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Will Communism Play
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Until now there has been little indication that the issue of communism would play an important role in the presidential campaign. But several things have happened which may bring the subject up for debate.

One of the most significant developments seems to be the warning of Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, that the Communists, by subversion and cajolery, seek to do everything that they can to see to it that free governments shall perish from the face of the earth and that they have already made considerable progress in this direction, chiefly in Italy, France and Indonesia.

The questions naturally will be asked: what are the Communists doing in the United States and what is the United States doing to thwart the Marxists? The Reds would like nothing better than to be left alone so they could proceed with their underground activities unmolested.

There has been recent activity on the security front, but it has not been widely publicized.

For one thing, President Eisenhower appointed Mrs. Dorothy McCullough Lee, former mayor of Portland, Ore., to be a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board, replacing Harry P. Cain, former Republican senator from Washington who was sharply critical of the administration's employe security program.

Mr. Cain concluded his active service as a member of the board by handing down a recommendation that the SACB require the Washington Pension union to register as a Communist front organization. The Washington Pension union has been under scrutiny for almost ten years and it is said that its influence today is almost nil. So the ruling may be said to have come too late.

The board presently has under consideration the case of the Communist party itself. The Communist party was directed to register with the Attorney General in a decision handed down in April, 1953. The Communists took the case to the courts and last April won a Supreme Court decision directing the SACB to reappraise the testimony of three government witnesses who had been accused of perjury. Recently the board made public its decision to expunge from the record the challenged testimony, but denied the Communist party's motion to reopen the hearings for the taking of additional evidence.

The record is under review at present to determine if the board's initial finding is justified by the remaining evidence.

There are 11 other Communist front cases before the Subversive Activities Control Board, one of the keystones in the Communist control act of 1954.

On another front Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr., is said to have under intensive study possible new presidential orders to bolster the security program following the Supreme Court's ruling that the security program could not cover non-sensitive government jobs.

A number of bills were introduced in the recent session of congress to reverse the decision, but none of them achieved passage.

There is the charge that under present conditions the government is required to hire Communists. This situation does not sit well in the minds of people who know that the Communists are bent on destroying free governments wherever they may be.

A well known fundamental of freedom as quoted by Rep. Francis E. Walter, chairman of the House committee on un-American activities, might well be recalled by all Americans. It is that liberty cannot embrace disloyalty and still endure.