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Dear Subscriber:

COMMUNISTS WILL RUN WALLACE AND THIS MAY MAKE EISENHOWER PRESIDENT. Long & complicated maneuverings by Communist Party have finally brought definite results. Wallace consents to run in 1948...with his eye on 1952.

He made this plain last week when he flatly predicted there would be a third party, and said he preferred Taft to Truman. At once labor howled at Taft's name and Wallace backed down, pretending he had been joking. But he wasn't joking. He regards Taft as somewhat isolationist and therefore likely not to interfere when Stalin grabs off more of Europe & Asia.

And this week the definite plan to nominate Wallace was brought into the open. Executive committee of biggest general Communist front, Progressive Citizens of America, announced it wants Wallace to run. This decision is to be confirmed by national convention of PCA in Chicago Jan 17-18.

Taft at first glance seems to gain by this decision. For Wallace may attract enough votes from Truman in big industrial states to make certain the election of anybody the Republicans nominate. Taft is the man most Republican leaders really want. But he's comparatively weak in those key states. However, Wallace's candidacy might elect Taft over Truman.

But what if Truman decides not to run? Republican convention will be held first...Democratic 3 weeks later. Suppose Republicans nominate Taft, and Truman then pulls out and substitutes somebody else. Truman would prefer Marshall, but Marshall hasn't got popular appeal...he doesn't really aim at popular understanding...and that's his big weakness as Secretary of State. Truman may then decide on nomination of Eisenhower, as strongest candidate, able to take more votes away from Republicans than Wallace can take away from the Democrats.

But Republican convention may foresee this...and nominate a candidate with strength in big industrial states. Possibly even Eisenhower.

Communists may pay a high price for their political success in launching a new party. All along Wallace has said he wouldn't run without support of American Labor Party (ALP) in NY State. Communists control the ALP in NYCity, but in upstate NY it's controlled by the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers...the late Sidney Hillman's union. Last August the Amalgamated flatly told the Communists that it stood solidly with Philip Murray in opposing a new national party and favoring Truman.

Communist Party yielded. Wm Z Foster sent back word that the Communists would consent to nomination of Truman by the ALP (see Counterattack Aug 29 p 1). But now the Communists have reversed that decision.

This means a break with the Amalgamated, which has been the shield & camouflage of the Communists in the ALP...and to some degree in the CIO. The Amalgamated will pull out of the ALP, which will stand nakedly revealed as completely Communist. And throughout the CIO the Amalgamated will no

longer act as a buffer for the Communists...will no longer offer compromises in their behalf. The Communists will be isolated.

So the Communist Party may pull the unions it controls out of the CIO, some time after the Presidential election next November.

A string of new state parties will support Wallace. In California the Communists have organized the Independent Progressive Party, under chairmanship of Hugh Bryson, president of CIO Marine Cooks & Stewards union. Bryson is a member of Communist Party. The new party is trying to get on the ballot. In Chicago the Communists have organized Progressive Party, which got a big vote in judicial election in November by duping the Chicago Bar Assn and leading newspapers (see Counterattack Oct 31 p 4 and Nov 21 pp 2-3). This new party is now suing to get on ballot in 1948.

Communist party may change name of American Labor Party in NY State to Progressive Party. This is apt to be national name of the new party.

If Communist Party is outlawed, it will continue in existence under control of UNDERGROUND Communist Natl Board (or Politbureau), which has already been set up (see Counterattack July 18 p 2). And aboveground the Communists will operate through their new Progressive Party.

COMMUNIST UNION AUTOCRACY IS SHOWN BRUTALLY in a new move by the Fifth Columnists who control the huge CIO United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers. The party commissar in UE is Jas J Matles, organizational director of the union. Number 2 man is Julius Emspak ("Comrade Juniper"), sec.-treas. The president of big District 4 (NY City & NJ metropolitan area) is another Communist Party member, Jas McLeish.

A group of fighting anti-Communists are leaders of Local 1237, in NY City. Its business representative, Jas J Conroy, was subpoenaed by Thomas Un-American Activities Committee several months ago. He answered its questions, telling what he knew of Communists in UE. For this he was reviled.

In the UE convention in October, when Conroy took the platform to speak, the Matles Communist machine gave him the boeing treatment. This isn't spontaneous. It's a deliberate action on the Stalin-Hitler-Himmler pattern, to release & stimulate the sadistic instincts of the crowd, to destroy the nerve of the rebel who dares to stand up like a man, and to intimidate others in the hall who may have had notions of doing the same thing.

For several minutes Conroy had to stand there and take it. He took it. And when the Communists got through boeing he said his say.

Now the Communist machine is out to destroy Local 1237. If Matles & Emspak can't control a local, they'll try to disrupt it, smash it.

This week Communist McLeish, president of District 4, sent a letter to Conroy and 2 other leaders of the local, Wm P Boulton, sec.-treas., and Thos Bell, Executive Bd member, ordering them to appear before the district board, bringing the local's books. This command was illegal and they refused to appear. McLeish's letter followed the Stalin-Hitler technique of the Big Lie, accusing them of denuding the local's treasury by "squandering the union's money in the service of the UE-busting plan of outside interests." That is, to be anti-Communist is to be anti-UE. McLeish also asserted they planned secession. And "you plotted with the anti-labor Thomas-Rankin Committee through your business agent Conroy to smash this union."

But the real union-smashers are Matles, Emspak, McLeish. They are resolved to destroy Local 1237 unless they can get control of it. Their attempt to purge the local's leaders is just a preliminary to disruption.



BIG COMPANY HURTS AN ANTI-COMMUNIST UNION LOCAL. Remington-Rand Inc, has ordered its salesmen to tell its customers it is fighting the Communists in the United Electrical union and is strengthening the hands of the anti-Communists. How? the company won an important decision from Robt N Denham, general counsel of Natl Labor Relations Bd. In effect it amounted to decertification of UE because its officers hadn't signed non-Communist affidavits under Taft-Hartley Act. Thereupon Remington-Rand severed relations with UE. It sent notices to the locals in 7 plants, employing 10,000 workers, saying hereafter the UE won't be recognized.

But the company sent the same notice to Local 1237, which the Communists are trying to purge & disrupt. Local 1237 represents Remington-Rand's maintenance workers in NYCity. Its officers are perfectly willing to sign non-Communist affidavits. But NLRB won't accept affidavits from them, because Matles, Emspak, McLeish and the other top officers haven't signed any. Thus at the very time when the Communist machine is trying to destroy Business Agent Conroy and the other leaders of the local, Remington-Rand gives the local a tremendous blow by severing relations with it.

At once many members say that if they can't have a contract there is no use belonging to the union. The non-Communist rank & file will begin to drop out. This is exactly what the Communist leaders want. It means they may either get control of the local or destroy it altogether.

If Remington-Rand or any other company really wants to hurt the Fifth Column, it will continue to recognize any local whose officers are willing to sign non-Communist affidavits though the higher officers refuse.

"DON'T EXPECT FULL TRUTH FROM GOVT LIST OF COMMUNIST FRONTS, to be issued soon by Dept of Justice," said Counterattack June 20. "Reason: Atty Gen Tom Clark is afraid of being charged with playing politics if he names some of biggest fronts." We pointed out that if Clark named the Progressive Citizens of America, he would be accused of smearing Henry Wallace.

As predicted, Clark pulled his punches in the list of subversive organizations published recently by the Govt. Progressive Citizens of America wasn't mentioned, nor were most other Communist fronts.

Here are some important fronts that ought to have been included:

- Allied Labor News (serving labor papers with party-line foreign news).
- American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (protects Communists).
- American Committee for Yugoslav Relief (allied with Amer Slav Congress).
- American Council for a Democratic Greece.
- American Jewish Labor Council (don't confuse with Jewish Labor Committee, which is anti-Communist).
- American Labor Party (in NYState).
- American Relief for Greek Democracy.
- American-Russian Institute (tax-exempt Communist propaganda front).
- American Slav Congress (part of Stalin's Pan-Slav movement).
- California Labor School (San Francisco).
- | Church League for Industrial Democracy (not to be confused with League for Industrial Democracy, which is anti-Communist).
- (Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy (for Stalinized Asia).
- Committee for the First Amendment (originally "Hollywood Fights Back").
- | Congress of American Women (U S section of international women's front).
- Consumers' & tenants' groups...most, not all, are Communist-led.
- | Consumers Union.
- Contemporary Writers.

- Federated Press (serving labor papers with party-line domestic news).
- Independent Progressive Party (California).
- Indusco (American Committee in Aid of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives).
- Institute of Pacific Relations.
- Labor Research Assn.
- League of Women Shoppers.
- Methodist Federation for Social Action.
- Natl Lawyers Guild (U S section of an international front of lawyers).
- People's Educational Center (Los Angeles).
- People's Institute of Applied Religion.
- People's Songs (furnishes party-line entertainment to many organizations).
- Progressive Citizens of America (biggest general Communist front).
- Progressive Party (in Cook County, Ill, the Chicago county).
- Southern Conference for Human Welfare.
- United Christian Council for Democracy.
- United Committee of South Slavic Americans (allied with Amer Slav Congress).
- Voice of Freedom Committee (promoting Communist propaganda on radio).

#### CIO COMMUNICATIONS UNION IS LOSING ITS ANTI-COMMUNIST SECTIONS.

American Communications Assn (ACA) is a small party-line union, with about 27,000 members. Now ACA is losing its marine department (ship radio operators), with about 2,000 members, and soon its 12,000 telephone workers may also leave. Marine department has long wanted to pull out. At last it insisted on joining the CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Assn. Jos P Selly, Communist president of ACA, refused consent, but finally Philip Murray persuaded him to yield in order to prevent an open, quarrelsome secession.

Marine department agreed to go out quietly, not hollering "Commie" on the way, and allowing Selly to pretend he initiated the whole deal.

And ACA's 12,000 telephone workers in California & Nevada are trying to join the CIO Telephone Workers Organizing Committee, which is anti-Communist. Selly opposes this move but the phone workers expect to win. In that case ACA will only have about 13,000 members left.

COMMUNIST PARTY CASHES IN ON CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, through Christmas cards designed by Communist artists for party's biggest general front, Progressive Citizens of America. Chairman of Arts Division of PCA is Paul Strand, Communist photographer, who has been active in party's photo & documentary film fronts. Last spring he sponsored an appeal for funds by the party's leading weekly, the New Masses.

Among other prominent Communists in PCA who have designed Christmas cards are Philip Evergood and Robt Gwathmey, contributing editors of New Masses. Evergood is also a teacher in the party's Jefferson School of Social Science, and Gwathmey sponsored the party's latest May Day parade.

Some religious groups have protested the PCA's Christmas cards as irreligious. But all that Communist Strand and the other Communist PCA leaders want is to provide Christmas cards that can be sold to PCA members and other pseudo-liberals...and to preach the party line. Each card carries a message from Henry Wallace, who acts as if he were a bringer of peace instead of war-by-appeasement.

Yours faithfully,

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