

Hollywood in Washington

The first two days of testimony upon Communism in Hollywood before the House Un-American Activities Committee have produced exactly what was expected of them: an abundance of unsubstantiated charges, some dizzying new definitions of Communism and a satisfactory collection of clippings for Mr. J. Parnell Thomas's scrapbook. A good many citizens of Hollywood have been called Communists, to the evident delight of Mr. Thomas and his witnesses. One man has already been thrown bodily from the hearing room, and Mr. Bartley Crum escaped the same fate only because he was able to swallow his sense of indignity just before Mr. Thomas struck.

There are, without doubt, circumstances under which such an investigation as this one would be proper. If the moving pictures were undermining the American form of government and menacing it by their content, it might become the duty of Congress to ferret out the responsible persons. But clearly this is not the case—not even the committee's own witnesses are willing to make so fantastic a charge. And since no such danger exists, the beliefs of men and women who write for the screen are, like the beliefs of any ordinary men and women, nobody's business but their own, as the Bill of Rights mentions. Neither Mr. Thomas nor the Congress in which he sits is empowered to dictate what Americans shall think.

Some attempt was made to show that Communism was being permitted to creep into films, but in each case the attempt dissolved into the ludicrous. Mr. John Moffit, for example, cited as an example of the party line a scene in which a banker is portrayed as an unsympathetic man—a typical Hollywood stereotype that has been written into moving pictures since long before any Communist menace was noticed on the west coast. Mr. Moffit also firmly assured the committee that forty-four of a hundred Broadway plays constituted Communist propaganda, without mentioning how the fact has so far escaped the notice of Broadway.

No doubt the revue is still only in its preliminary scenes, and Mr. Thomas has a good many more acts to trot out before he rings down the curtain. To date he has brought forth nothing to make the whole affair seem anything more than an attempt to seek personal aggrandizement on the taxpayer's funds. Not Hollywood but the taxpayer's funds. Not Hollywood but Congress is being investigated here, and once again the testimony indicates that the system of Congressional investigating committees needs overhauling. The entire process, in which a committee chairman is allowed unlimited freedom and his targets must remain simply targets, is inherently offensive and should be changed to bring some degree of equity into the proceedings.

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WHO'S Un-American?

We, the undersigned, as American citizens who believe in constitutional democratic government, are disgusted and outraged by the continuing attempts of the House Un-American Activities Committee to smear the motion picture industry and Broadway.

We hold that these hearings are morally wrong because: Any investigation into the political beliefs of the individual is contrary to the basic principles of our democracy. Any attempts to curb freedom of expression, and to set arbitrary standards of Americanism, are in themselves disloyal to both the spirit and the letter of our Constitution.

Signed by

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This is what PAUL V. McNUTT says, in part:

"It became perfectly apparent, during the chairman's questioning of Mr. McGuinness, that the purpose was to try to dictate and control, through the device of the hearings, what goes on the screen of America.

"This is no concern of any Congressional committee. It is the concern solely of those who produce motion pictures.

"We shall fight to continue a free screen in America."

The Citizen Before Congress

Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, has sent the following letter to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate, and the Majority and Minority leaders of the Senate and the House

THE purpose of this letter is to suggest that the time has come for the Congress to overhaul its procedure in committee investigations to clarify and make secure the rights of individual citizens.

In my opinion, the broad power of the Congress to investigate is among the great sentinels of the public welfare. In no other way can corruption be so effectively exposed or facts so adequately marshaled as a basis for needful legislation. No thinking person would question the right of the Congress to investigate.

I merely raise here the serious question of evils inherent in the existing procedure of investigating committees. The procedure lacks uniformity; it has developed more or less haphazardly. It can and sometimes does deny the individual his full measure of citizenship rights.

Too often, individuals and institutions have been condemned without a hearing or a chance to speak in self-defense; slandered and libeled by hostile witnesses not subject to cross-examination and immune from subsequent suit or prosecution. Legal counsel cannot be heard except at the committee's pleasure. Too often this protection is limited to advice on constitutional rights. The committee can accept or reject explanatory statements for the record.

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Today, the motion picture industry, a part of which I represent, is under investigation by the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives. Its procedure, good and bad, is the common practice of all investigating committees. The present investigation serves to emphasize my thinking on the need for reform.

I am thoroughly aware that a Congressional investigation is a fact-finding inquiry and not a trial; that a committee is neither a

prosecutor nor a court; that it neither indicts nor convicts. But in practice, the committee becomes prosecutor, judge, and jury, and the individual becomes the defendant.

With no vested right to be heard and no vested right to challenge accusations against him, the innocent citizen is helpless. He can be indicted and convicted in the public mind on the unchallenged say-so of a witness who may be completely sincere, but can be either misinformed or riddled with prejudice. Without fear of reprisal, a prejudiced witness can exercise venom as well as veracity.

The time to challenge an attack or a misrepresentation is at the hour it is made. The longer the delay, the greater the damage.

In America, we hold that the individual is a higher power than the state which derives from him its own authority and must treat him accordingly. The sovereign rights and dignity of the individual supersede all else. There is no place in our society for any procedure or practice which cuts away part of those rights. There can be no such thing in America as a half-citizen.

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One of the most precious heritages of our civilization is the concept that a man is innocent until he is proved guilty. This concept is so dear to us that we say it is better for twelve guilty men to escape than for one innocent man to suffer.

This is in direct contradiction to the practice of the police state. In Russia, the state has all the rights, and the individual has none. There a man is guilty until he proves his innocence, and too often innocent men are condemned before a guilty one is found.

We surround our defendants in courts of law with a multitude of protective devices. To name but a few—

We assign them counsel when they cannot themselves afford it; they have the right of cross-examination; prospective jurors can be challenged; and the judge himself can be disqualified on grounds of prejudice.

These protections and safeguards are denied or short-circuited in Congressional inquiries.

I do not suggest that investigating committees adopt and pursue the procedure of the courts. We cannot expect the identical procedure of a court of law and accomplish the purpose of a Congressional investigation.

I am suggesting only that there are too many weaknesses and evils in present procedure. I am proposing a fresh look as a basis for reform. Besides the right of the individual, there is another vital factor. Whenever a Congressional committee in its effort to expose or develop facts has injured an innocent individual, it has injured itself more. The entire institution of the Congress suffers. We arm the advocates of paternalism and the police state and undermine the legislative system.

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Congress, the representative body of the people, must be scrupulous in its relationship with the people, and as an institution must be at all times above reproach.

Today, the individual is crushed in many lands. The eyes of the people of the world who want liberty and freedom look to America as the last hope and the last refuge of free and dignified men.

Congress must take positive action to re-emphasize the rights of man, the citizen.

I earnestly appeal to you to initiate this needed reform at the next session of the Congress.



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Editors Attack Press 'Gag' on Loyalty Checks

Directors of Society Say Agency Directives Bar Reports on Individuals

CLEVELAND, Oct. 26 (AP).—Directors of the American Society of Newspaper Editors today denounced an attempt to implement the President's loyalty order of last March with directives which the editors said would "place even the ordinary affairs of Federal civilian agencies beyond public scrutiny."

Concluding a two-day meeting, the directors adopted a resolution opposing security regulations prepared by the Security Advisory Board of the State, Army and Navy Department Co-ordinating Committee.

These regulations, the resolution said, already are embodied in a directive for guidance of the Veterans Administration and that directive "evidently is a pattern for directives to be issued to other Federal agencies."

The resolution said the V. A. directive "classifies as confidential all information the unauthorized disclosure of which, although not endangering the national security, would be prejudicial to the interests or prestige of the nation, any governmental activity or an individual, or would cause administrative embarrassment or difficulty."

"The broad nature of this language could be used to deprive the public of information to which it is entitled. While the announced purpose of the President's loyalty order is to protect the nation in the difficult international situation which now exists, the V. A. directive classes as confidential information which does not affect the national security."

Without questioning the purpose of the President's loyalty order, the board said it felt the committee implementing the order had gone "far beyond any reasonable exercise of its authority" and urged the President "to nullify the V. A. gag rule and to strike any such rule out of the regulations for other departments."

"Congress even in war time refused to adopt a similar proposal," the resolution declared, and maintained that under the directive "any administrative officer could shield himself from public scrutiny or criticism by simply labeling the information confidential."

"If the V. A. gag rule is made effective, no person in government could be held to the press without reprisals from the resolution of the board."

The board met in Cleveland for the first time in tribute to the society's president, N. E. Howard, editor of "The Cleveland News," to discuss plans for the annual meeting of the A. S. N. E. in Washington next April.

The directors elected to A. S. N. E. membership under the distinguished service to journalism clause in the society's constitution, Roscoe Drummond, Washington correspondent of "The Christian Science Monitor"; Arthur Krock, "New York Times" Washington correspondent, and Walter Lippman, special writer for the New York Herald Tribune.

U.S. Releases Nazis For German Trials

Thyssen, Messerschmitt May Be in Later Group

NUERNBERG, Oct. 27 (Monday) (AP).—American war crimes courts, preparing to complete work in Germany early next year, have begun to release prisoners for trial by their own countrymen.

Brigadier General Telford Taylor, chief prosecutor, announced today that the first group of thirty Germans, implicated in evidence introduced at the trials of other persons here, has been turned over to German custody for prosecution in either criminal or de-Nazification courts.

Eventually American authorities expect to release hundreds of Germans in this category. They include Fritz Thyssen, an industrialist too ill to be tried now, and Willy Messerschmitt, airplane manufacturer, against whom a specific case never materialized.

A special staff headed by James E. Heath, of Norfolk, Va., has been set up to handle release of the prisoners. Six German state

Movie Players Off to Attend Hearing in Washington



Among those who flew from Hollywood yesterday to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities were, left to right: June Havoc, Marsha Hunt, Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Evelyn Keyes and Paul Henreid. In rear left is Danny Kaye. They are receiving tickets from Barbara Hughes

Reds in Manchuria Reported Set Back

Peiping Says Communists Had 17,000 Casualties

PEIPING, Oct. 26 (AP).—Government forces claimed victory today in the first-round battle for the big Manchurian power plant of Hsiao-fengman, reporting that the attacking Communists had retired to the hills after suffering heavy casualties.

The government Central News agency said the Communists had lost 7,000 killed and 10,000 wounded or captured in their week-long drive on Kirin before they withdrew and shifted the assault to Hsiao-fengman. It added that 20,000 Communists were still grouped around Kirin.

Pro-government press correspondents reported a steady stream of well-equipped government reinforcements was arriving by air at Changchun, the Manchurian capital, and that another force was marching there from Sze-ping-kai, 70 miles to the southwest.

[Nanking reported that the north bank of the Yangtze river had been cleared of General Liu Po-cheng's Communist raiders after a three-day campaign by the army.]

Adultery, Lese Majesty Ended in Japanese Law

TOKYO, Oct. 26 (UP).—Premier Tetsu Katayama today made public the revised Japanese criminal code, which abolishes adultery and lese majesty as criminal offenses.

Under the previous Japanese law, adultery could be charged only against women. It was removed from the books in the interest of "equality" as promised by the new constitution.

"Adultery remains a moral crime and will be socially condemnable," Mr. Katayama said.

He added that abolition of lese-majesty had nothing to do with the Emperor system itself. He expressed belief that the "nation's respect and love for the Emperor will not be affected by it."

Movie Protest

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attempt to censor the motion picture screen as a medium of free expression."

The committee emphasized that it represents no political group or party, no motion picture company as such, or "any witnesses who have appeared or are yet to appear before the House Committee on un-American activities."

Their sentiments were echoed to some extent by Paul V. McNutt, former government official and now special counsel for the Motion Picture Association of America and the Association of Motion Picture Producers.

He protested in a letter to Representative J. Parnell Thomas, Republican, of New Jersey, chairman of the committee, that the committee has given wide publicity to "generalized statements unsupported by evidence" that Communist propaganda has been injected into many Hollywood films produced during the last eight years.

He demanded that the committee list the pictures by name, produce the evidence of "propaganda," and give producers a chance to refute the charges publicly or fulfill its "obligation to abolish the industry."

Mr. McNutt renewed his offer to exhibit publicly any and all pictures suspected by the committee so the American people themselves can "be the judge."

The Hollywood group left there at 7:45 a. m., Pacific time, in a chartered plane.

"Everyone wanted to go, but we had to limit to because of the size of the plane," Mr. Bogart said.

The girls were in mink and the men in overcoats when they took off. Dancer Gene Kelly had his recently injured foot in a new cast for the trip.

Mr. Bogart said they all met in a restaurant to discuss plans last night, and nobody got more than two hours' sleep.

British Jibe at Inquiry LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP).—British newspapers commented caustically today on the American House Committee on Un-American Activities and its Hollywood inquiry, which has been page 1 news in Britain.

Newspapers of the left, center and right alike used such terms as "Hollywood witch hunt," "nauseating spectacle" and "antics of a circus load of film stars."

"The Sunday Observer," independent Conservative said:

"The present Red scare in America is no doubt stimulated by the Canadian spy revelations and the consequent fear that atom secrets might be stolen, but it would be a poor bargain to keep the atom secrets and lose the freedoms which are the secret of America's greatness."

The left-of-center "Reynolds News" said the "atmosphere of America was such that 'it takes courage even to express the most liberal ideas.'"

The Conservative "Sunday Chronicle's" Washington correspondent, Clifford Hulme, cabled of the investigation's subjects "In some of them the pink is so pale they would barely qualify for membership in the (British) National Liberal Club, while the Conservative party's industrial charter would scare them stiff."

"The Spectator," Conservative weekly, said the state cannot impose restraint upon art "as in Russia, without making both state and art look ridiculous."

Reds in Russia Told to Follow Comintern Line

Popov Exhorts Party, Says a Stronger Military Will Extend Russia's Authority

By Joseph Newman

From the Herald Tribune Bureau

MOSCOW, Oct. 26.—G. M. Popov, secretary of the Moscow Committee of the Communist party, called on Communist organizations yesterday to intensify their activity and the "ideological education" of the Soviet people on the basis of the decisions made at the founding meeting in Poland of the new international organization of Communist parties from nine European nations.

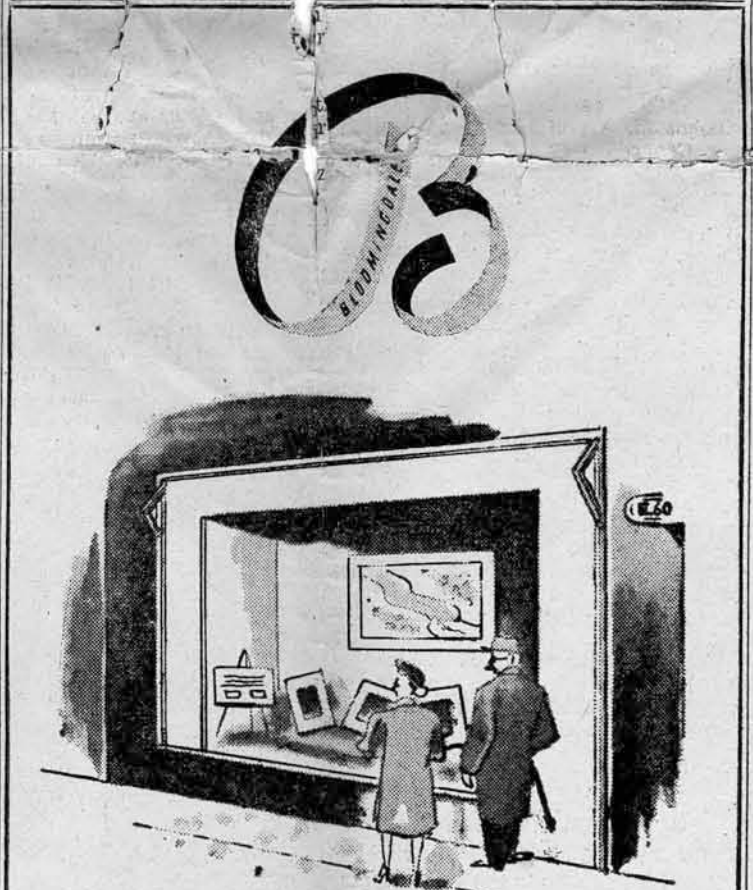
Addressing a meeting of 2,000 active party workers, Mr. Popov also declared that strengthening the "economic and military might of the Soviet Union" would be the principal guaranty of the security of Russia and the extension of its international authority.

The Moscow party leader said it was necessary to elucidate to all members of the Russian Communist party and candidates for membership, as well as to all workers in this city, the "outstanding important political significance" of the decisions made last month at the meeting in Poland.

He called for meetings by primary and secondary party organizations to sponsor lectures, reports and discussions on the international situation. These lectures and reports, he said, "must bear an offensive character and instill in the Soviet people boldness and confidence."

Mr. Popov asserted there should be daily education of the Soviet intelligentsia "in the spirit of Soviet patriotism and devotion to the interests of the Soviet Socialist state." He urged party activists to emphasize Prime Minister Stalin's words: "The last Soviet citizen free from the chains of capitalism stands a head higher than any high foreign official dragging on his shoulders the yoke of capitalist slavery."

Mr. Popov reviewed the principal points of the nine-party declaration and the speech made at the founding meeting by Andrei A. Zhdanov, secretary of the Central committee of the Communist party, on which it was based. He repeated charges of "imperialism" against the United States and of the weakness in the "imperialistic camp" arising from "serious internal contradictions."

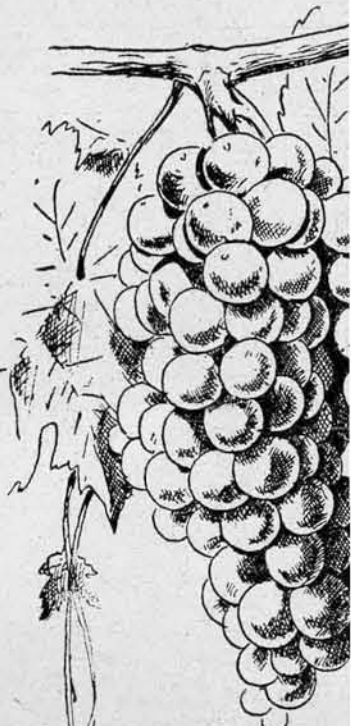


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American Nautical Cadets



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WE LAID a of the Macy the Cote d'O

The Taster most valuable Here you see with its nobl Cote d'Or! ... warmed Wine of the

"What do you Before you do whipped out us. "Soup you blithering that's got ex you do eat a son—if yo a tax refund gundy, man

"And the from behind 7th Avenue. "Chablis and gether! Th separated. I pass a law." ing this great sir—some sp

"We have s Taster. "Sel Burgundies wines of the



Keep P.R. Week Opened; 1,000 Talks Planned

Kaplan Predicts Victory by
250,000; Opponents
to Hold Press Forum

This week has been designated
Keep P. R. Week by all the forces
supporting the proportional repre-
sentation method of electing City
Councilmen.

In announcing the plan yester-
day, Richard S. Childs, chairman
of the Keep Proportional Repre-
sentation Committee, and former
Assemblyman John J. Lamula, its
campaign manager, said: "A sur-
vey by our committee of the ac-
tivities planned by all the pro-P. R.
forces indicates that they will
reach more voters than have ever
been reached on any single issue in
the political history of Greater
New York."

See Victory of 250,000
Gabriel L. Kaplan, former
chairman of the law committee of
the New York County Republican
Committee, decided the claim of
George F. Mand, head of the City
Proportional Representation, that
P. R. would be repealed by a ma-
jority of at least 250,000 votes on
November 4.

"We will win by a majority of
at least 250,000 votes despite the
combined opposition of both the
Republican and Democratic ma-
chines with their 18,000 party
workers," asserted Mr. Kaplan.
The activities of the American
Labor and Liberal parties and
other pro-P. R. groups during this
week include the distribution of
7,000,000 pieces of campaign lit-
erature, about 1,000 public meet-
ings and scores of radio broad-
casts have been planned as well
as thousands of shop meetings and
sound truck caravans.

P. R. opponents will hold a press
forum at 2 p. m. today at the Gov-
ernor Clinton Hotel, with Paul
Commissioner Robert Moses as the
principal proponent of a return to
the district method of election
councilmen.

Poster Vandalism Charged
Mr. Mand, who will preside at
the forum, said that 25,000 posters
and many billboards urging P. R.
repeal have been "ripped, smeared
and destroyed," and that in sec-
tions where the Communist vote
is heavy, "few posters remain from
which the word Communist has
not been deleted or smeared." He
said such activity was particularly
heavy in the Bronx and in the
Brownsville section of Brooklyn.

Members of the American Legion
and the Veterans of Foreign Wars,
whose county organizations have
unanimously endorsed repeal of
P. R., have volunteered to patrol
P. R. posters in the affected areas,
according to Mr. Mand.

Mr. Mand, former adminis-
trator of the U. N., is a
member of the Democratic party
for many years, said he had no use
for Communism or others who
would substitute a totalitarian
system and added:
"That is why I think the propa-
ganda of the forces for repeal of
P. R. are so dangerous. They are
playing directly into the hands of
the Communists by bedeviling and
confusing this issue. Is it not ab-
surd to characterize as Communism
a system of voting which was origi-
nally developed by an English-
man about 100 years ago? Is it not
bedeviling the issue to brand as
Communism a system that has
been used continuously in Erie
since 1937?"

Arthur Schuster, state executive
secretary of the American Labor
party, challenged Mr. Mand to
answer three questions, which may
be thus summarized: Did not
Mand abolish proportional repre-
sentation as one of his first acts
after coming to power? Has not P. R.
been used in thirty-nine counties
in Germany since Hitler's defeat
as the most effective means of
restoring democratic elections? Did
not the late Fulvio H. La Guardia
describe P. R. as distinctly in keep-
ing with the American philosophy
of government and its repeal as
costly and dangerous to the effi-
cient administration of the city?
In a letter to Samuel Seabury,
honorary chairman of the Keep
P. R. Committee, declining his in-
vitation to serve on the commit-
tee, Louis Waldman, sometime
candidate for Governor on the
Socialist ticket, and an original
supporter of P. R., characterized
it as "New York's greatest gift to
the Communists."

Dewey Reports

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panion. These latest figures re-
flect increasing faith by industry
in the fundamental soundness of
the State of New York as an ideal
place in which to conduct a busi-
ness.

He added that it was "a re-
markable tribute to the forward-
looking and progressive leadership
in the New York Legislature which
has placed on the statute books of
our state liberal laws for the good
of all our people." He said New
York was "now a healthy place
for business," and he congratu-
lated industry and labor "for the
great strides they have made in
placing our state in the forefront
of business expansion in the
country."

Mr. Dewey also congratulated
the Department of Commerce for
its "splendid job" of calling the
attention of business men through-
out the country to the advantages
of doing business in New York.
The three \$20,000,000 projects
listed were an expansion of the
Brookhaven National Laboratory
at Brookhaven, L. I. and plant
expansions of the General Electric
Company in Schenectady County.
General Electric also has a \$15,
000,000 expansion project at Syra-

THE AIR WORLD

By GILL ROBB WILSON

People Urged to Do Their Bit for Security

Premier Stalin works deliber-
ately at international confusion to
assure the continuous exhaustion
of American resources. Because
Americans are decent and humani-
tarian by nature, we have to play
Stalin's game in respect to aid for
starving and miserable people
everywhere. In one way or an-
other, the great Russian politi-
cian accordingly has the United
States behind the eight ball in
China, the Near East and the
Balkans.

The only way known to the
writer to preserve both our cher-
ished love of humanitarianism and our
physical and economic security, is
to concentrate upon the one fac-
tor which, in his lifetime, Mr.
Stalin knows to be his imperor-
able problem—American air power.

Can't Throw World to Dogs
The United States would not be
the same United States for which
most of us would die if our foreign
policy became one of nonchalance
for the suffering of other peoples.
Patently we could not, with any
sense of self-respect, throw the
world to the dogs.

We must concentrate then on
such type of security as is com-
patible with our role of good
samaritan. This will cause heart-
burning in many quarters and
among some to whom the nation
owes both a great gratitude and a
great affection. Yet it must be
done, since the future of the na-
tion and the world well may hang
in the balance.

In all probability the national
security budget will run some-
where around ten to eleven bil-
lions of dollars. Certainly we can-
not have an extensive Army and
Navy and Air Force for any such
sum. And since the Air Force is
the key, the inference is that Army
and Navy must make sacrifices in
behalf of the alar service.

In some degree, of course, this
is true, but the writer believes the
United States can have both a
stronger Army and Navy, as well
as a great Air Force, if the Ameri-
can people will co-operate to that
end.

First Army, Navy and Air Force
should be freed from political

P.C.A. Asks End Of Committee On Red Activity

Pepper Applauds Demand
as Conference Closes;
"Loyalty Order" Decried

Abolition of the House Com-
mittee on Un-American Activities and
revocation of President Truman's
"loyalty order" were demanded
yesterday as the Progressive City-
zens' Conference on "Cultural Free-
dom and Civil Liberties" at the
Hotel Commodore.

Senator Claude Pepper, Demo-
crat of Florida, was the principal
speaker at the closing session, at
which 1,200 conferees adopted by
acclamation nine general resolu-
tions and thirty other resolutions
drafted by special panels of the
conference.

Senator Pepper, whose address
was broadcast over WMCA, in-
dorsed the resolutions as "heart-
ening" and declared, "The crypto-
fascists may as well know that the
people of America throw down be-
fore their evil feet the gauntlet of
defiance."

Likening the conference to the
Battle of Stalingrad, he said, "The
American people have reached the
point from which they will retreat
no longer." He said that the in-
vestigation into Hollywood Com-
munism that is being conducted
by the committee headed by Rep-
resentative J. Parnell Thomas,
Republican of New Jersey, consti-
tuted an attack against all Ameri-
cans.

He said it was the responsibility
of "intellectual leaders" such as
those assembled before him to
"assume the task of stirring
others' less articulate to a realiza-
tion that 'the democracy which is
their inestimable heritage is under
attack.'"

Senator Pepper insisted that
the ballot box will prove a
potent weapon and urged voters
to "turn the rascals out and re-
dedicate our country to a militant
democracy."

The draft of the resolution de-
manding abolition of the Thomas
committee described that group as
"a brazen violation of the First

amendment" and asserted that the
committee is "seeking to divide
and confuse the American people,
to saddle them with a reactionary
conformity that is the very an-
tithesis of American aspiration."

Conferees were advised to call
upon their representatives in Con-
gress to support House Resolution
No. 44, which provides for aboli-
tion of the committee.

In attacking the "loyalty order,"
the P. C. A. resolution said it was
"a serious violation of the basic
rights of 2,500,000 government em-
ployees and a threat to all Ameri-
cans" and asked President Tru-
man to revoke the executive order
in which it is embodied.

Other general resolutions sup-
ported the right of every Ameri-
can "to join any legal American
party, whether it be Republican,
Communist, Socialist or Demo-
cratic," condemned the Thomas
committee's "attack on the Ameri-
can motion picture industry," de-
manded repeal of local "loyalty
acts," condemned all forms of
discrimination; urged the State
Department "to cease its inter-
ference in the free exchange of ideas,
art and science," demanded repeal
of the Taft-Hartley law; and called
for "clarification of secrecy
regulations imposed upon scienti-
sts."

After the resolutions had been
acclaimed Dr. Harlow Shapley,
director of the Harvard Observa-
tory, who was chairman, told the
conferees, "Please remember when
you get home that there is a real
job to be done if we are to stop
the growth of Fascism in this
post-war era."

Yugoslav Sentenced to Die
He Is Condemned as a "Killer, Spy,
Bandit and Plunderer"

BELOGRADE, Oct. 26 (AP).—Be-
lograde newspapers said today a
county court at Ljubljana had
sentenced Frane Ahichich to
death by hanging after he had
been found guilty of being a
"killer, spy, bandit and plunderer."

These accounts said Ahichich
was charged with giving military
information to the British intelli-
gence in Austria, killing two Yugo-
slav officers and robbing govern-
ment institutions of considerable
sums of money.

He was brought to trial with
fifteen accomplices. Twelve were
sentenced to from one to five years
and three were freed.

Pro-Red Wing Seizes Polish Peasant Party

Takes Over Headquarters
and Paper to Tell About
'Escape' of Mikolajczyk

WARSAW, Oct. 26 (UP).—The
pro-Communist wing of the Polish
Peasant party (P. S. L.) seized
party headquarters today and took
over the party newspaper, follow-
ing official announcement last
night of the flight of Stanislaw
Mikolajczyk, P. S. L. leader, which
left the party and Poland with
no major force of Communism.

While Warsaw speculated on
the whereabouts of Mr. Mikolaj-
czyk, his secretary, two aides and
their wives, the party paper "Ga-
zeta Ludowa" appeared on the
streets just before noon with a
three-column headline story an-
nouncing the "escape." Supporters
of Mr. Mikolajczyk reported that
the Left-Wingers first prevented
regular publication of today's edi-
tions, then remade the front page
and brought it out themselves.

Most informed observers here
were certain that Mikolajczyk and
his associates had left the country
with the knowledge of the Com-
munist-dominated government.
These observers believed that the
Russian-sponsored government
had sidestepped the risk of foreign
reaction to arresting Mr. Mikolaj-
czyk by permitting the opposition
leader to go into exile and
eliminate himself.

Assailed by Own Party
The P. S. L. leader, a close
friend of the Western democracies
and an outspoken critic of the
strong Russian influence in the
Polish regime, had been under fire
even within his own party. Dis-
sent elements, led by the faction
which took control today, had ac-
cused him of being "reactionary,"
and on Sept. 5 at the P. S. L. con-
gress, had spoken for his removal.

Mr. Mikolajczyk recently said
he expected to be arrested. Early
this month Vice-Premier Wladislaw
omulka, Communist, had
charged him with maintaining
connections with "international
reactionaries" and co-operation
with the "Fascist underground."

There had been no open moves
against the Peasant party leader.
Ten days ago, however, the party's
committee in five towns had dis-
banded because the recent trial of
underground leaders at Krakow
had shown that Mikolajczyk al-
legedly had "collaborated with
underground organizations and
foreign spies."

The flight was announced to-
day by the Left-Wing Peasant
leaders, Stanislaw Bakczyk and
Stanislaw Wojcik. They said M.
Mikolajczyk had been accom-
panied by his secretary, Maria
Hulewiczowa, party treasurer,
Wojcik's wife and party leader
Stefan Korboniak, and the wives
of the latter two.

With Mr. Mikolajczyk out of the
way, the government bloc is now
expected to absorb all remaining
opposition parties. In the Janu-
ary national election the gov-
ernment front won 383 of 444
Parliamentary seats. The agrari-
ans got twenty-seven.

Mr. Mikolajczyk called the elec-
tion a fraud, as did American
Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane. In
a fair vote, the Peasant party
leader said he would have won 75
per cent of the total.

Expected in London
WARSAW, Oct. 26 (AP).—There
was speculation here today that
Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, whose own
newspaper announced he had "fled
abroad," might be in the American
zone of Germany, Czechoslovakia
or even London.

[Polish sources in the British
capital suggested that Mr. Mikolaj-
czyk might go to the United
States to rally public opinion
against the present Polish govern-
ment. While professing to know
nothing of his movements, the
sources said Mr. Mikolajczyk also
could be expected to stop in Lon-
don en route to America to see his
wife and son, Marjan, who have
lived in Great Britain since he
headed the Polish government-in-
exile in London during the war.]

A British Foreign Office spokes-
man, asked if Britain would ap-
prove a visa for the Polish op-
position leader, replied: "I don't see

any reason why it should not."

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fifteen accomplices. Twelve were
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and three were freed.

Some of the largest expansion
projects in other parts of the
state include: Eastman Kodak
Company, Rochester; Central New
York Power Corporation, Oswego,
and New York Power and Light
Corporation, Hudson Falls, \$10,
000,000 each; Trico Products Cor-
poration, Buffalo, \$8,500,000; Car-
rier Corporation, Syracuse, \$8,000,
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Mexico-War Widows Still Getting U. S. Aid

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP).—
The Veterans Administration
said today that although all the
veterans of the war with Mexi-
co have long since died, it is
still paying death compensation to
forty-five widows and the
child of a forty-sixth veteran.
The Mexican War ended nine-
ty-nine years ago.

The agency also pays pen-
sions to eighty-four Civil War
veterans and death compensa-
tion to the 16,398 widows and
1,576 children of 18,066 de-
ceased veterans, the report said.

Why not. He is a perfectly respect-
able citizen."

The government ordered an in-
vestigation as soon as Mr. Miko-
lajczyk's disappearance was re-
ported. Subsequently an informed
source said the investigation had
been fruitless and that apparently
the forty-five-year-old opposition
leader had got well beyond Pol-
and's frontier. A government
spokesman declined comment.

Little Rags Taken

One element of mystery re-
mained. A check at the Miko-
lajczyk apartment here showed
that his office and personal effects
had not been removed. His house-
keeper reported that he had taken
with him on Monday night only
what would be required for an au-
tomobile trip to Poznan.

Mr. Mikolajczyk, it was said,
announced at that time that he
was going to Poznan to visit his
mother, who is ill. His home there
reported today that he had never
arrived.

In giving the news of Mr. Miko-
lajczyk's flight, Left-Wing Peasant
publishers said he had "shame-
lessly and mysteriously" left Pol-
and after attempting to retain his
party leadership through
"terrorization" of executive com-
mittee members. They said he had
decided to quit and that "only the
underground remained faithful to
him on orders from abroad."

It Polish Peasant party head-
quarters here there was gloom and
depression over Mr. Mikolajczyk's
departure. One source said: "This
is the end of all opposition to the
government."

More Romanians Flee

ISPAHUL, Oct. 26 (AP).—Re-
liable but unofficial sources said
today fourteen Romanian refu-
gees arrived in a single-engine air-
plane at Istanbul Airport yester-
day, bringing to nearly seventy
the number of persons who have
fled from Romania, in the Russian
zone, to Turkey since June.

Reactionary Methods

Found Alienating Korea

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (UP).—
The Foreign Policy Association
said today that Korea is being
alienated by the "reactionary and
undemocratic" methods of the mili-
tary governments there and its Korean
officials.

A report prepared by George M.
McCune, of the University of
California, called on the United
States to put into effect at the
earliest possible moment a more
constructive economic and politi-
cal program for its occupation zone
of southern Korea.

"Perhaps the severest criticism
of American control has been the
lack of constructive democratiza-
tion," it said. "The American com-
mand has talked a great deal about
democracy, has permitted wide
freedom of press, speech, and polit-
ical activity, has praised civil
liberty on every occasion—but the
Korean people have not been de-
veloping a responsible democratic
outlook."

Asserting that the "rose-tinted
picture" of the political situation
in North Korea, as painted by the
occupying Russian forces, is far
from accurate, the report listed
several methods used by the Rus-
sians "to keep the opposition in
line."

Police Plan Pay Demands

New York State Police will con-
vene at 1 p. m. today in the Hotel
De Witt Clinton in Albany to plan
a legislative program to obtain
salary increases for 40,000 police-
men throughout the state, John E.
Carton, president of the New York
City Patrolmen's Benevolent As-
sociation, said yesterday.

We are against "party-liners" We are also against witch-hunts

The undersigned are political opponents of Communists
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We also are enemies of inquisitors in the police-state
tradition.

We fight them politically—or, as now, by public protest.

The whole nasty business of the present Washington "hear-
ing" and the rest of the "Red witch-hunt" that hides behind loyalty
pledges needs to be fought. Fought in the name of the civil liberties
which all police-states deny their citizens.

The Hollywood people being "investigated" by the
Thomas-Rankin Committee are citizens of the country which boasts
free speech, free political opinion, free thought. If their civil liberties
can be taken from them, then civil liberties for all Americans no longer
are guaranteed.

We have no love for Communists and party-liners. We
refuse to work with them in political committees, and vote
against them. But these are democratic methods. These are the
methods of hysteria.

Is hysteria to grow—without challenge?

Are men and women in this country to live in fear that
tomorrow they too may be yanked up "under suspicion" by some busy
committee, department head or employer?

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