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Previous despatches (No. 657 dtd March 16, No. 683 dtd March 31, 1954) have discussed Government-inspired anti-Communist activity through newspapers and through leaflets. The enclosed items from the Baghdad home service of March 15 and March 27 illustrate the type of campaign being conducted over the radio on this same issue. Item 1 attacks fallacies of Communist propoganda, i.e. equal distribution of wealth, and world peace. Item 2 describes a Canadian "Association for Combating Communism" and urges establishment of similar associations throughout the world.

Much of the material being used in the Radio Baghdad campaign is being furnished by USIS through the Director General of Propaganda. The source of the two items enclosed is not known.

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Item 1, Baghdad Home Service, March 15, 1954.

Among the fables offered by Communism to those deceived by it and its destructive principles to religion and society, is to tell its supporters of those who cannot make a living that they will own houses, palaces, and cars, and that they will be the source of authority, if they follow their regime and defend it. It also tells them that their pockets ~~will~~ will be filled with gold and their poverty will end by taking possession of the property of others. Thus, by adopting these principles they will become luxuriously rich.

This is how Communism deceives the simple folk with these lies which Russia exports to foreign countries because they are prohibited goods within its own country, and because Russia does not permit within its boundaries a voice to be raised against its policy which aims at colonizing peaceful peoples.

Communist mercenary agents call for world peace and disarmament, holding meetings everywhere to preach this policy while Russia mobilizes all its material power for war. It produces atomic planes, heavy guns, and tanks, and mobilizes and trains the army in preparation for war, and spreads fear and horror among the peaceful nations. Despite all that, its mercenary agents insist on closing their eyes to Russia's preparation for war, because they are its agents hired to spread sedition and anarchy in the world. They are the enemies of peace.

The impression of our public about Communism is a false idea that it equalizes people's earnings and standard of living, by confiscating the wealth from the rich and distributing it among the poor. Those stupid and silly people who would believe this, and their faith is weak, started aspiring for the day on which Communism dominates their country, so that the luxury they dream about may become a reality. They thus would be blindly led behind this mirage. But many of these deceived people have realized the impossibility of what they were promised and this is why most of them were identified and put to trial.

Let the youth beware of those who preach sedition and anarchy. Let them have faith in their nationalism, and become a strong basis for the building of their dear homeland.

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Item 2, Baghdad Home Service, March 27, 1954.

It has been reported from Montreal that a group of former officers in the Intelligence services of the Allied countries have formed an international association to oppose and combat Communism with the same weapons it uses. This unofficial association is headed by a former British officer in the military and political intelligence service who has spent several years in Europe and Africa.

The head office of the association is in Montreal. There is only one list of names of the members. This list was deposited in one of the banks. The Canadian members carry identity cards which they swore not to produce except when they are in urgent need. The name of the association is "The Association for Combating Communism." It started its activities in opposing the Communist Party and Communist fronts in Canada nine months ago. There are more than 1,000 members in the organization. Its leader, who knows several languages, said at his first press conference that the association has three targets.

1. To acquaint the people with the facts of Communism.
2. To convince them that the main purpose of the Communists is to seize power in Canada, the United States, and other countries by force and violence.
3. To acquaint them with what is published in the newspapers which praises and publicizes Communism. He added that the Association has foiled several Communist meetings in Montreal without enabling them to know any of the Association's members. He went on to say that there are 95,000 Communists in Canada who receive their instructions from a man called "The Traveler" who recently emigrated to Canada from Europe. This "traveler" receives his orders directly from Moscow.

The leader of the Association has also said that there are tens of thousands of spies and informants who are well trained. Their object is to overthrow the Canadian Government. They do not hesitate to commit any act of sabotage and espionage since this leads Communist Russia to dominate the whole world.

This is a brief summary of the activities of the International Association which was formed to combat Communism, to avert its danger, and to acquaint the world with its activities which are aimed at destruction and devastation wherever it sets foot. We believe that it is good to set up similar associations in all parts of the world in order to acquaint the people with Communist activities and the crimes which it perpetrates against the nations and peoples and to work for their security, comfort, and stability.