

Reds Plot to Wreck U. S., Dies Charges

Union for Democratic Action Accused As Spearhead, Aided by 'Time' and 'PM'

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The Dies Committee on Un-American Activities yesterday issued a special report exposing and denouncing what it describes as a Communist-inspired movement "aimed at destroying our representative form of Government." It charges that 27 leaders of the movement were prominently identified with an organization which openly advocated treason.

The report names the so-called Union for Democratic Action as the spearhead of the campaign of "creeping totalitarianism." As active collaborators in the subversive movement, it names various satellite Communist front organizations and five publications: Henry Luce's Time Magazine; the New Masses and the Daily Worker, both official organs of the Communist Party; Marshall Field's PM, and the left wing magazine New Republic.

Kenneth Crawford Listed

The report identifies Kenneth Crawford, Washington correspondent for PM and a member of the U.D.A. executive committee, as

a member of three other Communist front organizations.

Twenty-seven other officers, directors and sponsors of the U.D.A., are accused of treasonable association with an organization called the American League Against War and Fascism, which openly advocated sabotage of the national defense in time of peace and in time of war.

This Communist front outfit, according to the report, was "nothing more or less than a bold advocate of treason."

Cites League's Program

The report cited the words of the league's official program, dated January, 1936, in which it was described as a mass organization that proposed "a plan of action at the specific points where

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war machine can and must be stopped."

The platform of the league, adopted at its third annual congress in Cleveland in January, 1936, called for "work toward the stopping of the manufacture and transport of munitions in time of peace or war...through mass demonstrations, picketing and strikes" and pledged the members "to promote and support refusal of workers to handle all materials of war."

"The very same persons who formed the official backbone of the organization promulgating the foregoing plan for treason are now the persons who constitute the official backbone of the Union for Democratic Action," states the report of the Dies Committee.

Discloses Research Director's Real Name

The report discloses that the real name of the U.D.A.'s research director, who now uses the name of Lewis Corey, is Louis Fraina, that he was one of the organizers of the Communist party in the United States, and that he is the author of one of its principal textbooks.

Corey, or Fraina, the report notes, presumably assisted in the preparation of the "vituperative and scurrilous" document issued by the U.D.A. in collaboration with the New Republic, which undertakes to purge Congress of its leading anti-Communist members.

In the guise of criticizing individual members of Congress, these totalitarian conspirators actually are engaged in an effort to undermine public confidence in Congress as an institution of representative government, the report charges.

"The issue, simply stated, is whether the Congress of the United States shall be the reality or the relic of American democracy," the report adds. "If this movement ever reaches its fulfillment in the nazification of the American Government, we shall find ourselves bearing a striking resemblance to the hateful thing against which we are now mobilizing our total resources."

Report Approved At Secret Meeting

The special report was approved at a secret meeting of the Dies Committee last week after a violent controversy between its anti-Communist members on one side and Representative Jerry Voorhis (D.), of California, a young New Deal Jacobin, on the other.

Voorhis, an intimate friend of many of the Communists and fellow travelers named in the report, not only denounced the document, but impugned the motives of those who subscribed to it. Other members in turn attributed great significance to Voorhis' extraordinary solicitude for the Communists.

The report was approved by Representative Martin Dies (D.), of Texas, chairman of the committee, who is in Texas; Representative Joseph Starnes (D.), of Alabama, acting chairman; Representative Noah M. Mason (R.), of Illinois, and Representative J. Parnell Thomas (R.), of New Jersey. Only Voorhis voted against it. Representative Joseph E. Casey (D.), of Massachusetts, was absent and did not see it. The seventh member, Representative Harry P. Beam (D.), of Illinois, said he had just returned, had not seen a final draft of the report, and did not know whether he would sign it.

Henson Linked With Communist

Francis Henson (board of directors of the Union for Democratic Action and member of the Union for Democratic Action's research council) was co-executive secretary of the league with Donald Henderson, a publicly avowed Communist party member.

Granville Hicks (sponsor of the Union for Democratic Action) was a contributor to Fight magazine, the league's official publication.

Gardner Jackson (board of directors of the Union for Democratic Action) was a national committee member of one of the league's subsidiary organizations, the National Peoples' Committee Against Hearst.

Freda Kirchwey (board of directors of the Union for Democratic Action) was a national committee member of the league's subsidiary, the National Peoples' Committee Against Hearst.

Ludwig Lore (sponsor of the Union for Democratic Action) was among the signers of a national manifesto issued by the league.

Reinhold Niebuhr (chairman of the Union for Democratic Action) was chairman of the principal meeting of the United States Con-

gress Against War at which the league was founded. Niebuhr was also a member of the national executive committee of the league.

A. Phillip Randolph (board of directors of the Union for Democratic Action) was a national sponsor of the league's subsidiary, the China Aid Council.

Herman F. Reissig (sponsor of the Union for Democratic Action) was national secretary of the religious section of the league.

Schnapper Writer In Fight Magazine

M. B. Schnapper (sponsor of the Union for Democratic Action) was a contributor to Fight Magazine, the league's official publication.

Robert Spivack (sponsor of the Union for Democratic Action) was a national sponsor of the league.

Norman Sibley (sponsor of the Union for Democratic Action) was a national sponsor of the league.

Maxwell Stewart (sponsor of the Union for Democratic Action) was a member of the league's national executive committee, and also a contributor to Fight magazine.

Shley P. Totten (sponsor of the Union for Democratic Action) was a member of the league's advisory board.

Jacob Weinstein (sponsor of the Union for Democratic Action) was a contributor to Fight magazine, the league's official publication.

Edward Y. Williams (organizer of the Union for Democratic Action) was a member of the arguments committee which aided the league.

These 27 U.D.A. leaders were associated with the American League Against War and Fascism. According to the report, in 1936, in the official program of that organization, adopted at its third annual congress in Cleveland, Ohio, called for work "toward the stopping of the manufacture and transport of munitions in time of peace or war . . . through mass demonstrations, picketing and strikes" and "to promote and support refusal of workers to handle all materials of war."