



Revised History

When a Communist Was the Assistant Secretary of War

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Many may look at the title of this article and complain that “this has never happened in this country.” Sorry to disappoint you, but it has—and it wasn’t in the 20th century when we had a carefully orchestrated “Cold War.” It was in the 19th century, back when they try to tell us that communism didn’t exist here. They lied to us. It did exist here, but we are not supposed to realize that fact. It doesn’t bode well for the fake historians.

The man this article is about was not a Communist Party member. But he was a communist in this worldview and he ardently supported what they were doing.

By now, those of you that have followed history know who I am writing about—Charles Anderson Dana—the assistant secretary of war under Edwin M. Stanton in the Lincoln administration. Dana was a promoter of the communist worldview going back to the days before the socialist revolts in Europe in 1848.

An interesting article on <https://djdnotice.blogspot.com> for October 1, 2014 said of Dana that: “Brigadier General Joseph Weydemeyer of the Union Army was a close friend of Karl Marx and Fredrick Engels in the London Communist League (Assistant Secretary of War Charles A. Dana, close friend of Marx, published with Joseph Weydemeyer a number of Communist journals and also ‘The Communist Manifesto,’ commissioned by Karl Marx. As a member of the Communist/Socialist Fourier Society in America, Dana was well acquainted with Marx and Marx’s colleague in Communism, Fredrick Engels.

Dana, also, was a friend of all Marxists in the Republican Party, offering assistance to them almost upon their arrival on the American continent.) So there were Marxists in the early Republican Party. Reading most of our current “historians” who would’ve guessed?

Dana was also an author of some note (all the better to propagandize you, my dear). He is reported to have written a book *Stanton’s Reporter: Charles A. Dana in the Civil War*. He also wrote *Proudhon and His Bank of the People; Being a Defence of the Great French Anarchist,...* There’s more to the title but I am not going to print the rest out here. It’s long enough for a short paragraph.

Another book mentioned in the research I located was written by Carl J. Guarneri and is called *Lincoln’s Informer: Charles A. Dana and the Inside Story of the Union War*. I don’t know where this author is coming from but his book shows there is still interest in Dana. The book *Horace Greeley And Other Pioneers of American Socialism* by Charles Sotheran notes, on page 291 that “Horace Greeley selected the best managing editor the *Tribune* ever had, from among the Brook Farm Socialists. This was Charles Anderson Dana, the present editor of the New York *Sun*. For those who may not know, Brook Farm was a socialist experiment in communistic living that eventually went belly-up as most socialist experiments do. It has been described as a “Unitarian, Humanitarian, and Socialistic experiment.”

Arthur Thompson in his informative book *To The Victors Go The Myths And Monuments* has noted on page 198 of that book that: “Charles Dana was a vice president of the National Convention of Associations. He was a member of the Proudhonian Club, nicknames the 48ers of America, composed mainly of Americans who had participated in the revolution of 1848-49 in Europe. In 1848 he spent eight

months in Europe covering the revolutions for the *New York Tribune*, and he shared Marx's views. Dana wrote that the purpose of the uprisings was 'not simply to change the form of government, but to change for form of society.' He did more than report. Dana is but one example of reporters who participated in revolutionary activities and then posed as impartial observers... This has long been a tactic of the Left, and continues to this day." In other words, Charles Dana was part of the 19th century's "Fake News" media. And let us never forget that it was him who hired Karl Marx to write for Greeley's newspaper.

So here we have Charles A. Dana, writer, socialist revolutionary, and eventually Assistant Secretary of War under Edwin Stanton. And if you think Stanton was not aware of all this then you gravely underestimate Mr. Stanton. He knew! As sharp and shrewd as Stanton was, he would have known all of this and still he pegged Dana as his chief informant. That should tell you something about Stanton as well as Dana. Dana was the perfect example of communist infiltration of the US government in the 19th century. We had plenty of that in the 20th century. I begin to wonder how much the 20th century infiltrators learned from Charles A. Dana.