

# COUNTERATTACK

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FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

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Dear Subscriber:

SOVIET EMBASSY GOT QUICK TIP ON TRUMAN'S VINSON PLAN. It was on Tuesday of last week that Presidential Sec'y Chas G Ross asked all four networks to give simultaneous time to Truman that night for a "non-political" speech...which was later abandoned, but not before the networks had demanded & learned what its subject would be: the Vinson mission to Moscow. Dewey is very well informed, so he learned about Vinson plan Thursday... which was long before rest of the country heard of it.

But Soviet Embassy learned of it Wednesday morning. (Communists hold good jobs on some networks.) Embassy notified the Kremlin at once.

Vinson mission would have dealt with Berlin blockade and whole German question...not merely with atomic energy, which was only subject named in Truman's explanatory statement last Saturday. In other words, Vinson would have negotiated about entire matter that's now before U N. Marshall would have been shoved aside completely.

Don't believe Drew Pearson's story that Marshall threatened to resign and that it was this that made Truman give in. Marshall says, "That's not the way I do business"...and he's right. Even if Truman had stuck to his incredible scheme, Marshall would have remained grimly on his job, rather than give U S an even worse black eye by resigning. He'd have struggled through short remainder of his term of office. Fact is he's been expecting all along to retire on Jan 20. (Yes, that's Inauguration Day.)

Firmer Marshall-Dulles teamwork will guide foreign policy from this time on. Stalin is in for a disappointment. Naturally he thinks the "Vinson mission" proves there's deep division of opinion in this country...and that if he remains tough awhile longer, the U S may cave in to him. But there's only half a month to go till election, and in that short time no new magic scheme is likely to pop up. And after the election on Nov 2, and right up to Inauguration Day, Jan 20, Marshall intends to continue his teamwork with Dulles...and even make it stronger. In fact he may let Dulles have most of the say during that two-and-a-half month interim.

PROBLEM OF COMMUNISTS IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS shouldn't be overlooked, even though the same problem in Federal Govt naturally gets more attention. There are Communists and their fellow-travelers and sympathizers on payrolls of many states & cities, clear across the country, and they do a lot of harm. A Communist teacher, for example, may infect many pupils. All party-liners should be removed from public payrolls.

Loyalty checks are being made in some places, notably Los Angeles, and are now being urged in New York, Chicago, and elsewhere. If there are many Communists in your state or community, loyalty of all public employees should be checked. This should be done thoroughly, with complete fairness both to the public and to every employee. Write to Loyalty Review Bd, Civil

Service Commission, Washington, DC, for facts on its procedures. Then draw up your state or local plan, as carefully & fairly as possible.

HERE'S AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF CRACKING DOWN ON COMMUNISTS. There's great alarm throughout whole Communist Party because of recent events in Denver. A Federal grand jury there has been investigating perjury by Govt employees and former employees who had sworn they weren't Communists. In order to check up on them, the grand jury subpoenaed Communist Party officials and demanded the membership lists and other information. The subpoenaed persons refused to answer the questions. So U S District Judge J Foster Symes sentenced them to jail for contempt.

The party lawyers asked him to set bail pending appeal. He refused. They appealed to the U S Circuit Court of Appeals, which turned them down. The higher judges sustained Judge Symes' ruling that since it isn't a crime to be a member of the Communist Party, no member of the party has a right to refuse to testify for fear of self-incrimination. Now the party is frantically trying to get a quick appeal to Supreme Court. And meanwhile more party officials are being jailed for refusal to give the grand jury documentary and other information about party members.

You can try this way of combatting the Communists in your own community. Federal grand jury in your region can check up on Federal loyalty check. It can investigate truthfulness of answers made by Federal employees. And your state & local Govts can begin loyalty checks...and then your local grand jury can investigate possible perjury by some employees. During such investigations, the Federal and local grand juries can subpoena Communist Party officials and other leading Communists and demand documents and other information. If they fail to answer they can be jailed.

This is one good way of licking the Communist problem. There are other good ways and they should all be used. Communist Fifth Column can be crushed if we really mean business. Let's get going.

FEDERAL JUDGE IS GUEST OF COMMUNIST FRONT. One of main transmission belts of Communist Party is Natl Lawyers Guild. It was organized by leaders of Stalin's international front of Communist lawyers, the International Juridical Assn. (This international front drafted legislative bills for Earl Browder, which the Communist Party submitted to Congress.)

Now another international front has taken the place of International Juridical Assn. It's International Assn of Democratic Lawyers, which last month held a convention in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Natl Lawyers Guild was represented by three delegates, one of them a partner of Lee Pressman, Communist Party member. The international front decided to send "observers" to trial of 12 Communist Party leaders here this month in order to propagandize against U S (Counterattack Aug 1 '47, pp 1, 2; Sept 10 '48, p 4).

U S District Judge J Waties Waring of Charleston, S C, was guest of honor of Natl Lawyers Guild at a large gathering this week. Purpose of the Guild in holding this affair was to improve its own standing by use of Judge Waring's prestige. Judge Waring wrote the recent decisions that enabled South Carolina Negroes to vote in primaries. The merits of those decisions have nothing to do with what we're saying about the Guild. Many lawyers who strongly approve of those decisions are just as strongly opposed to the Guild, because they know it's a Communist front.

Not only was Judge Waring present at the Guild affair but U S

District Judge John C Knox of NY (well-known conservative) was also there, to honor Judge Waring. During Stalin-Hitler Pact, Atty Gen Robt H Jackson (now Supreme Court justice) and other leading New Dealers resigned from the Guild because it was notoriously following Communist line. Maybe Judges Waring & Knox have forgotten this. They ought to remember it next time, and so should all other Federal judges. From coast to coast, no member of the Federal judiciary should ever have anything to do with the Lawyers Guild.

#### COMMUNIST PARTY OVERRULES UNION LEADERS...FORBIDS AFFIDAVITS.

Thousands of insurance agents quit United Office & Professional Workers of America, CIO, months ago because Communist officers of UOPWA didn't dare sign non-Communist affidavits. The bolters joined another CIO union, United Paperworkers of America, with full consent of Philip Murray. But recently Pres Jas H Durkin and V-P Leon W Berney of UOPWA, who are party-liners but don't admit they're Communist Party members, met with V-P Allan S Haywood of CIO and Pres Harry Sayre & Sec-Treas Frank Grasso of the Paperworkers. Durkin & Berney announced they were willing to have UOPWA file affidavits.

They said at least two and maybe three of the five officers of UOPWA would have to resign to make this possible, because Sec-Treas John J Stanley & V-P Joseph H Levy definitely couldn't sign the affidavits.

The UOPWA and the Paperworkers signed an agreement which in effect meant that the seceding insurance agents would return to UOPWA and wouldn't be punished for bolting. Next day Durkin & Berney went to Prudential Insurance Co, which had a contract with UOPWA covering 14,000 industrial insurance agents. This contract was to expire Oct 1. Durkin & Berney told Prudential that UOPWA was going to file the affidavits, and they wanted to start bargaining for a new contract right away. But Prudential held off.

Durkin & Berney went back to their union and urged the provable CP members among the officers to resign their union offices. But these men refused. And this week the Communist Party rebuked Durkin & Berney, saying they had made a "terrible mistake". And UOPWA isn't filing with NLRB.

Now the seceding agents are sore at Philip Murray, because in the present confused situation he seems to have ruined the hopes he originally raised when he let them join the Paperworkers. They aren't going to return to the Communist-controlled UOPWA...and unless Murray clarifies the situation and lets the Paperworkers organize the agents, they'll leave the CIO altogether. In fact many of them have already done so. Some have joined the Natl Federation of Insurance Agents, AFL, and a smaller number are now in the independent International Union of Life Insurance agents. So CIO suffers a definite loss. As for UOPWA, it's up against the total refusal of Prudential to deal with it. And other big companies are apt to follow suit.

WALLACE DOES AN ESPECIALLY BAD KIND OF MISCHIEF. In a speech in Dallas, Tex, the Commugressive candidate for the Presidency has said: "I've heard it inferred in some places in the South that the Jewish people are playing along with the reactionaries, just as they did in Germany when some of them helped to finance Hitler. I don't know the situation in Texas."

Here Wallace has picked up a Communist lie. It's false to say that Hitler came to power through Jewish financing, in whole or part. But it's convenient for the Communists to tell this lie, and for Wallace to repeat it.

It's also false to imply that anyone who doesn't vote for Wallace is helping America to go Fascist. This is exactly what Wallace implies.

And it's mischievous to speak of any religious or comparable group



in U S as a "people". There's only one people in this country...that's the AMERICAN people. But the Communist Party has set up fraternal insurance societies & schools & other organizations for deliberate purpose of separating the American people into various groups, largely based on ancestry, and preventing the melting pot from working. When Wallace uses the word "people" as he does, he's helping the Communists to DIVIDE the American people.

And it's dangerous & cruel to tell any religious group of Americans that they must all vote for any one candidate, whether Wallace or anybody else, and that if they don't they are "reactionaries". This is one of the worst kinds of Communist inflammatory propaganda. When Wallace joins in spreading the flames, he's guilty of anti-American arson.

COMMUNIST FRONT DISGUISES ITSELF TO GET THE "RED DEAN" INTO U S. In August the State Dept said it had denied a visa to Dr Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canterbury Cathedral (a rather minor office in the church), but that its only reason was that his tour was to be sponsored by a Communist front, Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship. The department said it had nothing against him personally. Counterattack pointed out that Dr Johnson is member of Communist Party of Britain and is on editorial board of Daily Worker (of London) and is thus barred from U S by immigration laws.

Later a so-called "committee of welcome" invited him here. Among its members were many clergymen and educators. Dr Johnson said he would accept. American Jewish League Against Communism at once protested to State Dept, deploring "the naive appeal" of clergymen and others in his behalf. But the State Dept indicated it would let him in.

Prof Ralph Barton Perry of Harvard, a philosopher, is chairman of the so-called "committee". What is Perry's record on Communism? He himself is a sponsor of Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship. In other words, this Communist front is now acting through a so-called committee.

Perry has also sponsored other fronts. Among them:

American Committee for Democracy & Intellectual Freedom...which was formed to oppose Prof John Dewey's Comm for Cultural Freedom (anti-Communist).

American Comm for Protection of Foreign Born. This aids Communists.

American Comm to Save Refugees...which began clamoring for U S intervention in the war as soon as Hitler attacked Stalin Russia.

Perry has supported other fronts which we haven't space to mention. He has written for the Communist Party magazine, Soviet Russia Today. He has been praised by Pravda as one of Soviet Union's best friends in U S.

Now he's carrying the ball for the front that originally tried to get the "Red Dean" into the U S. Hewlett Johnson is a Communist, and hence barred by American law. State Dept will break the law if it lets him in.

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

1. For action on state & local loyalty checks, see pp 1 & 2.
2. Invoke grand jury action against Communists. See p 2.
3. Write or wire State Dept to oppose illegal admission of Communist Hewlett Johnson ("Red Dean") for propaganda tour of this country.

Yours faithfully,

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