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Dear Subscriber:

WHAT'S THE CHIEF FOREIGN AFFAIRS QUESTION LEFT UNDECIDED BY THE ELECTION? It's question of China. On European matters Truman & Dewey were substantially agreed. But on China Dewey promised a much stronger program of aid than U S has yet given. This week Roger D Lapham, chief of Marshall Plan operations in China, spoke up on that question.

Lapham says let's do a real job in China...let's end half measures. Our present middle-of-the-road policy isn't getting us anywhere and we should adopt what he calls a policy of affirmative aid...that is, "take full responsibility for that aid, control it, and see how it is spent, both economically & militarily." That's advice of a man who's a Truman appointee... a high official of the Truman Administration's Marshall Plan.

Lapham's advice should be taken without delay. Stalin has won Manchuria already. If he wins the rest of China he'll be in a position to dominate all Asia, and it's hard to see how Third World War could be prevented.

PHILIP MURRAY GAINS STRENGTH AGAINST COMMUNISTS BECAUSE OF ELECTION. The policy which Murray laid down for CIO in the election has succeeded far beyond his expectations or those of anyone else in CIO. And at same time the CIO Communist wing has been set back on its heels by low vote of "Progressive" (or Commugressive) Party. Wallace has been tearing around the country denouncing the labor leaders who've refused to support him...meaning Murray above all. He calls them "misleaders of labor"...a term he picked up from the Communists. This denunciation has riled Murray. He'll hold the reins tight on the Communists in CIO convention, which opens in Portland, Ore, Nov 22. But he won't try to drive them out of CIO.

What of the Communist plan to secede from CIO and form a new labor federation? As Counterattack reported July 9, Communist Party decided to go slow on this, mainly because of fear that the members of party-line unions would refuse to follow their leaders out of CIO. But recently eight big locals of CIO Retail, Wholesale & Dept Store Union seceded, and now biggest local of CIO barbers' union has done the same. The secessionists can form nucleus of a new federation if CP finally starts one. But the election results have given the Communists such a jolt that they're likely to hold up their secession plan for a while at least...and after full analysis they may decide to call all hands back into CIO and fight for renewed power there.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR VITO MARCANTONIO'S VICTORY? On June 25 Counterattack warned of the urgent necessity for Republicans & Democrats to run a coalition candidate against Rep Vito Marcantonio, nationally notorious party-liner. But this wasn't done...and in the campaign Marcantonio even received the undercover support of some Tammany Hall politicians. Result is that this Commugressive candidate has been reelected with 35,937 votes, against 31,482 for the Republican candidate and 31,184 for the Democrat. A

coalition would have beaten Marcantonio easily. But he was enabled to win by making a series of deals and by dividing the opposition...which is the way Communists have won control of various countries.

WHEN NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT MARCANTONIO AND OTHER PARTY-LINERS, the facts in the case are of national importance.

Marcantonio was supported by the newspaper PM, which now calls itself the NYStar but has maintained the old PM policies. This newspaper also endorsed Marcantonio's political little brother, Rep Leo Isacson, who won a spectacular victory early this year in a special Congressional election to fill a vacancy. But luckily Isacson was beaten this week by a coalition candidate. The same newspaper also supported a number of other Commgressives.

Another newspaper, the NYPost, played a queer part in the election. There was a time when the Post was a LIBERAL newspaper. Not any more.

65 employees of the Post assailed the paper's policy in a letter to it last week, which the Post published. They had a lot to beef about.

Mrs Dorothy S Thackrey now owns the Post. She and her husband, Ted O Thackrey, are co-editors & co-publishers. At start of campaign she came out for Truman, he for Wallace. So both Truman & Wallace were plugged in the Post...which thus worked both sides of the street. Neat job. Trumanites & Wallaceites weren't alienated...they kept on buying the paper.

Both the Thackreys endorsed Leo Isacson...as well as three other Congressional nominees who ran on both Democratic & Commgressive tickets.

Co-Editor & Co-Publisher Ted O Thackrey supported several Communist Party members. One of them was Simon Gerson, an OPEN Communist, who is an official of the CP. He ran for City Council in Brooklyn on the Communist Party ticket and also on the Commgressive ticket. Thackrey endorsed CP Member Gerson...and also CP Member Lee Pressman and CP Member Albert E Kahn, who both ran for Congress on Commgressive ticket...and a number of other Communists and fellow-travelers on that ticket, including Eugene P Connolly and O John Rogge, lawyer for Red Fascists and their fronts.

No wonder the 65 anti-Communist employees of the Post wrote that letter of protest. There was no similar letter by employees of PM (or the NYStar), because that paper is too heavily loaded with Communists & fellow-travelers.

What a situation it is, when two newspapers like these can come out in favor of party-liners who are known as such all over the U S! People who have any dealings with newspapers should take special note of these facts.

WHY DOES JOHN L. LEWIS HELP STALIN AGAIN? Whenever Lewis throws his weight on the Communist side, he excuses himself by declaring he isn't a Communist. Of course Lewis isn't a Communist. Lewis is a Lewisist. John L Lewis yields to no man in his devotion to John L Lewis.

But in the course of helping himself he has helped the Communists repeatedly. Although he suppressed the Communists in his own mine union, he welcomed them when he headed the new CIO in 1936. All he cared about was that they could provide a lot of trained organizers. It was Lewis who made CP Member Lee Pressman general counsel & Number 2 man in CIO.

Lewis was warned by Pres David Dubinsky of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, one of the top CIO unions in those days. Dubinsky pointed out that the Communist Party would try to capture the CIO. Lewis answered:

"Dave, who gets the bird? The hunter or the dog?"

Years later Dubinsky, who had taken his union back into AFL, met Lewis again. By that time Lewis had split with the Communists and pulled out of the CIO, leaving them strongly entrenched there.

"John," said Dubinsky, "who gets the bird? The hunter or the dog?"

"You were right, Dave," said Lewis.

Still he keeps on helping the Communists whenever it suits his own purposes. Last week he did it again by writing a letter to Pres Wm Green of AFL, "just as one miner to another", asking him to induce Truman to use his control of Marshall Plan money in order to force French Govt to "stop the shooting of French coal miners who are hungry". This gross misstatement of real situation in France was of great propaganda value to the Communists there and in England and other countries, especially among miners. The Daily Worker in this country splashed Lewis' letter across its front page.

Leon Blum, the aged Socialist former premier, cabled Lewis that the strike was a political one, a Communist maneuver, that most of the workers opposed it and that police hadn't intervened till Communists had started to ruin the mines by pulling maintenance men out. Blum made an innocent mistake. He assumed Lewis was a big-hearted old miner who just didn't know the elementary facts about French mine situation. But such facts had been published in U S newspapers for weeks. How could the head of the U S miners' union not know them? Lewis knew but he didn't care.

He wasn't really interested in the French miners. All he cared about was the American election. He was sore at Truman for getting injunctions that stopped his strikes, so he used the French situation to incite American miners against Truman and some other candidates, especially in W Va and Ky. And by proving he could influence votes, Lewis intended to emphasize his demand that the Govt let him control the Bureau of Mines. That's what Lewis was after. And if in doing it he helped Stalin to block the Marshall Plan and ruin France and all Europe, what does Lewis care?

COMMUNISTS PLAN MOVIE BOYCOTT TO FORCE RECOGNITION OF THEIR UNION. Here's a scheme in which Communist Party is using a number of resources. It's using a Communist-controlled union, plus the Commugressive Party and Henry Wallace, plus a top Communist front...the Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions, known as NCASP.

The NCASP will help the Communist-led union in a boycott of movies. Chairman of NCASP is Prof Harlow Shapley of Harvard, the old reliable, who doesn't admit membership in Communist Party. NCASP has formed a "Citizens Committee" to push boycott. Committee is headed by Louis Untermeyer, poet, anthologist, radio speaker, etc, a zealous supporter of Communist fronts.

One of the committee members is Howard Fast, writer of propaganda novels, who no longer denies he's a CP member. Fast and 10 other directors of big CP front & racket, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, are going to jail soon for contempt of Congress. Another member is John Lardner, drama critic of newspaper PM, now called NYStar. Lardner's brother, Ring Lardner, Jr, is one of the 10 Hollywood Communists indicted for contempt of Congress.

The Communist-led union involved is United Office & Professional Workers of America, CIO, known as UOPWA. Its officers haven't filed non-Communist affidavits with NLRB. Two of its subsidiaries are Screen Office & Professional Employees Guild and the Screen Publicists Guild. Nearly all the movie producers have refused to renew contracts with these outfits.

So the biggest union in amusement field has moved in. This is the

IATSE (International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, AFL). IATSE has won election after election, and the Communist-run UOPWA is licked...unless it can save itself by using box-office pressure against the producers.

So there'll be large ads in newspapers, urging readers to boycott all movies produced by firms that don't recognize UOPWA. Ads will be signed by the "Citizens Committee", composed of big names from the front, the NCASP. Names of Wallace and other celebrities will be flashed at readers.

WHAT TO DO: Tell your newspapers NOW that they shouldn't accept any ad by Communist Party or any of its fronts...including this "Citizens Committee". Urge your newspaper to reject all such ads by Fifth Column. If a newspaper accepts such an ad, mail it to us. We'll report the fact.

BISHOP ADVISES CLERGYMEN NOT TO APPEAR IN MEETINGS WITH "RED DEAN". Now that State Dept has broken law by admitting Communist Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canterbury Cathedral, Communist Party is efficiently using him for best propaganda advantage. One way of doing this is to bring him before the public in the company of other clergymen. Some of these are already secret Communists. Others tend toward Communism, and they can be led further in that direction by publicly associating with Communist Johnson. Moreover, church laymen and other people can be led toward Communism if they see that the harmless-looking old Russia Firster is publicly approved by a lot of clergymen in this country.

But Right Rev F Eric Bloy, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Los Angeles, knows that clergymen who appear in public with Communist Johnson will lay themselves open to suspicion. He himself has refused to take part in formal arrangements of welcome. And besides this he has advised his clergymen not to appear in public meetings with the visitor, "for it surely would be interpreted as tacit approval of his views."

It surely would. Not only of his views but of his Communist ACTS. Any clergyman, or anybody else, who associates with Communist Johnson will only have himself to blame if he's widely regarded as a Red Fascist himself.

IN ORDER TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS, GET NEW BOOKLET ISSUED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES. This is fifth in the notable series on Communism which the Chamber has published in past two years. It's a 58-page booklet entitled, "A Program for Community Anti-Communist Activity". In it you'll find many specific recommendations that will clearly show you how to do effective anti-Communist work in your community.

Organize local anti-Communist committees...and put special emphasis on the subcommittee on information, which can dig out the facts you need for action. Get real experts to help you...avoid labor-haters & bigots. After local committees are formed, go ahead and coordinate them through state committees. Recommendations like these are the heart of the program.

Already the Communist Party has attacked the new booklet. "U S Chamber Maps Witchhunt Network", cries the CP on page 1 of Daily Worker. "Witch-hunt" is CP's word for any exposure of Communism. To get the booklet, write Chamber of Commerce of U S A, Washington, DC. Single copies 50¢. Two to five copies, 40¢ each. Other rates for larger quantities.

Yours faithfully,

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