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This Fight Against Communism.

"The Tech," student paper of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, laments editorially, in its issue of January 8, that Notre Dame alumni and faculty members are being "regimented" to fight Communism--which, by the way, has a rather nifty record of its own in this matter of regimentation.

"There is no consideration of the possibility," says the editorial, "that perhaps an investigation of Communism will lead to the conclusion that it is not dangerous enough to get excited about--perhaps even that it has a few good points. But the question is not going to be approached with anything like an open mind.....if Notre Dame is drafted in this activity the term 'university' in its name is being perverted."

Shame, shame Notre Dame! Let's try to see the awful, unscholarly business that you have undertaken. An analogy may help.

Alumni of a university--good, sappy old fellows, you know--come to the conclusion, from their reading and observation, that forgers and thieves, rapists and kidnapers, bank robbers and murderers, constitute a growing menace to society. Nothing scientific here, of course.

Well, the alumni have recourse to their university for scientific data on crime. Certain faculty members set about the business of supplying facts to alumni speech-makers. Neither the alumni nor the faculty members proceed, it seems, with an open mind toward crime. It is all a frame-up. They are against crime from the beginning. The good points--the fact, for instance, that skillful criminals earn a swell livelihood in crime--never has a chance to come to light. In its actions against crime the university is perverted. It is just another case of that hideous regimentation.

But, who in the world would say that Communism is comparable to crime? Why, according to the young editorial writer on "The Tech," Communism in the United States seems to be just a harmless little playfellow hardly able to climb over the horizon of thought. Is Communism, after all, so bad and dangerous that we should get excited about it?

Well, these points about Communism might be mentioned: as a philosophy of life, it denies the existence of God (the basis of all reasonable morality); it seeks to destroy all religion, repudiates any noble purpose for man's existence on earth. As a political organization here in the United States, Communism is absolutely controlled by Moscow; in this country, as in Russia, it would take away from man his freedom of speech and of the press, his freedom of religion and of assemblage, his freedom of education. As a system of economics, it would make man the slave of an economic state tyranny, would put women, as a set policy, into the factories and into the armies, would nationalize children, would make of America (what it has made of Russia) a vast economic prison with workers like inmates who labor in a prison.

This is Communism. Is it really imminent and dangerous? Tish, tish. THERE ARE MORE COMMUNISTS IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY THAN THERE WERE IN RUSSIA WHEN THE COMMUNISTS SEIZED CONTROL; and Communists themselves declare openly that their purposes can only be achieved BY THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF ALL OTHER ORDERS OF SOCIETY.

The day of the open mind towards crime and Communism is over. The time to fight crime is not when a masked fiend has a sawed-off shot gun pressed against your ribs. The time to fight Communism is not next year, not next month, not even tomorrow. The time to fight Communism is TODAY, at this very hour, with all the forces at your command.

PRAYERS: (deceased) friend of Arch Gott (Walsh). Ill, Tom Schriner (Morr.); Joe Canale (Alum.); Father Carey, C.S.C.; nephew of John M. Wallach (Sor.); friend of Vince Hartnett; Lawrence, brother of Matt Merkle (Carr.), appendectomy; great-aunt of Ed Dahill (Walsh); father of Joe McNeill (Sorin).