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House Reports On Espionage In U. S.

Here are the first few paragraphs from the report on Soviet spying and the atom bomb, released by the House committee on un-American activities.

We don't feel any urge to add our opinion to the bare words of the report itself.

1. These facts have been clearly established by the investigation of the House committee on un-American activities: (a) During the war, diplomatic representatives of the Russian government in the United States organized and directed several espionage groups made up of American Communists for the purpose of obtaining secret information concerning the development of the atomic bomb.

(b) These espionage groups were successful in placing some of their members in highly strategic positions in various atomic bomb installations where they had access to the most secret and confidential information.

(c) These groups were successful in obtaining and transmitting secret information concerning the atomic bomb to diplomatic representatives and espionage agents of the Russian government.

(d) The committee cannot accurately evaluate the importance or volume of the information thus transmitted.

It has been established, however, that certain vital information was actually transmitted to the Russian government, and that this information has been and will be of assistance to the Russians in their development of the atomic bomb.

2. The committee wishes to emphasize that this report tells only a very small part of the complete story of Russian espionage activities against the United States during the war.

The committee has had access to only a portion of the information contained in the files of the investigative agencies of the Government. There is no question but that those agencies have a great deal of additional information concerning Russian espionage activities not disclosed by this report.

There can also be little doubt, that, despite the efficiency of our investigative agencies, there were some Russian espionage activities which were not discovered, and which were successful.

3. The committee has been most careful in issuing this report to name as individuals involved in espionage activities only those against whom clear and convincing evidence has been presented and against whom a prosecution is warranted.

The committee has excluded from this report the names of a number of other individuals against whom serious charges of espionage were made, pending further investigation and corroboration of these charges.

4. The committee wishes to emphasize that in issuing this report, it intends to cast no reflection upon that great majority of American scientists who are without question loyal to the United States.

The committee is aware of the great debt which the American people owe to our men of science who are responsible for our world leadership in the atomic field.

This report is directed only against those individuals who deliberately would place in the hands of the most ruthless totalitarian dictatorship on the face of the globe a weapon which could be used to destroy our civilization.

The committee believes that it has a solemn responsibility to the American people to continue its investigations until every disloyal individual who has been or is engaged in such activities is brought to justice.

5. This investigation has once more shown to the American people the true character of the Communist conspiracy in the United States. It has again demonstrated that those American citizens who are members of the Communist Party owe their primary loyalty to the Soviet Union, and will willfully violate the laws of the United States and endanger even our very security as a nation in order to serve the interests of the Soviet Union.

This investigation again has shown the necessity and propriety of the committee's use of the question, "Are you a member of the Communist Party?" The issue involved in this question is not one of political affiliation; it is solely one of loyalty or disloyalty to the United States.

Employment Remains Above Sixty Millions

Washington.—Employment remained above the 60,000,000 figure for the fifth consecutive month, according to reports of the Census Bureau.

Bureau estimates put the total at 60,134,000 jobs which reflects a drop of 178,000 from September, but is 930,000 higher than a year ago.

Unemployment, meanwhile

dropped 257,000 to an October total of 1,642,000, lowest point of the year, the bureau said. That was 45,000 under a year ago.

The return of young workers to school was largely responsible for the small dip in employment, the bureau explained. It added that a larger number of adult males were employed in October than in September.

Action Against Subversives Imperative!

Washington.—An attempt by a Communist-front Chicago newspaper to raise funds for the Wallace campaign by high-pressure mail solicitation of funds from European trade unions was exposed by the alertness of J. H. Oldenbroek, general secretary of the International Transport Workers Federation.

The paper, "The Chicago Star," made the mistake of approaching Mr. Oldenbroek with a request to purchase space in a special May Day edition for the ostensible purpose of conveying the greetings of the federation to American workers.

Mr. Oldenbroek, who has had considerable experience in parrying the tactics of various organizations which serve the Communist Party detected immediately the intent behind the seemingly innocent request and refused to go along. Instead he denounced the scheme as a thinly disguised sham to gain support for the Wallace-for-President third party move, and branded the "Star" as a "disguised Communist Party organ."

The letter which the paper addressed to Mr. Oldenbroek and to other European labor leaders said that a special edition would be released on May Day to promote "international solidarity" among workers of the world and stressed the importance of obtaining messages of greeting from European labor groups for their effect upon the American people.

Such expressions of friendship, the paper's letter said, "will help the American people in their struggle for a third party and the victory of Wallace's program for peace and international collaboration."

So important was this aspect considered, that the newspaper, while begging for contributions in dollars from the organizations which it approached, made a special plea that greetings be sent even if the money was not forthcoming immediately.

"Do not delay sending your greeting because of exchange difficulties," the letter admonished.

It is to the credit of Mr. Oldenbroek and the International Transport Workers Federation that they did not fall for the bait extended by "The Chicago Star."

Charlotte Observer Commends Journal's Americanism Stand

Our Democracy Faces Danger

The Charlotte Labor Journal, its entire staff and the labor movement as a whole are very grateful to the Charlotte Observer for a recent editorial in which the Observer commends the Journal's first of a series of anti-subversive editions through which this newspaper hopes to expose many subversive elements now at work in the United States.

The Labor Journal will continue to do everything within its power to promote Americanism and the Free Enterprise System, a system upon which this great country was founded, and which has made for us the highest standard of living in the history of any nation in the world.

With the continued co-operation of our friends, both inside and outside the labor movement, we will henceforth endeavor to redouble our efforts to combat the ever continuing encroachment by communists and other subversive elements upon our American way of life. If these encroachments are allowed to spread and grow they can and will cause consequences of disastrous proportions.

Read The Observer editorial in the opposite column. The Observer editors, too, have many times sounded the danger signal by heralding the growth of anti-American elements in our nation. We feel highly complimented this great newspaper has seen fit to recognize our efforts.

The Charlotte Observer

COMMUNISM IS THE GREATEST DANGER TO OUR DEMOCRACY

COMMUNISM IS THE GREATEST DANGER TO OUR DEMOCRACY. This is the message of the editorial in the Charlotte Observer which commends the Charlotte Labor Journal for its stand against subversion. The editorial states that the Journal's efforts to expose subversive elements are a commendable example of active and effective opposition to communism and its program of infiltration.

UNIONS AND COMMUNISM

THE Communists would have no influence in American trade unions if the officers and members of organized labor throughout the country shared the views of the Charlotte Labor Journal and followed its commendable example in active and effective opposition to communism and its program of infiltration.

The Labor Journal recently began publishing a series of editions on the subject of Communism, explaining editorially that its purpose was "to further enlighten its readers and fellow workers in the labor movement as to what communism means, what it has meant in the past, and what it may do to hamper real American trade unions' operations in both the immediate and far future."

The Journal is the official organ of the Charlotte Central Labor Union and approved by the American Federation of Labor and the North Carolina Federation of Labor. Henry A. Stahls is editor and publisher and W. M. Writter associate editor.

In the initial issue of the series on Communism, the paper devoted approximately 85 per cent of its front page and much inside space to the subject. It featured under a banner line the list of 119 organizations recently named by Attorney General Tom Clark as subversive, including 82 classified as Communist. Also it featured on the front page a lengthy article on "What is Communism?" by L. P. Boulware, vice president of General Electric Company, Editorially, the Journal said: "Be sure you read it. It will enlighten you on many phases of communism."

Under the caption, "Communism in American Trade Unions," the Labor Journal said editorially:

"Communist activities in the United States must be stopped! The infiltration of Communists into industry, government and some trade unions has too long been ignored! All Communists in America should be deported! These demands and exclamations, and others, are heard in conversations as one goes about the business of news gathering these days."

"Rightfully so, all men and women who are secretly or otherwise plotting the overthrow of the United States and its form of government should be tried and dealt with swiftly."

The editorial, noting that "Communist agents are active in all walks of American life," warns "both industry and workers alike of the dangers which confront America during these troublesome post-war days." It adds that, "through communist infiltration, not only into some American trade unions but also into government, industry and educational institutions, Communists are working to bring about a new order in this country which is wholly submissive to the dictates of Moscow."

The Charlotte Labor Journal is rendering a commendable service not only to the cause of trade unionism but also to the better interests of industry and to the American way of life.

SPECTRE

THE power of the spectre of the impending production of better illustrated mine strike in France has lost a result of this strike has been flooded so that the water of back in production.

To make the Communist labor federation part of the deck, the next government cabinet, and in course, insist on the police, and Justice courts.

With those in the prepared to suppress But one other result not so pleasant a general election next spring, and almost certain to be swept into power.

DE GAULLE is convinced the election will win. What he plans not said in plain his campaign and we might expect very close to a sternly with the expected to give of sedition and out of the way of France certainly, but not a too intense a patriots willingly, but is such that the one and finds forced to use force.

Also, DE GAULLE most Frenchmen danger of Russia need in the V. therefore, to put national defense of Union, and perh Just now there sight who appeal deal with the GAULLE would Even so, the not welcome the their number and by directed by who has never even the best of

U. S. THE movement Labor Party likely to have various and paid had.

The main task of government the multi-party throw an act of vote of confidence

Subversive Elements Should Be Exposed

We do not take away the rights of an individual when we insist that he tell us if he is a Communist. Not at all. We make him prove that he is a citizen before we let him vote; we make all sort of requirements before granting other rights and privileges. It is our right to know if he is one of those whose loyalty belongs to Moscow rather than to the United States, before we accept him as a fellow Union man, a school teacher, a college professor, or in any other capacity.

That's why it is silly to call inquiries into the Communist leanings of various people by such names as "witch hunts," or prying expeditions."

Why, in some states the individual is required to state his political party before he is permitted to register!

It is of greatest importance for us to know, those of us who believe in the American way of life and who love our American rights and liberties, whether those who presume to lead us in any field are Communists. This is true because the Communist is one who would wreck our American system. The doctrine of Communism is the direct opposite of our free democracy. The Communist yelps about his American rights, but put him in power and all American rights and liberties would die instantly. There are no rights in Communist countries, except those of the red dictators.

We do not care how the truth about the Communist is obtained, so long as it is done in an orderly and lawful manner and those who are not Communists are protected from needless injury. Let the committees of Congress and of the state legislature get the facts, if they can. If, here and there, they discover that some leader of Organized Labor is a Communist, let's know that, too, for American Labor's great mass of members are not Communist and will not long tolerate in positions of truth and leadership those who owe their allegiance to the Kremlin.

—Washington Teamster.

Threat To Our Safety

Senator Bridges of New Hampshire was entirely correct when he said in recommending a special session of Congress on the China crisis that "those Communist forces now spreading over all of North China are no simple group of indignant patriots," but are controlled from the Kremlin in Moscow and are part of the world-wide Communist revolution.

Too many Americans, including some in high governmental places, have taken the soothing syrup that the Chinese Communists are different from other Communists and that they mean no harm but merely want reforms in China.

If that is true, what is the object of all that Kremlin-directed Communist activity in Southeast Asia, running all the way from Burma to Indonesia and the Philippines?

The plain strategy is to capture Southeast Asia for Communism by means of local revolutions and then to form a junction in Indo-China by driving clear through China from Manchuria. Then Russia would have an unbroken front in Asia from the Arctic to the Equator.

From that position she would be very hard to dislodge, and she would be a direct threat to the safety of the United States. As Constantine Brown pointed out the other day, we fought a long and bloody war to get Japan out of that very position, and now we are about to let Russia entrench herself where we refused to permit the Japanese to stay.

We emphasize again that it would be useless to send war material directly to the war lords, because they would merely revert to their old corrupt practice of throwing their support where they think it will be most advantageous to them.

It would be equally futile to try to shore up the tottering Nationalist government, which has lost the confidence of the people.

Just as we required the European nations to help themselves before we helped them, so we should insist in the strongest terms that both the Nationalist government and its armies be reorganized under American direction. If that cannot be done so near the front as Nanking, then let the government retreat to the interior where it can be reorganized without interruption, while a holding operation is maintained in the north.

Both the Greek and the Turkish armies are being trained by unarmed American advisers. There is no reason that the same thing cannot be done in China.

But whatever action we decide upon, the threat of a solid Communist front in the Orient extending all the way across the Northern Hemisphere is a development that we shall neglect at our deadly peril.

—Charlotte Observer.

The Charlotte Labor Journal recently posed a pertinent \$64 question when it asked how the Communist party in the United States with only about 70,000 members can successfully publish the Daily Worker while neither the American Federation of Labor nor the Congress of Industrial Organizations, each with millions of members, can afford a daily newspaper.

—Charlotte Observer.

WE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW OUR ENEMIES