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Dear Subscriber:

HIGH COMMUNISTS FROM MANY COUNTRIES ARE PLANNING TO COME HERE for the first meeting of U S section of World Congress of Intellectuals, March 25, 26 & 27, at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, NYCity.

Reason for holding this big propaganda powwow at Waldorf-Astoria is to give it the luster of luxury, expensiveness, dignity...and thus make it immune from attack. It's easy for political leaders & newspapers to throw a few brickbats at a meeting of a Communist front in a cheap hall or on a street corner. But when a meeting is held for three days running in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf, at a cost of \$1,000 a day (for the hours of 9 to 5 only), then politicians & newspapers hesitate to murmur a rude word. After all, people with so much money can't be Communists, can they?

If the Red Fascists can wear this Waldorf camouflage successfully, getting respectful stories in the press and on the radio, they may be able to follow up their triumph by winning new supporters on college faculties and among writers, musicians, actors, scientists, professional people, etc.

Stalin's phony "peace" offensive will be plugged at the meeting, which will be disguised as a "Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace", under auspices of Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions. This front is headed by Prof Harlow Shapley, Harvard astronomer. Shapley is the Number 1 scientist in the leadership of Communist fronts. Such fronts are often sponsored by scientists even more celebrated than Shapley...but these men aren't steadily active in managing the fronts, as Shapley is.

The \$1,000 a day meeting will be under general supervision of Cominform, which is operating through one of its agencies called International Committee in Defense of Peace, with hq in Paris. Last August the Cominform held a World Congress of Intellectuals, in Wroclaw, Poland (formerly Breslau, Germany). This Congress set up International Comm in Defense of Peace to continue its work. Semi-monthly bulletin of the Cominform, which is read by Communists in all countries, has promoted the work of the World Congress.

Stalin is sending over a delegation from Moscow. Most lustrous name among these delegates is Dmitri Shostakovich, the composer. But the boss of the delegation will be Alexander Fadeyev, Sec'y General of the Secretariat of the Union of Soviet Writers.

It was Fadeyev who flung the first handful of mud at U S in the Wroclaw Congress. As head of the Soviet delegation, he made the opening speech, in which he railed at America so violently that a few innocent souls who had been sucked into the Congress were horrified. American culture, he said, was "disgusting filth", with "the dollar sign" written all over it. Now this same Fadeyev is planning a visit to the land of this disgusting filth.

Madame Eugenie Cotton, president of Stalin's international front for women, will be a delegate from France...if U S lets her in. Madame Cotton complained angrily in 1946 when State Dept barred her as a Communist.

She's president of Women's International Democratic Federation, which denounced U S savagely in its convention in Bucharest, Hungary, in December.

WHAT TO DO: Get into action at once. Burn up the wires to Washington with phone calls & telegrams. Urge Truman, Sec'y of State Dean Acheson, Atty Gen Tom Clark, and your congressman and both your senators to prevent the ILLEGAL ADMISSION of the foreign Communist leaders. Our laws forbid Communists to enter. Tell Washington it should bar ALL visitors to the Communist meeting. And urge the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to cancel the meeting and thus avoid embarrassing its non-Communist guests.

Ask your friends & organizations (unions or business & civic & veterans' groups, etc) to phone or wire along these lines...and to send copies of their messages to other organizations, urging similar protests by them.

Visit the editors of your newspapers. Go alone or as a member of a group. Urge the editors to inform themselves about this \$1,000 a day propaganda meeting and to ask the Associated Press, United Press, and International News Service to send full and REVEALING stories about it, instead of falling for Stalin's propaganda hoax and misleading the readers.

GENERAL WILLOUGHBY'S OFFER TO LET AGNES SMEDLEY SUE HIM is a sign of his confidence that he can prove his charges about Soviet spying in Japan.

It's also an indirect comment on the peculiar statement issued by one of Sec'y Royall's subordinates in Washington...a statement which had the effect of smearing Gen Willoughby's chief, Gen MacArthur.

The deputy chief of the Army Public Information Division is Col Geo S Eyster. Last week he apologized because his office, nine days earlier, had made public the confidential 32,000 word report of MacArthur's Intelligence staff. He said the Public Information Division had no proof on hand to back up the charge that two writers, Guenther Stein & Agnes Smedley, had been members of Dr Richard Sorge's spy ring in the Far East.

But Col Eyster should have known that his statement would be misinterpreted. Newspapers & radio stations throughout the country told the public that the ARMY had no proof, instead of saying Sec'y Royall's public relations men in Washington had no proof.

Then Eyster went on to say that the spy report contained only the findings of Japanese spy-hunters. This is NOT accurate. The findings are those of MacArthur's Intelligence staff.

Eyster didn't merely apologize for the action of his own office in issuing the report. More than that, his statement gave the public the impression that Gen MacArthur had been guilty of a reckless smear. And Agnes Smedley hailed Eyster's statement as "clearing" her name.

But Gen Chas A Willoughby, chief of MacArthur's Intelligence staff, won't stand for that. He has issued a statement assuming full responsibility for the report, but saying it was developed solely for Military Intelligence purposes and shouldn't have been made public.

"I differ emphatically from those who belittle the documentation supporting the report," he says. "This documentation is voluminous and has not been published." And in order to give Agnes Smedley a chance to sue, he says: "I...very gladly waive any immunities I may possess to legal or any other action that may be taken or desired."

Agnes Smedley's answer came from her lawyer, O John Rogge, who was then in Detroit, attending the convention of the Natl Lawyers Guild, a Communist front. In this convention Rogge denounced the Govt loyalty check on

its employees...he denounced the requirement that union officers must file non-Communist affidavits in order to get recognition from Natl Labor Relations Bd...and he denounced the trial of CP leaders in the Federal court. Moreover, some of the Communist Party's lawyers in that trial, including Louis F McCabe, Geo W Crockett, Jr, and Maurice Sugar, were also at the convention of this Communist front and denounced the trial and Judge Medina.

The answer Rogge gave for Agnes Smedley to Gen Willoughby's statement that he was willing to waive his immunity was a simple one. It was a cool demand that Gen MacArthur waive HIS immunity, so that Agnes Smedley could sue HIM. MacArthur happens to have one or two other things on his mind, such as protecting America from destruction in a war with Stalin Russia if it should prove unavoidable. The idea that MacArthur should let his time & attention be taken up by a Smedley lawsuit is just fantastic.

Rogge & Agnes Smedley know MacArthur isn't going to bother with them. He will not and he OUGHT not let himself be drawn into such a lawsuit. Even Gen Willoughby, in other circumstances, oughtn't to waive his immunity...but now MacArthur has authorized him to do so because of the peculiar statement issued by Royall's public relations officer in Washington.

Sec'y Royall's okay is also needed before Gen Willoughby can be sued. If Royall gives his consent, Agnes Smedley will have her chance to sue, if that's what she really wants. And Gen Willoughby says he's willing to come into court and give proof that she was a spy for Stalin Russia.

BIG MAJORITY OF PEOPLE THINK EMPLOYERS SHOULD FIRE COMMUNISTS.

The Psychological Corp made a survey of 5,000 men & women who were visited at their homes in cities & towns throughout U S. They were asked, "Do you believe companies should or should not discharge employees who are Communists?" Results: Should discharge, 64%. Shouldn't, 18%. Uncertain, 18%. Notice that the ratio of Should to Shouldn't is nearly 4 to 1.

Union members gave practically the same percentages as the other people who answered the question. 62% said Should, 20% said Shouldn't.

Psychological Corp made the survey for General Electric. GE is biggest electrical manufacturer in U S...and main union in its plants is biggest Communist-controlled union, United Electrical Workers, CIO. GE doesn't intend to begin firing Communists...not soon, anyway. But the results of the survey will help GE to develop its labor policy.

UNION HEAD ASKS CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE JUDGE YANKWICH'S DECISION IN MOVIE CASE. Sal B Hoffmann, president of Upholsterers' International Union, is a leader of progressive wing of AFL...and he doesn't use the word "progressive" in the Communist sense. Now he has written a letter to Chairman Pat McCarran of Senate Judiciary Committee, urging an investigation of Federal Judge Leon R Yankwich (Counterattack Jan 7 & 14).

Hoffmann tells McCarran he has received reports from officers of his union in Calif about Yankwich's decision against Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and in favor of Lester Cole, screenwriter, who had been fired for refusing to tell Congress whether he was a member of Communist Party. The judge awarded Cole \$71,500 back pay and ordered him restored to his \$1350 a week job.

Yankwich was listed on faculty of a Communist school, People's Educational Center, in Hollywood. Among other faculty members were John Howard Lawson, Alvah Bessie, and Herbert Biberman, screenwriters, and Edward Dmytryk, director. These four, and Lester Cole, and five others all lost their movie jobs for refusing to tell Congress whether they belonged to CP...and

they're all suing the movie companies. Pres Hoffmann of Upholsterers' Union writes Sen McCarran that in view of Yankwich's association with this Communist school, Congress should certainly investigate him, "as I understand that Federal judges hold their tenure for life on good behavior."

Judge Yankwich now defends his conduct on the ground that he only lectured at the school once. But in the past he has asserted it was perfectly proper to lecture before any group, whether Communist or not. If that is so there's nothing wrong in giving 50 or 100 lectures, instead of one. 100 lectures aren't worse than one...and one isn't less bad than 100.

If Judge Yankwich had admitted a mistake...if he had said he had lectured at the school without knowing it was Communist, and he would try to avoid doing such a thing again...that would have been a plausible explanation. But instead he insisted on his right to lecture at a Communist school. Besides, there's evidence that he and his wife gave a reception in their home for Dr Frank Davis, educational director of the Communist school.

As Sal Hoffmann tells Sen Pat McCarran, Congress ought to investigate. And McCarran ought to receive more wires & letters on this matter.

WAS MON C. WALLGREN TOO SOFT TOWARD COMMUNISTS WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF WASHINGTON? This charge has been made by Sen Harry P Cain, Republican, of Washington, during his fight to prevent Senate confirmation of Wallgren as chairman of Natl Security Resources Bd, which is highest defense agency and must prepare plans for total mobilization of the country in event of war.

The charge can easily be proved true. Wallgren, if he wished, could plead that it has also been true in the past of many other public officials, not only Democrats but Republicans, especially during the war.

Sen Cain tells senators that Gov Wallgren appointed John Caughlan to an important office in Washington State. Caughlan has been the lawyer for a big Communist front, Washington Pension Union. And several former members of Communist Party have testified before Canwell state Un-American Activities Committee that Caughlan was one of their party comrades.

Former Congressman Hugh DeLacy, who has also been identified by many witnesses as a CP member, used to be close to Wallgren.

It's easy enough to show that Wallgren didn't know the score about the Communists. That's also true of many senators & congressmen. But the chairman of the Natl Security Resources Bd ought to be a man with enough discernment to know a party-liner when he sees him toeing the line.

SOME COPIES OF "WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S BLUEPRINT FOR VIOLENT COMMUNIST REVOLUTION", published as a Special Supplement to Counterattack Feb 11, are still available. It consists of extracts from Foster's book, "Toward Soviet America", now out of print. Many subscribers have bought large quantities of the supplement to give to union members, employees, and other persons who have been unaware that the Communist leader ever showed his plans so openly.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS? Act now to combat the U S section of Stalin's World Congress of Intellectuals, and to prevent illegal admission of foreign Communist propagandists. See pp 1 & 2.

Yours faithfully,

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