

From the J-Vault: National Security, Individual Rights

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Last week, Congressman Peter King **convened hearings on domestic Islamic terrorism**, leading many to criticize Congressman King for making a particular religious group a target. Numerous Jewish leaders were strongly critical of the singling out of American Muslims as a community. "It reminds me of the red-baiting in the '50s," said Rabbi Nancy Kreimer **to the New York Jewish Week**. Said Congressman King (quoted in the same article), "We live in the real world. I don't have the luxury of feel-good politics and everyone saying love one another when people out there are trying to kill us."

Since Rabbi Kreimer suggests that Cold War anti-communism is an illustrative backdrop for this issue, this week's historical publication is drawn from that era, and that issue.

This week, from the J-Vault: Internal Security and Individual Rights Today (1951)

Congressman Jacob K. Javits, speaking to the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare, argued that the gravest threat facing America comes from efforts by the intolerant to suppress dissent by measures invoked ostensibly to protect the security of the State but actually to destroy individual rights. **Read more...**

You can also read **Arthur J.S. Rosenbaum's introduction** of Congressman Javits, and **Sanford Solender's response**, drawing implications for Jewish communal service.

