family and job considerations. They find it necessary because American public life is still poisoned by the Dies type of anti-Communist prejudice, because the Communist movement does not yet enjoy full status as a legitimate political organization.

This is a problem which Communists themselves must help solve by fighting stubbornly for the recognition of their movement, by refusing to succumb to a semi-legal status. But if people like Mrs Roosevelt are concerned about this problem, they cannot shrug off their own responsibilities

For example, Mrs. Roosevelt is hardly being consistent when she demands that Communists function openly—and then says that Communists, while permitted to earn a living, should be subjected to certain discrimination and should be kept out of positions of leadership

This particular problem cannot be viewed in isolation. Mrs. Roosevelt might consider the fact that tens of thousands of active Communists have made profound personal sacrifices. She might recall the thousands of young Communists who gave their lives to fight fascism in Spain. Was this part of the philosophy of the lie? She might pause on the record of thousands of Communists in the Army.

Or she might think about the nature of the discussion now going on in the Communist movement. Is there any effort here to deceive anyone? What other American organization would discuss its record and its mistakes so publicly and democratically?

Mrs. Roosevelt thought at first that the subject of discussion was a program of world revolution. She suggests now that she was mistaken—but does not indicate the actual scope of the discussion.

No one has even raised the question of whether Communists should cooperate with other groups to work for the pressing needs of the American people. The problem is how the Communists can contribute most effectively toward achieving the aspirations of the people for peace and jobs.

WHY SELF-CRITICISM?

If the Communists are now criticizing themselves, it is because they did not sufficiently hold up their end of the coalition. For example, we are not happy about the fact that we criticized Henry Wallace, instead of supporting him, when he warned of the dangers of cartels and monopolies.

Communists are today more than ever devoted to striving for an extension and deepening of American democracy. Even Mrs. Roosevelt is compelled to acknowledge this in her own way when she finds nothing in the draft resolution of the CIPA to which she can take exception.