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After nearly two years in office, the Eisenhower Administration has not uncovered a single active Communist among more than two million government employees, United States Senator Hubert H. Humphrey declared last night in an address at a Seventh District DFL Rally at Marshall, Minnesota.

Debunking GOP "campaign oratory" about getting rid of Communists, Senator Humphrey declared:

"The Republicans may be ahead in 'talk' about fighting Communism, but the Democrats win hands down on 'action'.

"Because the Democrats had convicted or indicted or were investigating almost all of the major Communist leaders in America, the Republicans cannot claim exclusive credit for a single new conviction of a major Communist leader, although they have been in office for nearly two years.

"By contrast, here's what the Democrats did to crush the Communist leadership in America -- they indicted and prosecuted 12 top national party leaders, 11 second-echelon national party leaders, 10 New York State party leaders, 14 top West Coast party leaders, 6 Maryland and District of Columbia party leaders, 7 Hawaiian party leaders, 6 Michigan party leaders, 5 Missouri party leaders, 7 Washington State party leaders, and 6 Pennsylvania party leaders.

"That's what broke the back of communism in America -- not Republican oratory.

"According to J. Edgar Hoover, the key to smashing the Communist movement in America was this prosecution of the Communist leaders -- accomplished by a Democratic Administration. Here is what the FBI director said in March of this year:

"Unquestionably, the greatest blow they (the Communists) have suffered has been the successful prosecution by the Government of over 60 of their leaders for violation of the Smith Act. This has deprived the party of much of its most powerful leadership, disrupted many of its operations, and heavily drained its financial resources. It has thrown confusion, uncertainty and fear into the rank-and-file membership. . . . This positive action by the Government has been and continues to be a staggering blow to the Communist Party'.

"Do your GOP orators mention that record of Communist -prosecution, or offer one to match it?

"The truth is that because of the successful Democratic attack on Communism in America, the Republicans have had a hard time justifying their campaign oratory about Communist penetration in the government and elsewhere in America.

"Because the GOP was unable to find a single Communist among more than 2,000,000 Government employees, it had to make up a 'numbers game' to fool the public about the number of supposedly disloyal people in the government.

"Because of all the GOP campaign oratory about how the government was 'crawling with communists', the Administration could not afford to let the public discover how effective the Democratic loyalty program had been. Therefore they invented a new term -- 'security risk' -- and began to imply that all 'security risks' were subversives. For example, President Eisenhower's personal counsel, Bernard Shanley termed the security risks 'subversives' in a speech last November 6 -- only later to retract the phrase and admit he knew it wasn't true.

"The truth is that nearly all of the 'security risks' had no connection with subversion. Most were over-talkative, or overly nervous, or heavy drinkers, but not subversives -- and there were no more than a normal turnover of unfit employees.

It's time the American people took a look at some of these facts, instead of listening to demagoguery such as now being echoed in our own state.

"The truth is that at the end of the Democratic Administration in 1952, there were less than one-fourth as many Communists as there were when the Democratic regime started in 1932 -- and the top leadership of the Communist Party had been wiped out: prosecuted and imprisoned by Democratic Administrations", Senator Humphrey said.



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