

NEW LEAVES

Tear-Jerker 'Posted'

Who could have missed the three foot headlines on the front cover of the February 9, issue of The Saturday Evening Post? "I Was The Witness," already a child of the Book-of-the-Month Club, is certainly a seller and circulation raiser.

"I Was The Witness" is Whitaker Chambers' (here at last, as Hollywood would say) own account of the Hiss Trial. This is the first in a series of articles forming a book of information on the ins and outs of the Communist mechanism working secretly in this country.

The former member of the editorial staffs of The Daily Worker and Time magazine speaks intimately to his children, the American people, and tells them in words often passion-noted of how he, an innocent victim of circumstances, became the object of much finger pointing.

Chambers makes his plea to the American people. With photographs of this home-loving gentleman farmer we see him and his wife courting their snow blanketed farm and sitting together in their warm living room with their children. He writes of his infant daughter, "I liked to watch her even when she smeared porridge on her face or dropped it meditatively on the floor. My eye came at rest on the delicate convolutions of her ears—those intricate, perfect ears. The thought passed through my mind: No, those ears were not created by any chance coming together of atoms (the communist view). They have been created only by immense design." Chambers goes on to explain that this thought was involuntary; however, we can't help thinking that it was

voluntary enough to be included in his letter to the American people. Such thoughts as these were also voluntary enough to construct a stronghold of sympathy. It reminds us somewhat of our beloved T. Lamar Caudle who was so pitilessly accused by ruthless government figures.

Chambers admitted that he was a communist, but unaware of self finger-pointing he tells what a communist's daily tasks are. He is going about his routine party tasks. He is lifting a dripping reel of microfilm from a developing tank. He is receiving from a trusted superior an order to go to another country and, in a designated hotel, at a designated hour, meet a man whose name he will never know, but who will give him a package whose contents he will never learn. Earlier in the first chapter Chambers explained that "communists were assumed to be criminals, pariahs, clandestine men who lead double lives under false names, travel on false passports . . ." What else are we to assume if an admitted communist gives us the low-down on a communist's activities?

This serial book will, no doubt, boost circulation for The Saturday Evening Post. This is especially true if the appeal for the reopening of the Hiss Trial is granted.

We suggest that you not waste your time or money or endanger your gullibility. For the reader who is not careful, he may be duped into this same ring of doubletalk for which communists take pride. Chambers touches the heartstrings, but the note is sour and blends in beautifully with the cacophony of this whole political uproar.—J.R.

Eisenhower Book Gives No Answers

Eisenhower, the Man and the Symbol, John Gunther, Harper N Brothers, New York, vrb ps., P.B.E.J.

First impression one gets from reading this simply written book on a presidential possibility is one of sitting in on a short interview with the author.

The book manages to bring Eisenhower home. The myth or the halo disappears as we see a picture of a smart administrator who spent arduous years doing routine work for the army, but still could only make the rank of a lieutenant colonel in 1936 and remain in that position until 1942. Previously, he was a major for 16 years (due to the slow advancement ways of the military).

World War II was the period of transition from a sound officer into a brilliant chief. From the background given, we might predict that Eisenhower would be a good president or a bad one. But

this matter and the one of a military man stepping into the presidency are still open to conjecture. Though Gunther, author of "Inside U.S.A.", gives us a thorough background and an excellent personality sketch of the general, we can't tell what he would do if elected.

Eisenhower has become a politician because of this dealings as SHAPE chief. Previously to 1938 he didn't quite understand American political maneuverings. His philosophies make him a marked conservative on domestic issues—not "pro-labor," "mentions the New Deal with a quiver of horror." He considers himself a middle of the roader, "not a true liberal but progressive, nevertheless," as one of his friends point out. European foreign policy conceptions are along present administration lines but his ideas on Asia are still up in the air. (As chief of staff to McArthur in the Philippines for five years, he knows a good deal about the Far Eastern situation however).

One point of local interest in the book is the mention of a former chief of the UNC NROTC, Everett E. Hazlett, Jr. Hazlett may have well decided Eisenhower's military career for him.

The two were boyhood pals and when Hazlett was taking the Naval Academy exam, he convinced Ike to take both the Navy (See EISENHOWER, page 8)

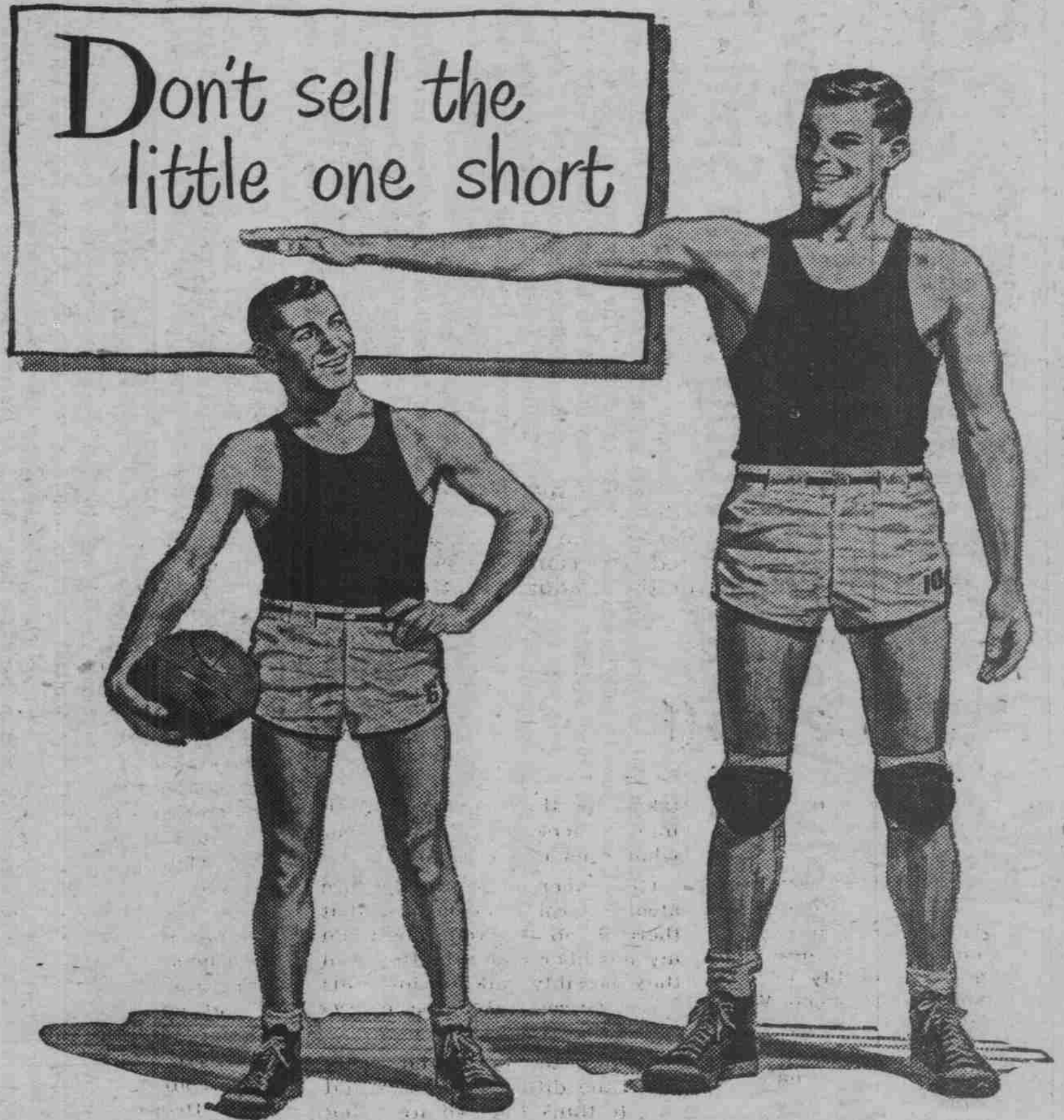
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- 1. Float
- 5. Fall suddenly on water
- 9. Goddesses of seasons
- 10. A lemur
- 12. River in Italy
- 13. Arm joint
- 14. Marshy meadow
- 15. Chum
- 16. Negative answer
- 17. Rears
- 20. Sign of the zodiac
- 21. Exclamation
- 22. Observed
- 23. Mist
- 26. Approaches
- 27. River (Bohemia)
- 28. Sheltered side
- 29. Resort
- 30. To frame again
- 34. Cry of pain
- 35. Abyss
- 36. Disfigure
- 37. Fanatical
- 39. Once more
- 41. Jargon
- 42. Laments
- 43. Woody perennial
- 44. Beards of rye
- DOWN
- 1. A round-up
- 2. Melodies
- 3. Cigarette (slang)
- 4. Golf mound
- 5. Entreaties
- 6. Lounge
- 7. Sphere
- 8. A colonist
- 9. One of two equal parts
- 11. Faints
- 15. Snoop
- 18. God of war (Norse)
- 19. Ever (poet.)
- 20. Marshy meadow
- 22. Prophet
- 23. Projecting pieces on caps
- 24. Mineral pitch
- 25. A size of coal
- 26. Medieval boat
- 28. Permit
- 30. Raised strip
- 31. With great force
- 32. Posts
- 33. Sea eagles
- 35. Cone-bearing tree
- 38. Stripe
- 39. Milkfish
- 40. Gape (obs.)

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