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To the Editor

titled: THE FRIGHT PEDDLERS

Dear Sir:

Behold the Fright Peddlers.

They awaken slowly to the realities of the past thirty years and view with alarm the things that have come to pass.

They gather together in groups and discuss the calamities that have befallen the nation.

They reason together to determine the explanation of these disasters.

They confess to their God that they have neglected their duties as Christians and citizens. They determine to correct the situation and cry out with many voices until the nation shall rise and free itself from the bureaucratic chains that bind it, and return to the Faith of their Father.

They see the economic chaos of the times. They see waste, corruption and government planners in all areas of living. They are burdened with taxation.

They ask the powers that be: "Cannot some of these taxes be diminished? Can we not be allowed to manage our own affairs; what we sow, what we save, and how we provide for our own? Were we not so burdened, could we not see to our own welfare and business with more economy and efficiency than is now the case?"

This plea provokes laughter. "You are Reactionaries who wish to withdraw from the twentieth century and return to the horse and buggy days." This is the only answer to the questions.

They see the Supreme Court, that great Judicial Body sworn to uphold the laws of the land. They question the wisdom of the interpretations of laws that over-rule the Constitution, bringing about much unrest. The freedom of the atheist is assured in the forbidding of the Bible in the public schools. The freedom of racial minorities is assured by denying the states rights to govern themselves. Armies of the nation are sent, at great expense, against citizens of the country. The people riot, and the instigators of riot are praised and encouraged. Citizens who protest are persecuted by unlawful means and declared to be insane.

They ask, "How can civil liberties be assured in this manner?"

The answer, "Obviously, these people are racists."

They see their schools. Their children come to them with ideas strange and foreign. They examine the text books and discover there subtle suggestions of atheistic socialism. Prayer is no longer allowed in school. They see the shelves of the public and school libraries, loaded with lib-

eral books, newspapers and magazines while those of another viewpoint are few in number.

They ask, "How can a reasonable approach to the teaching of Government and American History be promoted from such books? The founding fathers of our nation based our whole concept of Government on belief in a Divine Creator who renders Divine guidance. Why is belief in God now a sign of ignorance?"

"The idea expressed above is a dangerous threat to academic freedom. Does that answer your question?" This is the only answer given.

They see the State Department. "How is it," they ask, "that traitors are allowed to hold high office and advise on policy? Why does every action of that high place seem to help the Communist Conspiracy? Why do we, through this department, alienate our friends until they cry out against us? Why are the Statesmen who dare hold up before us evidence of these serious mistakes in judgement hounded even to death, while those who betray their country are called patriots and promoted?"

This brings down upon the heads of the Fright Peddlers the most awful curses. "Slime! Deceivers of America! Liars! Spewers of hate!" A new phrase is coined for the lowest of vermin - - - BIRCHERS!!!!!!

They see the United Nations, a house of glass, towering over the country. They see the member nations

"Are they not Communists in many cases?" they ask. "Is it possible that Communists are no longer interested in World Domination? Does peaceful co-existence mean something else besides the Peace of God? Is a Communist nation in Cuba not a dangerous threat to our freedom? Is it in the best interest of our country to follow the policy of the United Nations on these issues?"

The answer: "Warmongers, children of the Devil."

And thus they go, from problem to problem. They have the audacity to question all these unreasonable situations, asking for logical answers. They send letters to their Congressmen in great numbers.

"How do we explain the madness of our time?" they write. They tell of their many grievances, thinking that Congress cannot be aware of these strange and sad events, else they would enact laws to alter the situation.

In answer, the politician arises and declares before his colleagues and before the nation, "Behold, the Fright Peddlers!"

Sincerely,

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