

of view of their long affiliation with communist inspired activities; their interest in what happens to those they have conveniently labeled fascist or nazi. Despite the agitation stirred up by these groups, the fact remains that unless we wish to condemn the Department of Justice and its officers, we must accept their action in banning the communist party as dictated by a study of the facts and a sense of duty to the country.

So the situation was created that the party became illegal, many of its members were interned, and its activity had to be carried on without the law, it was driven underground, and immediately official documents, constitutions, declarations, letters to members of the house began to appear, apologia for the party, filled with the most orthodox statements of grim determination to eliminate (liquidate would have been more genuinely communistic language) all the foes of democracy. And there took place also a movement throughout the length and breadth of the land which resulted in telegrams, letters, delegations to the house and to this committee; and the remarkable thing about which is that those identified with the movement are exactly those who have for years been identified with every effort of the party. For those who have studied communist party activity in this and other countries, this was exactly what was to be expected. That is the way the party works, and the organization has been perfected for many years for just that type of emergency and that type of activity. Quite naturally the advocates of lifting the ban are going to make a great play of stressing the thoroughly respectable recent pronouncements of the leaders and it is impossible to point to party activity that contradicts the public pronouncements. Most of the members are in internment camps and those at liberty are working under cover, there is no publicity attached to what they are