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Dear Subscriber:

COMMUNIST PARTY TRIES TO INFLUENCE JUDGES & JURIES by mail campaigns and by general propaganda. Chief drive of this kind is intended to win acquittal of 12 party leaders, indicted for conspiring against U S Govt.

Counterattack told you last February that the CP had ordered telegrams & letters to be sent to Chief Justice Fred M Vinson urging reconsideration of case of Leon Josephson, Communist International agent whose appeal for review of his conviction of contempt of Congress had been denied by Supreme Court (and who is now in prison). In March, Counterattack reported that the CP had bragged of bringing pressure on a federal judge through hundreds of telegrams in behalf of several party leaders facing deportation.

Now the party is using similar tactics in case of the 11 convicted directors of big Communist front & racket, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. Communists are urging union members and others to write to Chief Justice Vinson to get a review of this case, which involves contempt of Congress by Howard Fast, Communist novelist, and the 10 other defendants.

Communist Party is raising \$250,000 defense fund for 12 indicted party leaders, and will use most of the money for general public PROPAGANDA to influence the jury in the trial...which is scheduled to begin Oct 15.

The top defendant, Wm Z Foster, says "the defense...must be fought in the broad forum of public opinion as well as in the trial courtroom."

Civil Rights Congress is being used to raise the \$250,000 fund for the party. This big Communist front is urging unionists and others to give amounts of at least \$10. "Money is URGENTLY needed," it says, "for millions of leaflets, newspaper advertisements, radio programs, sound trucks, mass meetings and to provide the finest legal talent available."

Notice that the legal talent is mentioned last, almost incidentally. In fact it will be least expensive item of the lot. The 12 CP leaders will be defended by party lawyers, who'll get little or no pay. Maybe for window-dressing there'll be some "name" lawyer who isn't a party member...probably a fellow-traveler. Most of the \$250,000 will go for PROPAGANDA...to create a friendly public opinion for the defendants and thus influence judge & jury.

THE TRUTH ABOUT COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY AGAINST U S GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE TOLD IN EVERY UNION and every other group where the party is starting its propaganda campaign to impress the jury and win acquittal for the indicted members of its top board (or "Politbureau").

Use of force & violence to overthrow U S Govt...this is real charge against them. They've been indicted under Smith Act, which forbids teaching & advocating the overthrow of the Govt by force & violence. But Communist Party is more than a mere TEACHER. It does more than run schools and issue newspapers and other printed matter. It ORGANIZES. It wins power in unions, it sets up Communist fronts, it places Communists in Govt. Thus it takes preliminary steps to be able to use force & violence SUCCESSFULLY.

Federal Judge Harold R Medina cut through Communist pretenses the other day when the Communists' lawyer asserted the indictments didn't charge defendants or party with any specific acts, but only with "a conspiracy to form a group which advocates the violent overthrow of Govt." Said the judge: "No, they want to wait until they get everything set...then the acts will come." It would be more accurate to say that then the FINAL acts will come. Meanwhile the PREPARATORY acts are being committed. A conspiracy to use force & violence means more than striking the blow, pulling the trigger. It means all the plans and all the organizing that lead up to the grand finale.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN TELL MEMBERS OF UNIONS AND OTHER GROUPS about Communist record on force & violence. Without going all the way back into former generations, you can begin with period in 1920's when Stalin was clinching his hold on Communist Party in Russia and on Communist International. In a pamphlet published in U S in 1928 by International Publishers, official publishing house of Communist Party, Stalin said:

"As far as the imperialist countries are concerned, we must regard it as a universally applicable law of the revolutionary movement that the proletarian revolution will be effected BY FORCE."

Stalin took the same position in his "Foundations of Leninism", written in 1924...at the same time when Hitler was writing "Mein Kampf", frankly stating HIS strategy. Stalin's book has been issued in many editions in U S since then. He wrote: "Does not the history of the revolutionary movement show that the parliamentary struggle is only a school for and an aid in organizing the extra-parliamentary" (or non-parliamentary) "struggle of the proletariat, that under capitalism the fundamental problems of the working-class movement are solved BY FORCE, by the direct struggle of the proletarian masses, their general strike, their insurrection?"

"The revolutionary will accept a reform," he wrote in the same book, "in order to use it as an aid in combining legal work with ILLEGAL work, to intensify, under its cover, the illegal work for the revolutionary preparation of the masses for the overthrow of the bourgeoisie."

And this is 1948 doctrine, not merely 1924. That book of Stalin's is sold today in this country in Communist Party's bookstores and is used as a chief text in its schools. And in February of this year, at a meeting of Communist Natl Committee, Frank Waldron, alias Eugene Dennis, general Sec'y of the party, declared that the party members must improve their grasp of the fundamentals of Communist doctrine by studying this very book of Stalin's in which he urged force & violence.

Many hundreds of young American Communists have been sent to Moscow to study in the Lenin School. One of these was Wm O Nowell of Detroit. In early 1930's he began a long course of study at Lenin School. There were about 2,000 students there, from 18 or 20 countries. About 25 were from the U S. The courses were of varying lengths, lasting one, two, and three years. Nowell met a number of leading American Communists there. All students were required to use aliases. Nowell's alias was Cooper.

"We studied how to dismantle the weapons of the leading countries, that is, their main weapons, such as rifles or machine guns and so on," he says. "I also studied secret service codes...We studied the details of how to develop street fights. I mean, how to do barricade fighting, how to seize control of a city, the most strategic, economically and technically strategic points, and so on...."

"A number of people were sent to the Red Army to secure further training in this respect....I spent some time in the Red Army myself....

"We were given regular military training. That is, we studied military science, strategy....We had target practice and all that. Then we were taught what is called partisan warfare, the science of civil warfare, revolutionary uprising....The conspiratory type of warfare. It is related to the boring-in process, street fighting, and how to mobilize in blocks, the blocks in a city, the workers in a plant; how to develop a general strike out of a local strike; how to develop a general strike into a city uprising, a city uprising into a national uprising, coordinating all these different uprisings. Then how to lead this thing, once it is raised, once these men are on the warpath, how to direct them."

One of Nowell's main teachers at Lenin School was the representative of the Communist Party of USA at the Comintern. This was J Peters, as he called himself then (alias Alexander Stevens, Steve Miller, etc). He's the same man who was the superior of the late Harold Ware and of Whittaker Chambers in setting up the underground apparatus in Govt offices in Washington in middle 1930's. Now he's resisting deportation.

After Nowell returned to U S, he organized a party school in Detroit in 1933, modeled after the Lenin School. "When I was director of education," he says, "in connection with the organizational work of the party, we were instructed to secure all possible information that would be of advantage to the revolutionary movement -- armed forces, location of arsenals, strategic means of control in a city."

The Communist Party is the same party now that it was then. It still has the same chairman, Wm Z Foster.

What is Foster's record on force & violence? "We explain to the workers and we teach all the workers that only by violence finally can a revolution be accomplished," he said in 1930. "All revolutions have been accomplished by force & violence."

Two years later Foster was Communist candidate for president. In that year he published a book of 343 pages, "Toward Soviet America". He wrote: "The capitalist class, like an insatiable blood-sucker, hangs to the body of the toiling masses and can be dislodged only by force."

In a Soviet America, said Foster, "all the capitalist parties -- Republican, Democratic, Progressive," (LaFollette) "Socialist, etc -- will be liquidated, the Communist Party functioning alone as the party of the toiling masses. Likewise, will be dissolved all other organizations that are political props of the bourgeois rule, including chambers of commerce, employers' associations, Rotary Clubs, American Legion, YMCA, and such fraternal orders as the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Columbus, etc."

The Communist Party repeated Foster's advocacy of force & violence in 1935, when it issued a manual on party organization. In this it said: "The Communist Party of the USA leads the working class in the fight for the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism." Could this mean a peaceful overthrow? No, for the manual later said: "Basic principles and decisions, such as, for example, the program of the Communist International, cannot be questioned in the party. We cannot imagine a discussion, for example, questioning the correctness of the leading role of the proletariat in the revolution, or the necessity for the proletarian dictatorship. We do not question the theory of the necessity for the forceful overthrow of capitalism."

That was the party's plain stand in 1935. But a few weeks later Stalin announced the "Trojan Horse" policy, at the world congress of the Communist International in Moscow. He instructed all the Communist parties outside Russia to honey up to the liberals and the unionists and to form popular fronts. They were to soft-pedal their belief in violent revolution within democratic countries...for the time being.

And now we come to Frank Waldron, alias Eugene Dennis, who is at present general secretary of the CP. After Stalin signed his pact with Hitler in 1939, most party leaders went underground. One of them was Waldron (Dennis). He appeared in no public meetings and his name disappeared from the party press. But he spoke in a secret meeting of top party leaders in the Chicago District of the party. The meeting was held in the basement of a Chicago office building, where the man in charge was a Communist. Morris Childs, district organizer of the party (who had been at the Lenin School in Moscow at the same time as Wm O Nowell) was among those present.

Communists must steel themselves, must Bolshevize themselves, said Dennis in this secret meeting. They must read Stalin, they must study the official "History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union", in order to know how to act in the new, half-underground period that had begun. "If the United States becomes more allied with Britain," he said, "we must be prepared to turn the IMPERIALIST war into CIVIL war."

But when the U S fully entered the war two years later, it was on same side as Stalin Russia, which had been attacked by Hitler. So the war was no longer "imperialist", in the Communists' eyes. And they didn't try civil war. They postponed their use of force & violence against the U S.

But it was only a postponement. The U S is now engaged in a great & difficult effort to prevent a Third World War. If this effort fails, if Stalin at any time determines on war, you can be sure of one thing. The Communists in the U S will pronounce it an imperialist attack by the U S on the "Workers' Fatherland", the workers' country. They'll try to turn this "imperialist war" into a civil war. They'll use force & violence against the U S, as far as practicable. And they'll try every possible kind of sabotage.

This should be made known now in every union and other group in which Stalin's Fifth Column is agitating. It should be made known to the general public now, in order to counteract the Communists' propagand campaign, on which they're prepared to spend \$250,000 or more.

By lying to the public they hope to influence the jury in the trial of the 12 party leaders. This kind of propagand campaign is one of the methods by which Communists always hide the truth and generally escape punishment and enable themselves to keep on plotting force & violence.

This propagand will be widespread in the coming months, and it should be answered effectively by union leaders, by business men, by leaders of veterans' organizations, by clergymen and teachers and by the press and radio. The way to answer it is by repeatedly telling the truth about the Communist Party's policy of using force & violence against the U S Govt.

Yours faithfully,

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