

# State Senate Report Finds Birch Society Is Not Un-American

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 On June 12, State Senator Hugh M. Burns, Democrat, of Fresno, issued to the newspapers which have representatives in Sacramento a limited number of paper-bound copies of a very interesting document. The full title of this publication is "Twelfth Report of the Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on un-American Activities." Fortunately, I obtained from Senator Burns his own personal copy which is the last of the copies issued until public distribution begins on Aug. 1. You can obtain one free copy by writing to Senate Mail Room (Attention: Mr. George Flahive), State Capitol, Sacramento 14, Calif.

Exactly 13,500 copies of this report have been printed in the California state printing office. When the supply is exhausted, it is doubtful that it will be reprinted. Since I have only one copy, it is useless to ask me for one. In all kindness, I emphasize that you should write a letter to the Senate mail room, as mentioned above. Writing to a state senator or a member of the Assembly merely delays delivery of your copy. Also, I see no advantage in writing to the California state printing office because the report is now being bound and will be delivered to the Senate mail room. If there is any change in the distribution process, it will be reported in this regular weekly column.

THE REPORT consists of 202 pages. Most of the writing and editing was done by R. E. Combs, counsel for the Senate subcommittee issuing the document, but the report was not released until it was approved by Sen. Hugh M. Burns and the members of his subcommittee. It is important to realize that Senator Burns is president pro tempore of the state Senate, chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, and a very influential member of the Senate Finance Committee which corresponds to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. Both of the last two mentioned committees screen all bills having direct or implied appropriations. In the Assembly, the speaker of the Assembly decides which committees will hear which bills, but in the Senate, the Senate Rules Committee performs this function, hence it is obvious that Senator Burns is one of the most powerful men in California.

THESE are facts which I merely report in order that

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## New Officers Will Attend Conference

Ed Bable, a freshman at El Camino College, will attend the president's council meeting of Circle K Clubs June 23. Bable was recently elected lieutenant-governor of the California Circle K organization. Bable will represent the 22 clubs in his district at the president's council. Circle K is an association of young people with the Kiwanis Clubs. A business administration major at El Camino College, Bable is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bable of 17104 Haas Ave. He is a graduate of North High School.

you may realize the power of the senator who is chairman of the subcommittee issuing the report. Before proceeding, it must be recognized that Senator Burns obtained this power by being elected president pro tempore of the Senate by the state senators.

The members of the Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on un-American Activities, in ad-

dition to Senator Burns, are, in alphabetical order, Sen. Charles Brown, Democrat, who died recently; Sen. Aaron W. Quick, Democrat, of Calexico; Sen. John F. Thompson, Republican, who did not run for re-election; and Sen. J. Howard Williams, Republican, also passed on. These are the members listed on the full title page of the report, but ac-

tually the report is signed by Sen. Hugh M. Burns, chairman; Sen. Aaron W. Quick, and Sen. Stephen P. Teale, Democrat, of West Point, Calif. Incidentally, Senator Teale is a highly respected doctor of medicine.

A DETAILED report on the John Birch Society begins on page 1 of the report and ends at the top of page 62. It quotes

statements from members of the John Birch Society and statements from its enemies and critics. In order to keep the record straight, I am not now and never have been a member of the John Birch Society. I have never attended any of its meetings. Not more than 15 men and women have told me that they are members. Much to my surprise, I found

in reading the report that the demonstrated positive acts and principles of the John Birch Society are not what its enemies and critics have said. For example, on page 62 of the report, the last paragraph reads thus: "Our investigation and study was requested by the society which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-semitic organization. We have not found any of

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these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

AFTER the extremely friendly and favorable report on the John Birch Society on the first 62 pages of the report issued by Sen. Hugh M. Burns and his subcommittee, the remainder of the report analyzes and draws conclusions regarding the communists, communist "front" organizations, and a few organizations listed by the

report as "hate groups," but the John Birch Society is not included in any of these organizations or groups.

Obviously, when the bound copy of the report is publicly distributed, it will create an uproar, but whether or not you like it, do not give me either the praise or the blame. I did not write the report or read it until I obtained my copy on Sunday, June 16.

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