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Dear Subscriber:

ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE OF COUNTERATTACK IS A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON THE NEW CONGRESS OF INTELLECTUALS, which the Communists will hold March 25, 26 & 27. You'll find thumbnail sketches of 32 leading Communists and other backers of Stalin's fronts who are connected with the affair.

Henry Wallace will be one of the speakers. (Since Wallace is well-known to everyone, we don't deal with him in the Special Supplement.)

A big rally at Madison Sq Garden will wind up this America-smearing show. Decision to hold such a rally was a late development this week. Communist Party is ordering its members in NYCity area to make sure the meeting is a success by attending it and filling the huge hall.

HERE'S SECRET DIRECTIVE OF C.P. TO ITS MEMBERS TO WORK THROUGH A COMMUNIST FRONT and influence American policy on China.

The following disclosure by Counterattack should interest the 50 senators who last week signed a letter urging Senate Foreign Relations Committee to act on a bill providing a billion and a half of economic & military aid to Nationalist China. These senators will now be able to observe how CP is using a front to influence Congress in CONTRARY direction.

Counterattack is in possession of a directive issued by Communist Party on this subject. It begins: "Dear Comrades: Enclosed please find Program for Action on China Policy, as voted upon by a united front action conference on China." (This was held under auspices of a Communist front, Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.)

"You will find this material...helpful in planning actions on China in your communities," the directive continues. "A special outline has also been issued by the Natl Education Committee" (of CP) "on Communist Policy in China....The outline can be used as the basis for discussion in your sections and branches. Any inquiries in relation to further activity can be received by writing to the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy."

CP encloses two documents with this directive. One is a resolution which the Action Conference on China Policy "voted to send to every member of the 81st Congress, through the Comm for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy". Resolution demands that U S recognize Communist regime in China.

Other document is "Program for Action on China Policy". It reads in part: "Get your organization immediately to pass a resolution on China policy....Send copies of your organization's resolution to your senators and your congressmen; give it publicity in your organization's publication and elsewhere; send a copy to the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

"...Make a drive to get readers and subscribers to FAR EAST SPOT-LIGHT, the Committee's monthly magazine."

There's an amusing but serious item in this "Program for Action". It's a CENSORED PLUG for Anna Louise Strong's latest book. The plug is there, on the mimeographed sheet...but it's blacked out in pencil. It reads:

"Push the sale and reading of Anna Louise Strong's TOMORROW'S CHINA. Paper bound 65¢; cloth bound \$2.00. Organizational orders for 5 or more: 25% discount." This book was published by Comm for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, and it ran serially in Daily Worker. But hardly had last installment been printed before Moscow announced the author had been arrested as a spy and would be deported. She has since arrived in U S but is taking her medicine uncomplainingly and has concealed Moscow's motive for discrediting her. Always obedient to Moscow, the CP takes note of the fact that she has fallen from favor...so it crosses out the plug for her book.

The Program for Action continues: "Have meetings on the China policy issue." And after giving instructions for getting speakers, it says:

"See to it that the President and the members of Congress hear from hundreds of individuals on China policy right now. Order prepared postcards from the committee -- 1¢ each. Write your own messages. Make calls -- in person and by telephone -- on your senators and congressmen.

"Have your organization make an immediate contribution to the work of the committee or plan to give a regular...contribution."

Senators & congressmen who read the above extracts from CP's directive and from the enclosed documents will be able to see how Communist Party and its fronts do their work...and especially how they influence Congress.

WHY DOESN'T ATT'Y GENERAL TOM CLARK PUT ABOVE FRONT ON HIS LIST? As we told you last week, there are many obvious Communist fronts which Clark hasn't listed. One of them is Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy. Clark's list is primarily intended to assist Loyalty program for Gov't employees. All organizations on the list are supposed to be out of bounds for anyone who works for the Govt.

But how can Loyalty program succeed if Clark doesn't even list a front like Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy? If senators & congressmen read CP's directive concerning this front, they should have a few questions to ask Tom Clark...especially in view of Judith Coplon case.

They might ask whether there are any Justice Dept employees who belong to Comm for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy...and, if so, whether SOME of them are Communists...and whether OTHERS haven't been misled by the fact that their own boss, Clark, hasn't listed this outfit as a front.

ARE STATE OFFICIALS IN YOUR STATE HELPING COMMUNIST FRONTS by protecting them from local action...or by getting Federal money for them? To see how fronts are sometimes helped, take a look at International Workers Order (IWO), the Communist Party's fraternal insurance society.

American Jewish League Against Communism recently pointed out that the IWO has actually been allowed to conduct classes in a number of NYCity schools for years. It demanded that this be stopped. Board of Education, after hearings, so ruled. It ordered the classes to suspend Feb 28.

But then the IWO appealed to State Commissioner of Education Francis T Spaulding. And he held up suspension to March 21, and may continue it.

Now what was in his mind? In the hearing when he ordered the suspension, he asked for the exact time & place when the IWO had injected Communist propaganda into its classes. The very asking of this question is proof of the confusion in his own mind. Ought it to be necessary for any objector to sit in on any of these classes, watch for Communist propaganda, and then

report it to the State Commissioner of Education...with a 100-page analysis to show him it really is propaganda? Would the commissioner recognize subtle Communist propaganda if he saw it or heard it? What does he suppose a Communist front is holding classes for? Just to make children happy?

Since this front is on Justice Dept list, shouldn't that be enough for any state official? But no, Spaulding wants to know exactly WHEN propaganda was injected. And meanwhile he keeps the front in the schools.

Now what about GI benefits to schools in your state that may be run by Communists or fellow-travelers? Counterattack pointed out in its Feb 4 issue that Dr Annette T Rubinstein is on faculty of Communist Party's biggest school, Jefferson School of Social Science...and that she's also owner & principal of Robt Louis Stevenson School, in NYCity, which gives high school & vocational training courses...and the U S Govt is paying her money for training veterans under GI Bill of Rights. We suggested that our subscribers ask Veterans Administration to stop these payments.

In answer to our protesting subscribers, the VA asserts it has nothing to do with approval of schools under GI Bill of Rights. It insists this is solely the function of state educational agencies. The governor of each state designates an agency to decide which schools are qualified...and VA says that agency is boss.

This brings us back to Dr Annette Rubinstein's school...and to NY State Commissioner of Education Spaulding. His agency is the one that approved her school, despite her long affiliation with Communist projects, as shown in Counterattack on Feb 4. And he's also protecting International Workers Order by keeping its classes in public schools.

Some officials in other states have acted in similar ways. There have been other cases of schools receiving Veterans Administration money although they've been run by Communists or fellow-travelers.

How about urging your congressman and your two senators to stop this by amending the law if necessary? Tell them Congress should find out, first, whether VA is really powerless to withhold the money, or whether it is passing the buck. If it's powerless, Congress should amend law so as to forbid payments to any school that's run by Communists or fellow-travelers.

And any state official who sanctions such schools...or who protects a Communist front in public schools, as Commissioner Francis T Spaulding (Albany, NY) has done...should get a few plain letters from anti-Communists.

**ANTI-COMMUNIST CIO UNIONS RAISE MONEY TO HELP PACKINGHOUSE UNION, BUT DEMAND ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTION.** Communists have gained in United Packinghouse Workers, CIO, within past year. Pres Ralph Helstein has played ball with them, and at convention last summer the Helstein-Communist coalition won. Philip Weightman, V-P and anti-Communist, was beaten for reelection.

But meanwhile the Communists were losing in another way. The union had taken a bad licking in strikes, largely because it couldn't use services of Natl Labor Relations Bd...and reason for this was that its officers had not signed non-Communist affidavits. So union decided to file with NLRB.

This meant that Communist Herbert March was forced to resign as director of District 1, the big district centering on Chicago. March had long been a secret member of Communist Natl Committee. In 1947 he finally admitted it. And when decision was made last spring to file with NLRB, he had to resign as district director and as member of international Exec Board.

But the Helstein-Communist coalition put him on the payroll of the

international office, as an international representative...and in practice he had much the same power as before. Some strong anti-Communist locals got good ammunition out of this. They were fighting with the international office, refusing to make their per capita payments (tax per member). And one of their reasons was that March and other Communists were on the payroll. So the international office dropped him...and the Communists recently put him on the payroll of his home local, Armour Local 347.

Meantime some other CIO unions have begun raising money to help the Packinghouse Workers out of their hole. But these other unions insist Helstein must pull clear of the Communists. Unless he does so they won't turn their money over to him and his colleagues in the international union office.

If Helstein definitely cuts his ties with the Communists, he'll have to join hands with the anti-Communists, because his own group hasn't got enough support to run the union alone. So the upshot of the union's financial jam may be a marked strengthening of the anti-Communist wing.

#### COMMUNISTS ORGANIZE FRONT TO WIN SUPPORT OF MEXICAN-AMERICANS.

It's a fundamental part of Communist strategy, all over the world, to control the organized life of every group of the population if possible.

Now CP has formed Mexican-American Natl Organization, which will concentrate in Colorado, N Mexico, Ariz, Calif. People of Mexican background have some real grievances, and CP will capitalize on these.

But anti-Communists shouldn't sit back and let a Communist front take leadership in fighting for any demands that are fair. Anti-Communist organizations in West, Southwest, and elsewhere should urge economic & political justice for persons of Mexican birth or ancestry. That's the right thing to do...and it's also one of the ways to beat the Communists.

APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS JAILING OF DEFIANT WITNESSES. Efforts of Federal grand jury at Los Angeles in coping with Communists have been strengthened by decision of U S Circuit Court of Appeals, at San Francisco.

Grand jury has been using the "Denver Plan"...it has been asking CP officials and others about CP membership. Its specific justification for this is that it's trying to learn whether some Federal employees who have denied being CP members are telling the truth. But many CP officials and others who have been questioned on this point have refused to answer.

U S District Judge Peirson M Hall, at Los Angeles, sentenced 10 of them to jail last fall for civil contempt. Defendants stalled & appealed... but now at last the Circuit Court of Appeals has decided. The six judges split evenly, 3 to 3. So decision of Judge Hall isn't overruled...and therefore it's in effect and his jail sentences are valid. Moreover he has lately ruled that a number of other people who defied the grand jury are in contempt (as we told you last week)...and he'll sentence them March 28.

CP will now appeal the 3-to-3 decision to Supreme Court in order to overrule Judge Hall and prevent grand juries at Los Angeles and elsewhere from summoning CP officials and examining party's books. So fight isn't over yet. But meanwhile "Denver Plan" has won important victory. And grand juries all over the country should go ahead and pry up lid of CP.

Yours faithfully,

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