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Dear Subscriber:

WILL PROF. STRUIK BE ON HAND TO GREET WINSTON CHURCHILL? On March 31 Churchill will speak in Boston under auspices of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on subject, "The Twentieth Century -- Its Promise and Its Realization". Communist Party, as a means of fighting against Atlantic Pact, urges that Churchill get a reception of boos & Bronx cheers wherever he appears. He should be greeted "with some good, old-fashioned American raspberries, with the public scorn which he and the Atlantic Pact deserve".

But it's hardly likely that Prof Dirk Struik of Mass Institute of Technology will personally blow some Bronx cheers at Churchill in Boston. It's more possible that as a matter of official courtesy he may find himself on a reception committee for M.I.T.'s guest. In fact Struik could speak on the same subject as Churchill...only from a much different point of view.

Churchill will make one of main speeches at M.I.T.'s International Mid-Century Convocation on the Social Implications of Scientific Progress. And Prof Dirk Struik has his own (and Moscow's) ideas on the subject.

Communist Party calls Struik a "Marxist writer". The word "Marxist" has different meanings...but to the CP it only means one thing: a follower of the Communist doctrine as laid down by Moscow.

Struik is a trustee of CP's biggest school, Jefferson School of Social Science. In this school not only are outsiders indoctrinated with Krenlinism, but there are separate, SECRET classes to train active members of CP. Counterattack, Oct 3, '47, quoted confidential CP document on this subject.

Prof Struik was also a trustee of CP's Boston school, Saml Adams School for Social Studies. This shut down last spring after Justice Dept listed it as a Communist front.

Naturally Struik is a sponsor of Congress of Intellectuals, which is being held in NY March 25-27, disguised as a "peace" conference.

Struik is a professor of mathematics at M.I.T. His book, "Yankee Science in the Making", was published recently by Little, Brown & Co, an old Boston firm which in late years has put out an amazing number of books by CP members and other Communists and pro-Communists.

Struik's book was reviewed by Daily Worker under headline, "The Best Book to Date on U S Science". For Struik didn't deal with science alone. He wrote of sociology & economics. He quoted Lenin. He praised Stalin Russia. The Daily Worker cheered his "Marxist" line.

Now another work by Struik, "A Concise History of Mathematics", has been published. It's in two pocket-sized volumes. And again Struik brings in his ideas on economics...and again the Daily Worker praises him.

This professor has sponsored dozens of Communist fronts, such as Committee to Sponsor the Daily Worker 1945 Fund Campaign, Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship, and Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy. Although he hasn't announced himself a member of CP, he has given

trustees of Mass Institute of Technology plenty of reason to know just where he stands. Now this great educational institution is host of Winston Churchill at a time in history when America must decide whether to act with speed & vigor to prevent Stalin Russia from conquering the world.

Doesn't it seem queer that a man like Struik should be on faculty of M.I.T? Doesn't it seem queer that there should be many other faculty members at American colleges who stand for the same things that Struik does?

COMMUNISTS MAKE BIG DRIVE AGAINST ATLANTIC PACT AND REARMAMENT OF EUROPE. While European Communist parties are trying desperately to prevent their countries from taking part in Atlantic Pact, the CP here is pushing hard in a similar drive. It expects the pact to be ratified by Senate...but it hopes to stir up so much popular anxiety & clamor that Congress will hesitate to do the one thing above all that must be done to make the pact work.

CP knows we must give arms to Western Europe or the pact will fail ...and one European country after another will yield to the Kremlin. Last week CP issued a directive to every party club (or branch), ordering it to distribute at least 1,000 copies of "the Peace Policy statement issued by Wm Z Foster & Eugene Dennis". This is statement in which CP leaders made it plain that in case of war between Stalin Russia & America, they would seek military defeat of America. In Communist strategy, this policy is known as "revolutionary defeatism".

Meantime Moscow has ordered a "World Congress of Partisans of Peace" to be held in Paris in April. Head of sponsoring committee is Prof Jean-Frederic Joliot-Curie, famous French physicist and OPEN member of French CP.

U S Communists lately arranged to bring three European apostles of crypto-Communism here in April, to speak with Henry Wallace for "peace" (Counterattack Feb 18, p 4). Now one of them, Pietro Nenni, of Italy, has decided not to come. Maybe he realizes this country would be too hot for him. CP still expects the others to come. Pierre Cot, who is to arrive late in April, sits in French Natl Assembly with group of deputies who are officially listed as "affiliated with the Communist group". Konni Zilliacus, member of British Parliament, plans to get here in May. He has been called a crypto-Communist (secret Communist) by Winston Churchill.

Wallace is urging a popular protest against Atlantic Pact. And the CP has ordered its clubs to stimulate and participate in "peace" meetings with innocent followers of Wallace.

Kenesaw M Landis II, columnist on Marshall Field's Chicago Sun-Times, also attacks Atlantic Pact. Landis is clever. Whenever he attacks American foreign policy, he does it adroitly. He has also attacked House Un-American Activities Committee for investigating Hollywood Communists, and he has defended the 11 directors of a big Communist front, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, who are appealing jail terms for contempt of Congress.

STATE DEPARTMENT'S TALENT FOR WIGGLING & WOBBLING has been displayed over & over in its announcements about so-called "Cultural & Scientific Conference for World Peace", which is U S section of Stalin's World Congress of Intellectuals. This meeting is under auspices of a Communist front, Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions, headed by Prof Harlow Shapley.

State Dept's attitude toward the British delegates is typical of its inconsistency. First announcement was they would be admitted. Top delegate is Prof J D Bernal, who ideologically is pretty much the Harlow Shapley of England. But State Dept asserted British delegates weren't Communists

and would be accepted. Later it changed its mind...said all but one were "spokesmen for the Communist viewpoint" and couldn't come here.

Also barred as Communists or pro-Communists were French delegates and some others. French delegates are Paul Eluard, poet...Rev Jean Boulier, Roman Catholic priest...and Mme Eugenie Cotton, president of Stalin's international women's front, Women's International Democratic Federation.

A fine development here is creation of Americans for Intellectual Freedom as an important force in opposing the Communist propaganda. This organization, headed by Professors Sidney Hook & Geo S Counts, is holding an opposition rally March 26. Either this group should be continued or a similar one should be set up permanently, to clarify American thought.

TAKE A LOOK AT AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNIST PHRASE. It consists of three words. They are used to attack the Govt Loyalty program by defending Govt employees who belong to Communist fronts. They are used to attack the efforts to clean Communists out of college faculties. Not only the Communists themselves but the complete or halfway defenders of the Communists are sounding off with these three words persuasively.

Note how "The Nation" magazine uses these words. Freda Kirchwey, editor & publisher of this pseudo-liberal weekly, was a delegate at Cominform's World Congress of Intellectuals in Poland last August. Later she defended that front meeting. But she isn't listed as a sponsor of U S section of Congress of Intellectuals, being held March 25-27. Maybe she's cautious...or just contradicting herself. "The Nation" is a self-contradiction...an odd mixture of pro-Communism & non-Communism & even bits of anti-Communism.

Now "The Nation" assails Counterattack, in the course of a lament because some prominent people withdrew from Rev Guy Emery Shipler's recent money-raising dinner for his magazine, "The Churchman". "The Nation" says: "The cause of their retreat was a nasty campaign, charging the publication with Communist sympathies, spearheaded by Counterattack". According to "The Nation" this campaign was based on "the principle of 'guilt by association'".

Those are the three words..."guilt by association". That's the Communist catchword, which "The Nation" parrots.

Actually "The Nation" misrepresents what Counterattack said. In urging prominent non-Communists to shun Shipler's dinner, we declared they shouldn't let their names be used to raise money for a magazine that propagandizes for Shipler's political ideology and often defends Communist fronts.

But let's examine this horrid idea of "guilt by association". If it's such an unfair & wicked idea, does "The Nation" ALWAYS oppose it?

Suppose Fritz Kuhn, the Nazi, were allowed to return to U S. And suppose a dinner were given in honor of this former leader of German-American Bund. Would "The Nation" say it was all right for prominent people to support this dinner...that they shouldn't fear "guilt by association"?

Or look at a recent dinner that was actually given. The host was Frank Costello, ex-convict, former rum-runner, and, according to a Calif state commission, the head of a nation-wide slot machine racket. There are charges against him in NYCity and Florida too. He gave a dinner that was attended by many judges and other politicians. When this came to light, some time later, these men began scurrying for cover. Did "The Nation" speak up in their defense? Did it say, "Don't be afraid of guilt by association"?

And suppose some officers & employees of the bank where "The Nation" has its account were found to be associates of embezzlers & counterfeiters.



Would "The Nation" defend them against "guilt by association"? Or does "The Nation" only use this catchword to condone association with Communists and with supporters of Communist projects?

WE COUNTED THE NAMES OF 73 OBVIOUS BACKERS OF COMMUNIST FRONTS. The same magazine, "The Nation", is giving a dinner Apr 7, to raise money for itself. Price per plate, \$50. The list of officers & sponsors of the dinner committee is pretty much like the contents of "The Nation". Inconsistent. On the one hand there are some genuine liberals, like Sen Paul H Douglas of Illinois. But there are also many Communists & pro-Communists.

As we went down the list of sponsors, we checked off those persons we knew at a glance to be backers of Communist projects. When we got through we counted the check-marks. Number was 73.

There's Prof Harlow Shapley. Also Jo Davidson, famous sculptor, who was at World Congress of Intellectuals in Wroclaw, Poland. Also Shipler himself (who's also a sponsor of U S Congress of Intellectuals March 25-27) ...and Thos Mann, Agnes Smedley, Corliss Lamont, Prof Gene Weltfish, Lillian Hellman, Michael M Nisselson, Libby Holman, Olin Downes, Elinor S Gimbel, Prof Frederick L Schuman, Robt W Kenny...also Edward Chodorov, who OPENLY supported Communist candidates in local & state elections in 1945 & '46.

There were 73 such names that we spotted at once. We could find more if we did a little digging. No wonder "The Nation" is against "the principle of 'guilt by association'". What would happen to its \$50 money-raising dinner if it weren't sponsored by Communists and their associates?

#### WILL NORMAN MAILER GET PRIZE FROM BOOK MANUFACTURERS INSTITUTE?

This young novelist, author of "The Naked and the Dead", was at airport this week to greet Soviet delegates to U S section of World Congress of Intellectuals. In last election he supported a candidate on CP ticket. Now the Book Manufacturers Institute announces Mailer's book is one of 10 that have been chosen as candidates for its \$1,000 Gutenberg Award for having "most progressively influenced American thought in 1948". How's that again? "Progressively"? Does Book Mfrs Institute know what so-called "progressivism" Mailer stands for? If it wants more facts, Counterattack can provide them.

#### WILLIAM GREEN REPEATS OLD STORY THAT AFL IS FREE OF COMMUNISM.

Testifying before House Labor Committee, the AFL president again let go with that moth-eaten fable of his. It's true there's far less Communism in AFL than in CIO...but there are AFL unions in which Communists are still an important factor. Their biggest concentration is in powerful Hotel Trades Council, NYCity. Also there's much infiltration in Painters Union, Bldg Service Employees, Bakers & Confectioners, and some others. There are AFL unions in which Communists are only important in a few locals. But that's a long way from Green's wishful story that AFL is "free" of Communism.

CIO SHOULD WATCH OUT: Its paper, CIO News, lately printed a speech by Prof Colston E Warne of Amherst. He's a speaker at Congress of Intellectuals this week-end. And he's president of Consumers Union, a Communist front. CIO should wake up to nature of Consumers Union, avoid plugging it.

Yours faithfully,

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