MANY COMMUNISTS ARE LEADERS
IN NEW CONGRESS OF INTELLECTUALS

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When the Cominform held a World Congress of Intellectuals in Wroclaw, Poland (formerly Breslau, Germany) last August, it appointed an International Committee in Defense of Peace to hold similar congresses elsewhere, in order to smear America and promote Stalin's policy of world conquest.

U.S. section of this congress will be held March 25-27 in NY, mostly in Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, with one session in Carnegie Hall. It's disguised as a "Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace", under auspices of Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions, a leading Communist front, headed by Prof Harlow Shapley, Harvard astronomer.

In this Special Supplement we give you a condensed Who's Who of some of the leading Communists who are to speak in the congress or are sponsoring it...plus a few other well-known sponsors who aren't CP members (at least not OPENLY) but have supported Communist fronts.

Here are 32 thumbnail sketches...but they're only a small sample. We haven't space to name many other Communists & fellow-travelers who are on the program or are sponsoring the affair. Nor are we including any of the important Communists from abroad who'll take part in the congress unless they're barred from U.S. by Sec'y of State Dean Acheson or Atty Gen Tom Clark.

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WHO'S WHO IN CONGRESS OF INTELLECTUALS

BLANKFORT, MICHAEL...Sent to Hollywood by Communist Party, according to testimony given to Congress by Howard Rushmore, former CP member and movie reviewer for CP's official paper, Daily Worker (now reporter for NY Journal-American). Blankfort has been a Hollywood screenwriter many years.

BOYER, RICHARD O...He's OPENLY a member of Communist Party. Staff writer for "The New Yorker" magazine. Urges other writers to be openly CP.

COLE, LESTER...Identified as CP member (card number 47226) by House Un-American Activities Committee. Cole is one of 10 Hollywood witnesses indicted for refusing to tell committee whether they're CP members.

DESCHEIN, JACOB...Photography critic of NYTimes. He has given favorable publicity to Photo League, though it's on Justice Dept list of fronts.

DOWNES, OLIN...His chief value to CP is that he's music critic of NYTimes, which is generally considered greatest newspaper in world. This
ultra–respectable connection is big asset for all the red reactionary fronts Downes has assisted for many years. It seems to make those fronts SAFE for anyone to join. He's also a radio commentator for Metropolitan Opera.

Downes has followed party line a long time but has never announced himself a member of CP. Yet in 1943 he OPENLY supported Benjamin J Davis, Pres of Daily Worker, for reelection to NYC Council. Davis is one of top CP leaders now on trial for plotting against Govt. NYT times has editorially declared World Congress of Intellectuals last August at Wroclaw, Poland, was a Communist front...but up to time this is written it hasn't said a word in editorials about US section of this front, sponsored by its music critic (also its photography critic, Jacob Deschin, and dance critic, John Martin).


DRAPER, PAUL...Backer of Communist fronts but doesn't admit CP membership. Son of Muriel Draper (above). Tap-Dancer Paul Draper and his partner, Harmonica Player Larry Adler, have filed $200,000 libel suit against Mrs John T McCullough, Greenwich, Conn, for condemning their aid to fronts.

EINSTEIN, ALBERT...This prince of modern scientists, this supreme genius who is regarded by many scientists as one of greatest intellects of all history, has supported many Communist fronts. It's true that once in a while he has ventured a mild dissent from some Moscow policy. But his weight has been overwhelmingly on Moscow's side.

Lately Arthur G McDowell, administrative assistant to Pres of Upholsterers' International Union, AFL, wrote Einstein a letter, enclosing literature he had received from a Communist front, bearing Einstein's name. "What I cannot comprehend," wrote McDowell, "is how a person like yourself can be so humble in a field such as that of physical science, where you are preeminent, and so presumptuous in a field where you have obviously not had the time or opportunity to become acquainted with its intricacies. I insist that it is an attitude of arrogance, and only arrogance, which...finds you lending the eminent but irrelevant name in the scientific field to the forces which in the political field stand for the partisan corruption of truth....I can only conclude that it is the old case that knowledge in a field brings humility and that ignorance in another field brings arrogance."

FAST, HOWARD...This writer of propaganda novels is a CP member. Writes weekly column for Daily Worker and its West Coast brother, Daily People's World. Along with 10 other directors of CP front, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, he's appealing jail sentence for contempt of Congress.

HAMMETT, DASHIELL...Instructor in Communist Party's biggest school, Jefferson School of Social Science. OPENLY supported CP in 1946 state elections. He has a big income from detective stories & scenarios he has written, such as "The Thin Man" and "The Maltese Falcon"...and from radio shows which he himself doesn't write but are based on characters or names he created: "The Thin Man", "The Fat Man", "Sam Spade". Thus the money he gives Communist fronts is largely derived from Hollywood and from radio networks.

KAHN, ALBERT E...Communist Party member and delegate to a CP convention. One of Stalin's top propagandists in America.
KENT, ROCKWELL...This leading artist has been identified as Communist Party member by Benjamin Gitlow, former General Sec'y of Party, and Louis F Budenz, former managing editor of Daily Worker.

LARDNER, Jr., RING...Identified as CP member (card number 46806) by House Un-American Activities Committee. Lardner is one of 10 Hollywood witnesses indicted for refusing to tell committee whether they're CP members.

LAWSON, JOHN HOWARD...Former Communist Party commissar (boss) in Hollywood. Leader of 10 Hollywood witnesses who refused to tell Congress whether they were CP members. He's appealing jail sentence for contempt.

LESLIE, KENNETH...He'll support Russia against U S in case of war, according to his statements in his party-line magazine, "The Protestant".

MALTZ, ALBERT...Identified as CP member (card number 47196) by House Un-American Activities Comm. Maltz is one of 10 Hollywood witnesses indicted for refusing to tell committee whether they're CP members.

MANN, THOMAS...This world-famous novelist is a Communist fellow-traveler, a warm defender of Moscow. Leaving Germany after Hitler came to power, he settled in U S and is now an American citizen. He has backed an amazingly long list of CP fronts, such as American Youth for Democracy.

MARTIN, JOHN...His main value to CP is same as that of Olin Downes...that is, his position on NYTtimes. John Martin is dance critic of that world-famous newspaper...and this fact is ballyhooed by all the Communist fronts he sponsors. Every year Martin is chairman of a dance festival at which celebrated dancers give their services free for benefit of a big Communist front & racket, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. Some funds of this front have been siphoned off to Comintern agents like Gerhart Eisler. NYTtimes, far from rebuking John Martin for this activity, has implied in editorials that this notorious Communist front is legitimate.

McCABE, LOUIS F...Lawyer for Communist Party in trial of its top leaders in Federal Court for plotting against Govt.

ODETS, CLIFFORD...Communist Party member, according to Howard Rushmore, former movie reviewer for Daily Worker, who has testified he saw this playwright several times at Daily Worker, where "it was a hard-and-fast rule that only party members trusted by the party could get within the gates."

ROBESON, PAUL...Secret member of Communist Party. You'll hear more about this celebrated singer during trial of top CP leaders in Federal Court.

ROGGE, O JOHN...Active in Red Fascist fronts. Lawyer for Harold Christoffel, convicted of perjury for swearing to a Congressional committee he wasn't a CP member. Christoffel is former head of Local 248, United Auto Workers, CIO. He led long sabotage strike at Allis-Chalmers plant near Milwaukee during Stalin-Hitler Pact. Rogge is also lawyer for 11 directors of big Red Fascist front & racket, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, convicted of contempt of Congress. Rogge wrote introduction to pamphlet by Communist Party Member Albert E Kahn attacking House Committee on Un-American Activities. Rogge is a leader of Natl Lawyers Guild, a Red Fascist front.
SELSAM, HOWARD...He's the director of CP's biggest school, Jefferson School of Social Science.

SHAPLEY, HARLOW...This Harvard astronomer is top scientist among active leaders of Communist fronts. Chairman of Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions. There are scientists even more distinguished than Shapley who sponsor fronts...but they aren't active, continual leaders, like Shapley. Still, don't believe those reports you hear that Shapley admits off the record that he's member of CP. He doesn't admit it.

SHIPLER, REV. GUY EMERY...Leader of whitewashing expedition to Communist Yugoslavia in 1947. Editor of "The Churchman", in which he plugs his political ideology. He's having bad luck with annual money-raising dinners for his magazine. Last year he blamed Counterattack for causing Sec'y of State Marshall to cancel acceptance as guest of honor. This year many dinner sponsors withdrew after learning Shipler's record as backer of fronts.

SILLEN, SAMUEL...Communist Party member, editor of Communist "cultural" magazine, "Masses & Mainstream". Ex-literary editor of Daily Worker.

SMEDLEY, AGNES...Maj Gen Chas A Willoughby offered to waive immunity so she could sue him for libel, after he sent report from MacArthur's Tokyo hq to Washington, reporting that Agnes Smedley had been spy for Stalin Russia in Far East and had cooperated with Richard Sorge, head of spy ring in Japan. She and her lawyer, O John Rogge, threatened libel suit. Gen Willoughby replied he has full documentary proof of his charge. She has supported Chinese Communists for many years, in books, articles, lectures.

SMITH, JESSICA...Editor of Communist magazine, "Soviet Russia Today". Wife of John J Abt, former Aest Atty General, identified by Whittaker Chambers & Elizabeth Bentley as key member of Communist apparatus in Govt.

SPENCER, KENNETH...Singer at Communist Party Lenin Memorial rallies and other Communist functions, at which speakers have been top leaders of CP.

THACKREY, TED O...As publisher of NYPNe, he supports many Communists & fellow-travelers. In campaign last fall, he endorsed Wallace for President, Communist Party Member Albert E Kahn for Congress, Simon Gerson (an OPEN official of CP) for NYCity Council, and Lee Pressman (identified by Whittaker Chambers & Louis F Budenz as CP member) for Congress.

TRUMBO, DALTON...Identified as CP member (card number 47187) by House Un-American Activities Comm. This screenwriter is one of 10 Hollywood witnesses who defied the committee. Dalton Trumbo and John Howard Lawson have been convicted of contempt and are appealing their jail sentences.

WELTFISH, GENE...Pres of Congress of American Women, U.S. section of Stalin's international women's front, Women's International Democratic Federation. She's Prof of anthropology at Columbia. (Attention Eisenhower!)

Yours faithfully,

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