TOP HOLLYWOOD NAMES FORMING NEW CITIZENS COMMITTEE IN FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OF SCREEN

Daily Variety reports organization of a new group of big names headed by David O. Selznick, Charles Brackett, Lionel Barrymore, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and others, who want Republican presidential aspirant Harold Stassen to front for them in their fight for freedom of the screen. Hollywood bigwigs see need of national campaign, and comes as the result of smearings job Thomas Committee is doing on Hollywood in current hearings. Variety states that anyone who's appeared as a witness before the Washington "un-American" boys will be excluded from this newly formed citizens' committee.

If this is aimed at the A. Manjou's and R. Taylor's, the freedom-of-the-screen lovers are showing good sense. If it is aimed at keeping the committee's skirts clean from contamination by the nineteen "unfriendly" witnesses now in Washington, it's short sighted. Freedom Indivisibility.

They had better see it clear that freedom of the screen is indivisible from freedom of speech or religion, or the right to assemble and petition the Government for redress of grievances. That's what the writers of the Constitution of the United States had in mind when they framed the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights.

That's why those nineteen men were subpoenaed by the Thomas Committee—because the Thomas Committee considers defense of the Bill of Rights or the Constitution of the United States an "un-American" activity.

Read excerpts from statements by those nineteen men and see where they stand on the Bill of Rights.

10 Make Statement

In a combined statement, the nineteen declared: "We have been assailed by the calculated fury of men in whose minds hearsay becomes the test of truth, slander the measure of integrity and perjury the criterion of patriotism. This unprecedented attack has been leveled against the right of every American to see, to hear, to read, to think, to speak, to assemble, to organize, to vote, as he wishes within the law."

WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN TO SUPPORT THE SABATH RESOLUTION ABOLISHING THE THOMAS-RANKIN "IN-AMERICAN" COMMITTEE!

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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY


Thursday, October 29, 1947

TREASON GETS OKAY FROM JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

The Federal case against three "un-American" characters was dismissed yesterday, newspapers reported. Thrown out of court. The charge was only treason!

Jane Anderson, Edward Leo Delaney and Max O. Kolischwitz, American citizens, had been charged with broadcasting Nazi propaganda from Berlin during the war. One of the factors that counted in their favor, according to the Justice Department, was "the nature of the material broadcast."

REMEMBER THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS (PCA) MEETING SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE HOLLYWOOD MASONIC TEMPLE. HEAR A TELEPHONIC BROADCAST FROM THE FRONT LINE FIGHTERS IN WASHINGTON. ADMISSION FREE.
Newspapers, which printed long excerpts from the testimony of the "friendly" witnesses, have not been so kind to the "unfriendly" nineteen, only two of whom were allowed to read statements before the Thomas Committee. Here's what you may have missed:

JONJ HOWARD LAWSON: "These forces are trying to introduce fascism in this country. They know that the only way to trick the American people into renouncing their rights and liberties is to manufacture an imaginary danger, to frighten the people into accepting repressive laws which are supposedly for their protection. The American people will know how to answer that attack. They will rally, as they have always rallied, to protect their birthright."

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ALBERT MALTZ: "Above all, I challenge the right of this Committee to inquire into my political or religious beliefs in any manner or degree. And I assert that not only the conduct of this Committee, but its very existence, is a subversion of the Bill of Rights."

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DALTON TRUMBO: "I call your attention only briefly to political coincidence that nearly all 'friendly' witnesses have violently opposed the ideals of Wilkie, and Roosevelt, while without exception, the 'unfriendly' witnesses have supported such ideals..." (This hearing) clearly reveals your intention to establish a slave screen, subservient to the cultural standards of J. Parnell Thomas and the humanitarian precepts of John E. Rankin.

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ALVAN BESSEY: "It is not difficult for any intelligent person to realize that if this investigation is permitted to achieve its immediate objective, it will not hesitate to move on from the motion picture industry to the throttling of the press, the radio, the theatre, and book publishers of America. We saw this pattern at work before -- in Hitler's Germany."

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HERBERT BIEBERMAN: "It is not communism the House Committee fears, but the human mind, reason itself. This question will not be decided by the committee or by us, but by the American people. And this decision will be for the continuance of popular constitutional government in our country."