Rockefeller Aids A Puzzling Book

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IT WOULD seem that the Rockefeller Foundation provided some money to Cornell University to make it possible for scholars to investigate the question of national security and its impact upon civil liberties.

The first book in the series produced by this Rockefeller money is entitled “Security, Loyalty, and Science,” by Walter Gellhorn, professor of law in Columbia University. So I bought the book and read it and came away from it wondering what the book tries to prove. It is a puzzle.

In the first place, I read the book after Dr. Klaus Fuchs was sent to jail for stealing the atom bomb; I read it after Harry Gold, Abraham Brothman, and Miriam Moskowitz were convicted. I read it after Alger Hiss was convicted. I read it during the Remington trial. Professor Gellhorn, of course, wrote the book after much of the data of these trials was available.

THAT IS why I cannot understand why the book was written, except that Professor Gellhorn himself had been troubled by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which reported:

“While there is no doubt that some of the individuals who sponsored and were associated with the Open Road (a left-wing travel bureau) were primarily interested in promoting the cultural effects of travel to other countries, there is ample evidence of infiltration of the organization by those who have been primarily interested in propaganda favorable to the Soviet Union and the Communist movement of which it is a symbol.

Illustrative of the second type of conscious propagandists who have unquestionably influenced the policies of the organization are such fellow-travelers as: Frederick V. Field, Mrs. Corliss Lamont, Joseph Barnes, Walter F. Gellhorn, Jerome Davis, Maurice Hindus, Joshua Kunitz, Maxwell S. Stewart, Colston E. Warne, and Goodwin Watson, all of whom have been affiliated with the Open Road.”