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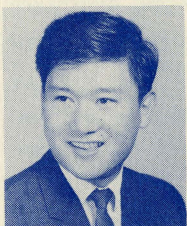
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## **SOUTH VIET NAM**



PHAM KHAC RAU, former Charge d'Affairs and Acting Ambassador of the South Vietnamese Embassy here, is a native of North Viet Nam. Driven out by the Communist advance, he has first hand knowledge of Communist guerrilla tactics and methods of seizing power both internal and external.

## **TIBET**



AHMADULLAH DONTO fled Communist Chinese occupation of Tibet. Served as interpreter at the H. H. Dalai Lama's office in New Delhi, India until 1963 when he came here. From 1955 to 1958, he was a student in Peking. Presently he is a student majoring in Foreign Service.

## **UKRAINE**

WALTER ANASTAS escaped from the Ukraine in 1944 when he was 14. His family lived under Soviet rule for the previous three years. He arrived in the U.S. in 1950, is presently a lawyer and professor of Law at William Mitchell College of Law in Minnesota.

OKSANE EUGENIA DRAGON, born in 1940, spent her early childhood with parents in war-torn Ukraine, followed by several years of living in displaced persons camps in Germany. She came to the U.S. in 1949, a naturalized citizen, who has attended U.S. high schools and colleges, she recently received her M.A. in History.

OLEH BULAWAKA, recent graduate in engineering from the University of Maryland, was born in Ukraine. Deported to Germany as a forced laborer, he attended third grade in German public schools before the family was admitted to the U.S. in 1950 under the Displaced Persons Resettlement Bill.

IVAN L. RUDNYTSKY, a student in Ukraine when the Communists took over in 1939, was forced to flee. Presently, a professor of history at LaSalle College in Philadelphia, he said, "A free discussion—like the one proposed under the program (ECR) would be altogether unthinkable under the Communist system, which requires complete intellectual conformity."

*Note:* Several additional young men, either born in the U.S. of Ukrainian parents or born in the Ukraine and wholly educated here, are available to take part in panels and discussions.

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## THE ALL AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

is a voluntary, nonpartisan conference of national organizations which provides a clearinghouse of information on Communist objectives, strategy and tactics, and furnishes counsel and assistance in efforts to combat Communism and other forms of totalitarianism. In addition to the Refugee Speakers Program Conference Activities include:

1. Publication of a monthly bulletin *Freedom's Facts*, which is available to officers of participating organizations, to members of Congress, and to individual subscribers. (Subscription: \$3.00 per year)
  2. National sponsorship of Know Your America Week—a program of positive Americanism which is observed in more than 5,000 communities coast to coast during Thanksgiving Week each year.
  3. Direction of the Vigilant Patriot Awards program to recognize outstanding service by news media and individuals in responsible education of the public relating to Communism and how to combat it.
  4. Exchange of information among officials of participating organizations and agencies of the Federal Government in the field of combatting Communism.
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## Introducing Some of the Speakers

### BULGARIA

ANASTASIA DIMITROVA, born in Sofia, in 1937, was separated from her parents when she was five. Raised in Bulgaria, she worked in a factory until able to rejoin her parents here in 1962. She is now a student at Georgetown University.

CHRISTO G. STOJANOFF, formerly a senior engineer in a testing laboratory in Bulgaria, has spent most of his experience behind the Iron Curtain as a student. In 1959, he went to Dresden, East Germany, to study for his Ph.D., and was able to move about most East European Satellite countries in pursuit of his avocation skiing. He crossed over to West Germany in 1962 just ahead of the Berlin Wall and is now employed at Columbia University.

### CHINA

K. CHOOK, born in Shanghai, escaped to Hong Kong and then to the U.S. in 1960. A student editor in his native country, then a translator of foreign dispatches for the Hong Kong Times. Now, at 27, he is a professor of philosophy at Jamestown College in North Dakota.

BERNARD YOH, born in Shanghai in 1921, and educated in schools there and in Hong Kong, joined the underground after the Japanese invasion of 1937. In W.W. II he directed guerrilla units in Shanghai-Henchow area, credited with saving many U.S. flyers. He has traveled extensively in every province of China. Left Canton ten days before it fell to Communists. He organized South Viet Nam's first successful anti-Communist guerrilla units in 1960-62.

### CUBA



ANTONIO CAMPINA was working his way through the University of Havana when Castro took over. He speaks first hand of the effects of Communism on students and upon the quality of life in Havana. Presently, completing his studies at Georgetown University, and working as an assistant at the Phillips Art Gallery in Washington.



ORLANDO CUERVO, served as sub-Secretary of Commerce under Fidel Castro when he was only 30. Offered the Secretaryship of Commerce, he declined and took asylum in Argentine Embassy. Served as Director of Communications for the Bay of Pigs Invasion. He was captured, spent 1½ years in prison. Presently he is serving

in the Organization of American States as a Technical Advisor.

JORGE I. DOMINGUEZ was 15 when he was exiled from Cuba. He can speak of the changes Castro's regime brought since he lived under it for 1½ years before the family came to U.S. in 1960. Now a Junior and a History major at Yale, he is active in campus and political activities.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA



MONIKA FLIDR, born in 1940, taught high school in Czechoslovakia until January 1965. When she and her mother got a tourist visa for a week's vacation in Vienna, Austria, they decided to stay in the free world. Young and enthusiastic, she is particularly aware of the failure of Communism to capture the interest and imagination of young people in Communist-run countries.

JOHN HVASTA, born in Czechoslovakia of U.S. parents, returned to his country of descent to further his studies under the G.I. Bill. As a student at the University of Bratislava in 1948 when the Communists took over, he was thrown into a political prison, escaped and lived two years in hiding before he got out of the country and returned to the U.S.

## HUNGARY

DESI KEGL-BOGNAR crossed the Austrian border after the Hungarian Revolution in 1956. A student and an artist in his home country, now a film maker, writer, and lecturer, has worked with student groups and travelled extensively in Europe, Africa, and South America in connection with his work.

JOSEPH KOVAGO was elected mayor of Budapest after World War II, but resigned when the Communists took over in 1947. He worked as a consulting engineer until sentenced to life imprisonment for his pro-Western ideals. He served 6½ years in jail and was released in 1956 during an amnesty for political prisoners. He then

took part in the Hungarian revolt and was re-elected mayor, just before the revolt failed. With his wife and daughter he escaped to Austria in 1957; and since 1960 has worked as mechanical engineer in the U.S.

JOZSEF TAKACS, a newspaper man in his native Hungary, fled after the 1956 Revolution. Presently a writer and broadcaster for Voice of America, Hungarian Service. He has also earned a M.A. in history here, and served as President of the Hungarian Students' Association.

## **ESTONIA**

AADU VOORAND, born in Berlin, fled with his family to the U.S. when he was five (1949). Although he has never seen his country of origin, he is in contact with it through regular correspondence with relatives, and has absorbed the experience of his parents. He is presently a student at Bob Jones University.

## **KOREA**

DONG HA CHO, a native of Seoul, experienced three months of Communist occupation during which time he traveled throughout Korea. Joined the U.N. Civil Assistance Command located in North Korea as an interpreter. Worked for National Assembly (Korean Congress) Committee for Foreign Relations. Presently official representative of the Freedom Center in Seoul, established in 1962 to train activists in combating Communist infiltration in grassroots democratic institutions throughout Asia.

## **LATVIA**

ERIK A. DUNDURS was a medical student at the University of Riga when he fled the invading Soviet Armies. Now a businessman in Minneapolis, he continues to serve as political writer for Latvian newspapers and is active in Captive Nations activities.

## **LITHUANIA**

ALFONS MILUKAS, born in Philadelphia in 1911, returned to Lithuania with his family when he was ten. Prominent in the development of the sugar beet industry in Lithuania, and later in the USSR. He was arrested and sentenced to 25 years in Siberia for refusal to renounce his U.S. citizenship. Released through the work of the State Department in 1956, he was not permitted to leave the country until 1965. He speaks first hand of experiences in prison camps and of business conditions under Soviet control.



ALGIRDAS LANDSBERGIS was a student in Lithuania when Communist terror forced him to flee in 1949. Presently he is an editor, writer, and speaker. A specialist in European and American literature, he has had teaching experience which dates back to 1946-48 when he taught in a Displaced Persons camp in Germany.

## POLAND

JAN HAJDUKIEWICZ was a teacher and translator in Poland. He was sent to Korea as a member of the Polish group of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Team. He arrived in the U.S. in 1953 and is presently studying at Columbia University for his Ph.D.

ADAM NIEBIESZLZANSKI escaped from Poland by skiing over the Alps in 1940. A lawyer in his native country, he has gone into office management since his arrival in the U.S. in 1945.

## RUSSIA



EUGENE ZUK moved to Poland in 1960 from the USSR where he was a student. The family entered the U.S. on immigrants visas. Presently, a student at the City College of New York, he is well acquainted with the effects of Communist educational institutions on young citizens, compared to those of free countries.

*Note:* Other speakers are available from Russia. If you are interested particularly in hearing refugees from this area of the world, please send us your request with details of the size and nature of your group.

## RUMANIA

JOHN CARJA, born in West Virginia and educated in Rumania. A former newspaper man in Rumania, he was arrested in 1949, spent five years in jail. Released in 1954, rearrested in 1959 apparently to prevent his repatriation to the U.S., released in 1964. He finally secured an exit visa in 1965.



BRUTUS COSTE has been in this country since 1947. He was a foreign service officer with the Rumanian government and is presently Secretary General for the Assembly of Captive European Nations. Highly educated and articulate, he has a vast background in the first hand information on Communist strategy and tactics of Eastern European satellite countries.



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## **THE PURPOSE**

The appearance of Communist speakers in increasing numbers on college and university campuses indicates a widespread intellectual ferment among students and their desire for first-hand information about Communism. The new speakers program of the All American Conference is designed to contribute to enlightenment in this vital area by providing speakers who have had direct personal experience with life in countries where Communists are putting their theories into practice. It is in the finest tradition of democratic education that students have an opportunity to learn all sides of controversial issues from a variety of reliable sources. The ECR Program—Education About Communism Through Refugees—is available to help to fill this vital need.

## **THE SPEAKERS**

ECR speakers are recent refugees or returnees from Communist-run countries. All are qualified to give eye-witness accounts of the nature and quality of life under Communist rule. Many can contrast this with life in the U.S., particularly in such areas as human freedom and individual rights. They can help fill in the information gap between what is learned through study and what is learned through personal experience.

From USSR, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, Hungary, Lithuania, China, South Viet Nam, Korea, more than 50 speakers are ready to appear before student audiences with a sincere desire to inform, answer questions, and engage in discussion.

The following pages introduce a few of the speakers available. Additional speakers are being added constantly. If areas of special interest are not covered in the following listings, please inquire.

## **OBTAINING SPEAKERS**

Arrangements may be made for individual speakers, for a panel of several speakers or for a speaker to serve as a member of a panel. Speakers are provided at no expense to the college, university or student group.

A short 14-minute briefing film on basic facts about Communism, introduced by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower also is available for showing in conjunction with the speakers.

To schedule speakers write directly to the All American Conference, 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

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