Dear Editor,

The author of "On the Red Front" (The Tech, April 14, 1959) has displayed the usual weaknesses of the fervent Anti-Communist propagandist. He is completely blind to the tremendous accomplishments of Communism in alleviating poverty, misery and want in vast areas of the world. The reader would, he assumes that the West is in definite superiority to Communism, a stance from which he is unable to come to grips with the challenges that are made on us by the unprecedented economic and social revolution which is now engulfing the world.

For a fresh look at our responsibilities in international affairs I commend to Mr. Becht and other members of The Tech an exciting article, "Foreign Policy and Christian Conscience," by George F. Kennan in the May, 1959 Atlantic Monthly. "We must," says Mr. Kennan, "conceal the possibility that there might be some areas of conflict involved in the cold war which a Divine Power could contemplate with the sense of justice and love that we would like to believe exists in others in which He might even consider us to be wrong."

The Rev. Robert C. Holtzapple, Jr.

Jass in a stable

At quarter to nine on a recent Thursday evening, we entered the Stable (Huntington Avenue at Copley Square), which was completely filled with the hoarse, hirsute, down the ramp, through the half-padded, half-glazed door to the Jazz Workshop—a pipe-panelled room (注重 seat capacity filled with small, steady tables, red-padded kits, and so on). The Stable has a stage at one end of the room, and its way.

The lights were soft, the music breathless; rockers with musicologists and jazzmen, perhaps advertisements. The writer adds that "the majority of this advertisements has nothing in common with student needs." I appreciate this editorial tone, and I "seeks sensations," which Americans love.

4. The Institute's donations are built through contributions from various patrons and foundations.

5. We tried to dispel the atmosphere of mistrust and antipathy that has been negligible in American student. Nevertheless, the author reports that his group were subjected to various "provocation" which were repelled by The Tech.

There are just a few of the interesting "facts" about "Massachusetts Imitation Technicolor" presented in the article, above the fine print of page 2.

My work here as manager of Radio Liberator's Civil Research Department makes me a constant reader of Soviet publications.

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letters

Clarity on Communism

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, Executive Director of the "Christian Anti-Communist Crusade," and his arguments in The Tech concerning his visit here. Although I was unable to attend Dr. Schwarz's lecture, I have read his New Letter with great interest, and I feel that I must go on record in strong opposition to both the policies and the version of Christianity propounded by Dr. Schwarz.

As for Dr. Schwarz's policies, I detect the same strength of that Paramount Self-Defense which characterizes many such "Crusades"; such loaded catch-phrases as "the survival of Christian civilization from the advancing brutal feudalism" and to the letters published in "Massachusetts Imitation Technicolor," which Americans love.

It is because of the conscious effort to attract the best students to the criticisms of power politics, really play into the enemy's hand. For example, Dr. Schwarz indicates that those who are not Christians are "the enemies of God's ordained voices of director," and that such a position in an Anti-Communist, such crudely bacterizing simply obscures the complex issues involved in the expression of the Christian religion in China, and thus weakens our foreign policy.

As for Dr. Schwarz's version of the Christian faith, it seems to me to ignore three standards: God's transcendent justice is absolute and unchangeable, God's love is always contiguous and ambivalent, and God's presence is recognized by man in a certain built-in inscrutability in all his moral pronouncements, a certain inscrutability in the events and judgments of life, and God's self-revelation; the purpose of Christianity is not identified with any national self-interest, but rather is dedicated to, last, but always to the task of undermining down the barriers of estrangement between man and God and man and man.

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