

Veterans Told Of Subversion In High Places

Retired Major Includes White House in Talk Before Military Order

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Broad-sides were leveled at subversive agents in this country yesterday by two members of the Military Order of the World War at the order's convention. One included the "White House and Federal Government" in his allegations.

In the midst of discussion of a proposal for Americanism schools for Army and Navy recruits, Maj. William M. Coffin, of Cincinnati, declared a "paganistic philosophy" pervaded the Administration "from top to bottom, including the White House."

Asked later if paganistic signified communistic, the officer said listeners were free to make that interpretation of his remarks.

Earlier in the session Rear Admiral Adolphus Staton, U. S. N., retired, declared domestic "cancers" blocked the way for the "clear the ship for action" command from defense chiefs.

Elaborating on the "cancer" statement, Staton described a conversation with a Navy Yard commander. The latter had said there were more than 100 Communists at work at his base and declared he was powerless to remove them.

Responding to the admiral's query, "What are we going to do about it?" Lieut. Comdr. Charles Mills, U. S. N., retired, of Miami, commander in chief of the World War officers organization, appointed a committee to consider resolutions hitting red activity in this country.

At a banquet last night, concluding the convention, Lieut. Comdr. Mills introduced members of the organization. Constantine Brown, columnist, spoke.