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Dear Subscriber:

A CONGRESSIONAL PAMPHLET NOT YET AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL CIRCULATION is being sent to you with this issue of Counterattack. It is "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Education". The House Committee on Un-American Activities has prepared this pamphlet, but during the Congressional recess it can't get authorization for a large printing.

Ordinarily we would tell our subscribers about this pamphlet, and recommend that they write to Washington for it. But that wouldn't do any good in this case. Therefore we have paid for the printing of a supply of the pamphlets and we're sending them to our subscribers.

There've been two earlier pamphlets in this series...we've told you about those in past issues of Counterattack. And there'll be two more, dealing with the influence of Communists on labor and on our Govt. It's a good series, although this doesn't mean we agree with every word in it. The pamphlets are well prepared and should have a useful effect.

SOON THE SOVIET DELEGATE IN THE U. N. MAY "BE ABLE TO SAY THAT HE IS SPEAKING FOR MORE THAN HALF OF THE HUMAN RACE".

These words were delivered to a wildly applauding Communist audience the other day by J Raymond Walsh, radio commentator, at a meeting of a Communist front, the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

This outfit is running a series of meetings with the slogan, "Hands Off China". Hands off for the U S, that is. Not for Stalin.

Huge damage to this country that will result from Communist capture of China is shown by statements of Communist & pro-Communist speakers at these meetings. For example, take the meeting where J Raymond Walsh spoke.

Chairman was Richard A Yaffe, news editor of the newspaper PM, which now calls itself NYStar. Yaffe has supported various Communist fronts and has been active in the pro-Communist elements that used to control American Newspaper Guild. He writes for the Communist magazine, Soviet Russia Today. (Incidentally, another leading editor of the same newspaper, Richard E Lauterbach, spoke at a meeting of another Communist front the other day in opposition to Mme Chiang Kai-shek's plea for aid to China).

Yaffe compared Chinese situation to Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. He said the people of this generation were living in momentous times, that our age had seen three great historical events: 1. Bolshevik Revolution. 2. Liberation of Eastern Europe. 3. Imminent liberation of China.

"Liberation" is a word meaning Communist capture of a country. That's how it is used by Communists & pro-Communists. And Yaffe overlooked a couple of other great historical events. One was "liberation" of Germany and later of most of Europe by Hitler. Another was the second World War, with its slaughter of millions. We've been living in "momentous times", all right. The Red Fascists think we ought to be grateful for that.

Yaffe introduced Ilona Ralf Sues, writer on China and backer of

Communist fronts. She declared the "new democracy" being established in Manchuria is on a sound economic foundation, and the Chinese people will wipe out "the American interventionists". (Applause from the audience.)

Walter Wallace, V-P of the Young Progressives of America, a Communist front, spoke next. He said that "the ultimate fist of oppression & imperialism" was in this country, but the American people too would soon be "liberated"...and we would extend our hand to the brave Chinese people. After Wallace came Edith Allaire, who is associated with People's Songs, a Communist front. She sang a song of the Chinese Communists.

Agnes Smedley, who for years has been writing with fervid devotion about the Chinese Communists, made a speech praising them lyrically. She denounced Chiang-Kai-shek for his break with Moscow 21 years ago.

The smooth & gifted J Raymond Walsh, who is a commentator on Station WMCA, New York, was the next speaker. He said we were living in a "great convulsive period". (There's that line again. A terrible lot of people are getting slaughtered in a lot of places, and we're supposed to be grateful for the privilege of living in such a period!)

Walsh said the Chinese Communists are leading the revolution to victory. (Applause.) "All honor and respect to the Communists who are doing that!" (More applause.) As an American, he said, he's humiliated because our Govt has found it difficult to ally itself with the Communists in China. In six to twelve months Chiang-Kai-shek will be in his grave, or perhaps get a teaching job in the U S...and we may as well make up our minds now, declared Walsh, that we'll have to deal with the new Govt in China.

Then came his punch line: "It may well be that in the near future the Soviet delegate in the United Nations will be able to say that he is speaking for more than half of the human race."

Thunderous applause greeted this statement. The Communist audience glowed. This was what they had come for. They clapped their hands and beamed at each other...and anyone looking at them could tell they were deliciously imagining the triumph of the Soviet Union in the United Nations, the abject defeat of America, and the world victory of Communism.

After China the world! That's how Communists from Moscow to Manchuria & Milwaukee & Miami look at it. They think their victory in China will mean the U S is stymied in all Asia...and will soon be stymied in Europe.

And Gen MacArthur has sent a report to Washington, declaring the Communist victory in China outflanks the American position in Japan, and we must send more troops, ships & planes to that area.

We'll have to pay the price of all the drifting we've done in the past...the price of errors and worse than errors in our State Dept, where some high officials were spies...the price of our laxity & ignorance...the price of our gross underestimate of the Communists at home & abroad.

And the longer our Govt keeps on trying to cover up its blunders, instead of establishing a workable policy to save whatever can still be saved in China, the bigger the price we'll have to pay, in money and lives.

AMONG RADIO COMMENTATORS WHO OFTEN DEFEND COMMUNISTS, the most important now is Arthur Gaeth. He's important because he's on a big network.

Arthur Gaeth is sponsored by the top Communist-controlled union, United Electrical Workers, CIO. He's on ABC every Monday night.

California used to have a flock of party-line commentators. Lately they haven't been on the air so often. Sidney Roger, in San Francisco, is

heard twice a week on Station KGO, an ABC station. In Los Angeles Averill Berman broadcasts at various times on Stations KECA, KWIK, and KGFJ; Alvin Wilder on KECA; Peter DeLima on KXLA. Another commentator of the same type, Sam Balter, does some sports broadcasting.

J Raymond Walsh (see pp 1 & 2) in New York broadcasts nightly on WMCA, and Wm S Gailmor once a week on WMGM. Gailmor is the man who toured the country with Henry Wallace this year, making the money-raising speeches.

In Chicago, Gerhard Schacher is heard once a week on WJJD.

There are some other commentators of this general sort here & there in the country. And besides there are others who don't go quite so far.

COMMUNISTS STIR UP GRIEVANCE DISPUTES AS MEANS OF FIGHTING MURRAY. New policy of CP in its struggle with Philip Murray is to urge super-militancy in CIO, as Counterattack explained last week. This means not only big wage demands but strong emphasis on grievances in unions that are led by anti-Communists. By keeping grievance pot boiling, by refusing to accept reasonable settlements of grievances, and by always finding something new to beef about, the Communist Party contingents in anti-Communist unions can harass union leaders and sometimes provoke revolts against them.

These tactics are being used at Ford's, in the great Rouge plant. There the CP'ers are distributing the Michigan once-a-week edition of Daily Worker as a means of agitation. This edition always plays up something wrong at the plant. It encourages union members to ignore regular grievance procedure and to demonstrate at offices of plant officials. In one department last week, Communists led a group of workers to superintendent's office at lunch time, demanding immediate settlement. Whenever anything is won by such methods, the Communists point to this victory as proof that the union officials in the shop are lacking in sincerity or courage.

The same tactics will increasingly be used in many industries. Ford's is most spectacular testing ground for CP in its new tough period.

COUNTERATTACK SPOILS THE PLANS OF A COMMUNIST FRONT. Here's an example of what you can do in your community, wherever it may be, if local officials grant any privileges to Communists or their front organizations.

If any such situation arises in your community, send word of it to Counterattack. And we'll then take suitable action to induce the public officials to withdraw the privileges.

In our Dec 3 issue we told you that the American Council for a Democratic Greece had received a permit to solicit money for three days on NY streets. Before this, on Nov 29, we pointed out to Mayor O'Dwyer that this outfit was listed by Dept of Justice as a Communist front. At same time we notified various civic organizations, which at once protested to the city.

Commerce & Industry Assn of NY threw its weight into the battle. Response came quickly. City officials revoked the permit they had given.

But this victory is only a starter. Counterattack has repeatedly called attention of NY officials to coin-collection permits granted to fronts. Civil Rights Congress got such a permit for Apr 29 & 30 and May 1. Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee got a permit for three days in May.

American Jewish League Against Communism protested in June against a permit given to an obvious front, American Jewish Labor Council (which adopted this name to imitate the Jewish Labor Committee, an anti-Communist organization). But the front was allowed to keep its permit.

And the American Jewish League Against Communism also pointed out

to Mayor O'Dwyer lately that the Communist Party's fraternal insurance society, International Workers Order, is actually allowed to conduct children's classes in nine public schools. O'Dwyer did nothing.

Anti-Communists in every part of the country should write or wire to O'Dwyer, telling him it's a disgrace that the biggest city in the country should allow Communist fronts in its public schools and should authorize fronts to collect money on the streets.

And in other cities, if situations like these arise, subscribers should immediately notify Counterattack. We'll try to stimulate widespread action to make public officials quit playing footsie with the fronts.

STALIN PLANS BIG NEW FRONT AGAINST U. S. IN LATIN AMERICA. To get it started, he'll hold a Western Hemisphere meeting, probably in Mexico City, with delegates from all Latin American countries, plus U S & Canada. Already he has lined up Ex-Pres Lazaro Cardenas of Mexico on his side.

"American Congress for Peace & Democracy"...that will be name of the meeting. Do you remember American League for Peace & Democracy, which was Stalin's biggest prewar front in U S and was a part of an international front on the same issue? Well, the new front will be like that old one. The old one PURPORTED to be aimed against Hitler...it was formed to win the support of the democracies for Stalin Russia against Hitler Germany, and thus to give Stalin such strength that he could bargain with Hitler and make the 1939 pact with him. The NEW front is plainly aimed against U S. But the U S is now the same as Hitler, says Stalin a decade later.

To cut off strategic Latin American materials from U S is main purpose of new front. Already Latin American Communist-led unions have held an Inter-American Oil Congress, in Tampico, Mexico, and announced they won't let any oil be shipped from Latin America to U S in case of a shooting war (Counterattack Oct 29, p 1).

WHAT TO DO: Urge State Dept to take the offensive against Stalin and beat this new front of his, win allies in Latin America, protect our materials. Not only should we disprove the false charges against us (semi-fascism, military aggression, etc). We should go further by proving to Latin America that Stalin Russia is imperialist & anti-labor, with a phony labor movement and with millions of slave laborers in concentration camps.

We need labor allies in Latin America. Our ambassador to Argentina should stop publicly heaping bushels of praise on the Fascist semi-dictator, Peron, and urging workers to vote Peron's ticket. And we should back up the anti-Communist labor organization, the Inter-American Confederation of Workers, which was organized last January, largely under AFL guidance.

"RED DEAN" VISITS AMERICAN KREMLIN, THE COMMUNIST NATIONAL HQ. Rev Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canterbury Cathedral, member of Communist Party of Britain, and member of editorial board of Daily Worker (London), this week visited Communist Natl Hq. He hobnobbed with members of its governing body ("Politbureau"), and with editors of Daily Worker (U S edition), which is published in CP Hq. And still our State Dept, which broke the law by letting him in, and even encouraging him to come, pretends he isn't a Communist!

Yours faithfully,

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