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THE PAPER CURTAIN

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

MRS. SCHLAFLY: If the American people are truly to enjoy self-government, we must have access to the facts about national issues on which to base our decisions. Our judgment can be only as good as the reliability of our sources of information. Yet, for the last 20 years, what we call the Paper Curtain in our Government has suppressed vital information which the American people had a right to know.

One of the early examples of this Paper Curtain was the suppression of the Van Vliet Report about one of the most heinous crimes in modern history, the Katyn Forest Massacre. This was the Soviet murder of some 10,000 Polish leaders who were shot in the back of the head, and then buried in mass graves. There were only two American eye-witnesses to the opening of the graves and identification of the bodies in 1943, Colonels Van Vliet and Stewart. When they made their report complete with photographs, known as the Van Vliet Report, it was suppressed and the two Army officers were ordered under pain of court martial never to reveal the truth to anyone. This was the first of many examples of our Government denying information to the American people which was already known in detail by the Communists. There could be only one motive to burying the Van Vliet Report behind the Paper Curtain: to propagate the false myth that the Soviet Union was a "peace-loving democracy."

Emboldened by their success in suppressing the Van Vliet Report, the manipulators of the Paper Curtain in our Government determined to keep from the American people the official papers of the Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam conferences. It has now been 20 years since the Teheran

Conference in 1943, and 18 years since the Yalta and Potsdam Conferences in 1945. Some of the Yalta Papers were released in the mid-1950's, but the remainder of the Yalta Papers, and all the Teheran and Potsdam papers have never been released by our State Department. During the Civil War when our State Department had only six employees in Washington, it was able to publish its documents on time each year. Congress has repeatedly appropriated money for this purpose and set deadlines for the completion of the task. But we get just a wall of silence from the State Department. There can be no issue of national security involved. The Russians know everything in the papers because they have their copies. Is it too much to ask that the American people be given the same information our enemies already have? There is obviously only one reason for defying the will of Congress and preventing the American people from knowing the facts: to protect the reputations of the U.S. officials involved. We know that Yalta was a tragic record of liquor, secret deals with the Communists, and sellouts of our friends. Twenty years of secrecy gives us reason to assume that Teheran and Potsdam were worse.

Our Government was considerably embarrassed in 1958 by the publication by the Communists of STALIN'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH ROOSEVELT AND TRUMAN. This volume revealed all kinds of interesting material which our Government had suppressed for years. Again the question arises, what sense does it make to prevent the American people from knowing that the Communists already know?

The 1947 Wedemeyer Report on China is another famous document which was suppressed by our Government. This Report correctly analyzed the Communist threat to China and Korea, and could have saved both nations had its recommendations been followed. When the Paper Curtain was finally lifted on the Report, it was too late.

Dozens of important mistakes by the Federal Government, particularly in the State and Defense Departments, are effectively and quietly hidden behind the Paper Curtain by what is sometimes called "executive privilege," but which is more commonly known as the "executive fifth amendment." This means that members of the executive branch of our government refuse to testify before Congressional committees. This claim of "executive privilege" was initiated in 1947 during the Alger Hiss investigation, was expanded by an Executive order issued May 17, 1954 in order to protect Sherman Adams from having to reveal his part in the conspiracy to silence Senator McCarthy, and recently has been expanded again. The effect of "executive privilege", which has no basis whatsoever in the Constitution or in American history, has been to suspend all investigation of Communists in government. We have had investigations of Communist fronts, Communist "peace" propaganda, and other non-political aspects of the conspiracy. But since 1954, for all practical purposes, we have had no investigation of Communists in government--the number-one target of Red infiltrations.

In 1953 a Senate report called INTERLOCKING SUBVERSION IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS described in detail the operation of two Communist rings which had been operating within our Government, and reported the existence of two other rings which had not yet been uncovered. These other two rings have not been exposed to this day because the "executive fifth amendment" has cut off all investigation. Obviously, the Party in power is not going to permit itself to be investigated, unless, as in the Alger Hiss and Profumo cases, public opinion is strong enough to force an investigation. If we don't have an investigation by a bipartisan Congressional committee, there will be a whitewash like the Tydings Amerasia investigation, instead of a let-the-chips-fall-where-they-may search for truth.

Is the Paper Curtain operating in our Government today? More than ever before. The three principal policy documents of the Kennedy Administration have all been hidden from public scrutiny by the Paper Curtain. These documents are the Fulbright Memorandum, the Rostow Report, and the Ball Report.

The Fulbright Memorandum, written by Senator Fulbright, was the document which laid down the policy called "muzzling the military." It was responsible for the attempt by the Administration to silence all anti-Communist speeches and statements by anyone in the Government, to censor the speeches of generals and admirals who tried to warn us of the Communist threat to our country, and to prevent the participation by anyone in the Government or the military in anti-Communist schools or seminars. The Fulbright Memorandum laid the groundwork for manipulation of public opinion by the Government in power when it said: "The principal problem of leadership will be, if it is not already, to restrain the desire of the people to hit the Communists with everything we've got."

Although the Fulbright Memorandum was put into effect by the Pentagon as official policy, both the Pentagon and Senator Fulbright tried to prevent the American people from knowing of its existence! The only reason we know the text of the Fulbright Memorandum is that Senator Strom Thurmond somehow got a copy and read it into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, after which Fulbright was forced to confirm it.

The second principal policy document of the present Administration is the Rostow Report. It is a master plan on foreign policy and disarmament authored by Walt W. Rostow, chairman of the State Department's Policy Planning Board. The thesis of the Rostow Report is that the Communists are "mellowing," that we must abandon our first-strike weapons, that we must not seek victory of the United States over the Soviet Union

or of capitalism over Communism, that we must treat Communist governments gently and not attack or criticise the satellites, that we must never give any encouragement to revolts behind the Iron Curtain, that we should deny U.S. foreign aid to countries in order to force them into coalition governments with the Communists as was done in Laos, that we must work toward general and complete disarmament, and that the Administration should embark on a systematic publicity campaign in order to sell Congress and the American people on disarmament. The Rostow Report has been put into effect and these are now the policies of our Government. Yet the Rostow Report itself has been successfully kept behind the Paper Curtain, and the American people are not permitted to see this document which determines our foreign policy. The only reason we know of its existence is that one of the outstanding newspaper reporters in America, Willard Edwards of the CHICAGO TRIBUNE, published two articles summarizing the Report and quoting from it. Senator Everett Dirksen read these two articles into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and they have never been denied by Rostow. But we, the American people, are not permitted to see the Rostow Report.

The third basic policy document of the present Administration is the Ball Report, written by Under Secretary of State George W. Ball and co-authored by top Administration officials in the White House who are presently advising the Administration on trade policy. The thesis of this Report is that we must "seek an accomodation with the Soviet Union." This Report advocates a vast increase of U.S. trade with Communist countries, that we undertake to persuade other free-enterprise countries to engage in East-West trade, the repeal of the Battle Act and other laws restricting U.S. trade with the Communist bloc, and authority for the President to suspend discriminatory tariff treatment for the Soviet bloc. The Ball Report represents the present trade

policy of our Government, yet Under Secretary Ball has refused to permit the American people to read his report and refused even to make it available to the House Select Committee on Export Control.

The present situation, then, is that the three principal policy documents of the Kennedy Administration, the Fulbright Memorandum which controls military policy, the Rostow Report which controls foreign policy, and the Ball Report which determines economic policy, have all been hidden from public scrutiny by the operation of the Paper Curtain in our Government. Both Ball and Rostow have hidden behind "executive privilege" when asked to answer questions about their reports.

How the Paper Curtain operated to subvert the foreign policy of our country is dramatically illustrated by the example of Cuba. Two patriotic, intelligent American Ambassadors to Cuba, Arthur Gardner and Earl T. Smith, sent back accurate reports that Castro was a Communist and warned our Government not to support him. These reports went into the hands of a State Department bureaucrat named William Wieland. An investigation by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee revealed that as early as 1958, or earlier, William Wieland knew that "Castro" 'is a Communist' and 'is surrounded by Commies (and) ... subject to Communist influences.'" But Wieland never told this to his superiors and instead became "an active apologist for Fidel Castro." How could the President and Secretary of State make the right decision if Wieland dropped the Paper Curtain on these vital reports? If we are to avoid future costly mistakes, it is vital that we raise the Paper Curtain so our people can know the truth about the Communist conspiracy.

ANNOUNCER: Each year during the national conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution held in Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. awards are made to the outstanding motion pictures of the year, with

stars from the movies on hand to receive the awards. This year the award for the Best Historical Picture was presented to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Cinerama for HOW THE WEST WAS WON, a story which is an amalgam of many historical incidents in our nation's trek to the West, photographed in vivid color, making use of authentic furnishings and costumes of the era, accompanied by early American music, and projected on a curved screen. The DAR award for the Best Children's Picture of the year went to THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM, a story of the days of 1800 and the two brothers who delighted the world with their fairy tales.

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