

# Matusow Confesses Perjury

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THE NEWS DISPATCHES tell us that Harvey Matusow, star government stoolpigeon in several Smith Act trials, now admits that he has been lying right

along, that he is a deliberate perjurer. This confession should surprise nobody. The simple fact is that the whole bunch of professional informer witnesses that the



government keeps trotting out at every "red" trial are just so many deliberate liars, hired by the government to swear away the liberty of innocent men and women.

Nor are the Matusows and their like upon any lower level than the government prosecutors who organize them in their perjury, systematically coaching them in the lies which they so glibly recite upon the witness stand. If the many Matusows are guilty of perjury, and are deserving of a prison sentence, are not the government lawyers and prosecutors who put the lies into their mouths and drilled them in their perjury, equally or even more guilty, and also in need of a long sojourn in the penitentiary?

And what about the sanctimonious judges who have sat on the bench in mock dignity and watched, without rebuke, the obvious perjury committed repeatedly by government witnesses going on right under their

eyes? It would be an insult to their intelligence to say or to infer that these judges have not been conscious of the blatant perjury being so systematically perpetrated by the government informers in cahoots with the prosecutors. Yet these judges have done all in their power to shield these professional liars and slanderers from embarrassing cross-examination, and they have left no stone unturned to make this testimony carry weight with the juries.

THEN THERE is the Department of Justice itself, the central organizing force of all the lying frame-ups under the Smith Act and other thought-control laws. It is the builder of the whole monstrous informer-perjury system. What about it? Can anybody be stupid enough to suppose the heads of this department do not know about this wholesale perjury?

In a really democratic regime, Mr. Hoover and Mr. Brownell would be haled before the bar, and made to give an account of themselves for their cynical trampling upon the Bill of Rights in creating and using the outrageous gang of government stoolpigeon witnesses who are now infesting the Federal courts and making a shame and disgrace of American justice.

And what about President Eisenhower himself? Are we to assume that he also knows nothing about the outrageous system of perjury and frame-up that has been built up by Federal prosecutors and judges in their reckless efforts to convict Commu-

nists at any and all costs and in utter disregard of every principle of democracy and justice? To assume such ignorance on his part would be absurd.

There can be no question but that he is quite aware of the monstrous informer system, of which the admitted perjurer Matusow is only a typical example. Were the labor movement more alert to its responsibilities in the fight to defend American democracy, it would see to it this whole damnable informer system will be used as a major means in 1956 to help retire Mr. Eisenhower to his Pennsylvania farm.

THE POLICY of the Department of Justice in its current persecution of the Communists is that, law or no law, everything goes, so long as convictions result from the trials. Professional perjurers are deliberately coached in their lies, laws are twisted out of all reason and reality, juries are so intimidated that, for fear of reprisals against them, they do not dare to bring in not guilty verdicts even when they are convinced that the accused are innocent.

How long are the working class and the American people going to allow such a fascist-like flaunting of justice and democracy to continue? The Matusow admission of perjury should be made the opening wedge for a thorough-going exposure of this whole rotten frame-up system now besmirching the Federal courts and railroading innocent people to jail.