

"WHEREAS the activity of the self-styled "anti-communist" extremist groups such as the John Birch Society have become a cause of concern to responsible citizens of all parties; and

WHEREAS the Ventura Star Free Press, the Oxnard Press-Courier, the Santa Barbara News-Press, and the Los Angeles Times, have recently published documentary exposes of the John Birch society and called upon responsible citizens to repudiate such organizations, and

WHEREAS, the techniques of the "Birch" type groups include setting themselves forth as super patriots - while they simultaneously impute treason and communist influence to many responsible present and former leaders of both major political parties including such men as President Eisenhower, Truman and Roosevelt, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and Chief Justice Earl Warren; and,

WHEREAS, the total effect of their activity is the creation of hostility, hate and suspicion, and the destruction of public confidence in our leaders, our government, and our respected institutions including the church, press, and schools, and even on democracy itself; and,

WHEREAS, the John Birch society and other extremist right wing groups are known to be now actively organizing in Ventura County, and have already influenced some *well-meaning* patriotic local citizens to accept as fact their *Strange Connection* of half-truths, exaggerations, inferences, and innuendos;

Now THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Democratic Central Committee of Ventura County, that this committee calls upon all political parties and candidates for public office to repudiate the support of the "John Birch Society", as well as that of the Communist Party, the Klu Klux Klan, and other subversive organizations.

RESOLVED FURTHER that this committee calls upon all citizens to be alert for the infiltration of members of such organizations into community organizations and political groups, and for their efforts to create mistrust of teachers, ministers, newspaper writers, public employees <sup>and</sup> ~~or~~ elected public officials, and *others!*

RESOLVED FURTHER that this committee approves the recent statement of J. Edgar Hoover that the combatting of Communist subversion in this country is being properly carried out by established laws and public authority including the FBI, and that vigilante action by private individuals or groups is not the way to do the job. This committee recommends that any Ventura citizens obtaining evidence of Communist activities or subversion, proceed to convey such information to local authorities or to the FBI.

In the interest of solidarity in the preservation of respect and trust in our friends and neighbors, and in normal democratic procedures on our local level, we would welcome a statement on this subject from the Republican Central Committee of Ventura County.