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## FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

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Dear Subscriber:

FRANK WALDRON, ALIAS EUGENE DENNIS, SPOKE OF ALGER HISS AS A COMMUNIST in conversations with other party leaders while Hiss was a high official of State Dept. Waldron (Dennis) is now general secretary of Communist Party. In late 1930's he became national legislative secretary, with his hq in Washington. At that time and later he talked confidentially of Nathan Witt, John Abt, Edwin S Smith, and Alger Hiss as Govt officials from whom he could get help whenever it wasn't too dangerous for them to give it.

Abt was then a special assistant to the Attorney General. Witt was Executive Sec'y of NLRB, and used his power to delay cases of non-Communist unions, speed up cases of Communist-controlled unions, and get decisions in their favor. Edwin S Smith was a member of NLRB (Counterattack Aug 6, p 3). Whittaker Chambers didn't name him in his recent testimony but Counterattack is able to state positively that Smith was secret member of Communist Party. And in recent convention of Communists' Third Party, he served on Platform Committee, which was mainly run by its secretary, Lee Pressman, CP member.

When Whittaker Chambers speaks of Hiss, Abt, Witt, and others as leaders of Communist underground in Govt offices in Washington, he is dealing with the middle 1930's. He left the CP in 1937. That's exactly when Frank Waldron's (Eugene Dennis's) first-hand knowledge begins. For it was in 1937 that Waldron became national legislative secretary of Communist Party.

Of course he isn't going to tell what he knows. But there are others who know part of that story, and some of them will tell it to the Govt.

COULD PRESSMAN, WITT, AND ABT BE DISBARRED? Three Communist Party fanatics who had held important Govt positions returned to Washington the other day. Along with Alger Hiss, they began their Govt service as lawyers in Henry Wallace's Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Lee Pressman, Nathan Witt, and John Abt had been subpoenaed by House Comm on Un-American Activities. Each was questioned separately by Rep Richard M Nixon, acting as a one-man subcommittee.

Pressman, Witt, and Abt refused to say whether they are CP members. Or whether they knew Whittaker Chambers, under any name. Or whether they knew any of the other men named by Chambers as Communists in the Govt. All three refused to testify on various grounds, including self-incrimination.

These three are lawyers...which means they're officers of the courts. As such they are bound to conduct themselves ethically. Is it ethical conduct for an officer of the courts to hide behind a fear of self-incrimination when Congress asks him whether he was a secret member of the Communist Party while holding Govt office?

Another witness who has refused to answer the committee's questions is apparently about to lose his job. He's Alexander Koral, who was a Communist spy courier. This man is a minor engineer for a local school board, and his salary isn't much more than \$5,000. Because he wouldn't talk to the

committee, he'll probably be hunting a job soon. The three Communist lawyers are in a much higher income range. Pressman and another lawyer lately turned in a bill for \$84,000 for the work they did early this year on a single case for the CIO, where Pressman used to be general counsel. Philip Murray groaned at the bill...but CIO is paying it. Should a minor Communist like Koral lose his job for misconduct while big shot Communists like Pressman, his partner Witt, and John Abt are altogether exempt?

Some lawyers say there are legal obstacles to disbarring them. It seems one or more courts have ruled against disbarment in comparable cases. But times are changing, and maybe the courts will change their minds. At any rate, anti-Communist lawyers should look into the matter. Have Pressman, Witt, and Abt measured up to the ethical standards of officers of the courts?

ALBERT E. KAHN WILL BE NAMED BY ELIZABETH BENTLEY when she testifies again before House Comm in another phase of the inquiry in September.

Kahn is an important Communist Party leader...but he doesn't function openly as such. If you see his name in newspaper stories, he isn't identified as a CP member. He's best known as a writer and as a leader of Communist fronts. Right now this red reactionary is candidate of "Progressive" (or Commugressive) Party for Congress in a NY district.

Kahn is a high official of the International Workers Order, the Communist Party's fraternal insurance society. The IWO is biggest of all Communist fronts except Commugressive Party. Its special function is to work among racial and "nationality groups" and stir them up against U S and in favor of Stalin Russia. The IWO has 14 subsidiary language & nationality societies. Through these societies the Communist Party has numberless connections with European & Latin American countries. It isn't hard to send a spy or a messenger or a secret document through IWO channels.

Lee Pressman is special counsel for the IWO in a suit against Dept of Justice, to force it to withdraw its listing of the IWO as subversive.

If the IWO operates as an insurance society in your state, you should act to put it out of business. It isn't a legitimate insurance organization...it's a front for the Communist Fifth Column. Isn't it absurd that any state should let this outfit function? Put this question up to the insurance commissioner in your state...and to the governor and state legislators. Start the pressure now. Ask these public officials why any subversive organization should be licensed to do an insurance business in your state.

Communist Kahn wrote a pamphlet recently for Progressive Citizens of America, a top Fifth Column front, which has now been replaced by Commugressive Party. Pamphlet is an attack on House Un-American Activities Comm.

It contains an introduction by Oetje John Rogge, who is now a Commugressive candidate for a judgeship. Rogge is a lawyer for various Communists and Communist fronts. He was the lawyer for Frank Coe, Sec'y of the International Monetary Fund, when Coe appeared before the House Comm this month to answer Elizabeth Bentley. She had identified Coe as a Communist and a member of the "Perlo group", which supplied her with information that was transmitted to the Soviet Embassy.

Communist Kahn is also co-author of a book, "The Great Conspiracy", sometimes called "The Great Conspiracy Against Russia". This is one of the most important Communist publications in recent years. The Communist Party has plugged it heavily through all its controlled unions and many of its

fronts, with the result that hundreds of thousands of copies of the book have been sold. Purpose of the book is to falsify the history of the relations of Russian Govt with U S and other countries since Bolshevik Revolution. Vast numbers of readers have been deceived by this book.

Henry Wallace endorsed Kahn's false, America-hating book as soon as it was published...and thus helped its sale and its deceptive effect.

Sen Claude Pepper wrote an introduction to a cheap edition of the book that came out later. He praised it as a "great book". Pepper has also praised his former ghost-writer, Chas Kramer, who was named by both Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley as a secret Communist in Govt. Kramer has refused to answer House Committee's questions on this subject. Still Pepper defends him. Kramer is now working for Commgressive Party.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY WILL ALSO NAME PROFESSOR VLADIMIR KAZAKEVICH when she testifies again in September on subject of industrial espionage.

Kazakevich was named by Counterattack July 16 in connection with record of Prof Ernest J Simmons, now head of Dept of Slavic Languages at Columbia University. When Simmons was in charge of a course on Russian civilization at Cornell, he appointed Kazakevich as a guest lecturer. Kazakevich was a Communist Party member and editor of "Science and Society", the Communist pseudo-scholarly magazine. At Cornell he slipped Communist propaganda into a course on Russian geography which he taught to soldier students in an Army Specialized Training Program.

Kazakevich took part with Natl Chairman Wm Z Foster of Communist Party in a forum last Dec 8 on subject "100 Years of the Communist Manifesto". Forum was at Communist Party's biggest school, Jefferson School of Social Science. Chairman was Doxey Wilkerson, member of CP's Natl Committee.

Elizabeth Bentley's testimony about Prof Kazakevich will have several interesting results. Among other things it will help the immigration authorities. They want to deport this fanatic, but so far they haven't had what they consider complete proof that he's a member of CP. Miss Bentley's testimony will give them information they need to speed Kazakevich's exit.

INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE BY SOME MEMBERS OF "BUSINESSMEN FOR WALLACE" has been disclosed by Elizabeth Bentley in private testimony before House Comm on Un-American Activities. It is planned to have her relate some of the facts in public when she testifies early in September.

THOMAS I. EMERSON, CO-WORKER WITH LEE PRESSMAN, WAS ON TOWN MEETING OF THE AIR Tuesday night, Aug 24. Emerson has a long record of Govt service ...from 1933 to 1946. Now he's a professor at Yale Law School. He's also Commgressive candidate for governor of Connecticut.

Pressman and Emerson are both members of Natl Lawyers Guild...a Communist front. And they were both members of its parent organization, the International Juridical Assn, a Communist front of lawyers in various lands.

One of the leaders in organizing the Lawyers Guild was Chas Recht, lawyer for Soviet Embassy and for Amtorg, and close friend of the late Jacob Golos (Counterattack Aug 6)... who started Elizabeth Bentley on her work as a spy courier. Recht wrote an article in the Communist weekly, New Masses, entitled "The Need for the National Lawyers Guild".

Thomas I Emerson took his stand during Stalin-Hitler Pact. At that time many leading members of the Guild demanded that it state its opposition to ALL forms of dictatorship...and that nobody should be elected to office who didn't favor this stand. The Communists beat down the attempt to make

this the test of Guild officers. And Emerson voted right on the party line on this decisive issue.

Still Emerson stayed in Govt office...and rose to HIGHER office despite his record during Stalin-Hitler Pact. He had been a lawyer for NRA, Social Security Bd, and NLRB...where he was closely associated with Nathan Witt, leader of the Communist apparatus and Exec Sec'y of NLRB. In 1940-41 Emerson was special assistant to the Atty General...then he switched to OPA, where he was associate general counsel until 1943, and deputy administrator for enforcement from 1943 to 1945. After that he became general counsel of the Office of War Mobilization. Now he's at Yale Law School, where there are some other professors with the same line as his. And on Tuesday of this week he was on Town Meeting of the Air, assailing U S foreign policy.

BARTLEY C. CRUM WAS ALSO ON TOWN MEETING OF THE AIR, Tuesday night, along with Emerson. Crum is San Francisco lawyer who represents the 10 Hollywood Communists who refused to tell Congress whether they belong to Communist Party. And Crum is also publisher of the newspaper that used to be called "PM" and is now "NYStar". Although its circulation is small, it has readers all over the U S, and therefore has national importance.

Crum's newspaper published an editorial this week urging voters to vote for the Commugressive candidates who were seeking Republican & Democratic nominations in a primary election.

And Crum is bitterly fighting the spy investigation. His newspaper has accused the House Comm (without ANY proof) of making a deliberate effort to frame up innocent people. It has published biased articles, in a manner calculated to injure Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley, and to clear Alger Hiss and other persons named by these well-informed witnesses.

STATE DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO BREAK LAW IN CASE OF THE "RED DEAN". It takes a long time for our Govt to learn...and sometimes one wonders if it will learn fast enough to keep up with the speed of dangerous events. Now at last the State Dept has learned enough to refuse a visa to the Very Rev Dr Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canterbury (a rather minor office in the church). But Michael J McDermott, press chief of State Dept, says visa was refused solely because Dr Johnson's tour was to be under auspices of Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship, a subversive organization. "We've got nothing against the dean personally," says McDermott. That's very nice.

But Dr Johnson is a member of Communist Party of Britain, and he's on editorial board of Daily Worker (of London). And our immigration laws forbid entrance of Communists. Three years ago, despite this law, Dr Johnson was admitted to U S. And then Corliss Lamont, rich backer of Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship and other fronts, brought him around to White House. And pictures were published in the newspapers, showing Pres Truman at his desk, smiling up broadly at the smiling Dr Johnson.

Of course Dr Johnson had something to smile about...he had entered the U S in violation of its laws. And now the State Dept says it's ready to admit him again if he comes as an individual. It's about time that the State Dept learned that neither Dr Johnson nor any other CP member is an individual. He's a member of Stalin's world-wide army and must be kept out.

Yours faithfully,

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