the type of political rule which exists throughout the world; what, for example, is the connection between the eight monster financial units in America and the American government itself, not to mention the government of other countries where these combines are established. According to Mr. Martin in "All Honorable Men" the groups which dominate the American scene are as follows:

(1) the Morgan group controlling, among many others such headliners as United States Steel, General Electric, Kennecott Copper, American Tel. and Tel., International Tel. and Tel.;

(2) the Rockefeller interests, including the Standard Oil companies and the Chase National Bank;

(3) the Kuhn, Loeb public utilities network;

(4) the Mellon holdings, including the Aluminum Company, Gulf Oil, Koppers, Westinghouse Electric;

(5) the Chicago group, including International Harvester and the Armour and Wilson packing houses;

(6) the du Pont interests, including General Motors, E. I. du Pont de Nemours, and United States Rubber;

(7) the Cleveland group, with Republic Steel, Goodyear and others; and

(8) the Boston group, including United Fruit, Stone and Webster utilities and First National Bank of Boston.

In short, Senator, why doesn't your committee dig really deep into such matters. Certainly you must agree that companies with such international connections as the American combines enjoy can disseminate much vital and critical information to foreign governments, which are after all, as in America, largely made up of the very directors of the industries themselves. You may even dig deeply enough to find a connection, even if only indirectly between these giants and Soviet industry, a connection which would enable the governments of the U. S. and the U.S.S.R. to learn each others' secrets entirely apart from the spy rings each maintain in the other's territory.

After all, Senator, stories of international spies make interesting reading and help to sell a lot of newspapers, not to mention the millions of dollars worth of free publicity they give you. I realize that the adventures of the "evil" German espionage director, Admiral Canaris, whose machinations became so well known in two world wars, make romantic reading; the "clever" and possibly departed Mr. Lavrenti Beria who headed Russian "counter-espionage" in World War II, provided in turn a Hollywood type of performance; the exposure of Soviet spy rings in America and Britain in recent years and the method used by your committee in popularizing your recent investigations are unquestionably more conducive toward helping your political future than the type of exposures I have suggested. But since, like Sgt. Friday of Dragnet fame, you only want "to get the facts" I think you should definitely change your field of operations and I would be pleased to continue sending you under-cover information on the businesses which foot the bills for your committee, and which continue to move across the pages of history in the wake of widespread misery, and suffering of the masses of working people both in war and in peace.

Hoping to hear a favorable response from you I remain as always,

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"Diseases and Cures"

Ever since any one took the trouble to write about him,—MAN has been subject to a multiplicity of disease. His internal equipment, though wonderfully evolved, has never been perfect. His lungs, stomach, heart, kidneys, and gizzard occasionally break down and leave him with what the doctors diagnose as tuberculosis, ulcers, coronary trombosis, yellow jaundice, and spring fever.

Of late years the scientists, for lack of anything better to do, have come to his assistance, applied their gadgets and lotions, and added a few years to an inconsequential existence that is even less attractive than when it was shorter.

Better sanitation, improved medical and hospital care, useful exercise, a balanced diet, rest and sleeping techniques, all have contributed in varying degrees to prolonging the problems of that peculiar animal—MAN.

Then, there are the new wonder drugs—penicillin, sulfanilamides, and the newer antibiotics. They have created a little revolution of their own. By persistent flank attack they have dealt a mortal blow on malaria, cholera, typhoid fever, diphtheria, boils and pimples, where they have not massacred bacteria, they have hit them so hard that they will never look the same again.

Twenty years ago pneumonia was a terrible disease. Anyone getting it appeared to be sitting on a hot seat. Along came penicillin and the seat turned pleasantly cool. Streptomycin did as much for tuberculosis. Aureomycin, and terramycin made their benign approach and peritonitis, dysentery. and typhus fell by the wayside. They couldn't take it. The future looks much brighter for man's battle against the pests that annoy him from the inside.

Now, there happens to be another disease that operates from the outside. It affects the body social rather than the body private. Its name is unemployment. There has been no miracle drug discovered that is capable of putting even a dent in this persistent and curious disease.

The economists tell us that unemployment is a disease that is centered in modern CAPITALIST SOCIETY just as the boll weevil is centered in cotton, and rabies in dogs. It is an insidious deep-rooted thing — that challenges eradication.

The core of the disease is found in the buying and selling of labor power. The members of society who have no property, and this includes most of them, have to peddle themselves on an hourly, daily, or monthly basis to the few who own and control all the property essential to social existence.

Of course they don't enjoy the selling. They don't do it for the fun of it. They sell themselves because there's no other way out. They think they must live, or rather stick around. They don't want to die until they have to. They need food and clothes and a few other knick-knacks to keep them standing up and walking around.

The owners of the machines and factories can't eat these things. They would cause indigestion that even the miracle drugs couldn't cure. Their way of making a living is to buy the strength the workers possess and apply it to the raw material and machines and turn out a multitude of articles for sale.

Between the consuming powers of the owners and the buying power of the workers much of the wealth is absorbed. But so highly productive have the workers become that the market is often overloaded with goods and many of the workers must be laid off until these things are again consumed. This means unemployment, the disease that none of the later antibiotics can handle.

A wonder drug has been fabricated to slightly relieve unemployment disease, and this is WAR. The remedy is even worse than the disease. To keep the old and relatively worthless members of society enjoying good business, millions of young men must be hurled into premature eternity.