national council and a possible successor to founder Robert Welch himself.

The identity of Col. Bunker and the Penthouse Trust often overlap so completely that the Colonel

gives the trust as his address to close friends on the far right. "Col. Bunker is a wonderful man to speak to if you want to know what's really happening," says Miss Simes. "He can tell you much more than we can."

The Misses Simes and Gray, each possessing an acute sense of irony, live together in a nine-room \$800-a-month (a new landlord has just raised it from \$500 a month) penthouse suite on Boston's Beacon Hill.

Their furniture is Chippendale. The oils are meticulous if somewhat melancholy portraits and New England landscapes. The sumptuous green velvet sofa in the sitting room may be slightly dusty on any given morning but all that means is that the two maids in the apartment haven't got to it yet.

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### THE TWO TENANTS ARE REGAL, SPARELY

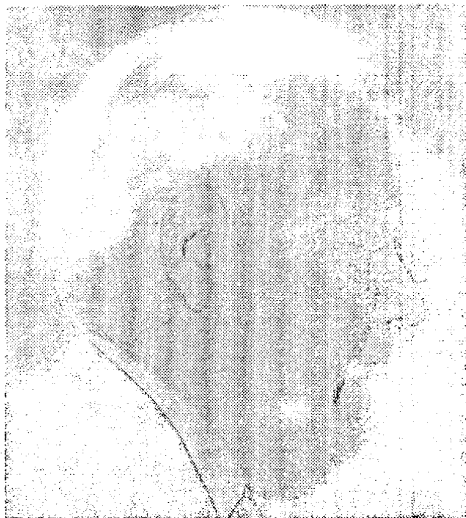
austere. Their cheeks retain just a trace of color as a lingering reminder of summer vacations at Martha's Vineyard. A visitor sees them standing together near the tea table, surrounded by the weight of the past, and wonders where the calendar is. Then, suddenly, he knows exactly. On the table is an unsoiled copy of "The Cross and The Flag," house organ of one of the nation's largest manufacturers of hate, Gerald L. K. Smith.

Officially Miss Simes and Miss Gray are listed as owning at least 2 per cent of the shares in Robert Welch Inc., the corporation which runs American Opinion, the slick ideological mouthpiece of the Society.

But Boston Birch Society members boast that Miss Simes and Miss Gray, through their corporate identity as Penthouse Trust, have been much more generous than any official listing will reveal. "It is hard to put a price tag on it," says one member. "These are things you don't talk about publicly. But it's interest like this that keeps the Birch Society alive."

What this informant doesn't say is that Miss Simes, who reputedly supplies most of the funds for the trust does not limit her generosity to the Birch Society. For instance, since 1959, she has been a contributor to Gerald Smith's anti-everything crusade. The contributions are listed with the clerk of the House of Representatives.

It is not realistic, however, to assume that the frail shoulders of two elderly Boston dowagers carry the full load of financing the Society. Welch has said that it will cost \$2,000,000 to pay the Birch bill this year. Kent Courtney, a Birch leader in Louisiana, says expenses will run closer to \$4,000,000. Whichever figure is right, there's a wide gap between the \$737,716 income reported in 1962 and the expenses.



**KENT COURTNEY**  
 A Louisiana leader.

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Evidently Welch was aware of the problem. He took care early in the game to line up powerful business support. Today, these are some of the men who make sure the electricity is not shut off:

○ J. Howard Pew, the 82-year-old director of the Sun Oil Co., who has given many millions of dollars to conservative and far-right causes in his lifetime. In 1957, Pew was listed as one of America's 75 richest men by Fortune magazine. He is a stockholder in Robert Welch Inc.

○ A. C. Heinsohn Jr., president of Cherokee Mills and Spindale Mills, Spindale, N. C. He is described as "one of the foremost anti-union textile barons in the South" by the Textile Workers' Union. He publicly supported the late Merwin K. Hart's National Economic Council, which was labeled an anti-Semitic organization by Congressional investigators.

○ D. E. Lewis, 60-year-old president and principal owner of Lewis Food Co., Los Angeles. Sales of Dr. Ross and Skippy brand pet foods now exceed \$12,000,000 annually. Welch says, "In addition to his advertising in American Opinion, D. B. Lewis has been a strong friend to the society in many more substantial ways."

○ William J. Grede of Milwaukee, a former president of the National Assn. of Manufacturers (1952), chairman of Grede Foundries Inc. He is financial secretary and member of the Birch Society's executive committee.

And there are still other patrons: Sheldon Coleman, president of the Coleman Corp., Wichita, Kan., and sponsor of many in-plant Birch propaganda programs; Fred C. Koch, president of Rock Island Oil and Refining Co., Wichita, and a member of the Society's executive committee; Frank E. Masland Pr., of Carlisle, Pa., a stockholder in Robert Welch Inc., and one of the nation's large carpet manufacturers; Louis Ruthenberg of Evansville, Ind., former president and board chairman of Servel, Inc., who is a member of the national council.

And, of course, many more.

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**THE BIRCH SOCIETY IS BIG BUSINESS. IT IS** getting bigger and fatter all the time. The society's 150 full-time paid workers draw a weekly paycheck of \$22,000. Printing costs run more than \$20,000 a week. (The price of American Opinion was raised from \$5 to \$10 a year because it was losing \$3,000 to \$5,000 a week).

More than \$200,000 a year goes on field equipment: such as tape recorders, film projectors, loudspeakers and spotlights. In December the Society mounted its first advertising campaign and spent \$35,000 to solicit funds and new members. There is also the cost of keeping up the headquarters in Belmont, Mass., with its 600 feet of floor space and staff of 75. Mailing costs alone have soared beyond \$4,000 a week. And new American Opinion libraries are being opened across the country.

"The truth is that most other right-wing organizations would turn green with envy at our finances," says Col. Bunker, looking rather secure in a comfortable club chair in a comfortable living room,

decor circa 1923, in a comfortable old New England house on Chestnut St. in sleepy little Wellesley Hills, Mass.

"We've grown to the point that if the money isn't right there we can put our hands on it," he says in a broad lisp undiminished by his 72 years. "Of course, our national council is unhappy, Bob Welch is unhappy, our financial secretary, Bill Grede, is unhappy, but the truth is we're ahead of them all."

All of this is accomplished, he concedes, with a membership that is much smaller than is usually estimated. The best guess—the society doesn't reveal membership figures—is about 30,000.

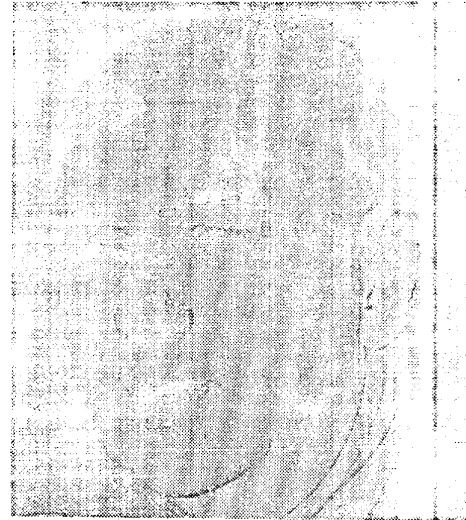
Col. Bunker says one of the most important reasons for the Birch Society's appeal to "nice middle-class Americans" is its respectability.

He leans back, crosses his legs, tugs for a second on his blue double-breasted suit jacket, and drags deeply on his cigaret. "The thing people forget," he says, "is we're right down the middle. Some groups advocate violence, others shrug their shoulders and read a book. We don't believe in either.

"Wherever extremism raises its head in the society," he says, leaning forward just slightly, "we try to keep it in check. Westbrook Pegler is a good example of this. I think he has a fabulous fund of information but he has been seduced into a violence of expression throughout his career. Basically people aren't as emotional as Pegler. His most recent articles reached the point of indecency.

"If he continues the way he's been going, I don't think there'll be a place for him on American Opinion. It's enough that we have to worry about stink bombs exploding from outside. We don't want them to explode inside."

It is perhaps a sign of Col. Bunker's influence in the Society that in the April issue of American Opinion Pegler's name was absent from the masthead.



**ROBERT WELCH**  
*The founder.*

of the magazine, and his scheduled series on labor unions was not included.

The Colonel's point is well-taken. In its 5½-year history the Society has vigorously pursued Communists real and imaginary, integrationists North and South, liberals, Democrats and Republicans. But still more relentlessly it has pursued respectability.

The late Mark Sherwin points out in his book "The Extremists," "Welch has tried to shake himself loose . . . from the hundreds of little hate groups scattered in tiny hamlets and musty chateaus throughout the nation that want to embrace Birchism in their over-all campaigns against Jews, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Negroes, meat eaters, Catholics and anything else they can be against."

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**IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT THE BIRCH SOCIETY** at least has sought the trappings of respectability. There are others, however, who make no effort to hide the hate...

**NON-WHITES FLOODING AMERICA  
JEWS INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION**

These are headlines from The Thunderbolt, "official white racial organ of the National States Rights Party." The Thunderbolt reprints Nazi hate propaganda and vicious anti-Negro material. In 1963, the leader of the party, Edward R. Fields, of Birmingham, Ala., listed an income of \$44,000, and he expects to have \$75,000 to spend in 1964. In 1960 the income reported was only \$14,000.

"Our plans for the Presidential year are simple," says Fields, a dentist. "We will give our Presidential candidate a sound truck and \$14,000 and he will go North to campaign.

"Our Vice Presidential candidate will go West with a sound truck and \$14,000. Let me tell you something, sir. If we win there'll be no place to hide. There will be no place to hide at all."

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### Where the Money Comes From

#### ARTICLE I

By **BERNARD LEFKOWITZ**

With *Marvin Smilon and Sidney Zion*

**T**HE SKINNY KID wearing the Young Americans for Freedom button elbowed his sister in the ribs and whispered urgently: "Let's go. Let's get out while there's time."

They were too late. With one piercing glare, the squat fat man on the speaker's platform halted them before they reached the aisle. Then Kent Courtney, president of the Conservative Society of America and Louisiana coordinator of the John Birch Society, cleared his throat once and bellowed into the half-empty Boston auditorium: "Dear friends. Dear friends. We need your help, your nickels and dimes and quarters, to save America."

Courtney's pitch has a familiar ring in this election year.

It is echoed and re-echoed by political candidates, promising prosperity and true democracy; by lay preachers waving flags and Bibles; by pamphleteers and propagandists, offering the inexpensive condensed version of The Truth; by roadside educators, selling a version of hate—some for the far left, some for the far right.

In this election year, the pace of extremist activity, like the pace of all political activity, will naturally step up sharply. Whatever the depth of passion or degree of sincerity involved, very little can be accomplished without money. In this Presidential year it is estimated that a total of \$300,000,000 will be spent for all political activity.

About two-thirds of this giant stake will be spent to win elections, according to Herbert E. Alexander, executive director of the President's Commission on Campaign Costs.

But the remaining third—some \$100,000,000—will be swallowed up by 500 powerful right-wing organizations and 150 left-wing groups operating outside the two major parties. In these groups are today's heirs to the Liberty League and the Communist Party, U.S.A., of the '30s. They are this generation's American radicals.

But who puts up this \$100,000,000. Where does it go? What do the investors get in return for their cash?

"There is a simple political axiom," suggests Harold L. Oram, professional fund-raiser and public relations man. "Ten per cent of the contributors give 90 per cent of the dough."

Such is the perpetual dream of the extremist—to corner the elusive 10 per cent. But is there a generous angel for every political evangelist?

Milton Ellerin, the American Jewish Committee's authority on extremist groups, is skeptical. "The most successful organizations, like the Birch Society, are probably the ones with dependable middle-class members—cab drivers, druggists, grocers."

"Of course, there are some people who spend a great deal of money to keep these groups alive. But



GERALD L. K. SMITH

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I don't believe in the conspiracy theory. There are not that many fat-cats who are magnanimous. If you start to see a conspiracy down every alley you begin to think like the Birchers."

Despite this reasoned analysis, the hunt for the big bankroll goes on. Mirage or not, the wealthy backer is fair game for the radical organization.

At the same time the modern tax-exempt streamlined extremist does not forget his \$5 follower. It is a difficult art. This is the way it works:

It was a bright, hot August day and the tar on the country road stuck to the tires of the black Chevrolet. In the grill of the car, a little Confederate flag fluttered valiantly in the stillness of the early morning.

The car finally pulled up in front of a large white clapboard house set well back from the dusty two-lane road in Prides Crossing, Mass. Edwin A. Walker got out.

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**HE HAD TRAVELED A LONG WAY. BEHIND HIM** was a brilliant military career that ended with his attempt to indoctrinate his troops with Birch Society



REV. BILLY HARGIS

material. Fresh from an unfortunate political campaign in Texas and a dismal appearance before a Senate subcommittee, he had now arrived at the estate of Countess Rosalind Guardabassi.

Gen. Walker was on an urgent mission. He had given it a name: "Operation Midnight Ride." Its purpose was to "awaken Americans to the real threat, to direct their minds and money to the true menace."

In the Countess, a plump, matronly woman well into her 70s, he had found a ready audience. As the daughter of the late William Madison Wood, founder and president of American Woolen Mills, she had a secure fortune.

Countess Guardabassi has always been aware of the "menace" that threatens America. A recent example of her concern was her contribution in 1962 of \$3,425 to Gerald L. K. Smith, one of the nation's oldest and most virulent anti-Semites. It was one of the largest donations Smith received that year. And, almost as an afterthought, she mailed a \$100 check to the anti-Semitic, anti-Negro National States Rights Party in Birmingham, Ala. Her contributions are listed with the clerk of the House of Representatives.

But on that Saturday in August, 1962, when Edwin Walker came calling, there was little talk of monetary matters. Only the night before, Walker had attended a late reception tendered by a Birch Society organizer.

Now to soothe the tired military hero, Countess Guardabassi signaled for the start of a two-hour organ recital. After the concert, in a spacious room overlooking the sea, the 50 guests sat primly and listened to the General describe "the real danger facing all of us."

After the elderly ladies all promised to help in any way they can, the Countess and the General walked back to his car. They passed the police dogs guarding



EDWIN WALKER

her sprawling estate. They passed the high picket fence surrounding her house.

With a final wave to her, Gen. Walker drove off, on his way again, to make another stop in "Operation Midnight Ride."

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**NOT ALL EXTREMISTS SEEK SUPPORT AT ORGAN** recitals in well-guarded country mansions. The Communist Party, U. S. A., for instance, has never courted dignity with enthusiasm . . .

"Dear friends, I am ready to relieve you of your cash. Twenty minutes should be adequate to collect \$20,000."

The speaker: Joseph Brandt, general manager of The Worker. The place: Carnegie Hall. The date: March 5, 1964. The occasion: The Worker's 40th anniversary celebration.

Brandt, a stocky, pug-nosed man, is speaking rapidly, spraying his words in all directions. The faster Brandt talks, the faster the FBI agent in the first row chews his gum.

Brandt jerks his head. "Ushers, you work. Don't worry about what I say. You keep collecting. Pass out those envelopes. What about the back. Pass them out in the back."

The FBI man leans forward, his jaws working quickly.

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"Here's some examples for you," Brandt says, his voice now a harsh sing-song. "Clara from Jamaica, \$30. The H. family from Bath Beach, \$41. We have to raise \$150,000 in four months. Not 6 or 9 or 12 months. Here's \$70 in singles from a friend of 80 years. Fifty dollars from a devoted floor manager. The Williamsbridge branch has fulfilled its quota of \$500."

Everywhere in the packed concert hall, middle-aged men and women reach for their pockets. In the front row, the FBI man, in three-button, narrow lapels, reaches too, hesitates a second, sees the necks craned at him, drops a \$5 bill into the tan envelope.

Brandt is finishing. "Usher, bring those envelopes down front. Yes, put them in the carton. No, don't leave it on the stage. Take it out the side door. Remember the fund drive lasts until May 31. There'll be other opportunities . . . Now on with the show."

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**OKLAHOMANS, LONG SCHOOLED IN A CLASSIC** mixture of evangelism and fund-raising—Oral Roberts is a native son—are not stunned by the techniques of the Rev. Billy James Hargis.

Director and guiding spirit behind the profitable, tax-exempt Christian Crusade, the 270-pound, apple-checked preacher is never mired in abject poverty.

He charges \$100 a week tuition at his anti-communism schools, sells thousands of Christmas cards, earns more than \$200,000 a year from the sale of merchandise, hawks tapes of his radio broadcasts for \$5 each. His take is reportedly near \$1,500,000 a year. Yet, he faces periodic crisis.

A typical one occurred when he needed \$38,870 to purchase 25 minutes a week on the Mutual Radio network for 26 weeks. The reverend held a "prayer-auction" at his Tulsa headquarters.

Several thousand dues-paying Crusaders began humming and swaying in the huge tent in Tulsa as Hargis warmed up.

"I need four men who will accept God's challenge and give \$10,000 each to sponsor this program," Hargis implored.

Unhesitating, two men raised their hands.

"Oh God, Oh God, who'll give us four. Which four will contribute \$5,000 each? Hurry, Hurry . . . two thousand dollars."

A single man, wearing black tie and stickpin, stood.

"One thousand dollars?" Billy James asked.

This was a more popular appeal. Three rose.

"Now \$500. Don't hesitate. God's watching."

In one hour and 11 minutes, 79 men and women contributed \$38,870. Billy James Hargis was on the air.

**Tomorrow: The Religious Crusaders.**

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# One Man's 'American Opinion' Profile of Revilo Oliver, Palindrome at Best

By TOM KELLY

DR. REVILO P. OLIVER has a distinction among both classical philologists and political extremists—his name is a palindrome.

(A palindrome is an oddity of spelling, a word, a phrase or a sentence that reads the same backwards as forwards: "Lewd I Did Live & Evil Did I Dwel.")

He is also, rather suddenly, the loudest voice in the Birch wood. He has an unproved explanation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy which embraces all details, impugns almost everyone's character, and suggests that Dr. Oliver, like his name, has stepped thru a looking glass.

### NOT FIRED

The Doctor is Professor of Classics at the University of Illinois and last week was something of an academic question. The University Board declined to fire him, as suggested, tho the members did deplore his off-campus capers. On campus, they noted, he confines his pronouncements to philology.

His assassination thesis is that (A) President Kennedy was a communist or a quasi-communist and (B) he was killed by the communists because it was politically expedient.

He has propounded this in articles in the John Birch Society Magazine, American Opinion, and in "The Aftermath of the Assassination", a speech sponsored by a rightist lecture group in Decatur, Ill.

Students of the literature of the extreme right find them surprisingly clearly written.

They also contain what a philologist might call internal evidence of Dr. Oliver's state of mind.

The Aftermath of the Assassination shows an enchantment with certain words: "vermin," "spat," "spittle," "puke," "purulent pus," "vicious," "depraved," "spattered," "squirted," "rats," "scuttling," "sewers," "bestial," "rotting" and "puke-machines." Some occur once, some many times. As many as six occur in a single paragraph. It gives the article a certain air, tho not an attractive one.

### TECHNIQUE

The article also shows Revilo as a practitioner of a striking dialectic technique which allows him to play the scholar and the demagogue simultaneously: The mingling of absurd allegations with careful qualifications.

For example he has written: "In April of 1963, he (Oswald) was sent to Dallas, where he tried to murder General Edwin Walker . . . according to a story that has been neither confirmed nor denied officially at the time that I write, Oswald



DR. REVILO P. OLIVER

was arrested as a suspect, but was released thru the personal intervention of Robert F. Kennedy . . ."

In a scholarly footnote, Revilo gives the source of this extraordinary bit of nonsense, "The Councilor," of Shreveport, La., issue of Dec. 20, 1963. The Councilor is published by the White Citizens Council and it gives as its source for the story the Deutsches National Zeitung, a right-wing paper in West Germany, Deutsches National Zeitung in turn gives no source but merely says "it was reported to us."

### INDIGNANT

When Revilo was challenged on the truth of the wild tale, he replied with indignation that he had not presented it as an absolute fact but had said, carefully, that it had been neither confirmed nor denied.

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# Secret Service Man Killed When Kennedy Assassinated?

DECATUR, Ill. (UPI) — Prof. Revilo P. Oliver, a John Birch Society leader who stirred up a furor with an attack on the late President Kennedy, said Thursday night a Secret Service man may have been slain in the Texas Book Depository in Dallas. The University of Illinois class-

sicist also said information about the Kennedy assassination was being kept from the public by the Warren Commission. Oliver said "The story is widely known and believed in Dallas" that the body of a Secret Service agent was found in the book depository behind some boxes

where authorities found the rifle of Kennedy's accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

He said in a community lecture that he had "not been able to obtain conclusive information" about the alleged incident.

Oliver said American "should not accept" the statement of Chief Justice Earl Warren that some aspects of the Kennedy assassination would not be revealed.

"We need to know and we need to know now, because this is a matter that vitally affects our national security," Oliver said.

Oliver, a member of the National Council of the Birch Society, said the society is "The principal target of the barrage of purulent fuss that is spewed on all anti-Communists."

The society represents "the finest Americans in our country," he said.

The University of Illinois Board of Trustees Tuesday voted to take no action against Oliver for his article in a Birch Society publication that said President Kennedy's memory would be cherished "with distaste."

Oliver said in the article that Kennedy was assassinated because he fell behind in a Communist timetable, for the takeover of America.

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# Oliver Charges Plot to Conceal Facts on Kennedy

BY HENRY HANSON  
Of Our Springfield Bureau

DECATUR, Ill. — Prof. Revilo P. Oliver unleashed his peculiar brand of thunder on the night Wednesday, and stunned Decatur.

Oliver charged that the Warren commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy is plotting to conceal its findings.

He also said current efforts to pass civil rights legislation are part of "the international Communist conspiracy" to take over America.

Oliver suggested that Jack Ruby, slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, was a Communist agent involved in an intricate plot to kill the President.

Oliver, a University of Illinois classics professor, lumped his critics all in one class, as Communist "vermin."



REVILO P. OLIVER

IN A SPEECH to a crowd of 500 persons in Decatur's Orlando Hotel, Oliver used the word "vermin" six times, the word "puke" four times and made frequent use of the adjectives "spit" and "vomit" in referring to anyone who did not share his views.

He attacked the press, saying, "We have some really ingenious rats scuttling about in the sewers of American journalism."

He hinted that Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy participated in a plot to release Oswald as a suspect in the firing of a shot last summer at former Gen. Edwin A. Walker of Dallas, a right-wing spokesman.

Decatur Police Chief James May assigned eight plainclothes police to prevent violence.

Oliver began with the words, "Fellow members of the John Birch Society and others . . ."

The professor was an early organizer of the Birch Society.

OLIVER SPOKE to an organization called the Community Lecture Series. It is headed by Dr. Dale Scholz, a general practitioner from near Mount Zion.

Oliver's diatribe included the charge that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency recently contributed \$400,000 to the Soviet secret police, \$400,000 to the Communist Party in Italy and \$400,000 to the Communist Party in America.

University trustees defending freedom of expression decided Wednesday not to discipline Oliver for his far-out comments.

OLIVER SAID he thought Robert Kennedy should speak out on a lecture tour in areas where Oliver has spoken. "One wonders," he said, "why Bobby himself not only remains silent but has refused an invitation to speak after me on a lecture series and to refuse, if he can, anything that I have said."

OLIVER'S introductory appearance at the meeting brought a spattering of boos and some wild standing ap-

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# Braden, Ex-Truman Aide, Quits John Birch Society

Spruille Braden, former assistant secretary of state, has resigned from the John Birch Society it was learned today.

Braden disclosed that he quit the ultraconservative society and its national council because of disagreement "over policies" and because he felt he could not serve an organization in which he had no opportunity to establish policy.

### Wanted Voice

Braden, who was assistant secretary of state for Latin affairs in the Truman Administration, said Robert Welch, founder and head of the Birch society, "knows communism." But Braden added:

"Some of the things he did

were good and some were bad. I disagreed with some of the policies and was not willing to serve where I couldn't have a say-so."

Welch has been assailed for charging that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles were Communist "stooges." Welch and the society also have been criticized for demanding the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Braden, also a former ambassador to Cuba, Argentina and Colombia, said he believed there was a place in the nation for "responsible conservatism." He described himself politi-

cally as a "liberal Democratic conservative."

### Left Council

Braden said he resigned several years ago as a director and member of the late Merwin K. Hart's National Economic Council because of his distaste for "anti-Semitic" charges leveled against that organization. The council has been linked with right-wing extremist causes.

He added that some time ago, he rejected overtures to join Dr. Billy James Hargis and his Christian Crusade, which also has been linked with the radical right.



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# University of Illinois Trustees Ponder Role of Birchite Classics Scholar

By AUSTIN C. WEIRWEIN

Special to The New York Times

URBANA, Ill., March 14—A decision on the right of a national John Birch Society leader to hold a professorship without censure confronts the University of Illinois trustees at their regular meeting next Wednesday.

A 55-year-old classics scholar Dr. Revilo P. Oliver, a member of the Birch national council, is the center of the controversy.

The controversy was touched off by an article last month in American Opinion. The article said that President Kennedy had "collaborated" with Premier Khrushchev to stage a sham embargo of Cuba. It said that Mr. Kennedy had become a political liability to the Communist conspiracy, which it said ordered his assassination as part of a systematic "take over."

Dr. Oliver elaborated on this in the March issue of the same magazine, which is edited by Robert H. W. Welch Jr., founder of the ultra-rightist society.

In a rare interview, Dr. Oliver said that his situation involved no question of academic freedom but only the freedom of any American to collect facts as a private individual.

The scholar also renewed his attack on Chief Justice Earl Warren, challenging him to prove he was not a "pal" of Mr. Khrushchev.

### Issue Divides Faculty

Disturbed by "the massive public reaction" to the articles, which brought a flood of mail, David D. Henry, the university president, asked the faculty senate's academic freedom committee to advise him in light of the "professional standards" expected of professors.

The committee's report, to go to the trustees Wednesday, is still secret. It is expected to say that political views should not be grounds for dismissal but that the university has a right to inquire into them to maintain a sort of code of ethics.

Dr. Oliver is not under charges, and his dismissal is not up for consideration.

The faculty is split on the issue. The Law College faculty leads a faction that holds a professor's political views are "not within the legitimate official concern of the university government." The university chapter of the American Association of University Professors applauded Dr. Henry's action and said the "particular character" of Dr. Oliver's statements made the professor's conduct "subject to review."

Politically, Dr. Oliver is without any public support from his colleagues, and few students agree with him. Professors who belong to the American Civil Liberties Union hope they will not have to defend him, but they would if necessary.

### Can Read 11 Languages

The son of a Corpus Christi businessman, Dr. Oliver said he could "read and handle" 11 languages and had "worked through" Sanskrit before leaving high school. He teaches advanced graduate and undergraduate courses in Latin and Greek, having about 20 students. His degrees are from Pomona College and the University of Illinois.

He said he had been conservative since 1936 but really began to take the Communist threat seriously while he was "in an extremely secret intelligence agency during the so-called Second World War." He added that the agency, which he said was still too secret to name, was not the Office of Strategic Services, which he called "the Office of Soviet Stooges." He said that the Central Intelligence Agency had since absorbed the agency he was in.

Pentagon records show that he was a "civilian research analyst (crypto analytical)" in the "Army Signal Services at large" in Arlington, Va., from 1942 to 1945.

### Opposed Fluoridation

He had a Fulbright scholarship in Italy in 1953-54 and a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1946-1947.

He has asserted he was an organizer of the John Birch Society. He was a leader in the fight against fluoridation of the local water system in 1957 on the ground that fluoridation was "a pilot study for totalitarianism."

Six feet two inches tall and weighing 210 pounds, Dr. Oliver has the manner of a Spanish grandee. He has a large, square head, his graying hair is in a pompadour and he has a thick mustache.

He speaks slowly and gravely. His humor is pedantic when not somewhat sarcastic. When off the Birchite subjects, his conversation has self-conscious brilliance, even charm.

He said that on Nov. 22, the day President Kennedy was assassinated, he received telephone threats to his life even before Mr. Kennedy reached the hospital in Dallas.

The critical letters that "really scared" him, he said, were those that referred to the late President in terms like "our Savior."

### Position Is Clarified

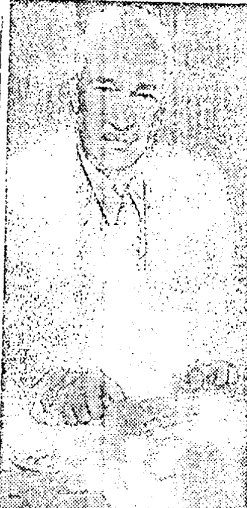
"He played the part of a President who was in office while the Communist conspiracy made great progress in all parts of the world," Dr. Oliver said.

He said that part of his two articles in American Opinion, both called "Marxmanship in Dallas," had been misinterpreted. He said his position was that Mr. Kennedy's usefulness to the Communist conspiracy had ceased, not that Mr. Kennedy's "memory will be cherished with distaste."

Dr. Oliver said he tried to verify everything he could, even by telephone calls to people in Washington and New York who have "extensive files."

He was asked about a recent statement that "the notorious Earl Warren spends his vacations in Soviet Russia as the guest of his pal, Nikita Khrushchev."

Dr. Oliver replied he was



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**OUTSPOKEN SCHOLAR:**  
Dr. Revilo P. Oliver, who is center of controversy at University of Illinois.

standing by this charge until he got a specific denial from Mr. Warren on published reports that he visited Premier Khrushchev in 1963 and President Tito of Yugoslavia in 1962.

In Washington, the information officer for the Supreme Court said he knew of only one "official" visit by Justice Warren, in 1959 to the American fair in Moscow.

Newspaper files contain reports of a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Warren to Moscow for the American exhibition there in 1959 and a visit by Mr. Warren with President Tito in 1962. They also show a visit on Aug. 16, 1963, with Premier Khrushchev, in the company of Drew Pearson, the columnist, at Gagra on the Black Sea, and a later journey from Gagra by "a private yacht" to Istanbul.

When asked about local Birch Society activities, Dr. Oliver said he had no part in them.

Dr. Oliver said that he wrote academic articles in English, French, Italian and Latin, and Latin by preference.

"It was with the greatest re-

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# Hysteria Over Oswald

By William F. Buckley Jr.

AT Geneva yesterday a Very Famous Englishman was expatiating at some length on all the reasons why it is impossible for an astute man to believe that Lee Harvey Oswald killed President Kennedy, or that the assassination was other than the work of a conspiracy of at least several persons.

Since the gentleman is a renowned liberal, I thought to twit him by saying, "Your mode of reasoning is very much like that of the John Birch Society."

Without even dropping a conversational semi-quaver (I should add that his timing is world-famous), he replied darkly, "Yes, I have no doubt the John Birch Society had something to do with it."

The obsession, in other words, was so much in command of him that he simply could not understand my point: that the kind of thinking he was indulging in is the kind one indulges when writing books like *The Politician* whose denouement is that former President Eisenhower was a member of the Communist Party.

And not only my acquaintance in Geneva, but seemingly all of Europe has, as they say, "gone ape" on the theory that what actually happened at Dallas is something very different from what the world is being led to believe; that Earl Warren has been selected to preserve the Establishment's script, and that almost certainly what lies behind it all is the existence of an anarchic-fascist conspiracy.

L'Express, for instance, which is a sort of semi-sick leftist weekly in Paris, in which very flashy writers register their designs on humankind, is halfway thru the serialization of a most elaborate treatment of the Dallas story in which, after the third installment, it is already established that:

- (a) JFK was not shot by Oswald, but by someone lying under the overpass towards which the Presidential car was headed.
- (b) Someone in the Dallas police force was in cahoots with Oswald, who merely was an accomplice, and let him slip out of the building even after the police cordon was tight.
- (c) Someone in the Dallas police force then released a description of Oswald, which was a signal to accomplice Tippitt to shoot down Oswald, in the process of which he inadvertently got shot himself.
- (d) Ruby, another accomplice, was told to rub out Oswald before he talked.

The assassination, then according to this story, was principally an operation of Dallas policemen.

I give you an example of the ease with which stories spread in this sophisticated corner of the world, where so much fun is had at the expense of American provincialism:

Mr. Mark Lane is a New York attorney and leftist who has adopted the Oswald cause as his very own. He is willing to sacrifice even his cherished privacy to see that posthumous justice is done; finally talked the Warren Commission into granting him a hearing last week, at the end of which the president of the American Bar Association, who has been designated to defend Oswald's interest officially before the Warren Commission, told Mr. Lane that all he had told the court was in effect a bunch of drivel that had "already been in the newspapers."

One of the things Mr. Lane had said was that he had been "informed" that eight days before the assassination, officer Tippitt, Oswald and Mr. Weissman (who had taken out the anti-Kennedy ad in the Dallas News on November 22) had been seen together at Ruby's nightclub.

Now there is not a shred of evidence that any such meeting took place: but behold how the item is treated in *Le Figaro*, a respected Paris daily which long since has been wondering how come Officer Tippitt spotted Oswald in the first place.

"Here, then," says *Figaro*, "is a piece of news that gives plausibility to a rumor, already old, but which last night was officialized on TV."

"CBS has stated that a witness has just now declared to the Warren Commission that eight days before the assassination of the President, a mysterious reunion took place at the Carousel, one of Ruby's cabarets. Three men took part in it: Oswald, Tippitt, and Mr. Weissman . . ."

And so an unsubstantiated rumor, put forward by a self-promoting leftist, becomes an official statement on the basis of which Europe continues to build its fantasies.

It is especially appalling, under the circumstances, that Mr. Warren should have made those remarks to the effect that not in our lifetime would we know some of the things Mr. Warren has found out.

It is that kind of melodramatic plish-posh that encourages the mania that is overcoming Europe, beginning, as always, with the so-called intellectuals.

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### Birch Article On Kennedy Held Worse, Not Better, Than Report

To The Editor:

In a recent letter I. H. Schaumber accused The Daily Item of distorting and quoting out of content an article in American Opinion by R. P. Oliver. Instead of telling us what the article really said he juggles a few quotations of his own to show that the article is not as bad as suggested by the Item. He thinks his version proves that the Birch Society is not defaming anyone.

Come on, now, Mr. S., you're not doing your homework. Why leave it to us "dupes of communism" to tell what the article really said?

Could it be that you find it just a little too ridiculous to defend without resorting to distortions, abbreviated quotations and a general whitewash job?

The article states that there are only three explanations of the assassination that are not preposterous.

1—"Kennedy was executed by the Communist conspiracy because he was planning to turn American. For this comforting hypothesis there is no evidence now known."

2—"Khrushchev and Kennedy were planning to stage a fake revolt to unseat Castro—so ... arranged the assassination of Jack in the hope of averting or at least postponing his own."

3—"That the Conspiracy ordered the assassination as part of a systematic preparation for a domestic takeover." Kennedy was not doing the work of the Conspiracy fast enough. He was becoming a liability because his popularity was beginning to slip and ... the vast cesspool in Washington was beginning to leak badly." The Communists killed him because they felt he was becoming useless to them.

This fantastic article also informs us "boobs" (i.e., those of us who still innocently believe that there are some non-Communist State Department officials

around somewhere) that the Conspiracy controls a large part of our communications network; that Earl Warren "... spends his vacations with Little Comrade Tito in Yugoslavia or with Big Comrade Khrushchev in the Crimea. ..."; that Kennedy installed McNamara in the Pentagon to demoralize and subvert our armed forces, and that the CIA was helped by the Soviet secret police to carry out murders in South Vietnam.

Throughout the article no proof is offered for any of the contentions. This is the essence of defamation: "The wrong injuring of another's reputation without good reason or proof."

Mr. Schaumber's bucket of whitewash would have to go a long way to make this article into recognizable political commentary.

Many people take pains to present the John Birch Society as just a patriotic anti-Communist organization. A dip into its literature will soon dispel that illusion. Their's is a strange, inverted world where the patriots are people like Welch, Oliver and McCarthy and the enemies are Warren, Kennedy and McNamara.

If a world like that ever comes to be accepted in the U.S., one may conceivably be forgiven if one is tempted to take a vacation with Earl Warren and perhaps take a stroll down the Crimea with "Big Comrade Khrushchev" rather than walk down the path of babbling irrationality with the John Birch Society, for there will be little difference.

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(The Daily Item welcomes letters to the editor from its readers. Letters must be signed and bear the address of the writer, although the name and address may be omitted when published if the writer so desires. Letters should be brief and concern matters of general interest to the community.)

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#### HEADLINES

To the Editor:

Is President Johnson so busy turning off White House lights, he has no time to read the headlines? Americans man-handled in Zanzibar; U.S. missionaries slain in the Congo; American soldiers killed in Panama; 3 American air officers shot down over East Germany; American women and children bombed in Vietnam doomed since the betrayal-murder of patriot Diem, etc., etc. But

President Johnson says everything's ducky.

And what is that colossus, the CIA doing: Spying on the John Birch Society?

The Stars and Stripes lie trampled under the filthy boots of our "underdeveloped" foreign-aided, red-loving "friends!" America's honor and her very life are at stake.

Could President Johnson interrupt his waltzing long enough to do something about it?

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### Confidence in Leadership Shaken

EDITOR: Where else can we turn? At the end of World War II, I was so proud of my country I was ready to bust. True, it seemed the concessions made to the Communists were excessive, but "the Government knows what it is doing". Then the almost unopposed Communist take-over of China made me wonder. Our ignoble "police action" and truce in Korea shook my confidence badly, and when we turned our backs on the Hungarians after encouraging them to revolt, my respect for most of the people in Washington dropped to zero. When we pulled the rug from under the Cubans at the Bay of Pigs, I felt sick.

By now, of course, when the CIA suddenly "discovered" the rockets in Cuba, after several months of warnings in the U.S. papers, nobody seriously thought we would do anything about it, and we didn't. These and other reversals have been forecast and ignored by our "leaders in Washington;" time and again concessions and/or made almost daily. The cries now are, "build another canal", "Let them have Viet Nam; it's not important anyway". Take it easy, status government, give a little. Better than to take a chance on war. All of which boils down to, "Better Red than dead".

I know of only one U.S. leader who appears to have the courage or the desire to face facts as they really are—Goldwater.—George L. Harvey, 7739 Hacienda avenue.

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## Revilo Oliver, Right-Winger

It has struck most Americans by now that the John Birch Society is cuckoo, paranoid and so irresponsible that reading something like the organization's monthly magazine, "American Opinion," is roughly similar to walking through a well-lit hidden cave.

The February issue, however, is one for the records. In it, Revilo P. Oliver, professor of classical languages at the University of Illinois, writes about the Kennedy assassination. Called "Marxmanship in Dallas," the article comes through as an attack on the late President Kennedy, President Johnson, Attorney General Kennedy, the FBI, the Justice Department and other such "ComSymps" operating in the Republic.

One of the explanations Oliver offers for the assassination is that it "was the result of one of the rifts that not infrequently occur within the management of the Communist conspiracy, whose satraps sometimes liquidate one another . . ." The article claims that Mr. Kennedy may have been shot because he was falling behind in the Communist time-table for a domestic take-over. Oliver goes on to charge that the late president had planned to subvert and sabotage the nation's defense; that the CIA and the FBI conspired with Kennedy and Castro to set up a fake invasion at the Bay of Pigs; that the assassination "may have been necessary as the

only means of avoiding or even long deferring national scandals so flagrant as to shock the whole of our brainwashed and hypnotized populace back to sanity . . ."

Oliver says more than this. Anyone who can write this sort of drivel has to write on and on until the demons are expunged. But there is an interesting sidelight in the case of Professor Oliver. Queried by reporters, other teachers at Illinois said Oliver was a remarkable scholar, a first-rate teacher and one who never carried his political opinions into a classroom.

His fellow-teachers admit that his quirk about communism in high places—in the FBI and the CIA, for example—is embarrassing, but it certainly hasn't prevented him from being what a good teacher is supposed to be.

So Professor Oliver—a virulent, slashing right-winger when he isn't teaching Latin and classical Greek—joins a host of other campus eccentrics behind the protective shield of the academic community. We can argue with Oliver's ideas and his way of expressing them, but not with the right of his college to protect him.

In another society, even in liberal but libel-conscious Great Britain, Professor Oliver probably would have been silenced a long time ago. In this nation, which he believes is controlled by Communists and populated with "brainwashed and hypnotized" people, he's a free agent.

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## Birch Thinking Un-American

The latest scandalous accusations of the John Birch Society against President Kennedy would be ignored except for the fact that national circulation is furnished through a monthly magazine.

The Birchites have come forth with the wildest, most insulting charges yet: that Mr. Kennedy was assassinated because he was falling behind in the Communist timetable for takeover of the U.S.; that the CIA faked the Bay of Pigs invasion; and that the late President had sabotaged this nation's defenses.

*Such drivel, such trash. It's sickening to know that people who write and believe such absurdities live in America where they take refuge behind — and at the same time abuse — the privilege of free speech and a free press.*

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The Reds Should Love  
the Birchers  
Supposedly the John Birch Society is an organization dedicated to the preservation of America.

Supposedly the John Birch Society is a group actively fighting the menace of communism.

Actually, in our judgment, the society is playing into the hands of Communists.

How?

Because of the intemperate remarks of its spokesmen. Remarks linking such names as Dwight D. Eisenhower to the Red movement.

Consider the latest tirade in the society's publication, the American Opinion, which says that so long as there are Americans, President Kennedy's "memory will be cherished with distaste." It speculates on the possibility Americans "will curse him" some day.

Among other things, an article charges that Kennedy supported the CIA in a "fake invasion" of Cuba, and arranged to subvert and sabotage this nation's defenses.

Not every American, of course, was an ardent admirer of John F. Kennedy's policies. To attack policies is one thing, however; to attack the man, quite another.

Emotional, undocumented attacks upon esteemed Americans such as our assassinated President Kennedy, provide ammunition for Communists to ridicule all their opponents under the epithet "Bircher."

If Birchers really are the patriots they claim to be, they would do well to consider the harm they do to the cause of Americanism and freedom.

Intolerance repels honest men. We do not believe anyone can successfully do battle with the Red ideology with anything less than the tools of freedom: Justice and charity.

Intolerance is the weapon of the enemy.

How can we advance the cause of freedom by adopting the techniques of freedom's foes?

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# UI Student Paper Assails Prof's Kennedy Article

## Calls Attack on President 'Base and Unwarranted'

Prof. Revido P. Oliver was severely criticized Wednesday by the University of Illinois' student newspaper for charging that the late President John F. Kennedy aided the "Communist conspiracy."

Oliver published the charge as part of an article in the current issue of the John Birch Society magazine, American Opinion.

Oliver, a classics professor of the university's Champaign-Urbana campus, also wrote that Mr. Kennedy's "memory will be cherished with distaste" by Americans.

IN AN EDITORIAL, Roger Ebert, editor of the Daily Illini, defended Oliver's right to write such an article.

But he said, "I have read the article and at times I felt like throwing the magazine across the room."

"It is a base and unwarranted attack against a President I respect as a patriot and leader. I totally disagree with what Prof. Oliver has to say."

EBERT added that he regretted that the Oliver article was given "serious national treatment" in the press and that Oliver's opinions, in some quarters, have been incorrectly associated with the university.

University officials were reported studying the 16-page article by Oliver, who is a national councilor of the Birch group.

"THE MATTER will be looked into; we'll undoubtedly get some complaints," said Howard W. Clement, Chicago patent attorney and president of the U. of I. board.

Clement added that UI professors "have all the rights of free speech of any private citizen."

"Unless (Oliver) has gone so far as to bring the university into the picture, I doubt there will be anything done to him at this time," he said.

But Clement added that university statutes require a faculty member to be "mindful of the fact (he must use) accuracy and dignity befitting his association" with the school.

RAY PAGE, state superintendent of public instruction and ex-officio member of the UI board said he will take a copy of Oliver's article, if he can find one, to the Feb. 18 trustees meeting.

"From what you tell me, it doesn't meet with too good a favor from me," Page said.

"I'd like to know what he is basing the statements on."

U. OF I. board member Harold Pogue of Decatur reserved judgment until he reads the article, but said:

"I certainly don't agree with the John Birch Society, for one thing."

"I certainly don't agree with (any accusations that President Kennedy helped) the Communist conspiracy in any way, manner or form."

BOARD member Wayne Johnston, president of the Illinois Central R.R., said "I will certainly get hold of (the article) and then I'll make some comment."

A spokesman for UI President David D. Henry also said Henry would not comment on the article until he had read it.

But he said, "The matter will be referred for study by proper academic offices at the university."

OLIVER said President Kennedy was doing much for the "Communist conspiracy," but was falling behind a scheduled date for the "effective capture of the United States" in 1963.

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Oliver also charged that President Kennedy:

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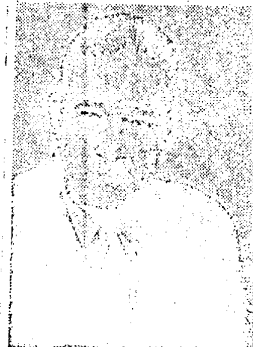
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Oliver also said that Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, was a "Communist agent" who was



REVIDO P. OLIVER

"trained in sabotage, terrorism and guerrilla warfare (including accurate shooting from ambush) in the well-known school for international criminals near Minsk (Russia)."

Oliver added there could be only three explanations why Mr. Kennedy was murdered by Oswald:

- "Kennedy was executed by the Communist conspiracy because he was planning to turn American. . . I wish I could believe that."

- "The assassination was the result of one of the rifts that infrequently occur within the management of the Communist conspiracy."

- "The conspiracy ordered the assassination as part of systematic preparation for a domestic takeover."

Oliver called the U.S. Cen-

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# President Kennedy Aided Red Conspiracy: UI Prof

A University of Illinois professor of classics has written in a John Birch Society magazine that President John F. Kennedy's "memory will be cherished with distaste."

He is Revilo P. Oliver, longtime teacher on the U. of I. campus at Urbana-Champaign and a national councillor of the John Birch Society.

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**Paper Sues Birch Society  
For \$1.8 Million Damage**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Jan. 10 (UPI)—A \$1.8 million damage suit was filed today in Federal Court here against the John Birch Society.

The suit was filed by an Albuquerque lawyer, Henry Kiker, on behalf of William C. McGraw and the Saddlebag Press Publishing Company of Columbus, N.M.

Mr. McGraw publishes The Southwesterner, a monthly newspaper.

The suit alleged that an agent or employe of the Birch Society, A. A. Webster Jr. of Alamogordo, N.M., using the alias of Patrick J. Hale, sent "defamatory" letters to companies advertising in The Southwesterner urging them to cease doing business with what the letter termed an "un-American, pro-Communist" publication.

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

December 15, 1961

To All Chapter Leaders, and Home Chapter Members:

As you have probably seen in the press, our COUNCIL, at its regular meeting in New York last Saturday, December 9, issued a strongly worded protest against the present efforts of the United Nations, depending almost entirely on money and equipment supplied by the United States, to destroy by armed force the independence of Katanga.

Since then the American Committee For Aid To Katanga Freedom Fighters has been formed, largely through the efforts of William F. Buckley, Jr., and his associates; and their first full page advertisement, of similar and even stronger protest, appeared in the New York Times on Thursday, December 14. We are enclosing a reprint of that advertisement, which we have reproduced by permission of the Committee. And we urge our members to support this protest and appeal as promptly and energetically as they can.

We realize that it is the week before Christmas. We are sure that the evil forces behind this incredible attack on a brave leader and his people are counting on the preoccupation of Americans with Christmas activities to make it easier for their United Nations stooges to "get away with" the destruction of Moise Tshombe and the subjugation of Katanga. We believe that instead, even during the height of the Christmas season, hundreds of thousands of good Americans -- including the members of The John Birch Society -- will pour such a flood of vigorous protest onto those who are authorizing and supporting the brutal attack on Katanga as to shake them right down to their shoes.

The four steps outlined in the advertisement seem to us to offer a good pattern of protest. We believe that in general letters or telegrams to the President, with copies mailed to Senators, Congressmen, and others (including newspaper editors and radio and television commentators) is the simplest effective procedure. We urge our Home Chapter members to take such action at once. We ask our Chapter Leaders to get in touch as promptly as they can, with as many of their respective members as they can, to urge this same action by all who agree with our protest and its purposes.

Sincerely,

*Robert Welch**Founder*

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