

Roosevelt

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Those famous Roosevelt family conversations about everything on earth must be pretty hotly contested these days when the clan gathers for informal political conference.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Franklin D. Jr. are sparkplugs of the new left-wing anti-Communist organization known as Americans for Democratic Action.

Elliott Roosevelt is advertised in the Communist press as a speaker under the auspices of the opposing left wing organization, the Progressive Citizens of America. PCA does not bar Communists, but welcomes them, and is under suspicion of being attached to the party line.

James Roosevelt is reported in on the West Coast. But his immediate political background includes a money-making association with an organization which supported the Communist party line and a more recent job as Democratic state chairman in California.

BARRED COMMUNISTS

Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. is vice chairman of Americans for Democratic Action. In a week-end meeting here ADA voted to bar Communists from membership and to support President Truman's proposal to aid Greece and Turkey.

Billed in the Communist press to speak last night in a PCA mass meeting in New York to protest Mr. Truman's Greek-Turkish aid program are: former Commerce Secretary Harry A. Wallace, Sculptor J. David-son and Radio Commentator Frank Kingdon—and Elliott Roosevelt. The meeting was billed as a "crisis rally."

Messrs. Kingdon and Davidson are co-chairmen of PCA. The organization itself was created by merger of



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Left and anti-Red



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the National Citizens Political Action Committee and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. Mr. Kingdon had been chairman of the former; Mr. Davidson of the latter.

Of the NCPAC, which Mr. Kingdon headed, the House Un-American Activities Committee had this to say in 1944:

"It has been clearly established by overwhelming evidence that the National Citizens Political Action Committee is the major Communist front organization of the moment."

UNDER NEW TITLE

The record suggests significant Communist infiltration of the organization under whose sponsorship Elliott Roosevelt was billed to speak, or that it is an old Communist front set up under a new title.

James Roosevelt is understood to have ended his allegiance to the Inde-



ELLIOTT
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pendent Citizens Committee when he was elected Democratic Party chairman in California. The ICC made a big splash last March with announcement that Mr. Roosevelt would be director of organization in its drive to round up the independent vote. He was on the pay roll at what his associate, former Interior Secretary Harold Ickes, described as "well paid."

Mr. Ickes was an Independent Crosser, big shot, too, but he resigned last November, apparently because the organization was playing hooky with the Communist party line.

Mrs. Roosevelt's experience with the fellow travelers was about Mrs. Ethel of Mr. Ickes' type, may be why she is so active now in the anti-Com-

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