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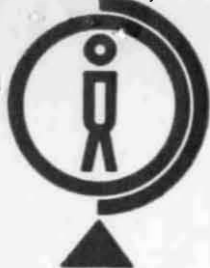
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Katherine Russell

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THE COMMUNIST MENACE IN MALAYA

Harry Miller

The Malayan Communist Party has often been in the news. Its members are called "the terrorists" and they have waged a six-year war against the Malayan people and their native and British protectors. Now, for the first time, Harry Miller tells the complete and inside history of that party, its birth, its machinations, its plans to establish a Soviet Republic. His book tells of events leading up to the outbreak of Malaya's "emergency", of the country's narrow escape from Communist insurgent domination in the early weeks of the war, of the harsh measures that had to be adopted to fight back. It also tells of an amazing social experiment—called "resettlement"—in which more than 600,000 persons were moved from their homes to new villages in the name of security. Mr. Miller brings us up to the advent of the dynamic General Gerald Templer as High Commissioner, and tells of his dramatic two years of work to reduce terrorism, restore confidence, and aid the country on the road to self-government. The closing chapters sum up the future of the Malayan war, political and social trends, and pose the question: will Malaya be able to move on to self-government with peace among the people of two predominant races—the Malaysians and Chinese—now separated by the deepest tensions.

Harry Miller was born in Singapore and joined the Straits Times, leading newspaper of the area in 1932. As a highly placed journalist he has actively worked with British and local police forces and various special organizations set up to combat the Communist terrorists. He has had access to much classified information as background for this book—the first clear appraisal of Communist guerilla warfare as it is now being conducted in Asia.

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The last part deals in general terms with the position of the Danubian area in world politics, the chances for liberation, the policies that might have a chance to accomplish it, and the various economic, ethnic and geo-political forces that automatically generate unity among the Danubian peoples—a unity which may erode the imperial structure forced upon the area by Soviet power and central Soviet control.

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Simon Wolin, Editor

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This is the first thorough history of the Russian secret police, its development, structure and methods of operation and investigation. This authoritative study was sponsored by the Research Program on the U.S.S.R.; several of its chapters were written by Soviet refugees, on the basis of their own experiences; other portions are based on Soviet documents recently seized by American forces in Germany; the rest is based on original research and careful documentation.

THE RUSSIAN SECRET POLICE traces the development from the Cheka through the GPU and NKVD and other types of organizations to the present MVD and the recently formed Committee of State Security under the Soviet Council of Ministers. It describes the MVD thoroughly, its systems of interrogation, its use of "prophylactic" repression of potential enemies of the regime—a basic principle of the security police. It tells how secret agents are recruited and how they operate; the story of the development of the fully trained and equipped MVD army; of the MVD's foreign administration devoted to espionage and subversion. The book constitutes a graphic and important analysis of the Russian police system—well organized, effective and deadly.

Simon Wolin has made a lifetime occupation of the study of Soviet affairs. He is a widely published writer on the subject, formerly an associate editor of the "New Leader" and a political analyst for the Voice of America.

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Andrey Olkhovsky

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The author, for many years professor of music at Kiev, is a renowned composer. He left the Soviet Union in 1942 and has lived in the United States since 1949 studying and teaching music. He is a member of the Association of American Musicologists.

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No. 29

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Sol Stein, Editor

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Prescott, Joseph

January 30, 1947

Dear Mr. Prescott:

In reply to your letter of January 27th, I regret to say that it would not be possible for the Institute for Advanced Study to make an appointment at this moment in English literature.

We have an inflexible rule that we do not invite individuals to come to the Institute unless the work which they are doing has some connection with the researches now in progress here. I am sorry to say that there is no one who would be able to assist you in your work.

I hope you will find elsewhere the opportunity which you are seeking.

Yours sincerely,

FA:kr
Joseph Prescott, Esq.
Department of English
Wayne University
Detroit 1, Michigan

Frank Aydelotte

Department of English
Wayne University
Detroit 1, Michigan
January 27, 1947

Director, Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I should appreciate it if you would kindly send me application forms for, and descriptive literature concerning, any post-doctoral fellowships which you may offer for literary research. I have in mind the completion of a book on the technique of James Joyce's Ulysses as it is revealed by the evolution of the text.

Yours truly,
Joseph Prescott

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18 October 1955

Arnold Snyder, ABC, New York, called about special events program (radio) called "Let's Visit" which is tape recorded or broadcast live. They are interested for Oct. 26th in the long-range weather prediction project. I referred him to Dr. Charney.

(Snyder was here at time of Prof. Einstein's death. Was then with WTTM, Phila)

May 19, 1954

Dear Mr. Press:

Thank you for your letter of May 8th. I am very sorry for my error. There is no misunderstanding with regard to the purpose for which you sent your check to the Institute; I had inadvertently included it among the checks I was acknowledging that day that had been sent in to Dr. Oppenheimer.

It has been our practice on receipt of such contributions as yours to bring them to the attention of the Board of Trustees of the Institute. I am therefore today sending your letter and check for \$100.00 to Mr. S. D. Leidesdorf, who is Treasurer of the Institute and a Member of the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely yours,

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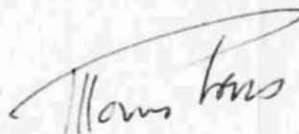
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Dr. Oppenheimer did want you to have an early word of his deep appreciation and warmest thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Russell

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Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Einstein:

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probably depends on financial help from citizens who would like to
help in finding "TRUTH" in all forms.

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We shall try to do better in the future.

Our warm regards,

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Sincerely yours,

Robert Oppenheimer

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Called Mr. Guerlac about this, and he said that the Institute is listed with the Revenue Department as a non-profit educational institution, but he said that the wording on these things is sometimes tricky, and suggested that we clear any statement with Mr. Beaton in their tax department.

V.H.

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March 30, 1954

Dr J Robert Oppenheimer
Director of the Institute
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Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr Oppenheimer:

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it qualifies. Are you listed with the Revenue Dept in such a manner
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Any information you can send me will be appreciated -

Very truly yours,
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Feb. 21st 1940

Dear Dr. Cydelotte

There is somewhere in this country
an émigré named Dr. Rosenthal. He is a
Semitic epigraphist, recommended to me ^{last winter} by
Professor James Allen Montgomery, 6806 Locust St.,
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Yours very sincerely

Wm. H. Prentiss

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Nov. 21, 1935

The Institute for Higher Studies,
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Princeton, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Kindly forward me a catalog of the Institute. I would also be interested in receiving any other literature concerning it, if such may be available.

At present I hold only a masterate in Physics plus not a few credits toward a doctorate. I am expecting next fall to go on for further work in theoretical and mathematical physics, working perhaps for a

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doctorate either in this country or abroad.
It would only be after such a time that I
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and mathematical physics particularly from
a cosmological point of view, I am quite
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May I congratulate you for having
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Sincerely

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October 19th 1936

Dear Dr. Flexner

Thanks for your good letter
just received. I hoped & expected that
you would agree with me.

Don't forget the question I came to ask,
about a subvention for Dr. Shellabarger
and the Biography of Alexander Hamilton.
When you get round to it make me
a suggestion.

Yours very sincerely

Wm. L. Brewster

October 30, 1936

Dear Professor Prentice:

I have been thinking a good deal about
the possibility of a subvention for Dr. Shellabarger.
Has it occurred to you to write to the Guggenheim
Foundation?

Another suggestion: Charles Scribner's
Sons financed Freeman's four-volume Life of Robert E.
Lee. Scribner's have Princeton connections. I
wonder if they could be interested in Dr. Shellabarger's
work.

Always sincerely,

Professor William K. Prentice **ABRAHAM FLEXNER**
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

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March 27, 1934

Dear Professor Pressland;

I am sorry that I have been so long in answering your request regarding the research studentship at St. John's College. The delay has been due to the thoroughness with which the mathematicians and the mathematical physicists have gone into the problem in order that they might join in recommending to you a person of unusual talent and achievement. This morning they informed me that they had agreed that the ablest candidate for a Strathearn Fellowship in St. John's College is Dr. Clarence Zener. Dr. Zener is a Harvard Ph.D., who for several years worked as a National Research Fellow in Harvard University, University of California, California Institute of Technology, and Princeton University. His teacher at Princeton, Professor Wigner, wrote Professor Swann of the Bartol Research Foundation regarding him in the following terms:

"I liked him indeed, his straight upright character and his pleasant, friendly personality.

Scientifically his most important work so far is the quantum-mechanical calculation of the excitation-probability for collisions at molecular impacts. Zener was the first to consider this problem theoretically and he arrived at the important and unexpected conclusion that the probability of such an excitation is very small, indeed of the order of magnitude 10^{-4} . This

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conclusion was experimentally verified later on by measurements of the dispersion of sound-waves in gases - a line of study which still continues to gain in importance and has its theoretical background almost entirely in Zener's work.

Zener's more recent work deals with the electron theory of metals and especially with their optical properties. The importance of this work is well borne out in the latest paper of Kronig in Nature, where he adopts Zener's point of view - which is in many respects different from his original point of view. Kronig is the first authority in this field.

In addition to these, Zener made important contributions to the theory of chemical band, the explanation of the diffraction of H-atoms on crystals - a work, the experimental part of which has been carried out in your institution."

Dr. Zener is about twenty-seven years of age and is married. His address is H. H. Wills Physics Laboratory, Bristol, England. He is a citizen of the United States of America.

If there is anything further that I can do, please let me know.

With much appreciation and high regard,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor A. J. Pressland
28, Chesterton Hall Crescent
Cambridge, England

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February 19, 1934

Dear Mr. Pressland:

Thank you very much for your kind note of the 8th and the enclosed notice regarding the research studentship. I shall take the matter up with my associates and let you know whether they can recommend to you someone really worthy of the great opportunities which you offer.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. A. J. Pressland
28, Chesterton Hall Crescent
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March 25, 1934.

My dear Mrs. Bailey,

Dr. Fleener asked me, to send to you the facts concerning the personality and scientific importance of Dr. C. Zener, whom he intends to recommend to Dr. J. Presolanos for a Strathcona - fellowship in St. Johns College, Cambridge, England. Therefore I am sending to you included a letter of recommendation, written by Prof. E. Wigner of Princeton University to Prof. W. F. S. Swann of the Bartol Research Foundation. I think that you will find in this letter everything you need, I wish to add only, that after his N. R. F. year Dr. Zener was assistant in Bristol, England, for one year, but has no job now. If you wish any further information, I will be glad to supply it.

I am truly yours

John von Neuman.

February 27, 1934.

My dear Professor Swann:

Professor Veblen asked me to write you about Dr. Clarence Zener. I met Zener two years ago, when he spent a year in Princeton as a National Research Fellow. Of course I knew his work long before. I liked him indeed, his straight upright character and his pleasant, friendly personality.

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[My main reason, however, to support Zener, is his original, witty attitude towards his problems. It was always a great pleasure for me to discuss matters with him and I often greatly profited from these discussions.]

With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

E. Wigner

Professor W. F. G. Swann,
Bartol Research Foundation,
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

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November 17, 1938

The President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Speaking in behalf of the faculty of the Institute for Advanced Study we are authorized to endorse fully your condemnation of racial and religious intolerance in Germany and elsewhere and to express the hope that the United States may become an active factor in the solution of this desperate and urgent problem

Abraham Flexner
Albert Einstein
James W. Alexander
Oswald Veblen

Charge Institute for Advanced Study