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YAF v. SACPEAF

To the Editor of the Gazette:
For some time now, our Committee has been concerned by the outlandish, unjudicious, and

irrational play on words by certain organizations that bill themselves as being "patriotic." These organizations are characterized by control from the top, exaggerated statements and the use of words without definitions. Another main characteristic of these hypocritical organizations is their lack of any recognizable logic in their public statements.

Over the past years we have taken great pride in the fact that our comrades, the Young Americans for Freedom, have been waging a battle against the Godless International Communist Conspiracy and Master Plan. However, recent actions on the part of their leaders have led us to question their sincerity, and lend some evidence to the possibility that they themselves may be dupes of the Moscow-Peking axis.

We refer, of course, to the recent endeavor by that great American company, Firestone Rubber, to sell, for profit (the cornerstone of the American capitalistic system), a rubber-processing plant to the Communist regime of Romania.

In doing so the company would have received excellent profits and ridded itself of second-rate, used equipment which in effect, would have been sabotage of the Romanian economy. This operation had the backing, not only of the State Department, but of the CIA. (We need not identify our source of information for any patriotic American knows a fact when he sees one.

In addition to this, a congressman, recently elected for his first term, whom we will not identify for security reasons,

also hinted at this fact in one of his speeches on the floor of the House, when he said: "There are those in this country who do not love the American flag as we do.")

However, the YAF Leaders, operating under the guise of "patriotism," sabotaged this effort, which was painstakingly prepared to strike a crippling blow to the Moscow Planners. Crumbling erasers, flaccid rubber bands, and leaky hoses would have soon plagued the Romanian economy.

In our educational program, we have tried to bring truth out of ignorance, light out of darkness. We have neither accused the YAF of being Communist, or even dupes of the Kremlin Planners. We know of many truly patriotic Americans in the YAF.

Yet, we feel that this grave error of judgement, on the part of the leadership of this once true and unquestionable organization must be brought to the public eye as it is, and to warn the general membership.

We know that the American people in their great wisdom and democratic knowledge will judge this case and return a true verdict.

It would be well if the YAF would refrain from trying to control American foreign policy, and restrict themselves to their traditional and noble activities of presenting American flags to high schools and Boy Scout troops.

Honest patriotism is an admirable virtue, but a malicious, unreasonable attack upon a company of the American profit system, which is attempting to fulfil the American dream of making money is unpatriotic.

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