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Dear Subscriber:

STALIN'S FIFTH COLUMN MAY WIN FIGHT AGAINST MUNDT-NIXON BILL. It's trying to "bottle the bill up in the Senate"...these are words of Communist Party's general sec'y, Frank Waldron, alias Eugene Dennis.

It tried to renew & prolong hearings before Senate Judiciary Comm indefinitely by sending thousands of people there to make speeches against bill, under pretext of "testifying." The American people are familiar with filibusters by senators. The Communists tried a filibuster by WITNESSES.

Thousands of Communists arrived in Washington Wednesday of this week to demand renewed hearings, lobby against the bill, and sway public opinion against it by demonstrations that brought national publicity.

An ex-congressman who has been identified as a Communist was made head of an over-all committee of all the lobbyists. He's Jerry J O'Connell, formerly of Montana, now of Washington State. In January, Louis F Budenz swore before Canwell Committee in Wash State that O'Connell is a Communist.

30,000 protest telegrams were received by Senate Judiciary Comm, as result of following directive by Communist Party: "Wires should be sent to the members of the committee. These members are: Chairman Alexander Wiley, Wis; Wm Langer, ND; Homer Ferguson, Mich; Chapman Revercomb, W Va; E H Moore, Okla; Forrest C Donnell, Mo; John S Cooper, Ky; all Republicans, and Pat McCarran, Nev; Harley M Kilgore, W Va; Jas O Eastland, Miss; Warren G Magnuson, Wash; J Wm Fulbright, Ark; J Howard McGrath, RI; all Democrats."

Rep Vito Marcantonio calls for more filibustering. "All those who want to be heard before the committee should send telegrams to all members of the committee and not just the chairman," he said this week.

WHAT TO DO: Telephone your senators TODAY, and perhaps members of Judiciary Committee too. Urge passage of bill before Senate adjourns June 19. Several amendments will be necessary, as is always true of big bills. Counterattack suggested some amendments last week, in its Special Supplement on Mundt-Nixon bill. Another amendment should remove apparent loophole in Section 3, paragraph 4, that seems to allow a Communist front to escape designation as such if it calls itself a political party.

Tell your senators TODAY that the bill can and should be passed in this session. If Senate doesn't do this by June 19, it should take a recess and come back after political conventions. Senate must NOT shirk this urgent duty...must not delay the bill till 1949!

COMMUNIST PARTY'S PLANS FOR TREASON IN WARTIME are made clear in its own words. Wm Z Foster only lifted the veil in part when he testified before Senate Judiciary Comm last week. He said in any war between U S and Moscow, the U S would necessarily be the imperialist aggressor, and "we Communists are against all imperialist wars." The party would therefore "be on the side of an immediate democratic peace."

He didn't say Communists will sabotage the U S in case of war. But that had been made pretty plain five days earlier, when the party issued a line of double-talk for its members & followers to use, as justification for anti-American action during war.

U S must be painted as a Fascist aggressor, making war against Stalin Russia, which is ardent champion of people's rights. Thus U S adopts role of Hitler. German people should have opposed Hitler, shouldn't they? Similarly American people should oppose U S. That's the Communist line.

And here is how the party double-talks it. Under the title, "The Fundamental Right to Oppose an Unjust War," the party says: "In Germany, the Hitlerites denounced the German Communists and all other anti-Nazis as 'traitors' and 'enemies of Germany' because they refused to support Hitler's war against the U S and the Soviet Union. Were the anti-Hitler Germans 'traitors,' or were they the only real patriots in Germany?...Not the Nazis, but the anti-Nazis were the real patriots....The conspirators who are trying to plunge our country into a criminal atomic war 'against Russia,' clamor that it is unpatriotic to expose their conspiracy." Etc.

Real meaning of this is that the party wouldn't merely refrain from supporting U S in war. It wouldn't just preach a "democratic peace" (that is, surrender). It would do as anti-Nazis did in Germany. Anti-Nazis definitely OPPOSED Hitler in every way they could. And now U S is the new Hitler, according to the Communists, and must be actively fought in peace & war. This hokum was originated by Communist International. Communist Party of U S is using it in effort to persuade millions of people...the kind who'll vote for Wallace...that they should support Stalin in case of war.

WHAT TO DO: Try to PREVENT war by increasing strength of U S and other non-Communist countries against Moscow. And urge quick passage and strong enforcement of Mundt-Nixon bill, to crush Communist quislings.

PAUL ROBESON, COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER, WAS OBEYING PARTY ORDERS when he refused to tell Senate Judiciary Committee this week whether he's a member of the party. Refusal of 10 Hollywood witnesses to answer similar questions last November was also due to party orders. Abram Flaxer, president of United Public Workers, CIO, behaved in same way before House Labor Committee in February. The House hasn't cited him for contempt.

COMMUNIST PARTY PLANS BIG NEW YOUTH FRONT. This will go far beyond the milk-and-water "democracy" line of Students for Wallace and other such fronts. It will call itself Marxist and be as openly pro-Moscow as the party's schools (Jefferson School of Social Science, Abraham Lincoln School, Calif Labor School, etc). But it will still deny connection with party.

BIG SECESSION MOVE HURTS CIO OFFICE UNION. Communist leaders of United Office & Professional Workers of America (UOPWA) have had practically no opposition in union for nearly a decade. Now majority of big insurance division is breaking away. UOPWA claims 30,000 members in this division, and most of them resent the fact that they're barred from Natl Labor Relations Bd because their top officers haven't signed non-Communist affidavits.

Leaders of insurance locals arranged recently to join CIO United Paperworkers. Allan Haywood, CIO V-P in charge of organization, approved this...which meant it had Philip Murray's okay too. Later representatives of many locals met in St Louis & Boston and made definite secession plans.

Now the bolt is out in the open. Before it's over it may involve more than 50 locals, with a claimed membership of about 18,000.

This secession is worst blow UOPWA has ever suffered. And it stimulates other moves to secede or to vote for rival unions in NLRB elections.

ATTORNEY GENERAL TOM CLARK ADDS SOME NEW FRONTS...BUT NOT ENOUGH.

Clark named 32 additional organizations last week in a list he gave the Loyalty Review Bd, for use in checking on Govt employees. Like the first list, which Clark issued last November, the new one names both Communist and Fascist organizations. And it also names about as many extinct organizations as live ones.

Clark omits biggest front of all: the Communists' Third Party (consisting of many state parties, coordinated under Natl Wallace for President Comm). Another omission is Progressive Citizens of America, which was earlier form of Third Party and has been partly swallowed up by its successor.

But Clark does name some of the important fronts that were listed in Counterattack Dec 19 '47, pp 3, 4. Among them are American Comm for Protection of Foreign Born, American Comm for Yugoslav Relief, American Council for a Democratic Greece, American-Russian Institute, American Slav Congress, Calif Labor School (San Francisco), Congress of American Women, People's Educational Center (Los Angeles), People's Institute of Applied Religion, and United Comm of South Slavic Americans.

You can get Clark's new list by writing Dept of Justice, Washington.

HERE ARE SOME MORE FRONTS THAT OUGHT TO BE ON CLARK'S LIST. Many of them were named by Counterattack Dec 19 '47, pp 3, 4. Others are additions.

- Actors' Laboratory Theater (Hollywood).
- Allied Labor News (serving labor papers with party-line foreign news).
- American Assn of Scientific Workers.
- American Birobidjan Committee.
- American Committee for Indonesian Independence.
- American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists.
- American Friends of India.
- American Jewish Labor Council (don't confuse with Jewish Labor Committee, which is strongly anti-Communist).
- American Youth for a Free World (U S section of World Fed'n of Dem Youth).
- Austro-American Citizens Committee.
- Austro-American Council.
- California Legislative Conference.
- China Aid Council (originally part of Amer League for Peace & Democracy).
- Church League for Industrial Democracy (not to be confused with League for Industrial Democracy, which is anti-Communist).
- Committee Against War Propaganda (cover name for Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship in smearing the movie, "The Iron Curtain").
- Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy (for Stalinized Asia).
- Committee for Democratic Rights (to defeat Mundt-Nixon bill).
- Committee for the First Amendment (originally "Hollywood Fights Back").
- Committee of One Thousand (to abolish House Comm on Un-Amer Activities).
- Consumers' & tenants' local groups...too many to be named here. Clark only lists one. Most such groups are Communist-led, but some good ones aren't.
- Consumers Union.
- Contemporary Writers.
- Defense committees for various alien Communists arrested for deportation.

- Federated Press (serving labor papers with party-line domestic news).
- German-American Labor Council.
- Indusco (American Committee in Aid of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives).
- Institute for International Democracy.
- Institute of Pacific Relations (originally a genuine research organization).
- Japanese-American Committee for Democracy.
- League of Women Shoppers.
- Methodist Federation for Social Action.
- Natl Lawyers Guild (U S section of an international front of lawyers).
- Natl Wallace for President Comm (temporary name of Communists' Third Party).
- Natl Youth Assembly Against Universal Military Training.
- People's Artists (supplies party-line entertainment to many organizations).
- People's Songs " " " " " " " "
- Physicians Forum.
- Progressive Citizens of America.
- Protestant Associates (supports party-line magazine, "The Protestant").
- Southern Conference for Human Welfare.
- Spanish Refugee Appeal, fund-raising name of Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Comm.
- Stage for Action (produces plays, skits, etc).
- Students for Wallace (a front for American Youth for Democracy).
- Third Party, including all its state affiliates, such as American Labor Party (NY), Progressive Party (Ill), Independent Prog Party (Calif), etc.
- United Action for a Free Indonesia.
- United Christian Council for Democracy.
- United Committee to Save the Jewish State and the United Nations.
- Veterans of the Philippine Campaign.
- Voice of Freedom Committee (promoting Communist propaganda on radio).
- Washington Pension Union (in state of Washington).
- Women's International Dem Federation (includes Congress of American Women).
- World Federation of Democratic Youth (includes Amer Youth for a Free World).
- Young Progressive Citizens of America.

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT IS HONORARY HEAD OF LEADING COMMUNIST FRONT. She's definitely anti-Communist, as shown by her struggles with Stalin's men in U N meetings, her opposition to Communists' Third Party and to Wallace's general line, etc. Still she just can't resist a humanitarian appeal. So the Communists hooked her as honorary chairman of two relief fronts they set up in recent years: American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, and American Relief for Greek Democracy (that is, for Greek Communists). Atty Gen Clark hasn't listed the latter front yet. He may do so in his next list, but he'll be a little late, because the front recently folded.

But Clark's new list DOES include Amer Comm for Yugoslav Relief.

It's time for Mrs Roosevelt to resign her honorary chairmanship, right now.

WHAT TO DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS:

1. Write Atty Gen Clark to list ALL important fronts.
2. Write letters to newspapers at once, telling truth about Mundt-Nixon bill. Get facts from Special Supplement we sent you last week.
3. Telephone senators today to push Mundt-Nixon bill. See p 1.

Yours faithfully,

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