

The New Philbrick Fabrications

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HAVING commissioned the informer Philbrick to provide a weekly column of lies and bald fabrications, the N. Y. Herald Tribune quotes its own "authority" to refurbish the McCarthyite Big Lie about the American Communist Party being a "conspiracy directed by an alien power, etc.," adding that, as a result of an "interpretation of the results of Geneva," the Cominform "has ordered the American Communist Party to appear in public just enough to convince the American people that Communists form a political party in the normal tradition."



The Cominform yarn is a deliberate lie, and both the stoolpigeon Philbrick and the Herald Tribune know it.

This new fabrication is timed by its inspirers to coincide with the meeting of the foreign ministers this week in Geneva. The object is to help recreate the cold war atmosphere of distrust that was so successfully lifted at the historic Geneva Conference last summer.

As for the lies of the informer Philbrick, these are easily enough refuted. The Communist Party has always, even in the period of the worst McCarthyite attack on the Bill of Rights, functioned as "a politi-

cal party in the normal tradition." The National Committee and state committees have maintained public offices except where the opportunity to do so was denied by reaction locally. Public statements have appeared regularly by Party committees on issues of the day.

THE PARTY has functioned from its national office at 268 Seventh Ave. and has been publicly listed at this address for the past three years. Party candidates have campaigned for public office and from time to time national Party conferences have been held, the National Conference on Defense of the Party held in New York last August being the most recent; reports of three conferences have been published; national representatives have appeared before various legislative bodies, including Congressional committees. All these facts must have been known to the N.Y. Herald Tribune.

If the functioning of the Communist Party as a political party "in the normal tradition" has been limited, this has been due to no choice of its own, but to the whole body of repressive, police-state legislation of McCarthyism and the Cold War: the Taft-Hartley Act, McCarran-Walter Act, Smith Act, McCarran Act and Subversive Activities Control Act, etc.

The Communist Party takes orders from no one except its own membership, nor has it been affiliated with the Communist

Information Bureau. It is an American workingclass party. In the course of its activities it has fought vigorously to defend the Bill of Rights, not only for itself but for the whole American people; it has at all times sought to take part in the public exchange in the market-place of ideas, and for greater public participation in the political life of our country.

THEN why does the Herald Tribune seek to serve anew this stale "McCarthyite hash?"

At a time when the whole country is beginning to awaken from the nightmare of the government stoolpigeon and informer system, the Herald Tribune wants to employ the spy and the police-agent to turn the nation from the road marked by Geneva.

It seeks to blunt the promise of Geneva and sustain the Cold War at home.

As the Communist Party said: "Geneva is a turning point. . . . Though the road toward ending the cold war and achieving peaceful coexistence of all nations, regardless of their social systems, is long and difficult, mankind is marching on that road at last."

The Herald Tribune, and the anti-Geneva advocates for whom the Philbrick article speaks, will not stay the march of history.

The war against American liberties which the Herald Tribune wants to heat up will meet growing popular revulsion on the part of the American people.