

I could go back ^{and} check. The only thing I do need as I say, ~~nothing~~.

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a better cover than I have, ^{(secretly) I should} that could be varied as I went along.

Fortunately, we would hope that not too many people are going to compare the story. The other thing, the final thing - - the reason I must have some idea ^{within} a reasonably short period of time about what ^{you're} interested in, ^{and what you're thinking} ~~what you're thinking~~ is because I have to go ahead and make up my mind what

~~I~~ I'm going to do about the Atlantic Monthly - - if anything, the Encounter ^{though} ~~thing~~, I think I'll just make even how I handle ~~the~~ ^{the Encounter} thing, a sort of first person account of Revolution, more or less debunking the press. There was another proposal that I do another ^{sort of} article for Atlantic Monthly, ^(but under a pseudonym) ~~debunking the Chinese myth in Europe~~; in other ^{words} showing the penetration charge, showing how little penetration ^{there} actually, ^{is and} how small the groups ~~are~~ actually are in terms of the ~~parties~~ ^{parties} they involve.

That was the thing, ^(That) of course I could do anyway. But the reason I want to do this, ^I have a very serious financial problem. I ~~was~~ ^{am} running ~~me~~ out of my brother-in-law's largesse which is ceasing, and I have not been able to find any work here. I have tried seriously for several months, without any success whatsoever, and so this financial thing, you know, imposes on me a very, very close deadline. I need some money very quickly.

((I'm personally curious about your reluctance to write on the FPCC.))

The FPCC business is simply domestic, in the United States. There were many people involved in it, who were (had) nothing to do-- like poor Walter Bow whom I knew very well, in New York, before he was arrested, with the ^{Communist} ~~group~~ group. Now, Walter is no Communist and never will be a Communist, though Walter is perfectly capable of not only blowing up the Statue of Liberty but shooting anybody in the United States necessary, he feels, to secure some sort of end to the type of oppression that he feels.

Now this is not ~~in~~ ^(but) in other words, I wouldn't want ~~the~~ ^{one could again do,} the type of thing to do, again with the FPCC thing, the same type of thing I would do with Revolution. You just take the statements of J. Edgar Hoover and contrast them with the reality - Hoover made a statement once about the F PCC showing a curious coexistence- a curious cooperation between Trotskyites and Communists. In actual fact there was a violent battle going on between the two. ^{I tried to exp. . . (?)} What was actually done by the Committee was generally done by people who had nothing to do with the Communist Party nor with the ~~the~~ ^S ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~group~~ ^{group}. Certainly at one time the Trotskyites tried to

take over ~~it~~ in fact ^(they) came very close to doing it so.

In other words this ~~is~~ raises a totally different question. That's why I don't want to go from one to the other, unless you ~~are interested in~~ a general line of debunking. — I know what he has in his mind. He has an ~~an~~ ^(the) idea of sort of an inside story of conspiracy. In actual thing it's just a story of ^(sort of) blundering and opportun-- well, sort of adventurism without ~~the~~ many of the things that are certainly imagined, you know, ^{Obviously the FPCC} ~~the committee~~ did rally together very, very strange people, ~~the~~ youth militant ~~groups~~ - in other words ^{The} all excitable left-wing elements in the United States, are people who were not in any organization, gathered around the FPCC. At a certain time there was a romantic thing about ~~the~~ ^{-the Cuban Revolution;} ~~the~~ ~~idea~~, it appealed to students, in particular it appealed to such Negroes, It appealed in far less degree to some of the older people of the old Left, who were in the Communist Party, who had been in the Communist Party, ^(they) were ~~of~~ very frightened of it. ~~Not only~~ they had had the McCarthy experience ~~behind~~ behind them, but that wasn't the main reason, it was simply that they had, I suppose, really put behind them this sort of effervescent leftism, which they would call infantile leftism. And this ~~why~~ ^{is} ~~comes~~ out of the FPCC I suppose so many things have happened, I mean, now ~~Oswald~~ Oswald was a screwball and certainly had nothing really to do with the Committee. In fact the true story about that I don't know, and I don't think anyone else does know. But certainly it is nevertheless normal that a person like that would have been attracted to the FPCC.

People like that - - it's attractive (to them).
Now if you took the ~~SNIK~~ group. The ~~SNIK~~ attracts ~~people~~ ^{people} ~~that~~ ^{SNIK} the Left element and you find people in ~~SNIK~~ - I know that a large number of people who were in the FPCC ~~and~~ ^{are} ~~included~~ ⁱⁿ ~~SNIK~~ and the ~~SNIK~~ ~~people~~ ^{SNIK} people, for instance, were the biggest consumers of Revolution in the South. But at the same time, this ~~doesn't~~ mean that they are Communists. It means that many of them are, if you will, anarchist ~~types~~ types, or people who are ~~disgusted~~ disgusted with the orthodox Communist party; in other words they don't see any particular hope ^(through the / party). This is another thing, that most of the ~~SNIK~~ ^{SNIK} people were, and still are, non-violent.

Even though they were interested in violence ~~and~~ ^(still) and revolution, they have a sort of feeling, well, as one person said, "we want to make a revolution but we want to make it non-violent." Well, I don't know how they're going to do that. They don't ^{even} know how to make a revolution.

Anyway, this raises so many questions - ^(writing about FPCC -) that's why I don't want to get involved in it. Anyway, it's too early. It's not like Revolution, which

is a simple thing - you can say, in an eggshell (sic).

((The FPCC continues to be wrapped in a great deal of emotionalism.))

Oh-h-h.

((Next question- what's your inclination about how to proceed with--))

Ah-h-h, I don't know how ~~really~~ really, I came to England. I was sort of fed up with the situation in France, anyway. ~~In any~~ ^{anyway} in terms of Revolution, long before it even collapsed, I had changed my views about ~~it and well~~ ^{thought} the whole thing-- I didn't know how to get out of it. And so that was solved by (laughing) by the events themselves. We- I thought that coming here I'd be able to find some sort of work. In fact I ~~had~~ ^{had} been promised by someone who is a friend of a very prominent trade unionist that he would be able to get me something - - but ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{he hasn't been in the country-} has been unable to carry out, his promise.

((Would this have been political type work?))

No, ~~it was going to be just-~~ he was going to get me a job as sub-editor for a while and then get me into an editorial thing. Then I tried with many different contacts ~~has~~ here in public relations and so on, and had several jobs offered. I never had any explanation why I didn't get them. I don't know whether it is politics, racialism - although ~~xx~~ that plays a role in England as well. In any case, I never ~~-----~~. I was definitely offered a job, right around the corner ~~at the~~ ^{here on} Upper Grosvenor Street ~~xxxxx~~ the American PR firm ~~xx~~ called W. Allen Bernard Company, as publications director. They called me and said yes. This went on for months, negotiations and so on. And finally she got the money and I was introduced to a British Colonel who had become newly associated with her, and I was supposed to start work for them, and then ^e I got a letter saying no. I don't know why. ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{I never was able to} get any reason whatever.

~~I was much.~~ I'm not particularly keen on being active with political things. ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{I find it really, frankly,} very boring, after a certain point. ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{has} who most ~~xxxxxx~~ I'm not like Leo Labedz ^{of Somali} who can tell you about the history of all six Trotskyite parties - if you're interested -

((He's that fellow you mentioned))

He's got an enormous zest for this sort of thing, and he's very learned. He's very ~~xxxxxx~~ knowledgeable. I don't think ~~xxxxxx~~ after a certain point in dealing with this sort of micro-biology I get rather tired of it. But on the other hand, one has to see what one can do, within the range of one's possibilities.