

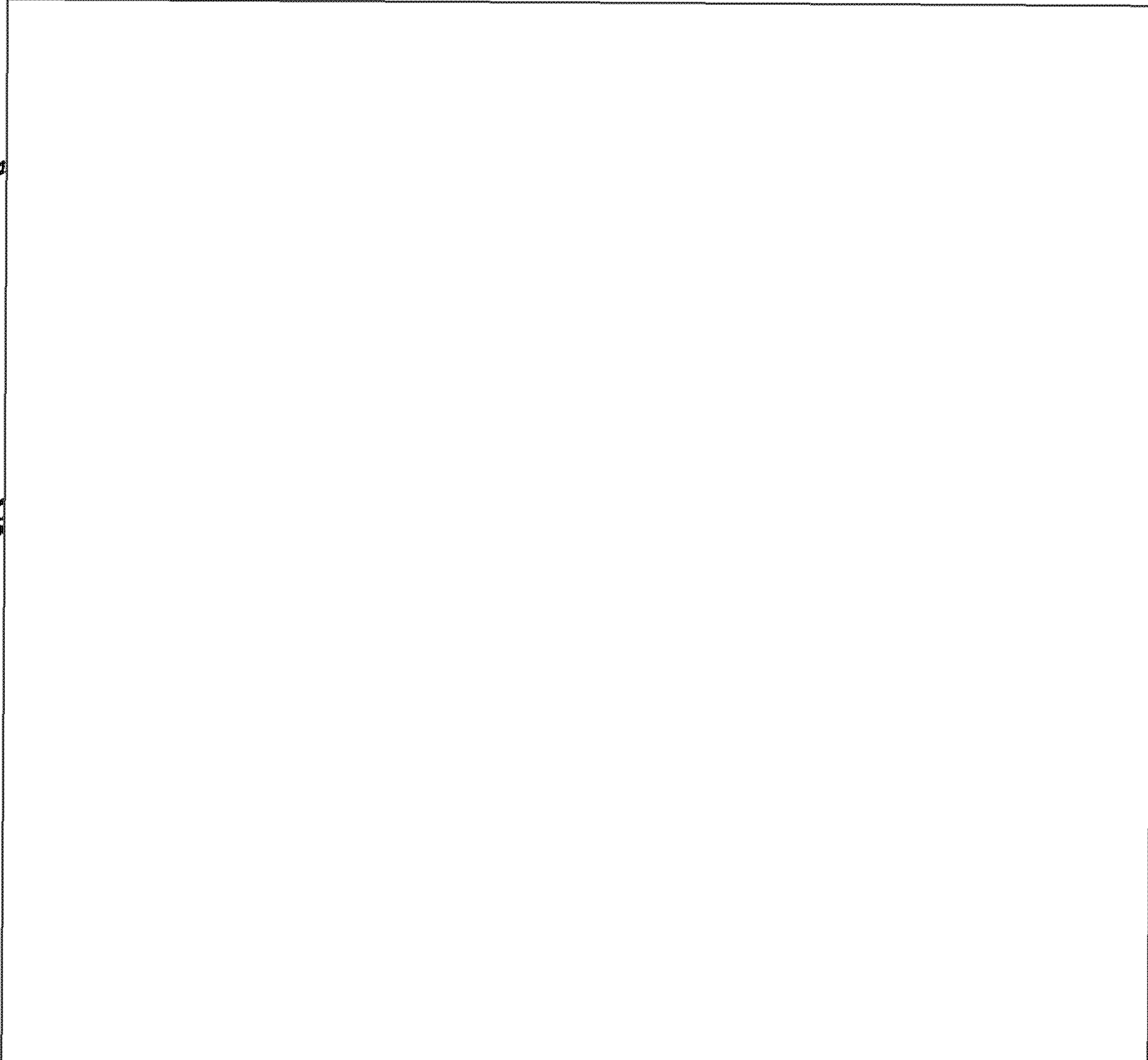
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((I'm personally curious about your reluctance to write on the FPCC.))

The FPCC business is simply domestic, in the United States. There were many people involved in it, who were (had) nothing to do-- like poor Walter Bow whom I knew very well, in New York, before he was arrested, with the ~~Clearinghouse~~ ^{the} group. Now, Walter is no Communist and never will be a Communist, though Walter is perfectly capable of not only blowing up the Statue of Liberty but shooting anybody in the United States necessary, he feels, to secure some sort of end to the type of oppression that he feels.

Now this is not ~~...~~ in other words, I wouldn't want ^(but) the type of thing to do, ~~again~~ ^{one could again do,} with the FPCC thing, the same type of thing I would do with Revolution. You just take the statements of J. Edgar Hoover and contrast them with the reality - Hoover made a statement once about the F PCC showing a curious coexistence- a curious cooperation between Trotskyites and Communists. In actual fact there was a violent battle going on between the two. ^{I tried to stop...} What was actually done by the Committee was generally done by people who had nothing to do with the Communist Party nor with the ~~the~~ ^S ~~the~~ ^{the Trotskyites' fight to a certain point} group. Certainly at one time the Trotskyites tried to

take over ~~it~~ in fact ^(they) came very close to doing ~~it~~ so.
In other words this ~~is~~ raises a totally different question. That's why I
don't want to go from one to the other, unless you ^{just want} ~~are interested in~~ a
general line of debunking. ~~I~~ I know what he has in his mind. He has
an ~~idea~~ idea of sort of an inside story of conspiracy. In ^(the) actual
thing it's just a story of ^{sort of} blundering and opportun-- well, sort of
adventurism without ~~the~~ many of the things that are certainly imagined,
you know, ^{Obviously the FPCC} ~~the~~ did rally together very, very strange people, ~~the~~
~~the~~ militant ~~group~~ - in other words ^{The} all excitable left-wing elements
in the United States, are people who were not in any organization, gathered
around the FPCC. At a certain time there was a romantic thing about ~~the~~
~~the~~ ~~idea~~, it appealed to students, in particular it appealed to such
Negroes, ^{It} appealed in far less degree to some of the older people ~~of~~
the old Left, who were in the Communist Party, who had been in the Communist
Party, ^(they) were ~~very~~ very frightened of it. ~~Not only~~ they had had the McCarthy
experience ~~behind~~ behind them, but that wasn't the main reason, it was simply
that they had, I suppose, really put behind them this sort of effervescent
leftism, which they would call infantile leftism. And this ^{why} ~~is~~ ~~it~~
out of the FPCC I suppose so many things have happened, I mean, now ~~that~~
Oswald was a screwball and certainly had nothing really to do with the
Committee. In fact the true story about that I don't know, and I don't
think anyone else does know. But certainly it is nevertheless normal that
a person like that would have been attracted to the FPCC.
People like that - ~~it's~~ it's attractive (to them).
~~the~~ Now if you took the SNIK group. The SNIK attracts ~~people~~ ~~like~~ ~~that~~ ^{SNIK}
the Left element and you find people in SNIK - I know that a large number of
people who were in the FPCC ~~and~~ are ~~in~~ in SNIK and the SNIK ~~people~~
people, for instance, were the biggest consumers of Revolution in the
South. But at the same time, this ~~doesn't~~ doesn't mean that they are Communists.
It means that many of them are, if you will, anarchist ~~types~~ types, or people
who are ~~disgusted~~ disgusted with the orthodox Communist party; in other
words they don't see any particular hope ^(through the party). This is another thing, that
most of the SNIK people were, and still are, non-violent, ^(still)
Even though they were interested in violence ~~and~~ and revolution, they have
a sort of feeling, well, as one person said, "we want to make a revolution
but we want to make it non-violent." Well, I don't know how they're going
to do that. They don't ^{even} know how to make a revolution.
Anyway, this raises so many questions ^(questions about FPCC -) that's why I don't want to
get involved in it. Anyway, it's too early. It's not like Revolution, which

is a simple thing - you can say, in an eggshell (sic).

((The FPCC continues to be wrapped in a great deal of emotionalism.))

Oh-h-h.

((Next question- what's your inclination about how to proceed with--))

Ah-h-h, I don't know how ~~really~~ really, I came to England. I was sort of fed up with the situation in France, anyway. ~~In any~~ ^{anyway} in terms of Revolution, long before it even collapsed, I had changed my views about ~~it and~~ ^{thought} well, the whole thing-- I didn't know how to get out of it. And so that was solved by (laughing) by the events themselves. We- I thought that coming here I'd be able to find some sort of work. In fact I ~~had~~ ^{had} been promised by someone who is a friend of a very prominent trade unionist that he would be able to get me something - - but ~~it~~ ^{he hasn't been in the country-} has been totally unable to ~~carry out,~~ ^{has been} his promise.

((Would this have been political type work?))

No, ~~it was going to be just-~~ he was going to get me a job as sub-editor for a while and then get me into an editorial thing. Then I tried with many different contacts ~~was~~ here in public relations and so on, and had several jobs offered. I never had any explanation why I didn't get them. I don't know whether it is politics, racialism - although ~~is~~ that plays a role in England as well. In any case, I never ~~was~~ ^{here on} I was definitely offered a job, right around the corner ~~at~~ ^{with} Upper Grosvenor Street ~~was~~ the American PR firm ~~called~~ ^{called} W ~~Allen~~ ^{Allen} ~~Brown~~ ^{Brown} Company, as publications director. They called me and said yes. This went on for months, negotiations and so on. And finally she got the money and I was introduced to a British Colonel who had become newly associated with her, and I was supposed to start work for them, and ~~then~~ ^e I got a letter saying no. I don't know why. ~~But~~ ^{I never was able to} get any reason whatever.

~~I was much.~~ I'm not particularly keen on being active with political things. ~~I find it really, frankly, boring~~ ^{I find it really, frankly, boring} very boring, after a certain point. ~~frankly, frankly, I'm not particularly interested~~ ^{has} who most ~~of~~ I'm not like Leo Labedz ^{of Somali} who ~~can~~ ^{can} tell you about the history of all six Trotskyite parties - if you're interested -

((He's that fellow you mentioned))

He's got an enormous zest for this sort of thing, and he's very learned. He's very ~~keen~~ ^{knowledgeable} knowledgeable. I don't think ~~that~~ ^{after a certain} after a certain point in dealing with this sort of micro-biology I get rather tired of it. But on the other hand, one has to see what one can do, within the range of one's possibilities.