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Listening to Ex-Communists Is Dangerous

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NEW YORK, Thursday—Henry A. Wallace's letter to President Truman together with the reports he prepared on China in 1944 and just released have emphasized for me something I have tried to say a number of times.

That is, that the way in which most Americans accept as Gospel truth any testimony by an ex-Communist, Mr. Louis Budenz or any others, is without any question somewhat dangerous.

It is evident, as time goes on, that those who testify, unwittingly or not, have followed a similar pattern. The first time they testify they don't seem to be able to remember what they later recall in great detail. It is an obvious fact that as one talks over things—almost anything—one begins to convince oneself that certain things happened that never happened at all. I do not question that part of anyone's testimony is not given in good faith, but that does not make it any more accurate.

So again I would like to emphasize that more power should be given to the FBI, which has to have proof before it makes any statements, and less open testimony should be given out in congressional committees, which go reveal statements without demanding necessary proof.

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THERE was an item in the newspaper the other day about Rep. John E. Rankin of Mississippi objecting to the admission of a 3-year-old baby adopted in Japan by an American Air Force captain and his wife. The child is half Japanese and the story goes that Rep. Rankin objected to the bill to admit this child, saying that such bills were "destroying our immigration laws" and "we were being flooded with un-American elements."

If a baby of 3 can be un-American in any way except by the fact that both his parents are not Americans, we will need a bit of convincing to believe it.

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