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Dear Subscriber:

COMMUNISTS ARE RAISING A WORLD-WIDE UPROAR ABOUT TRIAL OF THEIR LEADERS HERE, who've been indicted for conspiring against Govt. Maybe there've been demonstrations in your city or state against "frameup" trial of the 12 Communist Party chiefs (which was set for Oct 15 but has been postponed to Nov 1 and will probably be postponed again). There have been pickets at White House...and at Federal courthouses from one coast to the other.

And in a meeting in Hollywood, John Howard Lawson, screenwriter & CP member convicted of contempt of Congress, declared public demonstrations are needed because Supreme Court doesn't act "on abstract legal principles" ...the court "is affected by the political climate."

Similar demonstrations are being made abroad...to whip up people's anger against U S and thus affect "the political climate" abroad and also in U S...and induce our Govt to weaken in the prosecutions...and make our courts try to find excuses for going easy on the Fifth Columnists.

Big mass meeting was held in Paris this week and there'll be similar meetings in various countries, to denounce the "frameup". Everywhere this trial is cited as another example of triumph of Hitlerism in U S.

You can't beat something with nothing. This anti-American propaganda is hurting U S right now. It can't be licked with dignified silence. It needs an answer. State Dept should tell the facts about the trial right now to the world, through speeches, public statements by Marshall, use of "Voice of America" and other means. Otherwise we're going to suffer another of our usual propaganda defeats.

CLEVELAND BEGINS USING DENVER METHOD OF UNMASKING COMMUNISTS. Last week we told you how the Federal grand jury in Denver had subpoenaed Communist Party officials and demanded their membership lists and other records, in order to learn whether Govt employees under investigation were party members. The CP officials refused to surrender the documents or answer questions, and U S District Judge J Foster Symes jailed them for contempt.

National leaders of CP were at once alarmed. Would use of Denver Plan spread? Would grand juries elsewhere jail CP officials in this way?

Now Cleveland has begun using Denver Plan. Federal grand jury there subpoenaed party officials, ordering them to bring membership & financial records. At once the national hq of the party sent word to members throughout country that "wholesale jailings" in Cleveland were expected.

CP begins propaganda campaign against Denver Plan. It's publishing pictures of children of one of jailed defendants. "Tommy and Andy, and Susan Jane," cries CP. "Not refugees in far-off Greece, or China. Refugees here, at your very door." This sob stuff leads up to CP's practical request: "Write to Federal Judge J Foster Symes, Denver, Colo, and to Atty Gen Tom Clark, Washington, DC", demanding that bail be granted the defendants.

WHAT TO DO: Try to apply Denver Plan in your community & state (see our last week's letter). And write or wire Judge Symes, in Denver, and Atty Gen Clark, in Washington, urging them to resist Communist-inspired pressure and to do everything practical & legal to expose Communist Fifth Column.

WHAT ABOUT THIS NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED BY TOP SCIENTISTS to prevent "persecution" of scientists as result of loyalty investigations? The Federation of American Scientists has set up a Committee on Loyalty Problems, which will be practically independent of the federation. This committee will try to influence the press, radio & public in favor of what it calls fairness to scientists under official investigation. It will give advice to such scientists and will put them in touch with lawyers who want to take such cases, but it won't pay legal expenses itself.

This is a fine idea if carried out as stated. But the Committee on Loyalty Problems ought to be made up entirely of scientists who have no connection with Communist Party or any of its fronts. It isn't, though.

There are 15 members of the committee, and there are 53 other scientists at various universities who are sponsoring the committee. And some of these distinguished committee members & sponsors aren't free of Communist connections. We'll give you a few facts on that in later issues. Right now let's take a look at some of the committee's avowed opinions.

Prof Henry D Smyth of Princeton, author of the famous Smyth report on atomic energy, is a leading committee member. He denounces the way a subcommittee of the House Comm on Un-American Activities treated Dr Edward U Condon, director of National Bureau of Standards. And Smyth is right. No matter what the truth about Condon may be, he's surely entitled to the public hearing that was promised him. The House Committee ought to have held that hearing long ago. It has probably hurt itself more than Condon by its treatment of him. It ought to hold a public hearing, disclose the facts about Condon's "indiscreet" actions, and let him answer.

If a scientist is fired from a job requiring secrecy, says Prof Smyth, that's no reason for barring him from other Govt jobs. "A scientist may be a bad security risk," he says, "but it doesn't imply disloyalty." Often that's true. For example, a man may be dropped because he has a relative who's a Communist. He's dropped because Govt can't afford to take slightest chance. But unless there's some evidence against the man himself, he should be allowed to transfer to a Govt job of a less sensitive sort.

Yet this doesn't satisfy the new scientists' committee. It says Communist scientists should be allowed to hold Govt jobs that don't require secrecy. There the committee is dead wrong. No Communist should hold a Govt job of any kind, whether he's a scientist or anything else. On that issue the committee must quickly learn that it is wasting its breath.

THERE ARE MORE & MORE SPLITS AND EXPULSIONS IN LABOR MOVEMENT, as Communists & anti-Communists fight in their sector of the world struggle.

CIO intends to split away from World Federation of Trade Unions, which is controlled by Stalin. British labor movement is siding with CIO. After this split, CIO will tend to cooperate abroad with AFL. Recently AFL helped to organize a Free Trade Union Center in Exile, with hq in Paris. This represents the former free unions in Stalin's satellite countries.

American Federation of Teachers, AFL, has revoked charter of local at University of Washington, because it "gave the appearance of coming under

totalitarian discipline." Six professors who are members of this local have been cited for contempt by Canwell Committee (Washington State Comm on Un-American Activities), because they refused to answer questions on Communism.

29,000 Communist-led Canadian woodworkers have quit CIO. They are the members of British Columbia District of International Woodworkers of America, CIO. At times this whole union has been dominated by Communists, but Pres Jas E Fadling has been fighting them strongly. The seceding district includes virtually the entire Canadian membership of the international. Bolters now call themselves the Woodworkers Industrial Union.

But International Woodworkers of America is fighting the bolters by filing suit in British Columbia to freeze the funds of the district council and by trying to organize a members' rebellion against the secession.

There's more Communist domination of labor in Canada than in U S. And the Communist Party there, which calls itself Labor Progressive Party, has issued a manifesto approving Moscow's foreign policy and denouncing U S. "Not a Man, Not a Gun for Wall Street War," says the manifesto. It demands that Canada stop shipment of uranium to U S.

AFL unions in Canada are more pro-Communist than CIO unions. The Canadian Congress of Labor is roughly the equivalent of CIO in U S. It's made up chiefly of CIO unions. And now it has suspended the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, CIO, which is in Communist hands.

And leaders of Canadian Congress of Labor declared in its recent convention that it should clean house of Communists. By a 10 to 1 vote it passed a resolution favoring the Marshall Plan, and condemning Moscow's policies, especially the Berlin blockade. "We greet the formation of the Western Europe democratic defense alliance," said the resolution, "and we urge that Canada should indicate its readiness to participate in an Atlantic defense conference against spreading totalitarianism."

Communist question caused big fight in recent convention of International Assn of Machinists (unaffiliated). Robt Schrank, president of big Local 402, and all other officers of local, were expelled from union. FBI has gathered a lot of information about Schrank and his colleagues.

You can expect that the CIO convention in November will order dissolution of CIO council of Greater NY, which is Communist-controlled. Anti-Communists now control most of the CIO membership in that area.

THEATER GUILD OF THE AIR, SPONSORED BY U. S. STEEL CORPORATION, presented the play "Laura" last Sunday night, Oct 17, on ABC network. Play was written by Vera Caspary & Geo Sklar. One of its stars was Geo Coulouris.

Vera Caspary has been connected with these fronts & activities:

League of American Writers (part of Int'l Union of Revolutionary Writers).
Teacher in People's Educational Center, Hollywood, a Communist school.
Signer of statement defending Moscow purge trials (1938).
Signer of Open Letter for Closer Cooperation with the Soviet Union (1939).
Signed protest against arrest of Communists in Japan (1938).
Progressive Citizens of America, leading Communist front, 1946-48.
"Progressive" (or Commugressive) Party, successor to above.
Donor of \$250 at Commugressive rally, June 16. Promised \$1,000 more.
Commugressive dinner, Ciro's Restaurant, Hollywood, Oct 1.
Actors' Laboratory Theater, Hollywood...breeding-ground for Communists.
Hollywood Community Radio Group, which sought radio station licenses.

Connecticut Writers' Conference (1938).
Frontier Films, which made & distributed pro-Communist documentary films.
Calif Action Conference for Civil Rights.
Hollywood Writers' Mobilization.
International Labor Defense...which was legal arm of Communist Party.
National Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions (headed by Harlow Shapley).

Geo Sklar's record includes these fronts & activities:

League of American Writers (part of Int'l Union of Revolutionary Writers).
Signer of statement defending Moscow purge trials (1938).
Co-author with Albert Maltz (Communist Party member) of article in Daily Worker 12/16/33, "The Need for a Workers Theater" (as in Soviet Union).
Playwright for Theater Union and New Theater League, which were affiliated with Int'l Union of Revolutionary Theater, with hq in Moscow.
Co-author with Albert Maltz of play, "Zero Hour", for New Theater League.
Theater Arts Committee.
Artists Front to Win the War (to help Stalin by opening "Second Front").
Progressive Citizens of America.
"Progressive" (or Commugressive) Party, successor to above.

And Geo Coulouris has supported these fronts, among others:

Progressive Citizens of America.
"Progressive" or Commugressive Party.
Actors' Laboratory Theater, breeding-ground for Communist actors.
Nat'l Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions (headed by Harlow Shapley).
Hollywood Community Radio Group, which tried to get station licenses.

There are interesting plays written by people in Hollywood who aren't Communist Party members or party-liners. There are interesting actors in Hollywood who don't toe the Moscow line. Wouldn't you think that all producers & sponsors of radio plays would hire such people and no other kind?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS? Individually and through your unions or business & civic groups, etc, you can do these things:

1. Whenever you hear a party-liner on radio, or listen to written work of a party-liner, protest to station, network, producer & sponsor.
2. Use Denver Plan against Communists in your region. Urge Judge Symes & Atty Gen Clark to resist CP pressure in this matter. See pp 1 & 2.
3. Write or wire Sec'y Marshall urging prompt action to refute world-wide slander against U S on basis of trial of CP leaders. See p 1.
4. Write your friends & acquaintances in foreign countries, telling them truth about conditions here. Don't paint an excessively rosy picture...just tell the truth...puncture the slander of a Fascist U S. Get a letter-writing campaign of this sort started in your community, union, industry, religious group, social organization, etc. Such letters may have a far bigger & better result than most propaganda by our Govt.

Yours faithfully,

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