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FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM AND THOSE WHO AID ITS CAUSE

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WHERE DOES CYRUS EATON STAND?

Here is the story in three sections of the paradox in American life today. Here are the facts to show you what we are up against in our fight to preserve our American freedoms, against the world's most vicious dictatorship where human liberty is non-existent.

ANTI-COMMUNIST

On May 5, 1958 the American Jewish League Against Communism held its annual awards luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at which the league's 1958 public service awards were given to Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire and Fulton Lewis, Jr., Mutual radio-commentator and columnist.

Sen. Bridges was honored for his "courageous leadership and outstanding public service to this country." Mr. Lewis was cited "for his magnificent, courageous and self-sacrificing service to the United States in the struggle to preserve American institutions."

The luncheon chairman was columnist George Sokolsky. Speakers were Roy Cohn, former counsel to the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy's Permanent Sub-Committee, Sen. Bridges and Mr. Lewis. Rabbi Benjamin Schultz is executive director of the league. A telegram of congratulations was received and read from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I.

There may be times when we disagree with some of the speakers over political or other controversial matters, but on this occasion one fact stands out: We can all agree that Communism is dangerous to our way of life.

The talks were forceful and interesting, as moral instead of materialistic standards for conduct were stressed. The applause indicated agreement and support for the speakers remarks. Here were people who are conscious of their duty as citizens and who are making sacrifices for their country. It was interesting to note that there were 450 in attendance. About one-half were members of the league and the rest were people from all walks of life, who were interested enough to lend their support by attending. Here was a public expression from the "grass-roots." Conspicuous by their absence, were representatives of the Fund For The Republic, and other wealthy foundations, as well as members or representatives of the big banks and financial institutions, all of whom would appear to have much more to lose than anyone in attendance, in case of a Communist coup.

PRO-COMMUNIST

In our March 7th issue, we recommended to our readers, J. Edgar Hoover's book "Masters of Deceit" and admonished that "If this book doesn't revive the chant of 'witchhunter' and 'McCarthyite,' something is wrong."

More than 450 of our readers have ordered the book, and that is a healthy sign. True to our predictions, the howls from the left have begun.

The Worker (Sunday) March 23rd, carried a release entitled "Gerson Bares Hoover's Lie" and again on April 13th, The Worker carried a review by Simon W. Gerson of "Masters Of Deceit." As expected, the review can hardly be called complimentary. The Party must think the book is harmful when they assign Gerson to the task of smearing it and the author.

Gerson, also known as Gershoesky, was chairman of the New York State CP legislative bureau in 1951; admitted he was a Communist before Congressional committees; and was the spokesman for the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party. He has been described as "a skillful Communist propagandist."

In a report to the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee on March 12, 1957 Mr. Hoover said, "...Gerson very adroitly slanted the accounts of the convention to make the Communist Party take on its best possible appearance."

You can imagine Gerson's villifying remarks, particularly when one source of his information is Max Lowenthal's smear book against the FBI. Of course Gerson tries to paint the FBI as a "police organization" using "illegal and extra legal" activities to build up a secret police organization by "systematic self-serving publicity...with a big assist from most of the press, radio and TV..."

The review is what you would expect.

HERE'S OUR PARADOX

As reported in the press in April, Mike Wallace, ABC-TV commentator started a new TV series of 13 interviews on the theme, "Survival and Freedom" with the Ford Foundation's, Fund for the Republic putting up \$50,000 to underwrite the series, beginning April 27th.

On May 4th, Wallace had as a guest, Cyrus Eaton, the industrialist who heads a two billion dollar empire in coal, iron ore and railroads. Of course Eaton is not a Communist and even acknowledged that: "No one in the world would be more unhappy under Communism than I...but I don't think I have to fight to avoid Communism."

That remark may seem rather strange coming from a man who is the epitome of success under our system of free capitalist enterprise. If material success were all that counted Mr. Eaton would be in a class by himself. He has more to lose than anyone of us. Fortunately, there are many other benefits under our system which he, like so many others, chooses to overlook.

We won't argue with Mr. Eaton about his previous statements before Congressional Committees investigating monopolies and financial institutions. He knows how to make money and has proven it. Nor will we argue with him about the Senate Elections Sub-Committee which turned up evidence, in 1951, that

Eaton and his Otis & Co. associates contributed \$35,000 of the \$40,834 spent by the United Mine Workers in the attempt to unseat the late Sen. Robert A. Taft (R.Ohio). He has a right to do that under our system, if he so desires.

OVER HIS HEAD

But, Mr. Eaton has held conferences in 1956 and 1957 at Pugwash, Nova Scotia, of scientists from the USSR, Red China and the Western World. These conferences developed apparently from the 1955 Bertrand Russell-Albert Einstein gathering in London at Russell's instigation, for the purpose of obtaining "international cooperation of scientists" in the use of atomic energy. This is of course, a worthwhile cause, undoubtedly well worth the \$100,000 it cost Mr. Eaton. We don't object to that, but we don't like the idea of these conferences being used as sounding boards for Bertrand Russell and Dr. Linus Pauling, who attended the conferences, to propagandize the world and make it appear as though the United States is the aggressor in world affairs and is planning to use atomic energy to the detriment of the human race.

We don't object to Mr. Eaton criticizing our government or any branch of it. It is far from perfect. It would be nice to know, though, that he knew what he was talking about and that he was not just another apologist for Communist Russia's scientific successes.

In the interview, Mr. Wallace gave Mr. Eaton an opportunity to express his views. Some of his remarks were unobjectionable but in others he sounded too much like Russell, the international liberal who is leading the parade to capitulate to Communism for fear of losing the glories of the world about him.

What Mr. Eaton knows about science is conjectural. When he mentioned that scientists were fearful of saying anything that might offend the political forces in this country and blamed the FBI, Mr. Wallace asked him for his views on the work of the FBI as it relates to individual freedom. He replied:

"I think it's had a tremendous build-up, wonderful propaganda - sold itself in a marvelous way, but I always worry when I see a nation feel that it is coming to greatness through the activities of its policemen."

Remembering Si Gerson's review of "Masters of Deceit" and the present Party line "to discredit all Congressional investigative committees and the FBI", we put our tongue in our cheek.

When Mr. Wallace referred to the cases of Alger Hiss, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Harry Gold, David Greenglass as well as Russian spy, Rudolph Abel, Eaton replied that the FBI should "...confine themselves to legitimate police work. I think its importance is enormously exaggerated."

Later Mr. Eaton made the classical remark as to why we shouldn't get tough with Russia even though experience has taught us that we cannot trust Communist leaders:

"...But...There are no Communists in America to speak of except in the mind of those on the payroll of the

FBI. Those of us who see Americans every day as I do...in every walk of life...educators, capitalists, working men, farmers, labor leaders. None of them are Communists and are never going to be..."

Mr. Eaton can make money but could he recognize a Communist if one admitted to him his party membership, or his love for the Soviet fatherland? What he doesn't realize is that no one is concerned about this country turning Communist by legitimate, legal means, but the deceitful tactics and Fifth Column activities of its agents could overthrow our government unless we are all alert to their intentions and methods of operation.

Mr. Eaton is greatly impressed with the short time it took Russia to perform scientific miracles that have astounded the world. He is also impressed with the great strides in economic life Russia is making and he said they are not interested in war as they will want to enjoy, "...our way of life...better food, better clothes...more automobiles, all the wonderful things that make life so attractive here."

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

It has been repeatedly pointed out that the danger of Communism is from within. We have repeatedly quoted Marx: "The Capitalist Class will be their own grave-diggers." No idle jest. For centuries, history teaches us, some in the wealthy classes in times of stress, joined with the revolutionaries to their own undoing. It happened in France, Russia and Germany within the last 200 years. This however, is not a history lesson but rather; where does this leave us and Cyrus Eaton?

WEALTH VS COMMON SENSE

Just as great scientific achievement is no evidence that the individual is the possessor of either ability or common sense in the ideological or international field, so too, great wealth is no evidence of ability or even common sense in these subjects.

Wealthy men in their chosen field have nothing in common with scientists, nor scientists in their chosen profession with wealthy men. However, they have often found a common field and pooled their efforts concerning subjects neither knew anything about. It has taken a little while in the past for the truth to appear but in this instant, it seems obvious already.

Remember Henry Ford's anti-Semitism and his Peace Ship.

Faithfully yours,

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