

"These dead who lie here were driven and starved and beaten to slake the unholy thirst of your German war machine . . . . The Allies shudder because they never dreamed or visualized that human leadership, supported by the masses, could so debase itself as to be responsible for results like those who lie in these open graves. The civilized world shudders on finding that a part of its society has fallen so low . . . . If there *be* a soul within the German nation it will rise now to make impossible the doing of such future wrong. If there *not* be a soul in this German nation, its future is forlorn and totally lacking in hope."

Almost a decade later, in 1954, Senator Cain, as a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board, saw the soul of the American nation threatened by injustices not so grave in impact but in implication.

Deeply disturbed by what he regarded as violations of fundamental liberties, Senator Cain noted that injustices, completely out of consonance with the American tradition, were being perpetrated against employees of the Federal government and against many citizens as well.

His own words say best why, as he has put it, "I would not remain silent and live with myself.

"Our exaggerated fear . . . . [Senator Cain has written] had become a plague. It led brother to spy on brother, as in Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia. It broke the lives of many decent little people, who, in a number of cases, were convicted by malicious rumor, plain dirty lies and the words of professional informers. The victims were thrown out of jobs and their characters stained . . . . It mocked our American justice with a security net that touched one out of every ten adults in the United States."

As expected, Senator Cain was fiercely denounced by those he describes, with great insight, as being "more concerned with politics than justice." But in his temerity and determination to speak up, he demonstrated what a *New York Times* editorial declared to be "cour-age unique in the political scene."

Harry Cain, characteristically modest about his role in those tempestuous days a decade ago and about the significance of his actions, describes his behavior as that of a *true conservative*. He has portrayed himself as "a basically conservative person — meaning conservative to include *respect for individual rights*." "Every government worker,"