

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
February 1, 1962

State Affairs Committee met at 2:00. A group of ladies from the Wichita League of Women Voters were present as guests to observe the working of a Committee. The Chairman stated that HCR 23 was to be considered, and Mr. Unruh was introduced to discuss his resolution.

Mr. Unruh stated that he felt the proposed resolution was pretty clear and should require little explanation; that it was not aimed at any particular institution; that he was particularly disturbed when Mr. Froman was allowed to appear before the student body at KU. He states that many people don't want to smother "academic freedom" and that it is not the intent of the resolution to do so, but while our National Government is spending millions on foreign aid, arms and education abroad, we bring in known communists and condone their speaking to and with our young impressionable students. Mr. Unruh states that we are probably losing ground and it certainly looks as if they are gaining. He states that it is his opinion that our students are being slanted toward socialism by some of the professors in certain courses, and it makes them easy prey to the communist doctrine; that it is our duty to protect individual freedom. We have fought wars and killed to protect our freedom, and we should not jeopardize this by permitting such things to go on in our institutions of learning. This resolution does not outlaw the appearance of these individuals--it just gives the Legislature a chance to express its sentiments in the matter, as well as our real concern.

Mr. Ford inquired if this would in anyway tie the hands of the heads of our schools in the performance of their work. He stated that a few years ago he had heard Dr. Murphy speak after he had returned from a tour of Russia where he had free visitation privileges of all the institutions of learning. By his speaking tour he was trying to tell us what we were up against in fighting communism. He then inquired if this resolution would have the effect of interfering with statements of this kind. Mr. Unruh replied that it was not intended to hamper the heads of the schools, but only to apprise them of the sentiments of the Legislature; that this is not a local matter but a matter of national security; that these people seek to divide and then conquer; that Hungary and Poland are prime examples of this.

Mr. Behee stated that he had attended an anti-communist seminar at Leavenworth with many people from all over the country, along with Congressman Judd, who made the statement that when we have inter-visitor programs with Russia, we send businessmen--they send agents; we send teachers--they send agents; we send farmers--they send agents--and so on down the line. He states that someone has to start working on the problem, and that while the Legislature perhaps shouldn't, there is probably no reason, on the other hand, why they shouldn't express themselves.

Mr. Ford stated that there is an aura of suspicion between the Russian people and the American people; that until this suspicion is removed, we don't have a chance of any kind of a relationship; that these people don't trust each other and there is no reason why we should expect them to trust us. Mr. Behee replied that at the seminar, this very thing was pointed out--they don't trust anyone because of the way they live; they want to infiltrate and then they can control.

Rep. Williams was then introduced to make some statements in opposition to the proposed resolution. He stated that he was one of the guests on the platform when the gentleman from Russia appeared before the student body; that he was pleased and happy to say that communism took a beating before all the world at that particular time. He states that he is a graduate of KU; that he went into the school a liberal and came out a conservative and that he feels that he was not influenced in any way; that he is strictly anti-communist but feels we should not interfere with the heads of the schools in such decisions. Mr. Williams stated that he felt some of the criticisms of this appearance came from what he would term "super-patriotic" individuals who were inclined to be "do-gooders".

Mr. Doyen inquired if he was expressing the views of the University and Mr. Williams replied that he was appearing as a private individual but did agree that he had received many communications from people connected with the University, as well as those outside. Mr. Unruh inquired as to the reaction and opinions of the students at that time, and Mr. Williams replied that it received a "tremendous" reaction; and reiterated again that communism had taken a real back seat that day. Mr. Unruh pointed out that this could be the very psychology that is the most effective--that it can take a beating to get attention, and then turn the tables--it is such a devious thing.

Representative Arthur made a few remarks expressing his concern, not as a representative of KSU but as an individual who had been contacted by both university people and those outside. He stated that he was just concerned, and that KSU had expressed the feeling to him that if they were not operating in a proper manner, certainly they wanted to do so--that they were only wanting to do what was right and wanted to know if they were mis-using their influence.

Mr. Behee and Mr. Bisbee pointed out the language in the resolution--that it merely says discourage and deplore, and does not seek to prohibit. Mr. Baringer expressed himself that the students reacted by thinking and discussing; that they were stimulated, and stated that the Legislature should not attempt to hamstring the educators. Mr. Unruh suggested that everyone should read "America, too young to die" written by a Russian author; that it really opens eyes. Mr. Kissick stated that he had faith in the youth, growing up in a Christian nation; that he believed the early training given our youth would triumph; that he was certainly in sympathy with the resolution but felt that we should not interfere with the educators.

Thereupon, discussion was terminated and the meeting was adjourned until 9:30 February 2nd.

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 23

By Mr. UNRUH

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relating to subversive political ideologies and declaring the policy of the legislature as to the advocacy of the Communist doctrine on college campuses in this state and urging the teaching in all the schools of Kansas of the fundamental principles of a representative democracy on which this country is based.

WHEREAS, A tyranny more monstrous, more devious and more deadly than any which has heretofore threatened civilization is waging a relentless struggle for the minds, hearts and souls of our people by destroying respect for our most cherished institutions of the home, family, religion, law and civil authority, thereby softening us up generally for the "big takeover," and all Communist party members embrace a doctrine of alien origin, bear allegiance to alien masters, and are irrevocably committed to the destruction of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The president of the United States and other prominent leaders throughout the nation have recognized that all Communist policies and strategies are based on the philosophy of incessant warfare against all non-communist peoples and institutions, and more than ever before, free people and those who would be free look to us for leadership in the struggle for the preservation of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, It has been and is the policy of our national government to fight the spread of communism and billions of taxpayer dollars have been and are being spent for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, Communists are concentrating everywhere on young people and Communist publications are stressing the fact that Communists are seeking audience and acceptance on American college campuses for the supposed purpose of joining in a "great American debate" on the philosophy of communism; and

WHEREAS, It is not surprising that the Communists would seek to spread their poisonous propaganda on our college campuses, there is great concern among Americans in all walks of life that the appearance of known Communists and their participation in discussion, lecture, speech, or debate on any subject on our college campuses is a practice calculated to bring aid and comfort to communism through creation of an aura of respectability and credibility and a camouflage of decency to this insidious, anti-God conspiracy; and

WHEREAS, It is incredible that we should even think of allowing an avowed and powerful enemy to pour poisonous propaganda into the minds of our youth for we would not allow anyone to freely dispense drugs or narcotics on our campuses. Nor would we allow a known carrier of a serious infectious disease to participate in campus activities. It seems incongruous that while we recognize communism as a vicious and mental enemy we would at the same time let the Communists enjoy facilities of our tax-supported educational institutions. The idea of communism can be examined by our students and patriotic educators without assistance from Communists: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein:* That the legislature hereby declares that we are unalterably and implacably opposed to any system, ideology, movement, party, or nation that dares to challenge or blatantly threatens the principles and ideals upon which our great country was founded and has prospered or which is in any way inimical to our interests.

*Be it further resolved:* That we deplore, discourage and shall look with extreme disfavor upon the appearance on any college campus in the state of Kansas of any known Communist whether such appearance be by invitation or otherwise.

*Be it further resolved:* That we urge parents and those in the field of education at all levels rededicate themselves to inculcating in the minds of our young people the fundamental principles on which this country is based, a clear understanding of the

16 constitution of the United States, and a fervent desire to support  
17 it at all times if they wish to obtain and preserve their rights to  
18 citizenship under our present form of government, and we com-  
19 mend to parents, educators and freedom-lovers everywhere, a  
20 commitment to these words of Thomas Jefferson, "I have sworn  
21 upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of  
22 tyranny over the minds and lives of men."

23 *Bt it further resolved:* That the secretary of state be in-  
24 structed to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the  
25 president of the United States, the attorney general of the United  
26 States, the state board of regents, and to the president or chan-  
27 cellor of each one of the institutions of higher learning which are  
28 under the jurisdiction of the board of regents of the state of  
29 Kansas.