

Mr. YEAGLEY. I am sure that there must be Communists underground that are not identified. That is the nature of their operation worldwide. But as far as I know, from information I have had, I would have to repeat that I believe that, all in all, the proceedings filed before the Board and the hearings held have been useful and outweigh the detriments.

There are some adverse factors admittedly.

Mr. CULVER. I was interested in the educational value of the Subversive Activities Control Board. When considering this legislation in December I don't think outside the immediate membership of this committee that there were probably five Members of the entire Congress, out of a total membership of 435, who had ever even heard of the SACB, and I think in the Senate of the United States it is equally true.

As far as general awareness of their activities, even among a sophisticated and well-informed American public, I think that is a very remote speculation. It is certainly true that the methods and nature and operation of the Communist Party are extremely important to be known, and the fact that they operate fronts in their approaches. However, being out in the marketplace a little bit myself and not having spent my whole life in a very important role as you now occupy, I wonder if you are not perhaps overestimating the general level of enlightenment among the public as a result of the 18-year activity of the SACB.

Mr. YEAGLEY. That may be. I can't claim I am always right. It is just a matter of opinion.

I might point out one other factor for what it is worth: There have been, and probably always will be, claims on the part of certain people that so-and-so is a Communist.

Sometimes it is rightfully so and sometimes not. Unfortunately, there may have been some claims made that were not in such good faith.

When we file a petition we use the word Communist as referring only to one who is an actual member of the CPUSA, that is Communist with a capital "C." To prove a person is a Communist with a capital "C" it is not sufficient to prove that he is a Marxist, or even a Trotskyite, or some sort of follower of Marx or Lenin; even a person who said, "I believe in and support the CPUSA" is not necessarily a member of the Communist Party within the meaning of this act. We deal with precise terms when we are dealing with sworn evidence and documents to prove membership.

I would hope to some extent official proceedings with technical treatment of the terminology used regarding membership in the Communist Party serves to minimize the making of loose claims of other people and organizations as being Communist with a small "c."

Mr. TUCK. You are familiar with the provisions of the amendments recently passed, are you not?

Mr. YEAGLEY. Yes, sir, I am.

Mr. TUCK. Under those provisions, could you not call in one of these Communists and get information from him as to these activities?

Mr. YEAGLEY. Yes.