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FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

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Dear Subscriber:

INDICTMENT OF COMMUNIST NATIONAL BOARD ("POLITBUREAU"³³) by a Federal grand jury this week is an action that should have been taken many years ago. Counterattack has turned over information to Govt and has cooperated fully by withholding comment during grand jury hearings. These began 13 months ago. Mostly they've dealt with Communist spying by some 50 people who were on Govt payroll in wartime...including some military officers and high civilian officials. ALL THESE WERE QUESTIONED BY GRAND JURY. But lately the jury turned its attention to Communist Party's general operations. Result is the present indictments for conspiracy to overthrow Govt.

The terms of the indictments suggest that evidence will be limited to actions of past three years. That may protect reputations of some high Govt officials of the past...and it makes it easier for the Communists to escape conviction. Indictments ought to be so worded that the Govt can go back as far into history of Communist Party as possible. Put a jury in the box...keep them there a year if necessary...give them an education on Communist history & methods...call dozens of former Communist Party leaders as witnesses. THAT'S the way to get a conviction.

But even that won't smash Communist Fifth Column³⁴ If necessary Stalin will "dissolve" the party and start it up again under a new name. Or keep it underground and have it work through the Third or "Commagressive" Party. We need a weapon to use against the Communists even when they operate under another name. That weapon is Mundt-Nixon bill³⁵ or its equivalent. We've got to have some kind of Communist registration law.

EAGER TO COMMIT TREASON, COMMUNIST PARTY OF U. S. DEMOUNCES TITO FOR NOT BEING FAITHFUL MILITARY ALLY OF STALIN AGAINST THIS COUNTRY.

Remember that the party sided with Stalin against Joseph Broz, alias Tito, as soon as Cominform put the blast on him. Now the party goes further. It EXPLAINS that blast. And it does this because many Communists here are confused. Till the other day they were cheering Tito. Now they're supposed to boo him. They wonder why. So the party explains:

"The charge of bourgeois nationalism against the Yugoslav leaders, and the fact that questions of MILITARY policy are implied, all means that very serious differences of attitude must have arisen for quite some time. ...The Yugoslav leaders spoke of themselves as being in the democratic camp, led by the Soviet Union; behind the scenes, they evidently contested that leadership and worried all members of the camp, especially the Soviet Union."

Now what was the Soviet Union worried about? This:

"The KEY question was the solidarity of the people's democracies and the Soviet Union in the face of an extremely complicated international situation. And a situation in which the weakening of solidarity, one false move, can mean war."

What war? What solidarity? Evidently war against the U.S...solidarity of the Soviet Union and the other autocracies AGAINST the U.S.

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HERE'S PROOF OF COMMUNIST CONTROL OF NEW "PROGRESSIVE" PARTY ³⁶

Dear Subscriber:

COUNTERATTACK THIS WEEK BRINGS YOU A SPECIAL EDITION, THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF THE USUAL LETTER. Purpose is to give you a "Who's Who" of some of the key people in the new "Progressive" (or Commugressive) Party...and prove that the Communists are in complete control. Wallace makes excuses for "accepting Communist support". Fact is the Communists don't merely SUPPORT the Third Party...they RUN it. And Wallace is supporting THEM.

Counterattack sent staff members to the Philadelphia convention and got FACTS about people who ran the show. We've boiled this information down into "Who's Who" form, giving you facts about many Communist Party members, other Communists, and fellow-travelers. Many others have had to be omitted for lack of space, even though we're tripling the size of our newsletter.

You'll find the last four pages of this issue filled with two lists of Communist fronts. First list contains fronts recently named by Dept of Justice. Other list is supplementary one, prepared by Counterattack.

We're coding these fronts, giving each a number. When we say a certain fellow-traveler has supported fronts with such & such numbers, you can TURN TO THE LAST FOUR PAGES AND FIND THE NAMES OF THE FRONTS.

When we tell you a person is a party member, we don't give the fronts he has supported. The fact that he's a party member is enough. ³⁷

Price of single copies of this special and enlarged edition of Counterattack is \$1.

WHO'S WHO IN COMMUNISTS' THIRD PARTY

ABT, JOHN J...Secret Communist Party member. Fanatical & clever, he ranks next to Lee Pressman among CP members directing Third Party. Early this year he took leave of absence as general counsel of Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO, to join new party's staff. He used to be general counsel of CIO Political Action Committee and Natl Citizens Political Action Comm. Latter group merged with another big front, Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences & Professions in Dec 1946 to form Progressive Citizens of America...which has now been merged with new "Progressive" Party.

Abt was a Communist Party member when he served with Pressman as lawyer in Agricultural Adjustment Administration under Wallace in early days of New Deal. Pressman was Communists' patronage dispenser in Govt, building a machine that still exists, though weaker now. During war this machine spied on U S Govt, as shown lately in Federal grand jury investigation.

attention. It was even personified as “Mr. Counterattack,” which served to increase its traction and prevalence. Counterattack’s credibility was secured by its ex-FBI founders, who had access to classified government documents and investigations that would support a communist threat in the America. The publication was actively in print from approximately the mid-1940’s to late 1950’s, with secondary press releases on either end of its lifespan. (“Counterattack”)

33). Politbureau [America] (more commonly spelled Politburo [Europe/Asia])- Politburos are policy-making and governing bodies that first appeared in 1917, primarily associated with the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. They consisted of high-powered political officials, serving as a channel for agenda creation, public manipulation, and the perpetuation of communism. Similar divisions took form across Asia, Europe, and in other regions where communism was gaining. With time, they overshadowed well-established government sectors, like the Soviet Union’s Central Committee, for example. Politburos gradually evolved into a communist force to be reckoned with and were feared by many nations for their growing prevalence. (“Politburo”)

34). Communist Fifth Column- The term “fifth column” is given to a group of people or movement secretly engaged in subversive or corrupt activities targeting national security. During the peak of hysteria and publicity surrounding communism, fifth columns emerged as the Communist Party continued to gain momentum. (“Fifth Column”)

35). Mundt-Nixon Bill- Introduced to Congress in 1948, the Mundt-Nixon Bill aimed to identify communist fronts and subversive activities by forcing them to register with the government. On the other hand, their registration meant sacrificing rights, such as the ability to hold office. It was a double-edged sword. The bill passed in the House of Representatives, however the Senate chose not to act. This occurred for a second time when the bill was reintroduced two years later. It was considered the preliminary form of the McCarran Internal Security Act, a revised proposal, which passed by good margins that year. (Chafee, Jr., “Mundt-Nixon Bill”)

36). Progressive Party of 1948- Sometimes referred to as the “Commugressive” Party, this new left-wing political faction was widely endorsed by communists and played a large role in the United States presidential election of 1948. Founded by Henry A. Wallace, it challenged the Democratic party and focused on foreign relations. Its communist following was due in part to the hope of repairing America’s tense relationship with the Soviet Union. It collapsed and later dissolved once the presidential candidates who kept it alive were defeated by Truman’s reelection for a second term. (“Election of 1948”)

37). Validity of Accusations and Unjustified Evidence- Simply put, the majority of accusations made and trials prosecuted were based completely on hearsay evidence, guilt by association, fabricated findings, or even just witness testimony. McCarthy’s high-profile targets, however, garnered ridiculous amounts of publicity. Popular culture and public pressure were actually some of the strongest factors in producing guilty verdicts, an irrational system that was somehow self-sustaining. The ball just kept rolling, and with paranoia blazing the trail ahead, there was no stopping the movement from rolling into the horizon. Unfortunately, the McCarthy era saw many people take the fall for crimes they did not commit. This backwards logic, the reality that speculation surrounding a lack of evidence indirectly led to a conviction, unearths how human nature breeds a mentality that must place blame as a means of justification. (Schrecker)