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COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN TO CAPTURE YOUTH

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

MRS. SCHLAFLY: The Communist conspiracy has accelerated its current campaign to capture the minds of our youth with campus speaking tours by top Party leaders, a new national youth magazine, and propaganda activity by a special youth committee. The success of these and other programs which the Communists have directed against American young people can be measured by the enthusiasm of top Party officials who predicted recently that one thousand youths would be recruited as Party members before the end of the year.

At a Communist meeting in New York on May 30-31, 1959, the Party made nationwide plans to capture and corrupt American youth. The Party began operating what amounts to a Red lecture bureau, with Communist spokesmen seizing every opportunity to project their views on college campuses. The formula is for Communist speakers to muscle onto campuses in the name of "academic freedom"; then to portray Communism as a legitimate political party instead of the criminal conspiracy it is.

In the last school year, Communist Party leaders including Gus Hall, Benjamin Davis and Herbert Aptheker completed successful speaking tours at American universities. On one campus alone, a crowd of nearly 12,000 turned out to hear the Party's general secretary, ex-convict Gus Hall. Communist speakers addressed audiences on 40 college campuses, including the Universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Chicago, Cornell, Oregon, Stanford, and Harvard. In most cases the audiences

were large, and local newspaper, radio and television publicity was abundant. Some lecture engagements were initiated by student groups, others by college officials. Questions from the students were encouraged by the Red lecturers.

Communist Party officials met secretly early this fall to appraise their experimental invasion of American colleges and universities during the 1961-62 school year. Their conclusion was that the effort has been successful and should be expanded. As a result, college campuses will hear more Communist Party speakers during the current school year than ever before. The current theme of Communist speakers will be "peace" and the alleged infringement of civil rights by anti-Communist laws in our country. An extra touch this year is that key addresses will be published in pamphlet form, so that students who are judged receptive to additional indoctrination may be handed something to take home.

Lectures to college students by official Communist Party representatives have grown into one of the Party's major activities because Red officials feel they are worth the time and trouble. Communists feel that the lectures serve to give the Party an aura of respectability among impressionable young people. The Red aim is to confer on the Communist Party a status equivalent to that enjoyed by the Democrats and Republicans. Other Communist goals are to convince students that the Party is a live and active organization, and to plant the seeds of student collaboration with Communists by the use of their propaganda on "peace" and "disarmament".

Directing Communist-front and propaganda activity on the campus is the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee, which was set up as a re-

sult of an important three-day Communist youth conference in Chicago over New Year's weekend, 1961, attended by delegates from 10 states. The Communists immediately went into action and on January 20, 1961, Gus Hall, General Secretary of the U. S. Communist Party boasted: "There is a mushrooming of Marxist and Socialist-oriented groups on the campuses in all parts of the country. .... The Party must give much higher priority for the work among youth in all fields of endeavor."

To establish new Communist fronts disguised as "Socialist-oriented" or "progressive", Mortimer Daniel Rubin, national youth director of the Communist Party, toured college campuses. These new Marxist youth groups replace the Labor Youth League and American Youth for Democracy, on the principle that old Communist fronts never die, they just let the old name fade away and adopt a new one. The new campus fronts are briefed on tactics of agitation and un-Americanism by NEW HORIZONS FOR YOUTH, a monthly Marxist magazine described by an FBI spokesman as a "watered-down version of THE WORKER."

The student riots in San Francisco in May 1960 are tragic proof of how American students can be duped into doing the work of Communists without realizing that they were mobilized into action by clever Communist planning. J. Edgar Hoover described these college students as acting "like common hoodlums in demonstrating against a committee of the U.S. Congress engaged in public business." Frank Wilkinson, field representative of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee, before the Supreme Court affirmed his conviction and sent him to prison, traveled across the country organizing so-called "spontaneous" student activities against the Un-American Activities Committee. Since his release from prison, Wilkinson has resumed his

tour of college campuses. Archie Brown, hardcore Communist since the Spanish Civil War in which he served as a "political commissar", was a prime mover in the student riots in San Francisco.

Another visiting lecturer on college campuses has been Burton White, a 29-year old "student", who was one of the organizers of and a key agitator in student riots in San Francisco. The House Un-American Activities Committee reported that when White went to Washington in January 1961 to speak at a rally sponsored by the National Committee to Abolish the Committee on Un-American Activities "and to take part in a Communist-promoted picketing demonstration against the Committee, his Washington hotel bill was paid by Communist Party member, Frank Wilkinson." Yet White has enjoyed a successful lecture tour of colleges and has assisted in the formation of chapters of the National Student Committee to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Can we safely rely on the maturity of college students to recognize and combat the clever Communist propaganda offered to them by trained dialecticians? This is best answered by the evaluation of Burton White's appearance at Knox College written by student Christine Dalby and published in the November 10, 1961 issue of THE KNOX STUDENT: "If he is a Communist, he's certainly one of the nicest Communists I've ever known. He has fine table manners, a pleasant sense of humor, and continues to speak logically, honestly, and sincerely even during dinner."

Student Peace Unions are spreading "Rather Red than dead" and disarmament propaganda. Millionaire Soviet-apologist Cyrus Eaton financed chapters in more than 50 colleges of a nationwide student group called "The Undergraduate Committee for the Recognition of (Red) China."

The Communists were successful in persuading many young Americans to participate in the Communist-inspired and Communist-dominated World Youth Festival held at Helsinki, Finland last summer.

One of the tactics the Communists used to persuade Americans that Castro was just an "agrarian reformer" was a collegiate organization called the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. This organization collected a good deal of money to spread the word among college students that the Cuban revolution isn't so bad after all, that Castro is at heart just a social reformer bent on improving the lot of the Cuban peasants, and that he only turned to the Communists because of the unfriendly attitude of America. Chapters of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee were formed on 40 college campuses and 7,000 students were recruited. Street demonstrations were organized. Advertisements were published. Meetings were held. Money was solicited and a good deal was collected. Thanks to a Congressional investigation, we now know that the leading spirit in organizing the Fair Play for Cuba Committees was Robert Taber who had served three years for armed robbery in Ohio and was on parole for another seven years. When it became apparent that he had perjured himself before the Congressional committee, he escaped to Cuba; but before he left found time to call at the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York, where the Fair Play for Cuba Committee kept its money, and to draw out $19,000 in $100 bills to take with him. We hope that the 7,000 students who were sucked into the Fair Play forCuba Committees now realize they were the victims of both a financial and an ideological confidence game. We should make it clear to our young people that the lectures of ex-convict Gus Hall and other Communists are just another version of the same racket.

On October 9, 1962, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, in speaking to the National Convention of the American Legion, gave us this advice: "We are at war with this sinister conspiracy! Every Communist today must be considered an enemy, wherever he may be, at home or abroad! A "soft" approach toward the menace of Communism can lead only to national disaster. ... We cannot defeat Communism with Socialism, nor with secularism, nor with pacifism, nor with appeasement or accomodation. ... The fight against crime and Communism can be won, and it will be won with, but only with the help of every decent American citizen."

The current Communist campaign to capture our youth is tolerated by our colleges in the name of "academic freedom". There is no doctor's freedom to sell a fake cancer cure. There is no merchant's freedom to sell narcotics. There is no architect's freedom to build a building which is unsafe or a fire trap. We do not permit freedom of speech for a man falsely to yell "fire" in a crowded theater. There is no more reason to allow Communist speakers, magazines, fronts and propaganda to sell the poison of Communism to youthful minds, than there would be to invite Lucky Luciano and Polly Adler to lecture in college halls and to organize campus vice chapters. Every American should assist his alma mater and local colleges to combat Communist activity.

ANNOUNCER: Each year the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, presents a Good Citizens Pin to a senior girl in all accredited public high schools participating in this program. The awards are given on the basis of Dependability, Service, Leadership

and Patriotism. All 117 DAR chapters in Illinois cooperate in this program and, last year, presented Good Citizens Pins in a total of 607 high schools. From this number, on a competitive basis, a State Good Citizen is chosen to receive a $100 U.S. Government Bond, and numerous $25 Bonds are given. The awarding of Good Citizens Pins for the past 28 years is one of the many DAR programs designed to train American girls to develop into useful and responsible citizens.

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