South Louisiana faces a greater danger than the violence that has stalemated labor-management relations, convened a special session of the state legislature, and virtually destroyed a carefully nurtured industrial image.

That danger, now documented beyond any reasonable doubt, is Communist penetration of some of the most sensitive areas of community life in the state, and more particularly in southern Louisiana.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities has now provided proof that known Red organizations, fronts and/or individuals have wormed their way into the Civil Rights movement, the poverty program and some university and college campuses.

A revolutionary Communist organization known as the "Spartacist League" is the latest of this ilk to be exposed by the diligent and largely unappreciated work of this committee.

Lest the skeptical and the naive continue to blind their fellow citizens to the nature of the threat to the public welfare a few references to the Spartacist League may be in order. Following are excerpts from the "Declaration of Principles" of the league:

"Is life so sweet, peace so dear...?"

And all through the League's declaration of "principles" are references like these: "... Seizure of political power... destruction of capitalism... national and racial divisions... imperialism oppress the colonial peoples and impoverish the masses... organizing the overthrow of all forces standing in the way of the conquest of power."

The Spartacist League, with Marxism as a guide, claims that it "... as a national section of the international Trotskyite movement, is in the forefront of the struggle for a socialist (Communist) future."

A professor at Louisiana State University—New Orleans is the leader of the state and southern regional effort. Campus penetration has also been recorded at Southern, Loyola and Tulane in one form or another. The Spartacists have cells or subcommittees that they call "fractions" aimed at labor unions and campuses and civil rights and "police brutality." The wives of two members are employed by the Michoud Plant, one of the nation's most sensitive facilities.

And what sayeth the Louisiana legislature about its own brand new law that forbids a Communist, as an advocate of violent destruction of the American system, to speak on the campus of a tax-supported institution?

What will the State Board of Education do about it all? The LSU Board of Supervisors? The State Sovereignty Commission? The attorney general? The district attorneys? The legislators? The congress? The people themselves?

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