

CHAPTER 86

(Senate Bill No. 135)

AN ACT to add a new Article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, said new Article to be known as Article 85A, to be under the title "Sedition and Subversive Activities", and to follow immediately after Article 85 of said Code, making it a crime to commit acts or advocate acts intended to effect the overthrow of the Government of the United States or the State of Maryland or of any political subdivision thereof by violence or other unlawful means, or to attempt or conspire so to do, relating to subversive organizations generally, to the loyalty of candidates for public office and of officers and employees of the State or of any political sub-division thereof and relating to the policy of the State in giving aid to private institutions which fail to report what procedures have been adopted to determine the loyalty of its officers and employees and providing for the enforcement of the provisions of said Article, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

WHEREAS, there is a World Communist movement under the domination of a foreign power, having as its objective the establishment of totalitarian dictatorship in all parts of the world under its control; and

WHEREAS, such a dictatorship is characterized by the liquidation of all political parties other than the Communist Party, the abolishment of free speech, free assembly, and freedom of religion, and is the complete antithesis of the American constitutional form of government; and

WHEREAS, the methods used by such a police state include treachery, deceit, infiltration into governmental and other institutions, espionage, sabotage, terrorism and other unlawful means; and

WHEREAS, the World Communist movement is not a political movement, but is a World-wide conspiracy having sections in each country; and

WHEREAS, using the methods above set forth, it has already successfully conquered in recent years a large part of the World and has established spearheads in this Country in the form of various conspiratorial organizations, some masquerading under the pretense of being political parties, others infiltrating organizations which they seek to control