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My dear friend and associate:

The inclosed Confidential Bulletin No. 18 will highlight for you the results of the recent elections both in the state and across the nation. So far as our state elections are concerned, may I say that I am not at all discouraged with the results for the following reasons: First, had Messrs. Downey, Patterson and Olson been elected four years ago, which was the time of the "wedding days" of the New Deal in Washington, the situation would have been entirely different than it is at the present hour, when from across the nation, state after state has repudiated, or is in the process of repudiating the New Deal, which is simply another name for Communism. Secondly, the Upper House or Senate of the State of California is still controlled by the Republicans, and in the third place, there is a militant minority in the Lower House of the Assembly at Sacramento.

There is no doubt in my mind but that Governor-elect Olson will pardon Tom Mooney immediately after his inauguration in January and there is further prospect that he, in order to satisfy many of his radical adherents, will attempt near-communist programs in this state, but how far he will be able to get, remains to be seen. The only reason in the world that we lost the election in the state of California, was the lack of unity and coordination and a common opposition against the Downey, Olson, Patterson set up. I am very sure that Governor Merriam was double-crossed by many of the leaders in his own group in this state, as well as by many of those that he had befriended and had actually placed in office. The Washington New Dealers had also been able to intimidate through various and sundry channels, people who ordinarily would have contributed to the finances of Governor Merriam and his administration. The Governor was prevented from setting up a militant and dynamic organization first, because of jealousy among the leaders, and secondly, because of the lack of funds.

I do not know what action Governor Merriam will take after he leaves office, but unless he exposes the double-dealing and the machinations of many of those from whom he had a right to expect support, then I and others will be greatly disappointed in him.

I, as your leader in the Christian American Crusade, have received many letters from outstanding men and organizations thanking us for our unstinted support and pledging us their moral support for our future program. As you are either a member or a friend of the Crusade I pass this on to you, because I can only do what you allow me to do, and can only go as far as you support the movement.

The Christian American Crusade is no longer an infant in swaddling clothes, but it is a robust and growing young man, that has long since outgrown the kindergarten and the youth age. We expect to work very close to the leaders of true Americanism and Christian principles in the State of California and the nation. It is my aim, hope and purpose to make a national trip, sometime after the first of the year, if God provides the means, in order to again contact national leaders in Washington and other places and to set up a unified, coherent movement across the nation. Never has America needed Christian leadership as she needs it today, for with the other sections of the world in civil war and internal conflict, if this nation is to survive the tidal wave of class hatred, and class war, we must be constantly on the alert.

We have received into our fold hundreds of new adherents during the past few months and I believe for the most part these new adherents will remain loyal adherents, constantly striving for the extension of the Christian Message in holy living, evangelization and militant work.

At the Crusade Congress, held October 7th to 9th, a number of resolutions were introduced and unanimously carried. Among these resolutions was the forming of an Advisory Committee and a second was to send out envelopes to all members and friends with the request that this Christian American Crusade Movement be placed upon a more permanent financial basis and that each member and friend be requested to mail their envelopes in at least every two weeks, in order that the budget might be carried without too much time being spent by the Leader upon financial matters, that he might be released for other necessary work. I consider this resolution a timely and most necessary action, for hitherto much of my time has been taken up in attempting to finance the movement, when I should have been released for other things. The members of the Crusade Congress who adopted this resolution were all mindful of the obligations which most of us have in various and sundry fields, BUT THEY WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR DECISION THAT THE CHRISTIAN AMERICAN CRUSADE MUST HAVE FIRST CALL UPON OUR GIVING DURING THE NEXT YEAR, IF WE ARE TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK THAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO PERFORM.

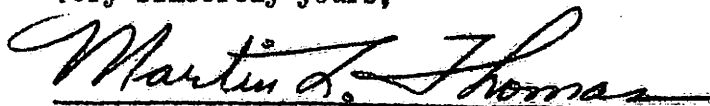
The program for the next twelve months calls for the bi-monthly printing and distribution of The Christian American Crusader to be sent to every member and friend.

2. It calls for the revising of our entire list of publications.
3. It calls for new publications.
4. It calls for a new educational building to be located by the Church at 5th and New Hampshire in Los Angeles.
5. It calls for the recruiting of at least one thousand new members in 1939.
6. It calls for the extension over other stations of our daily radio broadcasts, and
7. It calls for the continued training of leadership, especially among young men and young women.

We have among our young people, three volunteers for the ministry. One of these will enter Seminary next fall and two others are now receiving their college training. We would like, if possible, to begin our new educational program with young people one year from today, and if this is to be accomplished, we need, not only gifts to sustain the daily program, but we must have substantial gifts in the form of bequests, outright gifts, property or conditional gifts. Your Christian American Crusade is now an incorporated institution under the state laws of California, with a Board of Directors and governed by a Constitution and by-laws. We are now in a position to receive bequests, gifts, or otherwise receive property to build, sustain and carry on the new educational program. What an opportunity is ours today to reach and train the young life for consistent and dynamic leadership in this new day!

Please make use of the two envelopes which are inclosed and let us do our best to mail them in every two weeks. A due record will be kept, a receipt will be sent, and a yearly report of the Board will be rendered at the annual Crusade Congress. We are looking forward to a year of service for God, Home and Native Land, you can make it possible if you will.

Very sincerely yours,



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CONFIDENTIAL NEWS BULLETIN NO. 18

(These items have been secured from authentic sources, through secret investigation and special news bulletins and should command your attention.)

NEW DEAL RED RING BROKEN The voters of the United States went to the polls and registered at least a slight return to sanity and gave evidence of an awakening consciousness of duty as citizens that we hope and believe will result in a tidal wave of public opinion that will purge the New Deal of its corruption and Redness in the coming 1940 elections.

The American people are bearcats for punishment. They can take more abuse and like it than any other people in the world. This little drunken spree of the past six years under the guiding hand of Roosevelt has piled up a deficit greater than the cost of the World war. It has nearly bankrupted the nation and gives promise of making a permanent dole system whereby the thrifty will be penalized to keep the bums and loafers and Reds unless the American people speak in determined fashion and demand the abolishment of huge sums for mass political vote purchasing under the guise of humanitarianism.

A survey of the election is most promising. The Red cabal in Congress has definitely been cracked open by the defeat of Bernard of Minnesota and O'Connell of Montana, Frank Murphy of Michigan, Benson of Minnesota, LaFollette of Wisconsin, Earle of Pennsylvania, etc. On the other hand, the victories in Illinois, New York and California, show the power of the Red voting machine when concentrated in behalf of the New Deal. Earl Browder has already made his boast that the Communist vote gave victory in New York by which Lehman, Poletti, and outright Communist, Vito Marcantonio, were reelected and Senator Wagner and Congresswoman O'Day returned to Congress. As a matter of fact, the return of Wagner is as much a victory for Communism as anything could be because the Wagner Labor Relations Act, which he conceived and sponsored, is the finest piece of Communist legislation ever put through Congress. He now expects to sponsor a Communist health insurance measure.

In our estimation, the hardest blow to the New Deal was dealt in Michigan where Frank Murphy and his Red cohorts were sent packing by a thoroughly awakened citizenry. The re-election of Claire Hoffman was in itself a victory of no mean proportions as his voice is one of the few that has been raised in protest against the Communist control of our Government and no man is more hated by the CIO and its Red backers. Hoffman's opponent was a dentist of Kalamazoo who it has been alleged is a member of the Communist Party in that city.

Despite the denials of Frank Murphy that there is a political plum awaiting him, there is a continued and disquieting rumor to the effect that he will be sent to the United States Supreme Court by Roosevelt. We can think of no greater catastrophe than this - should it occur.

Despite the failures in the election, Americans can look with a measure of pride at the results and finis can be written to one of the most disgraceful chapters in American history in 1940 if the responsible citizens keep their shoulders to the wheel and work untiringly for the final and complete defeat of New Dealism at that time.

THE SITUATION IN CALIFORNIA
AT A GLANCE.

While it is true that the Downey, Olson, Patterson combination won in this state, nevertheless the situation is not hopeless by any manner or means. In the first place, the State Senate at Sacramento continues to be conservative and in the second place, we elected three new conservative Congressmen. Byron Scott, who has been one of the most radical members in Congress was soundly defeated and a patriotic American was elected in his place. We give "Ham and Eggs" credit for electing the Downey, Olson Patterson machine, but I make the prediction that within 24 months there will be a complete reversal of the situation in the state of California, especially if conservative

Americans pull together. The situation in California looks worse than it really is, when we closely analyze and know the factors involved.

LIBEL SUITS: THE NEW COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE

Libel suits are always an easy way to get easy money - if they can be put over. At any rate the Reds are always willing to try. What appears to be a new program of Communism is under way. Five libel suits have been entered in the courts within the past month. The Communist Party now wearing the mask of New Dealism is taking to the courts to protect its fair name against the malicious assaults of reactionaries who still believe that Communism and revolution are synonymous.

Sam Hammersmark, old-time Chicago Communist who is generally found in the money-end of the Communist movement and Elmer Johnson, a Cook County Communist functionary are suing the Chicago Tribune for libel over a series of articles running in the Sunday Tribune exposing the unsavory history of the Communist movement. All they want from the Tribune is a couple of hundred thousand dollars. We are sure that Colonel McCormick will be glad to oblige them.

Carl Reeve, educational director of the Communist Party in Eastern Pennsylvania, is also trying his luck against the Philadelphia Inquirer charging that that paper slanders the Party in its continual exposes of Communism. Carl Reeve is only the son of Ella Reeve Bloor, one of the wheel horses of the Communist Party in the United States.

Lucien Koch, former director of the Red training school, Commonwealth College, now engaged as a CIO organizer in Massachusetts, is suing Liberty Magazine and Iron Age magazine for a total of \$125,000 over an article in Liberty, reproduced in Iron Age, exposing the Communist activities and lack of morals at Commonwealth as exposed by a state investigating commission.

In our own state of California, Culbert Olson, new governor, and his pal, John G. Clarke, are all heated up over the exposures of their connections with radicalism made by Legionnaire Harper Knowles before the Dies Committee and they claim to be damaged to the extent of some \$250,000.

Communists, aided by the American Civil Liberties Union, have a nation-wide legal staff that is prepared to go to bat for the honor of Communism at any time. It costs them nothing as the attorneys are paid for by contributions made to the cause largely by capitalist "suckers". By entering suits of this character the Communist many times wins even though he loses because most patriots lack money to fight such suits in court because of lack of support on the part of those he is fighting for. He is therefore forced to compromise or go out of business. So Communism wins.

ALL IS NOT WELL WITH COMMUNISM. The Communist Party is seething with unrest and dissatisfaction as a result of which its ranks are continually being purged of undesirables. These undesirables consist of those revolutionary elements who dare to take exception to the "Party line" as laid by Moscow and its mouthpiece, Earl Browder. These recalcitrants are growing in numbers as Browder continues to bow in reverence at the feet of the high priests of the New Deal.

Soviet Russia is in no position to fight a war with an outside aggressor. Revolt would break out in the Red army for one thing and it could not produce supplies and munitions to keep its army going for any period of time. The Communist program of world revolution does not include wars between Russia and other nations as such. Its program is for civil war within nations which will be backed by Soviet resources as in Spain. Therefore the support of Communist peace groups is in actuality aiding and abetting the revolutionary program of Communism.

ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS BULLETIN and further information concerning the activities of communism in this nation may be secured from THE CHRISTIAN AMERICAN CRUSADE, Box 1991, Hollywood, California. Write today for copies of this vital literature and help us spread the warning across the nation.