Chapel Thwarted in Efforts to Outlaw Communist Conspiracy

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I was elected to the Legislature in November, 1950, and was sworn into office in January, 1951. I began to study methods of outlawing the Communist Party in California and discovered that many years before there had been a California State law keeping the Communist Party off the ballot in California, but the law referred to the Communist Party by name.

Following the enactment of that law, the State Supreme Court of California rendered a decision that it was a violation of the Constitution of the State of California to keep a political party off the ballot by name, but the State Supreme Court then went on to say that it could be done by description.

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THEREFORE, in 1953.I introduced my Assembly Bill No. 52 which passed both houses of the Legislature and was signed by the Governor, thus becoming a law, officially cited as Chapter 1217, Statutes of 1953, futher cited as Sections 2540, 2540.4, and 2540.9, of the Elections Code of the State of California.

This is still the law in the State of California and since the enactment of my law no Communist has had his or her name on any ballot in California as a Communist Party member, although is is entirely possible that there have been candidates who were either Communists or friends of Communists who have been on the ballot registered as members of any one of several volitical parties.

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ALTHOUGH my law taking the Communists off the ballot in California has been successful since 1953, on April 21, 1961, I introduced my Assembly Bill No. 2905, which provides that the State take official recognition of an international Communist conspiracy and that meetings and activities of Communist organizations constitutes as a matter of law a clear and present danger to the health, welfare, and existence of the State. It provides that unless the context otherwise requires whenever the terms "Communist" and "Communism" appear in a statute they shall be deemed to include the persons, organizations and activities described in the act.

My Assembly Bill No. 2905 was voted out of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary with some Republicans abstaining or voting against it and some Democrats for it. On the floor of the Assembly I had to stand up, with the help of very few Republicans and Democrats and take the abuse of most members of both parties who were afraid of what they called the "Liberal voters" from about 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., without any opportunity for me to have anything to eat or even sit down, because I had to stand and take the attacks of men of both political parties who go before the voters and play the part of patriots.

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YOU CAN get a copy of my Assembly Bill No. 2905 by writing to the Legislative Bill Room, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, Calif. You can get the record of the attacks on me and my Assembly Bill No. 2905 by asking the Legislative Bill Room to send you the Assembly Journal for June 3, 1961, and examine about five pages, ending on page 4878. Whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, you will be horrified to discover how many Republicans deliberately stayed off the floor or left during the debate, and yet Republican members of the Assembly tell their people they are the arch foes of Communists.

If you are a Democrat, you will be shocked to discover how many attacked me and my bill, but also you will be proud of those Democrats who stood beside me throughout the long, vicious debate.

Obtain a copy of People's World, published in San Francisco, issue of Saturday, June 24, 1961, and see for yourself what the radicals think of me and the very few men who stood beside me.

Obtain a copy of The San Francisco Chronicle, issue of June 7, 1961, and read the column by Earl Behrens entitled "When Big Isn't Big Enough." Also obtain a copy of the San Francisco Examiner, dated Sunday, June 4, and read the column entitled "International Conspiracy - Assembly in Uproar Over Anti-Red Bill," which carries a Sacramento date-line of June 3, 1961. You can then see what has happened to our Legislature and particularly to both Republican and Democratic members of the Assembly.

Nixon Heads Lions Blind Grid Program

Work of the Lions International in helping the blind through a multitude of activities today received the praise of former Vice President Richard Nixon who accepted the job of honorary chairman of the organization's Second Annual White Cane Bowl Football game.

The gridfest, which brings together teams from L.A. State College and Cal Poly (Pomona), will be played Saturday night, Sept. 16, in East Los Angeles Junior College stadium.

James G. Hodges, chairman of the bowl game committee, declared that proceeds from the game would go to the Lions aid to the blind program.

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AMONG THE projects for the blind that the Lions support, are eye examinations for the needy, free glasses, medical and surgical care, free tuition in Braille and the purchase of white canes.

The former vice president in accepting his honorary title presented Hodges with a personal donation for the project and reminded him that he, too, "once played football" in college.

Nixon urged citizens of the Southland to support the White Cane fund drive by attending he football game.

Tickets may be purchased through Lions clubs, the two competing colleges, or at the stadium on the night of the contest.

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Always swim in a safe area. This is indicated by presence of lifeguard.

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