

# Gettelman Plans Ban On UW Communists

## State Anti-Red Measure Argued in Legislature

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Promising to rid the university of "Communist activity and infiltration," Senator Bernard Gettelman (R., Milwaukee) told The Daily Cardinal yesterday that he was introducing a bill to "bar Communist students, faculty members, or regents" from association with the university.

The announcement is the latest in a series of campus Red controversies, following a move by the Young Republican club last week to investigate the local AYD chapter.

Adding fuel to the fire, the Wisconsin State Journal Monday ran a lengthy article, alleged to be an expose of the AYD, and also demanded an investigation. Henry Elson, campus AYD head, denied all charges and invited perusal of the organization.

Gettelman's statement came after a bitter session in the state Assembly judiciary committee yesterday, battling over bill 123 A., "relating to un-American activities." The hearing boasted a variety of verbal pyrotechnics, with quotes from Lincoln, Jefferson, and the Declaration of Independence interspersed with

diatribes against Reds in Wisconsin.

The afternoon's combat was ushered in by Senator Gettelman, who declared that "if we tried to start an opposition party in Moscow, we wouldn't be able to sit smoking a pipe, but would be taken out and shot at sunrise."

After this allusion to pipe-smoking Sigmund Eisenscher, admitted Milwaukee Communist, who was sitting across the room from the senator, Gettelman continued his attack, stating that "Communists have no business distributing literature aimed at pulling down our government in Milwaukee or any city in the United States."

After a statement by Assemblyman O'Connell (D., Milwaukee), specifying that "one must either be in favor of this bill or their Americanism is spotted," a third speaker favoring the bill, Harlan W. Kelly, Milwaukee, appearing for "the people of Wisconsin", characterized possible opposition.

"People who appear against this bill," said Kelly, "will be school teachers who have never earned a dime except on a public payroll . . . first year high school civics students, sex-starved old biddies, and . . . Communists."

"It is extremely significant," Eisenscher pointed out in condemnation of the bill, "that not one word has been said on the rider in the measure."

He referred to a portion of the bill which condemned "any . . . persons who advocate hatred or prejudice between races, nationalities and creeds," as well as those "advocating the overthrow of the . . . government." The punishment is one to

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