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During the past week the ship was visited by a most undesirable element and due to their unobtrusive and discreet operations they were able to leave the ship without any one being the wiser, except for the trail of leaflets that were distributed about the decks, in office spaces and tucked in bunks.

We are all aware of the fact that the cohorts of the crimson have been waging a more or less consistent battle in trying to convert any and all personnel who are earning their bread and butter from the government. We have nearly all been met from time to time, while on liberty, by cigarette and "nickel fer a cuppajava" bummers who eventually turn the trend of the conversation into the channels of Communistic pursuits and try their utmost to inspire us with a spirit of discontent. Telling us that we are getting a "raw deal" and that under the new regime, when it comes, our income will be increased tremendously, living conditions will be better, clothing allowances for naval personnel, etc, and so on for into the night.

Those of us who have a little time in the service know and realize just what a line of unadulterated rubbish this is. We generally tell them in no uncertain terms to getta H--- out of the way, or severely annoint them with a little of the old fashioned remedy, of elbow grease and knuckle pushing.

As far as these people ever becoming successful, there need be no worry whatsoever. The loyalty in the Navy is strong thru-out and especially on this ship. It always has been. Any spirit to the contrary should not and will not be tolerated. To take it all into consideration, it might be said that this article is totally unnecessary. We hope it is. But---

It is to those on board who are newly arrived from the recruiting and training stations that we wish to say just a word. This is a new world entirely. The glamor and glory that may have been expected is or has been worn off. The realization that the Navy is not a Cook's Tour, and that hard work and uncertain hours are to be expected is brought rather abruptly to the fore. In view of this it is possible that some may be dissatisfied and discouraged and a new line of thought would be more easily put across when the mind is in that receptive condition. To these, a word to the wise. You were not hogtied and dragged to the Recruiting Office, in fact you went to considerable trouble to make the grade. Remember this and if you don't like the service, look around and see who's wrong. The Service or yourself. Generally it will be the latter.