

here simply the old exchange, "It 'tis, it 'taint." How many Communist fronts is it necessary for a man to be connected with before someone can say that he gave aid and comfort to the Communists and their cause?

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We know that there are statements in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, made by irresponsible and malicious individuals, which seek by inference and innuendo to discredit persons in the leadership of our member churches and in the staff of the Council and its supervisory bodies. We know also, however, that the implied charges of communist affiliation or communist sympathy are totally false.

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Those who do not wish to witness a resurgence of McCarthyism in our country—those who see hints in recent events of a resurgence of the same totalitarian philosophy and the same tactics—should examine the record contained in this pamphlet.

Those who believe in the human rights inherent in the Christian gospel and specifically assured to Americans under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and the freedoms basic to the survival of civilization, are urged to help safeguard these rights both for themselves and their Christian institutions. It is our hope that the information here presented will be helpful to that end.

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Where does the National Council of Churches and its constituent communions stand on the question of Communism?

The following letter, written to every member of both houses of Congress of the United States, is a clear-cut statement in answer to that question. Attached to the letter is an endorsement by duly elected and authorized representatives of member denominations of the National Council of Churches:

The Honorable
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

The prompt action taken by the Secretary of the Air Force closes its training manuals to infiltration by propaganda against churches and religious institutions. However, the appearance of such defamatory

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Now we are told that the leaders of the Council "know that there are statements in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, made by irresponsible and malicious individuals," and then we are told, "We know also, however, that the implied charges of communist affiliation or communist sympathy are totally false."

These denials are simply too emphatic and too sweeping to be accepted. Moreover, and this is the important revelation, the House Un-American Activities Committee invited the leaders and spokesmen for the National Council of Churches to appear before it and under oath deny the testimony of the House Un-American Activities Committee used in the material of the Air Force Training Manual. It was a splendid joining of the issue, but the official spokesmen of the National Council of Churches declined to accept the invitation. Until the National Council leaders are willing to face the Un-American Activities Committee with their own proof and demonstrate to the American public that the documented, sworn testimony brought out concerning subversive activities in religion is false, an increasing number of Christian people are going to lose confidence in the National Council of Churches.

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McCarthyism has become the shibboleth of these leftists who want peaceful coexistence. As a matter of fact, the president of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, closed his term of office, December 2, 1957, by claiming, "It was the National Council of Churches that took on the late Senator McCarthy and McCarthyism at a time when most on capitol hill were either afraid or confused or both." Moreover, anti-Communism is McCarthyism!

This introduction, therefore, in itself reveals how untenable the NCC's position is, and also, the tactics which they have now sought to employ simply to divert the Christian public from the indisputable facts which have been brought to public attention. All the Reds in the NCC are fully protected by the defenses of the NCC.

This we shall see in our further analysis.

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The letter sent by the National Council of Churches to every senator and congressman in Washington, D. C., points up the same line which we have seen in the introduction. The first sentence insists that their churches have been attacked, that their religious institutions have been abused by this Government publication.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact that the NCC here makes this twist and complete misrepresentation reveals their inability to face the facts themselves.

The churches were not attacked by the Air Force Training Manual. The Government, in preserving the security and welfare of this nation, has a right and a responsibility to pursue the Communist program of subversion wherever it goes—labor, education, law, the theatre, the church. To expose the Communist tactics and propaganda in the movies is not to destroy the movies.

James W. Wine, associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches, who represented the Council in this Air Force Training Manual controversy, wrote an article, "The Attack on the Churches," in *The Christian Century*, July 6, 1960. Do the NCC's defenders think that, by building up sympathy for the churches and