

Letters to The Post

The following letters reveal the Patriotic attitude felt by Americans in response to the fear of Communism specifically during the Second Red-Scare of the Cold War. The amalgamation of tones in both letters are optimistic, sanguine, and expeditious. When calling for action from its audience, the letters emphasize American values in addition to leaving the reader with a sense of duty to provide for future generations of Americans, free of Communist ideals in favor of freedom and liberty during a pivotal, but rather uncertain time in the course of American political history.

What Post Readers Say: Hurting Morale

To the Editor of The Post:

Sir- The greatest secret weapon that has enabled the United States to win all wars and retain our freedom has been the fearlessness and innate daring of all our fighting men.

Marxism knows it must destroy in order to control the world. Hence the publicized lists of U.S. prisoners and the tortures they undergo are intended to put fear of capture into the hearts of young America.

It is time we had an administration equally fearless as our soldiers, who would drop the words "consistent with our foreign commitments" and "feasibility" or "short of war" and acquire a new "pro-American" vocabulary consistent with the bravery and devotion of our fighting men and would say we will rescue our soldiers by "any means necessary."

The present Washington attitude of "fear and uncertainty" will eventually destroy the morale of our soldiers and all America because Marxism is planning it that way.

G. BACON,
Newtonville.

Dear Fellow Patriot:

You have indicated an interest in preserving our Country, and shown an awareness of the dangers that threaten our way of life.

Possibly you have asked yourself the question, "What can I as an individual do to check the spread of Communism?" The answer is, that if you have a thorough understanding of its deadly menace, your personal influence can have enormous weight.

That is the reason why a group of your fellow-citizens have banded together to oppose Communistic influence wherever it rears its ugly head, whether in the schools, the press, the government, or elsewhere.

We want to look ahead to the day when this country will regain its national respect at home and abroad. We want to look ahead to the day when this nation will again have the courage to defend its citizens and its rights.

The plan of operation is to form small groups of individuals, who will hold semi-monthly meetings, with a concrete program of discussion and action. You can form such a group among your personal friends, who think as you do.

Every assistance will be given by the unit which is already functioning. To acquaint you with the operating procedure, you are welcome to attend one of our meetings, or a member of the group will help you organize a new unit.

BE ALERT, BE INFORMED, BE ACTIVE in the fight against the powerful forces which are seeking to overthrow our country.

Let us know how we can help you. Don't Delay.

Yours in God and Country,

CARD-CARRYING AMERICANS¹²⁹

¹²⁹ Likely a tongue-in-cheek reference to the use of cards to identify Communist Party members.