

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: DOROTHY DANDRIDGE  
CROSS-REFERENCES**



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August 23, 1956

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SUMMARY

DOROTHY DANDRIDGE, also known as  
Dorothy D. Nicholas  
Born: November 9, 1922  
Cleveland, Ohio

Mrs. Harold Nicholas

No investigation has been conducted by the FBI relative to the captioned individual. However, our records reflect the following information concerning her:

On July 30, 1952, a confidential source furnished a letter dated July 22, 1952, written by Dorothy Dandridge to an official of Loew's, Inc. which pertained to articles which had appeared in the "Daily People's World," west coast communist newspaper. The pertinent portions of the letter follow:

"Certain newspaper reports have been brought to my attention which I would like to comment on.

"1. PW 3/14/47 - One Dorothy Dandridge will appear at a party Saturday night, March 22nd at 2118 Hobart Street, Los Angeles, auspices National Negro Congress.

"I appeared at this party believing that the National Negro Congress was associated with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a well recognized organization. I went with my husband, Harold Nicholas. I went for social reasons and because I was interested in the Negro community. I honestly can't remember who asked us to attend.

"2. PW 6/30/47 Dorothy Dandridge among those who spoke at a series of rallies sponsored by the Progressive Citizens of America protesting the Taft-Hartley bill.

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"I did not speak, however, I was asked to sing by a member of the program committee, whose name I can't remember. As an entertainer, I have been asked by hundreds of organizations during the past seven years to appear at benefits, the names of the individuals requesting my appearance has long since been forgotten with this event as well as numerous others such as the Catholic Youth Organization, B'Ka Brith Brotherhood Week, Red Cross, Cerebral Palsy, Heart Campaign, Pittsburgh Courier, Womens Clubs that I appeared on. I only remember this as one of over a hundred benefit appearances I have made and just another benefit.

"3. PF 9/17/47 - One Dorothy Dandridge, actress, on ballot for executive board of Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council.

"I was a member of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council. I voluntarily became a member when I read that several prominent personalities in show business were active, such as Al Jarvis and Norman Corwin. I believed it would further my career and that it would help members of my race. I never held nor sought an office with this organization nor was I an active member. As I have not been participating in this nor paid any dues for many years, I have written them a letter of resignation as of this date so as to avoid there being any possibility of them considering me a member.

"4. PF 9/10/48 One Dorothy Dandridge student at Actors' Lab.

"Yes, I joined the Actors' Lab because this workshop was one of the few outlets available to a young actress of my race seeking actual workshop training. Attending the Lab was in direct relationship with my theatrical ambition.

"5. PF 9/4/51 One Dorothy Dandridge, young Negro Actress, student at the Lab has commented 'As an actress and student of the Lab, I am anxious to know whether Hedda Hopper considers the democratic policy of the Lab, wherein students are accepted on ability, a subversive policy. If she does, she advocates a policy which is un-American and subversive and fans the flames of race hatred.'

"I noticed the date of this alleged quotation is 1951. First of all, I was not a student at the Lab at this time and to

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my knowledge the Lab was no longer in existence at this date. I recall one incident regarding Hedda Hopper while I was a student at the Lab. What Hedda Hopper said did affect me and I did express concern. However, the exact wording of this particular quotation is not the kind of language I use but I'm sure no one could object to my expressing concern.

"I would like to close by saying that I am not now nor ever have been a member of the Communist Party or Communist Party Political Association nor have I ever made any donations to these parties. Had I known that any of the above organizations would later be cited as Communistic and or subversive, I would never have participated. I have at no time been active politically. My sole interests are towards having a successful career and aiding my people." (Letter among many by various individuals furnished by James F. O'Neil, Director of Publications, American \*

In reference to item 5 quoted above, our records reflect an article which appeared in the "Daily Worker," east coast communist newspaper dated September 22, 1948, captioned "Hedda Hopper Hopped for Anti-Negro Bias" which relates to the incident referred to by Miss Dandridge. (100-294936-A)

Regarding the organizations referred to by Miss Dandridge the National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. The Progressive Citizens of America was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1947 and 1948 reports. An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on May 15, 1956, that until January 3, 1956, the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council (HASP) was the California Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP) in New York City and consistently followed the programs and policies of the parent organization. On January 3, 1956, the HASP officially dissolved by action of its executive committee and vote of its membership. The NCASP was cited as a "Communist front" by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1950 report. Actors Laboratory was cited as a "Communist venture" by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1947 report.

An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past reported on February 21, 1955, that an employee of the Sands Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, who was a gambler from the east coast, had advised the informant that Jack Entratter, part owner of the Sands Hotel and who was in charge of the Sands' Copa Room, found Nat King Cole and Dorothy Dandridge together in Cole's room at the hotel. Cole was appearing as a star in the Copa Room at the time. The informant stated that Entratter became furious with Cole for having an "affair" with Dorothy Dandridge and threatened him. Dandridge reportedly told

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Entratter to forget the whole matter as she was Cole's color, too. The informant further advised that Entratter was formerly manager and part owner of the Copacabana in New York City and has reportedly spent a great deal of time and money promoting Dandridge's career and that Entratter considered her his girl friend. (CI SU-273-C; 62-75147-44-591)

On May 10, 1955, Agents of the FBI arrested Louis Arlan Kerr at New Orleans, Louisiana, on a federal warrant charging a violation of the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property Statute. While being interviewed concerning the federal charge on which he was arrested, Kerr volunteered information that he was a homosexual. He furnished the names of 45 individuals with whom he claimed to have had homosexual relations since 1951. Kerr also stated that he had a long standing friendship with Dorothy Dandridge, Negro movie actress. However, he added that she was in no way a sex deviate. The reliability of Kerr is unknown. It is to be noted that he had previously been arrested on fraudulent check charges and had admitted receiving psychiatric treatment of an unknown nature in the past.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NAME: DANDRIDGE, Dorothy  
 AKA: NICHOLAS, Dorothy D.  
 BORN: 9 November 1922  
 PLACE OF BIRTH: Cleveland, Ohio  
 RESIDENCE: Park Sheraton Hotel, N.Y.C.  
 EDUCATION: High School, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 EMPLOYMENT: Professional entertainer & actress  
 Played lead in "Carmen Jones"

*Ronald S / 20/52*

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The "Los Angeles Tribune", a weekly Negro newspaper, pages 1 and 3, for June 5, 1957, carried an article reflecting that LEO BRANTON, Jr., left Los Angeles via TWA for Paris, France, arriving on June 5, 1957. The article stated that the trip was for the purpose of BRANTON consulting with his client, actress DOROTHY DANDRIDGE, who was then on the French Riviera. The article stated BRANTON's trip was for two weeks.

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ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, ET AL  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
5/26/63  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: LOS ANGELES

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 5/21/63.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a LHM setting forth additional information concerning captioned subject matter.

One copy of the LHM is being furnished to the 115th INTC, Region II, U.S. Army, Pasadena, California.

The LAPD is covering the rally. Arrangements have been made for the Los Angeles Office to be advised of what transpires at the rally and the Bureau will be advised immediately.

The LHM is designated as confidential to protect a confidential source of continuing value.

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 OO: LOS ANGELES

Re Los Angeles airtels to the Bureau dated 5/21 and 24/63 and teletype dated 5/26/63.

There are enclosed for the Bureau 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information regarding the captioned rally. One copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the 115th INTC, Region II, U. S. Army, Pasadena, California.

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Los Angeles, California

May 27, 1963

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RALLY AT WRIGLEY FIELD, SPONSORED BY THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT  
OF COLORED PEOPLE, ET AL, LOS ANGELES  
May 26, 1963

All of the sources used in this document have furnished reliable information in the past.

Sources advised that the rally for freedom in support of the Birmingham, Alabama movement filled Wrigley Field to near the capacity and that approximately 30,000 persons were in attendance. The meeting lasted from about 3:00 p. m. until 5:30 p. m. and it was described as the largest rally of its sort ever to be held in Los Angeles, California. The featured speaker was Reverend Martin Luther King, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who spoke in support of the Birmingham non-violence movement. He commented on events in Birmingham and remarked that they would be helped by getting rid of segregation and discrimination in Los Angeles, California. King also stated that President Kennedy should personally escort Negro students into the University of Alabama and issue an executive order declaring that segregation is unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment.

There were numerous introductions and comments by people in the entertainment world. One of the more celebrated was Sammy Davis, Jr., who was reported to have pledged \$20,000.00, which was said to represent one week's earnings in Las Vegas, Nevada. There were also various donations from individuals, churches, unions, and other organizations, and a collection was taken from the audience. These proceeds were requested for the Birmingham demonstrators. The other celebrities who participated were actresses Dorothy Dandridge, Joanne Woodward, Rita Moreno, and Davis's wife, May Britt. The actors included Tony Franciosa, Mel Ferrer, and Miss Woodward's husband, Paul Newman. Comedian Dick Gregory also spoke at the rally. California Governor Brown sent a message supporting the meeting which was read at the rally.

*Sammy Davis Jr.*  
*Paul Newman*

*\*Davis, Mike Summary*  
*Davis Jr.*

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