

TWO SIDES To Every Question

By LITTLE HULL

Where Are the Communists?
Maybe parents still can get children to eat their spinach by warning, "The bogey-man will get you if you don't watch out!" And a politician still can get some adults to vote for him by shouting, "The communists will get you if you don't watch out!" But actually one threat has about as much danger behind it as the other.

When a child begins analyzing that bogey-man stuff he soon discovers that the bogey-man "just ain't." And when we analyze the strength of the communist organization in America we find that it has about as much comparative strength in America as an undernourished jellyfish in a shark-infested sea. Anyone who spent much time in the garment district of New York City, where communist soap-box orators (?) are always able to attract a crowd, might erroneously conclude that communism is a powerful factor in America. But when you get outside of New York City a communist is a rare bird. And even in New York City, the stronghold of communism, there are less people suffering from communism than from diabetes.

In most country towns, if it was rumored that a member of the community was a communist, he would have about as much social life as a leper. Real Americans and communists just don't talk the same language.

In presidential election years, communist candidates get their names on the ballot in most states, but when the reports of elections come out in country newspapers I never yet have seen any mention of a communist vote.

In the cities, where most of our country's small band of communists live, the Red vote is so small in comparison with the vote for other parties, that it doesn't look even slightly pink.

The total vote cast in the whole United States for Earl Browder, communist nominee for president in 1936, was 80,159. Compare that 80,159 with the 27,476,673 votes for Roosevelt and the 16,679,583 votes for Landon and it is evident that communism doesn't occupy the space of a fly in our political ointment.

Another thing that a lot of people talk about is the growth of communism in this country. If communism was going to make an appeal to Americans, it certainly would have had its big opportunity in the depression years from 1932 to 1936, but presidential election figures show that there was actually a decrease in votes for communists during those years. The official records show that 102,991 voted for the communist candidate in 1932 as compared with 80,159 in 1936. As for those 80,159 votes in

Free Theatre Tickets Are Awaiting These



The young lady and the two young men pictured above are each entitled to two free theatre tickets if they will call in person at The Tribune. These tickets are good for admission to both of Elkin's modern theatres, the Lyric and the Elk. More pictures, snapped at random on Main street by The Tribune photographer, will appear next week.

1936, over 40 per cent. of them were in the state of New York and 31,987 were from New York City—our much-advertised melting pot. Californians cast 10,877 votes for Mr. Browder, Ohioans gave him 5,251 and in no other state were as many as 5,000 votes cast for the communist nominee.

As for Congress, there is no such animal as a communist senator or representative and the total vote cast for all communist candidates for that post in 1936 was 7,116.

So if you happen to come to New York on May Day, and if you see a parade of 10,000 communists blocking traffic, don't let that long parade worry you—for those 10,000 people, mostly of foreign birth, don't cut so much as an ice-cube in political or social influence. They are just a bunch of people who have arrived in the melting pot but haven't yet been melted into Americans.

The Dies committee, which has centered a lot of attention on communist activities in this country, has made it appear as if communism was a threat to our country. And it is and always will be a threat. But so far it's about as dangerous as my three-year-old son would be to Joe Louis.

It's a good idea to have Mr. Dies and his investigators peering into communistic activities. Any group which has for a fundamental purpose the overthrow of our form of government should be watched with an eagle eye. Just because the majority of peo-

ple in this country are law-abiding citizens doesn't mean that we don't need a police force. And it's a good idea to have a policeman like Mr. Dies walking the communistic beat. But when he finds a lot of suspects when he's out hunting for them, shouldn't he be cause for us to think the communist problem is growing.

As far as wiping out "American" communism is concerned, to me it seems more important to figure out how to wipe out some of those rare diseases which are crippling as few as 10 out of 1,000 of our people. For there are only 10 out of 6,000, according to election figures, who are infected with communism.

As for the possibility of Russia ever carrying communism across the Atlantic and imposing it on our people, that's another story—another story which is just about as fairy-tale like in its possibilities as is the threat of our "American" communists to take over America. But anyway, it's a good idea to keep Mr. Dies on the beat.

HAMPTONVILLE

Mrs. Wagoner is Hostess at Hamptonville

The Flat Rock W. M. U. held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. G. S. Wagoner on Saturday afternoon with eleven members and two visitors present. Mrs. C. E. Williams presided and the devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Ellen Johnson. The topic for the month, "Steadfast in the Homeland," was studied and discussed by each member. The April meeting will be with Mrs. Stanford Steelman. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Ellen Johnson, Mrs. C. E. Williams, Mrs. Joe Steelman, Mrs. J. T. Steelman, Mrs. Joe Paris, Mrs. Stanford Steelman, Mrs. John Burgess, Mrs. Ollie Johnson, Mrs. Eugene Joyner, Mrs. R. A. Dobbins, Mrs. W. L. Hudspeth and Mrs. Couch Wagoner were visitors.

MULBERRY

Rev. Richard Pardue filled his regular appointment at Bessie's Chapel Baptist church last Saturday evening and again Sunday. Both sermons were greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Rev. George Burrus delivered a very interesting sermon at Bessie's Chapel Baptist church last Sunday at 2:30 o'clock.

Miss Nonie Isaac, of Mt. Airy, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Isaacs.

Mr. Paul Mounce, of Friendship community, spent a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. Gaither Wall.

Miss Kathleen Dobbins, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Dobbins.

Miss Helen Wall, a student at Draughan's Business College at Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with her parents, of this section.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

We are glad to note that Mountain View is gaining new members in Sunday school.

J. P. Collins was taken to Lewis hospital at Statesville Sunday for treatment.

Editor Sanford Martin of the Winston-Salem Journal, will be present at Mountain View the first Sunday in April, to teach the Sunday school classes and to be at Nancy Wid Shore's birth-

Mrs. Brown Named Head Of Better Homes Committee

Mrs. Grace Brown, county home demonstration agent, has been appointed to serve as chairman of the Surry County Better Homes committee. Mrs. Brown's appointment to this post was made from the National Offices of Better Homes in America at Purdue University.

Mrs. Ira Yates, a member of the Woman's club in Elkin, will serve as Better Homes chairman for Elkin and will contact all organizations in Elkin in regard to the Better Homes program.

Better Homes in America is an educational movement attempting to bring to the attention of the community all that modern methods and invention can offer homemakers of moderate means and to show individuals how they can accomplish something worthwhile with the resources at hand. The emphasis is on the home and the improvements which can be

made that are within the reach of families with low or modest incomes.

Although the Better Homes program inevitably stimulates house building, home improvement, the purchase of garden tools, paints, labor-saving devices, etc., this fact is not the reason for such a campaign. The purpose of the movement is primarily civic and educational. Wage-earning families are helped to a knowledge of the least expensive and most satisfactory and practical means of making improvements in their own homes. The result is the development of pride in home and community, of good business and of sound constructive citizenship.

The Surry County committee was organized to bring the service and program of the national organization into every community of the county and to adapt the program to fit local needs. Chairmen are serving in 20 communities throughout the county.

Effectiveness in the movement is secured by correlating the efforts of all civic and educational agencies and specialists, interested in home improvement, in a comprehensive annual campaign.

The 1940 National Better Homes Week will be observed from April 28 to May 4. The Surry County committee invites the cooperation of all organizations whose purposes are allied with the encouragement of home betterment, including gardens, home building and furnishing, remodeling, home management, home recreational activities, as well as general community clean-up.

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