

BAY AREA STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ABOLITION OF
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

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As you may have already heard, the House Committee has issued a new publication, entitled "The Truth About 'Operation Abolition.'" This document is the first of two pamphlets written in defense of the contentions made in "Operation Abolition," by the House Committee and its supporters. "Part One" attempts to substantiate the Committee's thesis that the San Francisco demonstrations against the House Committee were "communist inspired," and the second part, to be published sometime in the future, will substantiate, according to the Committee, the thesis that the demonstrations did erupt into a "riot." The second pamphlet, presumably, will also deal with the Meisenbach trial.

Our organization plans to issue a lengthy reply to this pamphlet within the next six weeks. Our reply will include not only an analysis of the most recent document but also an analysis of the other major sources which the Committee has used in defense of its claims. Notable among these are J. Edgar Hoover's "Communist Target--Youth" and the California Senate Committee's recent "Burns Report."

In our reply, we will emphasize the irrelevance of the Committee's approach, the danger to our democratic values of its underlying mentality and the illegitimacy of its primary purpose--to proscribe that political activity with which the Committee and its members disagree. However, we also plan a detailed analysis of the contents of the report, which will reveal those inaccuracies and distortions which we can document.

To this end, we are mailing to those individuals and organizations mentioned in the report the relevant excerpts from the document itself. We would be deeply indebted to you, if you would return one of the enclosed copies of these excerpts to our organization within the next ten days, along with a statement citing any errors of fact or interpretation, omis-

sions and distortions. We would appreciate any supporting documentation or references to sources which you can cite. We also welcome any other statement which you provide and which you feel will be helpful to us in preparation of our reply. If you have any questions in regard to this project, please call Joel Brewer, our publications administrator, at THornwall 3-6926. Will you enclose with your reply your telephone number so that we can contact you if necessary?

We do not plan to do the Committee's work for it. Please do not reply to any of the Committee's charges which you do not wish to reply to. The absence of any disclosure, which you do not want to make, will not be used in our reply to imply that such a charge is either true or false. We are primarily interested in the events of April and May 1960, not in the beliefs or associations of those who were part of those events.

We would also appreciate your permission to use your name as a reference source in our reply, if you wish to give such permission. Copies of the entire report are available for twenty-five cents from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. They may also be picked up for that price from our office. (Please telephone in advance.) We welcome those who have comprehensive information on the demonstrations to obtain a copy of the report and help us compile our reply.

We hope that our omnibus reply to the House Committee will be the definitive work on the San Francisco demonstrations. Our attitude in preparing this pamphlet is not a defensive one. We will use the Committee's claims as a springboard to our attack on its dangerous methods, its threat to our freedoms and its un-Constitutionality. This undertaking will be especially expensive for a group such as ours, whose activities depend exclusively upon the financial assistance of our supporters. Your financial contribution to this project, along with your co-operation, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

The Bay Area Student
Committee