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Committee To Probe School 'Communism'

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TALLAHASSEE, May 31. — (Associated Press.)—Representative Cooley of Lake county said today a joint senate and house committee would make a thorough investigation of reported un-American influences in Florida public schools and colleges.

Cooley, who introduced the resolution calling for the legislative investigation, said he already had information relative to the teaching of communism in schools, particularly in the larger cities.

"We intend to find if the reports are true and if they are not, we want to exonerate the teachers," he said. "If it is true, we want to take

steps to stop it. We don't propose to spend the people's money to overthrow the people's government."

Cooley, a major in the organized reserve corps, said the committee would start its investigation soon after the legislature adjourns.

President Gills appointed Senators Holland of Bartow, Tillman of Tampa and Kanner of Stuart on the committee. Speaker Christie already had named Cooley, Kelly of Nassau and Crary of Martin as house members.

The resolution called for an investigation of "communism", bolshevism, pacifism and other theories of government subversive to our democratic theory of government."