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Dear Subscriber:

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S BLUEPRINT FOR VIOLENT COMMUNIST REVOLUTION HERE is made plain as day in a Special Supplement we're sending you with this issue of Counterattack. Very few Americans know that the head of the Communist Party ever boldly announced a plan for violent revolution...and for depriving white-collar workers of the right to vote...and crushing all non-Communist organizations, including YMCA, Elks, etc.

We've got a special reason for reprinting this program now. Communist Party is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in a remarkable propaganda drive. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Number One woman Communist, recently declared in the Daily Worker that the CP was shelling out \$10,000 a week for legal expenses in defending the Politbureau members, who are on trial for plotting against the Govt. And many newspapers reprinted this statement.

It's the bunk. Most of the CP's outgo in connection with the trial isn't for legal purposes. It's for PROPAGANDA.

As Counterattack reported to you Sept 24: "Communist Party is raising \$250,000 defense fund for 12 indicted party leaders, and will use most of the money for general public PROPAGANDA to influence the jury in the trial."

Now the party is publishing a 16-page pamphlet in color to praise the indicted commissars and discredit the courts. And it's issuing a vast amount of other propaganda in pamphlets, leaflets, radio talks, etc.

And in all this it's denying that it wants violent revolution. It swears this charge is false, a total lie, a malicious & vicious invention.

Well, Counterattack believes this CP propaganda should be answered now with the TRUTH. So we're printing a Special Supplement containing excerpts from Wm Z Foster's book, "Toward Soviet America", written in 1932, when he was Communist candidate for President. This book, which was published and copyrighted in that year by Coward-McCann, is now out of print. Since people who want to know the truth about the CP can't get copies of Foster's book now, Counterattack is reprinting significant extracts from it.

All Americans should know of this blueprint for tyranny. It should be read by federal, state & local officials and by labor leaders, employers, editors, clergymen, teachers & leading clubwomen. And it should get wide distribution among union members, employees, students, etc. CP's propaganda should be answered by MASS distribution of this program to destroy America.

COUNTERATTACK'S REPORT 13 MONTHS AGO ON RED SPYING IN JAPAN IS NOW FOLLOWED BY MacARTHUR'S REPORT. This week the Dept of the Army released a 32,000-word report by MacArthur on Communist prewar espionage in Japan. Newspapers printed long stories based on this remarkable disclosure.

But on Jan 9, 1948, Counterattack published the first report ever to appear in this country on Communist spy ring in Japan. Here's a brief summary of it (asterisks indicate omissions). We asked: "How high up are Stalin's spies in U S Govt?" Army Intelligence, we said, was "wondering

whether Stalin has succeeded even better in the US than he did in Japan. Counterattack's investigators learn the following facts exclusively:

"Two U S Communists were members of Stalin's great spy ring in Japan.***Army Intelligence has learned that they are now in the U S and are taking an active part in Communist fronts here.***Leader of the ring in Japan was an important German Govt official, Dr Richard Sorge, press attache of the German embassy. He was a member of the Nazi Party.***

"The ring had a radio station and communicated with Vladivostok. It had 30 Communist spies in the Japanese economic Intelligence on the South Manchuria Railway. Thus all the significant economic facts about Manchuria were transmitted to Tokyo and from there to Moscow.***The German, Sorge, was hanged when caught. So was his main lieutenant, Ozaki. Several Japanese died in prison. The rest were released by the U S Army in 1945...and are working for Stalin again.

"So are the two Americans, now active in the U S."

Now MacArthur's report gives a vivid picture which is new to the general public. He says Stalin was served in Japan by a spy ring headed by Richard Sorge, which was so efficient that the Red Army up to Pearl Harbor knew all Japanese plans. The ring had an illegal radio station.

Two American writers, Agnes Smedley and Guenther Stein, belonged to Stalin's spy ring, says MacArthur. He goes into some detail about their activities. Both deny his charges.

Guenther Stein is best known for his book, "Challenge of Red China", which was published by McGraw-Hill Book Co and did much to make the American people friendly to the Chinese Communists. Well, look at the results.

Agnes Smedley has written various books on the Far East in the same vein...and with similar success. She and Guenther Stein are among the writers & lecturers who've molded our disastrous policy on China.

On Dec 17 Counterattack published a report of a meeting of a Communist front, the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, at which Agnes Smedley denounced Chiang Kai Shek for breaking with Moscow in 1927.

Now comes MacArthur's report on queer events in Japan. There have been queer events in this country too. Maybe queerer, in fact.

THERE ARE THREE THINGS FEW PEOPLE UNDERSTAND ABOUT MINDSZENTY CASE. These things should be made as widely known as possible.

First, one man...in Russia...ordered the whole persecution...the arrest, the use of whatever torture was necessary, the spurious "trial", the conviction, and probably even the exact sentence. It was plain from the outset that the jailing & "trial" of Cardinal Mindszenty would produce great international repercussions. Hungarian Communist leaders couldn't make final decision in the matter. They had to get the go-ahead signal from Cominform. And even the top Russian leaders of Exec Committee of Cominform couldn't decide without asking the okay of their Fuehrer, Stalin.

"Good old Joe" passed sentence on Cardinal Mindszenty just as coolly as he had decreed death for millions of others, in purges and man-made famines. "Good old Joe" will stop at literally nothing. And this is the man Truman is now urged to meet again in a spirit of good will!

Second, neither you nor anyone else could resist the tortures applied by the secret police of Stalin Russia or any of its satellites. These experts know not only how to subdue a man's body but how to break his mind.

They know how to combine brutalities with words of persuasion. Given a simple choice between submission and starving to death, a brave man may be able to make a decision, and stick to it. But thirst is another matter. And lack of sleep may be even worse. A time may come when the victim is dazed, when he can't think clearly enough to answer an argument.

Then into the cell comes a visitor who is gifted in persuasion. He brings news of the outside world, much of it false. He speaks of what is right and what is practical. He comes again. Bit by bit the victim's weakened mind accepts the ideas fed to it. Like a man in a dream, he is no longer his full self. Cardinal Mindszenty foresaw that he might be brought to this dazed condition...that's why he warned in advance that any "confession" he might make would be due to human frailty and should be ignored.

Third, the victim isn't brought to "trial" at all unless torture process has worked properly. This was shown again and again during Stalin's great purge in the 1930's, when he forced many of his old comrades to confess in public. The reason none of the defendants in the "trials" refused to confess was that those who weren't willing to confess weren't brought to trial at all. Many were simply shot. Others were so broken in mind that they couldn't be put on display in court. Stalin's secret police have the delicate job of torturing the victim without spoiling his value as a witness. He musn't be so wrecked that he can't talk coherently in a courtroom.

Cardinal Mindszenty's "trial" could easily have been postponed for years. In fact it need never have been held. The Communists could have gotten away with that. Why, then, did they go through the motions of a trial? Because they were sure they had processed him effectively. Before the "trial", they knew not only they would convict him but how he would behave.

That's how Stalin writes scripts of these tragical mock "trials".

AMERICAN LEGION HOLDS "WORK SESSIONS" ON COMMUNIST PROBLEM. It's running a series of conferences, one each in the East, Midwest, South, and West. These are closed meetings, to enable a few key people to get authentic information about subversive movements, tactics, and persons...and of course at present the most dangerous subversive movement is Communist.

Certain Legion officials and members of state legislatures are going to these meetings for instruction. Three to five officials of each Legion department, certified by Dept hq, and accepted by Natl hq, are eligible. So are three to five members of each state legislature, who are appointed by the governor or are members of a legislative committee on Un-American Activities, and are accepted by Legion Natl hq. Talks are made in these sessions by experts, some of them in Govt service.

Healthy, alert spirit of Legion officials in charge of this program is indicated by some recent remarks of Karl Baarslag, research specialist of Legion's National Americanism Commission. "No Legionnaire and no private citizen enjoys any police or investigative authority," he said. "The American Legion is not a self-appointed vigilante organization nor is it a Federal Bureau of Investigation. We cannot take the law into our own hands, no matter how provocative the situation. To do so would be to degrade the Legion to the level of the Communists or to that of Hitler's Brownshirts." Duty of Legionnaires, he added, is to tackle the hard job of studying the Communist problem and supporting sound measures against the Communists.

Legion's area conferences began in NY Feb 5-6 and are continued at Indianapolis Feb 12-13, Birmingham Feb 19-20, San Francisco Feb 26-27.

COMMUNIST PARTY HAS ORDERED WORK STOPPAGES in industries where unions are led by anti-Communists. First a grievance is built up and the union officials are blamed for not getting it settled in the workers' favor. Then the Communists use the grievance as a pretext for a stoppage.

A frequent grievance is speedup, or an alleged one. Sometimes union officials agree to increase productivity in order to cut costs and prevent layoffs. In other cases union officials object to any increase in output, but before the matter can be settled the Communists jump the gun. They instigate a stoppage...and then if the grievance is adjusted in the workers' favor, the Communists claim the credit.

They nearly tied up Lackawanna plant of Bethlehem Steel, at Buffalo, when a motion for a stoppage was beaten by only a few votes in a membership meeting of a United Steelworkers local. The Steelworkers are Philip Murray's own union...he's the international president. Communist Party denounces Murray because "his agents on the spot...threatened to have the stewards who led the rank and file movement fired." Of course these stewards are mainly Communists and the union would be better off without them. They want stoppages in order to embarrass Murray and rebuild CP strength in CIO.

ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO FIND AN EXCUSE CAN ALWAYS DO SO. Not long ago the acting Mayor of San Francisco behaved in a way that assisted Communist propaganda. Dewey Mead, leader in AFL building trades union, is a member of city Board of Supervisors. He was acting mayor when a visitor came to town. The visitor's press agents took him to the City Hall, where the acting mayor received him. Who was the visitor? A member of editorial board of Daily Worker (London) and of Communist Party of Britain. He was Rev Hewlett Johnson, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury Cathedral.

Why did Acting Mayor Mead receive Communist Johnson? Mead explains to Counterattack that it's his "understanding that the Rev Johnson was a visitor to the United States on a passport issued by the State Department, as such he was entitled to the courtesies that San Francisco traditionally extends to visitors." This is hardly worthy of rebuttal. Acting Mayor Mead received Communist Hewlett Johnson because he, Mead, was following line of least resistance. He preferred to shut his eyes to Communist problem. In brief, he acted pretty much like State Dept when it gave Johnson a visa.

COMMUNISTS ARE PROMOTING TWO NEW FRONT GROUPS IN WASHINGTON. First is a Legislative Assembly and Rally for Civil Rights, being held in Washington Feb 11 & 12. For this purpose the Communists are using Dr J Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World (this is the Negro Elks organization). He announced the call to the meeting. Among other sponsors are many Communists and fellow-travelers, both Negro and white. Henry Wallace is best-known sponsor.

A "Tenants Trek" to Washington, Feb 23, is announced by Paul Ross, leader in Communist-controlled tenant organizations. OSTENSIBLE purpose is to demand that Congress enact a pro-tenant legislative program. Real purpose is to strengthen the Communist fronts, enable them to win support from tenants for whole Communist program, especially foreign policy...and gradually to draw some of these deluded supporters into Communist Party.

Yours faithfully,

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