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The 'Reds' Probe: Driving Some Stakes

The appeals court's split decision banning congressional exposure of former Communists for the sole purpose of exposure dramatizes a legal jungle in which individual rights have many times been set upon by political headhunters.

Even if there were a law requiring that former Communists be exposed, the majority observed, Congress has no power of prosecution. It would be a job for a law enforcement agency.

Witnesses have been put on the rack of exposing old associates to public hate and ridicule for non-criminal acts — not always Communist activities — committed in past years when those acts were considered harmless.

It should not want to be understood as approving the use that the Committee on Un-American Activities has frequently made of its jurisdiction.

Bulganin's Dry Water And Wooden Iron

A DIPLOMAT'S words must have no relations to action — otherwise what kind of a diplomat is he? Stalin once wrote: "Good words are a mask for the concealment of bad deeds."

As an offer of peace. They had been tired to present the Kremlin as a seeker of peace at a moment when the free world alliance seemed to be a little threadbare.

The Bowie Wrangle: Massive Silliness

It is a political maxim around the State Department in Washington that hot potatoes should be disposed of as quickly and quietly as possible — even at the expense of honor, tact and ordinary respectability.

According to Washington reporters who have followed Mr. Bowie's career as chief of the State Department's policy planning staff, this is not precisely correct.

Dogtags For Children: A Tiny Chafing

There is a sober purpose behind distribution of dogtags to Mecklenburg youngsters. The idea is to provide identification in case "something happens," the specific something being military attack. But, as Civil Defense officials point out, tags are a good thing anyway.

and house in the fifth block of the specified street. But it was not until his genius led him to the discovery of the hidden, awesome power of matter that he found it necessary to label his children.

What Is Academic Freedom?

University Trustees Must Defend Privilege Of Dissent

By VICTOR S. BRYANT

Editors' Note: What is academic freedom? A professor at the University of Southern California was dismissed recently for expressing opinions unpopular to the university administration and Trustees.

State officials. In excerpts from a talk delivered to the Oxford Rotary Club, a prominent member of the University of North Carolina board of trustees expressed his ideas on the subject.

REAL academic freedom insists upon the recognition of certain positive and fairly well defined principles. Let us examine them. First of all, it stands for a teacher's full freedom in research, and for the right to publish the results of his research.

No college or university should presume to circumscribe the boundaries within which a faculty member may search for the truth, although for the performance of his other duties it may limit the time available for research. It must be anticipated that the results of his search will collide at times with orthodox beliefs, and it might be further expected that not infrequently unorthodox beliefs will emerge.

These may be highly unpalatable to both the university administration and the trustees, but they must be remembered that the heresies of one age frequently become the accepted standards of the next.



HERB LOCK

Prime Minister Eden is bringing with him to Washington some startling evidence about the manner in which American Oil Co. royalties are being used in Saudi Arabia to stir up trouble against England and the United States.

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er any right to teach immoral precepts or subversive doctrines, and I assume the term "subversive" to mean the overthrow of our government by fraud or force.

Citizens' Rights Academic freedom stands for a third privilege for the faculty member: Outside his classroom and beyond his chosen field he has the same right to formulate and express his opinions as any other citizen.

There is a second privilege which the teacher should enjoy under academic freedom: A faculty member in his classroom should be absolutely free in teaching those subjects which have been assigned to teach.

A university should have on its faculty members representing as possible a variety of viewpoints.

The University of North Carolina in 1955 discharged a science professor because he advocated publicly the abolition of slavery.

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Speaking Truth Personally I am often fearful that the teachers will not use fully their academic freedom.

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teaching. A professor who misuses his classroom or other relationships with his students for subversive propaganda or wrongful purposes, or is guilty in his extramural relationships of subversive acts which disqualify him as a citizen, must be responsible as an individual for what you may rest assured have a keen eye for the fallacious.

It is highly essential that the trustees of an educational institution refrain from any project which has the appearance of spying, and it is necessary from every standpoint that no methods of inquisition or intimidation be employed.

When Fear Stalks But that is not the worst of it. What happens to the student when he speaks in the classroom?

The stimulation of adventurous thinking will vanish. Teachers who should beckon pupils to follow history classes through the portals of wisdom to new vistas of inspired learning will halt at the threshold of content only to point out timidly a safe and uninspired way. References to important present day world movements will become conventional and innocuous.

I would not close without pointing out that academic freedom is a matter of noblesse oblige. It carries with it definite responsibilities and obligations.

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