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A Brave Nation Won't Outlaw Opposition

The United States government brought an organization to trial yesterday in Washington, and in effect, asked it to declare itself out of existence.

The Communist Party U. S. A. goes on trial on a charge of failing to register with the attorney general as an agent of the Soviet Union, a provision of the 1950 Internal Security Act.

If the party is found guilty by the jury which hears its case, the government will have it in an inescapable and unbearable position. The CP faces a maximum penalty of a \$120,000 fine — if it agrees to pay, the party still has to register as agents of a foreign power. If it refuses to pay the fine, the government can move in and seize its tangible assets, such as office furniture, filing cabinets and all other office equipment — which would close the party's public operations.

This isn't all with which the 8,500-member CP has to contend. If the party and party officials register as agents of a foreign power (agents who wish to overthrow the nation by violent means), then they probably can be prosecuted under the Smith Act. The 1940 Smith Act prohibits advocating violent overthrow.

In short, the party is given the choice—register, and open yourselves to further prosecution, or don't register and have all party offices sacked and confiscated—putting the party out of operation either way.

With this means of legal power amassed against the American Communists, no one would say the U.S. government and people did not have the POWER to put the party out of existence. All it would take is one "stroke of the pen" by the president, a couple of judicial decisions, another law or so—and you could have every major American

Communist behind bars, on one charge or another.

The question is, Does America want to proscribe membership in the Communist party and do away with the party altogether?

Do we want to outlaw political beliefs? (No one is talking about overt acts of subversion—for such, there is a multitude of laws, so many that the attorney general isn't sure which to implement first.)

Do we want to punish by legislation those who disagree with legislation? Do we want to hound that small band of "disciplined Marxists, disgruntled workers and FBI informers" (as UPI described the CP today) until they are no longer able to operate as a political unit?

Is dissent really that dangerous—does America really fear the Communist dogma that much? Has the land of the free and home of the brave finally come to this?

These are the issues brought into conflict in the Washington trial. The government has carried its natural right to protect itself from subversion to an extreme, where it is protecting itself from criticism as well.

In the act of suppression of opposition, the government cannot be followed blindly. The words "national security" cannot be distorted in defense of the abridgment of basic constitutional rights.

Any government which is given unlimited powers to control any opposition will assume that control and wield it with as much strength as it is allowed—unless halted by the people, who must be the final protector of American liberties.

The people have an opportunity to stand up for the tradition of American freedom of speech, press and association. They must take that opportunity to renounce the cowardly view that America must suppress the freedom of its opposition in order to remain free. (JC)

Me and Man at Yale

Posturing, scratching William (Me and Man at Yale) Buckley, after soaking the Carolina Forum for a cool \$450 for a basso profundo reading of his recent Playboy article here last night, has returned, we hope, to Olympus, where he is currently rewriting his autobiography. (The Prince).

Don't be mistaken, we have long admired William. We just wonder when he is going to exchange roles seriously with John Wayne. His voice is good, his inflection stirring, his nuances startling (Forget about Cuba, invade Harvard).

However, since it appears Charming Billy let slide so drastically the gossamer mantle of logic with which he usually cloaks his Chauvinistic mummery, let him take note of several points the next time he equates dynamic foreign policy with bedroom prowl, the Negro problem with Hitler's genocide and flagwaving with success abroad:

- 1) The phallus is not an instrument of foreign policy.
- 2) Negroes don't want retribution, a cup of coffee will do.
- 3) Coffins draped in Red, White and Blue still contain bodies.

—Wayne King

More notes on Bill Buckley:

Mr. Buckley's gay speech Monday night was highly entertaining, but we noted a seeming hesitancy on the great man's part to choose between his two distinct and al-

ternating personalities:

—On one hand, he was the cynical wise man, carrying the burden of all ages, all man's experiences on his strong shoulders. In this character he ridiculed the tendency of liberals to think there is good in all men, that a moral foreign policy can succeed, that some people can be trusted some times, that something can be done about the Southern segregation situation . . .

—On the other hand, Buckley was a highly self-righteous individual. He attacked those nonpatriotic liberals as believing that, "I only have one life to give for my country, and my country's not worth it"—and modestly proclaimed that his own political beliefs rested upon Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. (JC)

That unheralded prophet, exuding modest wisdom and immodest bars to drop upon the unwilling heads of everyone from fallout-shelter owners to Mom—the bright new prophet for the Sick, Sick world, Jules Feiffer, will appear regularly in the Tar Heel beginning tomorrow, and weekly thereafter. On this page are four examples of his craft.

With appropriate boast and swagger, we claim to be the only newspaper in the South to carry Feiffer.

—the Editors

Jules Feiffer: Comments On Love And War

ONE NIGHT AT A PARTY I WAS IN AN ARGUMENT WHEN SUDDENLY, JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO APPLY THE CRUSHER AND QUOTE STATISTICS FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL—I REALIZED I DIDN'T BELIEVE A SINGLE WORD I WAS SAYING.



AND I DIDN'T BELIEVE A SINGLE WORD MY OPPONENT WAS SAYING. AND I THOUGHT FURTHER AND I REALIZED THAT I DIDN'T BELIEVE A SINGLE ARGUMENT I HAD HEARD ALL EVENING OR A SINGLE NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL I HAD READ IN MONTHS.



AND THEN IT CAME TO ME THAT I HADN'T BELIEVED ANYTHING ANYBODY HAD TOLD ME IN YEARS. THAT DEEP INSIDE THE ONLY THING I REALLY BELIEVED WAS THAT EVERYBODY WAS LYING!



THAT IT WAS ALL SPECIAL PLEADING. GIRLS! JOBS! GOVERNMENTS! ME! EVERYTHING!



AND SO I GOT VERY DEPRESSED BECAUSE IF LIES WERE THE ONLY THING ANYONE COULD BELIEVE IN HOW DOES ONE GO ABOUT SELECTING THE BEST LIE. THE ONE THAT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER?



BUT THEN ANOTHER THOUGHT CAME TO MIND—WAS I SO WELL INFORMED THAT I COULD AFFORD TO MAKE SUCH STATEMENTS? WEREN'T THERE OTHERS IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY FAR BETTER TRAINED IN THE COMPLEXITY OF OUR TIMES WHOSE GUIDANCE I SHOULD ACCEPT—ESPECIALLY WHEN MY OWN CONCLUSIONS WERE SO BRIMMING CONFUSED?



AND WASN'T MY BELIEF THAT EVERYTHING WAS A LIE ONLY A DEVICE TO ESCAPE RESPONSIBILITY? REALIZING THIS I BECAME HUMBLE. I CAME TO A NEW BELIEF.



—TO ACCEPT GUIDANCE. TO HAVE TRUST IN THE GOOD SENSE OF THE EXPERTS.



THAT IS WHAT I HAVE FINALLY COME TO BELIEVE.

MY LIE, RIGHT OR WRONG.



THE FIRST CANDIDATE TOLD ME THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE WAS PUTTING A STOP TO WESTERN RETREAT IN THE COLD WAR. THE SECOND CANDIDATE TOLD ME THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE WAS TOUGHENING OUR STAND AGAINST RUSSIA.



THE FIRST CANDIDATE TOLD ME WE HAD TO CONTINUE NUCLEAR TESTING UNTIL WE REACHED A FOOL PROOF AGREEMENT. THE SECOND CANDIDATE TOLD ME WE HAD TO INCREASE OUR ARMS BUDGET AS LONG AS NEGOTIATIONS REMAINED FRUITLESS.



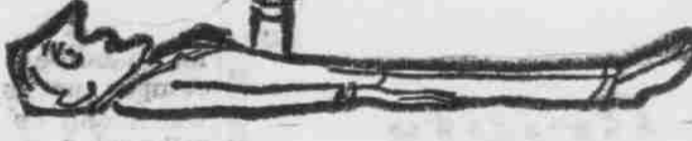
THE FIRST CANDIDATE TOLD ME THAT IT WAS TIME WE STOPPED RESPECTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS THAT BUNKED AT COMMUNIST SUBVERSION. THE SECOND CANDIDATE TOLD ME THAT WE LAY TOO MANY OF OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE U.N.



BOTH CANDIDATES TOLD ME THAT A TWO PARTY SYSTEM WAS THE KEYSTONE OF A DEMOCRACY AND NO MATTER WHICH ONE OF THEM I AGREED WITH IT WAS MY DUTY TO VOTE.



SO I TOSSED A COIN.



IT'S NOT OVER TO PROTECT DEMOCRACY.



WE WILL NEVER TOLERATE SOVIET BASES IN LATIN AMERICA.

AND WE WILL NEVER TOLERATE THE US REAGRESSION AGAINST A SOCIALIST ALLY.



LOOK, THIS IS GETTING US NOWHERE. FOR ONCE WHY DON'T WE TRY TO PUT OURSELVES IN EACH OTHER'S SHOES?



I AGREE YOUR POSITION. YOU ARGUE MINE? IT IS A CUTE IDEA, BOURGEOIS, BUT CLEVER, YOU FIRST.



CAN IT BE WRONG FOR THE COAST GUARD TO WRITE IN SOME TECHNICIAN'S BUT SUSTAINABLE FOR THE NET AREA GONE TO WRITE IN AMERICAN TECHNICIAN'S?



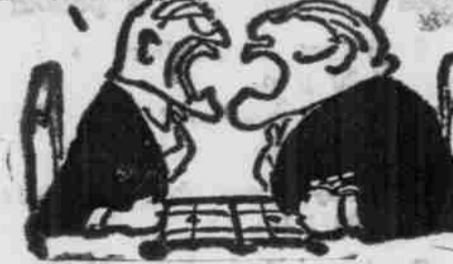
NO NATION CAN PERMIT ENEMY MISSILE BASES NINETY MILES OFF ITS COAST.

BUT WHAT OF THE AMERICAN MISSILE BASES THAT RISK THE SOVIET UNION? ARE THEY NO THREAT TO OUR SECURITY?



OUR BASES ARE DEFENSIVE! THE SOVIET UNION IS AN AGGRESSIVE POWER. LOOK AT YOUR RECON IN EASTERN EUROPE!

AND THE US, NO RECORD OF INTERFERENCE IN GREECE, IN IRAN, IN LAOS, IN GUATEMALA?



NEARLY EVERY HUNGARY BELIEVE IT'S JUST SUCH BUREOCRACY THAT WE AMERICANS MUST REM OURSELVES AGAINST!

WHY WE WILL NEVER TOLERATE US REAGRESSION AGAINST A SOCIALIST ALLY!



BALONEY! WE WILL NEVER TOLERATE SOVIET BASES IN LATIN AMERICA!



ER—WE CAN NEVER TOLERATE SOVIET BASES IN LATIN AMERICA.



—BUT! AND WE WILL NEVER TOLERATE US REAGRESSION AGAINST A SOCIALIST ALLY.

I LOVE YOU.



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