

Call This to The Attention of Your Senators and Congressman

torney General nor any other official body has ever so listed it.

The Watts report says the present system acts:

"1. To burden the Army with men it claims it doesn't want and to force it to create a vast and expensive system of de-

What One Court Said

"An honorable discharge is an extremely valuable property right as well as a personal right and to deprive a person of an honorable discharge is to deprive him of property rights, as well as civil rights and personal honor. To destroy such a certificate of title . . . in an arbitrary way in a unilateral proceeding, is contrary to our ideas of democracy.

—U. S. v. Keating, 121 Fed. Supp. 477

tection, investigation, hearing and determination in a field to which it is ill-fitted and ill at ease.

"2. To make it assume the role of jailor of those who are charged with no crime.

"3. To permit it to assess punishment of life-time duration (through the discharge) upon those who have committed no offense against the Army."

The Watts report proposes that the whole Military Personnel Security Program be scrapped, and a new one adopted on new premises. Under these the Army would be responsible for men only during their terms of active service, grant discharges solely on the basis of service rendered, and grant men in security cases "the same full hearing rights that are guaranteed him by the Uniform Code of Military Justice in defending himself against any other charge."

"Within the limits of established standards of eligibility and procedure," the Watts report concludes, "the Army must be the sole judge of whom it will permit to serve in its ranks

Jews and Negroes

"The individual had two interviews with Army Security officers. At the first interview two civilians were present and were believed to be S-2 agents. In the course of the interview, one of them asked him, 'did you know that there were many Jews at the University of . . . (the school the individual attended)?' Another question was asked to this effect: 'why did you, a white person, belong to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People?'"

—Case No. 8, p. 25, Vol. II, Watts Report

"The Army Seems Afraid of Books"

"A final alarming tendency is detected in the [Army Loyalty] Board's questions. The Army seems afraid of books and reading. Repeatedly witnesses are asked: 'Does he read?', 'Does he do much reading?' 'What books does he read?' Music and art also arouse suspicious concern, until we reach this stage:

"Q. 'What do you mean by an intellectual? Does that mean you question our present way of living and our present Government? Is that what you mean by an intellectual? In other words, you don't accept for face value. Is that what you mean?'

"A. 'An intellectual is a person who questions everything, even his fact of living, the fact that he even exists. He is more on a philosophical level than political level.'

"Q. 'Does it mean that you consider our form of Government open to question, and you're not too firm about defending our form of government?'

"A. 'No, it doesn't mean that. I'm very firm about defending our form of government. It doesn't mean that at all.'

"Q. 'You're loyal to our form of government?'

"A. 'Yes, sir.'

"Q. 'You are intellectual up to that degree?'

"A. 'Well, looking back on my adolescent experiences, I can laugh with you.'

—Pages 58-9, Vol. I, Watts Report

and that judgment will be based solely on its military needs; therefore, the Army will not accept into service anyone who is not in a position to be permitted to serve fully in accordance with his capabilities."

Norman Thomas, the Workers Defense League and the American Veterans Committee have performed a public service of the first magnitude in presenting this report to the Secretary of the Army. Now that Congress is disbanded, readers should call it to the attention of their Congressmen and Senators and urge them to put pressure on the Army. The report discloses a system of nationwide surveillance and thought control in the armed forces that shames our freedom-loving pretensions. When boys can be blacklisted for life because of their mothers, something is seriously wrong with our America.

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