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THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

As the international situation continued tense and critical and the "cold war" between Russia and the United States became warmer and warmer, the fight against communism in government, in industry and in labor tented in like proportion.
 Edward P. Morgan, former executive assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, told a Washington audience that "if the United States found itself at war tomorrow, it would discover members and agents of the communist party have infiltrated into key industries to such an extent that they could sabotage the nation's defense effort before it got under way." And he singled out the transportation and communications industries particularly.
 The stands taken by various organizations on the communist issue in this country bore out Mr. Morgan's statement that "communism has grown in direct proportion to the lack of knowledge of the ordinary people as to what communism really is."
 So James P. O'Neil, national commander of the American Legion, would outlaw communists by law. But the national council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions would, on the other hand, "abolish" the house-un-American activities committee. And the League of Women Voters, speaking through Miss Anna Lord Strauss, its president, said: "While such happenings (loyalty probes) are disconcerting and alarming, we must not lose our perspective. We must see to it that our leaders take only such steps as are necessary for preserving our country. Otherwise we may find that by losing our heads we have lost our liberties as well."
 Leon Henderson, speaking for Americans for Democratic Action, an anti-communist political organization, said: "Recent events demonstrate that anti-communism frequently cloaks shocking invasions of personal rights. Republican-controlled committees in congress have employed this disguise, violated basic American concepts of fair play and perfected their smear-and-run technique for political use in the campaign."
 And the small business advisory committee of the department of commerce urged secretary of commerce Charles Sawyer to tell business management of its "direct responsibility in keeping employees educated in the American way of life as a

safeguard against communist infiltration."
 Into this maze of confused thinking on the communist issue, the voice of Gen. Dewight Eisenhower, taking over as president of Columbia University, penetrated with the statement that the facts of communism would be taught at Columbia.
 "When the truth both of freedom and statism (communism) is held before the eyes of students, who can doubt the choice of future Americans?" General Eisenhower said. He declared that Columbia would strive to "develop rebels in the American tradition . . . informed intelligent rebels against ignorance and imperfection and prejudice."
 "If we as adults attempt to hide from the young the facts in this world struggle not only will we be making a futile attempt to establish an intellectual iron curtain, but we will arouse lively suspicion that statism possesses virtues whose persuasive effort we desperately fear."
 But here in Washington there appeared to be no cohesive united plan of action either in or out of government, or by either Republicans or Democrats on just how to combat the communist issue, which all agree is evil.

Agent Gives Advice On Barn Fire Perils

A four-point program to save barns from destruction by fire during November was suggested here this week by L. E. Tuckwiler, county agent for the State College Extension Service.
 Mr. Tuckwiler said records of the Fire Protection Institute show that approximately 1,500 barns in the United States were either damaged or destroyed by fire in November, 1947. Losses are unusually heavy during fall and winter months because so many harvest crops and so much valuable farm machinery are stored in barns at that season of the year.
 "If farmers will take a few simple precautions and install approved fire extinguishers, barns in this county will be comparatively safe from fire during the winter months," the county agent declared.
 He said barn losses from fire can be reduced 80 to 90 per cent through the following program:
 1. Keep barns clean. Make sure rubbish is not allowed to accumulate in or around buildings.
 2. Check all electrical wiring. See that switches operate properly and no wiring has been stripped of its insulation.
 3. Have adequate fire protection. Most fires start small. If approved fire extinguishers are handy, fires can be put out quickly, before they get out of control.
 4. Store flammable liquids in safe areas. Make certain that flammable liquid is placed in sealed containers and out of reach of children and animals.

Heavy Losses Cited In Grain Storage

Information on control of stored grain insects, which cause heavy losses on North Carolina farms each year, is given in a new publication just issued by the State College Extension Service. It is Extension Circular No. 325, "Control Stored Grain Insects."
 The circular, prepared by James T. Conner, Jr., in charge of extension entomology, is considered particularly timely because of the bumper corn crop which farmers in the State are harvesting this fall.
 Several species of insects are responsible for damage to stored grain, Mr. Conner says. Fortunately, he adds, the same treatment, if properly employed, will control all of them.
 The entomologist recommends first that old grain in the crib be cleaned up by means of fumigation, or that it be removed from bins where the new crop will be stored. Then, as soon as the new grain is put into this clean storage, it should be fumigated.
 A number of chemicals may be used. From the standpoint of the farmer, says Mr. Conner, the most practical fumigant is either a mixture of three parts ethylene dichloride and one part carbon disulfide and carbon tetrachloride and one part carbon disulfide and carbon tetrachloride, or a mixture of one part carbon disulfide and four parts carbon tetrachloride.
 The dosage will vary according to temperature and tightness of the bin.
 Further details are given in the new circular, copies of which may be obtained free from the local county agent or by writing to the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

SURVIVES 80-FOOT FALL

Detroit—Alfred Mason, 50, survived an 80-foot fall to the bottom of a silo at the U. S. Cypson Company plant. Mason, with a companion, was repairing a crane at the top of the silo when Mason slipped and plunged to the base of the structure. Since the crane was not operating and there was no opening at the base, Gori, Mason's companion, called for help. A policeman was lowered from the top of the silo by ropes. He fashioned a crude harness for the injured man and both were pulled up. Mason was taken to a hospital with a fractured leg and internal injuries.

"GOOD SHOT" COSTS \$50
 Pine Grove, Pa.—It was a good shot that got two birds for Charles E. Levan, 25, recently but it wasn't a luck shot. The Game Warden saw Levan get two pheasants with one shot but, as pheasant shooting was out-of-season, it cost Levan \$50.

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With much appreciation, I am,

Sincerely,
 R. L. DOUGHTON.