7) Even if we were to win a military victory, that “would only partially and perhaps only temporarily affect the fundamental conflict.” There would be “the resurgence of totalitarian forces and the re-establishment of the Soviet system, or its equivalent...We have no choice but to demonstrate the superiority of the idea of freedom.” SO, IN SUMMARY, THE REPORT WAS ADVOCATING SECRETIVE ACTIVITY (ESPIONAGE), BUT NOT OPEN WARFARE.

8) As a result, the government and corporations began to be very cozy with one another. Also, since the enemy was decidedly anti-capitalist, every measure that strengthened capitalism was a blow against the enemy, and conversely, anything that was able to be interpreted as “left” was seen as dangerous. This set the stage for the Red Scare of the 1950s. It also set the stage for the Taft Hartley Act (1947) which allowed states to outlaw a “closed shop.” Labor activity (i.e. strikes, boycotts) were increasingly seen as too “left,” and something the enemy would do. Many unions were purged of anyone accused of being a communist (in fact, some unions were led by American Communists – the difference being, now they were seen as too dangerous and attempting to overthrow the capitalist system). As a result, domestic dissent was silenced.