

At the conclusion of the Hollywood hearings on October 31, 1947, the indicted ten again purchased newspaper space to declare: "Not only a free screen, but every free institution in America is jeopardized as long as this committee exists . . . Our original determination to abolish the committee remains unchanged." They also took this last opportunity to warn the country that "education, atomic energy and trade unions are the next targets" of the committee.

How goes the matter two years later? How goes the loyalty check—that iniquitous process which inquires of men whether they associate with Jews or Negroes, what magazines they read, what candidates they vote for, what meetings they attend?

It goes well. The city of Washington is a city of whispers, of tapped phones and cautious meetings; a city whose very air is polluted with the smell of the secret police. "There are political forces so manipulating things on Capitol Hill today," writes Roscoe Drummond, Washington bureau chief of the Christian Science Monitor, "that Congress is being put in a position of being so almost totally concerned with exposing and condemning the activities of Communism in the United States that it is almost totally unconcerned with exposing and condemning the activities of fascism in the United States . . . This isn't protection of democracy at all; this is imperiling democracy . . . There are so many evidences of Congressional pre-occupation with the dangers of Communism to democracy and Congressional indifference to the threats of fascism to democracy that they no longer can be dismissed as casual or unintentional. They appear deliberate and purposeful."

From the postal services of outlying cities there come occasional reports, cautious and confidential and never complete. They read like casualty lists from a battleground, as indeed they are: Of 34 persons known to have been purged in Cleveland, 24 were Negroes and four were Jews. Of 41 known to have been discharged in Philadelphia, 12 were Negroes and 21 were Jews. Of 14 known to have been fired in Los Angeles, 12 were Negroes and one was an American of Mexican origin. Of 133 known to have been fired throughout the country, 72 were Negroes and 48 were Jews.

This is not surprising. Anti-Semitism and Negrophobia among Federal bureaucrats is well known and never mentioned. With the policy-makers of such Neanderthalic cast it is only reasonable that