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Dear Subscriber:

CHANCES OF MUNDT-NIXON BILL IN SENATE may depend on the time when Congress adjourns. At the moment when this is written there's strong opposition in Senate to former plan of adjourning June 19. It is urged that Congress reconvene after one or both political conventions, and that Mundt-Nixon bill be taken up then. But House leaders prefer adjournment June 19.

Anti-Communists must keep fighting hard for the bill, no matter how the adjournment question is decided. Communists are putting up a tremendous fight against it. For example, sending Communist war veterans to Washington to stay there till bill is defeated. Holding demonstrations in many cities. Arranging for Senator Glen Hearst Taylor to filibuster against the bill.

Wm Z Foster uses Stalin-Hitler technique of Big Lie. He says it's "of supreme importance" to make the people believe that "this measure, or any other Communist registration bill, would, if adopted, outlaw the Communist Party." For only if the people believe this lie can they be scared into believing "the whole labor & progressive movement" may next be attacked.

The outlawing lie "is the key to the development of the broad mass movement against the bill," says Foster.

WHAT TO DO: Keep on doing the routine stuff that gets results even if it becomes monotonous at times. Keep urging senators to push bill. And tell truth about it to senators & public. Above all, nail the Big Lie that the bill would outlaw Communist Party. For facts see our May 28 supplement.

MRS. ROOSEVELT SEEKS TO QUIT COMMUNIST FRONT...SO IT DECIDES TO FOLD UP. Last week we reported that Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt was honorary chairman of American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, which is on Atty Gen Tom Clark's latest list of Communist & Fascist organizations. We said it was "time for Mrs Roosevelt to resign her honorary chairmanship, right now."

We sent Mrs Roosevelt a telegram, asking if she was resigning. Her reply avoided that specific question, but gave new information. "American Committee for Yugoslav Relief will end its work in July," she wired.

But Counterattack learns that she offered her resignation, after reading that the committee was on the Govt's new list of fronts.

Leaders of the front begged Mrs Roosevelt to hold off. Fearing that her resignation would discredit their outfit completely, they urged her to keep silent...and they promised to wind up its work in July, and to exit quietly. Maybe they'll break their promise...in fact they've talked privately of doing so. But chances are they'll decide they have to keep it.

COMMUNIST LEADERS IN PACKINGHOUSE AND FARM EQUIPMENT UNIONS RESIGN as unions decide to file non-Communist affidavits. CIO United Packinghouse Workers has often been described as Communist-controlled. It isn't, as a whole...but it is in certain districts. Now, as result of defeat in packinghouse strikes, the union has decided to file with NRLB. Two members of

Executive Bd resigned rather than sign non-Communist affidavits, which are required of union officers when it files with the labor board. They are: Herbert March, director of District 1 (Chicago and surrounding area). Member of Communist Natl Committee. Henry Wallace and Senator Glen Hearst Taylor lately posed for picture with him (Counterattack May 7, p 3). Meyer Stern, director of District 6 (Eastern Seaboard). Counter-attack has proof he was secret delegate to Communist Natl Convention in 1945.

Four top officers of CIO United Farm Equipment Workers resigned when Executive Bd voted to file with NLRB, as result of disastrous strike at huge Caterpillar Tractor plant, Peoria, Ill, where this union has now been replaced by CIO United Auto Workers (Counterattack May 28, p 3). The four are Gerald Fielde, sec.-treas.; Ajay Martin, v-p; Milton Burns, director of organization, and Pope Huff, Executive Bd member at large. They resigned with the usual protestation that the union would be harmed if it filed non-Communist affidavits for its officers.

Farm Equipment union is still faithful to party line. Pres Grant Oakes and other officers are sorrowfully signing affidavits, to save union from total wreck. But they support party policies in all other respects.

WITH MARSHALL ABSENT, SHIPLER'S MONEY-RAISING DINNER IS A FLOP. Only 300 persons attended the \$25-a-plate dinner of Rev Guy Emery Shipler's magazine, The Churchman, June 3. Originally a ballroom seating 1,800 guests had been chosen for the occasion. But after Sec'y Marshall cancelled his date to speak at the dinner and accept Shipler's "award," there was a rush of cancellations, and the affair was moved to a much smaller room.

Shipler rapped Marshall and Counterattack in a speech. Privately he said Counterattack had ruined the dinner by getting its subscribers to protest vigorously to Marshall (Counterattack May 28, p 1).

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Methodist Church gave Shipler a hand in his hour of need by appearing at the dinner of the unofficial Episcopalian magazine. After Marshall rejected the "award," Shipler hastily picked a substitute guest of honor. This was Maj Aubrey S Eban, representative of Israel and of the Jewish Agency at the United Nations. He was to accept a special citation to Israel. But after Eban learned of Marshall's cancellation, he cancelled, too. So Shipler got Dr Israel Goldstein, former president of Zionist Organization of America, to substitute for Eban and accept the citation. Bishop Oxnam made the presentation.

American Jewish League Against Communism protested Dr Goldstein's action. Alfred Kohlberg, its chairman, declared Shipler's magazine "has a pronounced pro-Soviet bias," and demanded that Dr Goldstein say who authorized him to accept the citation. Dr Goldstein kept diplomatically mum.

Wm L Shirer also rapped Marshall and Counterattack. Shirer is a weekly commentator on Mutual network, and a writer of a weekly newspaper column. At times he has backed a number of Communist fronts. Last year he was a star at a noisy show put on by the Voice of Freedom Committee, a front established to place pro-Communist commentators on the air and keep them there (Counterattack May 28, p 3). Shirer isn't a Communist himself, but he was surrounded by Communists in this show. There were Communist speakers, Communist singers, Communist actors, Communist comedians, Communist money-raisers, Communist money-givers.

But Communists are all right with Shirer, provided they're American Communists. This seems to be the significance of a moral little message he brought to Shipler's dinner. He said he opposes Communism in other countries but it's no menace in U S. Here's a neat, cheery formula. It enables a commentator to assail Communists at a distance, while keeping his mouth safely shut about those near at hand. Shirer is a confused and weak man, whose chief asset is a tone and manner of moderation. He's less of a fellow-traveler & appeaser than he used to be, but that's faint praise indeed.

SHIPLER LOSES HIS RADIO PROGRAM. On Sunday, June 6, three days after the fiasco of his Marshall-less dinner, Rev Guy Emery Shipler for the last time presented his weekly radio program on Station WOR, New York. This program, "The Sermon of the Week," had long been used to plug Shipler's magazine, The Churchman. Now WOR has cancelled it.

Management of the station insists the cancellation wasn't caused by protests of Counterattack subscribers after we gave facts on this program in our issue of Apr 23, p 3. Very well. It probably makes little difference what the immediate cause of the cancellation is, as long as Shipler loses this free radio time for promoting his magazine.

Rev Stephen H Fritchman, who was fired last year as editor of official Unitarian magazine, the Christian Register, wrote a guest sermon for Shipler's program April 11. This sermon was part of the Communists' "China Week" propaganda. It was plugged beforehand by Daily Worker. WOR is a big outlet of Mutual network, and in many ways it's one of the better stations. Often it has barred Communist propaganda which it has recognized as such.

COMMUNISTS PROMOTE BOYCOTT OF BRITISH GOODS TO WEAKEN U.S. IN WAR. Stalin's "Hate Britain" campaign is gaining ground (Counterattack May 28, p 2). Communist Party has started a boycott of all British goods to ruin Marshall Plan, and is using its Third Party organizations for this purpose. In NYState its American Labor Party has already issued 10,000 shop window posters and 100,000 leaflets. NYCity Councilman Eugene P Connolly, a leader of American Labor Party, has introduced a resolution in City Council to stop city purchases of any British goods or equipment.

Communists visited British Embassy in Washington and announced the boycott. Visitors were led by an officer of a top Communist front, International Workers Order, which Atty Gen Tom Clark has listed as subversive.

This is an ANTI-AMERICAN boycott. Preservation of U S depends on success of Marshall Plan. That's why we're pouring billions of dollars into it. Recovery of Britain is vital to Marshall Plan...which means it's vital to continued existence of this country. And that's why Stalin is trying to prevent British recovery. If Britain doesn't recover, Europe can't recover. And in that case U S will be unable to prevent a Third World War...and may have to fight practically alone against Stalinized Europe and Asia.

Communists are urging boycott of these British goods especially: woolens, linens, knitwear, shoes, men's furnishings, leather goods, silverware & cutlery, china & glassware, autos, bicycles, sporting goods, Scotch whisky, toys. Also British movies, travel on British carriers, etc.

WHAT TO DO: Be fair to British goods and urge others to do so, too. Publicly denounce the Communists' anti-British, anti-American boycott wherever you find indications of it, whether open or "silent." Point out

that the boycott means immediate waste of taxpayers' money that is now going into Marshall Plan. Show military danger of boycott to U S.

JIM BLUE BIRD IS COMMUNIST LEADER AMONG SIOUX INDIANS. A House Appropriations subcommittee had a meeting the other day and questioned Wm W Beatty, director of the education division of Indian Bureau. A congressman told him the library of the Indian school at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, had a year's file of the monthly magazine "Soviet Russia Today." How come? Beatty couldn't explain. He said he'd look into it.

Explanation is easy. Communist Party put the party magazine there. The party is now engaged in agitation among 9,000 Sioux Indians of Pine Ridge Reservation. Communist leader there is named Jim Blue Bird. He is head of a committee appointed by Minnesota-Dakotas District of the party to work among the Indians and recruit some of them as party members.

Anti-American agitation in Europe is helped by this party work among the Indians. How? In this way. Party has prepared a petition to Truman & Congress for a big appropriation to relieve hardship among the Sioux. Jim Blue Bird collected signatures for this petition. It was sent to Washington. It charges that the people are hungry, that they lack beds and other necessities, and that their children are dying of tuberculosis.

"Is it true that you are really trying to help the starving people of Europe while you let us full-blooded Americans starve to death?" asks the petition. "Or are you trying to buy those people off and then later to mistreat, oppress and starve them as the U S Govt is doing with us now?"

Imagine what fine propoganda that sort of thing is in Europe...how it can help the Communists there to stir up suspicion of the Marshall Plan! And while the Communists smear the U S in Europe, they put "Soviet Russia Today" into the library of the Indian school on the Sioux reservation, to show the young Indians how wonderful Stalin Russia is and how generously all the peoples of that empire are treated by the kindly Kremlin.

As a matter of common sense as well as human decency, the U S Govt should certainly relieve all genuine grievances of Sioux and other Indians. There should be no hunger or avoidable sickness among them. At the same time Congress should look into Communist propoganda among Indians. We can't expect the Indian Bureau to know how to counteract it. That requires experts on Communism. We should act promptly to prevent Communist trouble among Indians and to keep from being smeared abroad as Indian-starvers.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS? You and your organizations (unions, business & civic groups, etc) can act effectively in these ways:

1. Oppose the Communist boycott of British goods. See p 3.
2. Urge senators & congressmen to resist wasteful mutilating operation on Marshall Plan. The House has voted a huge cut. This means no recovery for Europe...but instead just stopgap relief. The House action has already weakened our first line of defense: the readiness of Western Europe to take risk of siding with us against Stalin. If we don't support full Marshall Plan we might just as well junk it and accept war as inevitable.
3. Redouble your efforts for Mundt-Nixon bill. See p 1.

Yours faithfully,

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