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Mrs. F.D.R. Compares Marxists

LEWISTON, Me., Oct. 29—A "Boston Brahmin" woman friend of hers is a communist, yet she would be "horrified" at the suggestion of the overthrow of the government of the United States, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said here today.

All communists are not conspirators against the government, but some are genuine Marxist theorists, Mrs. Roosevelt said at a press conference preceding her address to the Maine State Teachers' convention.

Asked to comment on a bill offered by Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith, which would outlaw the communist party in the United States, Mrs. Roosevelt said that if one was to assume: "That every member of the Communist party is a conspirator dedicated to the overthrow of the government by force, it should be passed."

The "heart corps" of the party may believe in direct positive action, but this is only a minority of the communist membership, Mrs. Roosevelt said. A great many believe in the Marxist theory as a way of life.

She told of her elderly Boston friend, a woman she failed to identify by name, who was a believer in the "communal theory," but would be horrified at the thought of bloody revolution.

"People abroad do not know why we are frightened," she said. "They don't know of the kind of communism we fear."

It is up to the United States to explain the difference between Marxism and the theory of force. They only know communism by its original concept, she declared.

Even the subject of torture is viewed abroad from a different concept, she said. In many lands where torture is applied by one group against the other, what they do to themselves is not regarded as the horrible crime we consider it, Mrs. Roosevelt said.

Mrs. Roosevelt did not join Democratic optimism over the recent party victory in Wisconsin, terming the district where it took place "always strongly progressive" and not typical of a trend.

She said she was not interested actively in Democratic party politics as such and had no political axe to grind right now, but was touring the country on a mission for the United Nations.

The teachers, 5000 strong, heard several speakers urge them to teach international subjects, but at the same time several others urged vocational training and specialized subjects such as driving courses and highway safety. The convention continues through tomorrow.

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