

# Fair Enough

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## The Anti-American Communist Party

THE WHITE HOUSE statement announcing the commutation of Earl Browder's prison sentence said he was liberated in the interest of national unity.



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subversive or anti-American group.

Browder, a native American, is chief of the Communist Party in the United States. Representative Martin Dies often has been berated for charging that the party is a subversive or anti-American group.

If the Communist Party is subversive and anti-American then President Roosevelt has liberated the leader of a conspiracy against the Government, the peace and the lives of the whole American people.

But is the Communist Party anti-American?

The answer is given as an official document by Francis Biddle, attorney general and the highest law officer in the United States, in the Harry Bridges deportation case, as follows:

"The Communist Party of the United States, a section of the so-called Third International, was founded in 1919; and, after its name was changed several times, finally became 'the Communist Party of the U. S. A.' The Third International advocated the class struggle, which was described as entering the phase of Civil War in America. Illegal methods were also advocated, where necessary, to carry on its work; systematic agitation in the Army; the renouncing of patriotism; and the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism.

"THE 'AMERICAN SECTION' adopted a 'program' declaring: 'The Communist Party will systematically and persistently propagate the idea of the inevitability of and necessity for violent revolution and will prepare the workers for armed insurrection as the only means of overthrowing the capitalist state.'

"The Communist Party teaches the violent overthrow of existing governments, including the United States. This concept reaches back to the famous manifesto of Marx and Engels of 1848, which declares: 'The Communists openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions.'

"In the 'thesis and statutes of the Third International' (1920) this doctrine is expanded. 'The mass

struggle means a whole system of developing demonstrations growing ever more acute in form, and logically leading to an uprising against the capitalistic order of government.'

"This and other documentary evidence . . . established that it is an organization that advises, advocates and teaches the overthrow, by force and violence of the Government of the United States.

"PENETRATION into trade unions was strongly emphasized in Communist literature and conversion of their members by constant agitation and propaganda. Reforms in the labor movement should be accepted as screens behind which revolutionary activities could be carried on. To carry out this program, 'factions' were organized within particular unions to advance the aims of communism behind the 'front' of education. The party was to engage in strikes and wage movements to war against class collaboration plans and to organize the unorganized.

"The party took control of the Workers Alliance as a medium through which to organize the unemployed. 'To develop militant class struggles' and 'to build the revolution' through association in a 'brilliant, class-conscious, unemployed organization.'

Mr. Biddle also found that the American Youth Congress had been "identified" as a "Front" organization, or affiliate of the anti-American Communist Party, and said so.

Mrs. Roosevelt has shown marked sympathy with both the Workers Alliance and the Youth Congress, and Biddle cites, with approval, the finding of Judge Charles B. Sears, who recommended Bridges' deportation, that demonstrations of such sympathy warrant a conclusion that Bridges "followed this course of conduct as an affiliate of the Communist Party rather than as a matter of chance coincidence."

In Mrs. Roosevelt's case, there having been no comparable public inquiry, there is no direct evidence of "affiliation," but her own displays of that "sympathy" have been no less numerous, gratuitous nor hearty than his.

At any rate, within a month after Browder's release for the sake of "unity" among the American people, the organization of which he is the chief is denounced by the Attorney General, in words that might have been cribbed from Martin Dies himself, as hostile to the American Government and a foe of American patriotism even in the Army