

VICHY'S COUDERT

Vichy Buys the Palatial Mitchell Mansion
On Fifth Ave. for Use as Consulate General



THE Rapp-Coudert committee has spent \$200,000 in its investigation of "subversive activities" in the public schools and colleges of New York City. That's a lot of money. The boys on Bataan would have appreciated \$200,000 worth of extra equipment.

How was the money used? Against the enemy or for him? The answer is given by the Rapp-Coudert committee in its report to the New York State legislature. The answer is an affront to our troops at Corregidor, New Caledonia, North Ireland.

The committee reported that information regarding Nazi activity in our schools "was not material to the education inquiry." Pro-fascist conspiracies evidently do not fall into the category of "subversive activities." As a result, the Rapp-Coudert committee does not present a single case of enemy activity against our schools. The committee therefore lends a protective coloration to the enemies of our war effort.

Coudert's attempt to make "Communism" the issue falls in with Hitler's strategy. This attempt "is designed to divert attention from the job we should all be united on—the defeat of Hitler and all his puppets." In these words, Pres. Charles E. Hendley of the New York Teachers Union sums up the whole case against Coudert. It is no cause for wonder that two members of the committee refused to sign his disruptive report.

As we have constantly warned, the "anti-Bolshevik" crusade is the mask of a general drive against every genuine anti-fascist force. Frederic Coudert proves it by smearing not only the alleged reds, but by concentrating his fire on

among the 434.

The investigation did not divulge "substantial evidence of Nazi or Fascist conspiracy against the schools," despite such activities outside the schools.

Several pages of the report

Murphy's postal card to Mr. Grunwald

I will call to see you to-morrow evening about seven o'clock I will then recommend that you come to school and talk to some of our younger members who are scholars in methods of joining the ranks. Very sincerely T. Murphy

On the left is the photo from the New York Times of March 26 of Vichy's new quarters in New York. We have added the inset photo of Senator Coudert which should adorn the building since his firm, Coudert Bros., are attorneys for Hitler's "collaborators." Above is a clipping from Hearst's *Journal-American* of April 22, and below it evidence of the fascist activity Coudert worked so hard not to find: a post card sent by Timothy F. Murphy, until recently dean at Samuel Gompers Vocational School, to Werner Grunwald, linked to the Nazi Bund, inviting him to "come to school and talk to some of our younger members."

New York's Board of Higher Education. He attacks the faculty-democratization plan of the New York public colleges on the ground that the democratic principle is untrustworthy. In fact, the committee now claims for itself the right to excommunicate any ideas or conduct of which it disapproves. It urges that "emphasis be laid on personal standards of conduct rather than proof of membership in conspirative groups." And these "personal standards of conduct" are to be judged in terms of whether they correspond to the "Communist pattern." Here is a net wide enough to cover every anti-fascist in America.

A study of the committee's report shows a striking resemblance to the recent pronouncements of Laval's puppet regime. It is an interesting fact that Mr. Coudert is an attorney for that regime.

It is astonishing that newspapers like the *New York Herald Tribune* and the *New York Times* fail to see this. They must learn to see the contradiction between their support of Coudert and their support of the war against the Axis. Moreover, there is a glaring disparity between the *Times'* attack on American Communists, whether real or alleged, and its editorial observation the same week that the French Communists form "a rallying point for patriots joined for the first time to the forces of the extreme left by the strong bond of a common hate." This strong bond of anti-fascist hate would be loosened by the Laval and the Couderts. That is their common object.

It is not too late to urge Governor Lehman to withhold the \$50,000 added appropriation for Coudert. That money should buy cartridges, not aid and comfort for our enemies.