

1408 AMENDING SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL ACT OF 1950

For many months now, the newspapers, radio, and television stations have carried stories on action taken by the Supreme Court of the United States interpreting, limiting, and even invalidating legislation previously enacted by Congress. However, neither this bill nor any of its provisions is intended to challenge the Court with respect to its decisions. The principal purpose of the bill is to plug the recognized security gaps brought about by the recent Supreme Court decisions.

Mr. Chairman, like you and the other esteemed members of this committee, I have received numerous letters of complaints from Nevadans voicing extreme anger over the Supreme Court's decision overturning Federal legislation concerning the employment of a member of the Communist Party in Seattle, Washington, shipyard which, by the way, the Secretary of Defense had designated as a "defense facility."

"What are you going to do about it?" they asked. It is my hope, Mr. Chairman, that the bill before you will be the answer to their questions.

I feel, Mr. Chairman, that this bill is a very comprehensive one. It is well balanced and contains and covers a variety of situations. The bill contains criteria against teaching or advocating the forceful, violent overthrow of the Government, and against the activities of Communist organizers, and acts, which, if committed in time of war, would constitute treason under the Constitution.

Mr. Chairman, it is time that this Congress stand up and show some good old American intestinal fortitude and crack down on those who advocate becoming buddy-buddy with Russia and its satellites. The American people are sick and tired of the actions taken by certain people within our governmental structure—and those outside of our Government who carry enough vocal and financial power to sway the thinking of those inside our Government—of slowly, but surely handing over this country to communism.

Our Constitution grants the right to dissent—but the dissent we have seen and heard ever since the Vietnam war borders on the fringe of outright treason.

Any person who owes allegiance to the United States and yet gives aid or comfort, knowingly and willfully, to the Viet Cong or to North Vietnam or to any other nation or armed group engaged in open hostilities against the United States, hostilities in which American boys are fighting and dying, should be punished.

In closing, Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out that where a decision of the Supreme Court has found an act of Congress to be unconstitutional, it is the obligation of Congress to frame and enact further legislation for the purpose of dealing with the problem.

I firmly believe that this bill meets this problem head on and I hope, Mr. Chairman, that you and your excellent committee will give your unanimous approval to the legislation before you. Thank you.

STATEMENT OF HON. WILLIAM G. BRAY, A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FROM INDIANA

The Supreme Court's decision in the case of *U.S. v. Robel*, allows members of the Communist Party to work in defense plants. On account of this, we are impelled to act upon this proposed legislation which will insure our country the right of defending itself from internal dangers.

The Supreme Court's decision was based on a legal facet of the Constitution, that of the right of association as protected by the first amendment. This basic right cannot be disputed, for America's heritage of freedom is insured by its Constitution. But the right is not absolute. This decision ignored the fact that to survive, a government must protect itself against its enemies who would destroy it by force.

It is no secret that countries have spies employed throughout the world to obtain facts about military, political, and economic developments in other countries. This is especially true of Communist countries. However, it is more difficult to conduct espionage in a totalitarian state such as Russia or Communist China than in countries where people have more freedom of movement and are not under such close supervision.

According to the Communists' views, they are justified in using every possible means such as sabotage, espionage, or other subversive acts in order to obtain information valuable to their country and that can be used to undermine and destroy any non-Communist country. Under communism, the only function of the individual is to serve the state.