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Dear Subscriber:

COMMUNISTS TAKE LEGAL RISKS BY SIGNING TAFT-HARTLEY AFFIDAVITS.

Almost ever since Taft-Hartley bill was passed, there've been some cases of perjury by union officials. Now there'll be many more.

For the Communist Party has given in. It has ordered party-line unions to file with NLRB in those cases where the union is endangered by refusal to file. Thus the CP abandons the direct slugging methods which it adopted in summer of 1947 against affidavit clause. This slugging policy has caused big losses to party-line unions. But it was a part of the general militant line which was ordered by Moscow to stir up American labor against the Govt and give the U S a black eye all over the world.

Two methods will be used by the Communists to evade or break law on question of affidavits. The first is the one predicted by Counterattack June 27, 1947: "In a few unions some avowed Communists will retire from office in favor of secret party members or fellow-travelers." When officers resign, they get appointive jobs and keep much or all of their powers. Their titles are taken over by persons who aren't actual CP members or whose membership can't be proved. This method has already been used. Examples: CIO Farm Equipment Workers, and some department store locals that have quit CIO.

And the CIO United Office and Professional Workers of America (UOPWA) is now using this method. Communist Party has just ordered UOPWA to sign T-H affidavits. This reprieve comes in nick of time. UOPWA has already suffered enormous losses of membership, chiefly in the insurance & movie fields. Prudential Insurance Co has refused to renew contracts for 14,000 industrial agents in 31 states. And last week Metropolitan Life said it wouldn't renew contracts covering 4,500 industrial agents in 11 states and NYC area.

So the CP told UOPWA to file. Pres Jas H Durkin of UOPWA thinks he can sign an affidavit safely. Sec-Treas John Stanley resigned. The three V-P's didn't resign. They simply dropped title of officer. Now they're just division heads...so they don't have to sign affidavits. Stanley was replaced by Bernard J Mooney, who thinks he can safely sign.

Thus UOPWA uses first method of getting around Taft-Hartley Act.

Second method is perjury or near perjury. A CP member signs T-H affidavit, hoping his membership can't be proved. Maybe he secretly gives CP a phony resignation from membership. Among unions where this method has already been used is United Packinghouse Workers, CIO...which is now ruled by a coalition of Pres Ralph Helstein and the Communists.

And now Nicholas Carnes will use this method. As recently as three months ago, Carnes told his fellow members of international Exec Board of Retail, Wholesale & Dept Store Union, CIO, that he was a CP member. Since then he has broken away from that union. He's president of Local 1250, one of eight party-line locals that have seceded. Now he'll sign T-H affidavit.

How can he get away with this? Well, Taft-Hartley Act says the

union officer must sign an affidavit "that he is not a member of the Communist Party or affiliated with such party". What does "is" mean? This very day? This very minute? Suppose Nick Carnes signs an affidavit today, after "resigning" from CP membership yesterday. Is he a member of CP? Or is he affiliated with it? He was certainly affiliated with it as recently as Nov 2, Election Day, when he ran for Congress on ticket of "Progressive" or Commugressive Party, a Communist front. (And Wallace made a speech for him.)

Maybe Nick Carnes can get away with this. Maybe not. Dept of Justice should certainly get busy, lay down a policy, take action. Congress didn't intend that Nick Carnes and other Communists should beat the law. And if they get away with it, Congress should tighten up the law.

NEWSPAPERS CAN HURT THE COMMUNISTS...OR HELP THEM. The Janesville, Wis, Gazette has set an example of alertness which many larger newspapers might well copy. Some time ago a lecturer named Martin Hall came to Janesville, under auspices of Peace Section of American Friends Service Committee (Quakers). He made speeches that were clearly pro-Communist. The Janesville Gazette began investigating. The process took months. It would have been shorter if the Gazette had asked Counterattack for facts.

Anyway the Gazette learned that Hall isn't a Quaker. The Adult Education Council of Chicago, a booking agency, had been arranging dates for him. Soon after his Janesville appearance, Hall spoke before Hollywood chapter of Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions. This is a Communist front which Counterattack has repeatedly exposed. It's headed by Prof Harlow Shapley, Harvard astronomer, the old reliable, who doesn't admit membership in Communist Party.

Now the Gazette has gathered more facts from Washington and has published them. Martin Hall is the name used in recent years by a Communist named Hermann Jacob, who came here as a refugee from Germany. The Gazette has told Janesville many interesting facts about his Communist record.

Newspapers all over should wake up. There are pro-Communist lecturers going from one town to another all the time, dishing out their propaganda. Newspapers should investigate them, as Janesville Gazette has done.

Here's a further word about NYPost, which is run jointly by its owner & co-editor & co-publisher, Mrs Dorothy S Thackrey, and her husband & co-editor & co-publisher, Ted O Thackrey. During election campaign Mrs Thackrey was vexed because Truman only intervned part of time instead of all the time in behalf of Israel. She thought Dewey was taking a stronger pro-Israel stand, so at last minute before election she came out for Dewey. At same time she and her husband endorsed several Commugressive candidates for Congress, and he also endorsed some who are definitely CP members.

A POLISH COMMUNIST QUOTES TRUMAN...BUT WHOM WAS TRUMAN QUOTING?

In a debate in the United Nations meeting in Paris last week, Julius Katz-Suchy, the Polish Communist, described his opponent in the debate, John Foster Dulles, as a Fascist. And in support of this he said: "It is sufficient to recall here a statement which was made by the President of the United States in Chicago during the election campaign, at which time he likened the Republican Party to a Fascist Party and likened the boss of Mr Dulles to Hitler, declaring him to be a Fascist tool."

Now this was very logical. For the Polish Communist was quoting the President accurately. And if Dewey is a Fascist, it's logical to deduce that his spokesman in international matters, Dulles, is also a Fascist.

The Polish Communist quoted the President. Whom was the President quoting? Where did HE get that statement from? The answer is easy.

Wallace has made same charge against Republican Party...and ALSO against Democratic Party. Both parties are allied in a bipartisan militarist policy, he says. And last March in a nation-wide broadcast he denounced the Truman Doctrine and the "red-baiting" which he said Truman was guilty of.

He charged Truman with imitating Hitler. Pointing out that Hitler's "first attack was made on western democracies, not Russia," Wallace declared that "the same course is being followed today. It is not Russia but American democracy which is the INTENDED victim of the first attack." That is, Truman deliberately aimed at destroying American democracy.

And Sen Glen Hearst Taylor said the same thing sharply at Madison, Wis, Sept 20. "Nazis are running our American Govt," he declared.

But where did Wallace & Taylor get that line from? Obviously the Communist Party. In July, 1946, while Wallace was still in Truman's Cabinet, Wm Z Foster wrote of the "already sharp Fascist trends in this country." And since then the CP has repeatedly denounced the bipartisan foreign policy of the U S as militarist & Fascist.

And where did Communist Party get this line? From Moscow.

So around & around we go. Moscow denounces both major parties in this country as Fascist. CP here picks up that line. Wallace gets it from CP. Truman gets it from Wallace but applies it to Republican Party exclusively. And then Moscow's Polish Communist puppet in U N gets it from Truman and uses it to attack a leading American delegate to U N...and in this way to attack America as a whole.

"I HAVE NEVER MET A COMMUNIST PROFESSOR," says Chancellor Robt M Hutchins of U of Chicago. This is a startling confession of isolation.

Some cynical Chicagoans may be tempted to murmur that they never expected the head of their great university to come right out and admit he's so cloistered that he hasn't met all the professors on his own faculty.

More seriously, a question or two may be put to Chancellor Hutchins. What does he mean by "a Communist professor"? One who is a CP member? Or one who follows the party line, regardless of membership?

If Hutchins means a CP member, does he expect such a professor to tell Hutchins or any other non-Communist that he's a member? If Hutchins doesn't expect this, how does he know he has never met a Communist professor?

Or does Hutchins mean any professor who follows the party line? If so, has Hutchins looked into the actions of some professors at U of Chicago who ardently support one Communist front after another?

J. PARNELL THOMAS HELPS COMMUNISTS. The question of his guilt or innocence in payroll padding case will be decided by the courts and a jury. But when Thomas went before grand jury and refused to testify, on the ground that his answers might tend to incriminate him, he did what Communist after Communist has lately done before Thomas Un-American Activities Committee.

It's true that Thomas has a legal right to do this, under the Constitution, which provides that "no person...shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself" (Fifth Amendment). And it's doubtful whether witnesses before a Congressional committee can claim such immunity, because they're not appearing in a criminal case. Still the parallel between the Communists' action and Thomas' action is too close for comfort. It has helped the Communists by blackening Un-American Activities Committee.

Probably Thomas will be allowed to take his seat when the new Congress convenes in January. But he won't be chairman of Un-American Activities Comm any more. Chairmanship will go to a Democrat, probably Rep John S Wood of Ga, who was chairman when House was Democratic before (1945-46). Another member of the committee, Rep John E Rankin, may become prominent in it again. That would be bad. It would hurt the committee.

Three members of present committee won't be on it again. Rep Karl E Mundt of South Dakota, Republican, moves up to the Senate. John McDowell of Pennsylvania and Richard B Vail of Chicago were among the many Republicans beaten for reelection. Aside from Thomas, the only Republican member of the committee who'll stay on it is Richard M Nixon of Calif, young first-termer. He's chief author of Mundt-Nixon bill and has made a fine record as a level-headed, alert, fair member of the committee.

Much of the good work of the committee is due to its director of research, Benjamin Mandel. The amount of work under his charge is enormous. Mandel should be given a bigger staff so that he can do an even better job.

THERE SHOULD BE A JOINT SENATE-HOUSE COMMITTEE on Un-American Activities. Counterattack recommended this last year. And now the Chamber of Commerce of the U S A has made the same suggestion in its new pamphlet, "A Program for Community Anti-Communist Action".

This committee should be made up of leading members of both houses. They should represent all main tendencies in Congress...except those typified by Rankin and Marcantonio. Liberals as well as conservatives should be on committee. Labor shouldn't boycott it, as it has done the present committee. All nine of the present members voted for Taft-Hartley. Labor assails the committee on this ground. But if labor doesn't want a committee to be unrepresentative, it should encourage its friends in Congress to accept membership on it. Let's have a joint Senate-House committee, a high-grade committee that will be fair to all.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS? Do whatever is most useful, whether it's big & exciting or small & irksome. Here are suggestions for yourself and your unions or business & civic organizations:

1. For detailed guidance on what to do, write Chamber of Commerce of U S A, Washington, DC, for its new 58-page pamphlet, "A Program for Community Anti-Communist Action", which we praised last week. Single copies 50¢. Two to five copies, 40¢. Other rates for larger quantities.

2. Urge your newspapers to check up on visiting lecturers who seem to be spouting the Kremlin line. See p 2.

3. Ask your newly elected congressman and your senators to support creation of joint Senate-House Committee on Un-American Activities. See p 4.

4. See to it that public libraries, college & school & YMCA libraries, etc, contain useful books that expose Communist Fifth Column. One of newest of these is "The Whole of Their Lives", by Benj Gitlow, one of Earl Browder's predecessors as General Sec'y of CP. Published by Scribner's. \$3.50. While Gitlow's book isn't perfectly written and has some faults, it also has a lot of valuable facts about history of Communist Party, and you should try to put it on library shelves.

Yours faithfully,

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