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## JWV BLASTS RADICAL RIGHT ACTIVITIES!

### Candidate Engineered And Financed by Right

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. warned that powerful organized segments of the so-called "Radical Right Wing" are believed to be "engineering, financing and directing" the campaign for the Texas Governorship of former Army Major General Edwin A. Walker.

According to Theodore Brooks, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, "Walker's candidacy in the Texas gubernatorial primary will trigger a massive Radical Right effort to weaken the legitimate framework of our two party system. His campaign will be a major vehicle in the Radical Right drive to pervert the normally conservative wings of the Republican and Democratic parties by capture and control of local party structure as well as a concerted effort to win in primary and election campaigns during the Congressional race this year.

"From some of the statements made by former General Walker since he resigned from the Army," Commander Brooks said, "We can only be thankful that what he was doing was found out in time for appropriate action. What he was and has been doing is to charge that our country is dominated by those who are in concert with our enemies bent upon destroying America from within."

Commander Brooks referred with alarm to the amounts of money that radical right groups such as the John Birch Society, the National Indignation Conference, the Christian Crusade against Communism, and scores of others manage to raise and warned that a great deal of it "will surely be allocated to support radical wing candidates such as General Walker."

"The trouble with most of the people who support the Walkers and the

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### Open Letter

To all my dear friends, particularly the members of J.W.V.:

I know that you will understand the impossibility of acknowledging all the cards and letters that I have received during my illness. I am, therefore, taking the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your gestures of well wishes. The morale you have built up in me by your kind and thoughtful wishes has served to speed my recovery. I am now in a period of convalescence and judged by the doctors, that there will be a period of two months for a complete recovery. God bless you all.

Ben Kaufman  
Past National Commander

### Opposes Financing Radical Right by Mfrs.

The National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, in speaking in Pittsburgh, condemned national manufacturers, especially those of publicly owned companies, in financing radical right operations which do nothing more than "spread hate and distrust among American citizens."

According to Theodore Brooks of New York, JWV National Commander, groups such as Richfield Oil, Eversharp, and Technicolor, which are reputed to have financed "educational" forums for radical right propagandists "are doing a great disservice to the American people, let alone those among their stockholders who do not agree with these actions."

Commander Brooks stated that JWV has no alternative other than to "actively pursue a program to acquaint communities throughout the country with the full meaning of these actions, as well as to educate their stockholders."

Commander Brooks said, "JWV's Na-

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## JWV Takes Action On Radical Right

By Theodore Brooks  
National Commander

Last month JWV embarked upon a mammoth campaign to fight the radical right wing in America. We took this step after careful analysis and planning.

**Our goal: to inform the American people of the insidious danger of the radical right to the democratic way of life and take the offensive against their philosophies.**

We will continue this campaign with all the resources we can command in every area of our country.

Our Posts will shortly be fully informed on the methods and means which they must pursue to fight this menace.

We believe the radical right is conspiring to undermine confidence in our government and our way of life by using well-known Communists tactics of establishing front organizations which pretend to know little of each other's activities.

Groups like the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade acts as though they're operating on an entirely different level and wave-length than the John Birch Society. Both, in turn, smile tolerantly at the Minutemen, who go around practicing maneuvers in Illinois in anticipation of a momentary Communist invasion.

Groups like the Conservative Society of America in New Orleans and the Manion Forum in South Bend, Indiana, may claim total ignorance and innocence of each other's operations, but it is getting pretty clear to the observant onlooker that all these extremists on the far-right are in this thing together.

Robert Welch of the Birchers and Dr. Fred Schwarz of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade may seem to be selling different brands of reaction, but their quotations in the press and on TV are surprisingly interchangeable.

I have a hunch in my soul that all these groups, with their hatred of every progressive notion and liberal American ideal, would show their true faces on the subject if they ever got the power to relax and be themselves. Men who feel the way they do about the rights of Negroes will extend their bigotry to cover other minorities whenever the climate is favorable for it.

The right-wingers have boasted openly that they would use Communist tactics in fighting the Communists. A favorite method of both is to stick the word Freedom or American into the name of some innocent-looking satellite organization and then vend their intellectual poison of every sort by outright propagandistic and emotional appeals, beating

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Mr. C. D. Jackson  
Publisher  
Life Magazine  
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New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Your article in the February 9th issue of Life Magazine entitled "Who's Who in the Tumult of the Far Right" is a sobering analysis of the "Radical Right" and the dangers it could bring to the U.S.A. Throughout the article there is a mature restraint which contributed to the report's objectivity.

There can be no question but that the "Radical Right" has begun to make its move on the checkerboard of American politics. It is hoped that constant exposure of the hollowness of the movement's aims and objectives will continue in the mass media, with other magazines following Life's lead. As an organization of war veterans, the oldest such group in the country, we intend to devote the resources of our organization to fighting the "Radical Right" which, inevitably, spawns the neo-fascists, the hate-mongers, and the minority-baiters. In the nature of the beast, hatred of groups because of differences in race, creed, or national origin, is endemic in these groups.

Sincerely yours,  
Joseph F. Barr  
National Executive Director

# ALERT!

Harrison E. Salisbury, a former Moscow correspondent of the New York Times, in the Feb. 8 edition, reported that anti-Semitism has "again shown its ugly face" in Russia and is being stimulated by "aggressive official propaganda against the Jewish religion, often couched in terms that blur the boundary between antireligion and anti-Semitism." He also states that fear and suspicion are on the increase and that Jews in many places "are reluctant to have contacts with foreigners or co-religionists because of the reprisals that may be visited upon them by the Government.

The anti-Semitic and anti-Negro National States Rights Party plans to participate in the 1964 Presidential election, according to a letter, dispatched by Dr. Edward R. Fields from Birmingham, Ala. headquarters.

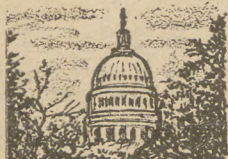
A bomb threat was received at the home of actor Robert Ryan, who had exposed right-wing activities on a Los Angeles radio station.

Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., founder and president of the John Birch Society, estimates that about 40% of the members are Catholics. The leader also refused to comment or even look at any article in *America* magazine which charged that his society's principles contradict Catholic social doctrine. Jesuit Father Benjamin Masse, who is an associate editor of the magazine, noted that another *America* editor, Father Robert A. Graham, had previously dealt with the society itself, indicting it for using "dubiously moral means," for being monolithically organized, and for gravely damaging the nation's unity and morale.

If the policies of the John Birch Society were followed, the United States would become Communist in 20 years, Rev. Fr. John F. Cronin said before a City Club Forum in Cleveland, Ohio. An associate director of the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Rev. Cronin stated that "A Catholic should not be a member of any organization whose policies in effect, promote world communism. If the U. S. followed the policies of the John Birch Society it would require that we pull out of Africa, Asia and Europe. This would result in the economic strangulation of our country, let alone committing political suicide."

He blamed a "noisy, ill-mannered minority" of Catholics for giving false impression of the number and influence of extremists in the church.

## Capitol Corridors



by Felix Putterman  
National Legislative Director

One element of prime concern to many in official Washington disturbed by the hit and run antics of the Radical Right has been its almost unsuccessful effort in usurping the role of the Communist fighter in American public life. While many reputable and responsible organizations recognized the nature of the Communist threat years before the present crop of Smirchers and Crusaders began purveying their own particular brand of poison, the latter behave as though they are holders of the original patent rights on the Red Menace. In so doing they have blown up beyond all reasonable proportions the relatively insignificant internal Communist Party as compared with the real threat that exists in the form of the Soviet bloc and its activities in the underdeveloped areas of the World.

In an effort to help individual Christians appraise the nature of Communism and its effect on the American scene within a logical framework of ethics and faith as related to the world of the Sixties both Protestant and Roman Catholic leadership have published very useful writings on contemporary Communism.

Earlier this winter the United Presbyterian Church devoted an edition of its journal, *Social Programs*, to a comprehensive look at Communism. Shortly thereafter the United Church of Christ published a pamphlet, *How To Fight Communism*, by Herman F. Reising, a renowned professional in the field of Social Action. The latest and perhaps the most significant work in this field was the recent publication by the National Catholic Welfare Conference of *Communism: Threat To Freedom* by John F. Cronin, S.S. an old hand in this activity who is a major factor in the campaign to discourage Catholic participation in extreme rightist groups.

In Father Cronin's forthright presentation, he meets head-on the luring appeal many of the extreme anti-Communist groups have for members of his faith. Painstakingly, point by point, the booklet refutes the arguments dinned into the collective American hearing during the past year and a half concerning internal subversion and the liberalism-equals-socialism - equals - Communism myth. Moreover it accuses the Radical Right of playing the Communist game in creating disunity.

"A virulent form of disunity is weakening us in the world struggle against communism, and performing this disservice in the name of militant anti-communism. Many Americans are confused and bewildered by the whole trend."

In a reference to the anti-Semitism of some anti-Communist groups, Father Cronin makes the following assertion:

"The organized Jewish Community in the United States is strongly opposed to Communism. Quite apart from their American loyalty, they know that Jews are persecuted in Russia and that the Soviets have consistently opposed the state of Israel."

Recently the poem "Song of a Modern Vigilante" by Bradley Morison was printed in at least two major Catholic publications. It perhaps more than anything else that has appeared in the public print places the do-it-yourself amateur Communist hunters and hate-your-neighbor purveyors in proper perspective. The official Roman Catholic criticism may be summed in rhyme:

I sometimes fancy as I spy  
That I excel the FBI.

Right now I'm making little lists

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## JWV Action

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their audience over the head with self righteous oratory while all the time pushing their real product: to undermine faith in our leaders, our institutions, and every value important to the growth of a free society.

If they really want to make us believe that all this reactionary hokus-pocus has sprung up overnight spontaneously in various parts of this land with no prompting from a central source of inspiration, they ought to be more discreet about how they go around patting each other on the back in public.

Just recently, Mr. Welch of the Birch Society was heard praising Dr. Schwarz quite eloquently in public, crowing about the 'grand job' the good doctor is doing and boasting that Birch Society members helped to set up the Australian's so-called schools to fight Communism. Why doesn't the camera-shy Mr. Welch go the rest of the way and admit how well-coordinated most of the right-wingers are getting to be, despite the different labels they wear and the alleged shadings of opinion they claim to represent.

You have only to take a good look at one of the audiences being talked at by one of these latter-day McCarthy's to see that they're all in a state of hypnosis, with the glazed stare of men under the influence of drugs rather than the clear-eyed look of mentally awake citizens using their own critical faculties as they listen—with the prerogative of making up their own American minds as to what's right and what's wrong.

Just look at some of the old Nazi films from the days of Hitler's rise, and you'll see the same expression. It's a short leap from that fanatical look to whatever the ultra-right hypnotists are planning for them to say instead of 'Sieg heil' and the piggish excesses which would be sure to follow.

Don't be fooled by the fancy labels on the fellow travelers of the backward ways of the Birchers, any more than by their left-wing counterparts, the Communists. They are merchants of malignity athirst for power.

They won't go away if we simply ignore them so we might as well take a good hard look now at the whole bunch and get to know them for exactly what they are and to fight back.

Of folks I think are Communists.

I have no proof on anyone,  
And yet the lists are loads of fun.

All friends of foreign aid, I think,  
Must be set down as rather pink.

A little pinker, not far off,  
I list perforce the college prof.

And pinker yet the college crowd  
That lauds the Bill of Rights out loud.

U.N. supporters as I've said,  
Are also ipso facto red;

And redder still on my red lists,  
Are all the integrationists.

Just for good measure in my labors,  
I add a few of my good neighbors.

Thus I rejoice that loyalty  
Resides alone in you and me—

Although before my work is through,  
You may, good friend, be listed too.

Father Cronin has said what has needed saying for a long time. The Radical Right sold a distorted view to some gullible Americans who in the dark

narrow recesses of their cowardice and frustrations cannot bring themselves to look at our country's problems in the hard glare of daylight. For members of all faiths, the NCWC has performed a service. Leaders of both parties in our Government now have a most effective tool to use in the effort to stamp out the brush fires of disunity set by pseudo-patriots in their zeal to burn out alleged internal subversion. In the name of fighting Communism they would set fire to the entire structure of our society. A powerful hose in the competent hands of Father Cronin is sparring cold logic and good sense in an area where the fire bugs might have created disastrous havoc.

## Opposes

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tional Headquarters in Washington has received numerous complaints on the activities of these companies which asked JWV to seek an explanation as to what is behind this sponsorship. These so-called educational meetings generate hate, motivate acts of violence, and sow seeds of distrust which cannot help but create disunity and divide Americans in these times when unity is so necessary to our strength and existence."