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INTERVIEW WITH KARL PRUSSION

ANNOUNCER: AMERICA WAKE UP, in cooperation with the Daughters of the American Revolution, State of Illinois, presents Phyllis Schlafly.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: AMERICA WAKE UP is pleased to have as its special guest Mr. Karl Prussion who was an undercover agent in the Communist Party for the FBI. Mr. Prussion, I understand that you were one of the witnesses before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at the hearings in San Francisco during the famous riots in 1960. Will you tell us something about that?

MR. PRUSSION: I will be very happy to tell you about it. As a matter of fact, I was within the Communist conspiracy as an undercover agent up until the day I testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, so I was totally aware of the plans of the Communist Party for the disruption of the House Committee of Un-American Activities and for the provocation of violence. The purpose of the violence was principally to stop the testimony of the witnesses before the House Committee of Un-American Activities (the cooperating witnesses). Now for three years before the House Committee of Un-American Activities ever came to San Francisco, the Communist Party had already, through its infiltration, hidden-identity tactics into unions, political parties, and civic organizations aroused indignation, hatred and contempt against the Committee. When the Committee arrived, there was almost a lynch-hest hysteria created during the hearings. It was a plan of the Communist Party to use a legal method at first as taught by Lenin, and that failed. They petitioned, they picketed, they sent delegations to Washington, they had full-page adds to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities; but when they heard that the Committee was going to hold its hearings, they had previously de-

cided to use the illegal method of the provocation of violence to destroy the Committee, to keep it from having the hearings. You will recall that up until the first witness was called forward, there was no violence, everything was in good order, but when the first witness was called forward the Communists lined up at the rail, (I sat right there and watched them - all of them Communists, by the way, not fledglings but hard-core cadres of the Communist Party) and they hurled invectives at the Committee, they spat at the Committee, they started to sing the Star Spangled Banner in order to embarrass the Committee. Others joined in yelling and screaming. Some students stood up on chairs. I might say here that I think it is erroneous to call this "students riots", because there were many, many adults involved in these riots and they were the instigators of it.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: We were led to believe these were just innocent students who were trying to show their honest convictions.

MR. PRUSSION: No. The whole riot in San Francisco was instigated by prearranged meetings of the Communist Party. The organization of students who were whipped into a hatred of the Committee before the Committee came to San Francisco, principally at the University of California. As a result of the disturbances, (and it was much worse than the film "Operation Abolition" depicts, I can assure you) the police had to be called in to restore law and order since not only the Committee but other governmental agencies who were having meetings in the building had to stop their sessions. Of course, the students resisted, so did the adults, and we have freedom in our country, but we have freedom under our laws and students don't have special privileges when it comes to law. They disobeyed and insulted officers, and refused to obey orders.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Would you say those riots would be an example of how non-Communists can be manipulated by hard-core Communists who know what they are doing?

MR. PRUSSION: Yes. Over the years as a Communist working for the FBI, I have participated in many provocations to violences by the Communist Party in which innocent people were involved. They do this for the purpose of discrediting our law enforcing agencies and, as a result of these violences, claim police brutality and they can call for grand jury investigations and ask for resignation of the chief of police. This action is taken to destroy the morale of our citizenry and cause disrespect.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Did you see any police brutality at those San Francisco riots?

MR. PRUSSION: There was none. The officers of the law, in my opinion, were very gentle with the students and in every instance they tried their very best to be, let us say, as mannerly as they could. In many instances where the students resisted violently, they had to carry them out bodily down the stairs and some of them had to gently drag them down the stairs to the police wagons.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: You were one of the witnesses before the Committee there. Could you tell us something about your testimony?

MR. PRUSSION: Well, the interesting thing about my testimony is that these professors and scholars who immediately thereafter signed a petition protesting police brutality rather than protesting the disorderly conduct of the students and the provocation to violence by Communists, none of these professors and scholars took the time to read the testimony before the Committee which I presented. Neither, of course, did they take the testimony and study it with the students in their classes. (I have never heard of any group that has, of these

professors that signed the petition). It is the testimony that the Communists tried to stop and this is the important part of the Committee hearings and the testimony can be gotten, if anyone wants it, by writing the House Committee on Un-American Activities and asking for it. It is very good, in my opinion, (I say this very modestly) this expose of the Communist conspiracy within the State of California.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Would you say that the movie "Operation Abolition" is an accurate presentation of those events?

MR. PRUSSION: Unfortunately, it isn't accurate enough because many things transpired of which there was no film taken. If everything could have been taken, the citizenry could have seen that the situation was much more critical than the picture "Operation Abolition" depicts.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Mr. Prussion, I wonder if you could tell our audience just how you happened to go into the Communist Party?

MR. PRUSSION: Well, this is a very long subject to deal with it properly. I usually do this when I talk to students in college and high schools. Very briefly, I was a student at Wayne University at the height of the depression. We were living in a sick and uprooted world and people I admired for a period of time came to me with what sounded like the solution to all my problems and all of the problems of mankind. It sounded very much like the sermon on the Mount. We had recognized the Soviet Union and we were to live a period of peaceful coexistence and cooperation with the Soviet Union. I would not be telling you the truth if I would not tell you that for the first four years in this conspiracy I was a Communist working under the illusion that I was to benefit mankind. I very quickly found out during that four year period that the Communists lied to me, that they were not at all interested in the welfare of the individual or the family, that their only concern was to capitalize on any misfortune, and we had misfortunes, for the purpose of causing class struggle, as they describe it,

Strikes and agitation, racial conflict were all intended to obtain Communist objectives and to prepare us for a Soviet state. In addition to this, during this four year period, I was either a participant in, witnessed or was subjected to, such things as rigged trials to defend leading Communists, forced confessions, disciplinary action, provocation to suicide of Communists, and, more than anything, the provocation to violence in which I was involved in where people were killed. These are some of the crimes I have committed against Christian civilization as a Communist. This provocation of violence, for the purpose always of creating civil strife in our country which is part of the Communist objectives. I was very soon upset and disturbed and wanted to get out. I did the proper thing by making my first attempt to get out at the end of my first four years by contacting a governmental agency.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Would you say that the Communists are interested in "social reforms"or"the betterment of the human race" is bait to lure people into the Party and that it is wholly a fake?

MR. PRUSSION: This is wholly a fake. They do this for the purpose of obtaining Communist objectives and to get others to do their work for them. The danger of the Communists today is not their numbers, the danger is not the Communists per se. The danger is that the Communists of today has been a member of the Communist Party for many, many years. Communists have not joined the Communist Party for the last ten years. Those that we do have in our midst have entrenched themselves through hidden identity as leaders in church organizations, political parties, trade unions, and they have been able to put forth the objectives that they want to obtain getting innocent people, good Americans, to carry out their objectives for them. By obtaining these objectives, and they have been, they want to establish in the

United States a strong left-wing government that will control the individual and the family, the working man, the farmer, the business man and the professional man from the day you are born until the day you die.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Is that because it is easier for them to take over a strong central government than fifty individual states?

MR. PRUSSION: Well, in effect, if you have a strong centralized government as I describe it and as the Communists want it, you in effect have Communism. Some people call this a trend toward socialism, welfarism and collectivism, but actually this is Communism where the individual and the family is controlled by the state, where the individual and the family looks to the state for sustenance and guidance, where initative and incentive is controlled and, from the individual point of view - from the view of the spirit, destroyed.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Would you say that the core of Communism in this country is Communism as a political party, or as an economical system, or as a conspiracy?

MR. PRUSSION: The Communist Party, and here I need more time to discuss it, never has been, is not, and can not be a political party. The Communist Party of the United States is a military organization consisting of people who have been rigorously trained and rigidly controlled for destruction of our American way of life. In all my twenty-six years in the Communist conspiracy, not once has the Communist Party failed to carry out a Soviet directive. They are dedicated to the Soviet Union, and they will use every method, the legal method as they are taught and the illegal method. They will lie, they will deceive, they will hide their identity for the purpose of getting into our good American organizations to obtain their Communist objectives for the destruction of our Democratic institutions.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Would you say that our chief danger is from an internal

threat or from an external threat?

MR. PRUSSION: Well, here too, you have a very complex subject. I insist, and I will at all times, that the entire threat to the United States is from within. History records that the only reason that we have a threat from without is because that the threat from within makes it possible. For example, Cuba. The entire agrarian reform movement for Cuba was nurtured and developed right here in the United States by the Communist Party and millions of Americans and our State Department joined in helping to establish Soviet dictatorship in Cuba today.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Thank you very much. Our time is up. We appreciate your being with us on AMERICA WAKE UP.

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