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INFILTRATION CHARGE BY BIRCHER REFUTED

DISCREDITED CHARGES that the Communist Party "exerts decisive leadership" in the American civil rights movement were raised in Las Vegas again last week and again categorically denied by local civic leaders.

Former U. S. Congressman John Roussetol, who was "retired" by his California constituents because of his extremist views, revived the oft-disproven charges in two speeches here. The Los Angeles rabble-rouser is district governor of the notorious John Birch Society, a right-wing hate group dedicated to dividing the American people.

Although admitting that Negroes have many "realistic problems and legitimate objectives", Roussetol weakly tried to prove that Communists have successfully infiltrated the civil rights leadership by quoting from Communist sources to the effect that Communists should take full advantage of racial unrest in the United States.

Using the old "guilt by association" yardstick in seeking to prove that Communists have "sufficiently saturated" the civil rights movement to exert "decisive leadership", Roussetol quoted extensively from the Congressional Record.

When a listener challenged this source as being less than "impeccable" and noted an entry in the same publication equated the John Birch Society "in seven ways with fascism," Roussetol tried to squirm out of his predicament by citing other slanted material.

ALTHOUGH MANY disciples of the poisonous John Birch philosophy attended both local meetings to lend Roussetol support, it was plainly evident that his sometimes sacrilegious views aroused more contempt than acceptance.

An audience of about 300 students at Nevada Southern University was especially chilled by Roussetol's attempt to compare John Birch Society founder Robert Welch with Jesus Christ and its members as beleaguered and unjustly maligned patriots in a nation of traitors.

Roussetol provided a graphic illustration of the John Birchers' basic distrust and contempt for democratic principles when he was asked if Birch Society members believed in free speech within their own clubs.

"Would you deliberately invite an enemy into your own ranks?" he replied. "We don't tolerate internal dispute and we won't be bogged down with raging debates over our leadership."

Roussetol's espousal of totalitarian principles while ostensible criticizing them was emphasized by his inability to answer the challenge of Prof. William Burns, head of the NSU political science department, when Burns questioned the speaker's socio-economic views.

"Your question shows that you are confused," Roussetol said.

During his appearance here at an Eagles Hall meeting sponsored by the local Birchers, Roussetol parroted the claims of Southern white supremacy advocates that the civil rights bill now being debated in the Senate is "un-constitutional" and is actually designed to concentrate fantastic powers in the executive branch of the federal government.

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Nailed Lie



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING and FRIEND

Dr. King, shown conferring with Pres. Johnson, nailed Birchers' lie about commie infiltration of Civil Rights movement leadership during recent speech in Las Vegas. (see story)

Urgently Need Letters Supporting Rights Act

Renewed efforts to have local citizens write Sens. Howard Cannon and Alan Bible in support of the Civil Rights Bill now being debated in the Senate were being urged today by West Las Vegas civic leaders following reports that the mail of both Nevada solons is running heavily against the proposed law.

(See page 2 for editorial reprinted from Monday's Las Vegas Review Journal).

On April 23, the VOICE published a report showing that attempts of well-financed segregationist groups to overwhelm Congress with a flood of protests against the Civil Rights Bill apparently had back-fired in most sections of the country.

Senators whose mail had been predominantly against the bill through the late winter and early

spring weeks disclosed in mid-April that the tide had turned--that letters favoring the bill were being received in larger and larger numbers.

That widely-publicized reaction apparently spurred the Birchers, White Citizens Councils and other racist groups to a determined counter-attack on the halls of Congress. It would be foolish to deny that their efforts were supplemented by protests from innocent victims of ill-considered "stunts" staged in areas against the advice of more responsible civil rights leaders.

Be that as it may, the situation now calls for a counter-counter-attack by the advocates of social justice. Those writing to Sens. Cannon and Bible are particularly urged to express their opposition (See LETTERS, page 4)

NEVADA NEGRO MUST WORK FOR BARING'S DEFEAT IN PRIMARY

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EVERY ELIGIBLE Negro in Nevada is compelled by self respect to vote against Walter Baring in the Democratic primary next September. This is a "must" regardless of whether the Reno political chameleon runs for reelection to the House of Representatives or decides to challenge Howard Cannon for a seat in the Senate.

Baring has referred to Civil Rights as "Special Rights." He has labeled our leaders as agitators and has emphasized his steady shift to the extreme "right" by voting against the Civil Rights Bill, which nevertheless passed the House and is now entering its third month of debate on the Senate floor.

Every self-respecting Negro in this state, every freedom-loving Nevadan, white or black, should become a self-subscribed and energetic crusader to remove Walter Baring from the political scene.

Baring must be defeated in the primary. Should he somehow survive the September test, he would be a lead-pipe cinch to defeat the Republican nominee, if there is one, in November because he would receive wide support from Republican voters.

It is reasonable to predict that the Republicans will not present a strong candidate in the Congressional race if, indeed, anyone comes forward to seriously challenge Nevada's lone seat in the House as a Republican candidate. Walter Baring is more Republican than the most radical Republican. He certainly has moved far enough to the "right" to please the more rabid GOP voters.

WE MUST concentrate on selecting ONE candidate who qualifies at, or near, the top in each of the following categories:

- 1) Demonstrated legislative and administrative ability.
- 2) Demonstrated sincerity in the belief that all citizens should share equally the fruits of democracy.
- 3) Freedom from ties, political or otherwise, that might undermine his support of Civil Rights legislation and activities.
- 4) Electability--an acceptable image in the eyes of voters in most areas of Nevada, particularly Clark and Washoe counties.
- 5) Evidence of adequate financial support to wage the long and costly campaign necessary to defeat Baring, who undoubtedly will be well-financed.
- 6) A personality that blends happily with people from all walks of life, including the ability to talk to people on their level and not "over their heads" or "down" to them. (Adlai Stevenson lost many votes in his bid for the Presidency because he talked "over the head" of the man in the street.)
- 7) A friendly and sympathetic attitude toward the working man and organized labor, without prejudice against management.
- 8) A reputation for sincerity in working for the welfare of ALL the people--a man of integrity.

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