

» Perhaps you would be interested in learning of a project which grew out of an item in your May, 1954, issue. Dr. Matthews' article, "An Anti-Communist's Guide to Action," appeared at the time the State Court of Catholic Daughters of America in New Jersey was in the process of incorporating in its structure a new department, the State Security Committee. The purpose of this Committee is simply to help safeguard the future security of our state by combating Communism and its evil influence.

Beyond question, one of the greatest aids to the traitorous American Communist dedicated to the destruction of our American Republic is the indifferent or ignorant citizen who would be sincerely horrified to learn that his very indifference or ignorance is being used against him. We believe that the most constructive and effective method of offsetting this evil is through public education, spreading knowledge about

the ways and means employed by Communists, teaching the American public to recognize the danger signals, the hazards.

To this end, the Security Department of the State Court will project a plan to the ninety-four courts of this state in a series of Workshops commencing February 27, whereby *all* of the volumes listed by Dr. Matthews will be placed in local libraries (public) throughout the state. To spur further interest in these volumes, we hope to run a series of book reviews in

local newspapers, wherever possible, to maintain and sustain interest in these books.

This project, of course, was made possible by your publication of this list and I thought you would like to know that one article may occasionally affect many, many people.

CECILIA SMULLEN

Chairman, State Security Committee
Westfield, New Jersey

(We wish you success in your project and thank you for letting us know about it.
— Ed.)

» With reference to your article, "Stamped Boners" by Albert Abarbanel, he mentions a Nicaragua stamp issued in 1900. When the volcano pictured on the stamp erupted in 1902, this French engineer, Bunau-Varille, rushed out and bought 96 of these stamps so he could send one to each U. S. Senator. He could have saved money and bought only 90, as there

were only 45 states in 1902. New Mexico (1912), Arizona (1912) and Oklahoma (1907) were missing.

BERNARD SANOW

Los Angeles, California

» Concerning the article, "Stamped Boners," by Albert Abarbanel, the author made a slight boner himself. If, as the article states, the French engineer purchased 96 stamps for transmittal — one each to every member of the U. S. Senate — he must have had six of them left with which to mail letters . . .

MYRON K. ROSENBERG

San Francisco, California

» I was very pleased to see the article on Sister Marie Suzanne (March issue), and would be glad to have anything on our Sisters in your magazine, because I consider AMERICAN MERCURY tops!

Unfortunately, one line toward the end of the article gives a false inference — that Doctor Hall, throughout his ten years of work with Sister Marie Suzanne, disliked Sisters, whereas it was only when he first heard that Sisters were coming. He had had no contact with them before that. "Detest" is a little strong — he had no attraction for working with Sisters. But it wasn't long before Sister Marie Suzanne and the Doctor were working together, and it is to Doctor Hall that Sister gives credit for her introduction into medical work and for much of her early training which has resulted in her present successful experiments.

I'd appreciate very much if this letter could be published, since Doctor Hall is still living, and it might come some-

what as a shock to him to read that he worked with Sisters for ten years, detesting them all the while!

Be sure of my prayers for God's blessing on you and your work.

SISTER MARY AUGUSTUS

Marist Missions Magazine

Marist Missionary Sisters

Framingham Centre, Massachusetts

» This is, first of all, a letter of appreciation for your wonderful magazine.

I would like also to commend the article by Lessing Rosenwald in the March issue ("Jews, Arabs and Zionism"). It explains so clearly something that certainly needed clarification — to me, at least!

HELEN A. BROWN

Cincinnati, Ohio

» Please take my praise and thanks for the outstanding article, "The Public Be Damned" by Huntington Hartford. It was right out of my heart and I have sent a magazine of yours to the Museum of Modern Art. And maybe I shall venture to go to the Museum once again this year.

Your magazine certainly tops the best in the United States. "How the Communists Hoodwinked FDR" and "Elmer Davis Runs Scared" are statistics of history.

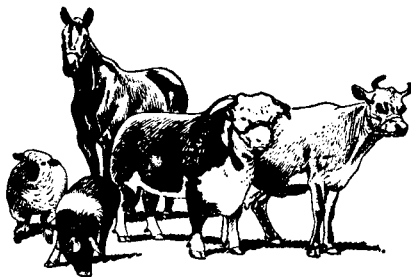
The first thing I read in your magazine is "In the MERCURY's Opinion." Then I read Mr. Lyons. After that I start from the beginning and read the book all the way through . . .

EMMA WILLMANN

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THEY TOLD INDIA THE TRUTH ABOUT AMERICA



By Andrew Hamilton

LAST August, a handful of students from the University of California at Los Angeles met representatives of six Indian colleges at the Indian Government guest house in Trivandrum. There, at the southern tip of India, is a rich agricultural area where rice, coconuts, and pineapples grow in abundance — and Communist propaganda flourishes like a bright, poisonous orchid.

It was an argumentative, explosive session. Over cashew nuts and tea, the Indians had hurled the usual “loaded” questions, and the Americans had batted them back. Near the end of the evening, a slim, intense Indian student arose and thanked the Americans for their hospitality. But within his flowery phrases were the thorns of Marxist propaganda: *Students of all countries should unite and overthrow their imperialistic governments.*

Irv Drasnin, sports editor of the *UCLA Daily Bruin* and chairman of

the meeting, jumped to his feet.

“In the United States,” he said, “we have a two-party system, but anyone can follow any ‘ism’ he likes — from Vegetarianism to Hard Money-ism. These many voices, however, are one in support of democracy. A student has choices, opportunities, freedoms — sure.”

Irv paused briefly, “But there’s one thing we’re united on: we believe in orderly evolution — not violence or revolution!”

The Indian student’s jaw dropped, but he had no comeback. The meeting closed and Irv said later that he felt “about 12 feet tall.”

For the past three years, groups of 12 students from UCLA, accompanied by two adult advisers, have spent their summers in India, studying the Indian student’s point of view, learning about that country’s rich history and culture, and above all, presenting in return the truth about America.