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## FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

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Dear Subscriber:

MOST OF THE COMMUNIST SPYING THAT HAS BEEN DISCLOSED SO FAR IS AMATEUR STUFF. The real professional work of expert Communist International agents has scarcely been touched on by Congressional investigators or Federal grand jury. 90% of this may never be revealed.

Spying is very important...but it isn't the most important work of Communist Party. All the efforts of all the spies, both amateurs & professionals, are less harmful than the party's other activities: the false propaganda every day, the poisonous smearing of this country, the infiltration, the gnawing away at American loyalty, the general impact of a Fifth Column.

The most important thing about the revelations of spying is that they may wake the American people up...may shock them at last into realizing what the Communist Party is...not a party at all but a huge CONSPIRACY.

And the same is true of the Communists' Third Party. Last week Counterattack, in a special edition, published a "Who's Who" of 43 key people in the "Progressive" or Commugressive organization. The very first name on the list was John J Abt. And now Elizabeth T Bentley testifies that Abt formerly headed the "Perlo group" of spies. She took this group over from Abt, she says, collecting the information its members gleaned in their Govt jobs...and also collecting their Communist Party dues.

This same John Abt is now general counsel at Commugressive hq. And top man there is Lee Pressman. Whittaker Chambers, an editor of Time magazine, has testified in confirmation of Counterattack's statement last week that both Pressman & Abt were in original group of Communist Party members in important Govt posts more than a dozen years ago.

NOW HERE ARE SOME FACTS ABOUT JACOB GOLOS, who started Elizabeth Bentley on her work as a spy courier. His name was originally Draisin. He was a member of Russian-language section of Socialist Party in the U S at time of Bolshevik Revolution. This section quit the Socialist Party and played a leading role in forming Communist Party, of which Golos was a charter member. In 1920 Golos worked for the unrecognized Soviet ambassador to the U S, Ludwig C A K Martens, who was later deported. Golos was a friend of Chas Recht, who was and still is the lawyer for the Soviet Embassy (and who had a big hand in founding Natl Lawyers Guild, a Communist front).

Golos was a Soviet spy as far back as 1922, when he became Sec'y of the Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia. This outfit collected money and sent machinery & technicians to Russia. It also collected information, partly by espionage. Golos worked closely with Alexander Trachtenberg, a high Communist who founded and still heads the Communist publishing firm, International Publishers. In 1927 Trachtenberg helped organize World Tourists, Inc, a travel agency that still exists. It was used in part for spying from its very outset. In early 1930's it was losing money. Golos took charge of it, built up a big tourist traffic to Stalin Russia, and made a good profit.

Earl Browder should be called as a witness, to tell of his part in reorganizing World Tourists and putting Golos in charge.

Golos used World Tourists as a relay station in Soviet espionage. He received and forwarded documents, including false passports and the naturalization papers of persons who had died. These papers were handed on to Soviet agents. Various business firms (traders, movie distributors, etc) that have relations with Stalin Russia are still acting as relay stations.

Golos was chairman of Control Commission of Communist Party, as Louis F. Budenz, former managing editor of Daily Worker, testified this week. Control Commission kept close watch on all party members, even collected records on their personal affairs, and enforced strict discipline.

The party gave the Control Commission a new name, Natl Review Commission, in 1945, two years after Golos died. Several weeks ago the House Comm on Un-American Activities published names of four members of this body.

Counterattack has obtained names of all 19 members of this secret party commission, elected in 1945 closed convention. They follow:

Helen Allison, wife of Carl Winter, chairman of Mich district of party, and member of Communist Natl Board ("Politbureau"). Winter and all other members of this board were recently indicted by U S.

Also Philip Bart...David Carpenter...Jas W Ford (nominee for V-P in 1932)...Ray Hansbrough...Chas Krumbein, treasurer of party, who died last year...Dora Lifshitz...Wm McKie, a leader in Ford Local 600 of CIO United Auto Workers...Jacob Mindell...Geo Morris...Wm Norman...R Roberts...Dan Slinger...Nemmy Sparks...Alexander Trachtenberg...Alfred E Wagenknecht...Saul Wellman...Anita Whitney...Rose Wortis.

A very few members of this commission really wielded all its powers from the start. Some others, like Anita Whitney of Calif, were aged and inactive, and their membership on the commission was practically honorary.

When Golos was chairman of the Control Commission, he also continued his espionage work. He collected information from about 30 people in Govt. None of them was PRIMARILY a spy. After Golos died in 1943, Elizabeth Bentley inherited this work. In a short time she dropped out of the party, and in 1945 she went to the FBI with her story.

It was Harold Ware who originally organized the Communist cells in Govt offices in Washington. Ware was a son of Ella Reeve "Bloor", as Whittaker Chambers testified Tuesday. On Monday night "Mother Bloor" had a place of honor on the platform at opening session of Communist national convention in Madison Sq Garden. She sat among the members of the Communist Natl Board (all indicted). Her first husband was named Ware, her second Reeve, and her third and last Omholtz...which is her real name. She is 86 years old, she was a Communist agitator for decades, and she's still a member of Communist Natl Committee. The party leaders use her to appeal to hero-worshiping sentiments of members, fellow-travelers & sympathizers, especially women.

THE FACTS ABOUT WHITTAKER CHAMBERS' TALK WITH ASSISTANT SEC'Y OF STATE ADOLF A. BERLE are these. As soon as Stalin signed his pact with Hitler, Chambers knew the Communist officials in Washington would switch their policy and oppose any action that would injure the Nazis. He talked the matter over with Isaac Don Levine, who has an expert knowledge of conditions in Stalin Russia and is now editor of the anti-Communist magazine, Plain Talk (240 Madison Ave, NYCity). Levine asked one of Pres Roosevelt's

secretaries, Marvin McIntyre, how Chambers' information could be brought to Roosevelt's attention. McIntyre said Chambers should see Berle.

Berle listened to Chambers with interest. At that time Alger & Donald Hiss held comparatively minor positions in State Dept. Some of the other persons named by Chambers had higher rank elsewhere in the government. Berle communicated with the FBI, suggesting that it investigate Chambers' story. Berle himself wasn't a security officer...he had no staff of investigators at his command. And he wasn't running the State Dept...only his own part of it. Within that part he took security precautions by rigidly specifying exactly who was allowed to get a look at secret documents.

Berle struggled constantly with appeasers & pro-Communists in State Dept for years. In Feb 1941 Dean Acheson became an assistant Sec'y of State, and in 1945 he rose to Undersecretary. Acheson was strong for an appeasement policy...he argued that Stalin would play ball if he was treated right. It was under Acheson that Alger & Donald Hiss rose to positions of power. When he was asked about them he said he had known them since their boyhood.

**MAIN AIM OF COMMUNISTS IN GOV'T WASN'T AND ISN'T SPYING.** As Whittaker Chambers has testified, "power and influence were the paramount objectives." They tried to influence U S foreign policy in favor of Stalin. Domestically they helped party-line unions and Communist fronts.

All the spying that Elizabeth Bentley & Louis Budenz tell about was a mere drop in the bucket. Stalin has many spy rings in U S, just as he had and still has in Canada. He doesn't put all his eggs in one basket.

There are PROFESSIONAL Communist spy leaders...who give all their time to it. They have spies working for them who provide a lot of information. This information must be carefully collated...the whole jigsaw puzzle has to be put together, as far as possible. It's necessary to have a number of people for this work...and they need enough space to work in. Also there has to be plausible cover for their activities. Work of this kind can be done in embassies and business offices. Such spying goes on all the time... and the U S Govt has counter-intelligence agents to combat it.

The most important thing that Communists in Govt do is to influence Govt policies. Communists in State Dept have helped Stalin in Europe & Asia. And when Nathan Witt was Exec Sec'y of NLRB, the Communists had a glorious time. Non-Communist unions found their cases delayed, while Communist-led unions got action. Over at CIO, Lee Pressman was general counsel. He and Witt cooperated beautifully. Now Whittaker Chambers has testified that both Witt & Pressman were in the Washington Communist group.

Edwin S Smith was then a member of NLRB. His favoritism to party-line unions was notorious. During the Stalin-Hitler Pact, Smith went around the country openly denouncing Roosevelt's "warmongering" policy. The fact that his term at NLRB was approaching expiration didn't deter him...he kept on with his pro-Stalin speechmaking. So Roosevelt didn't reappoint him.

Edwin Smith went out into private life, worked awhile for a union, then became director of a Communist front, Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship. After that he headed another front.

Smith showed up again in the convention of Communists' Third Party in Philadelphia. He was a member of the Platform Committee.

Lee Pressman was the Sec'y of the Platform Committee and really ran it. So the platform was largely a copy of Communist Party's platform.

After Nathan Witt left the NLRB in 1941, he organized a law firm



with Harold I Cammer, chiefly representing Communist-controlled unions. And after Lee Pressman finally quit as general counsel of CIO in order to work for the Communists' Third Party, he joined the same law firm, which is now Pressman, Witt & Cammer.

But Pressman's main job is running the Commugressive Party. John Abt and several others named in the Washington testimony are on the party's staff too. Pressman is also Commugressive candidate for Congress in a Brooklyn district against Rep Abraham J Multer, a strong anti-Communist. Multer is a Democrat but the Republican organization is supporting him in order to prevent Communist Pressman from winning on the Commugressive ticket.

Carl Aldo Marzani attended the Commugressive convention, although not as a delegate. Marzani's Communist Party name used to be Tony Whales. During Stalin-Hitler Alliance he taught Communist Party meetings how to conduct propaganda in Army & Navy to "disintegrate the morale" of troops. But when Hitler double-crossed Stalin by invading Russia, Marzani turned pro-war. He held trusted positions in Office of Strategic Services and later in State Dept, rising to a \$7,175 salary before he was completely exposed & fired. Convicted last year of lying to Govt, he's now appealing his prison sentence.

This man Marzani is now speaking at Commugressive meetings. He has also produced a movie for use in the campaign.

What the Bentley and Chambers testimony has proved is that Marzani wasn't as exceptional as he seemed. There were many others like him in State Dept and elsewhere in Govt. Many of them are still there.

THE SPY INVESTIGATION CASTS A BRIGHT LIGHT ON THE THIRD PARTY. It shows that not only the Communist Party itself but its puppet Third Party is the TREASON Party. The presence of a large number of innocents in this party doesn't alter that fact. A few of the innocents are already seeing the light. In New Mexico, for example, several leaders of the Third Party have resigned because they couldn't shake Communist control in the Phila convention. The Third Party is the Treason Party and this fact should be plainly stated all over the country.

It is as a great awakener, a great eye-opener, that the spy investigation is most important. But some people and some newspapers have got so used to pooh-poohing the danger of the Communists that they still refuse to wake up. For example, Lowell Mellett, who used to be a Presidential assistant in the White House, and who now writes a newspaper column, describes the Washington testimony as incredible. And a leading newspaper, the Washington Post, takes much the same position. This sort of perverse blindness isn't as general as it used to be, but it's still pretty widespread and it must be fought against.

The message of the Washington investigation to the American people is, "Wake up!" The message of the people to their Govt, and also to newspapers & magazines & broadcasters and to the presidents of dozens of universities with Communist professors, must now be "Wake up!" Wake up...it is high time to realize the size of the Communist danger and to act against it!

Yours faithfully,

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