Mrs. Roosevelt Hits At 'Deception' of U.S. Reds

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said in her column yesteday that she would not trust American Communists, because she had experienced their deception.

"I hope the Communist Political Association will forgive me if I am frank with them," she wrote. "What I object to in the American Communists is not their open membership, nor even their published objectives. For years, in this country, they taught the philosophy of the lie. They taught that allegiance to the party and acceptance of orders from party heads, whose interests were not just those of the U. S., were paramount.

"I happen to believe that anyone has the right to be a Communist, to advocate his beliefs peacefully and accept the consequences. A Communist here will be quite rightly, it seems to me, under certain disadvantages. He will not be put into positions of leadership. I do not believe he should be prevented from holding his views and earning a livelihood.

"But, because I have experienced the deception of the American Communists, I will not trust them. That is what I mean when I said that I did not think the people of this country would tolerate the type of American Communists who say one thing and do another."

Mrs. Roosevelt said she was clarifying a recent column on Communism, because "the American Communist Political Association felt that I had not been entirely fair with them," and because "I have been sent words of praise by some people who, whenever they differ with anyone, decide that person should be labeled a Communist, and who are also afraid of our association with the U. S. S. R.

"Her purpose had been to show it was possible for the U. S. to work with the U.S.S.R. and why we need have no fear of them."

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