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BARNSTORMING WITH SCHWARZ

"A Cable Karl to the Top o' the Marx"

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WHILE Attorney General Robert Kennedy sat in Washington, D.C. contemplating how many Communists could be balanced on the head of an indictment, Dr. Fred Schwarz and Company pulled into the San Francisco Bay area to alert the residents (known as Bay Areans, I suppose) to the Red Menace.

A group of Oaklanders were prompted by Schwarz to invite him and his Christian Anti-Communism Crusade to stage a Bay Area School of Anti-Communism. As fanfare, fifty-five Bay Area mayors (including San Francisco's George Christopher) signed a proclamation naming the week of Jan. 29 "Anti-Communism Week," to coincide with the dates of Schwarz's school. The proclamation figured prominently in the newspaper ads and direct mail ballyhoo for the school.

In some Bay Area communities, city councilmen protested the action of their mayors in endorsing the affair. The Sunnyvale city council voted four-three not to endorse Mayor Fred Logan's signing of the proclamation. San Francisco Supervisor Jack Morrison introduced a resolution calling on Mayor Christopher to "reconsider, nullify, and withdraw" his proclamation. Morrison said that Christopher's proclamation implied that the people of San Francisco endorse the "methods, policies, and views of Dr. Schwarz and his Christian Anti-Communism Crusade." Morrison's resolution stated that the CACC has been the instrument for the propagation of views "similar to those advanced by extreme right-wing organizations such as the John Birch Society." The resolution was referred to committee, but Mayor Christopher

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was moved to say of Schwarz, "I disavow him. I merely signed an Anti-Communism Week proclamation. I did not endorse Dr. Schwarz." The Berkeley and Albany city councils discussed the matter, but the anti-Schwarz forces couldn't round up the votes to repudiate the actions of their respective mayors. In San Jose, Mayor Paul Moore said that his signature had been obtained "by misrepresentation." Moore complained, "Sure I signed it, but my intent was a simple statement against communism. I don't want someone to tie me up with something I was not fully aware of. I don't even know who the hell Dr. Schwarz is."

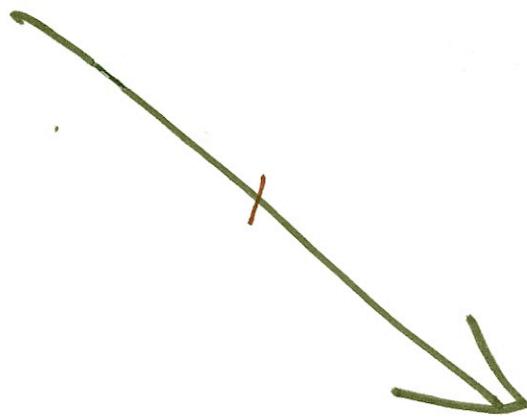
On Thursday, Jan. 11, a group of leaders of Northern California's principal Protestant churches was joined by the president of the Northern California Board of Rabbis in declaring, "We have decided personally to take no part in the sponsorship or support, directly or indirectly, of the Crusade or any of its local schools or of any other similar school which makes use of the materials and faculty of the Crusade."

The Smell of the Police State

The San Francisco *Chronicle* editorialized that Dr. Schwarz "may be prescribing a dubious remedy for an epidemic that does not exist." The *Chronicle* alluded to "the present progress of extremism and super-patriotism" which could lead to "a repressive system hard to distinguish from the police state that Dr. Schwarz professes to abhor."

Stanley Mosk, attorney general of California, cautioned the public on three separate occasions—at a dinner in Hayward, at the California Democratic Council convention, and in reply to a demand by a "school" official that he apologize—to beware of travelling circuses known as schools of anti-communism."

The secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council said that Fred Schwarz was "a rabble rouser" and recommended that the Council have nothing to do with the school.



Meanwhile, back at the Crusade, Schwarz was speaking twice a day at schools, churches, and before civic groups—drumming up support for the school. At one of his first press conferences, Schwarz let us know that Khrushchev has chosen San Francisco as headquarters for the international Communist dictatorship—The Mark Hopkins Hotel would make excellent offices for the premier, Schwarz declared. This prompted some to wonder if Khrushchev would take a “cable Karl to the Top o’ the Marx.”

On Monday, Jan. 29, the school’s opening day, seventy Bay Area business, labor, political, educational, and religious leaders issued a statement warning against “a phony anti-Communism” which “does not strengthen, but weakens our capacity to meet the real dangers of Communism.”

The school opened that night in Oakland’s Municipal Auditorium with a speech by Rep. Walter Judd (R-Minn.). In contrast to the Crusade’s successes in Los Angeles, enrollment was small. Attendance at the morning sessions averaged 350 for the week, with the number climbing to 850 to 1000 for most of the evening “classes.” The faculty included Sen. Thomas Dodd (who drew 2500), the durable Boston counter-spy, Herbert Philbrick; Maj. Gen. William Dean, a professor of psychology from an obscure theological seminary, and, of course, Schwarz himself. The doctor mixed his analyses of world communism and its diabolical materialism with little reminders that you could buy his book for three dollars. An LP record cheerfully titled “How Will the Red Butchers Dispose of Your Family?” was available for \$4.00.

With Attorney General Kennedy set to spring the McCarran Act trap on the Communists, one wondered at week’s end where Schwarz will turn when the Reds are all safely put away. Perhaps the answer is suggested by a headline in the San Francisco *Chronicle* Jan. 29, “Automation May Ruin Capitalism.” “The Christian Anti-Automation Crusade” wouldn’t have quite the zing of “The Christian Anti-Communism Crusade,” but then, a man’s got to make a living somehow.