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Re: Certain Names on List of 157 from Los Angeles Campus

July 11, 1950

PRESIDENT SPROUL:

According to information supplied by the local Accounting Office, names of the following academic personnel on the Los Angeles Campus (on whom loyalty hearings were held and favorable recommendations made by the Privilege and Tenure Committee and the Administrative Committee) are contained on the List of 157:

- George Bodenhorn - Lecturer in Economics (resigned effective 7/1/50 to accept a position at Rand Corporation)
- Jean B. Livermore - Visiting Associate Professor of Social Welfare
- William H. Riback - Lecturer in Social Welfare
- John P. Skinner - Visiting Associate Professor of Social Welfare
- Ruth A. Spiegel - Visiting Assistant Professor of Social Welfare
- Lester Meckler - Teaching Assistant in Philosophy
- James P. Wesley - Teaching Assistant in Physics
- Roland D. Hutchinson - Teaching Assistant in Psychology

Under the action of the Board of Regents at Los Angeles on June 23, 1950, it is our understanding that all those whose names appear on this list are not eligible for service in the University (except for 1950 summer session appointments) after June 30, 1950.

However, since favorable recommendations with respect to these persons were made to the President, we are convinced that their names have been incorrectly included in the List of 157 and should be removed for favorable consideration at the next meeting of the Board of Regents.

Will you therefore kindly check to see if your recommendations follow those of the local committees, and if so, take what steps as you find necessary to re-establish their eligibility for employment in the University during the year 1950-51.

Respectfully submitted

Paul A. Dodd

Vern O. Knudsen

for the Administrative Committee

PAD/jb

cc: O. Lundberg

E. Groff

Re: Loyalty Oath Hearings Academic Personnel, Los Angeles Campus

June 22, 1950

PRESIDENT SPROUL:

Herewith attached are brief summaries and recommendations covering all academic personnel (faculty and non-senate academic employees) on the Los Angeles campus of the University who have petitioned for loyalty hearings.

I have felt it would be helpful to you if the key anti-communist statements contained in the individual reports of the Privilege and Tenure and Special Hearings Committees were pulled out for each individual and placed over the recommendations of the Hearing Committee and those of the Administrative Committee for your information and guidance. This has been done on the summary sheets which follow.

You will note that favorable recommendations for continued service have been made on behalf of the following:

David Appleman
George Bodenhorn
John Caughey
Francis J. Crowley
Stephen Enke
Carl Epling
Christopher Jackson
Donald Kalish
Abraham Kaplan
Jean Livermore
Robert Merrill
Hugh Miller
Charles Mowat
Morris Weiburger
John Oehrli
Constantine Panunsio
Donald Piatt
Frank Pierson
Daniel M. Popper
Orests Pucciani
William H. Riback
Kenneth Roose
David S. Saxon
John P. Heward
John P. Skinner
Ruth A. Spiegel
Ruth S. Lynch
Lester Meckler
James P. Wesley
Roland D. Hutchinson

For reasons explained in the notes attached, unfavorable recommendations have been made for

Eleanor Pasternak
Alfred Deutsch (as qualified below)
Eugene Cogan
Edward L. Hunt
William C. Schutz
Daniel M. Wilner

We know of no other hearing arrangements, aside from the case of Alfred Deutsch, among this group on this campus which are not completed and so (except as noted above) will consider the hearings closed and completed for the current year.

Respectfully submitted
Paul A. Dodd, Dean
for the Administrative Committee
PAD/jb
Enclosures

Summary of Loyalty Oath Hearings and Recommendations Los Angeles Campus (June, 1950)

June 22, 1950

1. Mrs. Eleanor B. Pasternak, Assistant Supervisor in Physical Education

Said she did not believe in the overthrow of our government by force or violence, and that she has no sympathy with any totalitarian doctrine. Made no statement—either direct or indirect—that she was not a member of the Communist Party.

Hearing Committee (Privilege and Tenure Committee) does not recommend that her services be continued.

Administrative Committee recommends that her services with the University be discontinued, effective July 1, 1950, since we have not been able to find in the report of the Hearing Committee what to our minds constitutes a reasonable substitute for the anti-communist statement in the new contract.

2. David Appleman, Associate Professor of Plant Nutrition

Stated that if he were applying for a government position which required a non-communist oath for security reasons, he would sign such an oath.

Name has been listed by Un-American Activities Committee as participating in Conference on American-Russian Cultural Exchange and in National Conference for Peace; as member of faculty of People's Educational Center (1946); Southern California director of American Russian Institute (1948); sponsor of dinner benefit rally on March 5, 1948 for "Hollywood Ten."

Tenny Report (1948) carries account that on witness stand before the Committee, Appleman testified that he had no sympathy with the Communist Party or with Communism in general.

Hearing Committee (Privilege and Tenure) finds that Appleman fulfills all the conditions for employment in the University except for signing the new contract form. Committee also is of the unanimous opinion that Appleman is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organization advocating the overthrow of the government by force or violence.

Administrative Committee finds in the report of the Hearing Committee a reasonable substitute for the anti-communist statement in the new contract form, and therefore recommends the retention of his services, during the year beginning July 1, 1950.

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3. George D. Bodenhorn, Lecturer in Economics

Said he had accepted a position with RAND Corporation where he will be required to sign an oath that he is not a member of the Communist Party. Said also that he intends to sign such an oath there

Hearing Committee recommends that his services be continued until the time when his resignation takes effect.

Administrative Committee finds in his statement concerning the signing of the non-communist oath for employment at RAND Corporation a reasonable substitute for the new contract form but recommends no further action on this case since his resignation from service at the University of California will become effective July 1, 1950.

4. John W. Caughey, Professor of History

Stated that he had no desire to deny a lack of sympathy with Communism; that if he were being considered for government service of a secret or special nature, he would answer any question asked of him; that he had made speeches including statements antagonistic to totalitarianism of any kind, including Russian totalitarianism along with Nazi and fascist types of totalitarianism; and that "I abhor the opposite sort of political system whether it be an absolute monarchy with practically no respect for the wishes of the people of the country, or whether it be a totalitarian government without monarchistic form but with no regard for the wishes of the people."

Hearing Committee recommends the acceptance of his reasons for not signing in lieu of the signature of the new type of contract. The Hearing Committee also states that in its unanimous opinion Professor Caughey is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the government by force or violence.

Administrative Committee finds that Professor Caughey has declined to state, for the record of his hearing, unequivocally, that he is not a member of the Communist Party although on many occasions, informally and off-the-record, during his long years of service at the University, he has expressed his opposition to Communism as well as to other forms of totalitarianism. Years of intimate professional and social contact with him have left absolutely no doubt whatever in the minds of the members of the Administrative Committee that he is not a member of the Communist Party, that he has never been a member of that Party or of any organisation advocating the overthrow of the government by force or violence. We believe further that he has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth, and that his failure to sign the contract is based solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not on his inability to meet the conditions of continued employment at the University.

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We therefore recommend that his statements before the Privilege and Tenure Committee, together with our own personal certification of his non-communist affiliations, be accepted in lieu of his signature on the new form of contract and that his services with the University be continued.

Francis J. Crowley, Professor of French

Stated that he considered the Communist Party an extension of the Foreign Office in the Kremlin; that he thought the members of the Party, whether consciously or not, are used by the Kremlin to further the nationalist interests of Russia; and that the people of the government of the United States are illogical in allowing it to parade as a political party and to enjoy the rights and privileges of a political party's organization; and that "I am quite willing to vote to have it outlawed as a political party."

Stated also that he had always felt that a university was a place where it was the function of scholars as well as their privilege and responsibility to seek the truth unfettered and untrammelled, and that some years ago he had declined a position with a denominational university because he was fearful that that position would impose upon him a form of thought control.

Hearing Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Professor Crowley fulfills all conditions of employment in the University with the exception of his signature of the new form of contract. It is the unanimous conviction of the Committee that Professor Crowley is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the government by force or violence.

Administrative Committee finds in the report of the Hearing Committee what it considers to be a reasonable substitute for the anti-communist statement of the new contract form. We therefore recommend that Professor Crowley's services be continued.

6. Stephen Enke, Lecturer in Business Administration

Stated unequivocally that he could and would sign an anti-communist statement if it were for employment in defense work or similar work under security conditions. In fact, he has been employed for some time by the Rand Corporation, a company doing classified research for the U. S. Air Forces and has signed an anti-communist statement there. He has been cleared by the F.B.I. for work at Rand involving highest classification documents; but he feels such a requirement is not in keeping with academic freedom in a university.

Hearing Committee (Privilege and Tenure) is of the unanimous opinion that Dr. Enke has fulfilled all requirements for employment in the University except for signing the contract form and is of the unanimous conviction that he is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organisation advocating the overthrow of the government by force or violence.

Administrative Committee finds in the hearing report covering Dr. Enke what it considers to be a reasonable substitute for the anticommunist statement in the new contract form. We recommend therefore that his services with the University be continued.

7. Carl Epling, Professor of Botany

Stated that he is opposed to any dictatorship, proletarian or otherwise, and is against arbitrary action on the part of authority; that he has no sympathy with those who would force a reluctant majority to follow a particular path of action. On August 23, 1949 Professor Epling wrote President Sproul as follows: "Let me first say categorically that I am not a member of the Communist Party, have never been and would be only one under duress. Nor am I special pleader for the party, a 'fellow traveler'. I believe I hold allegiance to a more urgent ideal. I abhor authoritarianism in any guise, for it is the very negation of scholarship and science."

Hearing Committee (Privilege and Tenure) is of the unanimous conviction that Professor Epling is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organisation that advocates the overthrow of the government by force or violence, and that he fulfills all conditions of employment in the University with the exception of his signature on the new form of contract.

Administrative Committee finds in the hearing of this case an unequivocal statement by Professor Epling that he is not a member of the Communist Party, that he has never been, and believes that Professor Epling has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth. Since we believe that his failure to sign the contract is based solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not on his inability to meet the terms of the contract, we recommend that his services be continued.

8. Christopher Jackson, Lecturer in Philosophy

Stated that he was not now and never had been a member of the British Communist Party or any American Communist Party; that his political convictions tend to be markedly conservative, and that in order to enter the United States last September, he did in fact swear that he had never been a Communist.

Hearing Committee (Privilege and Tenure) recommends that the statement made before the Privilege and Tenure Committee be accepted in lieu of the signed contract.

Administrative Committee recommends that Dr. Jackson's statement be accepted in lieu of the signed contract, but since he has already resigned from the service of the University, effective July 1, 1950, a further recommendation with respect to continued service after this date is not necessary nor appropriate.

9. Donald Kalish, Instructor in Philosophy

Stated that he was not a Communist and in fact never had any affiliations or sympathies with Communism, and that he had come to the conclusion that "the philosophical foundations of Marx's Communism are balderdash".

Hearing Committee (Privilege and Tenure) recommends the acceptance of his reasons for not signing in lieu of the signed contract.

Administrative Committee finds in the record of this case that Dr. Kalish has stated unequivocally his personal opposition to Communism and his full observance of the conditions of appointment at the University of California. This Committee is of the opinion that his failure to sign the contract is based solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not on inability to meet the terms of the contract. We, therefore, recommend that Dr. Kalish's service with the University be continued.

10. Abraham Kaplan, Associate Professor of Philosophy

Stated unequivocally that he, while opposing the imposition of the conditions of the contract, nevertheless satisfied those conditions in full; and that two years ago he had done part-time work of a secret nature for the RAND Corporation and was cleared by the security agencies of the Air Force and the Atomic Energy Commission; and that if he had been asked to sign an oath that he was not a member of the Communist Party he would have signed it. He stated further, "I am opposed to totalitarianism in all forms—Russian or any other that denies essential freedoms," and that he was opposed to the Communist doctrine of the dictatorship of the proletariat and that he is opposed to the political policies and actions of the Communist Party in Russia and to the Communist Party in this country so far as it pursues similar policies and actions.

Hearing Committee recommends that Dr. Kaplan's statement be accepted in lieu of the statement of the new contract since it is of the unanimous conviction that Dr. Kaplan is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the government by force or violence, and that his failure to sign the contract is based solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not because of his inability to meet the terms of the contract.

Administrative Committee finds in the record of this case what it considers to be a reasonable substitute for the direct anti-communist statement contained in the new form of the contract, and therefore recommends that Dr. Kaplan's services with the University be continued.

11. Mrs. Jean B. Livermore, Visiting Associate Professor of Social Welfare

Stated that she believed that she satisfies all of the conditions for employment by the University of California except the signing of the new contract form.

Hearing Committee was convinced, as a result of Mrs. Livermore's responses to the Committee's questions and her written statement, that she is a firm believer in democracy and an opponent of totalitarianism; that she is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the government by force or violence; and that her reasons for not signing the contract should be accepted in lieu of her signature on the new type of contract.

Administrative Committee, upon a basis of the record of this case, is of the opinion that her failure to sign the contract is based solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not on her inability to meet the terms of the contract. For this reason, therefore, we recommend continuation of the services of Mrs. Livermore.

12. Robert V. Merrill, Professor of French

Stated that he would be willing to take a non-communist oath if he were to be employed by the State Department or in a similar governmental program wherein security necessitated such an oath.

Hearing Committee recommends the acceptance of his reasons for not signing in lieu of his signature on the new type of contract; and is of the unanimous opinion that he is not a member of the Communist Party or of any other organization which advocates the overthrow of the government by force or violence.

Administrative Committee is of the very strong conviction that Professor Merrill has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth, and that his failure to sign the contract is based only and solely on the grounds of principle and conscience and in no way because of his inability to meet the terms of the contract.

We therefore recommend that Professor Merrill's services with the University be continued.

13. Hugh Miller, Professor of Philosophy

Stated emphatically before the Privilege and Tenure Committee that he was not a communist, he had never been a communist, and he had never had any connection with any group having communistic affiliations.

Hearing Committee recommends that his statements be accepted in lieu of the signed contract.

Administrative Committee believes that Professor Miller has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth and that his failure to sign the contract is based solely and only on grounds of principle and conscience. We therefore recommend that Professor Miller's services with the University be continued.

14. Charles L. Mowat, Associate Professor of History

States that as an immigrant to this country and as a naturalized citizen he has taken oaths and made statements under oath far more comprehensive as to his loyalty to the United States and its institutions than anything which the Regents have required of employees of the University; that he did not perjure himself at the time he took such oaths and that he has not broken the oaths since, nor does he intend to. He states further that

he believes in the Democratic form of government and the free enterprise system, and that he is against totalitarianism and dictatorship in any form.

Hearing Committee recommends the acceptance of his statements for not signing in lieu of his signature on the new type of contract; and it is the unanimous conviction of the Committee that Professor Mowat is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the government by force or violence.

Administrative Committee finds in Professor Mowat's record of his hearing statements which in its opinion constitute a reasonable substitute for the direct anti-communist statement in the new contract form. We are convinced that Professor Mowat's failure to sign the contract is based only and solely on grounds of principle and conscience, and not on his inability to meet the conditions of employment with the University.

For this reason, therefore, we recommend that Professor Mowat's services with the University be continued.

15. Morris Weiburger, Associate Professor of Meteorology

Stated that he could sign a non-communist oath if it were required in connection with a position involving government security; that he is opposed to totalitarianism in any form and to any type of suppressive organization; that he feels that the present Russian government is a police state and he is strenuously opposed to such a policy.

Hearing Committee reports that it is of the unanimous conviction that Professor Weiburger is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the government by force or violence; and recommends that the statements made before the Privilege and Tenure Committee be accepted in lieu of his signature on the new type of contract.

Administrative Committee believes that Professor Weiburger statement that he could sign a non-communist oath if it were required in connection with a position involving government security is a reasonable substitute for a direct anti-communist statement as contained in the new form of contract; that he has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth; and that his failure to sign the contract is based only and solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not on his inability to meet the terms or conditions of employment with the University.

The Committee recommends, therefore, that Professor Weiburger services be continued with the University.

16. Constantine Panunzio, Associate Professor of Sociology

States that he is not a member of the Communist Party nor of any similar organization; that he is against dictatorship of any sort, Communism or other.

Hearing Committee recommends the acceptance of Professor Panunzio's reasons and statements in lieu of his signature on the new type of contract.

Administrative Committee is convinced beyond all reasonable doubt that Professor Panunzio has no commitments whatever which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth, and that his failure to sign the contract is based solely and only on grounds of principle and conscience and not because of any inability on his part to meet the conditions of employment established by the Regents at the University of California.

The Committee therefore recommends a continuation of Professor Panunzio's employment with the University.

17. Donald A. Piatt, Professor of Philosophy

States that he is opposed to dictatorship of opinion or totalitarianism in all forms, and that he would not hesitate to sign a form of contract similar to the new University contract form or swear to a similar special oath were he being considered for a position involving the national security.

Name listed as a sponsor of American Youth for Democracy (Tenny Report, 1947); and as a sponsor for a "Welcome Home, Joe" dinner at Ambassador Hotel, December 16, 1945, sponsored by the American Youth for Democracy.

Hearing Committee states that, in its unqualified opinion, Professor Piatt is not a member of the Communist Party nor of any subversive group; and recommends the acceptance of his reasons for not signing as submitted during the course of the Hearing in lieu of his signature on the new type of contract.

Administrative Committee is convinced that Professor Piatt is not a member of the Communist Party or of any other organization advocating the overthrow of the government by force or violence, and that he has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth. The Committee believes further that his failure to sign the contract is based solely on grounds of principle and conscience and in no manner because of his inability to meet the terms or the conditions of employment established by the Regents.

For these reasons, therefore, the Committee recommends that Professor Piatt's services in the University be continued.

18. Frank C. Pierson, Lecturer in Economics

Stated before the Hearings Committee that he was unalterably opposed to Communism; and that the more we learn about Communism, the weaker and more debased it becomes.

Hearing Committee was of the unanimous conviction that Dr. Pierson was not a member of the Communist Party or of any other organization advocating the overthrow of the government of the United States by force or violence.

Administrative Committee believes that Dr. Pierson has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth, and that his failure to sign the contract is based only and solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not on his inability to meet these terms.

For these reasons, we recommend that Dr. Pierson's services with the University be continued until the end of the current year, June 30, 1950, at which time he plans to return to Swarthmore College to resume his duties in the Department of Economics and to take over the Chairmanship of that Department.

19. Daniel M. Popper, Associate Professor of Astronomy

Stated that he had no objection to and could sign a non-Communist oath if it were required on a government research project; that he had worked on the Manbattan project from March, 1943 to September, 1945, and that he had been cleared for this work by the Army Security Board; and that he deplored totalitarianism in any form and was opposed to any orders that might limit the freedom of the individual.

Hearing Committee is of the unanimous opinion that he is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organization advocating the overthrow of the government by force or violence; and recommends that his statements presented before the Committee be accepted in lieu of the new contract form.

Administrative Committee is of the belief that Dr. Popper has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth, and that his failure to sign the contract is based solely on grounds of principle and conscience, and not on any inability on his part to meet the terms or conditions of employment.

We, therefore, recommend that Dr. Popper's services with the University be continued.

20. Oreste F. Pucciani, Assistant Professor of French

States that he has often said to colleagues in conversation that he is not a Communist and that he has no affiliation, nor has he ever had any affiliation with the Communist Party.

Hearing Committee is of the unanimous conviction that Dr. Pucciani is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organization advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and recommends the acceptance of his statements for not signing in lieu of the signature of a new type of contract.

Administrative Committee finds in his statement before the Hearing Committee what it considers to be a reasonable substitute for the anti-Communist statement in the contract form. The Committee believes that Dr. Pucciani has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth, that he is not a Communist and that his failure to sign the contract is based solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not on any inability on his part to meet the conditions of employment established by The Regents for the University of California.

We therefore recommend that Dr. Pucciani's services with the University be continued.

21. John W. Gehrli, Assistant Professor of Engineering

States that he is opposed to advocacy of the overthrow of the Government by force and violence; that he is opposed to dictatorship in any form and that he believes firmly in the free enterprise system. He states further that as a member of the Society of Friends, he feels these convictions are consistent with his membership in this organization.

Hearing Committee is of the unanimous conviction that Dr. Gehrli is not a member of the Communist Party and that he has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities and obligations as a member of the faculty of the University; and recommends the acceptance of his reasons for not signing in lieu of his signature on the new type of contract.

Administrative Committee is of the opinion that Dr. Gehrli's failure to sign the contract is based solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not on any inability on his part to meet the conditions of employment established by The Regents of the University.

We recommend therefore that Dr. Gehrli's services with the University be continued, even though he has resigned effective July 1, 1950 to accept a position in private industry.

22. William H. Riback, Lecturer in Social Welfare

Stated categorically before the Hearing Committee that he was not a Communist.

Hearing Committee accepts this statement made by Dr. Riback and recommends acceptance of his reasons for not signing in lieu of his signature on the new type of contract.

Administrative Committee has no reason to question the statement made before the Privilege and Tenure Committee by Dr. Riback that he was not a Communist and believes that his failure to sign the contract is based

solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not on any inability to meet the conditions of employment established by The Regents.

We therefore recommend that Dr. Riback's services with the University be continued.

23. Kenneth D. Reese, Assistant Professor of Economics

Stated that he is strongly opposed to Communist doctrine in the subject of economics and that he does not believe that a Communist could teach economics objectively.

Hearing Committee is of the unanimous conviction that Dr. Reese is not a member of the Communist Party, nor of any organization advocating the overthrow of the Government by force or violence, and recommends the acceptance of his reasons for not signing in lieu of his signature on the new type of contract

Administrative Committee is of the opinion that Dr. Reese's failure to sign the contract is based solely on grounds of principle and conscience and that he has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship in the free pursuit of truth.

We recommend therefore that Dr. Reese's services with the University be continued.

24. David S. Saxon, Assistant Professor of Physics

Stated that he was a member of the M.I.T. Radiation Project during the War and was given complete clearance for his work in that project; that he was recently been given clearance for work with the Atomic Energy Commission; and that if he were to engage upon a duty involving national security he would gladly sign an oath that he is not a Communist.

Hearing Committee recommends that these statements be accepted in lieu of the new contract form, because it is of the unanimous opinion that Dr. Saxon is not a member of the Communist Party nor of any other organization advocating the forceful overthrow of the Government of the United States.

Administrative Committee is convinced that Dr. Saxon's failure to sign the contract is based solely and only on grounds of principle and conscience and not on any inability on his part to meet the conditions of employment established by The Regents.

We therefore recommend that Dr. Saxon's services with the University be continued.

25. John P. Seward, Associate Professor of Psychology

Stated in a letter made available to the Hearing Committee that he was not a Communist and that he did not sympathize with Communism as he understood it.

Hearing Committee reports that it is convinced that Dr. Seward has satisfied all requirements of The Regents for employment at the University save for the signing of the contract and recommends that the statements made before it at the hearing be accepted in lieu of his signing the contract form.

Administrative Committee finds in Dr. Seward's unequivocal statement that he is not a Communist, a reasonable substitute for the written statement on the contract form. It believes that he has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth; that his failure to sign the contract is based only and solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not on any inability for him to meet the conditions of employment established by The Regents.

For these reasons, therefore, we recommend that Dr. Seward's services with the University be continued.

26. John P. Skinner, Visiting Associate Professor of Social Welfare

States that before he was sent on overseas duties during World War II clearance was given by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that in connection with his employment by the Veterans Administration he signed an oath similar in form to the new form of contract in the University declaring that he was not a member of the Communist Party.

Hearing Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Dr. Skinner is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organization advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and recommends the acceptance of his reasons for not signing in lieu of his signature on the new type of contract.

Administrative Committee is of the opinion that Dr. Skinner is not a member of the Communist Party and that he has no commitments which conflict with his responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth. It is convinced further that his failure to sign the contract is based solely on grounds of principle and conscience and not on his inability to meet the conditions of employment established by The Regents.

For this reason, therefore, we recommend that Dr. Skinner's services with the University be continued.

27. Ruth A. Spiegel, Visiting Assistant Professor of Social Welfare

Stated that in her view allegiance to any special interest, whatever the basis, would be a breach of contract of employment at the University and the proof of incompetence of service. She stated further that if she were required to take an oath that she was not a Communist in connection with appearing as a witness for an applicant for United States citizenship, she would be willing to and could take such an oath. She has done so in the past.

Hearing Committee is of the unanimous conviction that Dr. Spiegel is not a member of the Communist Party or of any organization advocating the overthrow of the Government by force or violence; and recommends the acceptance of her reasons for not signing in lieu of her signature on the new type of contract.

Administrative Committee is convinced that Dr. Spiegel is not a member of the Communist Party, that she has no commitments which conflict with her responsibilities with respect to impartial scholarship and the free pursuit of truth and that her failure to sign the contract is based solely on the grounds of principle and conscience and not on her inability to meet the conditions of employment as established by the Regents.

For these reasons, therefore, we recommend that Dr. Spiegel's services with the University be continued.

28. Alfred Deutsch, Teaching Assistant in Chemistry

Had no hearing since Mr. Deutsch is out of town and will not be available until after July 4.

Written statement was filed under date of June 9, 1950 setting forth his reasons for declining to sign the special form.

At least until a hearing is held, we have no statement or evidence which could be considered in lieu of a signed anti-communist statement on the contract form itself.

Administrative Committee recommends that Mr. Deutsch's services as Teaching Assistant in the Chemistry Department be discontinued after June 30, 1950, unless and until an acceptable hearing has been completed.

29. Ruth Stocking Lynch, Research Associate in Botany

Stated categorically that she was not a member of the Communist Party and has not been a member in the past; that she agreed with the stand that communists should not be employed in the University.

Hearing Committee (Special committee appointed by the President) recommends the acceptance of Dr. Lynch's reasons for not signing in lieu of her first signature on the new type of contract.

Administrative Committee finds in Dr. Lynch's statements what it considers to be a reasonable substitute for the anti-communist statement on the new contract form. We therefore recommend that Dr. Lynch's services with the University be continued.

30. Lester Meckler, Teaching Assistant in Philosophy

Stated at the hearing unequivocally that he was an ardent anti-communist and that he finds "Marxism as a philosophy and a theory of economics woefully inadequate; as a social program in action both ruthless, bigoted, and a potential danger to neighboring non-communist societies". He stated further that he would not hesitate to sign a non-communist oath as a condition of employment on a secret atomic energy project or such other projects attended by clear and present danger to national security.

Hearing Committee (Special committee appointed by the President) recommends the acceptance of Mr. Meckler's statements for not signing in lieu of his signature on the new type of contract, and continuance of his services in the University.

33. Roland D. Hutchinson, Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology

Stated that, in his opinion, a totalitarian system is possible only when conformity is demanded of the citizens of a state and that democracy can only exist when diversity is not only protected but encouraged. He stated further that conformity, no matter how obtained, leads to sterility and that he was utterly opposed to totalitarianism in any form; and that he did consider communism a form of totalitarianism and therefore was opposed to it. In fact, he used the words, "I abhor it."

Hearing Committee (special committee appointed by the President) has reported that it finds no reason to believe that Mr. Hutchinson's failure to sign his contractual statement rests upon any basis other than those described in his prepared statement, and recommends the acceptance of his reasons for not signing the new form of contract and a continuation of his service in the University.

Administrative Committee finds in Mr. Hutchinson's statement before the special hearing committee what it considers to be a reasonable substitute for the anti-communist statement contained in the new contract form, and for this reason joins in the special committee's recommendation that Mr. Hutchinson's service with the University be continued.

34. William C. Schutz, Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology

Presented a prepared statement for the special hearing committee in which he said the University should hire only men who are competent and, in his opinion, a man may be judged incompetent if he does not hold a scientific viewpoint toward the presentation of the content of his course. These statements were followed by a number of other statements, all of them appearing to be rather broad and general in character.

Hearing Committee (special committee appointed by the President) found no evidence of communistic affiliations or activities in information made available to the Committee during the course of the hearing, and the committee reported that it had no reason to doubt that Mr. Schutz's failure to sign the contractual statement rests upon any basis other than those described in his prepared statement, abstracted in the special committee's

report.

The special hearing board, however, reported that since Mr. Schutz declined to answer indirect questions relative to membership in the Communist Party, the committee had nothing further to report in his behalf. This special hearing board therefore recommended that Mr. Schutz not be reemployed after June 30, 1950, but solely because the board was not able to find a reasonable substitute for the anti-communist statement in the contract, and for this reason only. One member of the board dissented.

Administrative Committee concurs in the recommendation of the special hearing board.

35. Edward L. Hunt, Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology

Stated that, until the Communist Party is legally ostracized as a group engaging in treason, membership in it should carry no more grounds for dismissal than should membership in any political party, religious sect or group representing common interests of its members; and that incompetence to teach and do research may be associated with membership in various groups, but in every case he contends it is necessary to determine incompetence individually and not solely on the basis of group affiliation.

Hearing Committee (special committee appointed by the President) reports that no evidence of communist affiliations or activities was made available to the Committee and that it had no reason to doubt that Mr. Hunt's failure to sign the contractual statement rests upon any basis other than that described in his prepared statement made before the special committee.

The board reported, however, that since Mr. Hunt declined to answer indirect questions relative to membership in the Communist Party, the committee had nothing further to report in his behalf. This special hearing board therefore recommended that Mr. Hunt not be re-employed after June 30, 1950, but solely because the board was not able to find a reasonable substitute for the anti-communist statement in the contract and for this reason only. One member of the board dissented.

Administrative Committee endorses this recommendation of the special hearing board.

36. Eugene A. Cogan, Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology

Stated that his reasons for unwillingness to sign the new contract form are essentially that he believes a loyalty oath or its equivalent contributes to the destruction of certain principles of democratic procedure that he considers very important; and that, after careful consideration, he has reached the conclusion that signing the new contract form would lend sanction to a policy inconsistent with the constitution, his oath of allegiance, and the fundamental principles of democracy.

Hearing Committee (special committee appointed by the President) reports that no evidence of communist affiliations or activities has been made available to the Committee and that it has no reason to doubt that Mr. Cogan's failure to sign the contractual statement rests upon any basis other than those described in his prepared statement before it.

The board reported, however, that since Mr. Cogan declined to answer indirect questions relative to membership in the Communist Party, the committee had nothing further to report in his behalf. This special hearing board therefore recommended that Mr. Cogan not be re-employed after June 30, 1950, but solely because the board was not able to find a reasonable substitute for the anti-communist statement in the contract and for this reason only. One member of the board dissented.

Administrative Committee endorses this recommendation of the special hearing board.