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## Employment of Communists at the State University, August 4, 1949

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### [Letter, August 4, 1949]

August 5, 1949

Mr. John F. Neylan

Crocker First National Bank Bldg.

San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Neylan:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, I am sending to you a copy of a resolution passed by the Board in connection with the action of the Board of Regents of the University of California regarding the employment of communists.

Cordially yours

Harold W. Wright

General Manager

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## EMPLOYMENT OF COMMUNISTS AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY

The University of California was founded by the people of this State as an aid to education through a search for truth and its exposition to our citizens.

This search for truth depends upon open minds on the part of all connected with the University.

Membership in the Communist party is a voluntary abandonment of an open mind and a blind acceptance of party tenets and programs which are wholly false to the concept of freedom.

Such membership by professors, administrators and other employees of our State University renders them utterly unfit to uphold the freedom tradition of the school and to render the public service in the training of our youth for which the University was established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce:

That the Regents of the University of California be commended for their action in reaffirming their stand that no member of the Communist party and no one under oath or agreement incompatible with full support of the Constitution of the United States and of the State of California shall be employed by the University;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED —

That copies of this resolution be sent to each member of the Board of Regents and the President of the University of California.

Unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce at its meeting held on Thursday, August 4, 1949.

EARLE V. GROVER, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: HAROLD W. WRIGHT, GENERAL MANAGER