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REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN TEAGUE NOT ONLY DISTRUSTS DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATIONS BUT NOW YOUTHS, TOO! IN ORDER TO PREVENT "LEFT-WINGERS" (THOSE WHO VOTE FOR FEDERAL SUBSIDIES TO SUGAR BEET AND CAME PRODUCERS?) FROM TAKING OVER THE PEACE CORPS, HE SUGGESTS THAT EVASIVE POLITICAL CURE-ALL: THE LOYALTY OATH. THIS LITERALLY MEANS THAT HE CANNOT MAKE HIMSELF TRUST AMERICAN YOUTH TO SERVE OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE THAN THEY, SINCE THESE STUDENTS ARE THE PRODUCT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRAINING WE PROVIDE ~~WE~~ THEM. WE BEGET THESE CHILDREN, REAR THEM, ESTABLISH AND CONTROL THEIR EDUCATION AND MORAL UPBRIDING, AND THEN TO PROVE TO OURSELVES HOW INEPT WE ARE AT PERFORMING THESE FUNCTIONS, WE ASK THE YOUNGSTER TO SIGN AN OATH OF THEIR PAST ALLEGIANCE. IT'S EASILY DEMONSTRATED FROM PAST ARRESTS ON SECURITY VIOLATIONS, THAT THERE IS NO SIMPLE, EASY, SINGLE WAY TO PREDICT LOYALTY; HOW DO YOU DETERMINE WHEN SUSCEPTIBILITY TO BLONDES WILL LEAD TO ESPIONAGE? THIS FINE AMERICAN TRAIT RECENTLY LED TO THE ARREST OF THE FIRST FOREIGN OFFICER ACCUSED OF ESPIONAGE. HOW DO YOU PREDICT WHEN A COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER WILL BECOME A MAJOR POLICY MAKER WITH REGARD TO THIS SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT? JAY LOVESTONE OF THE AFL-CIO IS AN OUTSTANDING EXEMPLAR.

MOST INDIVIDUALS IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS OF AMERICA TODAY, FROM CLERK AND CUSTODIAN TO TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR, ARE ALL SIGNED UP WITH LOYALTY OATHS. NOW CERTAIN OF THE PRODUCTS OF THE SYSTEM MUST ALSO SIGN. WHAT OF THE OTHERS? WE HAVE OVER FIVE HUNDRED FOREIGN STUDENTS IN SAN LUIS OBISPO WHO HAVE PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH HUNDREDS OF LOCAL AMERICANS UNDER THE MOST VARIED SITUATIONS. CAN THERE BE ANY DOUBT THAT THIS IS A REAL, ACTIVE, CRUCIAL PART OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY? HOW MANY OF THESE AMERICANS HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE LOYALTY OATH ON FILE WITH THE FBI OR THE STATE? HOW MANY OF THEM HAVE THE TRUE, ONCE-AND-FOR-ALL WORD ON WHAT AMERICANS ARE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE TO BE LOYAL? IN FACT, ALL WE NEED NOW IS FOR THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO REQUIRE A LOYALTY OATH OF THEIR CITIZENS BEFORE THEY COME HERE TO STUDY OR VISIT, AND THE WHOLE PERSONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM WILL BE WORTHLESS. PERMANENT AND PERFECT ISOLATION BECOMES THE ANSWER OF THE DAY! ALL GLORY TO THE STATE, CHECK ON ITS INDIVIDUALS, AND GIVE SOCRATES ANOTHER CUP OF HEMLOCK.

OUR OFFICE MOTTO IS: YOUR ~~PROPOSED~~ SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IS SIMPLE, NEAT, PLAUSIBLE AND WRONG——BUT POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT.

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