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"Republicans for Biden" Star Took China-paid Trip to Meet With Communist Intel-gathering Front

Talk about an elephant in a China shop.

A former congresswoman who has headlined fundraising events for Joe Biden under the "Republicans for Biden" banner is on the list of American politicians who participated in a <u>trip to Beijing</u> organized by a Chinese Communist Party (CCP) initiative — a trip in which participants met with a think tank that the U.S. government has identified as a "front" for the Chinese military.

The delegation of former members of the U.S. Congress was organized by the China-United States Exchange

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Foundation (CUSEF), a group funded by the Chinese Communist Party and founded by Tung Chee Hwa.

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Tung, CUSEF's chairman, also serves as vice-chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), which the U.S.-China Security and Economic Review Commission, a congressional commission, has identified as a key component of the Chinese Communist Party's United Work Front effort "to co-opt and neutralize sources of potential opposition to the policies and authority of its ruling Chinese Communist Party."

"The United Front strategy uses a range of methods to influence overseas Chinese communities, foreign governments, and other actors to take actions or adopt positions supportive of Beijing's preferred policies," reads a report by the commission, which also notes that Tung's CPPCC is the "highest-ranking entity overseeing the United Front system" whereby "military and civilian officials coordinate foreign influence operations."

Moreover, during its visit to Beijing, the delegation met with the chairman of the Chinese Communist Party's Foreign Affairs Committee and the leader of the China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC), along with various other high-level CCP officials in order to <u>talk about</u> "approaches to promote the exchanges and cooperation between China and America."

During their stay, the former American lawmakers attended CAIFC meetings at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse — a diplomatic complex used by the Chinese Communist Party for official state visits.

According to the U.S. government, CAIFC is a key component in China's "United Work Front" and "a front for the former [People's Liberation Army General Political Department] which may now report directly to the PLA Central Military Commission's Political Work Department."

"CAIFC has additional ties to the Ministries of State Security, Civil Affairs, and Foreign Affairs, and it is a platform for deploying undercover intelligence gatherers," the U.S.-China Security and Economic Review Commission writes.

In view of that, Americans would think that their country's political leaders would be combating such an organization, not meeting amicably with it. Yet a number of former members of congress had no qualms about meeting with Chinese communist front groups.

Among these politicians was Constance Morella (shown), a former member of Congress from Maryland who has served on various forums and academic positions and who was appointed to the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) by President Barack Obama in 2010.

Although Morella is a Republican (one of two Republicans on the five-person CUSEF delegation that met with CAIFC), she supported Hillary Clinton in 2016 and Joe Biden in 2020, holding fundraisers on behalf of Biden as part of the "Republicans for Biden" group.

"I just don't hold [Trump] in the highest regard with regard to integrity," Morella said of the president.

In 2016, Morella <u>participated in</u> a pro-CCP policy event alongside Chinese Communist Party representatives in Washington, D.C., delivering remarks before keynote speaker Liu Mingkang, a member of the 17th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

It isn't just politicians who are in bed with communist China. As TNA writer Alex Newman <u>notes</u>, CUSEF also grooms journalists at top American outlets and flies them out to China to be wined and dined:

Writes Newman:

A related scandal involving Communist Chinese propaganda and establishment media outlets in the United States is also brewing. Last June, CCP mouthpiece *China Daily* filed a disclosure with the U.S. Department of Justice admitting that it had paid \$19 million U.S. dollars to top American "news" organizations. That includes about \$12 million to leading newspapers that serve as mouthpieces for

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the globalist establishment and now, Communist China, such as the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and the Washington Post.

The *China Daily* paper, a wholly owned propaganda mouthpiece for the murderous regime in Beijing, paid U.S. media outlets some \$2 million just in 2020 to promote CCP talking points. It paid almost \$20 million throughout the Trump administration's term in office so far, revealed official disclosures filed with U.S. authorities and required by federal law. Other newspapers listed as being on Beijing's payroll include the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *Boston Globe*, *Seattle Times*, *Houston Chronicle*, and *Foreign Policy*.

Sadly, China's infiltration into America's way of life goes deeper than many could have imagined. Rooting out the CCP may well require tearing down much of the existing political order — which wouldn't necessarily be a bad thing.