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FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

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Dear Subscriber:

U. S. ARMY & AIR FORCE PAY BIG SUMS TO BACKERS OF COMMUNIST FRONTS. American Natl Theater & Academy (known as ANTA) is a non-profit organization, chartered by Congress. Lately it conceived an idea for a recruiting show. This was accepted by Army & Air Force. The show, "Theater U S A", is presented every Thur evening for half an hour, with all-star cast. This cast changes each week. All the stars get minimum union-scale pay.

ANTA is paid \$10,000 for each performance. If the same actors were hired for a non-Govt show, cost might be \$30,000. But there's also a permanent staff, who get big pay, many times as much as the performers. And some of these recruiting agents oppose preparedness by U S...but not by Stalin.

John Houseman, director of the show, has been associated with many Communist fronts. Among them: Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences & Professions...Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade...Hollywood Writers Mobilization...Motion Picture Artists Comm...Artef, a theater front ...People's Songs, Inc, a Communist entertainment outfit. Etc, etc.

Howard Teichman, writer-producer for the recruiting show, has supported Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences & Professions... also Peoples Radio Foundation, which applied for broadcasting licenses.

Alfred Drake, master of ceremonies of the show, draws a high salary for each performance. But after appearing on the show three weeks, Drake is now withdrawing because of a theater engagement on the road.

This popular actor & singer has supported many Red Fascist fronts, including "Progressive" (or Commugressive) Party...its immediate predecessor, Progressive Citizens of America (PCA)...and PCA's predecessor, Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences & Professions. Also Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade...Stop Censorship Comm...Council on African Affairs ...Voice of Freedom Comm, organized to put pro-Communist commentators on air.

Alfred Drake was plugged by Daily Worker on same day the recruiting show opened...Armistice Day, Nov 11. Reason: He's co-chairman of Theater Division of Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions, a Communist front ...and he had just signed congratulatory message to Moscow Art Theater on 50th anniversary. (Fact is this once-great theater has deteriorated.)

WHAT TO DO: Write or wire Maj General Tom Hanley, Pentagon Bldg, Washington, DC, who is top man in this matter, urging him to stop hiring backers of Communist fronts as recruiting agents of Army & Air Force.

SOME PLAIN FACTS ABOUT MOSCOW GOLD ARE COMING TO LIGHT. For many years the Communists have scored a propaganda success by their ridicule of the words, "Moscow gold". They've jeered at the idea that Moscow was doing anything so fantastic as financing the Communist parties in U S, France, England, or any other country. And by sheer jeering repetition, they have succeeded in making the words "Moscow gold" seem absurd & jittery.

Fact is that Moscow has financed the Communist parties of many countries in varying degrees. This was obviously true in the years immediately after the Bolshevik Revolution. Then the Comintern helped young Communist parties get on their feet. It had a lot of jewelry which it had confiscated from Russian royalty, nobility, and well-to-do people generally, and it sent many jewels to Communist parties in other countries.

One extremely young American Communist went to Moscow and was given jewels worth about \$50,000 to take to a Latin American country and start a Communist Party there. But he met with disaster: his briefcase containing much of the jewelry was stolen. After he had reported this, he was ordered to return to Moscow and explain in person. He tried to get guarantees of his personal safety if he obeyed the order. But no guarantees were forthcoming, so he didn't go. Soon he was expelled from the party. For years he tried to get readmitted, but failed. In the 1930's he began to lose faith in Communism, and now he's a strong & effective opponent of it.

Right now Moscow is financing the French revolution. Make no mistake about it, Moscow believes a French revolution is under way.

Stalin & Molotov are convinced that within a few years France will fall into their hands. And they're providing money to hasten this.

The Cominform has given \$864,000 to French Communist Party to finance the great coal strike and other revolutionary activities. Jules Moch, the Socialist Minister of the Interior, has learned the facts about this. He has copies of French CP's bank account. In August alone there was an overdraft of 68,000,000 francs (\$217,600). The money was provided by Commercial Bank for Northern Europe, which was organized as a French company. It has 100,000 shares of stock outstanding. Of this, 99,700 shares belong to two Soviet banks. The remaining 300 shares are nominally owned by some stockholders in France and other countries.

The bank president is a naturalized Russian, says Minister Moch. Of the three directors, one is a Russian, another is a Frenchman whom "the General Confederation of Labor once tried to force in as president of one of our leading banks", and the third is the husband of a woman who's a Communist member of French Parliament. Moch says it's no wonder "this bank gives large sums to the Communist Party, its press and its affiliates...for example, to the cooperatives run by Communists."

Thus Stalin is financing the French revolution. And he's using the Ruhr conflict to separate France from Britain and the U S. Maybe not right now or even next year, but in a very few years.

And Stalin is using the Palestine question to separate Britain from U S...by stimulating a nasty hatred of Britain here, which in turn provokes a counter-hatred of U S in Britain, and causes anti-Semitism to rise there, although the British previously had remarkably little of it. Britain won't separate from U S right away...but Stalin is looking ahead.

Isn't it about time we looked ahead too?

SCIENTISTS' GROUP, INCLUDING PRO-COMMUNISTS, PLAN ATTACK ON GOV'T LOYALTY ORDER. On Oct 22 we told you the new Scientists' Committee on Loyalty Problems included some men with Communist connections. Now the committee is privately circulating a "proposed policy statement" for rescinding or drastically changing the President's Loyalty Order. The statement is to be amended in some ways, and then issued in December. Some of these famous scientists are actually against ANY loyalty check in Govt or in firms with war

contracts. Their real feeling is shown by Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions, which they also belong to. This Communist front urges Truman to revoke his Loyalty Order. The Scientists' Committee on Loyalty Problems should make its OWN loyalty check by investigating to see whether any of its distinguished members or sponsors are Communist fellow-travelers...or even secret members of Communist Party. Counterattack will give facts on Communist connections of some of these eminent men in future issues.

**LEADING HOTEL WILL BE SCENE OF CONVENTION OF COMMUNIST FRONT.** Last November, Dept of Justice resumed wartime practice of issuing lists of subversive organizations. Now some newspapers refuse to accept ads from any organization on the lists. And some hotels won't rent to them. Example: Hotel Bond, in Hartford, Conn, barred a meeting of one of the organizations.

Now the Congress Hotel, in Chicago, one of best-known hotels in U S, is to be the meeting place of a top Communist front, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Dept of Justice has included this front on its lists. The front doesn't protect all foreign-born...it only protects Communists, like Gerhart Eisler, John Williamson, J Peters, John Santo.

This big front will hold its convention in Congress Hotel Dec 11 & 12. All hotels should reject Communist fronts, Fascist organizations, Ku Klux Klan, etc. Maybe Congress Hotel didn't know nature of this outfit. It still has time to cancel the reservation. And it should ask Dept of Justice for its consolidated list (dated Sept 21) and use it for reference.

**WHAT TO DO:** Urge Congress Hotel to reject American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. And urge all hotels to get Dept of Justice list and turn thumbs down on any organization named.

**"RED DEAN" & REV. RICHARD MORFORD MAKE STATE DEPARTMENT LOOK FUNNY.** Two additional facts cast a curious light on action of State Dept in giving a big publicity buildup to a minor official of Church of England, Dr Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canterbury Cathedral, member of Communist Party of Britain, and member of editorial board of Daily Worker (London).

You remember that Communist Johnson was originally barred from entering U S, not on the permanent ground that he's a Communist and therefore his entry would be unlawful, but on the TEMPORARY ground that he was being sponsored by a Communist front, Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

And you remember State Dept at same time practically invited Communist Johnson to come in, by saying it had nothing against him personally and wouldn't bar him if it weren't for the sponsoring front. So the front set up a dummy "Committee of Welcome" to sponsor him, and State Dept let him in, and now he's lecturing to big audiences. If State Dept wasn't going to obey law and bar him, it ought to have admitted him in first place, instead of erecting a phony obstacle and giving him a lot of beneficial publicity.

Now here are the added facts:

1. Communist Johnson's last speech of his tour will be made Dec 13 in a big mass meeting in Madison Sq Garden, NYCity. Another speaker will be Soviet Ambassador Panyushkin, one of the men who kept Mrs Kasenkina a prisoner in Soviet consulate until she risked her life by jumping out of third-story window to concrete yard. Still another speaker will be Henry Wallace.

And who is sponsoring this mass meeting? The Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship...which technically no longer sponsors the "Red Dean".

2. Rev Richard Morford is Exec Director of this front. Incidentally he's appealing a jail sentence for contempt of Congress, as result of



his refusal to disclose facts about the front. Now what do you suppose Morford has been doing lately? He's been on tour with the "Red Dean". He's managing the tour, although the dummy committee is the pretended sponsor. Doesn't the State Dept know these things? Or doesn't it WANT to know? Has it been wholly bamboozled by the Communist front which it originally spurned? Or does it know the truth, and is it kidding the public?

NEXT STEP FOR LABOR IS TO PROCLAIM THE COMMUNIST PARTY A "DUAL ORGANIZATION". Both AFL and CIO in their conventions have struck blows at Communists. AFL has done it through resolutions, mainly on Govt policy. CIO has done it by words & action against its own Communist wing. Philip Murray has made immediate use of the added strength he has gained from the national election. Counterattack will deal in more detail with both conventions next week. Right now we want to emphasize one significant fact.

Walter Reuther indicated what is coming. He's the most powerful CIO leader next to Murray, and he was main spokesman of the resolute anti-Communists. Here's what he told the convention about the Communists in CIO: "They are not trade unionists but colonial agents of a foreign Govt using the United States as an operating base."

They are not trade unionists. That's the significant point, as far as unionists are concerned. For if Communists aren't trade unionists, why should they be allowed in a trade union? Why not expel them?

Unionists have a term for a rival organization... they call it a "dual organization". A member of a union can't belong to its rival. He must choose one or the other. Next big step in labor movement should be to define Communist Party as a "dual organization". This definition can be used as basis for expulsion of Communists.

Maybe this step will be taken as early as 1949. Much will depend on foreign affairs, which are moving fast and are having powerful impact on labor. 1949 may be the year for proclaiming the CP a "dual organization".

#### THINGS TO DO TO BEAT THE COMMUNISTS:

1. Write or wire Maj Gen Tom Hanley, Pentagon Bldg, Washington, DC, to stop hiring backers of Communist fronts as recruiting agents. See p 1.
2. Urge Congress Hotel and other hotels to reject fronts. See p 3.
3. Write for pamphlet on Communism & religion, issued this week by House Committee on Un-American Activities. It gives much vital information. For example, it names two Communist fronts in religious field: Methodist Federation for Social Action, and Institute of Applied Religion, both of which have been exposed in Counterattack.

Pamphlet also touches on activities of a great Communist front, International Workers Order, the CP's fraternal insurance society. (By coincidence, on same day when pamphlet was issued, Alfred Kohlberg, chairman of American Jewish League Against Communism, wrote a letter to Mayor O'Dwyer of NY, pointing out that International Workers Order is allowed to conduct children's classes in nine public schools in NYCity.) To get pamphlet, write Supt of Documents, U S Govt Printing Office, Washington, DC. Ask for "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion". Price 10¢.

Yours faithfully,

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