

# COUNTERATTACK

## FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

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Dear Subscriber:

COMMUNISTS BEGIN RAISING HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO BEAT MUNDT-NIXON BILL. At least they SAY that's what the money will be used for.

Entire half million dollars is to be raised before June 1, say Nat'l Chairman Wm Z Foster and General Sec'y Frank Waldron, alias Eugene Dennis.

To get the drive started with pretended spontaneity, the Communist leaders ordered the Communist Section Committee in a single Brooklyn neighborhood, Kings Highway, to make a pledge. So the Kings Highway Section sent a telegram to Foster, pledging "to raise \$10,000 in 10 days as a fighting fund to defeat" the anti-Communist bill. Within five days it raised \$5,850, and increased its pledge to \$14,000.

Next pledge came from Eastern Pennsylvania & Delaware District of the party, which pledged to raise \$35,000 in 10 days.

Then the party leaders announced the half million dollar drive.

What's the REAL purpose of this fund? Foster and Waldron, alias Dennis, say it's to beat the Mundt-Nixon bill in Senate. The party will buy newspaper space and radio time. But obviously it isn't going to spend half a million dollars for advertising by mid-June, when Senate is scheduled to adjourn. Then what is the money to be used for?

The party is collecting money under false pretenses once again. By tremendous campaign of lying about Mundt-Nixon bill, it has stirred up anxiety among unionists & liberals. Now it will try to tap them for half a million dollars...and perhaps it will succeed in raising much more than that. But some of it will go into party's general coffers...and a lot of it may be given to party's UNDERGROUND Politbureau, as was done with fund of millions of dollars collected last year (Counterattack Oct 3, p 1). This underground Politbureau was set up last summer to supervise the underground Communist Party and prepare it for emergency expansion (Counterattack July 18, p 2).

CIO IS PRESSURED INTO OPPOSING MUNDT-NIXON BILL. Communist Party won a great victory after nearly a month of shouting and lying about the anti-Communist bill. At first the party was afraid it couldn't get any labor support except from its own controlled unions. But at last the CIO came out in opposition to the bill.

Now why did the CIO act this way? What induced Philip Murray to take this stand? Fact is the CIO is mainly responding to atmospheric pressure created in labor & liberal circles by Communists' frantic campaign. First some liberal or would-be liberal newspapers began opposing the bill without even knowing what was in it. Then other ignorant liberals fell in line. And meanwhile the CIO leaders started worrying. Was this really a liberal issue or was it just a Commie issue? If the CIO leaders didn't oppose the bill, wouldn't they be charged with letting "blind hatred of the Communists" lead them to betray the liberal cause? Why shouldn't CIO play safe? Why not fall in line and thus save its standing with the liberals?

So the CIO came out against the bill. And its opposition certainly costs the bill a number of votes in Congress.

WHAT TO DO: Act at once to combat efforts of Communist Party to defeat Mundt-Nixon ANTI-police-state bill in Senate. The Communists have been planning all along to make their main fight there. This week thousands of Communists "marched" on Washington, talked to congressmen and senators.

Wire your senators to vote FOR bill. Urge them to try to get it passed before adjournment in mid-June. If there's any doubt whether both senators from your state will fight vigorously for quick passage, take steps at once to mobilize public opinion for it. Hold local conferences and perhaps a state-wide conference. Send delegations to Washington, including able, forcible lawyers who have studied the bill.

Wire House Comm on Un-American Activities, House Office Bldg, Washington, for copies of two things: (1) Report No. 1844, containing a summary of Mundt-Nixon bill. (2) New, 160-page report, proving Communist Party advocates overthrow of Govt by force & violence. Use this material in your public opinion campaigns. If Communists buy newspaper space or radio time, answer them in same way to assure Senate passage of ANTI-police-state bill.

PICKETS AND COUNTER-PICKETS MARCHED WHEN "THE IRON CURTAIN" BEGAN showing in movie theaters this week. Counterattack's recommendation of counter-picketing was adopted by anti-Communist groups. The Communists were vastly surprised to meet this sort of opposition. They had expected to have things their own way, as usual. Some of them had just come from the Communists' Wallace-Taylor meetings and had been stirred to a frenzy by repeated exhortations of all the speakers to "fight, fight" for this and that. When they got to the movie theaters they began fighting with counter-pickets and police. As a result a few of them were arrested.

Labor opposition to Communist boycott of "The Iron Curtain" was expressed in a unanimous vote of Hollywood AFL Film Council and in a vote of 223 to 49 by Central Labor Council of Los Angeles. "It is well known," says the resolution, "that the Communist underground movement is operating not only in Canada but in the United States...We solicit the support of the American Federation of Labor...in seeing to it that this boycott is made ineffective, urging loyal American workers to rise to the support of the motion picture industry in the public service which they are rendering by the making and showing of such important motion picture films."

WHAT TO DO: Since "The Iron Curtain" will have desirable effect on public opinion, help it all you can. Wherever Communists picket it, form a COUNTER-picket line. An active part in picketing may be taken by locals of IATSE (AFL International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes & Moving Picture Operators). Be sure to have unionists, students, and women in the line. Tell clergymen truth about the movie, urging them to join YOUR picket line. Ask all theaters to book "The Iron Curtain."

Where the Communists use placards and chant slogans, do the same. Don't stand on your dignity. "End Soviet Spying in America" and "Defend the Free American Screen" are good slogans to use. The Communists will probably be operating in your community through their front, Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship. This front has temporarily adopted a COVER name, to use in picket lines, on leaflets, etc. It is "Committee Against War Propaganda." You can form a local "Comm to Defend the Free American Screen," "Comm Against the Communist Fifth Column," "League to Save American Democracy," etc.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNISTS' THIRD PARTY IN LOUISIANA GETS U. N. POST. Mitchell Franklin, professor of law at Tulane University, is state chairman of the Wallace for President Committee...the temporary name of Communists' Third Party. He's also a sponsor of Communist Party's leading Southern front, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. He denounces the Marshall Plan. He denounces Truman for his "attacks upon the Soviet Union." And he denounces Truman and Marshall for trying "to coerce the Italian people into accepting the status of an American colony by reducing their country to a base of military operations against the Soviet Union."

This Communist fellow-traveler has now been appointed an expert legal consultant at U N, beginning May 15. He has taken a year's leave of absence from Tulane. How come that the U N appoints a fellow-traveler to such a post? Were any American officials consulted on the appointment?

WHAT TO DO: Ask your senators & congressman to investigate appointments of Prof Franklin and other fellow-travelers & party members by U N.

METHODIST CHURCH REJECTS COMMUNISTS' PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN. For several months an intense campaign was waged in behalf of Methodist Federation for Social Action, unofficial adjunct of Methodist Church. This federation is operated as a Communist front, even though most of its members aren't Communists (Counterattack April 30 p 3). Purpose of campaign was to get an endorsement of federation by General Conference of Methodist Church.

The campaign has failed. The General Conference was held in Boston, April 28 through May 8...and the proposed endorsement of Methodist Federation for Social Action wasn't brought up on floor. It never got further than a subcommittee, despite long propaganda in which facts about federation were twisted and in which Frederick Woltman, Pulitzer prize-winning reporter for NYWorld-Telegram and other Scripps-Howard papers, was denounced for his truthful articles on it. The leaders of the General Conference deserve congratulations. They sized up the false propaganda correctly when they had a chance to compare it with the truth. All other religious denominations will act in same way if Communist lies are carefully analyzed and answered.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY DROPS A FELLOW-TRAVELING PROFESSOR. Clyde R Miller has a long record as a supporter of Communist fronts (Counterattack Feb 20, p 3). Although he has kept the title of associate professor of education at Teachers College, Columbia, he has been on leave of absence since 1943. Now the college has decided to terminate his appointment, as of June 30. Its explanation: Miller used to teach courses in public opinion and propaganda analysis, but such courses are no longer being given, so there's no job for him to return to.

Miller charges that his dismissal is a violation of academic freedom. He also says his superiors at Teachers College frowned on him when he was teaching there. He's a leader in Methodist Federation for Social Action ...and he has been very active in propaganda campaign of this front (Counterattack April 30, pp 3, 4). He has also joined heartily with the Communists in their campaign to suppress the movie, "The Iron Curtain."

Miller will be a radio guest Monday, May 17, on radio program of biggest Communist-led union, CIO United Electrical Workers. Arthur Gaeth, the union's commentator, will sympathetically question him...and Miller will talk on the subject, "The Red Herring." Let's hope he answers a simple question, namely: Why should any college in the U S let a course in public opinion and propaganda analysis be taught by a Communist fellow-traveler?

## COMMUNIST PARTY COMPLAINS TO U. N. AGAINST AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPER.

The complaint isn't made in the party's own name. No, it's made in name of an individual. He charges that the NYTimes advertising department refused to accept an ad for a book he wrote, assailing U S foreign policy. He wants the U N to correct this alleged violation of freedom of press.

What he doesn't say is this: He's a member of Communist Party... and a reporter for Daily Worker. But the ad didn't tell these things about him. Thus it was deceptive. A newspaper that published it would deceive its readers, who would assume that the author was a genuine American citizen, not a Fifth Columnist. Advertising department of NYTimes should be praised for its honest action. This should be an example to advertising departments of other newspapers...and to editors of news columns as well. Why shouldn't Communist Party members always be identified as such?

"YOUR UNION CAN'T LIVE WITH RACKETEERS OR COMMUNISTS" is subtitle of a new book, "The Building Service Story," by James J Bambrick, former president of big Local 32B of AFL Bldg Service Employees' international Union. Racketeers won control, Bambrick got embroiled with them, and he finally served a prison term. His book contains a mass of detail, mostly on racketeers, partly on Communists. It will interest close students of labor movement. He tells his story in 90 over-sized pages. Price \$1.25. You can buy book from Labor History Press, Postoffice Box 198, Cooper Station, NY 3.

COUNTERATTACK IS ONE YEAR OLD with this issue. In its first year it has stimulated both private & Govt action against the Communist Fifth Column. First of all it has kept you informed of the FACTS. It has given you the information you need to act intelligently. Besides this it has INTERPRETED the facts, pointing out significance of what Communist Party and its fronts have done, and next steps being planned. And finally it has shown and emphasized many practical actions to take against Communism.

Top example of effective Govt action is Mundt-Nixon bill. But the Govt is acting because of pressure by YOU and many others like you.

Fine example of effective PRIVATE action is the counter-picketing of Communists who picket "The Iron Curtain."

You can get a lot of satisfaction by fighting Communism with BOTH types of action. And Counterattack is heartily glad to cooperate with you in smashing the Communist Fifth Column and PREVENTING a Third World War.

### THINGS TO DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS:

1. Support "The Iron Curtain" movie, by counter-picketing if necessary. Win biggest audience for it. See p 2.
2. Ask investigation of appointment of American members of Communist Party and their fellow-travelers by United Nations. See p 3.
3. Write letters to newspapers, giving full answer to Communist arguments. Communists use letter columns as much as possible.
4. Wire senators and mobilize public opinion for the Mundt-Nixon ANTI-police-state bill, to save civil liberties from Fifth Column. See p 2.

Yours faithfully,

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