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**Dear Reader:**  
Since 1958 we have regularly published in the July-August issue of *American Opinion* a Scoreboard wrapup of Communist activity in each nation of the world as estimated by our expert correspondents on six continents. You will find those estimates tabulated on Pages 105 and 106, followed by Hilaire du Berrier's detailed notes on major changes in the scores during the last year.

It is our custom in even-numbered years to devote at least equal space in this double issue to a Scoreboard review of developments within the current Congress or Administration. This year you will find here an evaluation of the cumulative votes of all Congressmen and Senators as rated by the Conservative Index, to which we have added a corresponding ranking of Congressmen from one to four hundred thirty-five, and of Senators from one to one hundred. To find out which Representatives, Senators, and states are most "Liberal" and which most Conservative you have but to turn to page twenty-one.

Here too is Gary Allen's authoritative, detailed, and compelling discussion of the issues of the 1974 Congressional campaign. Here are Alan Stang's exclusive interviews with leading Conservative Senators and Representatives. And here are Frank Capell's documentation of the actual Communist records of some men now sitting in the Congress, Medford Evans' commentary on the powerful role of the Committee Chairmen, and Susan Huck's carefully researched and reasoned analysis of how the electorate is programmed not only to accept but to demand collectivist legislation.

This then is a magazine of current information on the most important political developments in Washington and abroad. It is edited for Conservatives in the expectation that they will find it useful in campaigning on the issues in the fall elections. *American Opinion* does not endorse politicians or parties. We do endorse Conservative principles and urge our readers to be good citizens. In this crucial election year of 1974, we believe that means active support, on the issues, for candidates prepared to fight for more individual responsibility and less government control.

Sincerely,

Scott Stanley Jr.

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# AMERICA, 1974

## The Target Is The Middle Class

Gary Allen, a graduate of Stanford University, is the author of several best-selling books, including *Communist Revolution In The Streets*; *Nixon's Palace Guard*; *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*; and, *Richard Nixon: The Man Behind The Mask*, the definitive study of the ambition and conspiratorial activities of our current President. Mr. Allen, a former instructor of history and English, is active in numerous humanitarian, anti-Communist, and business enterprises. A film writer, author, and journalist, he is a Contributing Editor to *AMERICAN OPINION*.

■ WHAT kind of a year was it? It's not funny that you should ask. There have been better years when the plague was loose. During the past twelve months we have lost the ability to say, without a second thought, "Fill 'er up." We've lost at least ten percent of our purchasing power to inflation. We've lost a couple of hundred points off the Dow Jones, and we've even lost a Vice President of the United States for taking bribes. With inflation and shortages and scandals and the rest of it, the year has been what the kids call a bummer.

### The Crime Of It

While those of us in the middle class had a rough year, however, it was a banner year for your run-of-the-street criminals. Crime marches on, as they say. According to *U.S. News & World Report* for June 10, 1974: "Billions of dollars have been spent in recent years to improve law enforcement — yet crime has continued to rise, and many Americans are worried about whether it can ever be

brought under control. All sorts of new crime-fighting techniques have been tried.

"Police forces have been enlarged in almost every city. Local spending on law enforcement has multiplied more than 7 times — up from less than 1 billion dollars in 1964 to more than 7 billion in 1973. The U.S. Government, through its Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, has poured in an additional 3.5 billion dollars in the last five years to help State and local crime-fighting agencies.

"For one brief period, it appeared that real progress was being made. In 1972 came the first decline in 17 years in the number of major crimes reported throughout the country. That was hailed by the Nixon administration as an indication that the corner had at last been turned. But the hope proved short-lived. In 1973, crime increased again — up 5 percent over 1972 . . ."

Then it turned out that things were even worse than they seemed. A study by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration showed that the crime picture is really far worse than is shown by official reports. It seems that less than half the crimes committed are being reported to the police. In some cities, it appears, the number of crimes was as high as five times the number reported. According to the official statistics, crime is up 173 percent during the past decade. But the real figure is apparently at least 348 percent.

A nationwide poll taken by the Phillips-Sindlinger organization showed that forty percent of all Americans interviewed were afraid to walk the streets at night. In major metropolitan areas, the number

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