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Resolution on the Mundt Bill

The Mundt Bill (H. R. 5862) known as the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1948 is the work of the Committee on Un-American Activities. The Mundt Bill is an exact pattern of the laws that were enacted by Hitler and the Nazis in the period from 1933 to 1941. It is an attempt to replace constitutional democracy with a fascist state. The bill punishes as a crime, any person or organization of persons who believe in any form of change in America. It would encompass as criminal the Wallace Third Party movement, the entire trade union movement, the Negro people, and all progressives who struggle for social betterment. It vests the drastic power of punishment and imprisonment for political, social and economic beliefs in one official of government without any legal criteria and without the semblance of an American trial. It takes away from the American people the right to work for government, the right to use the mails, the radio, or to leave the country. It creates a vast concentration camp out of which none may escape except those who conform to the will of the Committee and the Attorney General.

We note with alarm that the attacks against civil liberties are particularly directed against the foreign born and the American born descendants of the millions of immigrants who helped make America great. The Mundt Bill provides a special danger to the nationality groups in seeking to outlaw the traditional bonds of the friendship of the nationality groups with their lands of origin and with their relatives and friends abroad. The American Slavs, for example, advocating relief to and cooperation with the Slav countries, could be penalized if this bill were enacted into law. Organizations seeking to gather the welfare and happiness of the individual nationality groups could without exception be included under the broad and ill-defined provisions of the Mundt Bill and could be destroyed. The spirit of nativism and of the Ku Klux Klan inherent in this bill is a specific menace to all nationality groups. All persons and organizations of whatever creed, race, or political persuasion who believe in the constitution, who believe in democracy, who are opposed to fascism, must see to it that this bill does not become law. If this bill becomes the law of the land, the Constitution will no longer exist except for historical purposes. Swarms of police spies will pry into our homes and into our lives. The vigilantes, the Ku Kluxers, the native fascists, await the passage of this bill as the go ahead sign for their activities. We are resolved along with the Civil Rights Congress, that the Mundt Bill shall be defeated, that no police state shall ever come to America, and that for that purpose, we shall use all our energy and all our effort to see to it that the measure is defeated in Congress.

American Slav Congress Answers Tom Clark

Statement by George Pirinsky, Executive Secretary

Asked to comment on Attorney General's decision to include the American Slav Congress in the list of so-called "Subversive organizations," George Pirinsky, Executive Secretary of the Congress, made the following statement:

"I haven't had the chance as yet to discuss this matter with other officers of the American Slav Congress, and what I say here is only my opinion. Here is how I feel.

"Listing the American Slav Congress as subversive organization, as the Attorney General did yesterday, is an insult to the memory of the late President Roosevelt.

"For it was Roosevelt who singled out the work of the American Slav Congress as an example of the kind of unity and cooperation expected from the entire nation.

"In one of the greetings to our organization Roosevelt wrote:

"You who have helped build these United States in the factory and on the farm and have contributed so richly to its national culture, need not be told the meaning of America nor of her blessings."

"Roosevelt declared that 'America is proud of her citizens of Slav descent, be they of Russian, Polish, Czechoslovak or Yugoslav origin.'

"It was under the fighting leadership of the American Slav Congress that Slavic Americans made one of the most outstanding contributions to the war effort of our country.

"Today, three years after Roosevelt's death, Tom Clark, in typical Red-baiting manner, tries to smear the American Slav Congress and every other progressive organization, and individual who remains true to Roosevelt's policies.

"This action on the part of the Department of Justice reveals the shocking fact that it has become subversive to speak and work for the ideas and principles of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

"The Attorney General and his masters are using against the American Slav Congress and other progressive groups the same 'Red-baiting' tactics which Hearst and McCormick newspapers used against Roosevelt when he was alive and even today, against his memory. To them his answer was 'poison-peddling.'

"This is our answer to those who accuse us of being subversive in an effort to stop their betrayal of the anti-Fascist principles we worked for and fought for during the last war.

"If the Attorney General is really interested in subversive activities, let him go to 724 - 9th Street, N. Y. and get the so-called Eastern European exiles of the International Peasant Union. These discarded and bankrupt politicians just finished a four-day conference of plotting the violent overthrow of the present regimes of the countries of Eastern Europe, with whose governments our country is in diplomatic relation. How about it, Mister Attorney General?

"Intimidation or no intimidation, the American Slav Congress will continue to fight in defense of the democratic rights of the American people, and for friendship between America and the Slavic countries, firmly convinced that the people of our country, as well as the peoples of the world, have much greater respect for the judgement and the opinions of Roosevelt than for those of Tom Clark."

Remember when Peace was declared... just three short years ago

Remember how we cheered and laughed and danced in the streets? "No more war," we said. "Now we can have a lasting peace. Now we can settle back to enjoy all the wonderful things we've been promised in the post-war world. Now we can build a nation of freedom and abundance for all."

And today we find ourselves once again on the road to war. Or government is whipping up war hysteria against our former ally. Harry Truman calls for Universal Military Training and the Draft, yet veterans still pound the sidewalks, searching for the decent place to live that they have been unable to find since returning from World War II. Prices are sky-high. Labor's rights and civil liberties are under attack. Race and religious discrimination is growing. We are a nation living in fear... fear of war, fear of depression, fear of inflation and rising prices.

It seems a long time since V-J Day. It seems a long time since Franklin D. Roosevelt was with us, and even longer since he said: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."

Must we give up our hope for a better world? Henry Wallace says, "No!" Henry Wallace shows how we can stop the drive to war. We can stop inflation and rising prices. We can stop the secret depression which has already begun.

And behind Henry Wallace stand millions of Americans...

place first urged aid for the people of Europe, Wall Street jeered and said he wanted a quart of milk for every Hottentot! "Let us really help Europe; do it through the UN— with no political string attached. We can't bribe Europe with bread. Let us help ourselves by giving others the kind of aid they need."

Wallace's plan is hard-headed, practical, people's plan for peace — not a bi-partisan plan that will lead to war.

WHO PAYS FOR WAR?

Already more and more of our tax dollar is going for armaments. Meanwhile, the nation's needs are neglected, and the dollar in our pocket is growing smaller every day in a losing battle with high prices. Inflation, they call it. But it means shoddy clothes on our backs... crowded housing... less milk for our kids... no savings for the future. The Democrats and the Republicans ganged up to smash price control — and the big corporations are doing nicely, thank you. They made 17 billions in profits last year after taxes.

Henry Wallace says, "We can lick inflation — by taking the profit out of it. We can raise wages — out of record-breaking profits. We can stop big business from blackmailing the people."

While Wall Street fattens on its profits, it schemes to lower wages by crushing labor unions. Here again Democrats and Republicans alike listened to their master's voice. They both voted for the union-busting Taft-Hartley Act. The few men in Congress who spoke out against it were treated like outcasts by their parties.

Henry Wallace stands foursquare for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. He stands for a minimum wage of a dollar an hour, a 40-hour week, the strengthening of the Wage and Hour Law. He stands for more Social Security benefits, greater protection for the aged. He stands for security and a free labor movement in the United States.

The war frenzy whipped up by Wall Street carries with it race hatred and discrimination. It carries with it suspicion and mistrust. It sets neighbor against neighbor.

Sure, the Democrats and the Republicans say they are against discrimination — but what do they do about it? Nothing!

Henry Wallace says, "Jim Crow must go! No discrimination against Negroes, Jews, or citizens of foreign descent!"

Henry Wallace calls for a permanent Fair Employment Practices act... an anti-poll tax bill... an anti-lynching bill... no segregation in the government service or the armed forces.

FREEDOM OR REGIMENTATION?

If America goes to war, regimentation will come to America. Our country will become a police state.

Wall Street has already started its campaign to put America in a straight-jacket. That means Selective Service. That means Universal Military Training. That means military discipline for civilians. That means so-called loyalty oaths. That means thought control — "Think as we do or shut up."

The Structure of the Soviet State

A Collegium President — the Presidium Of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR

By Professor A. Denisov

In its form of government the Soviet State is a republic. One of the outward characteristics of a republic is that it is headed by a president elected for a definite term. According to many republican constitutions, the President is a person elected, as a rule, by the population and independent in his actions.

According to the Soviet Constitution, the President of the USSR is a collegium — the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, consisting of its President, Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and 15 Members. The number of Vice-Presidents corresponds to the number of constituent republics.

At present the President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR is Nikolai M. Shvernik, and there are 16 Vice-Presidents.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR is made up of members of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and is elected at a joint sitting of the two Chambers.

The Presidium is accountable to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR for all its activities. This is emphasized by the fact that the Chairmen of the two Chambers are not included in the Presidium.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR convenes the sessions of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, dissolves the Supreme Soviet in conformity with Article 47 of the Constitution of the USSR, and orders new elections.

On its own initiative or at the request of one of the Union Republics, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR conducts referendums on questions concerning the life of the State, bills, and similar matter.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR is invested with the power of control. It has the right to annul decisions and orders of the Council of Ministers of the USSR and of the Councils of Ministers of the Union Republics if they do not conform to law.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR is empowered to institute and award decorations and titles of honor of the USSR. It also exercises the right of pardon.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR has the

right to proclaim martial law in separate localities or throughout the USSR in the interests of the defense of the USSR or for the purpose of ensuring public order and state security.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR ratifies international treaties, such as peace treaties, pacts of mutual defense against aggression, pacts of mutual non-aggression, as well as other international treaties which include a clause providing for their ratification.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR has the right to issue edicts denouncing international treaties, i. e., informing the other parties to the treaties in question, usually before their expiration, that the USSR does not intend to prolong such treaties on the previous terms.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR appoints and recalls plenipotentiary representatives of the USSR to foreign states, and receives the credentials and letters of recall of diplomatic representatives accredited to it by foreign states.

It grants citizenship of the USSR, settles questions concerning the giving up of Soviet citizenship, and by special edict in each case deprives of citizenship of the USSR.

According to the Constitution of the USSR, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR exercises the rights of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR in the intervals between its sessions:

(a) In the event of armed attack on the USSR, or whenever necessary to fulfill international treaty obligations concerning mutual defense against aggression, when it proclaims a state of war and orders general or partial mobilization; and

(b) In the event of need for changes in the composition of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, when the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet relieves of their posts and appoints Ministers of the USSR on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, subject to subsequent confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

Within the limits of its competence, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR issues decrees. Decrees dealing with the appointment or removal of Ministers, or concerning such administrative units as territories, regions and autonomous regions, or introducing legislative changes, are subject to confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

This, in brief, is a general outline of the principal functions of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

NOTE

The recent three-day round-trip flight from Moscow to Khabarovsk, along regular air-line routes, accomplished by the pilot Denisov and his crew, set a new civil air-transport record for the distance.

The flight, which ended April 29, cut the time regularly scheduled for the distance approximately in half. Denisov's flight attracted great attention and enthusiasm, since the post-war Five-Year Plan envisages much speedier air communication with remote districts of the country, particularly with Siberia and the Far East. The flight was made with a regular multi-seated passenger plane under unfavorable weather condition.

Figure it up for yourself... You will pay the bill...

1948 adds up to

either **THE WALL STREET WAY**

- Compulsory Military Training
- High price and profits
- No housing or rent control
- Guns for dictators abroad
- Racial discrimination
- The Taft-Hartley Act
- Blackout of civil liberties
- The "Communist" scare
- No social legislation
- A weak United Nations

or **THE WALLACE WAY**

- Back to a 'Good Neighbor' policy
- Price control and rent control
- Higher wages out of profits
- Curbs on monopoly
- Repeal of Taft-Hartley Act
- Extension of civil liberties
- A real housing program
- Social legislation
- Full employment and production
- A strong United Nations

TOTAL Peace and Abundance

Whether 1948 will add up to WAR or Peace is up to YOU

Work with the new party to speed Henry Wallace's crusade for peace. Study our program. Join your nearest Wallace for President Committee. Your ideas, your volunteer aid, your financial help are needed. Join TODAY in the fight for peace and abundance.

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