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on Communism and the Lusk Report of 1931 on revolutionary radicalism and often by patriotic organizations.

I see a statement in the New York Times that a delegation from the American Civil Liberties Union (hereinafter ACLU) is to leave for Kentucky on the 24th instant and that this is to include Arthur Garfield Hays, Norman Thomas, John Haynes Holmes, Roger Nash Baldwin and Amos Pinchot, of its National Committee, and Corliss Lamont. I will touch on these individuals later. Some of them are members of openly Communist organizations.

To understand what the American Civil Liberties Union is one must go back to war times and the German Espionage Service. This, before and during the war, sought to unite through itself in sabotage and anti-American and subversive tactics, the Communists, anarchists, IWW, the purchasable criminal element in union labor, the pacifists who put egotism before patriotism and all usable yellows. When the German Espionage Service money was falling the bolsheviks were coming to the front and they strove to take over the remnants of the German Espionage machine and hand them over to the Communist Party of America. Now these were the elements that were knit together in the American Civil Liberties Union. For instance Roger Nash Baldwin was one of the anarchist Berkman's League for Amnesty of Political Prisoners. He was described by his intimate friend, Norman Thomas, as an intellectual anarchist. He has been pooh-bah of the American Civil Liberties Union since its formation. Arthur LeSueur of the ACLU National Committee was one of those who