

COUNTERATTACK

FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

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Dear Subscriber:

REVOLT OF BELGRADE AGAINST MOSCOW HAS ONE MAIN LESSON FOR AMERICANS. It is that the power of world Communism can be cracked if we squeeze hard enough. We can squeeze it by supporting non-Communist governments through economic & military aid...and by developing a clear superiority of military strength, so that Stalin will never dare to start a war. If we maintain this pressure PERMANENTLY, a movement will finally arise in Soviet ruling caste to stop the hopeless policy of trying to rival the U S in armament, and instead to begin producing CONSUMER goods for the Soviet people. And if Stalin is once forced to make such a retreat, he may never succeed in getting back on path of military conquest again.

Squeeze the Communists in the Kremlin...and in U S. That must be our policy. We must smash the Communist Fifth Column here, in order to keep it from weakening us as we strengthen ourselves against Stalin. And our first step when Congress meets again should be passage of Mundt-Nixon bill.

AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION SEEKS PRIVATE DATA FROM U. S. COMPANIES. Counterattack learns that Moscow's commercial firm here has written to companies with U S military contracts, asking report in triplicate on finances.

REJECT this request if it's made to you. Financial data can indicate companies' productive ability. Such information, when correlated on a comprehensive scale, can tell Stalin many things the U S Govt doesn't want him to know. Don't tell Amtorg anything without getting Govt permission.

COMMUNISTS' THIRD PARTY EXPRESSES ITS THANKS to the newspaper that is generally considered best in world. This is NYTimes. It's a great newspaper, strongly anti-Communist. But it suffers from a split personality.

It has educated the American people about Communist situation ABROAD...but not at home. Its crack foreign correspondents have ably enlightened their readers about Communism in Europe. Yet at home the NYTimes maintains a polite, "objective" attitude to party fronts. So its readers often don't know that the organizations they read about are Communist-led.

And now the Third or "Commugressive" Party expresses its gratitude. What for? Just this. The NYTimes Magazine, which enjoys a national circulation, has published an article by a Times reporter, Cabell Phillips. He traveled a week with Henry Wallace and his entourage, including Wm S Gailmor & Lewis C Frank. Gailmor makes the money-raising speeches at Commugressive meetings. Frank is Wallace's ghost-writer. Gailmor is a radio commentator, a convicted thief, and a Communist (Counterattack Jan 9, p 2). Frank is a top leader of the party-line minority in American Veterans Committee.

But Cabell Phillips doesn't even suggest to his readers the truth about these men...or that there are any Communists managing the Wallace meetings or speaking at them. This is like producing "Hamlet" without Hamlet.

In some places the Commugressive leaders are OPEN members of

Communist Party. In others, such as Peoria, Ill, they've suffered disastrous defeats in strikes because they haven't filed non-Communist affidavits with NLRB. Cabell Phillips writes that in Peoria two-thirds of Wallace audience came from CIO Farm Equipment Workers' picket line at huge Caterpillar tractor plant. But does he tell his readers about the Communist leaders of that strike, who were prominent in Wallace meeting? Not a word.

No wonder the Commugressive Party expresses its gratitude to the NYTimes for this article, which withholds the truth and MISLEADS the readers.

Cabell Phillips' article is only one example of the split personality of the Times. An even more astonishing example has to do with the Little Red Schoolhouse, which we'll tell you about later in this letter.

TWO COMMUNIST PARTY SCHOOLS ARE SHUT DOWN BY EXPOSURE. In first issue of Counterattack, on May 16, 1947, we named several Communist schools. One of these, Saml Adams School for Social Studies, in Boston, was also named by Atty Gen Tom Clark in his first list of subversive organizations, made public last December. Some people in and near Boston who had been giving money to the school got scared. So the school folded up in the spring.

Another school, People's Educational Center, Los Angeles, was also on our list in May of last year. Tom Clark didn't get around to it till May of this year, when he included it in his second list. This school also folded up, a month ago. But the Clark listing was only one motive for this. Communist nature of this school had already been made plain, and Communist Party in Calif wanted to take the heat off its people in Hollywood studios, many of whom have been tied up with the school in various ways. So People's Educational Center was shut down, and its functions were transferred to new Los Angeles branch of another school...which we deal with below.

BARTLEY CRUM, DAVID JENKINS, LAWRENCE RESNER, HERBERT RESNER, HARRY BRIDGES, and CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL. One of the Communist schools we named in our first issue, May 16, 1947, was Calif Labor School, of San Francisco. Tom Clark included it in his second list, on May 27, 1948.

David Jenkins is the director of this school. When asked whether he had ever registered (or enrolled) in any election as a Communist, Jenkins answered he didn't remember. Fact is he enrolled as a Communist, Oct 5 '36.

Bartley C Crum, San Francisco lawyer, is a member of board of directors of this Communist school. Crum is lawyer for the 10 Hollywood Communists who are on way to prison for refusing to tell House Comm on Un-American Activities whether they're Communist Party members. Lately Crum became publisher of newspaper PM, which has now been renamed NYStar.

Lawrence Resner was a labor reporter on NYTimes three months ago. Most labor reporters on that paper are anti-Communist...unlike Resner. It was Resner who suggested to his friend, Bartley Crum, that he raise money and buy "PM" from Marshall Field, who was offering it for sale. Crum talked matter over with another fellow-traveler, his friend Jos Barnes, foreign editor of NYHerald Tribune. Result: Crum became publisher of "PM"...Barnes became editor. And Resner? Why, he's now the assistant to Crum.

Lawrence Resner's brother, Herbert Resner, of San Francisco, is lawyer for Harry Bridges' union, the CIO West Coast longshoremen.

Herbert Resner is also an instructor at Calif Labor School.

Harry Bridges, top Communist labor leader on West Coast, runs Calif Labor School. Crum has written in praise of him. Bridges has been identified by his former wife and by ex-comrades as member of Communist Party.

BARTLEY CRUM EXPECTS TO RAISE HUGE SUM IN HOLLYWOOD for his newspaper. His 10 indicted clients are suing former employers for blacklisting them. Crum thinks they'll win. Dismissal of the Communists was a reluctant step by producers. It was forced by public opinion. Some of them have since shown resentment NOT at the Communists but at leading ANTI-Communists of Hollywood...the people whose persistent fight against the Communists finally led to investigation by Thomas Committee. Now the producers are defendants in suits for great amounts by the indicted Communists.

And Crum is confident of winning. His clients will then have millions in back pay and damages, and he expects them to invest much of it in his newspaper...especially since the paper is now glorifying them as heroes.

U. S. GOVT HELPED HARRY BRIDGES' COMMUNIST SCHOOL. In 1945, during United Nations Conference, in San Francisco, the State Dept designated Calif Labor School as an official host for labor delegates.

Bartley Crum was appointed a U S consultant in that conference.

School was also approved under GI Bill of Rights, and it boasts that hundreds of veterans took courses. Veterans Administration footed the bills. It explained it had no alternative, because school had been okayed by state of California. But eventually protests grew so hot that the school gave up its status under GI Bill.

Spreading far away from San Francisco, the school has now opened a branch in Los Angeles, replacing People's Educational Center. And it has classes in Oakland, Berkeley, Sacramento, and elsewhere in the state.

Professors at Stanford and other colleges are among its sponsors and faculty members.

Communist-led unions & Communist fronts send members to the school.

Students are also attracted by ads, word of mouth, etc. Many don't know Communist nature of school when they enter. There are no entrance requirements, and fees are low. Courses are given in Communist doctrines, various phases of trade unionism, English, Spanish, Russian, history, science, journalism ...also in so-called "frill" subjects (short-story writing, singing, dancing, art, drama, etc). As soon as a student enters he's surrounded by Communists, and they try to draw him into their social life and their discussions.

In short, Harry Bridges is doing a pretty thorough job.

"THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE" IS "SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN". At the other end of the continent from Harry Bridges, there's a children's private school in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of NYCity. It's called the Little Red Schoolhouse. When it was founded in 1929, its name was simply meant to recall the traditional small-town schoolhouse of this country. That's all. The word "red" was intended to mean nothing else in the name of the school.

Since then a private high school, Elisabeth Irwin High School, has been added to the original project.

Now the Little Red Schoolhouse is trying to raise \$100,000 for renovation. It's making an appeal to the general public.

And the NYTimes editorially supports this appeal. It has given generous space in its news columns to the fund drive and has also published an editorial, urging the public to "respond generously to the appeal for aid."

Now what are the facts about the people running the school?

Randolph B Smith is director of Little Red Schoolhouse and of Elisabeth Irwin High School. He's a state vice-chairman of Progressive

Citizens of America, big front now merging with Commugressive Party. Before the war Randolph Smith supported American League for Peace & Democracy, which shouted for "collective security" against Hitler. The Communists scrapped this front after Stalin signed with Hitler, in August 1939.

In 1940, during Stalin-Hitler Alliance, the Communist Party replaced the American League with American Peace Mobilization. As a preliminary to this it held so-called "peace" meetings, set up local "peace" groups. Randolph Smith sponsored one such meeting, in Little Red Schoolhouse (he was head of another school at that time). Star speaker was Austin Hogan, one of the chief Communist leaders of CIO Transport Workers Union.

Smith sponsored another meeting, which was called by NY Peace Assn, a temporary Communist front leading up to American Peace Mobilization. One of his fellow sponsors was Rep Vito Marcantonio.

Randolph Smith has also backed other Communist fronts. To save space we'll only name three: American Comm for Democracy & Intellectual Freedom (prewar front)...Natl Federation for Constitutional Liberties and its successor, Civil Rights Congress, both listed by Dept of Justice.

And some teachers at Little Red Schoolhouse have also taught at biggest Communist school in U S, the Jefferson School of Social Science.

Adele Lithauer, a teacher at Little Red Schoolhouse, is a v-p of Communist-controlled Teachers Union, Local 555 of United Public Workers, CIO.

Parents' association of the school, which is trying to raise the \$100,000, has been infiltrated by party-liners.

Surely the greatest newspaper in the world ought to investigate before supporting a fund appeal. Surely it ought to be as alert to Communist activity at home as abroad. Or is this asking too much?

COMMUNIST PARTY CONFIRMS COUNTERATTACK'S DISCLOSURE OF WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS. In April, Counterattack's investigators learned exclusively that Communist Party was planning to send 500 young Americans to Warsaw, Poland, this summer for "Conference of International Working Youth." U S sponsor is Communist front, American Youth for a Free World, affiliated with World Federation of Democratic Youth. We published that Apr 23. Last week the Communist Party finally announced that such a conference will be held. "A powerful movement of young workers in our country," it says, "would be a mighty addition to the growing people's coalition"...meaning the Commugressive Party. It urges unions to pay delegates' expenses.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS?

1. Write to New Leader, 7 E 15th St, NYCity, enclosing 10¢ for its June 26 issue, containing effective article by Norbert Muhlen, public opinion expert, who demolishes one of most useful arguments of Communists and their defenders: the argument that there's an anti-Communist "hysteria" in U S. There's no "hysteria", no "witch-hunt", as Muhlen shows clearly.

2. Write or wire State Dept to withhold passports of delegates to Warsaw youth congress (see this page). In self-defense, U S should deny passports to ALL Communists and ALL delegates to Communist meetings.

Yours faithfully,

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