

# House Looks for Reds in D.C. Jail

## Washington

Investigators from the House Committee on Internal Security questioned prisoners arrested in last week's Mayday demonstrations while they were in jail awaiting court hearing.

A spokesman for the committee, formerly called the House Committee on Un-American Activities, said yesterday six or seven committee staffers may have talked to as many as hundreds of young people.

"It was kind of a routine thing," the spokesman said. "The people questioned were people involved in groups the committee recently voted to investigate."

He cited the National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC) and the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice.

### QUESTIONING

David DeWoodie, 19, of Eugene, Ore., arrested Wednesday at the Capitol, said he was taken from his cell early Friday afternoon and questioned by a man who identified himself as a representative of a congressional investigating committee.

"This cat asked me what I would have thought if this

turned out to be Soviet-sponsored and paid for...

"He didn't mention China, Cuba or North Vietnam or Korea or anything like that. He asked what I thought about Russia and I told him I didn't dig Russia and it was probably for the same reasons I didn't dig the United States."

Nathan Smith of Washington, also arrested at the Capitol Wednesday, said he was brought before an investigator Friday.

"He asked questions like, 'How do you feel about the Communist party?' and 'How do you feel about the demonstrations?'. I told him I didn't know anything. I just

told him we were busted illegally."

The spokesman said investigators were looking for demonstrators "who are members of absolute subversive groups, trying to find out how many of them were there and what they were doing."

### 'COMMUNIST'

Representative Richard H. Ichord (Dem-Mo.), committee chairman, told the House April 6 that NPAC was designed "to serve as the Socialist Workers Party action group in carrying out massive anti-war demonstrations."

Ichord described the SWP as a Communist organization

composed of followers of the late Leon Trotsky.

The congressman said the People's Coalition included Communist party functionaries in its top leadership.

NPAC and the People's Coalition co-sponsored the April 24th demonstration here against the war.

A coalition spokesman, Carl Zietlow, said the crucial people involved in coalition decisions "were basically people related to nonviolent pacifist organizations."

Zietlow conceded there were Communists within the coalition, but, he said, "they had very little to do with any of these actions."

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