

## Letters

### Native Fascism

TO THE EDITOR: One of America's minor domestic problems is that of Communism. Yet it captures more front page space than the cost of living, housing and employment. The reasons for this, I believe, are twofold. First, there are those vested interests who desire immediate war with Russia and have dragged out the Communist bogey in order to accomplish their end.

Second, there are those who in order to divert the American people's attention from the cost of living, housing and employment, have manufactured the "Red Menace." Together, these groups control or influence most outlets of communication so that today they are succeeding in masking the real issues behind the "threat of the Red Menace."

Other groups have passed resolutions banning Communists from their organizations or at least condemning Communism. (Recently the AVC and the OIO both passed resolutions denouncing Communism. The effect of such resolutions is to assure one and all that these organizations desire no "truck" with Reds. Actually everyone realizes that resolutions, however well-meant, will never banish Communism.)

What will overcome Communism is the guarantee and execution of the rights of men to economic as well as political security under democratic processes.

The threat of Communism is slight but one counter-poses to it has immediate possibilities. Let us briefly examine the recent history of Italy and Germany and see what this counter-poses is and how it flowered.

After World War I, vested interests in both these countries were unable or unwilling to cope with real problems: namely inflation, housing, food and employment. Rather than risk the adventure of democratic solution to their problems, the vested interests nurtured and then imposed Fascism on both these countries.

In both countries the press and radio played up the "Red Menace" all out of proportion to any actual threat. They succeeded in masking the real issues behind the "Red Menace" as some 300,000 American dead will testify.

The parallel of this recent history of what is happening in America is far too similar to the coincidental American vested interests feel that they can sustain their empires only through organization of force. They have formed an American Action Committee which is the successor to the fascist America First Committee, a Tool Owners Union to which only specified property holders (the equivalent of a tool) can belong and other organizations hiding behind patriotic names. They work in close collaboration with the Ku Klux Klan and other subversives. Their membership includes men and women indicted by the U. S. government as Nazi and Japanese agents. They wave the flag while shouting their hatred of America and its ideals—under a Communist blanket of course. In the words of Norman Corwin, "those most concerned with saving the world from Communism usually turn up making it safe for Fascism."

Leo Troy

### Collegian Gazette

All calendar items must be in at the Daily Collegian office by 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 11

- IFC meeting, 405 Old Main, 7:15 o'clock.
- IWA Executive Board meeting, 401 Old Main, 6:30 o'clock.
- AG STUDENT-Faculty forum, 409 Agriculture, 7 o'clock.
- MODERN Dance club, White Hall dance room, 7 o'clock.
- MI SOCIETY meeting, 121 Mineral Industries, 7 o'clock.
- NEWMAN club discussion group meeting, Church rectory, 7:30 o'clock.

#### At The Movies

- CATHAUM: "Sun Valley Serenade," Glenn Miller.
- STATE: "Kings Row," Ann Sheridan.
- NETTANY: "Smoky," Burl Ives.

#### College Health Service

- Admitted to the infirmary Monday: Ed Czekaj.
- Discharged Monday: Joyce Rizika.
- Admitted yesterday: John Bowman, Marion Deutsch, Cecile Goodman, Ruth McWhirter, Santo Rizzo.
- Discharged yesterday: Fred Chusid, Marion Fister, Barbara Kriney, Jack Sherman.

#### College Placement Service

DEC. 11—New York, Chicago, & St. Louis Railroad Co. will interview senior civil engineers and graduating senior architectural and E.E.

### Sororities Pledge—

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Hall, Nancy Jane Myer, Virginia Parkinson, Elizabeth Peck, Mary Lou Reapsome, and Helen Edith Webb.

PHI SIGMA SIGMA — Sonia Podolnick and Patricia Porter.

THETA PHI ALPHA—Dorothy Harvan, Mildren Pliska, Marie Ream, and Dorothy Shenot.

SIGMA DELTA TAU — Miriam Frankel and Gladys Singer.

ZETA TAU ALPHA—Adelaide Finkelston and Wilma Grove.

Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, and Delta Gamma are not pledging this semester. Other sororities may continue to send bids at any time during the semester so long as they do not exceed their quota.

### Galloway--

(Continued from page one) After Mrs. Galloway quit school in February, the couple dated more steadily and even visited each other's parents during the months that followed.

## An Open Letter

... on Fascism, Communism and resolutions ... for those who, like Leo Troy, object to these menaces to our American way of life.

Nobody, except those who stand to gain, wants Fascism, Communism or the one-man type of government if he can have "economic as well as political security under democratic processes."

Mr. Troy then goes on to point out that "American vested interests" are to blame for many of our troubles—and he's right.

But what are these "vested interests" so often mentioned? Are they represented by our capitalists, our late nineteenth century "Robber Barons" ... ?

Would one say that labor unions have "vested interests"? Are men such as John L. Lewis guilty of trying to sustain their empires through organization of "force" ... not physical force but by strangling industry and thus bringing an economic force to bear?

Mr. Troy is so right ... there are vested interests at work ... there are empires to be maintained by these vested interests.

But then—those of us who desire political and economic security—do we not have a vested interest? Should we not object and fight as vigorously as any of the other vested interests?

When labor unions threaten our economic security should we not fight back? Must we have our steel mills shut down, our schools close (as they did in Colorado), because of such a minority group as the coal miners—a vested interest group that breaks a contract and uses the force of a strike to secure their ends?

Shall we allow limitations placed on our supply when there is such a demand for consumer goods?

Is New Deal "Planned Economy" to be fostered, primarily for political patronage, at the expense of the next dozen generations or so? Must we allow political vested interests to thus survive?

Public opinion seems to say no to some of these questions. New Dealism seems to be on its way out if the results of the last election are any indication.

And this elusive public opinion seems to be composite—of vocal and written (resolutions and in the ballot box) objections to vested interests.

Well-meant resolutions can go a long way towards banishing Communism, Fascism and vested interests—so long as action follows resolutions ... action for a majority not a minority vested interest.

So when the Pennsylvania State Planning Committee of the AVC met and passed Edward W. Banyai's resolution opposing the objectives and methods of the Communist Party and rejects its support, they went on record as wanting "no truck" with a minority vested interest.

They are taking action—which must follow all resolutions—by preparing for their battle in the State legislature next year. They intend to lobby as strongly as the next vested interest—except that they have the interests of the greatest number at heart—for better housing, employment and living conditions.

## Then ... Why Not Now?

In years gone by, the student body of the College always played the role of Santa Claus to many impoverished families in State College and the surrounding area. Because of the lack of industry in the immediate vicinity, the College has always been looked upon as a source of charity.

Even during the war years, sorority groups gave a party for the local children and again this year they are carrying on the practice. Three men's fraternities have also planned to be host to a group of needy children during the days preceding Christmas.

A check with the Associated Charities in State College revealed that in years gone by, gifts of Christmas food baskets were given by fraternities. The number some years totaled as high as 40. Other organizations did their share too.

This charity group looked after delivering the baskets. It got to be a custom, but when the war years came, the practice came to an abrupt halt. During this time Mrs. R. S. Kirby of State College spent endless hours repairing toys which she resold.

"While the men were away," said Mrs. Kirby, "we had nothing to draw on. The money I received from the sale of toys amounted to approximately \$250 a year, and with it we bought the food baskets which we ordinarily received from the students. I don't know what is wrong this year, but as yet, we haven't received one promise of a food basket."

If your campus group would like to re-establish this practice, contact the writer or Mrs. R. S. Kirby who can be reached between the hours of 5 and 8 p. m. at State College 3389. You have the option of donating the food basket or the equivalent in money. The Associated Charities group will see that the basket is delivered to a needy family before Christmas.

—Lawrence G. Foster.

Last September 21, the couple were married in State College and proceeded to New York on a honeymoon. Upon their return, the newly-weds resided in Boalsburg for a short time awaiting possession of a trailer in Windcrest.

A week before obtaining a trailer, Galloway said, Mrs. Galloway went home while he moved to his fraternity. Galloway was offered a residence in Windcrest soon thereafter and the couple moved into their new home October 8. The defendant denied ever having any quarrels with his bride.

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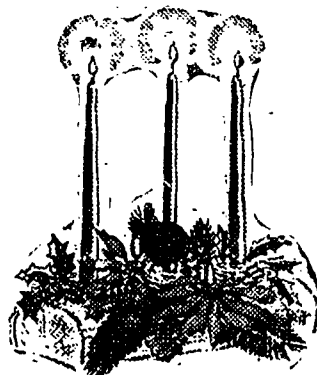
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