

STRATEGY FOR 1948
by
REPUBLICANS

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The following memorandum is predicated upon the assumption that the outstanding threat to American democracy is the Communist menace both at home and abroad and that this issue is the basic one in the coming presidential campaign. The American people are keenly alive to the emergency, in fact far ahead of the leadership of both the Democratic and Republican Parties as presently constituted. The nation is looking for bold and decisive leadership on this question. Only such leadership will win enthusiastic and widespread support in 1948.

The Republican Party, given a majority in 1946 not on any basis of principle but largely because the people were getting tired of the Democratic administration, can secure a majority in 1948 only if it shows qualities of leadership and ability to make a frontal attack on the present administration all along the line and the capacity to present a constructive alternative policy. In this task the Republican Party has failed thus far. It has restricted itself to carping criticism on minor issues and has sedulously avoided the key issue of appeasement of the Communists by the Administration both domestically and abroad. It has failed to staff its various committees with outstanding experts competent to handle the various issues facing the Congress and the Senate.

The following analysis will attempt to show how vulnerable the Democratic Party is to a well-organized line of criticism. This vulnerability flows from the very nature of the Democratic Party and its heritage from the Roosevelt Administration. Domestically the strategy of the Democratic Party is still to win over the Wallace-intellectual-liberal-New Deal vote, which is dominated both organizationally and politically by the Communist Party. By this control of the "balance-of-power" vote through Wallace, the Communists are still in a position to determine and influence important appointments to office, prevent an all-out purge of Communists and their supporters from the Federal service, prevent decisive legal action against the Communists and their agents, and above all to influence our foreign policy in the direction of continued appeasement of the Soviet Union. Regardless of all get-tough talk and containment theorizing, the policy of appeasement is still the prevailing line of the Administration's foreign policy. The condition outlined above shows itself in every phase of Administration activity, of which the following is merely the pattern which may be amplified on a much vaster scale.

STATE DEPARTMENT

The predominant tenor of present State Department policy is based upon a cherished illusion about our ability to "get along" with the Soviet Union. Whenever the Soviet diplomats give us a rounding smack in the face, we assume a sense of guilt and ascribe it to our own shortcomings. In domestic life as well as foreign affairs, it is well known that one cannot and should not appease a bully and that the only language a bully or a dictator understands is one of firmness and power. Compare Stalin's govtelling before Hitler with his treatment of America and its representatives throughout the world. Stalin's barrage of vilification and continued expansionism is met with apologetics, vacillation and mere genuflections.

The Morgenthau Plan remains the actual policy of the United States toward Germany despite public repudiation of this policy by Administration spokesmen and its condemnation by members of the Congress and Senate. The suicidal policy of attempting to force unity between the Chinese Communists and the Kousintang is still in force, under Leighton Stuart and despite the recommendations of General Wedemeyer.

Appeasers and pro-Communist personnel remain in key posts in the State Department. Our continued impotence in the field of foreign broadcasts to counteract the Soviet barrage can be properly explained by the continued control of these activities by Waldore Hansen, William T. Stone and Charles A. Thomson. Foreign service personnel is not given a thorough grounding in the basic principles of Soviet and Communist policy, which they will have to meet in connection with their duties. In charge of such training is a Mr. Maddox, who has a record of appeasement activities in the OSS in the Balkans.

One of his associates in the OSS is Theodore Achilles, high in the Department. Rowena Rosmel's record is well known in Government files. She holds an important policy-making position. So does Esther Brunauer. These are merely typical.

The Security Division of the State Department vacillates in its attitude toward employees with questionable loyalty records in response to criticism from leftwing critics in PM, the Washington Post, the Nation and the New Republic. It has set up no public relations medium to meet such criticisms and is therefore forced to retreat before them. In response to the wave of anti-Communist sentiment, the Department has retained employees who have played on the other side of the fence and who are therefore not fully reliable. A loyal State Dept. employee is presented being prosecuted by the Communist faction of the United Public Workers.

WAR DEPARTMENT (Department of National Defense)

The best illustration of the situation in the Department of National Defense is what is happening in our occupation zone in Germany. This force is honeycombed with pro-Communist personnel. Heinz Norden and George Shaw Wheeler, whose record was made public by Congressman Dondoro, have been publicly cleared by the Loyalty Board in the occupation zone, but forced to resign under the whip of Congressional criticism. Others of this stripe remain. The official policy toward the German Communists has been one of continual vacillation, the appointment of known Communist to important posts in the American zone, the stifling of all criticism of Soviet policies, the continued application of the discredited Morgenthau Plan, the use of the Nuremberg Trials to discredit American business firms and pro-American Germans under the leadership of such pro-Communist individuals as Josiah Dubois, Abraham Pomerantz and others. Essential plants necessary for the life and health of the German people and in no way to be characterized as war plants, are being dismantled.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Department of Justice has not enforced the Voorhis Act against Communist organizations acting as agents of a foreign power. For months it has dawdled in getting out a list of Communist front organizations for the guidance of Government agencies. It has failed to prosecute the Communist Party for failing to report campaign expenditures in the 1946 elections. It has made no recommendations to Congress on anti-Communist legislation. It has dawdled for months in Grand Jury hearings dealing with the activities of Communist agents high in Government service. A number of attorneys from the Department of Justice are now employed in the Nuremberg Trials which are being used for anti-American propaganda. Not one Communist convicted for contempt of Congress is at present in jail. Gerhart Eisler, convicted agent of the Communist international, has the free use of the radio and meeting halls throughout the country. So is the convicted Communist, Carl Aldo Marzani.

The attitude of the Department of Justice is one of appeasement toward the Communists' criticism of American civil liberties, American attitude toward racial questions and the so-called imperialist monopolies. Vigorous attacks have been made by the Department on so-called monopolies supplementing the attacks now emanating from Nuremberg and the Soviet press. High in this division is Robert Wohlforth, who has a pro-Communist record. Communist efforts to establish a monopoly of thought control in the film industry and the book publishing field have recent no attention. A special civil rights section has been established in the Department which is keenly sensitive to Communist hounding on these issues.

LOYALTY PROGRAM

In response to the public demand for action on the large-scale infiltration of Communists and their sympathizers into the Government, a Government Loyalty Program has finally been launched. In the Civil Service Commission it is in charge of those who wrecked the Loyalty Investigation machinery during the War. Of the Commissioners appointed on the President's Loyalty Board, at least five have had some affiliations with Communist front organizations, thus casting serious doubts upon their fitness for these posts. A Civil Service Loyalty questionnaire has absolved employees from answering questions regarding their political affiliations, which automatically removes the need for Communists answering this question. Employees are not compelled to sign the questionnaire or answer under oath. Persons of doubtful loyalty are still being appointed to important posts as for in-

administrator of the Federal Security Agency; Colston Warns, member President's Economic Board, as consultant.

GOODS TO RUSSIA

Despite Russia's attack on the Marshall Plan and the United States generally we are shipping with official approval to Russia, lend-lease material, UNRRA supplies, oil despite depleted American supplies and other material which can be used to strengthen the growing Soviet war machine. Radar shipments were recently made to Yugoslavia by the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief posing as a relief agency. Meanwhile vital war supplies are being left to rot which might be used to aid the Chinese Nationalist Government in its fight against the Communists.

INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES

American staffs of international agencies are notoriously penetrated by pro-Communist American personnel, in some cases individuals fired from Government agencies; UN-David Zablodowsky, Abraham Feller; UNESCO-David Efron (Ephron); see also the International Bank, UNRRA. See Plain Talk for October, 1947. See the criticism of the American personnel in Greece.

ATOMIC ENERGY

The Atomic Energy Commission is in control of a type of liberal acceptable to the Wallace group. David Lillenthal and W.W. Waymack are examples of this type, which has in the past demonstrated its utter naivete and ineptitude in the face of Communist methods of penetration and conspiracy. The presence of Herbert Marks as attorney, and Edward K. Burling as consultant, is not auspicious nor indicative of proper precautions.

CONCLUSION

The above indicates the outlines of a pattern demonstrating that the Democratic Party is so deeply corroded and penetrated by influences and pressures which are either pro-Communist or amenable to their guidance that its continuance in office is a serious threat to our internal security and to our national security in the face of the worldwide Soviet offensive. If the Republican Party hopes to make a successful bid for power in 1948, it must meet this situation squarely and frankly.