

Neither do they mention the fact that Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin at Yalta pledged themselves to "wipe out the Nazi party, Nazi laws, organizations and institutions, remove all Nazi and militarist influence from public office and from the cultural and economic life of the German people." For the liberated areas they pledged themselves to "processes which will enable the liberated peoples to destroy the last vestiges of Nazism and Fascism." At the opposite end of the pole they pledged that "all democratic and anti-Nazi parties" including quite naturally the Communist "shall have the right to take part and to put forward candidates." The leaders of the democratic coalition did not equate fascism with Communism.

If the New Liberals really believe the doctrine they put forth, they must equate the racial mystique of Nietzsche, Houston Stewart Chamberlain, Hitler, Rosenberg and Goebbels with the writings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. They must equate 6,000,000 Jews burned and gassed and rendered into soap in the territories of Nazi Germany with 3,500,000 Jews living in the Soviet Union under the protection of laws which ban discrimination of any kind. They must equate the slogans "Blut und boden" or "Ein Volk, ein Reich, ein Fuehrer" with the slogan "From each according to his ability, to each according to his work." It is quite possible to disagree with each factor of every equation; but reasonable men simply cannot maintain they are the same.

Thus the New Liberals are deflected by the holy sickness from any effective attack upon what I am sure they call the "non-fascist right," and have become even more ardent in their genuflections toward Moscow than the State Department itself. To illustrate by one of a hundred quotes: "The slums of America are breeding spots of Communism, and in passing this (housing) legislation we will be striking a blow against Socialism and Communism and for our free enterprise system and our American democracy."

Eliminate the slums because they are indecent and unjust? Because they spawn disease and torment and illiteracy and death? No. Eliminate them because they breed Communism. We do not accomplish the good deed for itself; we do it as an act of war forced upon us by an implacable enemy. And without Communism, one is tempted to ask—what then? Since no moral purpose impels us to slum-clearance, we would take no action if the menace of Communism did not exist. But, one asks, if slums are of themselves rotten, and if it is the pressure of Communism which obliges us to eliminate this rot—what then becomes the role of Communism in such a system of logic? It becomes the role of virtue; the catalytic agent through which progress is accomplished; the enzyme without which no improvement is possible. It becomes, by the speaker's own reasoning, a very good thing. This is not what the speaker means, for he hates Communism. But it is what he said.