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PURPOSES OF THE AFC

The AFC was organized in Philadelphia on August 10, 1950, for the following purposes:

1. To maintain the national, territorial and political independence of the United States.
2. To preserve the sovereign right of United States citizens to govern themselves thru their duly-elected representatives under a republican form of government.
3. To promote respect for, and undivided allegiance and loyalty to, the Flag, Constitution and Government of the United States of America.
4. To oppose and expose, by all lawful means, totalitarian Fascism and Communism and the collectivist ideologies upon which both are based.
5. To resist the imposition of any form of world government, federation or other such union, and any program or organization which would supersede or in any way limit the authority of the legislative, judicial, executive or military establishments of the United States.

THE ATTEMPTED PURGE OF OCTOBER 29TH

Kent Courtney Perpetuates Communist Smear in Bid to Usurp Conservative Party Control — Schedules Baltimore Conference in Vain Effort to Sabotage Penna. State Convention

Dear fellow-American:

As reported in Newsletter #71, mid-October, 1965 found us well on the way toward building a strong Conservative Party base in Pennsylvania. As Chairman of the State Organizing Committee, I had every reason to believe that I continued to enjoy the full confidence and moral support of Kent Courtney, who had a month and a half before appointed me Pennsylvania new party organizer for the Conservative Society of America, and who had accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker at our first Organizing Convention in Philadelphia on Saturday, December 11th.

I therefore anticipated Mr. Courtney's desire as for no more than a personal get-together with our most active Party workers and myself when he arranged, by long-distance telephone, for me to engage a meeting-room at the Warwick Hotel in Philadelphia for Saturday, October 29th. On that morning, Mr. Courtney and I enjoyed a leisurely pre-meeting breakfast, at which we discussed the new party movement nationally, the political situation in Pennsylvania, and our high expectations for the December 11th Convention and the challenging campaign to obtain our quota of 35,000 signatures in qualifying the Conservative Party for the statewide ballot the following March. Nothing was said at this breakfast which would forewarn me of the bombshell which Mr. Courtney would drop at the larger gathering to which we repaired thereafter.

My first concern for the nature and purpose of the affair was aroused upon entering the meeting-room. There, in the company of three of the members of our State Organizing Committee whom I had invited, was Mr. William J. Obert, the multi-county eastern Pennsylvania coordinator for the John Birch Society who had been working to prevent Society members from supporting the establishment of our Party statewide, together with several of his colleagues whom I had previously met and several individuals whom I had not. None were members of our State Organizing Committee, nor were any included in the list of Pennsylvania members of the Conservative Society of America which Mr. Courtney provided at the time I became CSA new party organizer.

After introductions, Mr. Courtney took a place at the head of the long conference table and spent about two hours in outlining his back-

ground, his several publications and activities, and the history and ground-plans of the new party movement launched by the Congress of Conservatives (see Newsletter #71) and propelled by his Conservative Society of America. His presentation was entirely impressive. I recall as especially encouraging those considerable number of states wherein he reported new party activity as approaching the stage of qualifying for the ballot. Following a few questions then addressed to me concerning our progress and organizational structure and plans for the December 11th Organizing Convention, one of his invited associates whom I did not know announced that he could not support any new party that would enter a candidate in opposition to Raymond Shafer, the protege of Hugh Scott whom Birch Coordinator Oberst had been promoting, should Shafer obtain the GOP gubernatorial endorsement. I looked to Mr. Courtney, expecting him to voice disagreement, but he was grimly silent. I recounted Shafer's background (see Newsletter #71), but might have spared the effort, for it was only after the meeting that I learned that Mr. Courtney's so adamant guest was Mr. Walter Wetzel, a member of the 41st Ward Republican Executive Committee and a close political associate of William Meehan, "boss" of Philadelphia's ultra-liberal ADA-oriented Republican City machine. Despite my surprise at Courtney's silence, I refused to agree to keeping the Conservative Party off the statewide ballot to guarantee a Scott-Shafer victory. I was not at all prepared for what followed.

Turning abruptly to a need for caution in avoiding smears by the opposition, Mr. Courtney proceeded to inform all present that I could no longer be permitted to lead the Conservative Party effort in Pennsylvania because I had been "cited" as subversive by the U. S. Attorney-General! For this reason, he was compelled to remove me as CSA new party organizer and, should I refuse to resign as Chairman of the State Organizing Committee of the Party in Pennsylvania, allowing him and his associates here to hand-pick my replacement, he would withdraw as keynote speaker at our Convention and dissociate himself and the CSA from the Party in Pennsylvania.

Knowing the episode to which he was referring, I was frankly shocked by the manner in which he had chosen to introduce it, the distortion of fact in his presentation, and the baldly coercive and intimidatory tactics employed in delivering his ultimatum. For more than twenty years I have dedicated myself to the principles of constitutional government, which are wholly incompatible with authoritarianism and rule by fiat. In devoting whatever talents I may possess to the creation of a Conservative Party in Pennsylvania, I believed that I was joining a nationwide effort to restore constitutionalism to the United States body politic, and that I was associating myself with a national leadership as committed as I to the spirit, as well as the letter, of its underlying precepts. Mr. Courtney's behavior was that of the typical Republican or Democrat Party "boss", bypassing all pretense at constitutional procedure to achieve his purposes by the essentially totalitarian methods of the "smoke-filled room".

But, even more pertinent to my amazement was Mr. Courtney's readiness, as a recognized national leader in the struggle to expose and destroy the world Communist conspiracy, to employ the sinister handiwork of a confessed co-agent of a Moscow-directed American spy ring as the weapon with which to impugn my loyalty, remove my chairmanship, and take personal control of the Conservative Party in Pennsylvania. The limited space of this Newsletter dictates an inadequately detailed narrative of the events concerning the episode which he exploited in quest of his objective, but the following may suffice to reveal its wholly Communist point of origin:

• I entered the field of anti-Communist activities in 1945, when it was actually risky to attack the Soviet Union, wholly hazardous to oppose the newly-created United Nations, and tantamount to treason to associate Communist influence with any organized racial or religious pressure group. Anyone daring to exercise free speech or a free press in these forbidden areas of public discussion was made a target for scathing abuse which could easily extend to malicious criminal prosecution by the Federal Government, as befell a number of loyal and patriotic Americans who were linked to a manufactured Nazi conspiracy in the New Deal-sponsored Mass Sedition Trial of 1943. Almost every agency of the executive branch of our Federal Government was policy-controlled by the Red agents and fellow-travellers who dominated the Roosevelt Administration during the 1930s and ensuing War years, and the terrible grip which

these friends of Moscow held on Washington was not relaxed until many of their key numbers were exposed and driven from power by the investigations of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, who finally paid with his own reputation and life for these disclosures.

⊗ In exposing the UN and World Government, Zionism and domestic attempts to organize racial and religious minorities into a political power bloc for spearheading Federal invasion of rights constitutionally reserved to the States and the individual citizen, I came under early attack by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and several of its satellite allies. Knowledgeable anti-Communists, including those of the Jewish Faith who have become its special victims, recognize the ADL as the most powerful and dangerous extra-legal assault force yet to be marshalled for the protection of the Far Left. Maintaining intimate contacts on the highest levels of Federal, state and local government, with the press, radio, TV and other media of mass communication, with the Protestant (and, increasingly, the Catholic) Religious Establishment, and with a host of similarly-oriented ultra-liberal organizations, in its New York headquarter suites can be found the most extensive personal files of any non-governmental investigatory body, containing dossiers on the public and private lives, activities and associations of all individuals who have identified themselves as effective foes of Communism and related ideologies inimical to the preservation of individual freedom.

Active in drafting "canned" speeches, radio and TV scripts, editorials and sermons for public figures, the mass media and the clergy, and in the suppression, censorship, re-editing and re-writing of political, scientific, religious and general reference works, the Anti-Defamation League specializes in destroying the individual reputations of effective anti-Communists by branding them as "bigots", "racists" and "anti-Semites", employing these stigmata to coerce employers, publishers, radio and TV stations, public and private organizations and (in the case of office-seekers) the general electorate into blacklisting them and driving them to social, financial and often physical ruin. Also, as I shall document in the next Newsletter in this series, the ADL will, when it can achieve its objectives in no other way, collaborate in the compilation and promotion of derogatory and libellous material circulated in the form of a faked "Report" of a duly-constituted Congressional investigating committee!

In the summer of 1948, both Republican and Democrat Party Conventions were held in Philadelphia, with the Communists and their fellow-travellers initiating their post-War campaign of racial agitation which has culminated in their present operational control of the militant Civil Rights Movement. Their rallying cry that year was for the creation of a strong Fair Employment Practices Commission at the Federal level, to which they sought to commit the two major Parties in their national campaign platforms. To oppose FEPC and planks being sought by United World Federalists and the Zionist Organization of America in the area of foreign policy, there was organized an ad hoc Committee for Nationalist Action, of which I was elected Chairman. Its sole purpose was to extend support to Party delegates sharing our opposition to these planks and seek to win to our side others not so committed. At the Democrat Convention, our Committee was aligned with the Southern delegations and with those who hailed the exit of Alabama and Mississippi as heralding the possible birth of a new nationwide political party of Dixiecrats and northern Conservatives.

Our ad hoc Committee went out of existence immediately following the Conventions, but interest in further political activities led to the creation of what we hoped would operate as a permanent organization thru which to work in influencing both state and federal legislation. Thus, in October, 1948, there was formed the Nationalist Action League, which immediately was attacked by the Anti-Defamation League as "racist" (because we sought write-in votes for the Dixiecrat ticket of Thurmond and Wright) and "anti-Semitic". Following a protracted but successful battle to defeat a Fair Employment Practices bill in the Pennsylvania Legislature, the Philadelphia JEWISH EXPONENT extended editorial credit to the Nationalist Action League as being responsible and suggested that this "Fascist" group might bear the attention of the U. S. Attorney-General!

⊗ In February, 1949, the late Congressman John E. Rankin, of Mississippi, called me by long distance telephone to report that ADL agents were in contact with a suspected Communist plant in the Crim-

inal Division of the U. S. Justice Department, seeking to initiate a "citation" which would destroy our organization. He identified the individual as one Judith Coplon, asking if I had any data on her background. I said I had not, but would note the name for future reference. Two and a half months later, on April 29th, the U. S. Attorney-General's office released its revised list of organizations designated as "Fascist", on which appeared not only the Nationalist Action League, but the ad hoc Committee for Nationalist Action which went out of existence eight months before!! We learned of the listings by way of the Philadelphia INQUIRER, never once having been visited by the FBI or any other arm of the Federal Government.

Again a lack of space prevents an account of our efforts to remedy this vicious and obviously premeditated misuse of Federal authority at the behest of a private politically-oriented pressure group. Unlike those on the Left who claim to be victims of unjust citations by Congressional investigating committees, I immediately filed with the Attorney-General what a number of lawyers have since assured me to stand as the most comprehensive loyalty oath ever to have been tendered to a Federal body. In it, I categorically denied membership in any organization seeking to promote Fascism or any other totalitarian ideology or form of government, by any means whatsoever, and specifically waived any and all constitutional immunity from self-incrimination in appearing before any Federal, state or local investigatory body, or before any jury in the event of a criminal prosecution for perjury which my oath might occasion. In a sentence, I provided the U. S. Attorney-General with the legal weapons to place me behind prison bars, if so much as a scintilla of ADL-supplied or otherwise accumulated evidence of Fascist activity actually exists.

The Attorney-General refused to act, permitting the smear to remain for use by the ADL and associated organizations in destroying the Nationalist Action League. Then, in the process of the exposure of at least part of the Kremlin's elaborate apparatus for worldwide subversion, Judith Coplon was identified as the associate of an agent operating in one of Moscow's most effective spy rings and, in sworn testimony taken at the legal trial, admitted under oath that, as a part of her duties as an employee of the U. S. Attorney-General, she participated in compiling that Office's list of subversive organizations!

I answered Mr. Courtney's use of this Red smear by proposing that the dues-paying members of our State Committee be left to resolve the matter of my chairmanship at our December 11th Convention. He replied that he could not abide by their decision, since my "record" imperiled both himself and the entire new party movement nationally, but added that I might "work behind the scenes" as consultant and adviser to the replacement whom he and his associates would select. Unwilling to so deliver our Party to the control of Courtney and his Scott-Shafer-backing colleagues, Mssrs. Obert and Wetzel, I presented a full report to our executive committee the following Monday, tendering my resignation to permit a vote of confidence, which was obtained. It was further resolved that my fitness to stand for election as permanent chairman be placed on our Convention agenda, to be decided by vote of the full membership after full and open floor debate.

After receiving a report of our decision by long-distance telephone, Mr. Courtney formalized my removal as CSA new party organizer in a multi-copy letter about which more remains to be written later. He then initiated a five-month-long campaign to destroy the Conservative Party in Pennsylvania by scheduling a "Regional" New Party Conference for the States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland in Baltimore on December 11th-- the date of our own State Organizing Convention. In Newsletter #71B, the next in this series, we will detail the most reprehensible part of this campaign, in which Mr. Courtney's efforts were augmented by "conservative" allies who joined the Anti-Defamation League in quoting a criminally-manufactured and circulated bogus "Report" of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to brand me as a Nazi sympathizer and cited "pro-Fascist propagandist"

Yours in the Cause of Truth,

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