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"Too often in recent years, patriotic symbols have been shunted aside. Our national heroes have been maligned. Our history distorted. Has it become a disgrace to pledge allegiance to our flag - or sign a loyalty oath, or pay tribute to our national anthem? Is it shameful to encourage our children to memorize the stirring words of '76? Is it becoming opprobrious to state "In God We Trust" when proclaiming our love of country?

"What we desperately need today is patriotism founded on a real understanding of the American ideal - a dedicated belief in our principles of freedom and a determination to perpetuate America's heritage."

--J. Edgar Hoover. Freedoms Foundation Awards Ceremony speech, Valley Forge, Pa., 2/22/62. Reprinted in Congressional Record 3/1/62, p. 2906.

RESULTS OF FLORIDA STATE ELKS AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

As in previous years, this year's Americanism Essay Contest was open to Florida Junior and Senior High School students. The entrants were required to write an essay of not more than 1500 words on the subject: "The Dangers of Communism to Our American Way of Life."

The winning essay from each local Lodge was submitted to the State Americanism Committee and judged for state winners. The state judges were Brother John Sample, chairman; The Honorable Richard Mitchell, State Representative; and, Dr. Fred Turner, who developed the course of Americanism Vs. Communism for the high schools of Florida.

The Florida State Elks Association awarded prizes of \$500.00 to the first place winner, \$300.00 to the second place winner, and \$200.00 to the third place winner.

Kathleen Jemison of Greensboro High School, Greensboro, Florida won first prize. She was sponsored by Tallahassee Lodge #937. Roy David Ola of DeSoto High School, Arcadia, Florida was second place winner. He was sponsored by Arcadia Lodge #1524. Shelia Daniels of Kissimmee, Florida won third place. She was sponsored by Kissimmee Lodge #1837.

COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN TO CONTROL YOUTH

The following is an excerpt from a speech made by J. Edgar Hoover before the 7th. National Convention Catholic Youth Organization in New York City on 11/16/63:

"Today the communists are engaged in an intensive campaign to control the minds and win the allegiance of American youth. Toward this end, a National Youth Commission has been established within the Communist Party, USA; special publications have been issued; front groups have been organized; and an ambitious speech program has been directed against our colleges and universities.

"During the past two years, communist spokesmen have appeared on nearly 100 campuses from coast to coast. Their purpose: To create confusion, raise questions and spread doubt among our young people concerning the American way of life.

"If their constitutional right to free speech allows them to use the public school forum to promote the secular creed of Marxism - Leninism which openly and avowedly denies God, does their constitutional freedom of religion also prohibit the rest of us from using the same public school forum to express our faith that God does exist?

"It is indeed ironic that Communist Party speakers - whose minds and thoughts and actions are in no manner free - should demand the opportunity to parrot the Moscow line to young Americans under the guise of academic freedom!

"Academic freedom is not an instrument for the perpetuation of conspiratorial ideologies. Nor is it an agent of self-destruction - a freedom to destroy freedom. As a free-flowing channel of truth and knowledge, academic freedom is not obligated to carry along the silted tributaries of lies and distortions of known communists."

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REAFFIRMATION OF REVERENCE TO GOD IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Florida State Elks Association, Inc., 37,579 strong, in Convention assembled at Miami Beach, Florida, May 23, 1964, adopted the following resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America is conceived on man's belief in Almighty God; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Lord's Prayer in the classrooms of our public school system has been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the principles of Elksdom instill within each of us the need to continue our observances of His love and power;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida State Elks Association, Inc., in convention assembled, at Miami Beach, Florida, urges Congress to reaffirm our reverence to God in our public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this session and that a copy be furnished the Florida Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C.

Adopted this 23rd day of May, A.D. 1964.

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One Qualification for Membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, as set forth in its By-laws, is that an applicant be a believer in God. The above resolution, therefore, is in keeping with our beliefs.

A SECURITY RISK ON THE WARREN COMMISSION

On 12/20/63, Norman Redlich was hired by the Warren Commission - named to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy - as a \$100.00 a day legal consultant.

The following is a brief sketch of some of Mr. Redlich's activities:

1. He is a member of the National Council - the governing body - of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. This Committee has been identified by two Congressional committees and the F.B.I. Director, J. Edgar Hoover, as a communist front organization which serves, among other things, as a propaganda and legal defense arm for the communists.
2. Redlich has solicited funds for the legal defense of three youths indicted by a Federal Grand Jury last September for illegal travel to Cuba as guests of Castro's government and for "conspiring to organize and promote a trip to Cuba in violation of United States travel laws."
3. Early last year, Redlich protested hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on violations of State Department travel regulations and pro-Castro propaganda activities in the United States. Abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities has long been a goal of the communist party.
4. On 2/21/64, Abolition News, the bulletin of the National Committee to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities, carried Redlich's name as one of the committee's sponsors. Seven of the thirteen top leaders of this organization are identified communists.

In spite of Norman Redlich's background, The Warren Commission has refused to terminate his employment and has even given him access to classified material.

Last February, the Warren Commission chairman, Chief Justice Earl Warren, stated that some of the testimony gathered by his commission might not be released in our lifetime. Doesn't it seem unfair that a man who promoted communist goals should be payed \$100.00 a day by American taxpayers and even allowed access to classified material, while patriotic Americans are told they might not ever know all the results of an investigation for which they are paying.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Those readers who are concerned about this unfair and dangerous situation should immediately write their United States Congressman and their two United States Senators and demand that Mr. Redlich be dismissed and that ALL of the testimony by the Warren Commission be made public.

For further details regarding Redlich see Congressional Record, 5/14/64, p. 10608 and Congressional Record, 5/25/64, p. 11418.

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SECURITY RISKS IN OUR STATE DEPARTMENT

A series of recent developments offer a key to exposing security risks now operating in the United States State Department. Since few Americans are aware of the developments, it is doubtful that a full exposure of the subversives and their dupes will be made unless the American public is awakened to the facts and demands action.

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

1. A memorandum dated 7/27/56 and signed by the late Scott McLeod, then administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs in the State Department, has been recently turned up by Congressional investigators. The memorandum reveals the existence of a secret official list containing the names of over 800 employees and officers of the U.S. State Department who have been declared as security risks. The list includes the names of pro-communists, homosexuals, alcoholics and officers suspected of being communist agents. The list was compiled under the direction of the State Department's top security officer.
2. A Polish defector from the Soviet Secret Police (KGB), Michal Goleniewski, has bared the existence of "cells" of the KGB in the U.S. State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency both in Washington and in U.S. Embassies overseas. Goleniewski also revealed that:
  - Three American scientists with access to classified material were KGB agents.
  - About \$1.2 million of CIA funds in Vienna was secretly passed to the communists.
  - All important embassies and agencies of the United States "except the FBI" had been infiltrated by at least one KGB operative.
3. Otto Otepka, top professional security officer of the State Department, was dismissed last November for having cooperated with the Senate Internal Security Committee in its investigation of the security situation. Otepka had put together the evidence exposing the role played by the U.S. State Department in bringing Castro to power. He was also responsible for blocking some security risks from being placed in sensitive positions.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Write your U.S. Congressman and two U.S. Senators and request a full scale investigation of the U.S. State Department. Use the facts given in this article and point out that the Red penetration of our State Department and other government agencies should be eliminated and halted. It will not solve the problem to merely expose those who are security risks. It will be necessary to also hold accountable those officers who employed, promoted, and protected these subversives and undesirables. If you desire further details concerning the security risks in our State Department, we refer you to Congressional Record, 3/3/64, p. 4112 and Congressional Record, 5/26/64, p. A2777.

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OPERATION CITIZENSHIP

We would appreciate having those readers who participate in Operation Citizenship, by writing their Congressional Delegation, complete the form below and return to:

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

I wrote my Congressional Delegation regarding: ( ) The Warren Commission  
( ) The State Department

We appreciate the many copies of letters which previous participants in Operation Citizenship have mailed to us.