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## CP Front Hits McCarran Act

The Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties, a declared Communist front, is once again on the rampage against the McCarran Internal Security Act. On two successive days this month the CCCL placed three-column ads in the New York Times calling for funds to fight the anti-subversive measure whose constitutionality was upheld in a celebrated decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, June 5, 1961.

Since the law (first enacted in 1950) has never been enforced in its 14 years on the books, the Communist Party knows it has little to fear. The hue and cry surrounding the measure is believed to be directed at the possibility of some future reexamination in the courts. Party hopefuls point out the fact that the high court's 1961 decision was a 5-to-4 split.

Meanwhile, the CCCL — through ads such as those in the Times of Feb. 6 and 7 — is seeking to create a climate of opinion hostile to the act by the use of such hackneyed party jargon as "thought control," "silencing the voice of liberal thought," "witchhunts," "McCarthy era," "McCarranism" and variations thereof.

The CCCL was formed on or about June 12, 1961, an investigation by the House Committee on Un-American Activities revealed. Active from coast to coast, it has major offices in both New York and San Francisco. Allied organizations such as the Constitutional Liberties Information Center of Los Angeles and the National Assembly for Democratic Rights have carried out specific phases of the CCCL program.

### COMMUNIST LEADER

Executive secretary of the committee is Miriam Friedlander, 50, identified by Attorney General Robert Kennedy as a New York Communist Party member. Miss Friedlander was one of the 10 CP leaders first named in a petition from Kennedy, May 31, 1962, asking the Subversive Activities Control Board to effect their registration as required by the McCarran Act.

His action was the third in a series of fruitless steps taken after the Supreme Court decision to enforce the act. Neither the registration of the party as an organization nor the registration of any of its leaders has so far been effected.

Enforcement of the McCarran Act received a further set-back last Dec. 18 when the U.S. Court of Appeals reversed the 1962 conviction of the CP for its failure to register. The reversal stemmed from the First Amendment guarantee against self-incrimination. The court held that no one can be forced by a registration proceeding to declare his association with a party which has been labeled criminal.

Confident that it can make propaganda

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## General Hester Escapes 'Gag'

One former army officer who shows no signs of being the victim of a gag on the military is retired Brig. Gen. Hugh B. Hester, who is enjoying his civilian status as a highly vocal participant in Communist-front activity.

Hester, in fact, has emerged as an articulate propagandist for the Communist side in the Cold War with frequent articles in such Communist periodicals as New World Review and National Guardian.

The Review, formerly known as Soviet Russia Today, carries a pro-Red Chinese article by Hester in its December issue accusing the U.S. of aggression against Peking. In January, Hester's by-line accompanied two book reviews in the same publication.

Hester, who administered the U.S. food program for Germany from 1945 to 1947, is always referred to in Communist publications by his military title, in line with the new respectability image the Communist Party has set out to gain.

### TITLE EXPLOITED

The prestige of Hester's rank has been used to lend support to the Soviet position on Berlin, to elimination of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, to an end to fallout shelter protection and to "normalization" of relations with Communist Cuba.

Holder of the U.S. Distinguished Service Medal and the French Croix de Guerre and Legion d'Honneur, Hester has most recently been winning non-military honors from the Communist Worker and National Guardian.

The Worker of June 12, 1962, for example, listed him among "50 notables" who issued a statement encouraging participation of American youth in the Communist World Youth Festival held in 1962 in Helsinki.

Hester's speech at a surprise rally for Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov two years ago was also recorded in the Worker of May 15, 1962.

### JESSICA SMITH PRESENT

Arranged by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (declared by the HCUA to be a Communist front), the rally also featured identified Communist Jessica Smith, who introduced

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## The Communists In the Co-ops

Identified Communist lawyer Robert E. Treuhaft of Oakland was among four new directors whose election to the board of Northern California Consumers Cooperatives was announced last month.

Treuhaft was active in setting up one of the Co-op's thriving facilities, the Bay Area Funeral Society, a memorial service organized along lines described in a book by his wife, Communist Jessica Mitford.

An associate of Communist lawyer Doris Brin Walker in the Bay law firm of McMurray, Walker and Tepper, Treuhaft was formerly a partner of Communist lawyers Bertram Edises and Aubrey Grossman in Oakland.

Treuhaft, 50, is a New York-born former attorney for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, who also served for two years in the enforcement department of the Office of Price Administration.

Three witnesses before the House Committee on Un-American Activities identified Treuhaft as a member of the Communist Party. They were Dickson Hill and Charles D. Blodgett, Dec. 3, 1953; and Dr. Jack Patten, June 19, 1957.

Treuhaft himself was called as a witness before the committee in 1953 but refused to answer questions concerning his CP membership and associations; instead he devoted his responses to attacks against the committee.

His affiliations included the vice chairmanship of the Communist-run Independent Progressive Party in Alameda County, Calif. and legal aide to Communists and Communist front adherents. The Communist People's World also lists Treuhaft as active in drives and benefits for the paper from 1946 and a frequent sender of paid greetings.

## MD Defends Reds

An article defending Communism and attacking U.S. efforts to halt Communist aggression appeared in this month's issue of Progressive World, a Humanist publication.

Author of the article is Dr. Thomas Brewer, San Francisco physician who heads an organization called the Citizens Committee for Nuclear Disarmament. Brewer, a signer of a Communist-front

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## YOU ASKED FOR IT

I found your article on Decca (Mitford-Treuhaft) very informative. Although I have met her on two or three occasions, I wasn't as familiar with her background as you seem to be . . . There are many, many . . . things wrong with your article. I will mention only one in closing . . . The book is not a satire and it is not a lampoon. I don't think you know what satire is. Have you ever read "Candide"? Or "Love's Labour Lost"? Try "Candide" sometime. I doubt if you could understand "Love's Labour Lost." . . . I don't like your paper. You are too negative, too intolerant and too fanatical. You're in a rut, man! . . .

H. Wayne Cone  
2333 Webster St., Berkeley, Calif.

The above-quoted remarks are excerpts from a letter received this month from Mr. Cone, husband of movie critic Theresa Loeb Cone who was fired by the Oakland Tribune last year and who was billed as a speaker at a meeting in Oakland Sept. 27, 1962, sponsored by the Communist-backed Women for Peace organization.

Mr. Cone's defense of identified Communist Jessica Mitford ("Decca") Treuhaft is in no way unusual, but it is quoted in this column because it illustrates so well the liberal's monotonous stereotype of what an anti-Communist must be.

Foremost among their assumed defects, as Mr. Cone implies, is a low level of literacy. But, let us point out modestly, between them the TOCSIN editorial staff members are capable of reading satire or other literary genres in the original in some 15 languages. With a little effort we might be able to follow "Love's Labour Lost."

The Oxford Universal Dictionary, third revised edition with addenda, 1955, notes that one of the meanings of satire is "The employment in speaking or writing, of sarcasm, irony, ridicule, etc. in denouncing, exposing, or deriding vice, folly, abuses, or evils of any kind." "Lampoon" adds an element of virulence.

Since Mr. Cone does not challenge the basic accuracy of any of TOCSIN's facts on Communist Mitford-Treuhaft, perhaps his main disagreement with us is more of an ideological one. Or, is Mr. Cone simply one of those persons who see everything in black and white?

Will you please explain what is meant by the terms "identified Communist" and "acknowledged Communist"?

— Reader, Michigan

When TOCSIN uses the term "identified Communist" it refers only to those members of the Communist Party who have been so identified in sworn testimony be-

## As CP Thrives...

This month the Communist People's World celebrated 26 years of publication.

At a time when more and more leading metropolitan dailies cannot make the financial grade, the longevity of the West Coast's principal Communist voice should be cause for alarm.

The increasingly limited number of major papers willing to publish needed information about Communists means that the burden has fallen on a few papers dedicated to anti-Communism.

As the leading opponent of the People's World, TOCSIN needs the kind of support so willingly granted by Communists to their own paper.

But recurrently TOCSIN must sadly report that this support is lacking. Constantly beset by the problem of paying for the next issue, TOCSIN is forced to spend too much of its efforts on appeals for help.

This means that areas of Communist activity which need exploring have to be filed away for future reference. When the problem of mere survival is paramount, time and space that could be devoted to more positive accomplishments are expended in grasping at straws.

TOCSIN is aware that it has far more readers than subscribers: hundred of persons devour the paper to which their friends subscribe and even occasionally call on TOCSIN for additional information.

To these persons and to others who rely on TOCSIN without pledging support, TOCSIN addresses an urgent call to become contributors.

fore such government bodies as the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, the Subversive Activities Control Board or similar agencies on the state level.

Persons whose testimony is submitted under oath as the basis for such identification are undercover agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation within the Communist Party, informants inside the party acting under orders from the FBI, or former Communists who have become disillusioned with the party. Some states also have similar investigative apparatus.

TOCSIN, of course, only reports the sworn testimony given to such agencies and does not undertake to evaluate it.

Acknowledged — or admitted — Communists are those few persons of the vast Communist movement who are permitted by the party openly to concede their roles. Such is the function assigned such lack-luster party "leaders" as Gus Hall and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn on the national level, or Albert Lima and Dorothy Healey on the state level. Unimpressive either physically or intellectually, the admitted Communists help satisfy the public's realization that there are such persons as Communists, at the same time that they convince — by their very unimpressiveness — that Communists pose no threat.

## That Was the Week That WASN'T

The following people paused to say the following things:

ROBERT WELCH, founder of the John Birch Society: "Most of the things I say are phoney, but at least they get my name in the papers."

REVILO P. OLIVER, University of Illinois professor of classics and writer for the Birch Society: "If there is one thing a person learns from scholarly research, it is a careful, cautious approach to data and a reluctance to draw any conclusions which are not validated by evidence."

"This is one of the foremost principles of Western Civilization and began with our heritage from the great Greek civilization of Socrates and Plato. It is also a conservative concept because conservatives believe in following the lessons of experience rather than acting in terms of untested intellectual theory and fantasy."

OSMOND K. FRAENKEL, general counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union: "It is logically inconsistent to defend the liberty of persons who seek to destroy all liberties. Communist committees to gain 'freedom' for Communist actions are as absurd as a petition by Murder, Inc., to ban capital punishment."

President LYNDON B. JOHNSON: "There will be no more grain shipments to Russia until the Berlin Wall is torn down."

ADLAI STEVENSON: "The epithet 'forces of hate' is an airy, vague, abstract term which no cultivated man would ever use."

FIDEL CASTRO: "We will pay in gold — at the value estimated by their owners — for all U.S. properties which we have confiscated. There is an old Russian proverb which says, 'Bandidos without honor are bandidos undeserving of respect.'"

DEAN RUSK, Secretary of State: "We have conducted a poll of State Department employees which reveals that four per cent subscribe to the doctrine of Leninism and 96 per cent do not know what it is meant by 'Leninism.'"

GUS HALL, spokesman for the Communist Party: "We are confident that all the facts of the presidential assassination will be brought out and we will cooperate in disseminating them, even though a Marxist be involved."

CLARK KERR, president of the University of California: "Any person who has had the advantages of a university education is too sophisticated to be confused by the Communist clamor for 'free speech.' Our students are mature, thinking citizens who will not be deceived by the Communist lie that Communists want an open forum in which all points of view can be expressed."

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**RELENTLESS OPPOSITION**

# Anti-HCUA Campaign Never Ends

Of all the Communist-initiated propaganda drives, none has been more relentless than the campaign against the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Rare indeed is the college student who — even if he is not an active opponent of the committee — is not convinced there is something vaguely evil about it.

Though the committee has survived, the Communist party is placing its hopes for abolition in the new generation out of whom may come congressmen eager thus to cast their vote. Each session of Congress has, in fact, seen a few more dissenting voices.

Why the virulence of the drive against HCUA?

While the FBI and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee have also been targets of similar wrath, the HCUA offers the most promising target. Its demise could serve as a precedent for destroying the rest of America's anti-subversive apparatus.

The HCUA, moreover, has publicly exposed more subversives than any other agency. Exposure is the bete noir of the Communists. Keenly aware that the average American will never accept Communism if he recognizes it as such, the Communist enterprise has diversified its functions to conceal the main goal. Leaders in the so-called "peace" and "civil liberties" movements thus lash out in cold fury against the HCUA when their real identity is revealed.

**MAIN OPPONENTS**

Apart from the Communist Party itself, the following Communist-led organizations have been in the forefront of the campaign against the House Committee:

The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, a New York-based operation whose officers have included identified Communists Harvey O'Connor and Frank Wilkinson.

The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, with branches in San Francisco and Los Angeles. It organized the San Francisco anti-HCUA riots of 1960. Executive secretary is Frank Wilkinson.

The Chicago Committee for Democratic Rights, successor to the defense committee of Chicago Communist and national CP committeeman Claude Lightfoot. Its officers, Leon Katzen and Richard Criley, are both identified Communists.

The National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee, whose activities are co-ordinated by Wilkinson with left-wingers in nominal leadership roles.

The National Lawyers Guild, a Communist legal front with branches in major cities.

The Southern Conference Educational Fund, successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, New Orleans. Though ostensibly interested in helping the Negro in the South, it maintains New York outlets and frequently sponsors rallies at which the cause of civil rights gets hardly a nod.

## Laange Remains P. W. Supporter

"If anti-Communists showed that kind of dedication to THEIR cause, maybe the United States would win a round now and then against the Communists."

This was the reflection of a TOCSIN supporter commenting on an insignificant item in the People's World, West Coast Communist paper, which announced the names of those in charge of its Feb. 16 annual benefit dinner.

One of them was Nils Laange, who was among those heading preparations for the Communist event. Laange, according to old copies of the P. W., was singled out as early as Oct. 23, 1942, for his fine support in the People's World Victory Drive.

A San Francisco longshoreman, Laange is referred to in the March 28, 1946, P.W. under a list of Communists. He was a scheduled speaker at a Communist Party "Friday Forum," Feb. 28, 1947, when he was to report on Communist strength in Western Europe following a trip there.

Laange has been a supporter of the Communist Civil Rights Congress, the Communist-run magazine, Freedom, and the Communist-fronting American Russian Institute of San Francisco.

Helping Laange with the People's World benefit plans was his wife Dagmar, who signed the sponsors certificate for Communist Holland Roberts in 1958 when he ran for California state superintendent of public instruction.

The Laanges were aided by Grace Partridge, former Northern California head of the Communist-run Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

## PHASING OUT

The Oswald investigation by the Warren Commission is apparently not going to the liking of the Communist Party. The Communist National Guardian is showing its first veiled signs of impatience at Chief Justice Earl Warren, whose Supreme Court record it has hitherto always held up as a shining example of progressive decision-making.

The pro-Red Chinese Committee for a Review of Our China Policy is set to open a permanent office in San Francisco, the Communist paper announced Feb. 6. The group is co-chaired by Charles O. Porter, former Oregon congressman, and Ernest T. Nash, Woodland (Calif.) businessman.

Identified Communist Jessica Mitford Treuhart, author of the anti-funeral best-seller, will honor the dead Feb. 23, said an announcement this month. She is among sponsors of a New York tribute to the late American Communist exile W. E. B. DuBois.

Other sponsors are James Baldwin, Marxist poet Langston Hughes, Charlotta Bass of the Communist People's World circulation committee, Senator Jacob Javits of New York, Communists William Patterson, Paul Robeson and James Jackson.

Another sponsor is James A. Dombrowski, executive director of the Communist-line Southern Conference Educational Fund who is currently under indictment on charges of violating Louisiana's Subversive Activities and Communist Control Act.

At a time when Castro was denying drinking water to U.S. personnel in Cuba's Guantanamo, a group of American Castroites decided to hold a rally to agitate for removal of a ban on shipments of powdered milk to the Communist-held island. The Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba, a Communist-run organization, announced a New York City rally Feb. 26 for "hurricane relief."

A radio-listening friend of ours remembers well a program on which KPFA, Berkeley's "listener-supported" left-wing station, had something favorable to say about the United States. It was on a Tuesday.

Elizabeth Sutherland has left her position as senior editor with Simon and Schuster publishing house and has joined the staff of the ultra-left-wing Nation magazine. Miss Sutherland was a witness last May before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, to whom she admitted membership in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. She has recently been active with the new Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba.

The Women's Peace Movement Bulletin, issued from Women Strike for Peace in Urbana, Illinois, accuses all anti-Communist leaders of "spreading the virus" of hate. It lumps together "anti-United Nations, anti-Communist, anti-Negro or anti-Jew."

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## PHASING OUT

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Its Jan. 20 edition includes a bibliography containing only three items; one is a Communist Party pamphlet by Communist spokesman Elizabeth Gurley Flynn against the McCarran Internal Security Act.

The militant peace organization, known variously as Women for Peace and Women Strike for Peace, moves step by step along its anti-American-defense road: It is currently agitating for a total test ban now that the partial test ban is a reality. In Illinois, the peace ladies are dropping their literature in as many doctors' offices as possible.

The pro-Soviet *Minority of One* magazine, a New Jersey-based monthly, is being strongly recommended by identified Communists and Communist-front members. Admitted financial backers of the February issue include Arnold Johnson, national legislative director of the Communist Party who served a prison term under the Smith Act, and Helen Rand Miller of San Francisco, who has been active in the California drive against the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Communist Hyman Seigel, who also uses the first names Henry and Hank, is the second San Franciscan to be arrested in recent months under passport sections of the McCarran Internal Security Act. Seigel, a pharmacist who lives at 41 Woodland Avenue, was taken into custody Feb. 13 charged with traveling on a U. S. passport illegally while concealing his Communist Party membership. His private reception for Communist boss Gus Hall in 1962 was reported exclusively in TOCSIN, September 4, 1962.

## HESTER

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Hester. Miss Smith is the editor of *New World Review* and the wife of Communist Party lawyer John J. Abt. It was Abt whom Lee Harvey Oswald told reporters he wished to contact the day before his own slaying.

The retired general "made a fervent appeal for peace with the Soviet Union, 'our staunch wartime ally,'" the Worker reported.

An article co-authored by Hester and entitled "A New Look at Cuba" was reprinted for distribution by the New York Fair Play for Cuba Committee, the now extinct organization to which Oswald belonged. First printed in the *New World Review* of April 1961, the article urged restoration of diplomatic relations with the Castro government, abandonment of the Guantanamo base and U.S. financial aid for the faltering regime.

According to a handbill advertising his availability as a speaker in 1961, Hester conducted "research tours" through Cuba in 1960 and had held consultations in the USSR with Khrushchev.

### CP FRONT SPEAKER

The Communist-run National Lawyers

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petition supporting illegal visits to Communist countries (TOCSIN, Feb. 19, 1964), is currently leading a drive to remove civil defense signs in San Francisco as the "first step to a broad campaign of civil resistance . . . against the military domination of our nation."

In his article, Brewer, accuses the late President Kennedy of having "carried on with 'vigor' an old tradition among the entrenched capitalist-royalists in the United States, the tradition of 'anti-Communism.'"

Brewer contends that Cold War tensions are being maintained by the U.S. simply "to divert people from striving for radical economic change and racial equality."

Communism, on the other hand, has brought "such improvement in the feudal existence of masses of people in Russia and China, there is little chance that they will abandon their economic system and philosophy to satisfy the aristocratic rulers of the United States," Brewer claims.

Brewer, who has used such channels as the Communist People's World to express his views, was a scheduled speaker Feb. 16 at the Oakland Fellowship of Humanity, a tax-exempt "church" which frequently presents identified Communist speakers.

## WEEK THAT WASN'T

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"They know that the Communists are only seeking a wedge through which they can suppress all individual points of view and impose tryanny. The students refuse to cooperate in the confidence game the Communists are playing. We must trust in the wisdom and judgment of the students."

Guild chose him as its keynote speaker for an annual convention banquet Feb. 23, 1957, in New York.

Another Communist front to which Hester has lent his support is the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (TOCSIN, Jan. 15, 1964). He is also listed in the Communist Worker of Oct. 27, 1963, as sending greetings for a birthday celebration for Communist Scott Nearing.

A clemency appeal for jailed Communists Frank Wilkinson and Carl Braden also won Hester's support in 1961.

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## NEWSPAPER

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hay while awaiting further legal maneuvers, the Communist Party has thus far found the government tacitly accepting its vow never to comply with the act.

### UPHAUS IS CHAIRMAN

Helping the party to maintain this position is Willard Uphaus, who is acting as chairman of the CCCL. Uphaus has an array of Communist-front affiliations dating from 1936 when he was a sponsor of the American Youth Congress, a subversive organization of three decades ago.

West Coast activities of the CCCL have been directed by Herbert J. Phillips, former professor at the University of Washington in Seattle, dismissed from his post in 1948.

Occupying the same building which houses the Communist Party at 942 Market St., San Francisco, the committee has had the services of two other old-time Communists as key officers. They are Walter J. Stack, its treasurer, and Herbert Nugent, publicity director. In addition a lengthy roster of other California Communists have been active in the organization. Benefits for the organization in the San Francisco East Bay area have been held at 1919 Oregon St., Berkeley, residence of Communist National Committeeman Roscoe Q. Proctor and Virginia McGuckin Maher.

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"The committee concludes that the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and a coordinating and organizing group in support thereof, titled, the 'Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties,' are Communist fronts.

"Created, dominated, and controlled by members and officials of the Communist Party, the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties were organized as propaganda devices for the conduct of 'mass activity' in support of the avowed objective of 'reversal or nonapplication' of the Supreme Court decisions of June 5, 1961, which upheld the constitutionality of the registration and disclosure provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 as applied to the Communist Party . . .

"The long-range objective of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is to serve as the vehicle for concealed Communist participation in, and direction of, propaganda and agitational activities aimed to nullify the Internal Security and Smith Acts."

—Committee on Un-American Activities,  
House Report 1282,  
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