

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE IN NINETEENTH REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, it has been clearly demonstrated by many official disclosures of incidents involving members of the Communist Party in the United States, that the activities of that party are directed by powers foreign to the United States and pledged to the destruction of our American Democratic form of government; and

WHEREAS, young people of the age when most attend universities or colleges are, because of the natural idealism of youth and inexperience in world affairs, most susceptible to the influences of Communist propaganda, cloaking as it does its true totalitarian and intolerant character in the guise of a false liberalism purporting to promote those hard won liberties of the American citizen which it in fact seeks to destroy; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore of the utmost importance that the Communist Party be in no way, either intentionally or unwittingly, aided in its scheme to propagandize the youth of America through our classrooms and educational forums; and

WHEREAS, recognizing both the danger to our country and their responsibility to their state if known Communists were permitted to continue as teachers in our public school, the President and the Board of Regents of the University of Washington have sought to prevent such activities by dismissing three teachers who admit to membership in the Communist Party, and putting on probation others who had formerly been members of the Party but have renounced it; and

WHEREAS, many Alaskan youths attend the University of Washington, and the citizens of Alaska are, therefore, vitally interested in the character of the faculty maintained by that institution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Alaska Legislature in Nineteenth Session assembled, that the Board of Regents and the President of the University of Washington are hereby commended for their courageous and decisive

action in ridding the University faculty of teachers having membership in the Communist Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives send copies of this Resolution to the President of the University of Washington and to each member of the Board of Regents of the University of Washington.

Passed by the House March 23, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 25, 1949.