

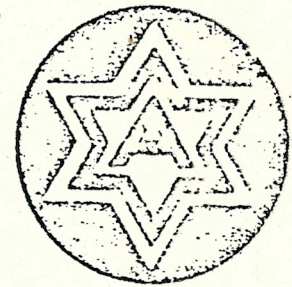
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Oliver Twist won the awed admiration of his fellow orphans when he had the supreme audacity to take his empty porridge bowl back to ask for more. Oliver, apparently, has his counterpart among our young radicals.

In 1966, Michael TIGAR was a candidate for the post of law clerk to US Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. The appointment fell through when Mr. Justice Brennan was apprised of TIGAR's left-wing background ("Tigar in the Courts/- Almost, " MIS 7-66 (Jul)).

Now news has been received that TIGAR is making another attempt to land on the public payroll. Dean Richard E. MAXWELL (NFI) of the Law School at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) has recommended that TIGAR be hired as a \$12,300 a year Assistant Professor of Law at UCLA.

There is no question of TIGAR's professional qualifications. He was a top honors graduate in law from Boalt Hall at the Berkeley campus of the University of California in 1966. Since being denied the appointment as law clerk to Justice Brennan, TIGAR has been practicing law in Washington, D. C. Prior to his graduation he was regarded by the legal profession as one of the most promising aspirants for the bar. He is unquestionably brilliant, articulate, well grounded in his chosen career, and it is quite likely that he would make an excellent instructor in the law. Yet there is one flaw in this modern-day Oliver. It is not probable that TIGAR's approach to the law would be entirely unbiased.

TIGAR was one of the founders of SLATE, the left-wing, radical student political group at Berkeley. He was deeply involved in the anti-House Committee on Un-American Activities riot at the San Francisco City Hall in 1960; was active in the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, dominated by the cited SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY; delivered anti-military speeches under the sponsorship of the Communist-infiltrated WOMEN'S STRIKE FOR PEACE; was on the National Advisory Board of the United States Festival Committee, trying to drum up attendance at the Soviet-Communist-supported WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL at Helsinki, Finland in 1962, and attended that festival as a reporter for the Communist newspaper "People's World"; was a charter member of the Berkeley W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUB and a sponsor of the DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA, youth front of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA); and was active in the FREE SPEECH MOVEMENT at Berkeley. Under these circumstances it would appear that Mike TIGAR's ideological stance was, at least up until two years ago, well to the left.

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COMMENT: (C) DCSINT, Sixth US Army has received no significant information on TIGAR's activities since 1966. It is of course possible that during this time he may have matured and his political philosophy became less radical. We do not know. Furthermore, there is no evidence in DCSINT files that TIGAR ever was a member of the CPUSA or any other cited organization, although his membership in the DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA certainly placed him in close proximity to the CPUSA. In addition, during the period 1960-1966, TIGAR was extremely active in supporting Communist causes and campaigns. While a leopard may not be able to change his spots, a fawn outgrows his, and it is not beyond the realm of possibility that TIGAR has outgrown his youthful radicalism.

One thing, however, that this young Oliver may not have outgrown is his radical reputation. He may again find his porridge bowl unfilled. Chancellor Young of UCLA has the recommendation for TIGAR's appointment under consideration, but has taken no action on it as yet. However, the press, in announcing that TIGAR had been recommended for the assistant professorship, gave an extensive outline of his radical background. In the present political climate of California, Chancellor Young may find it expedient to deny the appointment.

TIGAR may still be as radical as he ever was, but even if his political position has changed, he may find that his widely publicized left-wing activities as a young man will plague him far into the future. This is a bitter lesson many of today's young radicals may have to learn.

DCSINT has no prior information on Dean MAXWELL, who recommended TIGAR, and he may well have been totally ignorant of his protege's radical background. Yet this is another instance among many of the attempted drafting of young radicals into the teaching staffs of our colleges and universities.