

Senator William Langer, Chairman
The Judiciary Committee
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Because of the false and harmful impressions created by such an un-American hearing as held in New Orleans on March 18th, 19th and 20th by the Subcommittee on Internal Security, we the undersigned feel called upon to state that in our opinion the South has produced no finer type of American than Aubrey Williams, Myles Horton and James A. Dombrowski, all three loyal, courageous, self-sacrificing men, who have fought and are fighting segregation and discrimination in our country. Smear tactics and witch hunts have long been un-American and we hope will remain so.

We protest the giving consideration to the testimony of such persons as Crouch and Butler when applied to men of the high caliber of those we have mentioned.

This hearing was called ostensibly to investigate the Southern Conference Educational Fund, an agency dedicated to the single purpose of combatting racial discrimination and segregation, but the questions put to the witnesses by the committee counsel had little relevance to the activities of this educational agency. Instead, the questions asked by the counsel were concerned almost exclusively with personal beliefs, opinions and associations of the witnesses in violation of their constitutional rights. This so-called hearing had more of the characteristics of an inquisition than a legitimate, fact-finding legislative function of Congress.

We urge you to permit no holding of inquisitions in our country, especially one-man inquisitions in the South by a man from Mississippi, known to have spoken disparagingly of the Negro soldiers who fought and died for their country and ours.

Respectfully submitted,

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I have read the attached open letter to Senator Langer and would like to add my signature to those of Mrs. Ethel Clyde, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and others.

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I am glad to help the SCEF in its fight to defend the Bill of Rights and to share in the work of the Fund to abolish segregation in the South.

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