And Come Out Fighting
An introductory exposition from Correction, Please!
By ROBERT WELCH

There are many good newspapers still left in the United States. There are still many good men on the staffs of the bad newspapers. We have no intention of making any blanket condemnation of the press. And exactly the same statements apply to magazines, radio, and television. But it is high time that more attention be given to both offenders against honesty and the results of their offenses. For an example, with the background first—

Even during his college days, Fidel Castro was known to be an adherent to the worldwide gang of Communist murderers. In 1948 he was a leader of the Communist massacre in Bogota. In 1953 he led an armed insurrection to overthrow the Cuban government and establish a Communist regime. It failed. Castro was arrested, tried, and received a comparatively light sentence of fifteen years imprisonment. President Batista, remarkably tolerant, released Castro less than a year later.

Castro set out immediately, again plotting revolution for the same Communist purposes. He spent most of the next two years in Mexico, where the eighty-two cut-throats whom he recruited as the core of his “army” were trained by a vicious Communist veteran of the Spanish Civil War, Alberto Bayo. In December of 1956, after a disastrous invasion attempt of Cuba, Castro established headquarters in the hills of Oriente Province, with only eleven survivors of his original invasion force of eighty-two men. Then Communist influences in our Government, following exactly the same formulas that had been used in the betrayal of China into Communist hands, built up Castro, undermined Batista (even preventing the Cuban government from buying arms for its troops), and arranged for Castro, as a known Communist, to seize control of Cuba on January 1, 1959.

All of these facts were a matter of record, easily accessible to any sizeable newspaper. Several small Conservative periodicals and commentators had been publishing most of them since the summer of 1958. Yet on January 8, 1959, Ralph McGill, in the Atlanta Constitution, published a column containing the following falsehoods.

"A viciously ruthless and corrupt dictator, ethnically and politically bankrupt, has been driven from Cuba. Fidel Castro and the young people of Cuba have won a revolution. They have not consolidated it. This may be difficult for them to do. Powerful interests will oppose them.

But it should be obvious that Fidel has no intention of going Communist. He is a product of Western civilisation. Nor do the intellectuals and the people about him consider orienting themselves toward Moscow."

But it is apparent that if this revolution does not succeed the next one will go far to the left.

"Therefore, it is to the selfish interest of the United States to do all it can to make this revolution, so ardently won, a success. A stable Cuba would have a stabilising effect on all the Caribbean. That is important to us.

First, we should recall Ambassador Earl E. T. Smith. He several times referred to the revolutionists as “bandits”. This stamps him as a most snobbish man, and an ambassador who failed to give his country sound information.

The U.S. policy there was damaging. Not only was the ambassador blind to the strength of the Fidel Castro movement, he continued to be very cozy with the Batista crowd.

Now we do not accuse Mr. McGill of being a simple pro-Communist liar. Nor do we accuse him of being such an abysmally uninformed and ignorant nincompoop that he has no business being allowed to corrupt white newspaper space. We leave the explanation of the above column to your ingenuity, or his. But in any case the results were the same.

Fidel Castro and his Communist regime in Cuba were a completely unnecessary evil, which the Consynms in our Government and their Moscow allies were enabled to foist on the Western Hemisphere by the falsehoods, distortions, and pro-Communist propaganda of those sections of the American press and other communications media of which Ralph McGill has been a typical mouthpiece. It is to offset and correct some of the blatant misinformation put out by these media in a huge daily flood that Correction, Please! has been founded.

George Washington stated a great historical truth in simple words: “Truth will ultimately prevail where there are pains taken to bring it to light.” We intend to do our best.

Extremism

"Now the great anti-anti-communist uproar is against 'extremists of the right'. What could be more phony? How can you be against concentration camps, without being EXTREMELY against them? How can you be for self-government without being EXTREMELY for it? Being MILDLY against massacres is to invite massacres and being MILDLY against dictatorship is to invite dictatorship. The true anti-communist must be an extreme anti-communist."

—Jack Moffitt in American Opinion, July/August, 1964. 47
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Correction, Please!
Our congratulations and best wishes go to The John Birch Society for their new venture, the weekly publication Corrections, Please! which includes a section A Review Of The News and commenced publication on July 11, 1964. It is under the editorship of Dr. Francis X. Gannon and the Editorial Staff, under the heading “For Both Our Readers And Ourselves”, have this to say about their aims:

“Now that we are crystallising more clearly, even in our own minds, just what we are trying to do in this publication, maybe we should tell you—our readers—what we intend to offer in exchange for your time and money.

These purposes and expectations include the following:
1. To set the record straight on various items, some of minor importance, but some of major importance, which have been misreported in the press.
2. To call to the attention of our readers that an appreciable number of the reporters, columnists, commentators, and other molders of opinion through our mass communications media are repeatedly guilty of serious misrepresentation of matters with which they deal. The method of slanting both information and opinion in favor of the Left ranges from subtle distortions to outright falsehoods. And regardless of the varying intentions of these individual offenders, the total net effect of this misreporting today is a tremendous amount of pro-Communist propaganda. We shall try to offset this propaganda with the plain truth by reaching a steadily increasing number of influential readers.
3. To take up in more detail each week—or most weeks—a flagrant case of extensive misreporting of some important development or event.
4. To provide, in the Review Of The News section, as concisely as possible every Saturday, a list of the most significant or newsworthy happenings of the week which ended Thursday night. Our approach to this difficult job includes three considerations:
   A. We shall seek to attain an increasingly skilful judgement and selectivity in determining what is relatively most important, among all of the activities of some three billion human beings.

B. We hope to provide weekly a statistical treasure-house for future reference. In reporting all events we shall take pains to give dates, names, places, quantities, and other relevant statistics as fully as we can, and always with dependable accuracy.

C. We intend to supply a form of “insurance” to our subscribers against oversights. If—for illustration—a man has been sick for two weeks, we want him to be able to make sure, simply by reading the indicated issues of our Review Of The News, that he will not be embarrassed six months later by discovering his complete unawareness of some important event that took place during his illness. Or if and when the modern time pressures are so great that a well and busy man cannot even read the newspapers or weekly news-magazines, we shall provide the means of his getting at least a glimmering of what is going on, with the assurance that, however briefly, he has touched at all important stations.

We are far from being squarely on the track with all or even any of these carloads of good intentions. But they do indicate the kind of weekly train which we intend to run. And we invite you to come aboard, with a season ticket.”

Having received permission, which we gratefully acknowledge, it is our intention to reprint extensively from Correction, Please! and A Review Of The News.

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None Dare Call It Treason by John A. Stormer (Liberty Bell Press, Florissant, Missouri) is a careful compilation of facts from hundreds of Congressional investigations of communism and dozens of authoritative books on the communist-socialist conspiracy to enslave America.

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CORRECTION, PLEASE!*  

**ITEM:** From an Editorial in the London *Sunday Times*, reprinted in the San Francisco *Sunday Chronicle*, June 28, 1964:  
In fact (Jomo) Kenyatta is one of the very few politicians who are greater than their country, who can give it greatness.  
CORRECTION: Politician? Kenyatta, for at least thirty-five years, has been one of the most vicious agents in the entire Communist imperium. Mr. Cox would do well to study the British Government's own Historical Survey of the Origins and Growth of Mau Mau, published in 1960.

...Having emerged as undisputed leader of the Africans, his involvement with Mau Mau appeared to damn him.  
CORRECTION: Involvement? Mr. Cox must have broken his arm reaching for this euphemism. We beg to remind Mr. Cox that the Mau Mau, organised years ago by Kenyatta, and led and used by him as the force that brought him to power, has been so cruel, so murderous a gang of vicious savage beasts as to make other usual Communist-inspired and Communist-used terrorists look like well-behaved boy scouts by comparison.

**ITEM:** From Ray D. Henson’s Book Review of *Justice in Moscow*, *Saturday Review*, June 27, 1964:  
Punishment for some of the petty crimes is far more severe than we would probably inflict, but the Soviets hope to eliminate crime, and the inevitability of rather severe sentences for relatively trivial offenses is perhaps more effective than the vagaries of our criminal procedures.  
CORRECTION: The Communists do not “hope to eliminate crime”. They thrive on crime. They abuse due process of law at home and in more than two score Captive Nations. Mr. Henson’s tribute to the Soviets’ effectiveness in comparison to “the vagaries of our [American] criminal procedures” is a tribute to slavery over freedom.

**ITEM:** From *Time*, July 3, 1964:  
Despite its high purpose, the Negro revolution breeds violence and death.  
CORRECTION: The “high purpose”, according to John Lewis, National Chairman of The Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee, is to precipitate a crisis in Mississippi of such magnitude that “the Federal Government will have to take over the State.”

**ITEM:** From an Editorial in the *New York Times*, July 1, 1964:  
The last of the United Nations Peace Forces have now left [the Congo], taking with them the one consistent guardian of law and order.  
CORRECTION: As the civilian doctors of Elisabethville described in 46 *Angry Men* (American Opinion Reprint Series, 1962), the United Nations “Peace Forces” were consistently responsible for the incredible violence, cruelty, murder, and chaos in the Republic of the Congo. President Moïse Tshombe, a prime victim of the chaos, said that “the intervention of the UN in the Congo has been a complete failure, financially, politically, and most serious of all from the human point of view; and this has been true all over the Congo”.

**ITEM:** From a Column by Drew Pearson in the *Los Angeles Times*, June 3, 1964:  
President Kennedy, before he died, promised the United Arab Republic $12 million of counterpart funds to help remove these historic 3,000-year-old temples. . . . Since counterpart funds cannot be transferred back to the United States and can only be spent locally, Mr. Kennedy felt he was justified in pledging a slice of the $54 million counterpart balance we have piled up in Egypt.  
CORRECTION: President Kennedy had no more right to pledge or promise funds to save Egyptian temples, than has President Johnson to pledge or promise funds for a “war against poverty”. Appropriations of money for any purpose are made by Congress, and no amount of mawkish sentimentality justifies usurpation of Congressional powers by the Executive.

**ITEM:** From an Editorial in *Business Week*, July 11, 1964:  
The passage of the new [civil rights] law—in spite of all the resistance in Congress—should prove to whites and Negroes alike that the U.S. intends to deal with its race problems through orderly, legal process.  
CORRECTION: Even if it means violating the Constitution to do it.

**ITEM:** From a Review by Leonard Wheildon of *View from the Seventh Floor*, by W. W. Rostow, the *Boston Herald*, July 12, 1964:  
In this book he sums up our current situation in the same terms. We have stopped the downward slide and have started the uphill motion, but we have not yet reached the top of the hill. On the whole Rostow’s is an optimistic assessment.

**ITEM:** From an Article in the *New Republic*, July 11, 1964:  
So far Sukarno, like Nasser of Egypt, has won his victories by brandishing his arms but using only his mouth.  
CORRECTION: Communist Sukarno, like Communist Nasser, has won his victories by brandishing “our” State Department. Nothing has been too good for the man whose troops murdered wholesale the Christians of the Moluccan islands who had been our most unwavering friends in all Oceania for twenty years. See, Bella V. Dodd, “Strange White House Visitor”, *National Review*, June 6, 1956. See, also, an interview with Karel J. V. Nikijuluw, South Moluccan Representative in the United States, *U.S. News & World Report*, January 11, 1957.

**ITEM:** From an Article by Preston Grover of the Associated Press, in the *Boston Globe*, July 9, 1964:  
It is a safe bet that if the Russian people were asked to vote for or against Communism, they would vote overwhelmingly for it. It wouldn’t be 99.45 per cent, the way it is in the elections, but would be a monster vote. It is now their way of life.  
CORRECTION: If Mr. Grover had been making a “safe bet” a century ago, we can safely bet that he would have predicted: “If Negroes in the United States were asked to vote for or against slavery, they would vote overwhelmingly for it.”

**ITEM:** From an Article by Max Gunther, in *The National Observer*, July 3, 1964:  
Our society for many decades has harboured a secret smile for naughtiness in general.

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CORRECTION: One of the favourite gimmicks of “social scientists” and pseudo-sociologists is the poll-in-prose, Mr. Gunther has conducted no comprehensive survey of “our society” for “many decades” and we defy him to give us a count of “secret” smiles. And how does he know the “secret smiles” are not for naughtiness in particular?

ITEM: From a Dispatch by Tad Szulc in the New York Times, July 5, 1964:

United States Government reports indicated today that Portuguese Guinea had been virtually overrun by revolutionaries.

Correction: [1] “. . . the latest, factual and direct reports we have from Portuguese Guinea itself do not correspond in the least to Mr. Szulc’s ‘revelation’ . . .” [2] “. . . no one here in Washington seems to know what ‘Government reports’ Mr. Szulc is referring to.” [3] “All areas, population centres and means of communication are under effective control of the security forces and the local population, which has steadily refused to give support to the terrorists.” (“Letter to the Times”, Vasco Vieira Garin, Ambassador of Portugal, Washington, July 8, 1964, New York Times, July 11, 1964.)

A REVIEW OF THE NEWS

Wednesday, July 1

- Representative Thomas G. Morris reports that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has awarded a $13,175-contract to Grover’s Archery Corporation of Albuquerque. Thirteen American Indians will be taught how to make bows and arrows.

- The Association of Cuban Economists in Exile reports that almost half a million Cubans have died, been imprisoned, or forced into exile since January 1, 1959, when Fidel Castro came into power.

Friday, July 3

- President Lyndon Johnson appoints Arthur H. Dean as Chairman of the National Citizens Committee for Community Relations. The Committee is supposed to promote peaceful compliance with the so-called Civil Rights Act of 1964. During Mr. Dean’s long service in government he has been a leading participant in the dishonourable Korean War truce negotiations; a chief delegate at the perennial Geneva disarmament talks; an advocate for recognition of Red China; and, a tireless protector of the insidious Institute of Pacific Relations.

- The U.S.S.R. and Cyprus sign a trade pact, involving the exchange of 400,000 tons of fuel oil from the Soviets for the equivalent value of Cypriote wines and spirits.

- Prime Minister Kamuzu Banda of the hours-old nation of Malawi says that his government will pursue a policy of “discretionary nonalignment” between East and West.

- It is revealed that Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro, “who got his job through the New York Times”, has finally reciprocated. Today’s Times carries an account of an exclusive eighteen-hour, three-day interview with the Times’ correspondent Richard Eder. The gist: Castro desires “to explore a rapprochement with the United States”.

- The Associated Press reports that Juanita Castro, sister of the Cuban Prime Minister, says that her brother holds 74,588 political prisoners.

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Portugal and the U.N.O.

On June 3, the News Agencies reported the decision of U Thant, Secretary-General of the U.N., not to accept the invitation which had been addressed to him repeatedly by the Portuguese Government to visit Angola and Mozambique.

This information was made public by the Secretary-General before Portugal’s Permanent Delegation to U.N.O. had received his formal Note, the substantial text of which is as follows:

“The Secretary-General requests the charge d’affaires of Portugal to convey to his Government the Secretary-General’s thanks for the kind invitation extended to him to visit Angola and Mozambique, in the conditions which have been expressed to him orally. While expressing his appreciation to the Government of Portugal the Secretary-General regrets that he is unable to avail himself of that Government’s kind invitation as he feels that, under present circumstances, such a visit will not serve a useful purpose.”

This Note was published in the Portuguese press, together with the following comments from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs:

“A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry indicated that the Department had not yet received the official text of U Thant’s Note from the Mission in New York, and added that the position taken up once again by the Secretary-General had caused no surprise. The refusal means that Mr. Thant considers it impossible to ignore the pressures brought to bear upon him to refuse the invitation. On the other hand, such refusal must also mean that the Secretary-General is not convinced that a threat to the peace and security of the world exists in the Portuguese Provinces in Africa. Otherwise it would be difficult to understand how the Secretary-General could wish to assume the responsibility of holding back from examining a situation which, if confirmed, it would, under the terms of the United Nations Charter, be strictly incumbent on him to examine.”

A Prophecy?

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