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Notre Dame and Radicalism.

Over a nation-wide hook-up, William Randolph Hearst spoke last Saturday on the evils of Government by the Proletariat. Here is one of his concluding paragraphs scoring the part some colleges take in spreading communism:

"Does anybody want the bloody despotism of communism in our free America except a few incurable malcontents, a few sap-headed college boys and a few unbalanced college professors who teach the young and inexperienced that the robbery and rapine of communism is--God save the mark--ideology?"

An editorial appearing in the January issue of "The Sign" magazine comments aptly upon Notre Dame's influence against radicalism:

"During the exciting weeks of the recently-closed football season, the sports columnists and writers for leading syndicates and on hundreds of different dailies were more than once hard-pressed for something interesting to write about. In such periods of mental jejuneness or whenever hampered by lack of material, it seems to have become an accepted custom to pad with cheaply humorous observations anent the fighting 'Irish' of Notre Dame. The usual procedure is to run a list of 'Irish' names such as Melinkovitch, Poijman, Schiralli, Vairo, toss in a few 'begorras' and a column or story is presently born. One apt reflection on such procedure could well be that Notre Dame, even when not playing championship football, is still news.

"A more sober and useful thought, however, is that Notre Dame is a genuine All-American university. It is a melting pot in the fullest sense of that much-abused expression. Notre Dame is the largest men's boarding-school in the world. It receives students from practically every state in the Union. They are mostly of the type referred to by our first families as hyphenated Americans, or they are the sons of hyphenated Americans, and are predominantly non-Nordic. These boys--the hope and promise of our nation--Notre Dame University takes for four years, moulds their minds and souls and then turns them out as men--real men and real Americans. Moreover, in this respect, Notre Dame is not unlike any other Catholic university or college in the land.

"Our superior 'Americans' may taunt and ridicule our Catholic institutions of learning for the generous mixture of foreign-sounding names on their student rosters, but they can never point to any Catholic college or university as an incubator for Communism, or a teacher of unpatriotic principles, or a breeding ground for all manner of immoral, un-American and dangerous doctrines. More than one of our older and better-known universities is deserving of such epithets. Some of these schools are supported by the hard-earned money of the taxpayers, while the tuition and various educational advantages and opportunities are free.

"The government authorities need never investigate, and never have had occasion to investigate, radical tendencies or activities in any American Catholic university or college. Neither does the Government subsidize, nor has it ever been asked to subsidize any of these institutions. Notre Dame and the other Catholic universities and Catholic colleges are the only ones that can really claim the title 'All-American.'"

Pamphlets.

A new supply has arrived since the Christmas holidays. More are coming. Look them over, and don't be stingy. We're still in the red.