Mrs. Roosevelt on Communism

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, writing [illegible] says that a rein[illegible] replace the Senate Investigating Committee headed by Sen. McCarthy. She also declares that the best fight against Communism in the United States is being waged by "labor, the Liberals and all those who understand that Communism is fed by misery and despair."

Those are revealing comments by the late President's widow. They explain, perhaps, why the Communists were able to infiltrate so many phases of American life during the New Deal.

There is documented evidence that the FBI actually was prevented from collecting evidence and making arrests of Communists during World War II. Even when given a free hand, the FBI does not have the power to take testimony from witnesses under oath, as do congressional committees.

A reinforced FBI is a good weapon against Communist infiltration, but the FBI should implement rather than replace congressional investigations.

As for the statement that labor and the Liberals have done the best job of [illegible] Communists, the record indicates the exact opposite. Some labor bosses are out and out Communists, and some labor unions have been strongly Communist in their leadership that they have been kicked out of AFL and CIO.

Perhaps more important, a partnership of the labor bosses and the "Liberals" has put this country on the road toward Communism. Government [illegible] of the [illegible] representative [illegible] the [illegible] wage and price controls, high [illegible] taxes, [illegible] property [illegible] their wealth, [illegible] the government [illegible] functions of the states—all of that adds up to collectivism.

Mrs. Roosevelt herself has displayed remarkable ignorance about Communist causes. As she points out in McCall's she used to entertain the American Youth Congress at the White House. However, when the Youth Congress voted to oppose the American stand against Hitler, after the Hitler-Stalin alliance, she wrote the Youth Congress "that I could no longer work with a group that had obviously fallen under the spell of Communist leadership."

After this mild slap on the wrist for an outfit which supported Hitler and opposed us, Mrs. Roosevelt proceeded to "contribute a small sum of money at the time for work being done for the sharecroppers in Missouri." But, she adds defensively, "The American Youth Congress was not entertained in the White House again."

Further explaining why she originally supported the Youth Congress, Mrs. Roosevelt recalls an early meeting of the group in her sitting room at the White House. "When I asked them, one after another, whether they were pro-Soviet or had any connections with organizations favorable to the Soviets, each one had an answer that he had had none," she says.

That proves, we suppose, that the Youth Congress was infiltrated by Communists by [illegible] meetings at which the hostesses [illegible] guests whether they are Communists. Neither do you wipe out [illegible] organizations by [illegible] money to help them as [illegible] guests.

Mrs. R[illegible] apparently [illegible] Communists [illegible] when she [illegible] the [illegible] issue of Communism. [illegible] Americans.

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