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Dear Subscriber:

YOU CAN HELP PUT MUNDT-NIXON BILL THROUGH SENATE IF THERE'S A SPECIAL SESSION. Truman may call Congress back to act on housing and other legislation. In that case Mundt-Nixon bill may be passed in Senate.

Communist Party has raised nearly half million dollars in "drive to beat the Mundt-Nixon bill," it tells its members. Fact is that much of the money is being siphoned off to other activities, including reserve funds for its underground Politbureau (CounterAttack May 14, p 1). But the party says it has been using the money to reach "millions of Americans, in the cities, shops, towns and rural areas," attacking the bill (and lying about it).

It has been "buying advertising space in a host of newspapers and magazines, getting on the air, and issuing millions of leaflets, pamphlets, etc." It has sent mass mailings "to labor, civic and church leaders."

See your senators when they're back in your state from Washington. Or write or phone them. They may have been influenced by great outcry against bill from people who've been fooled. It's up to YOU to enlighten your community & state about the bill. You and members of your organizations should write letters to newspapers. See our May 28 Special Supplement for facts. There's been no public drive in support of the bill, to counter-attack the Communists. And many uninformed newspapers...even conservative ones...have come out against the bill, just to show they aren't reactionaries.

Communist press gleefully quotes editorials in conservative papers opposing the bill. These editorials are odd performances. In the whole batch of them there are many extraordinary misstatements of fact. And the reasoning is of the same quality. It's a pity that many of those who now hastily oppose the bill haven't taken the time to study it and to read the testimony of former Assistant Sec'y of State Adolf A Berle, Louis Waldman, and other able lawyers before Nixon subcommittee in February.

WHAT TO DO: Don't wait to see whether there's a special session. Urge your senators to push the bill. And get newspaper publicity for it and get time on radio. Emphasize fact that it does NOT endanger non-Communists.

CIO IS NOW IN FAVOR OF "RED-BAITING". Ever since establishment of CIO twelve years ago, "red-baiting" has been an obscene sin in most CIO unions. "Red-baiting" is the dishonest term invented by the Communists to describe any censure of themselves. The verb "bait" means to worry, tantalize, torture. It connotes cruelty. This is why the Communists invented the term "red-bait". A "red-baiter" is a vicious bully, tormenting a poor, weak minority. And so "red-baiting" is a contemptible crime.

Anti-Communists ought to use some other term, rather than accept the Russia Firsters' perversion of the English language. An enemy of Hitlerism isn't a brown-baiter. Why is an enemy of Stalinism a red-baiter?

Anyway, now comes the CIO and gives three cheers for "red-baiting".

Allan L Swim, editor of CIO News, writes an editorial under the headline, "Certainly, This Is Red-Baiting!" He denounces & derides the Communist Party for its attacks on Philip Murray. And then he adds:

"Any resemblance between Red-baiting and what is written here is purely intentional--and make no mistake about it!...If giving a Red hell for doing something you don't like is Red-baiting, then we're proudly guilty."

All right, now that the national CIO has awakened and is publicly assailing the Communists, and even accepting the opprobrious term "red-baiter", how about opening its eyes a little more and taking an honest look at the Mundt-Nixon bill? What is there in that bill that can jeopardize anybody except the Communists? Maybe if CIO examined this question calmly, it would conclude it had made a mistake in opposing the bill.

WHEN THE FABULOUSLY RICH MARSHALL FIELD SOLD HIS NEWSPAPER "PM" to Bartley C Crum, lawyer for 10 Hollywood Communists cited for contempt of Congress, and Jos Barnes, foreign editor of NYHerald Tribune, many anti-Communists watched & waited. Crum has impressive record as a Communist fellow-traveler (CounterAttack Aug 22 '47, p 3). So has Barnes. In the two months since the sale, Crum has spoken repeatedly at meetings of Communist fronts. And there has been even more pro-Communist slanting of news in "PM" than before. Now Crum & Barnes have come out with a new name for the paper, the "NYStar"...and with a new format. But they haven't publicly disclosed two things: where they got the money to buy the paper, and whether its policy is going to change gradually...and, if so, in what direction.

SECESSION MOVE WEAKENS COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED UNION OF PUBLIC WORKERS. President of United Public Workers, CIO, is Abram Flaxer, a Communist. Before a House Labor subcommittee in February, he followed the Communist rule of refusing to say whether he was a member of Communist Party (CounterAttack June 4, p 2). Ewart Guinier, Communist, is new sec-treas. of UPW.

Now anti-Communist locals are starting to secede. Main leaders of this bolt have formed Govt Workers Organizing Committee and are entering CIO Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilders Workers, which welcomes them.

Several UPW locals of Federal workers have already voted to secede, and have applied for charters in Shipbuilding union. In other locals individuals are seceding to form new locals, which will also enter Shipbuilding.

Some groups of state & local workers are arranging to join other CIO unions...including United Auto Workers, Utility Workers, and Transport Workers (which is now turning anti-Communist, under Michael J Quill).

About 10% of UPW members are in private employment, mainly in hospitals. UPW organized them in connection with its organizing work in public hospitals. Now some of these private workers will also join other unions.

SAFETY OF PANAMA CANAL IS ENDANGERED when a Communist-led union organizes large number of employees of Canal Zone. United Public Workers has claimed a membership as high as 17,000 in the local it formed there in 1946. Actually the membership is now nearer 5,000. But even that's a very large number and it worries the Canal Zone officials.

The man who did the organizing job in Canal Zone for UPW is Len Goldsmith. Returning to the States soon afterward, he is now Exec Sec'y of Committee for Democratic Rights. This is a front recently organized by Communist Party to fight Mundt-Nixon bill. Goldsmith was a delegate to Communist convention in NYState in 1945 (CounterAttack June 18, p 1).

Panama Canal zone delegation attended recent convention of UPW in

Atlantic City. Pascual Ampudia, president of Canal Zone local, was put on union Exec Board. He ended a speech in Spanish with "Viva United Public Workers! Viva Flaxer!" He might have added: "Viva Foster! Viva Stalin!"

Paul Robeson, who is a Communist Party member, sang & spoke at the convention. He gave the usual Communist warning that U S is on the road to Fascism, and he urged support of the Communists' Third Party.

Robeson went to Panama a year ago to raise money for Canal Zone local of the union. He gave three concerts for its benefit.

SPREADING OF COMMUNISM BY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN CLASSES is part of program of UPW. Teachers' division of this union is under firm Communist leadership. One of the party-line resolutions adopted in recent UPW convention asserts that teachers have "the right to join and be active in any political party or organization of their choice." Of course this means Communist Party...no question has been raised about membership in other parties. And then the very next paragraph says this: "Teachers have the right...and the OBLIGATION to develop an atmosphere of free inquiry in the classroom; to encourage students to discuss all sides of controversial issues."

Such classroom discussion when the teacher is a Communist can only mean Communist propaganda. You can imagine how much "free inquiry" there is in such a classroom. When a Communist teacher has an unchallenged right to be an active Communist Party member, and when the teacher also has an "OBLIGATION" to encourage discussion of "controversial issues" in classroom, the result can only be Communist propaganda. And that's what is dished out by many Communist teachers in some communities today.

WHAT TO DO: Urge Truman, senators, congressmen, and state & local officials to (1) deny recognition to United Public Workers as representative of employees; (2) rule that membership in this Communist-controlled union after a given date shall be incompatible with duties as public employees.

MARCANTONIO CASE IS NATIONAL SCANDAL AND INTERNATIONAL DANGER.

If you want to see what's imperiling the U S and the world, take a look at one little local matter. Rep Vito Marcantonio is nationally notorious as a Communist party-liner...and besides he's a practical political boss in his district, making all sorts of patronage deals with Democrats and even Republicans. For a long time in his Congressional candidacies he has enjoyed support not only of the Communist-controlled American Labor Party but also of the Tammany Hall leaders in his area.

Now see what happens this year. There's wide demand for Democratic-Republican coalition against Marcantonio in Congressional election. Tammany leaders in his district are afraid to endorse him at this time. So they're putting up a Tammany Assembly district (state legislative district) leader as Democratic candidate against him. Republicans won't accept this choice. Therefore no coalition. Therefore a probable Marcantonio victory. Back he goes to Congress. And there are apt to be many more like him from various states in next Congress, because of Third ("Commugressive") Party.

That's how the Communists capture entire NATIONS... just the way they capture Assembly districts and Congressional districts. By dividing the opposition. By deals. That's why we're now forced to send billions of dollars abroad for Marshall Plan...and why we may be forced into war.

Democratic & Republican national leaders can and MUST stop this Marcantonio deal. Mayor O'Dwyer (Dem) of NY can bring about a coalition on

an acceptable candidate. Politically ambitious, he has made deals with the Communists himself, but he isn't pro-Communist. He has the power to stop Marcantonio. And Gov Dewey can help. They'll act if there's enough outcry.

WHAT TO DO: No matter where you live, no matter how far from Marcantonio and Tammany Hall, this case affects you. Tell Democratic & Republican national leaders to stop Marcantonio by forcing coalition. Especially tell it to Gov Dewey & Mayor O'Dwyer. Marcantonio can and MUST be stopped.

SHORT NOTES.....Communist Party favors United Nations' International Children's Emergency Fund. Reason: a lot of the money is going to countries behind Iron Curtain, thus helping Communist-led governments.

Do you want to hear a Communist front give an award to a radio commentator? Tune in on ABC, Monday night, June 28, for broadcast of Arthur Gaeth, commentator for biggest Communist-led union, United Electrical Workers, CIO. During his broadcast Gaeth will get award from Voice of Freedom Committee, Communist front organized to put Communist propaganda on air. Louis Untermeyer, poet, anthologist, & Communist fellow-traveler, will be chairman. Canada Lee, actor & party-liner, will present award. Kenneth Spencer, who has sung at Communist Party meetings, will sing. And ABC will deliver this Kremlin propaganda to the people.

Michael J Quill has struck another hard blow at Communists, whom he broke away from three months ago. The NYCity Councilman and president of Transport Workers Union, CIO, has won a 2 to 1 vote in Exec Board of key local of his union, #100, to quit NYCity CIO Council, which is Communist-controlled. This local claims 40,000 members. Quill's move was opposed by Austin Hogan, Communist president of local. Quill's victory means Hogan and other Communist leaders are on the way out...also that Quill will control international convention of TWU in September.

Communist front, Institute of Pacific Relations, is publishing articles favorable to Communist army in Viet Nam (Indo-China), which is fighting French Govt. And Communist press here praises the Institute for this.

The United Press lets Communist newspaper distort U P stories. On June 22 the Daily Worker carried a U P story, dealing with Luis Taruc, Communist leader of rebellion in Philippines. It said Taruc "was hounded by the reactionary Roxas Philippine Govt." Almost surely U P didn't say "hounded" and "reactionary". Once before we asked U P about Kremlin propaganda in a U P story in Daily Worker. It was a dispatch from Greece, and UP explained Daily Worker had changed the words "leftist" and "Communist" to "democratic" (CounterAttack Feb 6, p 3). Why does U P tolerate this? Why does it sell its service to Fifth Column at all? Court decisions forbid news agencies to act monopolistically, but they don't require them to sell to Fifth Column.

THINGS TO DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS:

1. Get busy now on Mundt-Nixon bill for special session. See p 1.
2. Start demand & pressure for anti-Marcantonio unity. See p 4.
3. Act against Communist-led United Public Workers. See pp 2, 3.
4. Write House Comm on Un-American Activities, Old House Office Bldg, Washington, for many free copies of new pamphlet, "100 Things You Should Know About Communism in the U S A." Distribute this pamphlet widely.

Yours faithfully,

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