

IN ITS short life-span, the UDC has achieved miracles. You should know something about UDC.

The committee was formed in May, 1948, by city, county and federal workers in Los Angeles. It was sponsored by the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, Local 558 (AFL), and the United Public Workers, Local 246 (CIO).

To get its first case before the U. S. Supreme Court, the committee raised and spent \$10,000. UDC members contributed hundreds of dollars from their own pockets. Contributions came from everywhere . . . striking longshoremen in Hawaii . . . an elderly woman in Florida who read of the case and sent \$15 . . . workers in steel, auto, furniture, electrical shops who passed the hat . . . Public Workers unions throughout the country . . . University of California professors (now fighting a campus "loyalty" oath).

To get its story to the people, the committee distributed 75,000 copies of a pamphlet entitled, "If We Remain Silent . . ."

Copies of the pamphlet were shipped to libraries throughout the U. S., to organizations, to Universities, to prominent citizens. Libraries in Oregon, Illinois, Cambridge, Berkeley requested additional copies. Unions sent the pamphlet to their members.

On appeal of the committee, more than a score of organizations had their own attorneys prepare and send to the U. S. Supreme Court "friends of the court" briefs in support of the Parker case. Among them was the Methodist Federation for Social Action.

The story was told. A favorable atmosphere was created. The spirit of fight was heartened. Freedom became everyone's responsibility.

A magnificent job was performed.

But now there are the **Hirschman** and **Garner** cases. **The fight goes on. The needs increase.**

Again UDC members are digging into their own pockets for the third round of \$100.00 contributions each.

The fight is in the bag . . . the money bag. With your contributions we can win.

"Loyalty" checks are everybody's fight. We're in the front-line trenches . . . but you've got to pass the ammunition to us.

We must not let money stand between us and freedom.

We ask you to dig down deep, then rush your contribution to us.

And, as important as money is at this stage, that's not all there is to this fight. Take our story to your organizations. Spread the word. **Create the favorable atmosphere this country needs to preserve its civil liberties.**

Fill out the attached coupon. Tell us . . .

'Yes, I'll Help Preserve My Liberties!'

THE PEOPLE'S CHECK . . .

UNITED DEFENSE COMMITTEE
AGAINST 'LOYALTY' CHECKS
919½ W. 6th St. L. A.
P. O. Box 5328, L. A. 55

Check these off . . .

- Send me _____ copies of this pamphlet. I guarantee their distribution.
- Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to this fight.

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zone _____

"LOYALTY" OATHS

MAKE *You*



**FIRST, CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES-
THEN-YOU ARE NEXT-
-IN ANY JOB, IN ANY INDUSTRY!**

NOW IS THE TIME TO FIGHT!



YES, NOW is the time to fight. All we need is the right prescription.

They failed to find it in Germany. They got 12 years of fascism, concentration camps, forced labor, starvation.

But we've found it here. It's a blend. You take one part of **action**. Take another part of **resistance**. That's it! **Active resistance**.

Hitler started "loyalty" checks early. Conform with Nazi thoughts, books, beliefs—or you're out of a job and on your way to a concentration camp. When the believers in freedom and liberty were cleaned out, the first shot in World War II was fired.

"Loyalty" checks came to the U.S. much later. World War II was over and people believed Hitler's thought control was dead.

It started with President Truman's Executive Order 9835, directing an inquisition into what federal employes think . . . read . . . say.

That touched off a chain reaction that bubbled over first in the County of Los Angeles, then the City of Los Angeles. Then Maryland, New York, New Jersey. Oaths . . . affidavits . . . renunciations . . . untouchable organizations—the whole roster.

But the prescription was at hand. Federal, city and county employes in Los Angeles resisted, organized the **United Defense Committee Against Loyalty Checks**, known familiarly as **UDC**.

They took their case to the people. And the people responded. Legal action was instituted. The California Supreme Court rejected the case. On it went to the U. S. Supreme Court.

And there it was returned to the state courts in an opinion which pointedly called the lower courts' attention to Constitutional guarantees of freedom.

That's why we say . . .

"Loyalty" checks can be beaten! The Constitution can be maintained! The starting point is Los Angeles! We've got the prescription!

SURE IT HITS YOU--RIGHT WHERE YOU WORK!

Nobody's got a patent on "loyalty" checks. Not even the government. Everybody's doing it. It's a virus passed on from one employer to another. Here's an idea . . .

CHICAGO, JAN. 12—THE STEWART-WARNER CORP. HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FIVE EMPLOYEES, SUSPENDED FROM THEIR JOBS, DEC. 19 BECAUSE THEY RESISTED A LOYALTY CHECK, HAVE BEEN REMOVED PERMANENTLY FROM THE COMPANY'S PAYROLLS.

SAN DIEGO, JAN. 20—OFFICIALS OF THE FURNITURE WORKERS UNION TODAY FILED UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE CHARGES AGAINST A NEWLY-ORGANIZED COMPANY WHICH HAD DISCHARGED ITS ENTIRE CREW OF 40 WORKERS BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT PLEDGING GREATER LOYALTY TO THEIR EMPLOYER THAN TO THEIR UNION.

BUT FREEDOM IS NEARER THAN YOU THINK

From California to the Atlantic seaboard the people's voice has been heard. Resistance makes its own listeners. And significant victories have been won in recent months . . .

NEW JERSEY—Special "loyalty" oath for political candidates thrown out by state Supreme Court. Said the court—there is an oath in the state constitution; no other is needed.

MARYLAND—OBER law, patterned after Mundt-Nixon bill in Congress, tossed out by the court. The opinion held the law unconstitutional for interference with freedom of speech and for violating due process of law guarantee.

NEW YORK—FEINBERG law, aimed at teachers,—out on its ear. State Supreme Court, perhaps with one eye cocked at the Los Angeles County affidavit listing 142 organizations as *verboten*, says of it . . . "this is 'guilt by association' with a vengeance."

VICTORY IS IN SIGHT; LOS ANGELES IS ITS PILOT

The original case of Los Angeles county employes, known as the Parker case, was the first to reach the U. S. Supreme Court in a Constitutional test of "loyalty" checks. But the Court's opinion was indecisive. It neither held the County "loyalty" order constitutional nor unconstitutional.

The court ruled the case was prematurely before them, since no employes had been discharged at the time the case was initiated. (It sent the case back to the state courts where it had been denied a hearing by the California Supreme Court.) In returning the case, the U. S. Court pointedly commented:

"For all we know the California courts may sustain these claims under local law. It is relevant to note that when claims not unrelated to those now urged before us . . . have come before the Supreme Court of California that tribunal has not been insensitive to them."

Judges are not deaf; they can hear. They are not blind; they can read. Their decisions are not made in an intellectual vacuum. They are made in an atmosphere, a climate. What that atmosphere, that climate, will be . . . **depends on us.**

The Parker case has now given way to the Hirschman, et al. case of 16 dismissed Los Angeles County employes. Their case will be heard in Superior Court in March. The legal challenge of the "loyalty" oath adopted by the City of Los Angeles, known as the Garner et al. case, will be heard in Appellate Court in April.

If "loyalty" checks are defeated in Los Angeles, they will be defeated everywhere. They will be as dead as Hitler, with whom they should have been buried in the first place.

It's up to us!