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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

The 'Humboldt Standard' of March 8th states that an anti-communist resolution, proposed by William H. Abbay Jr., candidate for the Assembly from the 1st D.D., was adopted by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee. The resolution is a typical red-baiting attack on the Communist Party, containing the threadbare lies and slanders that have become so familiar since the launching of the Cold War. Why did Mr. Abbay and the forces behind him introduce such a resolution at this time? Are they really worried about communism? We doubt it.

Red-baiting, as every good union man knows, is a device to immobilize people, to divide and destroy progressive organizations, and to sow confusion. Its chief political uses are to attack liberal candidates (remember FDR?) and to sidestep progressive political action (remember Truman's civil rights program?). The effect of red-baiting, if successful, is to divert and defeat the people.

We can see this clearly in the current witch-hunting frenzy aimed at passage of the new Mundt-Nixon Bill to silence every voice raised against reaction and for labor. This same hysteria has succeeded 'til now in preventing the passage of almost all the constructive social legislation that the Democratic leaders claim to favor.

In Washington, Senator McCarthy (R) red-baits the leaders of the Democratic Party, the architects of the Cold War, while in Humboldt County Senator McCarthy's Charlie McCarthy pops up to chirp, "me too".

If the members of the Democratic Central Committee allow themselves to be diverted by this phoney anti-communist 'crusade', they will soon disillusion the Democratic voters who cannot get jobs, houses, relief, pensions or decent farm prices from the rantings of Tenney-type politicians. You can't eat red herring - IT'S POISON! The record of that peerless anti-communist, J. Parnell Thomas, now doing time in prison for his cozy little kick-back racket, is a good example of how much can be covered up by yelling 'RED' all day long.

The Charlie McCarthy of Humboldt County ends his resolution by saying that the Democrats have the only positive program to perpetuate our free American form of government. Does he seriously think he can make the voters believe that his resolution, with its advocacy of bigger and better witch-hunts, spy-scaries, loyalty oaths, and Taft-Hartley laws will help to perpetuate any free form of government? We are sure that Mr. Abbay knows that these are stepping-stones on the road to fascism.

As for the Communist Party, we are fighting and will continue to fight for the needs of the majority of the people - for jobs, housing, fair employment practices, and above all for a positive program for peace.

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