

Fascist Speer
and a reactionary staff
present

△ THE ANTI-MICHELIST OMNIBUS DUMMY

Which, with a few welcome
exceptions, is a collection
of the dissenting opinions
of Mister Speer; and ya-ta-
ta ya-ta-ta ya-ta-ta....

BY WAY OF EXPLANATION:-

This is a dummy in what Fancyclopedia claims is the proper sense of the word. Or rather, it pretends to be; actually it's a supplement to Last Stop to Limbo, that monument to Speer's unwillingness to throw away any note once made.

For years I've toted around with my files a folder bulging with stuff which I had intended for a periodical antagonistic to the CPASF's Science Fiction Advance, or for the single omnibus volume which I came to plan for instead of a periodical. From time to time I have intended to dispose of them in the present manner; finally I've gotten around to it.

It would have been better if I could have done this earlier, during the war years when the issues of the Michelistic debate were quite quite dead. Now, unfortunately, some of the same questions are back again. I will just have to ask you not to consider any of the contents of this dummy a reflection of my present or recent views. As it happens, most of the contents are so obviously immature or dated that there should be little danger of this.

This, then, is a 1946 translation of the mock-up miniature I might have made to guide me in distribution of the material thru the booklet had I published it in, say, the summer of 1939.

--JFS

Dreamer, don't get excited. The future is always upon you.

The above is copied after a melodramatic line in Science Fiction Advance.

On this page I intended to have a Table of Contents

The following is in imitation of an ad in Vance for New Masses:

Read the American Mercury, the premier pocketsize magazine for the Tory and the cynic!

*I am not
a Fascist!*
- Jack - peer



EXPLAINING THE FRONTISPIECE

Whimsically, the silhouette on the opposite page was supposed to suggest Mussolini. I wanted Baltadonis to draw it, but about that time he went into suspended animation. The general scheme of the page is copied after Vodoso's "I am not a girl!" (I seem to have been as imitative as Doro!)

The actual explanation I intended to make on this page was that the persistent reiterations of the enemy forced me to repeat this remark (which had been made in Ramblings #1 and somewhat implied in an editorial in Hermes) in a more striking way, devoting two pages to driving in the point.

The Michelists, particularly in the June 1938 elections, had continued to call me an "avowed Fascist", though my personal correspondence with them previously had belied this.

T B Yerke, author of the first
anti-Michelist article:

We were still discussing the
type of contribution desired
when Yerke went into one of
periodic sleeps.

For a filler:

ODE ON AN UNENVIABLE POSITION

Fascists to Right of them,
Fascists to left of them,
Fascists in front of them,
Tories in back of them,
A dictatorship in the midst of them--
Vive la France!

TO ALL READERS, WRITERS, EDITORS, PUBLISHERS,
AND ILLUSTRATORS OF SCIENCE-FICTION!
TO ALL ETC.

This, in burlesque of the blast at Three
Thousand Years which Lowndes one day re-
canted, would be a protest of the sub-
versive tendencies of the story Rule 18,
principally the ignoble role assigned
to scientists (as compared for instance
to football players) in the future world.
It would end with a crashing demand that
Astounding be flooded with letters of
protest.

Get rid of a filler here: "It is a tragic
reflection on the stage humanity has reached
that the conviction of a man and his power
of convincing others is in inverse propor-
tion to his power of being critical and
objective about his beliefs." --These
Hurrying Years

I used to have on my hands a copy of Wells's
The Undying Fire, some sober conversation
in which, I intended to quote, perhaps a
propos of the religious aspect of the Mich-
elist wars. But it seems to have fallen by
the wayside.

In imitation of some savage cartoons (by Daniel Burford, i believe) in a style similar to that later made famous by Sweetness and Light, the picture of a parrot on the opposite page would be explained to be Pohl, Wollheim, Michel, and others, who think if they repeat long enuf they will convince people.

The real dummy says that on this page was to be an article "If--" when revised. Not having the slightest idea now what i had in mind, i'll run in another filler.

PROTESTING "THE MARCH OF TIME"

My ire was aroused against biased reporting when i heard this radio program dramatizing a Russo-Japanese armistice on the Manchurian border. The Japanese were made to speak in the strong accent of the stage and radio, while Russians were translated into perfect English. And a Russian, telling his men of the armistice, said, "We will keep our positions", with the implication that the Japs had retreated, which was not so. As further evidence of MoT's inaccuracy, i intended to mention the report of Pappy O'Daniel's first campaign, where they didn't even get the right music for his theme song.



HELP HUMANITY WITH
SCIENCE & SAVVY!
LIFT THE EMBARGO ON LOYALIST
SPAIN!
ORGANIZE WESTERN UNION!
FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM
AND FOR A SCIENTIFIC-
SOCIALIST WORLD STATE!

THE PLACE OF NATIONALISM IN THE WORLD TREND

The thesis of this essay was that the operations of the "have-not" powers (Germany and Japan, Italy having already gotten nearly all it wanted) would lead to their becoming "have"s; that not until then would peaceful agreements for federation among the seven great powers--the only alternative to the undesirable means of unity under a conqueror, for achieving a world state--be possible.

If i now have any ability for pointing out defects in the reasoning of younger fen, it's because i've experienced them all myself!

"Certainly the Decembrists were wrong in wishing to 'transplant France in Russia,' where nothing was ready for such a transformation. For that matter, they understood this themselves, but like the revolutionists of all times, they counted on a miracle." --Emile Maumont, La Culture Francaise en Russie.

Communism presses its pants
As revealed thru the bourgeois press

Here were to be excerpts from a number of magazines, the Reader's Digest, SatEveP, Harper's, and elsewhere.

Several pages about here in the booklet were to be devoted to other excerpts from popular magazines. Still on hand for that purpose are:

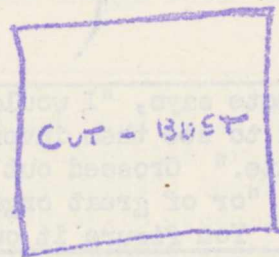
Sep 37 RD, with A Professor Quits the Communist Party (from Harper's), which i secured permission to reprint.

Time for 24 Aug 36, in the early stages of the Spanish Civil War, before Time had chosen sides. Such forgotten items as that the Left got less votes than Center and Right combined in the foregoing election; also reports on the inadequate training of the Loyalists,. At the time, this had some relation to the case i was arguing.

About here I might have put a discussion which I had drafted, on the theme of condemnation of means. I pointed out that it was common for left-wingers to denounce the brutality, the saber-rattling, denying butter to build guns, persecution, sabotage., practiced by the fascists, while the same methods in the case of the USSR were excused by their being employed for praiseworthy ends somewhere in the future. My thesis was that the question of who is right and who wrong could not well be decided by reference to the means employed, altho this was what antifascists most often referred to. I also borrowed from the Mercury a parallel between "volunteers" from Italy in Spain, and the mercenaries that Lafayette brot to fight in America. And wound up with the old stuff about our conscienceless conduct in Latin America.

"Les Etats-Unis, comme l'Europe, but more slowly, will be led, whether they wish it or not, to re-enforce the central power. Only, as the Americans have the taste for new formulas and the courage to apply them, ...". The rest of the quotation is lost.

Wolfgang
Primus



By F. Shroyer
also known as
Erick Froyor

Here, unless i could get out of it, would have followed a story sent in answer to my request for material. It was about a tailless, or nearly so, monkey who persuaded all the others to cut off their tails and redistribute them.

Following that Shroyer story, we hoped to have a contribution by Miske.

This note says, "I would not be surprised to see them invent a new form of State." Crossed out are the next words, "or of great organization of work". You figure it out.

A quote from a Major Williams, saying that women and children are not the intended targets of air bombardment.

Though part of me rebelled against it, i intended to have a paragraph on the theme, Let the cobbler stick to his last. I must have been irked by some doctors or scientists speaking out on political matters in a way i disagreed with; i intended to go on to mention that scientists often have rather childish ideas about politics, because they are specialists.

I had several ayjay papers to quote from. Harold Smolin gave me permission to reprint The Blame Lies Close. I think he did. I know Francis W Miller gave me permission to do some reprinting from his sheet. The one i wanted most to quote from was Spare Time, by Detrick, which had an article Revolution, which discussed a lot of minor reforms of antiquated things which would come peacefully.

"I Have Seen the Future--and It is Working!" was to be a reply to the quoted praise of the USSR by--was it Steffens? Under this title i intended to describe Greenbelt, a USDA resettlement project near Washington.

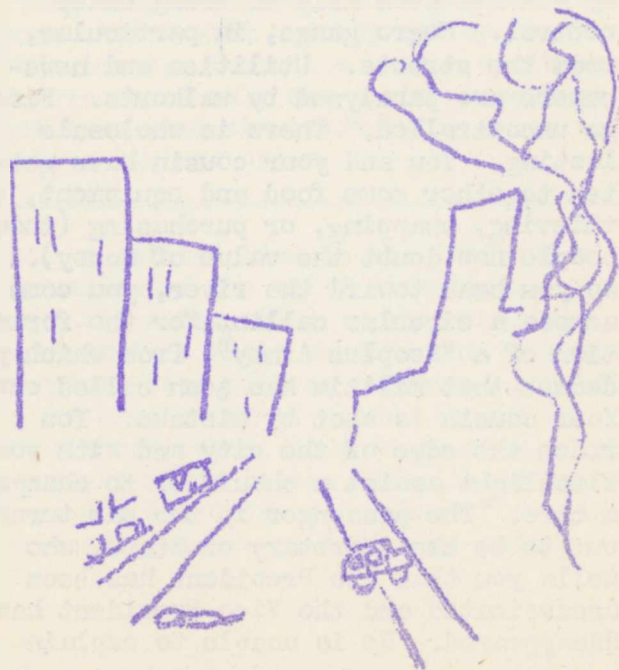
Raymond Clapper's column of 24 Apr 3 carried some statements i was willing to believe and quote. That recent events proved that the developing struggle was over power, not ideologies. And that Stalin, while as ruthless a dictator as Hitler, isn't an aggressive one, because Stalin doesn't need any more territory.

On this page i was to contrast the treatment of organized labor in Oklahoma and in the East, impliedly approving the former. Things to be mentioned: The gubernatorial candidate who had labor's backing ran last. It's said that any labor union there could be bought off by a few jobs for its leaders. A CIO organizer threatened rough stuff to the workers at the Creamery in Okla City near where i worked; they ran him out. The telephone company outfoxed a labor boycott of its phonebook printing which involved bothering Central for all numbers. The futility of some picketing at the Skirvin and Skirvin Tower.

Somewhat in contrast was some picketing and counterpicketing (there was a "Picket Sale") which i observed in Washington DC. I'm not heartless enuf to bother you with the details.

I intended to mention somewhere, also, the fact that a strike in Philadelphia had the Philco meeting amid the stinks of accumulated garbage cans.

Comes the
Revolution!



The story that was to have gone here would have filled several pages. At the beginning, a Communist-led revolution has taken place, upon their having made a good showing in an election, and you and your cousin are trying to make your way out of the city, which has been plunged into anarchy which the small active membership of the Party has not been able to bring under control. Negro gangs, in particular, roam the streets. Utilities and newspapers are paralyzed by walkouts. Fires go uncontrolled. There is wholesale looting. You and your cousin have gotten together some food and equipment, by thieving, swapping, or purchasing (though people now doubt the value of money). As you head toward the river, you come across a circular calling for the formation of a "Peoples Army", from which you deduce that militia has been called out. Your cousin is shot by mistake. You reach the edge of the city and with your flashlight assist a chauffeur to change a tire. The passenger in the car turns out to be the Secretary of State, who tells you that the President has been assassinated and the Vice-President has disappeared. He is unable to explain

why, when the government was steadily moving toward socialism, they had to go and have a revolution. As you leave the nightmare of the city, you get from the new chief executive a better perspective on the situation, and it is similar to that in Willy Ley's story Fog. The uprising is confined to a few large cities, dominating only a small part of the country. Those cities will quickly eat up their food stocks. There has been a conference of governors--only one state government went over--and steps are being taken to restore law and order.

Along a related line is the draft of a discussion of the chief Michelists, particularly contrasting my wide American background to their confinement to a single untypical city with an untypical population. On the same piece of paper, though it seems unconnected, is a discussion of the necessary steps in the Michelistic structure, and how different schools of opinion split off from it at different points.

One of the gents i was bound to quote from in the Omnibus was Eugene Lyons. The Washington News reprinted his editorial "Our Totalitarian 'Liberals'" from an April Amer Merc, and i have the clipping, with portions marked by me. I've just tossed it to the wastebasket.

I haven't the patience to decode a fairly long shorthand quotation from "Artists in Living", which i probably got out of my sophomore composition text.

I wanted to take space to present another aspect of the Oklahoma farmer which The Grapes of Wrath did not do justice to. For this, i would have cited a family i knew, with its peculiar ideas about what were first things to come first, the moneyless situation in which they often were while there were pecans to be picked, at which they could have done well,.

A paragraph in my notes discusses the theories of "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs" and a socialist variation, but this has been covered in discussions since the old days.

A tricky line, but i've forgotten what i intended to hang it on: yourself, Don?

ON THE RECENT EVENTS IN MITTELEUROPA

Apparently written upon the final dismemberment of Czechoslovakia, this article interprets everything in terms of a desired redivision of Europe into ethnic states, deploring the splitting of Bohemia from Slovakia, but fancying a combined movement of Budapest and Warsaw toward the setting up of a single lesser Slav state.

Wells says that men must evolve to meet a new environment, an environment of constant change. This evolution cannot be physical, because physical evolution is too slow. But, taking a definition of intelligence as the ability to meet new situations, an evolution of more intelligence would be an evolution toward suitability to an environment of constant change. My note then goes on to point out that certain classes produce more intelligent people than others, and i can guess where i intended to go on from there.

It says here, Capitalism, they say, has been broken down worse in England, but Communist Revolution not imminent there.

Some gleanings from the ^{Soviet} American Mercury:

99.5 per cent majorities for Führer Stalin so neatly matched 99.4 per cent majorities for Führer Hitler.

Soviet writers' unions must subscribe to: "The creation of works of high artistic significance, saturated with the heroic struggle of the international proletariat, with the grandeur of the victory of socialism, and revealing the great wisdom and heroism of the Communist Party."

The recent clownish pose of the American disciples of Moscow as the sole legitimate heirs of Washington, Lincoln, and Dan'l Boone has not, I imagine, brought many applications for membership from the American Legion and the D.A.R. And it has caused some severe headaches among those of the faithful who prefer to take their Marx straight.

The few Communists who revealed some editorial personality and wrote with wit and erudition (Radik, Bulcharin, Oepinsky, Kamenev, Sosnovsky) invariably came to untimely ends.

In other words, while the ^{nominal?} normal wages of manual-workers (a class more favored than brain workers or peasants) are 5 to 6 times as high as they were before the World War, costs of food and clothing are up from 12 to 20 times, by comparison with pre-war prices.

Stalin is Russia's worst Czar.

The Communists having recently made overtures to the Papacy, the Michelists after a few months abandoned a minor antireligious note in their line, and instead sought the friendship of such God-fearing men as Dan McPhail. With this slender excuse, I intended to run in a lot of antichurch propaganda, including the following:

A regretful account of the conversion to Catholicism of Louis Clark, first fan of Oklahoma.

Portion of the introduction to The Bible Designed to Be Read as Living Literature, which mentions some absurdities of the usual manner of presentation, and suggests, at least to an unbeliever, that an anthology of analogous writings in the English tradition would be a better thing for universal reading and study. "The Holly Bible" we intended to call this quote.

Noting that Skeeze Vallet is such an average person, I awaited confidently the day when he would get the reformer urge. That was before his politics became apparent.

Above, we also intended to mention a clipping about conflict over religion between Mark Twain and his wife.

One of my drafts is of a relatively sensible discussion of ethical theory, though it practically assumes that there is a *summum bonum*; it concludes that until we discover the *summum bonum*, a good provision goal might be the discovery of it, with all which that means in terms of finding better tools of thought, improved education,.

"The youth movement began to spring up, and it dismissed all objections and cautions as barren intellectualism and all recognition of difficulties as a desire to defeat the revolutionary wave. ... you need not explain yourself to others or excuse yourself to others. Your one need was conviction. ... you were the chosen of Life, and all the other hesitators by their hesitation were marked with the stigma of degeneracy, of mystification." --These Hurring Years

The question isn't "What Next in Europe?", but "Who Next in Europe?" (This is a bit obscure.)

And i intended to have a discussion of something by a borrowed pseudonym named *Geni*.

This would have been a good page to start unloading a lot of quotes from *The Tyranny of Words* and similar sources. Though my opinion of this school of thought has declined, some of the quotes are pretty good and i may publish them elsewhere. Some that i won't are the fable from *The Meaning of Meaning* which is reprinted at the beginning of *Science and Sanity*, and these from Chase:

"A high and mighty disdain for all discussion of abstract ideas is simply another form of mental confusion."

"Any system involves an enormous number of assumptions, presuppositions, etc., which, in the main, are not obvious but operate unconsciously. As such, they are extremely dangerous, because should it happen that some of these unconscious presuppositions are false to facts, our whole life orientation would be vitiated by these unconscious delusional faculties, with the necessary result of harmful behaviour and maladjustment!"

Several short items on this page,
the first entitled Give the
Devil His Due. I forget
what it was about.

Something
here about
the alternative
to fascism
being
socialism.



DON'T PLAY THE HORSES!
Do You Want to Risk Fandom's
Future on the Fate of the Communist
Party?
Steer clear of Michelism!

POOEY
TO
BOLSHEVISM,
ENEMY OF THE
SANE
SCIENTIFIC-
SOCIALIST
WORLD
STATE!

I intended to quote
from, or quote,
Merlin and the Gleam
here, the theory

probably being that
its sentiment was
antagonistic to that
of fanatic Marxism;
but perhaps the reason
for it was closer
to that for the dis-
cussion of The Door
in the Wall.

Touched off by some quotes from The Door in the Wall, here was to be a sincere article questioning whether our ideals point toward anything substantial and satisfying. The Omnibus would have been eclectic.

Some more fillers i had on tap would have included a private In the Wind column, with this from The Nation: "Joe Louis on June 22 knocked out Max Schmeling, Adolf Hitler, Julius Streicher, Benito Mussolini, and Jim Crow. He also poked holes in Neville Chamberlain's foreign policy."

Another stray paragraph for filler purposes might have been a quasi-quote from my brother in the State Department, noting a NYJournal (?) story that the Nazis were ready to take over in Mexico, to which there wasn't a word of truth.

And report of a slur at The Nation which i cast in a Student Congress meeting.

The vagrant slip i just picked up says "the communists dance around Dupont Circle". That's the name of a circle i lived near in Washington DC; i forget how i intended to use the line.

Collected Replies to Science Fiction Advance and Material in the last FAPA Mailing.

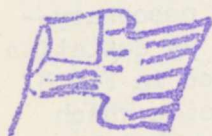
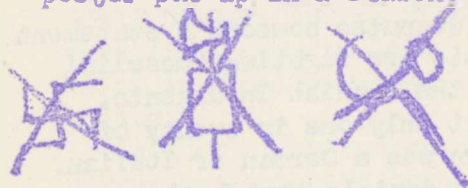
This would have been a dreary mess of stuff, no doubt. There's little in my notes now to indicate what it would have included. A sheet that may have been intended for it has in shorthand: Methods honest for one not right for another Ultimate aim

Russia still just an experiment Objective viewpoint--revolution Communist change of tactics.

Another note disputes someone's statement that the Loyalists are fighting Mussolini and Hitler, not the Spanish Insurgents, pointing out that only one in twenty of Franco's soldiers was a German or Italian.

There had been denials that Lenin ever said revolution is absolutely necessary--violent revolution, that is. My quotation came from an argument condensed in Feb 37 RD, in which some dots of elision which appeared in the debate in Forum had been omitted; this i learned upon writing to RD or Forum or someone. But the words were Lenin's; possibly in a different translation Lowndes or whoever it was didn't find the particular passages quoted.

For a filler at the end of this section was to be the following, copied from a campaign poster put up in a Student Congress campaign at GWU.



Vote Progressive!

One of the miscellaneous items to be thrown on this page was to be a quote from The Tyranny of Words. I was convinced that much of the cause of the peculiar ideas of the vermillion brethren was objectification of abstracts.

I think the quote from Weinbaum that i intended for here was a statement by Joaquin Smith, or perhaps Black Margot, noting that Joaquin had encouraged differences wherever possible within his empire; for it is out of differences that progress grows.

Would Wollheim be satisfied if--?

I forget what i wanted him to be satisfied with. I think it was investigation of Marxism by his enemies. The idea being that when he pled for us to read, ask, and learn, he was not so much concerned for our playing fair by our own enlightenment, but

The dummy says classified ads and publisher's notice here.

wanted converts no matter how.

REACTIONARY MCPHAIL ON THE RECORD

I seem to have lost the notes I made as I began reading Strachey's Coming Struggle for Power in accordance with an agreement with Wollheim. I must have taken a dozen or so exceptions to chapter 1 or 2, which ever summarizes the economic interpretation of history. A point I seized upon was the assertion that the Reformation was primarily a war for the freeing of the market. Ah ha, sez I. True, that could be said to be the chief economic consequence of the wars of the Reformation, and it seems a legitimate statement for an economic history. But what they are claiming to have is an economic interpretation of all history. It would not be surprising to find that economic history can be largely explained in terms of economic forces. But to explain human history--literature, politics, religion, domestic crafts--is quite another thing.

"The war of ideologies is in the United States in our idealistic imaginations; the struggle in Europe is concerned exclusively with the redistribution of wealth, national resources and land."
A profound thought by Maj Williams.

Dan, who favored the Loyalist cause in Spain and was at first friendly with Wollheim, tended to sympathize with the Michelists, but the attempt to combine this with oldfashioned Americanism was not too successful. The quotes I typed down on one of his visits to me in Oklahoma City reflect this. "What is more American than a hill-billy?" "I'd hate to live in a scientific world where there's nothing but a bunch of minds". "Fandom's purpose should be to encourage young authors to write". Also some unmeant generalities carelessly tossed out: "All I judge by is written words." "I don't care anything about the principle unless I'm for it."

I see this is where I intended
the filler on the yellow
press and Mexico
to go.

In
here
might have
gone anything.

Let's say the passage
I noticed in browsing thru
a book by Browder, saying that
when a question comes up, the Com-
mies all discuss it thoroly, and after
they've reached a decision, the matter is not
subject to be reopened.

MARS GRATIA ARTIS

Several pages in this part of the booklet were to be devoted to excerpts showing the masterpieces of description and atmosphere which are based on military conquest. Some of these I may yet run in the Ars Gratia Artis department of SusPro. Another was the end of Dawn of Flame, which Moskowitz recently quoted. Another excerpt from Dawn of Flame, beginning,

"I must go, said Hull, smiling reluctantly
"There is work for me now."

The song roared on...

and ending,

"What does Filo make?" asked Vail.

Instantly Hull's smile faded. "He forges
--a sword!"

Vail, too, was no longer the joyous one of a moment ago. Over both of them had come a shadow, the shadow of the Empire. Out in the blue hills of Ozarky, Joaquin Smith was marching.

There was also a good deal of Harold Lamb.

THE CUSTOMARY BORESOME REBUTTAL

This is a wordy rejoinder to Lowndes's "A Better Case Against Michelism", which was a reply to my article in the SFOCollector. I've saving one page of it to go in my scrap-book as a chastening influence. Not that I would now agree with Lowndes.

At the same time the above was written, while I was in a stenographic pool, I noted minute symbols between the caps and lcs on my typewriter bars, and being unable to account for them, wrote a silly filler hypothesizing that they were part of a German plot, or sabotage.

The Short-Short-Shortest Essay:

WHY I DON'T BELIEVE IN THE
NECESSITY OF REVOLUTION

Y?

The American Mercury and The Nation
scrap like two s-f fans! American Mercury
--25¢.

An article i might have put here mentions how as kids we built caves on the creek, but the only thing that sustained interest in them was defending them against invaders. From this i drew the moral that the perfect world cannot be a static thing.

Approaching the end of this dummy, i'll just throw in a lot of disjointed notes: A mention that the Russian revolutionaries gave townsmen a disproportionately large representation in their provisional government, which may have been one cause of the famines there. And in America, too, the Communists overestimate the importance of industrial labor. " Wollheim would be surprised at the energy with which I have defended his sincerity in advocating Michelism." " 'Micholism' as meant here --no Eng, no LA" --I've just realized what that means. A long letter to Vom is on the theme of Angelones and Britishers not being properly callable Michelists. " "Or take tolerance. Are we going to be tolerant also of intolerance? If not, we are defeating the end of tolerance, which is to give every case a fair chance." " And a soliloquy about Laski's "The Elite in a Democratic Society", which no longer means much to me.

As i come to the last page, there are a few odds and ends yet to be cleaned up.

" One is a paragraph in which i call attention to the strenuous job that had to be done to apply the bad label "fascist" to HWWells: Wollheim called him a "liberal fascist". " I praise Conover for saying he understands i'm a socialist, at a time when many were greeting me with "You're a fascist, aren't you?" " I praise myself for being tolerant and registering no objection to an allusion in Revolution of 1950 to "the smiling pseudo-liberalism of Roosevelt". " Quote of an inscription on the Archives Building, to irritate the Michies: This Building Holds in Trust the Records of Our National Life and Symbolizes Our Faith in the Permanency of Our National Institutions. " Report of something that an English debater said at GWU about the Martian invasion, which hardly belongs in the Anti-Michelist omnibus. " And mention of one of the essays i wrote to get out of Freshman English, on the assigned subject, Why I Am Interested in World Affairs. As i recall, i compared Hitler to Xerxes. " Sugjaschun: Instead of Communists, conservatives, Bundmen, and what-have-you saying that they stand for Americanism or social justice or democracy or what you will, why not have them say, "We interpret those words which represent the ideals of Americans, as meaning-- 02

And now that the thing is done, i feel that i owe you an apology for inflicting this monstrosity upon the FAPA. It is the horriest example of a tradition which i must break, that of destroying no notes without their being in some way translated into a publication or correspondence, the tradition which has given rise to the Last Stop to Limbo department which has such a record for zero interest.

Yet this booklet may serve some purpose with you as well as with me. To the fantasites of longer experience, it may bring recollections of times when they spouted off as senselessly as the worst neophytes do today, and to neophytes who resent the high-hatting of older fen, it may bring some satisfaction to review one's past follies. To all of us, it may suggest that we walk carefully in the here and now, lest haply one day we find that our opinions of this time are as wrong-headed as the contents of the Anti-Michelist Omnibus Dummy.

JACK SPEER