

# COUNTERATTACK

FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

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Dear Subscriber:

**COMMUNIST PARTY CAPTURES FARMERS' ORGANIZATION.** In all countries the Communist parties try to "root themselves among the peasantry"...that's the way they phrase it. In the U S it was long thought they couldn't do it.

But they've succeeded. They've taken over the Natl Farmers Union, which started out as a liberal, New Dealish organization of small farmers.

Communists have the upper hand in this outfit today, though they still must operate cautiously. Already Farmers Union opposes Marshall Plan, loyalty check on Govt employees, etc. Pres Jas G Patton has lost much of his importance, after yielding to the Communists again and again. In convention last week, Patton was reelected for two years but he'll retire after that. Big figure in Farmers Union is a party-liner, Glenn Talbott, chairman of Natl Board and president of N Dak division. Talbott used his whole report last week to denounce "red-baiting."

But situation still isn't hopeless. There's time to prevent Communists from clinching control...IF truth about the matter is told to farmers & general public. This is job for newspapers, radio, public officials.

COUNTERATTACK WAS ASSAILED TWICE THIS WEEK. One assault came from the Communist press. Communist Party's national newspaper, the Daily Worker, printed a long article vilifying Counterattack.

On the same day Fredric March and his wife, Florence Eldridge, filed suit against Counterattack, charging libel, and asking \$250,000 for each plaintiff. Counterattack's answer is being prepared by its attorneys.

**COMMUNIST PARTY WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE ITS UNIONS OUT OF CIO** because of Stalin's cold war on U S. It was this cold war that brought Communist Party into fierce onslaught on U S foreign policy, especially Marshall Plan ...and thus caused the Communists to start their Third Party. And it is because Philip Murray sides with democracy against totalitarianism that he favors Marshall Plan and opposes Third Party. Communists would much rather split the CIO than let U S foreign policy succeed. Nothing matters to them but using their Third Party to help Stalin launch a Third World War.

Now the fight in CIO has deepened. Last week the biggest party-line union, United Electrical Workers, formally withdrew from CIO Political Action Committee. It was represented on PAC by its sec.-treas., Julius Em-spak, secret Communist Party member (Comrade Juniper), and its president, Albert Fitzgerald, Communist stooge. They resigned because Murray insisted that all members of national, state & local PAC's support national CIO policy...that is, favor Marshall Plan and oppose Third Party.

Fitzgerald now becomes a co-chairman of Natl Wallace for President Committee, which is wholly controlled by Communist Party.

Exact time of Communist bolt from CIO will depend on condition of Russo-U S relations. Meantime fight in CIO will get more bitter every day.

WALLACE SHOULD SPEAK UP ABOUT LETTERS TO "ZENDA" AND "THE GURU."  
For years there has been private discussion of letters reputedly written by Henry Wallace while Sec of Agriculture to the late Nikolai Konstantinovich Roerich, a Russian mystical painter and cult leader, and to some members of the cult, especially a female astrologer called "Zenda."

Roerich was a peculiar person, with commanding eyes, a forked beard, a mystical vocabulary. He wrote book after book that made sense to his worshipers but nobody else. The Roerich cult flourished in many countries. Leaving Russia after First World War, he lived in the U S awhile, then established his sacred abode in India, but sometimes visited here.

Wallace's contacts with Roerich grew out of his long interest in occult dogmas, mostly drawn from Asia. Hitler had an astrologer...Wallace can cast his OWN horoscope. He has studied numerology, Zoroastrianism, etc. One of his assistants in Dept of Agriculture once said: "I don't dare let a theosophist in to see Henry...he'd give him a job right away. I have to be careful or the place would be overrun with them."

Wallace put Roerich in charge of an expedition to Outer Mongolia & Tibet in search of drought-resistant grasses. Experts in Dept of Agriculture were astonished to hear of Roerich's appointment. Later they said Roerich had convinced Wallace that the expedition would disclose religious truths of enormous value. The expedition resulted in hot fights between Roerich and the plant experts under his command. Roerich cabled Wallace. Knowles Ryerson, head of Bureau of Plant Industry, defended his experts...so Wallace fired Ryerson and recalled the chief expert. Roerich remained boss of the expedition. It was a total flop.

Extracts from the "Zenda" and "Guru" letters were printed by Westbrook Pegler on four days last week in his syndicated column. No matter how you may feel about Pegler's faults & merits as a columnist in general, the public disclosure of these letters is a good thing for the country.

Pegler wrote to Wallace, phoned his office, visited his office three times...but never could get him to say whether he wrote the letters. So Pegler printed excerpts from them. Some of them are on Wallace's letterhead as Sec of Agriculture. Some are handwritten, some typed. The signatures are "H A Wallace," "H. A. W." and "G." Pegler explains that the "G" stands for "Galahad," the name by which Wallace was known in the cult.

Importance of the letters isn't in their references to Roosevelt and other public figures. These are usually referred to by code names, and the statements are generally vague. The letters are mainly significant because of the light they cast on the mental balance of their writer. "Both in words and in painting, Roerich is an adept in the use of symbols which have a power unknown to science," says a letter signed "H A Wallace." And another letter, written to Roerich and signed "H. A. W.," says: "I do not know yet just what hour of the day I will have available for the visit with the 'heart trust.' Yes, the chalice is filling...My highest regards to the heart trust, the guardians of the stone and chalice."

A letter to "Dear Guru" (meaning "Spiritual Teacher") begins: "I have been thinking of you holding the casket -- the sacred most precious casket. And I have thought of the new country going forth, to meet the seven stars under the sign of the three stars." Another letter: "In the morning from 5:45 to 6:45...I think of the merging of the Guru and certain of his followers into the likeness of the Blessed One."

Anti-Communists should persistently demand of Wallace that he say whether he wrote the letters. Unless he denies it, the published excerpts should be reprinted widely (they're syndicated by King Features, 235 E 40th Street, NYCity). The American people have a right to know whether the man who wrote this gibberish to and about a cult-leader is also the man who has fallen for Stalin's line and is Stalin's designee for President of U S.

COMMUNISTS PERJURE THEMSELVES IN NLRB AFFIDAVITS. A few Communists have committed perjury before Congressional committees by denying they're Communist Party members or are Communists in any other sense. MANY Communists have perjured themselves in affidavits with Natl Labor Relations Bd.

Harold Christoffel has already been sentenced in Federal court for perjury before House Labor Committee. He's former president of big Allis-Chalmers local of CIO United Auto Workers, at West Allis, Wis.

Herbert K Sorrell is president of an AFL Painters' local, also president of Conference of Studio Unions, in Hollywood. His "party name is Herbert Stewart," said Counterattack May 16 '47, p 3. Sorrell testified this month before a House Labor subcommittee. He assailed Richard F Walsh, president of AFL International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, and Roy M Brewer, its Hollywood chief. Brewer has dug up evidence against many Hollywood Communists. When a congressman showed Sorrell a Communist Party card with the signature "Herb Stewart," Sorrell denied that he had signed it. The committee turned the card over to the FBI for examination by its handwriting experts. Their report: Sorrell signed the card. So he faces prosecution for perjury.

Sorrell has also filed a non-Communist affidavit with NLRB, as president of his Painters' local. This means another prosecution.

Chas A Doyle is in double trouble. First of all, the Immigration authorities have him up for deportation as a Communist. Besides, he lately signed a non-Communist affidavit as a member of Exec Bd of CIO United Chemical Workers. At first he refused to do it, but finally yielded under terrific pressure by Martin Wagner, anti-Communist president of the union. So now Doyle, the top Communist in the union, faces perjury prosecution.

There will be many other cases. NLRB won't do the prosecuting... that's up to Dept of Justice, which is investigating all perjury complaints.

WHY DO PEOPLE BECOME COMMUNISTS? This question is often asked, especially about Hollywood celebrities and other persons of high income. Why do they fall for Stalin's "proletarian" doctrine?

Fact is this doctrine isn't proletarian. Nor does it mainly appeal to the intellect, though it purports to do so. Its appeal is EMOTIONAL.

Its propaganda takes many forms and is aimed at persons of many economic groups and emotional interests. If they become Communists, it's for varying causes...and often they themselves don't understand why.

The RELIGIOUS appeal of Communism is one of its chief attractions. Some acute comments on this have been made by Arthur Koestler, Hungarian-British author, who was a Communist in his youth. During the winter of 1932-33 he was in the Ukraine and witnessed the great famine, deliberately produced by Stalin to coerce the peasants. There were 2,000,000 deaths in the Ukraine alone...but not a word about all this appeared in the local newspapers. Koestler learned about Communist reality in Stalin Russia. But Communists elsewhere simply refused to believe what he told them.

What is this Communist religious belief which shuts the believer's eyes to facts? Koestler explains it at length in his essay, "Anatomy of a Myth," which appears in his book, "The Yogi and the Commissar." The human mind, he thinks, has inherited profound longings & beliefs, which lie "in the deepest archetypal layers of the unconscious." One of these is the longing for what has been known for nearly 2,000 years as the Kingdom of Heaven. In modern times a great many people have lost faith in it (this is even true of many clergymen, the kind who are active in the Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship). Yet the unconscious longing persists.

The Bolshevik Revolution in 1917 and the establishment of the Soviet state have provided an earthly Land of Promise for such people. The fact that its whole history is marked with enormous bloodshed only confirms their religious faith in it. There, in that gigantic, mysterious realm, hidden behind an Iron Curtain for 30 years, is the home of their devotion.

It isn't the Communist doctrine as such that mainly attracts them. It's the dark glory and power of Soviet Russia, a mighty Utopia on earth.

Some of the true believers in this religion have emerged from the spell. Others are now wavering. People of this type may get a push in the right direction, now that Arthur Koestler has come to the U S to give a few lectures. He's sponsored by International Rescue & Relief Committee (which has done far more to help anti-Fascist refugees than the highly touted Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, a Communist front). Koestler will speak in Carnegie Hall, NYCity, Mar 26...at Natl Press Club, Washington, Mar 31...and on West Coast in April. He may help save a few Hollywood stars and others who've been worshipping the Soviet myth.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS? One effective measure is to encourage & FINANCIALLY support the formation of anti-Communist organizations in various religious, racial and other sections of the people.

The Committee to Stop World Communism is one such organization... and it has just begun a national fund drive. It's an affiliate of the Polish-American Congress, 1520 West Division Street, Chicago. It will try "to unify Americans whose ancestors came from the countries now under the heel of Soviet Communism to fight against the spread of Communism here and abroad." And it will help "the democratic forces in Poland and other Communist-dominated countries through welfare services, information and moral support." Its co-chairmen are Arthur Bliss Lane, former ambassador to Poland, and Judge Blair F Gunther of Pittsburgh.

The American Jewish League Against Communism has just been established, with hq at 220 W 42nd Street, NYCity. Its executive director is Rabbi Benj Schultz (Counterattack Nov 14 '47, p 4) and its chairman is Alfred Kohlberg, importer. Among the organizers of the new league are Isaac Don Levine, editor of the anti-Communist magazine, "Plain Talk" (240 Madison Ave, NYCity), Eugene Lyons, author of "The Red Decade" and other anti-Communist books, and Geo E Sokolsky, syndicated columnist.

YOU can help to beat the Communists by encouraging formation of more anti-Communist organizations in many segments of the people.

Yours faithfully,

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