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WILL YOU LET REUTHER GET AWAY WITH IT?

WHAT DOES REUTHER WANT?

Never in the history of this Republic have constitutional government and freedom of enterprise been in such danger as today. The danger is not so much that Walter Reuther, by applying for political purposes a big slice of the \$613 million collected annually by labor unions from their members, is out to obtain control of Congress. That by itself is perilous enough. But the real and imminent danger is that the American people aren't aware of what this means, and through apathy, a "what's-the-use" attitude will let him achieve his purpose.

Who is Walter Reuther? What is his background? What does he seek? And what would it mean if he got it?

Walter Reuther is a third generation Socialist. His grandfather, who came to this country in 1892, was a German Socialist Democrat. Reuther's father was a labor organizer and a known Socialist. Walter and his brother Victor spent three years at Wayne University in Detroit, where they were connected with a number of student radical movements. Then they studied and lectured at Brookwood Labor College at Katona, N. Y.

Inspired by Russia

In 1933, the Reuther brothers went to Europe, then to Russia where they studied and worked in an industrial plant. January 20, 1934, they wrote to a friend in Detroit a letter from which the following excerpts are taken:

"The daily inspiration that is ours as we work side by side with our Russian comrades in our factory, the thought that we are actually helping to build a society that will forever end the exploitation of man by man, the thought that what we are building will be for the benefit and enjoyment of the working class, not only of Russia, but the entire world, is the compensation we receive for our temporary absence from the struggle in the United States.

"Mel, if you could be with us for just one day in our shop, you would realize the significance of the Soviet Union. . . . Here are no bosses to drive fear into the workers. . . . I tell you, Mel, in all the countries we have thus far been in we have never found such proletarian democracy."

Then the Reuther brothers signed off with this: "Carry on the fight for a Soviet America."

Now, Walter Reuther has denied being a communist. But, so far as is known, he has never denied having been a Socialist. At all events, many Congressmen have accepted financial support from Reuther and his people and appear to be under obligation to vote as he directs. The essence of our Republic is that men elected to Congress shall go there as free agents, voting on issues as they arise as judgment and conscience dictate. The negation of this is that the men whom Reuther helps in their elections might be expected to follow his orders. Such a state of affairs is in itself a destructive assault on the structure of our government and imperils the Republic itself. One of the strongest assaults is in the form of union-provoked inflation, for union officials who are dedicated Socialists know that inflation is the most brutal socializer and leveler of all.

What Lincoln Said

Socialism is the antithesis of the Constitution and of free enterprise. "As the patriots of '76 did to the support of the Declaration of Independence," said Abraham Lincoln, "so to the support of the Constitution and laws let every American pledge his life, his property, and his sacred honor. Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father, and to tear the charter of his own and his children's liberty. Let reverence for the Constitution become the political religion of the nation."

Although Reuther has gone far toward his goal of building an organization that will dominate the Federal Government, he still can be defeated. Many Congressmen, whom Reuther now counts on to vote his way and eventually subvert our Constitution into a socialist republic, are likely to realize, on second thought, that to do so is a violation of their oath of office. Across the entire nation organizations, business firms, professional men are waking up to the need for political action; and when the impact of these forces on national public opinion has been felt, the complexion of Congress will be changed by aroused public sentiment for defending our heritage of constitutional government.

Wake Up To Realities

As Donald Richberg points out in his fearless, plain-speaking book, "Labor Union Monopoly," what is needed even before the drafting of a lot of laws "is an education of the so-called intellectual stratum of American life to a clear-eyed comprehension of the grave menace to our free economy and our free government in the unchecked growth and continuous spread of labor union monopolies."

Mr. Richberg continues: "Americans are more out of date and ill-informed concerning the realities of the labor movement than they are in any other area of public interest. Fifty years ago, the picture of a labor union as a weak, idealistic organization of downtrodden workers struggling against an oppressive concentration of property power was often accurate. Any such picture of an established union today is not merely ridiculous; it is willfully or ignorantly untruthful.

And so, two important questions and one answer: First, are you going to let Reuther get away with it? Second, if not, how can he be effectively stopped? The answer is on this page.

THE PERIL OF REUTHER

This is an emergency—immediate and dangerous. Walter Reuther is already within reach of controlling your Congress.

According to the ranking minority member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, Rep. Gwinn, "In the 1956 elections organized labor was active in 300 of the (then) 535 districts—and were successful—that means that their man got elected—in more than 175." Today, backed by huge union funds—more than \$100 million out of \$600 million of annual income is spent for political purposes—the goal is at least 220 Congressmen—only 44 more than at present—and an absolute majority to vote labor's way.

If this happens, it means more confiscatory taxes, destruction of higher incomes and incentives to save, higher gasoline prices because of reduced depletion allowance for American oil exploration, socialized medicine, more inflation, and a deluge of such socialistic measures as British laborites imposed on the United Kingdom. As Donald Richberg says elsewhere on this page, the American labor movement "has now become a political movement with the objective of establishing a socialist labor government in control of the economic and social life of this nation."

An Effective Action Plan

There is no time to lose. Only action NOW can defeat labor monopolists' attempt to control the next Congress. It calls for immediate mobilization of all segments of the American people—not only business organizations, or lawyers, physicians and other professional persons, but taxpayers, consumers, housewives. And, yes, the rank and file of organized labor, too, for unbridled labor monopoly deprives union members of freedom even before the public at large. Nor is the needed mobilization one of partisan politics but is for both freedom-loving Democrats and Republicans.

The gigantic funds of labor unions, more than both parties together are able to collect for political action, can be opposed only by the lowest cost mechanism: (1) statements distributed under frank in the most critical of the 300 districts where Reuther is working, and (2) widespread reprinting of this advertisement and two others to follow in 100 or if possible 1,000 newspapers immediately and during October, reaching 15,000,000 circulation.

A Tested Program

This program to block Reuther from destroying our Federal Republic must have your help. Although copyrighted, the ads may be printed anywhere with local support and without further permission. However, as this program requires preparation for action in the future, we trust that, where reprinted, special support will be provided equal to 20% of the cost of the ad to improve the Committee's financial position and to permit printing of ads in special areas where educational action beyond available local support should be supplied. Mats of the advertisements are being sent to leading newspapers and will be provided on telegraphic request anywhere.

All who read this and believe in the crusade to block Reuther and his attempt to dominate our government are urged to get together with associates in their community or state to finance the reprinting of these advertisements, which are part of a tested and highly effective program.

To project the advertisements to the most important metropolitan centers the Committee for Constitutional Government needs immediately a seed money fund of \$250,000. This should bring from tens of thousands in smaller amounts contributions many fold larger than the seed money fund.

Time is vital. Send check at once for as large an amount as you can, making check payable to the Committee for Constitutional Government, Inc. for multiple subscriptions at \$10 each, a legitimate business expense, for SPOTLIGHT for the Nation, the Committee's antisocialist publication, dealing with national issues of vital importance by outstanding authorities. For tax deductibility for individuals and corporations, make check payable to the Constitution and Free Enterprise Foundation, Inc., publisher of Richberg's book, "Labor Union Monopoly, A Clear and Present Danger." Mail to 202 East 44th Street, New York 17, N. Y.

Enlist others. The need is great and immediate. This may be your last chance to work to save our Constitutional Republic. Paid Adv. COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, INC.

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B. Or, as a contribution to the Constitution and Free Enterprise Foundation, Inc., distributing the Richberg book. Please send me..... copies or distribute to the list attached.

I shall be interested in having the advertisements printed locally and will endeavor to form a group to pay for publication and to make a 20% contribution to your general fund as outlined above.

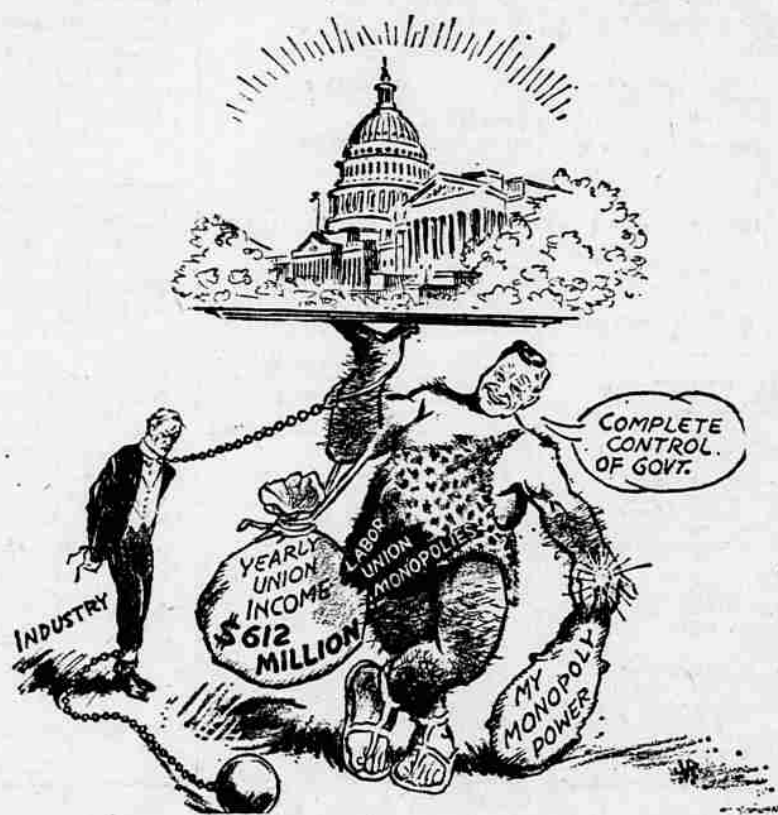
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LABOR UNION MONOPOLY A Clear and Present Danger

By Donald R. Richberg

Today the greatest concentrations of political and economic power in the United States of America are found—not in the over-regulated, over-criticized, over-investigated, and over-taxed business corporations—and certainly not in their hag-ridden, brow-beaten, publicity-fearful managers. The greatest concentrations of political power are found in the under-regulated, under-criticized, under-investigated, tax-exempt and specially privileged labor organizations—and in their belligerent, aggressive, and far-too-often lawless and corrupt managers.

There is grim humor in the constant complaint of the unions against alleged business monopolies, when the only widespread, long-standing and effective monopolies in the business world are those maintained and constantly expanded by labor unions. Their legal exemption from prosecution, combining with an illegal expenditure of vast sums of money and illegal use of physical violence and terrorism, creates for them a monopolistic power which no business combination could possibly exercise.

As a matter of fact, the unions are powerful, aggressive organizations that are engaged in a continuing warfare against the maintenance of a free competitive economy. Unless this civil war is stopped and peaceful competition is substituted for monopolistic coercion of labor relations, a socialized economy and a socialist labor government are inevitable.

Instead of being a movement of workers banded together for the protection and advancement of the legitimate interests in a free economy, the labor movement has now become a political movement with the objective of establishing a socialist labor government in control of the economic and social life of the nation.

These evils will not be remedied until an overwhelming majority of free citizens realize that labor's economic and political power are preparing the way for communism far more effectively than the communists themselves.

The above article consists of extracts from the book of the same name—"Labor Union Monopoly." Its author, Mr. Richberg, is a lifetime friend of labor. He was co-author of the Railway Labor Act of 1926 and has been legal counsel to many labor unions. He had a prominent part in working out the Norris LaGuardia Act, which has been termed "Labor's Magna Carta," and the National Industrial Recovery Act, of which he later became administrator.

No one in the United States can speak with more authority on the American labor union movement than Mr. Richberg. (See the August, 1958, issue of the Monthly Letter of the First National City Bank of New York.) "In writing this book," Mr. Richberg says of himself, "he feels that he still speaks for the legitimate interests of his friends in the labor movement—who, perhaps as much as the general public, are endangered by the growth of labor monopoly." If the facts of this book can be projected across the nation and into the thinking of the average American, the dominance of the union bosses, pushing America into Socialism can be stopped. What YOU can do to further its distribution is explained on this page.