

**SENATOR  
SAM ERVIN  
SAYS**



The Senate and House conferees meeting on the appropriations bill for the Department of State, Justice, and Commerce, the Judiciary, and related agencies have an opportunity to put the Subversive Activities Control Board where it belongs—in the history books.

They can do that by supporting the Senate's position to delete the entire \$450,000 appropriation for the SACB from the bill. The Senate took that stance on June 15 when it voted 42 to 25 to cut off funds for the

Board.

The size of that margin, I believe, was based in large measure upon the fact that the Board has been a waste of the taxpayers' money. It has spent \$6.75 million in the course of doing very little over its 22-year history.

This year, the SACB requested \$706,000 to continue fruitless undertakings, but the House wisely cut the appropriation back to \$450,000, the same level as last year. The Senate, of course, voted to do away with the entire appropriation.

The SACB is a relic of the time when McCarthyism ran rampant in this great nation, when many people thought they saw Communists hiding under every bed and behind every rosebush. The Board was created during that time to ferret out and register Communists and Communist-frot, Communist-action and Communist infiltrated organizations.

The courts have found most of the board's functions under the Internal Security Act of 1950 to be unconstitutional, and as a result thereof, the SACB has had virtually nothing to do except draw its breath and salary.

Efforts by Congress and by President Nixon to revive the SACB have proved ineffective. The latest effort, President Nixon's Executive Order 11605 of July 2, 1971, was the subject of hearings by the Judiciary Subcommittee on Separation of Powers, of which I am honored to serve as Chairman, in October of 1971. The testimony adduced and the materials gathered during those hearings convinced me that Executive Order 11605, which purported to convey power to the Board to revise the so-called Attorney General's list of subversive organizations, was a usurpation of the legislative power of the Congress.

The State-Commerce-Justice appropriations bill, as passed by the Senate, contains language which would prohibit the Board from carrying out the

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A woman driver is a person who drives the same way a man does, only she gets blamed for it.—Dan Valentine.

I've met a few people in my time who were enthusiastic about hard work. And it was just my luck that all of them happened to be men I was working for at the time.—Bill Gold.

The fickleness of the women I love is only equaled by the infernal constancy of the women who love me.—George Bernard Shaw.

The only war I ever approved was the Trojan war; it was fought over a woman, and the men knew what they were fighting for.—William Lyon Phelps.

There is little bona fide gambling in the U. S. Most of what is called gambling is really the donation of suckers to swindlers.—E. M. Duvall.

provisions of Executive Order 11605. Should this language be retained, even though the SACB be funded for another year, the Board would once again have nothing to do. Such a result would make a mockery of the appropriations process, because we would be funding an agency that would produce nothing to show for the expenditure of the public's moneys. We cannot justify this waste.

The Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are quite able to protect America from those who would attempt to overthrow her Government by unconstitutional means. We do not need the SACB to stigmatize any individual or group which might be intelligently or politically obnoxious to the established order.

Decide promptly, but never give any reasons. Your decisions may be right, but your reasons are sure to be wrong.—Lord Mansfield.

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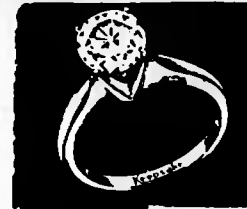
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