

## Hoffman Asks Probe Of Reds in U. S. Jobs

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Representative Hoffman, Republican, of Michigan loosed a 10,000-word blast against the Roosevelt administration in the House today and called for inquiry into "the activities of the Communists who openly advocate the overthrow of the Government by force; who hold policy-making positions in the Federal Government."

Mr. Hoffman claimed the floor to object to some Federal Bureau of Investigation procedure, asserting his address was prompted by the case of a 17-year-old Hartford (Mich.) resident who, he said, was investigated by the FBI because the youth had challenged a statement by President Roosevelt as untrue. He displayed a letter from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover describing the inquiry and stating the complaints against the youth were unfounded.

Mr. Hoffman told the House that instead of "seeking to intimidate, to deny to a young man the right of free speech," the FBI should "round up and expose the Walter Winchells who do so much to stir up disunity, to spread dissension, create class and racial hatred, the purpose of which is to destroy the people's confidence in Government."

"Why not," he said, "bring to light and expose the activities of the Communists who openly advocate the overthrow of the Government by force; who hold policy-making positions in the Federal Government and who, by infiltration into labor unions, interfere with war production and transportation?"

Mr. Hoffman referred to Vice President Wallace as having been "selected by Eleanor Roosevelt and the President as the President's running mate" in 1940.

Outside the Government, the Michigan Representative accused the CIO leadership of being Communist inspired and working "to overthrow the Government by force" and bitterly attacked radio commentators Walter Winchell and Drew Pearson, accusing them of helping to foster a "smear campaign" against Congress.

He discussed what he described as "wolf-pack smearers" and said these included "Walter Winchell, creator of falsehoods; Marshall Field's PM, the Chicago Sun, the Luce publications and other publications apparently more interested in other countries than in the welfare of America."