

Halt probe of 'Red'



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WASHINGTON — The House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) has decided not to pursue an investigation of possible Communist influence in a recent rash of criticism of the Warren Commission report.

The committee started checking the political background of some leading critics of the assassination document before

Rep. Edwin E. Willis (D-La.), chairman, ordered a halt.

The check revealed past leftist leanings among several critics, who have published attacks on the report, but HUAC's cursory investigation turned up nothing unusual, it reported.

Speaking of those critics whose political pasts are catalogued in HUAC's extensive files, Willis said, "There is not one shred of evidence" to link them. He called the check only

influence on Warren report

"a quick bit of research." Willis indicated, however, that he still retained interest in the motives of some critics.

"Of particular interest to me," he said, "is the fact that the Communist press, both here at home and abroad, have worked so diligently to make it appear that Lee Harvey Oswald — a man whose background was replete with Communist association, a man who went to Russia and renounced his U. S. citizen-

ship — was a patsy or 'fall guy' in the presidential assassination."

He said there was no inference that all who have assailed the Warren report are involved in a conspiracy. He specifically ruled out "responsible and sincere critics and scholars" who are "certainly entitled to their own viewpoints in this very complex case; a case which will perhaps remain unresolved in the minds of many of our citi-

zens for generations." But he said he noted "much scrambling within leftist circles to discredit the report."

"There has been much activity in months past," he declared, "and there promises to be much more activity in months to come."

Chester D. Smith, committee general counsel, said in an interview yesterday the committee had ended its check and has no plans for hearings.

Congressional Report**House Declares No One Can Bar 'Radicals' List**

The House voted yesterday to tell a federal judge that neither he nor anyone else could interfere with the printing and public distribution of a revised House Committee report that names alleged "revolutionary" speakers on college campuses.

Rep. Richard H. Ichord (D-Mo.), chairman of the Internal Security Committee, filed the revised report naming 57 individuals and then won approval of an accompanying resolution banning interference with dissemination of the report.

The House approved the measure on a 302-to-54 roll call vote. It does not require Senate concurrence or approval of the President.

The committee, last October, issued its first report resulting from a survey of 179 colleges which were asked to name all campus speakers in

the past two school years. A total of 134 colleges answered, listing 1,168 speakers, and the committee report identified 65 of them as members of "revolutionary groups."

U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell ordered the public printer and superintendent of documents not to print or distribute the report, which he called a "blacklist," on grounds that it violated constitutional rights of free speech. A committee appeal from that order is still pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The resolution orders the public printer, Adolphus N. Spence, and the superintendent of documents, Rowland Darling, to print and distribute publicly the revised report. Gesell's order specifically banned the two of them from printing and distributing the first report.

Spence is appointed by the President but he, in turn, names the superintendent of documents. With passage of the resolution yesterday, Spence immediately removed Darling from the job and took over the acting superintendent chores himself.

"Mr. Darling is a career employee and as such why should I subject him to possible ultimate action by the court?" Spence said. He said Darling would work as one of his assistants until the issue is settled and indicated Darling would then be appointed acting superintendent.

"I have never contended that this report is of earthshaking importance," said Ichord, "but the action of Judge Gesell was of earthshaking importance to this Congress. Never in history has anyone, judge or otherwise, tried to prohibit the printing of a congressional report."