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BEWARE OF A NATIONAL POLICE

Alan Stang describes the danger inherent in the growing effort to subject America to a federalized police force. Also in this issue we feature such important matters as:

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Dear Reader:
The wonderfully outrageous Henry Mencken once told a gathering of publishers that in his opinion every book ought to be given a fair trial - as if for murder. If the book is by John Kenneth Galbraith, now appropriately Paul M. Warburg Professor of Economics at Harvard, a conscientious prosecutor would do well to encourage with a lofty and proper contempt that most severe of capitalist punishments - failure in the marketplace.

Now comes a review (of *Economics And The Public Purpose*) by Medford Evans, lord high prosecutor of books for *American Opinion*, ascribing dishonesty to Galbraith by implication in order to toy with him as a maiden toys with a glove. It is a marvelous intellectual exercise and analysis as far as it goes. But nothing could illustrate more clearly the freedom we allow our able and scholarly contributors to express their views in their own way, even when in the opinion of our Editor they are in marked disagreement with those of The John Birch Society.

Professor Galbraith writes about the "planning system" of the "technostructure of Big Business," and would no doubt be delighted (perhaps it is even his purpose) to have us believe that it is the same as the Conspiracy of Establishment to the extent that the management of Big Business has itself become a part of the Conspiracy, working for more power for government instead of - and at the expense of - more profit for the owners. When General Motors proceeds to lay off 86,000 men, because of the vanishing market for large automobiles due to a completely phony "gasoline shortage" deliberately contrived by Big Government, and does so without even a mild protest or appeal to the public, you can be sure it is because somebodies with a lot of power at the top of General Motors are actually working for the increase of power in the hands of Big Government rather than for the best interests of the stockholders of General Motors.

Which is certainly not the "planning system" about which Professor Galbraith writes, but is in fact a part of the same Conspiracy which Professor Galbraith serves.

Sincerely,

Scott Stanley Jr.

POLICRATS

Plans For A National Police Force

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■ "ON JUNE 16, 1936, for the first time in German history, a unified police was established for the whole of the Reich - previously the police had been organized separately by each of the states - and Himmler was put in charge as Chief of the German Police. This was tantamount to putting the police in the hands of the S.S., which since its suppression of the Roehm 'revolt' in 1934 had been rapidly increasing its power. It had become not only the praetorian guard, not only the single armed branch of the party, not only the elite from whose ranks the future leaders of the new Germany were being chosen, but it now possessed the police power. The Third Reich, as is inevitable in the development of all totalitarian dictatorships, had become a police state."

That's the way it was according to William L. Shirer, in *The Rise And Fall Of The Third Reich* (New York, Simon and Schuster, 1960), and it is important to remember that Shirer is a "Liberal," and agrees that the creation of a national

police force in Germany was bad. Indeed, a national police force with unlimited powers is one of the most important characteristics of a totalitarian dictatorship. A totalitarian dictatorship could not exist without one. Every dictator knows that people will try to overthrow him, because nobody wants to be enslaved, so as soon as he takes over he forms a secret police. When people begin organizing, the secret police lock them up. That is why Hitler created the *Gestapo*. That is why the Soviets have the K.G.B. Without such police power, the people would rise up and overthrow the dictators.

And there are disturbing signs that powerful forces at the top of the Establishment are, even now, imposing a national police force on America. What is more, they are doing it behind a cloak of "concern" about law enforcement.

The Scenario

Imagine that you are trying to dominate America. You realize that you must centralize the police, so that you can control them. But you are also perfectly aware that in the face of America's long tradition of local police, controlled by the people through local government, you can't just come out and say so. You'd be identified for what you are. So you have to figure out a way to change the police - from local to federal - claiming all the while that you are doing something else; claiming, in fact, that you are defending the traditional, local police system. In other words, you need a superficially plausible reason to destroy the "power structure" and replace it with your own.

So what do you do? You know that

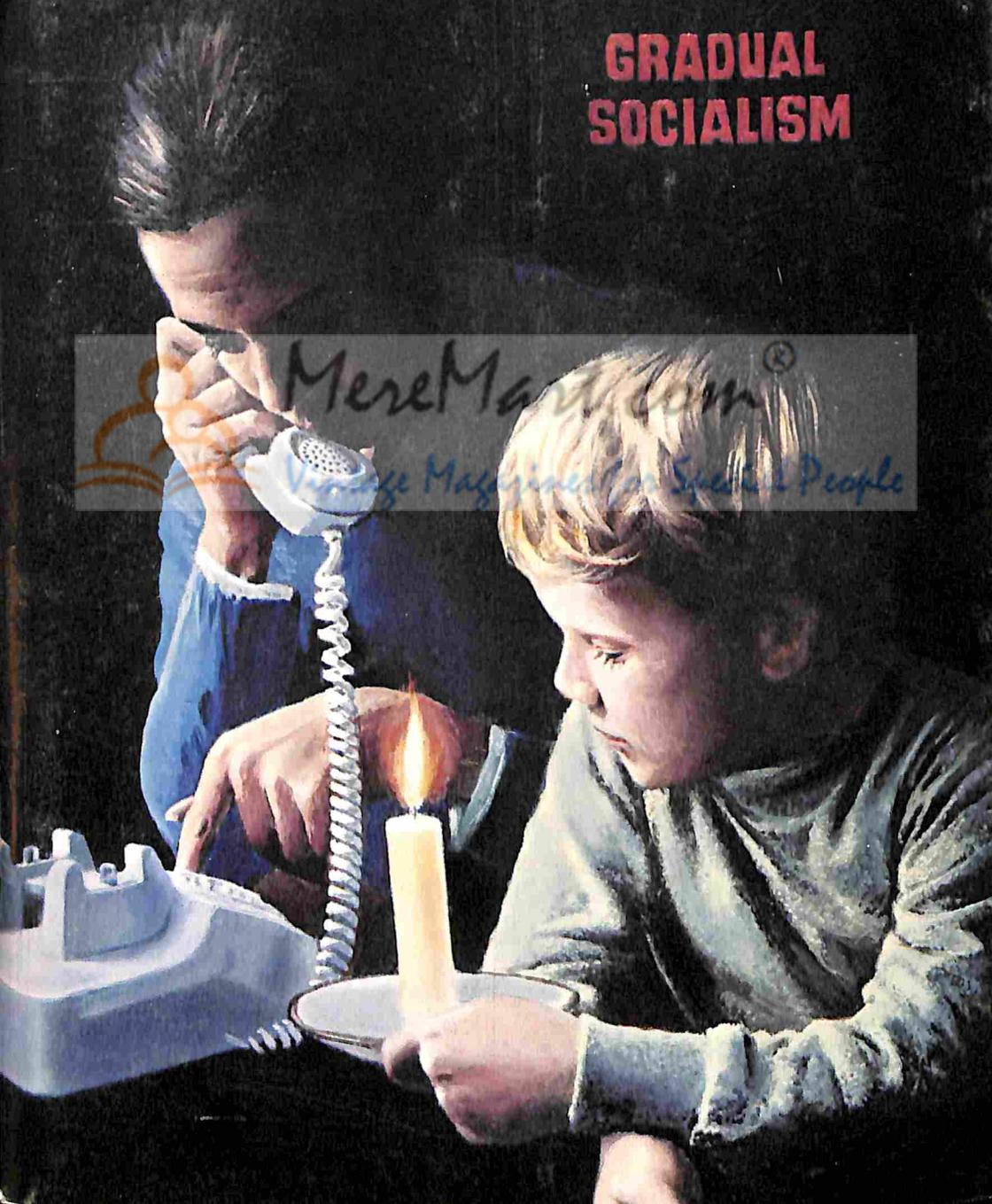
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