

# COUNTERATTACK

## FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

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Dear Subscriber:

NEW DIRECTIVE FOR "MONSTER POPULAR PROTEST TO CONGRESS" in order to delay and beat the Mundt-Nixon anti-Communist bill is issued by Wm Z Foster.

This bill would force any "Communist political organization" to register names of all its members, and would otherwise cripple Fifth Column.

Foster hopes SENATE will reject bill or at least weaken it...or take no action before it adjourns in mid-June. Passage in House has been assured all along, but size of vote there may influence Senate opinion.

Foster orders Communists to emphasize two main arguments:

First, the bill is "a project to outlaw our party." Many people who are against Communism believe outlawing the party would be a mistake. So tell them this is an outlawing bill, says Foster. It ISN'T...but Foster explains: "The Natl Board of the Communist Party has definitely stated that it will not register....So, the general effect of the Mundt bill, if finally enacted into law, would be to outlaw our party." In other words, the party would outlaw ITSELF, by refusing to register. Therefore this is an outlawing bill! Thus Foster gives a fine sample of Communist falsification.

Second, the bill must be attacked "as the building of Fascism in this country." Foster knows that many people will fall for this bunk.

HERE'S WHAT COMMUNIST PARTY HAS ALREADY DONE AGAINST THE BILL.

Hundreds of meetings are being held in halls and on streets...also at plant gates at noon. On one night alone 500 street meetings were scheduled.

"Flying squadrons of 40,000 voters" visited congressmen at their homes last week-end to oppose bill, says Communist Party. House Rules Committee received a heavy mail, urging it NOT to report bill to floor for a vote. Communists' Third Party has warned congressmen & congressional candidates that they can't get its support unless they fight this bill.

New Communist front, Committee for Democratic Rights, is making big drive among liberals & unionists against bill (Counterattack Apr 23, p 1).

Another front, Committee of One Thousand, headed by Prof Harlow Shapley, Communist fellow-traveler, has collected signatures of 167 leading professors, clergymen, writers, etc, against bill. Signers are Communist Party members, other Communists, fellow-travelers, sympathizers, & liberals.

Stalin-Hitler technique of the Big Lie is used against the bill. Communist Natl Board issued statement calling it "the Mundt-Rankin bill." In fact Rankin had less to do with the bill than almost any other of the nine members of Thomas Committee. The man who had MOST to do with it is Rep Richard M Nixon, young Californian who is chairman of legislative subcommittee which held full hearings, made thorough study. Nixon's carefulness and fairness were evident in the hearings. But Communists are using Rankin's name to SMEAR the bill, persuade labor & liberals that it's Fascist.

Wm Z Foster has told so many lies about the bill that it's hard to

keep up with them. He says the bill "would make it a crime to advocate socialism, or, for that matter, any social progress." This is FALSE...the bill is only aimed at agents of the Fifth Column of "the Communist dictatorship of a foreign country" that controls "the world Communist movement." This means Stalin Russia...though it isn't named in the bill. Nor is Communist Party named...but it fits the bill's definition of the kind of organization that would be required to register names of all its members.

Wallace is repeating many Communist lies against bill. Example: "It will be possible to judge any strike or wage demand as a conspiracy designed to disrupt trade, commerce, or Govt for a political purpose." This is TOTALLY false. But many unionists are deceived by Foster & Wallace.

WHAT TO DO: Urge congressmen & senators to support bill. Roll up biggest possible majority for it. Get copies of bill from House Comm on Un-American Activities, House Office Bldg, Washington, DC. Study it, hold meetings, discuss it. Tell newspapers, radio stations, unionists, liberals, clergymen, teachers, students, women's clubs, the TRUTH about this bill. It is an ANTI-police-state bill. It will help SAVE our civil liberties.

IT'S TIME TO SMILE WHILE YOU FIGHT. The tide is turning. In this country, at least, the police-staters are on defensive. There's REAL anti-Communist action now. Biggest example by far is new anti-Communist bill in Congress. For this Rep Richard M Nixon, especially, deserves praise.

Another sign of the times is the quickness with which two ANTI-Communist parades on May Day were organized in NYCity, which were bigger than the parade of Communist Party and its controlled organizations. Credit for this should go to Hugh J Donohue, NYCCounty Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, who started the idea, and to American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, and Catholic War Veterans, which cooperated. Some labor unions also were in the lines of march, but most unions with anti-Communist leadership kept out, because they prefer a distinctive labor celebration of May Day. These unions should organize an anti-Communist labor parade on May Day next year.

Let's all fight harder now...faster...with confidence.

COMMUNISTS GET BIGGER COVERAGE FOR UE'S ARTHUR GAETH RADIO PROGRAM. Largest Communist-led union, CIO United Electrical Workers (UE), has moved its weekly program from Mutual to ABC. Arthur Gaeth now has 112 stations... a gain of more than 50. For first time he is heard coast to coast (Monday 10 p.m., EDT...rebroadcast later in Mountain & Pacific states).

Communist Party members and fellow-travelers have often been guests on Gaeth's program (Counterattack Feb 13, p 2).

Communist Party praises Gaeth, calling him "radio's best commentator." It said recently, while he was still on Mutual: "Gaeth can win a still bigger audience. And you can help." It urges fan mail for him.

The party has a front, called Voice of Freedom Committee, which tries to get Communists on air and to keep anti-Communists off. This front has worked with UE in promoting a flood of fan mail to Gaeth's stations.

And Gaeth himself often practically asks his audience to send fan mail, in behalf of "free expression."

ABC is a puzzling network. On the one hand, it has lately shown increasing awareness of Communist danger. Thus every Saturday at 6:45 p.m. (EDT) it has an excellent broadcast on Communism by Jack Beall. And one of its daily commentators, Elmer Davis, is among best examples of integrity



in radio. And yet in San Francisco it has a commentator on Station KGO, Sidney Roger, who piously follows the party line. And now ABC lets biggest Communist-led union take 112 of its stations once a week. ABC ought to know that if this program didn't help Stalin, the UE wouldn't be paying for it.

REUNION OF CIO AND AFL IS LIKELY...but not this year. Pres Wm Green of AFL has just urged it...and Matthew Woll, one of Old Guard in AFL leadership, has written to Philip Murray, saying labor should purge itself of Communist influence and should reunite. Woll congratulates Murray on his speech before CIO Textile convention last week, when he said "the Communist Party is directly responsible for the organization of a Third Party in the United States." In view of this statement, says Woll, it's hard to see how the CIO can remain a member of "the so-called World Federation of Trade Unions," which Woll declares is as Communist-dominated as the Third Party.

Communist-led unions will secede from CIO and form their own federation. This is still Communist Party's plan, despite recent setbacks (Counterattack April 30, p 1). After this secession, CIO will begin decisively moving towards reunion with AFL. Fact that John L Lewis is no longer in AFL will be a help. But there are other personal and organizational rivalries that will delay matters. Still reunion is very probable...and perhaps it will be definitely voted before end of 1949.

#### WALLACE POSES WITH COMMUNIST NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FOR PICTURE.

On April 27 Sen Glen Hearst Taylor said on Town Meeting of the Air, "I doubt if I know a dozen Communists." In fact he knows HUNDREDS of Communist Party members, besides other Communists. And so does Wallace. Communist Party members are to be found in all important Third Party hq and on platforms of all big Third Party meetings. Wallace and Taylor meet them all the time.

Wallace and Taylor posed for a photograph with Herbert March on Apr 10. March is a member of Communist Natl Committee. He's top Communist in CIO United Packinghouse Workers and is director of District 1 of the union, with hq at Chicago. Formerly he tried to hide his membership in Communist Natl Committee, but for a year he has PUBLICLY admitted it. Yet Wallace & Taylor posed for a picture with him. Herbert March is a high Communist and they know he's trying to raise \$250,000 for Third Party (Counterattack April 16, p 2). But they pretend Communist power in that party is trivial.

IF YOU WANT SPECIFIC FACTS ON WALLACE'S ALLIANCE WITH COMMUNISTS, and on the way the Communist Party initiated the Third Party, you can now get them in compact form. Americans for Democratic Action has published a report called "Henry A Wallace: The First Three Months." It explains origins of Third Party...it analyzes Wallace's actions & statements in opening months of his campaign...and it shows that Wallace has reversed his statements when Communists urged it, and that he has repeatedly talked out of both sides of his mouth at the same time on various questions. Purchasers of this report will receive supplementary material from time to time during Wallace campaign. To get this report, send \$1 to Americans for Democratic Action, 1740 K Street, NW, Washington 6, DC.

COMMUNIST FRONT WILL HOLD HUGE MEETING AT "POLO GROUNDS." On May 15 a meeting and demonstration, called "Salute to the Jewish State in Palestine," will be held at Polo Grounds, home of NYGiant baseball team. This meeting is another example of Communist efforts to horn in on Palestine question and exploit it for Stalin's purposes.

The front that's planning this Polo Grounds meeting is American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists. Among its leaders are such men as Albert E Kahn, a Communist Party member who's a high officer of International Workers Order, Communist fraternal insurance society.

With Gromyko as a speaker, the American Comm of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists held a big "U S A, U S S R, Palestine friendship dinner" last Dec 30. On Nov 12 the same front held a meeting to celebrate 30th anniversary of Bolshevik Revolution in Russia.

Dr Albert Einstein has let himself be roped in as an honorary president of this front. Most of the great scientists of the world consider Einstein the greatest of them all. It's a pity that he doesn't recognize his lack of expertness in political questions. He isn't a Communist and in fact has expressly opposed Moscow on several matters...and yet he has been sucked into a number of Communist fronts.

American Jewish League Against Communism (220 W 42nd St, NYCity) is fighting Communist Party's maneuvers to exploit Palestine question (Counter-attack April 9, p 4). Biggest such maneuver is the meeting at Polo Grounds.

COMMUNISTS PLAN PICKET LINES, BOYCOTTS AND STINK BOMBS as weapons against one of chief anti-Communist events of 1948: the exhibition of a movie, "The Iron Curtain," based on Stalin's espionage ring in Canada.

Suppose you wanted to smear a movie, how would you go about it? Here's what Communist Party did. Hollywood Communists got hold of a script of the movie several months ago and sent it to top Soviet propaganda agency, Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship (its chairman is Rev Wm Howard Melish...its executive director is Rev Richard Morford, just convicted of contempt of Congress). This front made a phony "analysis" of the script and circulated it among a lot of leading people, especially clergymen, including many fellow-travelers and Communist sympathizers. The front asked them to sign a statement denouncing the movie as a piece of "warmongering." Hundreds of them signed it, and the front then distributed it among church people, educators, students, women's clubs, and unions.

Now a new front, Committee Against War Propaganda, has been formed. Its hq are in Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship, and in fact it's just an alias for that front's drive against "Iron Curtain." It urges boycotts and picket lines. Theaters are threatened with a boycott for a YEAR if they show the movie. In the 1930's the Communists used small stink bombs when opposing any movie unfavorable to Stalin Russia...and now the new front is threatening to do the same in some theaters showing "The Iron Curtain."

#### WHAT TO DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS:

1. Ask theaters to book "The Iron Curtain," which is opening very soon. Where Communists picket it, form COUNTER-picket lines.
2. Get report on Wallace & Communists. See p 3.
3. Get radio time to answer pro-Communists on air.
4. Fight for Mundt-Nixon ANTI-police-state bill in the greatest court of all... the court of public opinion. See pp 1 & 2.

Yours faithfully,

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