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Dear Subscriber:

WHEN HIGH U. S. OFFICIALS ARE COMMUNIST SPIES, IS IT ANY WONDER WE LOSE CHINA? At start of this year...on Jan 9...Counterattack began its letter of that date with this question: "HOW HIGH UP ARE STALIN'S SPIES IN U. S. GOVT?" We then revealed what had never before been published here... that U S Army Intelligence had learned that one of Stalin's spy rings in Japan had been led by Dr Richard Sorge, Nazi Party member who was an important official of German Embassy in Tokyo, and that his chief lieutenant was a leading Japanese who was close to Prime Minister Konoye's secretaries.

If Stalin could do this in Japan, where the Govt was militaristic & strict, how much had he been able to do in our far more careless country? We quoted Alfred Kohlberg, chairman of American China Policy Assn, as asking the blunt question: "How many in our State Dept are Russian spies?"

Now in Pearl Harbor Week we've begun to get a bit of the answer. With Whittaker Chambers & Alger Hiss & Donald Hiss testifying before the Federal grand jury, part of the truth begins to come out.

There were and there ARE Communists in various departments & agencies of our Govt. Communists in State Dept largely molded our policy on China. During the war the State Dept and the Office of War Information had Communists in Chungking. They plotted against the Chinese Govt. They were honored by being received as guests of Madame Sun Yat Sen, the top Communist fellow-traveler in China, who is touted by Communists in U S as a liberal.

With Communists in high positions in State Dept, with Communists betraying our codes to Stalin, with Communists poisoning the information received by our President and our Sec'y of State, is it any wonder that we've practically lost China and lost the Asiatic part of the Second World War?

We fought Japan to keep her from grabbing China...but now we've let STALIN grab China. On Nov 26, 1941, Sec'y Hull handed the Japanese ambassador the fateful note which Japan called an ultimatum. It was our last word. Japan must get completely out of China, must abandon her puppet Manchukuoan Govt, must recognize Chiang Kai Shek's Natl Govt. On that issue we went to war. Now we've let Stalin take China. What did we fight the Pacific war for? What was the good of all the lives lost, of all the torments suffered by our troops on Bataan, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Iwo Jima, and in the blood-reddened waters of the Philippines and all those other places of battle?

If Japan had gained full control of China she would have been less dangerous to America than Stalin will be. At least Japan would have had Communist Siberia at her back, as an enemy to be watched. But there will be no enemy at the back of Communist China.

This week Wm Z Foster & Frank Waldron, alias Eugene Dennis, leaders of Communist Party here, cabled Chinese CP: "Your historic successes, and your approaching nationwide victory, are helping to decisively change the face of the world. We American Communists appreciate the significance of

these events." Yes, the Communists appreciate the significance. But do we?

<u>U S has only delivered \$63,000,000 in fighting equipment</u> to China in past year and a half. That's the figure which our officials now claim, after all those yarns about our huge gifts to China. Only \$63,000,000 (it may be less). And in the same period we've given little Greece \$170,000,000. We certainly should defend Greece from Stalin...but why give him China?

All this isn't merely a matter of blundering by our Govt. It's largely the result of operations of Communists at a high level in our State Dept. Some of them had easy access to the White House. And Communists are still in government jobs. Efforts to get at the truth have been largely balked by the hush-up policy of the Administration...for fear of political embarrassment. The much denounced House Committee on Un-American Activities is the only official body that has given our people a glimpse of the truth, to awaken them to the terrible national danger. But we need much more than this glimpse. We need a thorough-going investigation that will expose the Communists in the Govt and throw them out, even at this late hour.

COMMUNIST PARTY REBUKES ITS OWN CIO LEADERS FOR FAILURE TO FIGHT PHILIP MURRAY. Rebuke was administered this week by John Williamson, Natl Labor Sec'y of CP (who's one of 12 top party leaders now under indictment). We'll give facts on his action in a moment. But first let's see what Murray's plans against CP are...and how CP intends to resist them.

Murray has these plans for these Communist-controlled unions:

FE (Farm Equipment union). It's ordered to merge with Walter Reuther's United Auto Workers. Merger order comes from CIO Exec Board, under authority of a wide, elastic resolution adopted in recent CIO convention. Board set 60-day time limit for obedience. FE is talking back defiantly... but Murray may may lift its charter, on the ground that FE is violating a jurisdictional decision which CIO gave in favor of Auto years ago.

United Public Workers. What Murray is especially worried about is strength of this union at Panama Canal. He's going to charter a new Federal employees' union, and transfer Federal members from UPW. Many such employees bolted UPW lately and entered CIO Shipbuilding union. Now they'll move into new Federal employees' union. UPW will be left with its state & local employees. But later Murray will fight to end CP control in that area too.

United Office & Professional Workers of America. Its leaders are resisting Murray's demand that they resign. If necessary, Murray will appoint an organizing committee to organize office workers independently of this union. One way or another, he's determined to beat CP in office field.

Food, Tobacco & Agricultural Workers. Here he may use same tactics as in office union. Or he may let another CIO union enter this jurisdiction.

United Electrical Workers. This huge union, third largest in CIO, has been Murray's chief worry. He wants to drive its Communist leaders out of CIO without letting them take UE out...or even take a big minority of members. Pres Albert Fitzgerald of UE isn't a Communist...he's a self-seeking stooge. In convention Murray let other CIO leaders rap Fitzgerald and threaten to prevent his reelection as one of the nine CIO V-P's. So Fitzgerald made a few hedging statements...for example, he said Molotov & Vishinsky were warmongers. He was reelected a CIO V-P. Now Murray is trying to drive a deeper wedge between Fitzgerald and the Communists who run UE. Fitzgerald will turn anti-CP if he can save UE presidency for himself.

West Coast longshoremen. There's a strong revolt against Pres Harry Bridges in this union. Murray will coax it along.

<u>CIO councils in Calif</u>. Harry Bridges controls these, but Murray intends to end his control, maybe by lifting their charters. This is what he has just done to CIO council in Greater NY.

Here's CP's strategy to resist Murray. CP will stress militant union tactics...big wage demands...stiff fight against speedup...etc. CP loudly calls for return of spirit of 1936, when CIO was created. It charges that Murray, Reuther, Emil Rieve of Textile, and other leaders have lost militancy...that in backing the Marshall Plan they'll necessarily have to urge labor peace...that they're selling out the workers. CP will promote wildcat strikes and other revolts in unions led by anti-Communists. Thus it hopes to win followers and make Murray's anti-Communism unpopular.

Now here's John Williamson's rebuke to some leaders:

Pres Albert Fitzgerald of UE gets the most open drubbing. Williamson bawls him out for his "remarks to the effect that if Truman makes good he will tell the Progressive Party 'to go to hell'" and for "his unfounded criticism of the Soviet Union as 'sabre rattlers'". And Williamson broadly hints to all Communists that Fitzgerald is thinking about breaking with CP.

CP Members Jas J Matles & Julius Emspak, the rulers of UE, are rebuked, but not by name, because they weakened a little under Murray's attack. For instance, although they voted for the minority resolutions, they didn't fight for them by getting up on their hind legs and making speeches. Williamson spanks these UE chiefs as well as the delegates from West Coast long-shoremen and United Furniture Workers for these and other acts of caution.

Murray is now "the worst red-baiter of them all" and must be fought to the finish, says CP. There must be no backing away from him. Fight him on the wage question...call him a sell-out artist. That's the new CP line.

PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE CO. PROVES OFFICE UNION LEADERS ARE PRO-MOSCOW. Two years ago Allis-Chalmers Co delivered a mighty blow against Communist leaders of Local 248 of United Auto Workers by issuing a booklet containing photostatic copies of signatures of those leaders on a Communist Party nominating petition. Now Prudential Insurance Co has done much the same thing to leaders of United Office & Professional Workers of America (UOPWA).

Prudential has published a 20-page booklet with photostats of signature of Pres Jas H Durkin on CP nominating petitions...also signatures of Division Head Jos H Levy and Regional Directors Richard S Lewis, Aaron J Schneider & Frank Engelberg. Also proof that Midwest Regional Director Morris Yanoff enrolled (or registered) as a Communist in a 1933 election. Etc, etc.

Counterattack issued a special report in July, 1947, on UOPWA, giving abundant proof that Communist Party controls this union.

COMMUNIST MURIEL DRAPER AND HER SON PAUL DO THEIR STUFF. Stalin's international front for women is called the Women's International Democratic Federation. It has just held its annual convention in Budapest, Hungary. Some American newspapers have reported a few facts about this. They've quoted the frightening statements of the leader of the American delegation, Muriel Draper, who revealed the ghastly "police terror" that now crushes our miserable country. But they haven't told anything else about Muriel Draper.

Muriel Draper is a member of the Communist Party. Why is this kind of fact omitted when newspapers report meetings of Communist fronts? Muriel Draper, a CP member, is Exec V-P of the Congress of American Women, which is the U S affiliate of Stalin's international women's front.

Muriel Draper's son Paul is a well-known tap dancer...and a prominent name in Communist fronts. He and Larry Adler, the harmonica player, go on tour together...and at the same time appear in Stalinoid meetings. Occasionally they even get away with a bit of their propaganda on the stage.

While his mother was smearing the U S in the Budapest meeting during the past week, Paul Draper was speaking & dancing at a series of meetings called by a big Communist front & racket, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. These meetings were among many hundreds held in 16 countries by the world Communist movement for permanent enslavement of Spain. The Communists staged what they called a Free Spain Week. They mean they want to replace Franco's Fascist tyranny with Stalin's far more tyrannical Red Fascism.

Among Paul Draper's companions in the Communist-front meetings for a Stalinized Spain were Paul Robeson, who is a Communist Party member but doesn't admit it yet...Howard Fast, novelist & propagandist, who no longer denies he's a Communist Party member...Sen Glen Hearst Taylor...Rep Vito Marcantonio...Rep Leo Isacson...O John Rogge, lawyer for many Red Fascists and their fronts...Dorothy Parker, writer, who doesn't admit she's a CP member...Jas Waterman Wise, leading Commungressive...Maxine Sullivan, singer.

Paul Draper sometimes appears in movies. Eric Johnston and the movie companies should take note of Paul Draper's Stalinoid activities.

Ella Winter, wife of Donald Ogden Stewart, leading screenwriter, was one of the delegates at the meeting of Stalin's international women's front in Budapest. Ella Winter has also been writing a series of articles from Europe for the newspaper PM (which now calls itself the NYStar).

NORMAN CORWIN IN HOLLYWOOD HELPS COMMUNIST SCREENWRITERS IN DRIVE TO GET THEIR JOBS BACK. The 10 Communist writers & directors who were fired by movie industry a year ago, after they refused to tell Congress whether they were CP members, are campaigning vigorously to reverse that decision.

Hollywood chapter of a top Communist front, the Natl Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions, staged a meeting recently to help them.

Norman Corwin was featured speaker in the Hollywood meeting. This leading radio writer & director is a big name in Columbia Broadcasting System. And he's a big name in many Communist fronts too (Counterattack July 25 '47, pp 3 & 4). He praised the 10 indicted Communists.

Ring Lardner, Jr. one of the indicted ten, is appealing to public opinion by writing a long letter to newspapers which a year ago denounced the Hollywood hearings. Many newspapers did this, usually because they just don't know the score. Lardner's form letter to each of these papers begins by quoting one of its editorials a year ago assailing the hearings. Then he compliments the paper by saying its attacks on the investigation "contributed materially to its abrupt termination". Next he bemoans the dismissal of the writers & directors as a deep injustice. This letter has appeared in many newspapers. It's cunning & untruthful. Hollywood should not only maintain its decision against these Communists but enforce it against all others.

Yours faithfully,

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