

COUNTERATTACK

FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

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Dear Subscriber:

HERE'S A PLAIN TALE OF COMMUNIST SABOTAGE IN AN OFFICE. Last week we mentioned the newly formed Comm to Stop World Communism, an affiliate of Polish-American Congress, 1520 W Division Street, Chicago. This organization lately gave a large mailing house the job of addressing a quantity of envelopes, which were to be sent to many prominent people. When the committee received the envelopes they were wholly unusable because of gross & varied mishandling. Harry Coleman & Co, public relations counsel for the committee, complained to the mailing house and got this answer:

"You are correct and our typist has admitted she did not do the addressing...in accordance with the instructions of her supervisor....Frankly, under the present set-up due to a communistic-inspired union which we are saddled with, I cannot even discharge this young lady without creating such a furor that if it is once started, would make me wish to be elsewhere."

This "communistic-inspired union" is the CIO United Office & Professional Workers. Last year Counterattack gave its subscribers a special report on this union, containing PROOF of complete Communist domination. Henry Wallace spoke at its recent convention (Counterattack Mar 5, p 1).

Name of the mailing house is withheld by Counterattack. ALL such firms in the same large city are saddled with the same Communist-run union. The Communist typist who ruined the envelopes is a dangerous symbol. If one minor employee can do this much harm and get off scot-free, what can MANY Communists do in strategic spots? There's only a difference in degree between this one Communist typist and the Communist printers in Czechoslovakia who tied up anti-Communist newspapers before the recent coup.

RINGLING BROTHERS' CIRCUS ADVERTISES IN COMMUNIST PRESS. Every spring when "greatest show on earth" begins its season, its ads pop up in Daily Worker. This year they've already started. If you think the circus should stop paying money into Communist Party's treasury, you can say so to Ringling Bros, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, NYCity.

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT COMMUNISTS' "CHINA WEEK" PROPAGANDA, which is intended to ruin U S policy in China and help Stalin take all Asia. Counterattack reported to you Jan 30 that Communist Party would hold a "China Week" soon. This plan was outgrowth of national conference on China & Far East, which was managed by Ex-Congressman Hugh DeLacy of Seattle, secret member of Communist Party (Counterattack Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6).

Now dates for China Week have been set. Apr 4-11.

Docks will be picketed if there are military shipments to China that week. There'll be mass meetings and demonstrations. Plausible Communists disguised as liberals will make speeches at meetings of unions and other organizations...even meetings in churches...and will get on radio.

Hugh Bryson, Communist Party member, president of CIO Marine Cooks

& Stewards, and chairman of new pro-Wallace Independent Progressive Party of Calif, will lead the movement to embargo war supplies. He wants big popular demonstrations to back him up when "our unions decide to hit the bricks and refuse to load war shipments," either during "China Week" or afterward.

This is SABOTAGE. It's part of Stalin's war against the U S.

Here's what you can do. Tell these facts to every newspaper & radio station in your community. Tell them the Communists will wage a campaign for writing letters to newspapers Apr 4-11...especially to Scripps-Howard papers, which are now publishing Gen Claire Chennault's articles on urgent need for U S aid to China. They'll also write to senators & congressmen. Tell these facts to newspapers, radio stations, public officials, clergymen, educators...also to unions and other important organizations.

And hold PRO-CHINA meetings same week. Get time on radio. Urge unions and business organizations, etc, to hold meetings FOR aid to China. And tell Truman, Atty Gen Tom Clark, senators & congressmen that you want ACTION to jail the top quislings whenever they tie up U S supply ships.

HERE ARE SOME COMMUNIST FRONTS for you to bear in mind. One is a big front which staged the recent conference on China & Far East, and which is now making plans for "China Week." It's the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy. In its hq it is now giving space to two newer, smaller fronts: American Veterans of the Philippine Campaign, and American Friends of India. They're both run by Communists who were in Armed Forces.

WHEN A BIG COMPANY DEFENDS "RIGHTS" OF COMMUNIST UNION LEADERS, it naturally attracts attention. E H Van Delden, industrial relations director of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co, Toledo, has made a speech before national conference of American Management Assn. Van Delden defends "rights" of Communist union officers...but what he's really defending is appeasement. Business, he thinks, should just shut its eyes to the question of Communist control of unions. Business should just shrug it off.

He attacks the non-Communist affidavit provision of Taft-Hartley Act. Mind you, he doesn't simply defend those companies that recognize strong Communist-controlled unions despite the affidavit provision. He doesn't merely say such companies don't feel obligated to suffer losses of a strike rather than recognize a non-complying union. He goes far beyond that. He reproaches Congress for putting any provision whatever about Communists in Taft-Hartley Act.

Counterattack doesn't regard the affidavit provision as best way to unmask Communists in unions. But the provision DOES have the merit of freeing employers from the legal responsibility of recognizing a Communist-led union. And it does put pressure on union members to get rid of Communist leadership. In both these respects it is excellent.

But Van Delden says no. "While business men generally are in complete sympathy with the objectives of this provision," he asserts, "they do not believe that a restriction of this kind has any place in collective bargaining." Is that right? Do business men "generally" have that opinion? Counterattack would like to hear from its business subscribers on this point.

"So long as the Communist Party is a legal political party in the United States, however," says Van Delden, "it seems inconsistent with our ideas of personal freedom to let a man's political affiliations affect the union which elected him an officer." Here you can note one of the mislead-

ing phrases which many people have innocently picked up from the Communist Fifth Column. Van Delden speaks of "a man's political affiliations" as if the man were a member of a genuine American political party. He isn't. He belongs to a foreign-controlled CONSPIRACY. Change "political affiliations" to "conspiratorial ACTIONS" and you've got the truth of the matter.

And the question isn't whether the Govt shall "LET" a man's conspiratorial actions "affect the union which elected him an officer." Those conspiratorial actions DO affect the union. They make the union a weapon against both employer & employee, against the U S...and FOR the Kremlin.

That's a tremendously dangerous fact...and Congress recognized it and did something about it...at a very late hour. Now the hour is even later, the danger graver...but a voice of appeasement arises, claiming to represent the general opinion of business. Does it? What do YOU think?

WHEN THE CIO SPLITS UP, Communist Party will take all unions it can control out of CIO. Then Philip Murray will charter new internationals to replace them. These internationals will be composed of locals that refuse to leave CIO when their parent unions do. Some locals of this type are already beginning to quit their parent unions and to join other CIO unions, especially United Auto Workers. Auto union may release some of these to the new internationals that Murray will charter after the split.

Already Walter Reuther's UAW is raiding 4 CIO unions: United Electrical...Farm Equipment...Mine, Mill & Smelter...and Michael J Quill's Transport Workers Union. In some cases the raids are largely due to genuine jurisdictional disputes between Auto and these unions. In other cases locals can't get their contracts renewed, because employers refuse to recognize them until their international officers sign non-Communist affidavits. Some locals of this kind, especially the United Electrical, are therefore joining Auto. You can expect many more to follow as the CIO civil war gets hotter.

FORMER FBI AGENT EXPOSES COMMUNISTS IN HIS CITY. A situation that is typical of many American cities can be found in Peoria, Ill. Situation is this. There's a big Communist-controlled local...but most citizens don't know it's Communist-controlled. They don't know name of top Communist in city. His name has never been in the newspapers. They don't know anything of what the Communists are doing. The newspapers print stories from Europe, Washington, NY, Hollywood about Communist activities...but almost nothing of what the Communists are doing right on the HOME grounds. So the people of the city think of the Communist danger as something far away & unreal.

This situation has suddenly been altered in Peoria by one man, Paul Ferrin, lawyer and former FBI agent. Counterattack reported Feb 27 that two organizers for CIO United Auto Workers had been run out of town by a Communist goon squad from Local 105 of CIO United Farm Equipment Workers, known as FE, which controls the workers at big Caterpillar Tractor plant. Now CIO Auto organizers are back in Peoria, to try to take Caterpillar away from FE. The independent International Assn of Machinists is also active. So is AFL United Auto Workers (same name as the CIO union.)

The Communist goon squad is a small model of what in Czechoslovakia is now called an "action committee." The squad went into action again on Thurs of last week (Mar 18) when it gave such a brutal beating to Francis J Donovan, AFL organizer, who works at Caterpillar, that he was taken to the hospital. Goons were led by Leland Baker, an officer of the local.

That night Paul Ferrin made a speech before a Legion post. He revealed how the Communists operate in Peoria. They have a community unit and a shop unit. Community unit consists of workers in stores and small factories, housewives, and others...even business men. Shop unit is composed of workers at Caterpillar. Leland Baker is a secret member of Communist Party. He takes his orders from Ajay Martin, international v-p of Farm Equipment union, who is also a Communist Party member. Martin, in turn, is under command of Arthur Haendle, Communist Party organizer for downstate Illinois, who lives in Peoria.

Hardly any non-Communist in town had ever heard of Haendle before. Neither the Legionnaires nor anyone else had any real idea of what was going on. Legion post decided at once to begin a systematic exposure of Communist activities in the community.

You and your organizations, no matter where you live, can do some work of same kind. And urge your local newspaper to assign a reporter to SPECIALIZE in Communist problem, study it, and expose LOCAL Communist activities. Why should readers be told of Communists in Europe and not at home?

WHEN A FEDERAL JUDGE GIVES A LECTURE IN A COMMUNIST SCHOOL, an explanation is in order. U S District Judge Leon R Yankwich of Los Angeles testified before Tenney state legislative committee in Calif lately that he had given a lecture at People's Educational Center. This is a Communist school. But he vehemently denied that his action needed explaining. He asserted he would lecture to Communists or any other group that invited him.

Judge Yankwich not only lectured at the school but was friendly to it socially. A picture in Communist Party's West Coast newspaper, People's Daily World, was introduced in evidence. It showed the judge and his wife at a reception in their home for Prof Frank C Davis, educational director of the Communist school. And Judge Yankwich's wife was a member of a Communist front, Emergency Committee on KFI, which was formed in 1945 to protest action of radio station KFI in firing several party-line commentators.

The Communist school used Judge Yankwich to lure non-Communists, to prove that it was respectable, that it was a SAFE school to go to. He must know this now, if he didn't then...but he refuses to admit it. Judge Yankwich deserves Congressional attention. He should be called before Judiciary Committee of Senate or House and asked to justify his action.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS? Besides the specific suggestions made earlier in this issue, here's the most important of all:

The great question of war or peace depends on Italy. Don't take a rosy view, based on American-British-French diplomatic moves about Trieste, etc. Counterattack warned last year against ratification of Italian peace treaty and later against withdrawal of our troops. But a rosy view was taken. So look where we are. Now let's avoid over-optimism...and let's make a REALISTIC effort to beat the Communists in Apr 18 election. They've got huge campaign funds, newsprint, ink, paint for signs. Let's send the same to the largely empty-handed anti-Communists. Washington hesitates. Tell Washington to get busy, cut the red tape, save Italy, PREVENT war. Wire Truman, Marshall, senators, congressmen, urging action at once.

Yours faithfully,

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