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Dear Subscriber:

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON MUNDT-NIXON BILL is being sent to you with this issue of Counterattack. It summarizes bill and exposes main Communist lies against it. As a public service, Counterattack waives its usual rule, and authorizes anyone to reproduce this supplement, in whole or part.

PROTESTS BY COUNTERATTACK'S READERS LEAD TO MARSHALL'S REJECTION OF SHIPLER'S "AWARD." In our April 30 issue we revealed that Sec'y Marshall had agreed to accept an award from a veteran supporter of Communist fronts, a passionate enemy of Marshall's foreign policy. At a dinner for 1,000 people June 3, Marshall was to accept annual "award" of Rev Guy Emery Shipler's magazine, "The Churchman."

Counterattack suggested that its subscribers wire to Marshall, protesting his acceptance of the Shipler "award." These protests led State Dept to make a tardy investigation, and Marshall cancelled his acceptance.

Shipler denounced Counterattack this week, declaring that Marshall at various times between September, 1947, and the end of April, 1948, had said he would accept the "award," and that he had changed his mind because Counterattack had urged its subscribers to protest to him.

In a letter to Brig Gen Marshall S Carter, special assistant to Marshall, on May 21, Shipler pointed out that Counterattack, in its issue of Apr 30, had assailed him, his magazine, and his dinner program, and had "said in part: 'Wire Sec'y Geo C Marshall, State Dept, today, protesting his acceptance of this 'award' and his speaking at Shipler's dinner. Tell your senators & congressmen today you object to this as insult to U S.'"

Shipler quickly picked the state of Israel as new recipient of his "award," and induced Maj Aubrey S Eban, representative of Israel and of the Jewish Agency at United Nations, to agree to come to the dinner and accept the "award" in Israel's behalf. But after learning that Marshall had rejected it, Eban did the same. He explained that he had "accepted in good faith," not knowing that his doing so might arouse controversy.

Meanwhile Shipler tried to raise money on the basis of Eban's acceptance. He telegraphed to some supporters of Zionism, telling them of the "award" to Israel, and asking each to contribute \$500 as cost of two tables, at \$25 per plate. Eban's rejection spiked this financial move.

Gen Carter explains Marshall's action by saying that "The Churchman" isn't an official church magazine, "devoting itself exclusively to religious matters," as Marshall had originally understood it to be, but "that its editorials extend far into the realm of politics and international affairs, and that the magazine, a private organization, apparently will receive revenue from the proposed dinner."

But Shipler says that Gen Carter told him last September Marshall

"would consider it a great honor" to accept the "award," and that he "waved aside an effort to tell him about it with 'We know all about The Churchman and the award.'" But evidently they knew little or nothing.

"Marshall should have men around him," we said Apr 30, "who will protect him from impudent impositions like Shipler's 'award.'" It isn't enough to have experts on Soviet foreign policy. There should be somebody around who knows something about supporters of that policy in the U S.

Counterattack subscribers who sent telegrams to Marshall can now take satisfaction in this proof that prompt action, even in a routine way, can produce important results. None of us can beat Communism by merely thinking daggers against it. We've got to act.

COMMUNIST CONVENTION WILL ENDORSE WALLACE. Leaders of Communist Party have called convention in NY Aug 3-6. Sessions will be closed to all except party members. Party won't nominate candidates for Pres & V-P. It will endorse Wallace and the Third Party...which is its own creation. A new Natl Committee will be elected (handpicked by the leaders, as usual). If Congress adopts Mundt-Nixon bill, the Communist leaders will lay down the new line on agitating against enforcement. Delegates will return home with clearer conception of how to improve the party's present underground work.

COMMUNISTS TRY TO TAKE OVER A MEDICAL SOCIETY. Remarkable proof of Communist strength was given this week in election of officers of Medical Society of the County of NY. This is one of five counties that make up NYCity. It's identical with Manhattan Borough.

A Communist front, the Physicians Forum, has long been active in various parts of U S. This year it was strong enough to enter its own slate in race for officers of the medical society. What it counted on was the fact that few of the members ordinarily vote.

The Communists would have won if the old-line group in the society hadn't roused out a big vote by accusing the Physicians Forum of wanting "socialized medicine." Actually the question at issue was much bigger than that of "socialized medicine." The question was whether Communists should get control of medical society of central borough of biggest city in U S. Last year total vote in the election was 285. This year the Communists alone got more than four times that number. Total vote was 3,287. Old-line ticket got 2,083, Communist-controlled ticket 1,204.

Although most of the 1,204 doctors who voted for the Communists' ticket aren't Communists themselves, many of them are. The Communists appealed to non-Communists by capitalizing on real grievances, like discriminatory practices in medical schools & hospitals, and low pay of doctors who care for the medically indigent in hospitals & dispensaries. One way to defeat Communist influence is by remedying these evils. When Communist-controlled slate gets 36% of a vote among doctors, it's time to wake up.

STALIN WINS VICTORY IN U. S. WITH "HATE BRITAIN" CAMPAIGN. One of prime objects of Kremlin's foreign policy is to drive wedge between U S and Britain. Communist press in this country has been fomenting this all along. Stalin's policy on Palestine has had three big short-term purposes: (1) get Russian troops in Palestine, (2) make trouble between U S and Britain, (3) stir up dissension between groups in this country. Recent developments in Palestine question have played right into Moscow's hands.

The "Hate Britain" campaign is winning glorious victories. Newspapers and the radio are full of it. A commentator sponsored by a national manufacturer has used his radio time to denounce "the filthy British." Senators are talking of cutting off Marshall Plan aid to Britain. All this would be incredible if our national affairs were conducted on lines of reason & justice, rather than cheap prejudice and panicky fear of loss of votes. Real victor in all this is Stalin Russia.

COMMUNIST-LED FARM EQUIPMENT UNION SUFFERS BIG DEFEAT... and CIO United Auto Workers win smashing victory. Spotlight was turned on Communist leaders of United Farm Equipment Workers (FE), at huge Caterpillar Tractor plant in Peoria, Ill, two months ago. Paul Ferrin, Peorian and former FBI agent, exposed the local leaders of FE in a speech before American Legion Post #2 (Counterattack March 26, pp 3 & 4). The good work of exposure was continued by the post and its commander, Chapman Caldwell, and by Peoria Star, Peoria Journal, and radio station WMBD. On Apr 5 FE began a strike at Caterpillar, which refused to recognize the union any longer, because it hadn't filed non-Communist affidavits with Natl Labor Relations Board.

The strike was bitter. Communist goons beat up organizers for other unions. Finally an NLRB election was held May 13. FE was barred from ballot because it hadn't filed affidavits. It urged workers to vote "no union." Vote was: AFL United Auto Workers, 4,707; CIO United Auto Workers, 2,656; No Union, 2,112; International Assn of Machinists (independent), 1,170. As none of these had an absolute majority, a run-off was necessary.

The strikers flocked back to work after the preliminary election. CIO United Auto Workers had done little organizing so far...it didn't want to be put in position of raiding its fellow CIO union, the FE. But now it sent organizers into Peoria and made a whooping campaign against its namesake, AFL United Auto Workers. Result in run-off election: CIO United Auto Workers, 7702; AFL United Auto Workers, 5644.

FE is now dropping Communist policy of refusing to file with NLRB. Immediately after the first election, FE leaders decided to hold referendum on this question. Membership is voting overwhelmingly for filing. But it may be too late. FE is already shaky at other plants. And other unions, especially CIO United Auto Workers, are confident of winning more victories.

AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY (AYD), which still claims to be non-Communist, had Natl Chairman Wm Z Foster and Editor John Gates of Daily Worker as speakers at a big meeting last week. Subject: "What do the Communists really stand for?" Purpose: to convert many of the innocents whom AYD members had contacted in AYD's new front, Students for Wallace.

PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA IS MERGING WITH THIRD PARTY in some places. Latest is NYState. PCA there will hold convention June 5. Secret plan of its Communist leaders is to vote a merger with American Labor Party.

"VOICE OF FREEDOM COMMITTEE" PLUGS ARTHUR GAETH'S PROGRAM. This Communist front boasts it now has 1,500 monitors, to put pressure on radio (Counterattack May 21, p 3). This week it ordered its monitors to make fullest use of Gaeth's new coast-to-coast coverage on ABC. Gaeth is commentator for CIO United Electrical Workers, biggest Communist-controlled union. "Get your friends together Monday nights to listen to Arthur Gaeth," said the radio front. "Tell him issues you want discussed. After all, he's YOUR



commentator." Gaeth rapped Mundt-Nixon bill on his latest program (May 24). Guests on this program are often Communists (Counterattack Feb 13, p 2).

"COMMUNISM -- U. S. BRAND," will be subject of a full-hour documentary program on network of American Broadcasting Co, probably in middle or latter part of June. In this single hour three phases of the subject will be explained: "Blueprint of the Communist Party in the United States," "The Party in Action -- How to Start a Revolution," and "Psychoanalysis of a Communist." Script will be written by Morton Wishengrad, formerly an educational director of International Ladies' Garment Workers Union. And Prof Robt M MacIver of Columbia University has been retained as consultant.

This looks like a fine program. It should be both interesting and educational, judging by the facts given in ABC's announcement. A program of this sort requires a lot of hard research...plus the craftsmanship of an expert radio writer...plus skilled direction, casting, and acting. If the program turns out as good as it sounds, ABC will deserve applause.

COMMUNIST LEADER OF UNION EXPELLED BY ANTI-COMMUNIST LOCAL. One of top Communists in United Electrical Workers, CIO, is Wm Sentner, Pres of District 8, which includes Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and fringes of Illinois and Indiana. Sentner is OPENLY a Communist Party member. He used to be party secretary in St Louis. His home local is local 1102, St Louis.

This local is strongly anti-Communist, under leadership of Jas W Click. District President Sentner and the majority of the local have been bitterly fighting each other for years. Now Sentner has been brought up on charges of using the union to promote aims of Communist Party. A trial board of the local found him guilty and recommended he be suspended for life. And the members have sustained the recommendation.

But this isn't the end. The national leaders of the union won't let the local kick their Communist comrade out. Bill Sentner will stay in office. But the fact that Jim Click was ready to challenge the national leadership in this way is proof that he's prepared for a total showdown. National leaders may try to expel him and his local, and in that event the case may be fought a long time in the courts.

IT'S UP TO YOU TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS. Individually and through your unions or business & civic groups, etc, you can do these things:

1. Urge your senators & congressman not to yield to "Hate Britain" campaign and to support full Marshall Plan aid to Britain. See pp 2, 3.
2. See to it that public libraries, school libraries, etc, buy many copies of anti-Communist books. An excellent new book is vivid, first-hand account of life in Stalin's slave camps, by an ex-slave, Jerzy Glikzman. Published by Gresham Press, 11 Broadway, NYCity, \$3.75.
3. Write to Committee on Veteran Affairs, 25-31-75th St, Jackson Heights, NY, for a copy of its monthly journal, "Counterattack Now." This is a 12-page offset job, and it's an effective part of the committee's campaign against a Communist-controlled tenants' group in the community.
4. Don't let Mundt-Nixon bill get bottled up in Senate. Work for enactment of this bill before Senate adjourns.

Yours faithfully,

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