

Un American Act.

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Honorable Joseph C. O'Mahoney
United States Senator
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Joe:

The Wyoming Tribune of January 16, 1949, front page, carries an AP article on the request of Tom Clark for Revision of the espionage law and itemizes six different particulars for such revision and addition. I assume that you and Lester have copies of the proposed bills and the Attorney General's recommendation.

I trust these will be promptly reported out and enacted. To me they are the minimum, notwithstanding the statement of Governor Dewey that no further laws were needed.

The importance of prompt action by Congress in these matters is indicated by conversations by Republicans who are now in the state legislature who still continue to talk as though communism is a party issue. Suitable legislation by Congress will tend to convince the public that charging the Democrats with being tainted with Communism is unfounded.

A prominent P.E.O. lady from Sheridan is visiting in my house. She has traveled all over this state and adjoining states. She says Republicans are still convinced that the Democrats kept Communists in office and were favoring Communists and had not been sufficiently diligent in prosecution. It would be unfortunate if this becomes a fixed idea, especially with the young Republicans.

The President, by Executive Order No. 9835 of March 21, 1947, prescribed procedures to assure that all persons employed by the Federal Government are loyal. That was a very commendable and much needed order, but that order applies only to persons employed by the United States. It does not apply to men employed by others working on United States ships and in Government plants producing secret appliances. As I understand it this order has no application to the employees on United States ships operated by a person or a corporation. On September 10, 1948 the FBI had checked 2,110,521 employees of the United States

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on disloyalty, but this did not include workers on United States ships. I think that there should be appropriate legislation on this subject to protect America.

Such legislation would not be against labor or against unions but in my opinion would be a help to unions and organized labor.

We know something of what Communists have done, not only in Russia and countries dominated by Russia, but in Greece, Italy, France, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Denmark and Finland. Why should we wait in a matter of such legislation until we are at war with Russia? She has already done many things for which other countries have heretofore gone to war.

Since this is a very important matter which should be considered by both you and Dr. Hunt, I am sending him a duplicate of this letter.

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Dear Senator:

The Department of Justice has bills prepared for submission to the Judiciary Committee on detention of undesirable aliens and on wire tapping of alien 'phones and all those suspected of subversive activities, and permitting the use of such evidence thus obtained against those prosecuted for treason, spying and other subversive activities. Joe is quite familiar with those matters.

Anyone conversant with the facts knows that communists are infiltrating into all countries and that they owe their allegiance to Russia and take orders from Russia. It is amazing to me that there is no legislation preventing such persons from working on United States ships or in atomic plants or factories of secret things for our Army, Navy and Air Corps, or in places where they might be very dangerous in event of war with any communist country.

Everyone in my office and in the United States Marshal's office has to make what amounts to a non-communist affidavit and a non-strike affidavit; yet the work done in the Marshal's office and my office could not be used so effectively against the United States as a communist working in the other enterprises mentioned.

Now that the sentiment is right it seems to me it is the time to get such legislation on the Statute books.

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It is difficult to draw bills/not to interfere with free speech or the bill-of-rights, nevertheless this does not make an act unconstitutional which is necessary for the protection of the constitution itself and the rights of free people under the constitution.

With very best wishes to you and Mrs. Hunt, I am

Very truly yours


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