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SUBJECT: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

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THE DIRECTOR

Please have reference to my memorandum of September 9, 1941, in which you were advised that the Bureau has received a request from the Special Defense Unit to conduct an extensive investigation to determine whether the Communist Party, U.S.A. is amenable to the Voorhis Act.

For your information, please be advised that the Bureau has now received one memorandum, dated August 30, 1941, requesting an extensive investigation of subversive activities in the American Communications Association, in the thought that facts developed therein might be material to a prosecution of the Communist Party or its affiliates under the Voorhis Act.

The Bureau has also received a memorandum from the Special Defense Unit, dated September 4, 1941, in which a separate but exhaustive investigation is suggested concerning the Young Communist League to determine whether the said League may come within the provisions of the Voorhis Act.

These matters are receiving appropriate attention and every effort will be made to expedite the investigation of these cases.

Respectfully,

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 4, 1941

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Young Communist League

Referring to the above organization, under date of May 28, 1941, in a memorandum from The Assistant to the Attorney General, the Bureau was requested to resume its active investigation of, among others, the Young Communist League. No investigative reports relative thereto have since been received. The only material in this Unit's possession with respect to the League consists of the photostatic copies of publications and other data transmitted with your memorandum dated May 20, 1941.

It will be appreciated if you will forward immediately such relevant reports as the Bureau now has concerning this organization, and transmit copies of succeeding reports at your earliest convenience following their receipt.

In order that responsible parties may be clearly identified, it is the desire of this Unit to secure, as of January 17, 1941, competent evidence of qualified witnesses with regard to the officers and the membership of the Council, Board, and other governing bodies not only of the League as a national organization but also of as many as possible of its state, regional, and other subordinate branches, particularly with respect to those localities where its activities and influence are found to have been greatest.

I shall appreciate your making available whatever information the Bureau's files contain concerning the Party histories and activities to date of such of the national and other principal officers of the League and its branches and subsidiaries as, in the Bureau's judgment, merit attention. In this general connection, it would appear that the National Educational and Public Relations Secretaries should receive particular investigative attention as probable directors of the bulk of the League's agitation and propaganda activities.

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To support a prosecution under the Voorhis Act, on the questions of political activity and foreign control, it will, of course, be necessary to prove the existence and objectives of the Young Communist International and its relationship to the Communist International. The relationship of the Young Communist League to the Communist Party, U.S.A. is also material. The aims and purposes of the League, its strict adherence in its publications to the Communist Party line, and its activities in furtherance of its announced ends are all proper subjects of proof.

The most important element, however, is to establish beyond a reasonable doubt, if possible, that the action of the Special Convention of the Young Communist League at New York in December 1940, dissolving all affiliation with foreign groups and amending its constitution accordingly, did not affect its true status or alter its liability to register under the Voorhis Act, in view of the fact

"That the convention re-affirms the unshakable adherence of our Young Communist League to the principles of proletarian internationalism, in the spirit of its greatest leaders and teachers, Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin"

In this respect the suggestions contained in my memorandum of August 27, 1941, to you relative to the Communist Party, U.S.A. are equally applicable to the Young Communist League. It is requested that in its investigation of this organization the Bureau direct its attention toward obtaining competent evidence through qualified witnesses as to all of the matters above-mentioned.

Referring to the Bureau memorandum of May 5, 1941, transmitted with your memorandum of May 20, 1941, it is requested that the Bureau secure an original or other competent copy of the report of Mac Weiss, National President, to the Special Convention of the Young Communist League in December 1940, and that a photostatic copy thereof be made available for our use (Cf. page 15).

Referring further to the said memorandum, it is requested that existing reports relative to the activities of the League (pp. 6,7) be forwarded at your earliest convenience. I should also like to obtain copies of all reports or other material in your files concerning Gil Green, and particularly such as refer to his activities in the armed forces. It is, of course, important that this data be brought up to date.

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Examination of available material reflects that we have no information whatever concerning New Age Publishers which publishes Review, the League's official organ. Accordingly, it is requested that the Bureau supply whatever data it has in its files concerning this company and that such investigation be conducted as is necessary to determine its ownership, officers, and affiliations and whether it is included within the purview of the Voorhis Act. It is further requested that the Bureau advise whether it has copies of Review and, if so, the period or periods for which such issues are complete. In this connection, it is urged that the Bureau make every effort to obtain as much as possible of the pamphlet and other literature issued under the direct sponsorship of the Young Communist League subsequent to December 1940, and provide photostatic copies thereof for analytic examination.

Done

The following relates generally to this organization. Any evidence which can be secured bearing upon foreign control and foreign affiliations will be of the utmost assistance. For this reason, it is suggested that if the Bureau has any information as to the methods of communication employed in forwarding missives and directives from and to the Young Communist International, such matters should be investigated thoroughly. At present, evidence relating to its ultimate purposes appears to be fairly voluminous, except as to the period from December 1940, to date. It appears no evidence has been procured as to financial inter-relation, inter-contribution, or subsidization between the League and its foreign superordinates, the Communist Party, U.S.A., or any of the many 'front' organizations in whose formation or affairs the League is stated to have been active. This phase should be developed. If the Bureau has any information that the League, in connection with its summer camps and recreational facilities, sponsors civilian military activity within the meaning of the Act, it is requested that appropriate attention be devoted to it.

The subject matter of much of the additional investigation requested with respect to the Communist Party, U.S.A., the Young Communist League, and other front organizations forms no part of a prima facie case under the Voorhis Act. It is most important, however, for the purposes of cross-examination and rebuttal upon trial, that relevant facts as to each group be developed as fully as possible.

LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH
Chief, Special Defense Unit

By *R. Keith Kane*
R. Keith Kane
Assistant Chief

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September 19, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

RE: Young Communist League
VOORHIS ACT

With reference to your memorandum dated September 4, 1941, particular reference is made to paragraph 4, page 2, in which you point out that the suggestions contained in your memorandum of August 26, 1941, concerning the Communist Party, U.S.A., are equally applicable to the Young Communist League.

I think it would be well to be more specific with reference to the type of investigation desired by you concerning the Young Communist League particularly in view of the fact that the Bureau is not yet advised of the theory upon which you intend to proceed with the prosecution of the said League.

The Bureau will adhere to the suggestions outlined in your memorandum of September 4, 1941, but would like to receive more specific instructions with reference to paragraph 4, page 2 of the reference memorandum.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT
MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH**

**RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE;
FOURTH ACT.**

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With further reference to your memorandum of September 4, 1941, I am transmitting herewith one copy of each of the following reports:

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at San Francisco, California, October 23, 1940, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE (Communist Front Organization); INTERNAL SECURITY.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Atlanta, Georgia, February 12, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE OF THE U. S. A.; INTERNAL SECURITY - S.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at El Paso, Texas, March 29, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE; AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY - S.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, May 6, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE; AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY (R).

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City, May 22, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE; INTERNAL SECURITY (R).

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 5, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE; INTERNAL SECURITY (R).

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at El Paso, Texas, June 10, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

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Memorandum for
Mr. Lawrence M. G. Smith

Report of Special Agent in Charge [redacted] dated
at Omaha, Nebraska, June 16, 1941, entitled YOUNG
COMMUNIST LEAGUE; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at
Charlotte, North Carolina, June 21, 1941, entitled
YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Butte,
Montana, June 26, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE;
AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Little
Rock, Arkansas, June 27, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST
LEAGUE; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at
Seattle, Washington, June 28, 1941, entitled YOUNG COM-
MUNIST LEAGUE (with aliases, Northwest Young Communist
League; Grease Paint Guild); INTERNAL SECURITY (C).

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Honolulu,
Hawaii, July 3, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Omaha,
Nebraska, July 14, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Springfield,
Illinois, August 9, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Cleveland,
Ohio, August 12, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE OF
OHIO; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

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Memorandum for
Mr. Lawrence N. C. Smith

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated at Denver, Colorado, August 19, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Memphis, Tennessee, August 26, 1941, entitled YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

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In the immediate future other literature issued by the Young Communist League will be made available to you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

(Copies of enclosures retained in Bu files)

October 6, 1941

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE K. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT**

Re: **YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
Yoorhis Act**

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With reference to your memorandum of September 4, 1941, I am transmitting herewith one photostatic copy of each of the following pieces of literature:

"Resolutions and Theses of the Second Congress of the Young Communist International" -- Published in July, 1921, by the Young Communist International, Moscow.

"Constitution of the Young Workers League of America" -- Published in May, 1922.

"Resolutions and Theses of the Young Workers League of America" -- Published in 1923 by the Young Workers League of America, Chicago, Illinois.

"Resolutions and Theses Adopted by the Third Congress of the Y.C.I." -- Published in 1923 by the Publishing House of the Young International, Berlin, Germany.

"The Program of the Young Communist International" -- Published in 1923 by the Publishing House of the Young International, Berlin-Schoeneberg.

"Resolutions Adopted at The Fourth Congress of The Young Communist International" -- Published in 1924 by the E. C. of the Y. C. I.

"Resolutions of the Enlarged Executive of the Young Communist International" -- Published in November,

- Mr. Tolson _____
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1926 by the Publishing House of the Young Communist International, London.

"The Communist Youth International - Report of Activity Between the 4th and 5th Congress" -- Published in 1928 by the Young Workers (Communist) League of America, New York, N. Y.

"The International of Youth" -- Published in May, 1930 by the Y.W.(C.)L., U.S.A.

"Resolutions Adopted by the First National Convention, Y.W.L. of A." -- Published in May, 1932.

"Y.C.L. Organizer" -- Published in September, 1932 by the Youth Publisher for the National Committee - Young Communist League.

"Marxism Versus Social Democracy" by Bela Kun -- Published in December, 1932 by the Workers Library Publishers, New York.

"Youth in Industry" by Grace Hutchins -- Published in 1932 by International Pamphlets, New York.

"Fix Bayonets Against Whom" -- Published in March, 1933 by the Young Communist League.

"From Young Socialists to Young Communists" -- Published in January, 1934, by Youth Publishers, New York.

"Lenin-Liebknecht-Luxemburg" by Al Steals -- Published in January, 1934 by Youth Publishers.

"In Flanders Field Where Poppies Grow" - The Truth About Decoration Day" by Max Weiss -- Published in May, 1934 by Youth Publishers.

"Young Communists and the Path to Soviet Power" -- Published in June, 1934 by Youth Publishers.

"A Program for American Youth" -- Published in June, 1934 by Youth Publishers.

"Towards A Mass Y. C. L." - Report to the 7th National Convention, Young Communist League by Gil Green -- Published in June, 1934.

"Young Communists and the Path To Soviet Power" -- Published in June, 1934 by Youth Publishers.

"International of Youth" -- Published in August, 1934 by Youth Publishers.

"Whom Shall The Youth Support In The 1934 Elections?" -- Published in 1934 by the Young Communist League.

"A Short History of the Young Communist League of the Soviet Union" by A. Afonin -- Published in 1934 by the Co-operative Publishing Society of Foreign Workers in the U.S.S.R., Moscow - Leningrad.

"International of Youth" -- Published in March, 1935 by Youth Publishers, New York, N. Y.

"Young Communists and Unity of the Youth" by Gil Green -- Published in October, 1935 by Youth Publishers, New York, N. Y.

"United We Stand For Peace and Socialism" by Gil Green -- Published in 1935 by the Workers Library Publishers.

"Next Steps for the United Front" Report of Mac Weiss -- Published in January, 1936.

"Communist Propaganda Among American Youth" -- Published in June, 1936 by the Educational Department of the Young Communist League (Dist. 19).

"The Pace Setter" -- Published in September, 1936 by the State Election Campaign Committee of the Young Communist League.

"The Harvard Communist" -- Published in December, 1936 by the Harvard Branch, Young Communist League.

"Facing The 8th Convention of the Young Communist League" by Gil Green -- Published in January, 1937 by the

National Office of the Young Communist League.

"Make Your Dreams Come True" by Gil Green -- Published in June, 1937 by Workers Library Publishers, Inc., New York, N. Y.

"Hey Youth!" -- Published in September, 1937 by the Modern Youth Club, branch of the Young Communist League, Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York.

"Extracts and Resolutions - Empire State Convention" -- Published in November, 1937 by the Young Communist League, New York, New York.

"Unity of Youth" -- Published in December, 1937 by the Young Communist League, Michigan State Convention.

"Year Book - 1937" -- Published in 1937 by the Young Communist League of New England.

"The Young Worker Faces 1937" -- Published in January, 1937 by the Young Workers League, U.S.A., Chicago.

"New Frontiers - 1849-1937" -- Published in 1937 by the Young Communist League of California.

"Year Book" -- Published in 1937 by the Young Communist League of America.

"Hey Youth" -- Published in March, 1938 by the Modern Youth Club, branch of the Young Communist League, Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York.

"Lift Every Voice" -- Published in February, 1939 by the N. Y. State Convention, Y. C. L.

"Report of the Pre-Convention Commissions" -- Published in February, 1939 by the 2nd Empire State Convention of the Young Communist League, New York, N. Y.

"Financial Report" -- Published in February, 1939 by the 2nd Empire State Convention of the Young Communist League, New York, N. Y.

"Literature Report" -- Published in February, 1939 by the 2nd Empire State Convention of the Young Communist League, New York, N. Y.

"Youth Meets the Challenge of 1940" -- Published in February, 1939 by New Age Publishers, New York, N. Y.

"Life for America's Sons and Daughters" by John Little -- Published in March, 1939 by the New York State Young Communist League, New York, N. Y.

"Youth Review" -- Published in May, 1939 by the National Convention of the Y. C. L.

"The Constitution of the Young Communist League of the U.S.A." -- Published in May, 1939 by New Age Publishers, New York, N. Y.

"Y C L Songs" -- Published in May, 1939 by the Young Communist League.

"The Roosevelt War Deal" -- Published in March, 1940 by New Age Publishers, New York, N. Y.

"Review" -- Published in June, 1940 by New Age Publishers for Young Communist League, U.S.A., New York, N. Y.

"Youth Review" -- Published in September, 1940.

"Leadership Training Course" -- Published in October, 1940 by the National Educational Department, Young Communist League, U.S.A.

"Self Study Guide on the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union" -- Published in October, 1940 by the National Educational Department of the Young Communist League.

"Its Up To You!" -- Published in 1940 by New Age Publishers, New York, New York.

"Facts For Speakers" -- Published in 1940 by the Youth Division of the National Election Campaign Committee for the Young Communist League. (Bulletin No. 2)

"Facts For Speakers" -- Published in 1940 by the Youth Division of the National Election Campaign Committee

for the Young Communist League, U.S.A.
(Bulletin No. 2)

"Facts For Speakers" -- Published in 1940 by the Youth
Division of the National Election Campaign Com-
mittee for the Young Communist League, USA.
(Bulletin No. 3)

"Who Are The Young Communists?" -- Published by Workers
Library Publishers at New York, New York.

"We Are For The United Front" by V. Chumadantov -- Published
by Youth Publishers, New York, New York.

"Manifesto, Program, Resolutions and Constitution - Young
Workers League of America" -- Published by Young
Workers League of America, Chicago, Illinois.

"The Draft Programme of the Young Communist International"
-- Published by the Publishing House of the Young
Communist International, c/o Young Communist League
of Great Britain, London.

"The Young Communist International - What It Is And How It
Functions" -- Published by the National Committee of
the Young Communist League of America.

"Towards a Mass Young Communist League" -- Published by
Youth Publishers, New York.

"No Jobs Today", by Phil Bard -- Published by the Young
Communist League, New York, N. Y.

"Resolution of the Executive Committee Young Communist
International on the Report of the National Executive
Committee Young Communist League of the U. S. A. on
the Immediate Tasks in the Fight for the Working
Youth" -- Published by Young Communist League, New York.

"Life With a Purpose" by Joe C. Clark -- Published by the
National Committee of the Young Communist League, New
York, N. Y.

"Report of the Fifth National Convention of the Young Com-
munist League of U. S. A." -- Published by the Young
Communist League of U.S.A., New York, N. Y.

- "Programme of the Young Communist International" --**
Published by the Young Communist League of America,
New York, N. Y.
- "It Happens Every Day" by Phil Bard --** Published by
Youth Publishers, New York, N. Y.
- "Program, Constitution, Theses and Resolutions Adopted by
the First National Convention, Young Communist League
of America" --** Published by the National Executive
Committee, Young Communist League.
- "In November You Have A Choice To Make" --** Published by the
Young Communist League of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois.
- "Where To Begin? - How To Build A Mass Young Communist
League" --** Published by Youth International Publishers.
- "Outline For Study of the Report of The 5th National Con-
vention YCL of USA" --** Published by the Young Communist
League, USA, New York, N. Y.
- "Worker's Songs of the Young Communist League" --** Published
by the Young Communist League.
- "Peace on Earth Good Will Towards Man" --** Published by the
Mid-West Young Communist League.
- "Education and the War" --** Published by the Young Communist
League.
- "In the Good Old Summer Time" --** Published by the New York
State Council, Young Communist League, New York.
- "Bayonets vs. A Living Wage!" --** Issued by Hamilton Co.
Communist Party & Young Communist League.
- "Think" --** Issued by the Young Communist League of Illinois,
Indiana, Missouri and Wisconsin.
- "Save America's Peace - Act Now! - Act Now! - Keep the U. S.
Out of War! --** Issued by the National Council, Young Com-
munist League, U. S. A., New York, N. Y.
- "A Short History of the Y. C. I." --** Published by the Young
Communist League, New York, N. Y.

A Booklet which describes the activities of the Young Communist League of the U.S. in Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

"A Bang Up Election, 1939-40" -- Issued by Administrative and Educational Department, Young Communist League, State of New Jersey.

"The American Labor Party" -- Issued by the State Educational Department, Young Communist League.

"Dave Doran Honor Society" -- Issued by the New York State Young Communist League.

"Education and the War" -- Issued by the Young Communist League, New York, N. Y.

"Protect America's Youth -- Keep America Out of This Imperialist War!" -- Issued by the Northwest Young Communist League.

"The Drive" -- Issued by the County Administrative Department on May 24, 1939.

Leaflet entitled "Speed The \$60,000 To Help Build The Daily Record And The Party."

"Weapons For the Officials of the Young Communist Leagues" - Resolutions and Decisions of the Third Bureau Session of the Young Communist International.

"The Campus Communist" -- Published by U. of Washington, Young Communist League.

"Blackout or Fascism?" -- Issued by the Campus Branch, Young Communist League.

"A Manual of Summer Activities" -- Published by the Young Communist League of Illinois.

An article styled "Young Communist International" which appeared in The Communist dated February-March, 1922.

An article styled "On The Y. C. L." which appeared in The Communist dated April-May, 1922.

An article styled "The Communist Party and the Y. C. L." which appeared in The Communist, July-August, 1922.

An article styled "Relations of C.P. to Young Communist League" which appeared in The Communist, Vol. 1, No. 11, dated 1922.

An article styled "War and Youth" which appeared in the Workers Monthly, September, 1925.

An article styled "The Platform of the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International" which appeared in the Workers Monthly, June, 1926.

An article styled "International Youth Day" which appeared in the Workers Monthly, September, 1926.

An article styled "Winning the Youth" which appeared in The Communist, April, 1927.

An article styled "The Youth and the Elections" which appeared in The Communist, April, 1928.

An article styled "The Youth Movement and the Sixth Anniversary of the Young Workers (Communist) League" which appeared in The Communist, June, 1928.

An article styled "Youth and Industry" which appeared in The Communist, August, 1928.

An article styled "On Making Contacts" which appeared in the Party Organizer, May, 1931.

An article styled "The Young Communist League Turns to Struggle" which appeared in The Communist, August, 1931.

An article styled "Winning the Youth" which appeared in Party Organizer, September-October, 1931.

An article styled "The Problems of the American Revolutionary Youth Movement" which appeared in The Communist, April, 1933.

An article styled "The Open Letter and Tasks of the Y.C.L." which appeared in The Communist, August, 1933.

An article styled "After The Youth Congress" which appeared in The Communist, October, 1933.

An article styled "Party Must Help Y.C.L. Win Youth for Class Battles" which appeared in the Party Organizer, November, 1933.

An article styled "Lenin and the Principles of the Revolutionary Youth Movement" which appeared in The Communist, January, 1934.

An article styled "The Winning of the Working Class Youth is the Task of the Entire Party" which appeared in The Communist, May, 1934.

An article styled "Experiences of a Detroit Y.C.L. Shop Nucleus in Its Work in the A. F. of L." which appeared in the Party Organizer, August, 1934.

An article styled "How the New York Party Helped the Y. C. L." which appeared in the Party Organizer, September, 1934.

An article styled "Youth and the Elections" which appeared in the Party Organizer, October, 1934.

An article styled "Build the Young Communist League" which appeared in the Party Organizer, June, 1935.

An article styled "Roosevelt's 'Happy Days' for the Young Generation" which appeared in The Communist, July, 1935.

An article styled "The Tasks of the United Front of the Youth" which appeared in The Communist International, November, 1935.

An article styled "Cleveland Party Convention Discusses Youth Work" which appeared in the Party Organizer, April, 1936.

An article styled "The Struggle to Carry Through the Line of the Sixth Congress of the Y.C.I." which appeared in The Communist International, June, 1936.

An article styled "Towards Youth Unity" which appeared in The Communist, September, 1936.

An article which appeared in The Communist for September, 1936, without a title.

An article styled "How the Party Can Help Solve Weaknesses in

the Y. C. L." which appeared in the Party Organizer, October, 1936.

An article styled "The Communist Party Giving Guidance to the Young Communist League" which appeared in the Party Organizer, November, 1936.

An article styled "Questions of Unity Among the Youth" which appeared in The Communist International, January, 1937.

An article styled "The Student Movement in the United States" which appeared in The Communist, February, 1937.

An article styled "The Union of the Youth in Belgium" which appeared in The Communist International, February, 1937.

An article styled "The Economic Situation of The Youth" which appeared in The Communist, February, 1937.

An article styled "The Coming Y.C.L. Convention" which appeared in the Party Organizer, February, 1937.

An article styled "Youth In Industry" which appeared in The Communist, May, 1937.

An article styled "An Understanding of the Y.C.L. Convention" which appeared in the Party Organizer, July, 1937.

An article styled "Problems of Reconstructing the Young Communist League" which appeared in The Communist, July, 1937.

An article styled "Building the Y. C. L. in Industry" which appeared in the Party Organizer, October, 1937.

An article styled "Address to the Communist Youth" which appeared in The Communist, October, 1937.

An article styled "The World Youth Congress" which appeared in The Communist, October, 1938.

An article styled "America's Youth in the Struggle for Social and National Security" which appeared in The Communist, April, 1939.

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The following issues of the "Young Worker" published by "The Young Workers League", Chicago, Illinois,

Young Worker	-	March-April, 1922
"	"	May, 1922
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"	"	December-January, 1940

"The Worker's Child" -- Published in January, 1934 by the Central Pioneer Bureau, New York City.

"The Worker's Child" -- Published in February, 1934 by the Central Pioneer Bureau, New York City.

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Young Communist Review - September, 1936
" " " October, 1936
" " " December, 1936
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" " " September, 1939
" " " October, 1939
" " " November, 1939

The following issues of "The Review" published by the National Council, Young Communist League, New York City,

The Review - February 1, 1940
" " February 15, 1940
" " February 29, 1940
" " March 14, 1940

The following issues of "The Review" published by the New Age Publishers for Y.C.L., U.S.A.,

The Review - March 28, 1940
" " April 11, 1940
" " April 25, 1940

The Review (Continued)

" " - May 9, 1940
" " May 27, 1940
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" " June 24, 1940
" " July 8, 1940
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The following issues of the "Weekly Review" published by the
New Age Publishers of New York City,

Weekly Review - August 26, 1941
" " September 9, 1941

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

September 19, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
VOORHIS ACT

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Reference is made to your memorandum of September 4, 1941, signed by E. Keith Kane, Assistant Chief, Special Defense Unit. Particular reference is made to paragraph 3, page 1, wherein you request the Bureau to obtain competent evidence through qualified witnesses concerning the national, regional, state and local officers of the Young Communist League.

The best information in the Bureau files at this time is to the effect that the individuals mentioned in the attached list styled "Officers of the Young Communist League", occupy the designated offices in the said League.

It is observed that you have made the same type of request concerning the officers and responsible leaders of the Young Communist League as you did in your memorandum of August 26, 1941, concerning the Communist Party, U.S.A. In this respect, I wish you would have reference to my memorandum of September 3, 1941, in the matter styled "Communist Party, U.S.A.; Voorhis Act." In that memorandum I pointed out to you the difficulty of obtaining competent and admissible evidence through qualified witnesses.

I would, therefore, like to have you refer to the last paragraph of my memorandum of September 3, 1941, and advise me whether there is any objection to conducting interviews with members of the Young Communist League or officials thereof in order to obtain the desired information. I would appreciate your early reply in order that this inquiry may not be unduly delayed.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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OFFICERS OF THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

National Officials

Gil Green	- National President
Angele Herndon (negro)	- National Secretary
Henry Winston	- National Administrative Secretary
Carl Ross	- National Executive Secretary
Celeste Strack	- National Student Director

National Committee

Jack Kling	- State Executive Secretary, Illinois
Clarence Prence	
Frank Cook	
Henry Winston (negro)	
Lloyd Brown	- State Secretary, Western Penn- sylvania
Celeste Strack	- Los Angeles, California
Max Weiss	- State Organizer for Ohio
Tony Morton	- Harlem, New York organizer
John Little	- State Secretary, New York
Irving Herman	- Chicago organizer
Jack Olson	- Los Angeles organizer
Frank Curry	- Birmingham, Alabama organizer
Eula Lee	- Talapoosa County, Florida organizer
Helen Petras	- Illinois State organizer
Jack Barry	- Western Pennsylvania organizer
✓ Claude Lightfoot (negro)	- Cook County, Illinois President
Charles Wilson	
Serril Gerbar	- California organizer
✓ Mydia Barkin	- Milwaukee organizer
✓ Leo Turner	- State Secretary, Minnesota
✓ Frank Carlson	- State Secretary, California
Jim West	- New Jersey organizer
John Markes	- State Secretary, Illinois
Joe Clark	- National Educational Board, N. Y.

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Leon Kaplan
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Mineola Perry
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- State Organizer, Wisconsin
- California Organizer
- Chairman, New Bedford Branch
- Chicago organizer
- Chairman, Youngstown, Ohio

New York City District

John Little, New York City
Sophie Stern, New York City
Hal Stora, New York City
Carl Masters, Buffalo, N. Y.
Adolph Ross New York City
Svea Katz, New York City
Mike Saunders, New York City
Rose Ludner, New York City
Al Stern, New York City
Katherine Hefner, New York City
Sam Banks, New York City
Rudy Haber, New York City
Willie Stone, New York City
Evelah Oshen, New York City
Hicky Heisler, New York City
Tommy Covelli, Hempstead, L. I.
Vera Tracy, New York City
Herb Parker, New York City
Phil Schatz, New York City
Mac Shafer, New York City
Sol Perry, New York City
Murray Gordon, New York City
Seymour Wolfred, New York City
Benny Insalaco, New York City
Bob Schanz, New York City
Helen Katz, New York City
Dave Davisk, New York City
Bill Duff, New York City
Mac Werner, New York City
Murray Savage, New York City
Louis Hase, White Plains, N. Y.
Arthur Silverstein, New York City
Mike Anderson, New York City
Adelaide Kohl, New York City

Marion Mann, New York City
Johnny Stassinax, New York City
Helen Vrabler, New York City
Al Steele, Executive Secretary, Bronx,
New York
Ray Clark, Director, Industrial
District, New York City
Ruth Watt, New York Director
Student Division, New York City
Hesh Klein, New York Educational
Director, New York City
Rudy Ellis, Vice Chairman, New
York Section, New York City
Lillian Youngelman, President,
Department Store Branch, New
York City
Henry Nehman, President, Flushing,
New York Branch
Ida Gerah, President, Industrial
Workers Branch, New York City
Gertrude Gonchar, President,
Corona Branch, New York City
Ethel Kayton, President, John Reed
Branch, New York City
Dorothy Green, President, Beehive
Branch, New York City
Hy Wolf, Business Manager, New York
County Section, New York City
John Sherman, President, Cooperative
Branch, New York City
Sammy Allen, Jants Point Branch,
President, New York City
John Du Relle, President, Jack
London Branch, New York City

Mike Russell, President, Harlem
Branch, Youth Center, New York
City

Dottie O'Brien, New York City

Sam Kaplan, New York City

Helen Segal, New York City

Mike Filene, New York City

Jack Hollerhan, New York City

Nettie Le Roy, New York City

Dave Barnett, White Plains, N. Y.

Tony Merton, New York City

Isidore Craigsman, New York City

Ruth Josephson, New York City

Ralph Rodrigues, New York City

Lottie Rosen, New York City

Aaron Shur, New York City

Seymour Shuster, New York City

Clara Tommler, President, Pioneer
Branch, New York City

H. Rapp, President, Coney Island
Branch, New York City

Theresa Levin, Secretary, New
York State Student Union Branch,
New York City

Ben Klack, Middle Village, New
York City organizer

Dora Lopez, President, Centro-
Juvenile Branch, New York City

Max Schaeffer, President, Milt
Young Branch, New York City

Leo Packer, Financial Secretary,
Bronx, New York City

T. H. McGregor, Administrative
Secretary, Harlem Branch, New
York City

Leo Miller, Secretary, Nellie
Clark Branch, New York City

Eudy Ward, President, Maritime
Branch, New York City

Ruth Gill, President Patrick Henry
Branch, New York City

Jack Kablens, Organizer, South
Brooklyn Branch, New York City

Frosh Chapel, President,
Student Council, New York
City

Milton Whitman, President,
Brighton Youth House Branch,
New York City

Lou Ballis, President, James
Monroe Evening High School Branch,
New York City

Lee Gerst, Bensonhurst, New York
Branch, President, New York
City

Neil Polidora, President,
Garibaldi Youth Branch,
New York City

Sam Schwartz, Chairman,
Publicity, Kings County, New
York City

Josephine Martini, New York
State Committee, New York
City

Freddie Morrison, President,
Bronxville, N.Y.C. Branch

Mickey Mans, New York Dues
Section, New York City

Jimmy Harrison, East Side, New
York Director

Charles Pine, President,
Astoria Branch, New York
City

Custodian Esperanza, President,
Tom Paine Club, Harlem,
New York City

Lou Grant, Student Director,
New York City

Walter Donaldson, President,
Yorkville, New York City
Branch

Belle Fishman, Bronx Member-
ship Director, New York City

Harry Liebowitz, President,
East Side New York City
Section

George Sherman, Educational
Director Renaissance Branch, New
York City

May Hineff, Administrative Section
Bronx Branch

Arthur Sherwood, County Trade Union
Section, New York City

Abe Shtob, Organizer, Manhattan
Branch, New York City

James Barker, Manhattan Organizer,
New York City

Frank Costaire, Kings County
Organizer, New York City

Lou Sarti, New York Trade Union
Director, New York City

John Noto, New York State
National Committee

Al Tereaman, East Side New York
Coordinator, New York City

Elmer Hallbeck, Maritime Branch,
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Re: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
VOORHIS ACT

Dear Sir:

The Special Defense Unit of the Department of Justice has requested this Bureau to undertake a broad and thoroughgoing investigation to determine whether the Young Communist League is amenable to the provisions of the Voorhis Act.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding, Field Offices are herewith advised that the New York office is considered the office of origin in this case. All investigations predicated upon this request must bear the title and character noted above. Under no circumstances may the title or character of this case be changed. It is not desired that information of a general nature pertaining to the Young Communist League be submitted under this title and character; only that information developed by the various Field Offices predicated upon requests from the Bureau under the above styled case should be incorporated in files designated Young Communist League, Voorhis Act.

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The Bureau wishes to point out that the investigation of this matter may not under any circumstances remain in a delinquent status in any of the Field Divisions. It is imperative that this case receive prompt and vigorous attention in order that the Bureau may provide the Special Defense Unit of the Department with all necessary information.

In view of the fact that the Special Defense Unit has requested the Bureau to provide it with information which obviously can be obtained only from those identified with the Young Communist League

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a memorandum was directed to the Special Defense Unit asking that Unit to advise the Bureau whether there is any objection to conducting interviews with members of the Young Communist League or officials thereof in order to obtain the desired information. In response thereto, the Bureau has now received a memorandum from the Special Defense Unit dated October 8, 1941, the pertinent portion of which is quoted herewith concerning interviews by Special Agents with members and officials of the Young Communist League:

"Reference is made to your memorandum dated September 19, 1941, relative to the Young Communist League, inquiring whether this Unit has any objection to the Bureau's conducting interviews with League members or officials, to obtain desired information. There is no objection to such procedure.

"Under date of September 12, 1941, I addressed a memorandum to you relative to the Communist Party, U.S.A., in which I discussed the advantages and disadvantages of contacting Party members and officials in order to secure additional information which is desired relative thereto, and concluded the Government's position would not be prejudiced by such direct approach. I believe the same procedure should be followed in the cases of all Communist Party affiliates or fronts, as to whom additional evidence is required or whom it may be necessary to interview to secure material relative to the Party itself, or to other affiliates or fronts. Unless you subsequently are advised to the contrary, therefore, it will be unnecessary to delay any current investigation to ascertain the attitude of this Unit in this regard."

Your particular attention is directed to the following statement quoted above: "I believe the same procedure should be followed in the cases of all Communist Party affiliates or fronts, as to whom additional evidence is required or whom it may be necessary to interview to secure material relative to the Party itself, or to other affiliates or fronts." This statement of course broadens the number of persons who may be interviewed in connection with the investigation of "all Communist Party affiliates or fronts, as to whom additional evidence is required."

It should be understood clearly by all Field Divisions that if any measure of success is to meet the efforts of the Government in the prosecution of the Young Communist League as a possible violator of the Voorhis Act, it is incumbent upon the Bureau to develop evidence admissible in a judicial proceeding, which evidence must be obtained from witnesses competent to testify to such material facts. Confidential informants are not competent witnesses. Wherever information of an evidentiary character or other data is obtained which is thought to be useful in this matter, it will be necessary for each office to set out with particularity the identity of the agent obtaining the information,

the date on which the information was obtained, the name and the address of the individual from whom the information was obtained, and the name and the address of the individual competent to testify to the facts in question.

On September 19, 1941, the Bureau directed a letter in the above styled case to the following offices:

New York
Springfield
Pittsburgh
Los Angeles
Cleveland
Cincinnati
Chicago

Birmingham
Miami
San Diego
San Francisco
Milwaukee
Saint Paul
Newark
and Buffalo.

This letter requested the said offices to obtain competent evidence through competent witnesses as to the identity of the officers and leaders of the Young Communist League on and after January 15, 1941. It was also pointed out that the Bureau and the Special Defense Unit are interested in obtaining this information not only as to national officers, but also as to state, regional or local officers of the Young Communist League in various parts of the United States. To date this request has not been honored by the offices to whom it was directed. The Bureau therefore insists that no further delay can be tolerated concerning this matter.

If, during the course of this investigation, pertinent literature is obtained by the various Field Divisions, it is necessary to set out the name and the address of the person from whom such literature was obtained, together with the name and the address of the individual competent to introduce such written material in the course of a judicial proceeding.

In connection with the investigation of the national, state, regional and local officers of the Young Communist League, the Special Defense Unit has requested that the Bureau develop all possible personal history material concerning such leaders. It is therefore incumbent upon all Field Divisions to submit to the Bureau any personal history data concerning any of the leaders located in the respective Field Divisions. The Special Defense Unit has called particular attention to the desirability of developing all possible information concerning the National Educational and Public Relations secretaries of the Young Communist League. Since these officers are located in New York City, it will be incumbent upon the New York Office to develop such data.

The Special Defense Unit has pointed out that it will be necessary to prove the existence and objectives of the Young Communist International and its relationship to the Communist International.

The said Unit has also pointed out it will be necessary to establish the relationship of the Young Communist League to the Communist Party, U.S.A., together with the aims and purposes of the League, its strict adherence in its publications to the Communist Party line, and its activities in furtherance of its announced ends.

The said Unit has advised the Bureau that the most important element in this case is to establish that the action of the Special Convention of the Young Communist League in New York in December, 1940, dissolving all affiliation with foreign groups and amending its constitution accordingly, would not affect its true status or alter its liability to register under the Voorhis Act. All offices, and particularly the New York Office, should endeavor to develop information of a pertinent nature concerning this matter.

In this connection the Special Defense Unit has announced "it becomes most material to establish that either, notwithstanding its discontinuance of such admitted prior affiliation, the ultimate objectives and methods of operation of the Young Communist League remain unchanged and are such as to require registration under the Voorhis Act or that the League's action in renouncing such affiliation constituted a fictitious measure of expediency, not affecting its real allegiance and control."

The Special Defense Unit has pointed out it becomes material to establish competent evidence as to the continued subversive aims of the Young Communist League as reflected in statements, publications, and other utterances of its officers and responsible leaders, formally and informally, at meetings, conventions, over radio programs, movies, and matters of a kindred nature. All of this material is to be used by the said Unit to establish the unchanged status of the League.

The Special Defense Unit has likewise requested the Bureau to secure any available evidence concerning discussions, meetings and activities of the League's officials and leaders prior to the severance of its affiliation with the Young Communist International at the time of its Special Convention in New York City in December, 1940. The development of this type of information must likewise include the obtaining of any evidence of messages having been sent by the Young Communist League to a foreign country inquiring as to what the position of the Young Communist League ought to be in view of the Voorhis Act together with evidence of any directives from abroad in this particular matter. The Special Defense Unit has suggested that leaders of the Young Communist League may have held conferences with leaders of the Communist Party prior to the calling of the Special Convention at which time international affiliation was severed.

For your general information the Special Defense Unit has advised that prosecution as to both the Communist Party, U.S.A. and the Young Communist League will proceed under Subdivision 1 of

Section 2(a) of the Voorhis Act and under Subdivision 4 of Section 2(a) of the same Act. For your assistance in this matter your attention is directed to Bureau Bulletin No. 6, First Series, 1941, dated February 15, 1941.

The said Unit has pointed out that the publication styled "Review," the official organ of the Young Communist League, is published by the New Age Publishers. The Bureau has been requested to furnish the Special Defense Unit with available information concerning the New Age Publishers and to conduct an investigation to determine its ownership, officers and affiliations, and whether it is included within the purview of the Voorhis Act. This investigation will be the responsibility of the New York Office.

The Special Defense Unit has likewise requested the Bureau to develop evidence of the exchange of messages and the receipt of directives from the Young Communist International. The Bureau is requested also to develop evidence as to the finances, interrelation, intercontribution, or subsidization between the League and its foreign superordinates, the Communist Party, U.S.A., or any of the many front organizations in whose formation or affiliation the League is alleged to have been active.

The Special Defense Unit also desires that the Bureau develop evidence to the effect that the Young Communist League in its summer camps and recreational facilities sponsors civilian military activity within the meaning of the Voorhis Act.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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October 14, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

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RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE;
VOORHIS ACT

Dear Sir:

The Special Defense Unit of the Department of Justice is interested in obtaining evidence capable of being introduced in a judicial proceeding as to the identity of the officers and leaders of the Young Communist League as of January 15, 1941, the date on which the Voorhis Act became effective. The said Unit desires such information concerning not only the national officers, but also the state, regional and local officers of the Young Communist League in various parts of the United States.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
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This list is not all embracing and does not contain the names of all officers of the Young Communist League throughout the United States. It is thought, however, that this information will be of assistance to the field divisions in conducting the above requested investigation.

The Special Defense Unit has informed the Bureau by memorandum that there is no objection to Special Agents of this Bureau interviewing members and officers of the Young Communist League in an effort to obtain the desired information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT
MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE;
VOORHIS ACT.

For your assistance in the above-entitled matter, your attention is directed to the issue of the Sunday Worker, October 19, 1941, page 2, section 2, wherein there is contained an article by Oil Green, styled "America Must Act Now."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT
MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH**

**RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE;
VOORHIS ACT**

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Further reference is made to your memorandum of September 4, 1941, in which you request to be advised of the relationship between the Young Communist League and the Communist Party, U.S.A.

Your attention is directed to the pamphlet styled "The Communist Party - A Manual on Organization," written by J. Peters and published by Workers Library Publishers in 1935. This pamphlet contains a Preface written by Jack Stachal, one of the leaders of the Communist Party, U.S.A., and the pamphlet is especially recommended to members of the Communist Party for their enlightenment. A section of the pamphlet, on page 98, is devoted to the subject "What Is The Relation Between The C. P. and Y.C.L.?" The material under that section is quoted herewith as follows:

"The Young Communist League is a mass organization of youth. The Communist Party is responsible for building this very important mass organization. The relation between the Party and the Y.C.L. is guided by these principles: The Party Units bear political responsibility for building the Y.C.L. In order to carry out this responsibility, the following organizational rules are observed by the Party:

1. Each Party Unit assigns one comrade for work in the corresponding Y.C.L. Unit. This assigned member is not a formal representative of the Party to the Y.C.L., but a mature comrade who participates in all activities of the Y.C.L. Unit to formulate policies and to carry out decisions.

★ In a Party Unit territory where there is no Y.C.L. Unit, one or two comrades should be assigned to the special task of building the Y.C.L. organization.

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"2. In order to coordinate the work between the Party and the Y.C.L., the Party should select one Y.C.L. member, preferably one who is a member also of the Party, to attend regularly the meetings of the Unit Bureau. It is understood that all Y.C.L. members who are members of the Party attend Party Unit membership meetings.

3. The same rules are observed on a Section scale. The Section Committee has one of its members assigned to the Y.C.L. Section. One member of the Y.C.L. Section Committee attends regularly the meetings of the Section Party Committee."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

October 20, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Communist Party, U.S.A.
Young Communist League
VOORHIS ACT

Reference is made to your respective memoranda of October 19, 1941, concerning the interview of Robert Minor, Acting Secretary of the Communist Party, by a Special Agent of the Bureau concerning the officers of the Communist Party, U.S.A., and the Young Communist League. It is noted that Minor requested a letter from the Department of Justice setting forth exactly the type of information desired in order that he might discuss the matter with his attorney to determine whether the information desired would be made available.

I am quite sure you will concur in my view that no such letter should be addressed to Minor. If it were, it undoubtedly would precipitate a series of communications which would accomplish no beneficial result and would serve only to apprise the Party of the Government's contemplated program. I would reject the request summarily but for the thought that the Bureau might regard compliance to be of some assistance to it in connection with its additional investigations. If so, I should be glad to consider the matter further. It is thought, however, that the experience with Minor should not deter the Bureau from approaching other officials and members to secure desired information.

LAWRENCE M. G. SMITH
Chief, Special Defense Unit

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Assistant Chief

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT
MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.)
VOORHIS ACT

Reference is made to your memorandum of October 20, 1941, with regard to the advisability of the Department forwarding a letter to Robert Minor, Acting Secretary of the Communist Party, in order to obtain information concerning the officers of the Party.

The Bureau will defer to your judgment in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

MR. LAWRENCE M. G. SMITH

RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
VOORHIS ACT

For your assistance in the above styled matter,
I am transmitting herewith one pamphlet styled, "Destroy
Hitlerism", by Max Weiss.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

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October 21, 1941

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT
MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH**

**RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE;
VOORHIS ACT.**

With reference to your memorandum of September 4, 1941, I am transmitting herewith one copy of each of the following pieces of literature:

"Clarity"

(Summer and Fall issues for 1940;
Spring and Summer issues for 1941)

Theoretical Organ of the Young Communist League, U.S.A. Published by the Young Communist League through New Age Publishers.

"Youth's Road to Peace and Security"

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By Max Weiss, published December 21, 1940,
by New Age Publishers.

"Who Are The Young Communists?" by Joe Clark
"Old Jim Crow Has Got To Go!" by Henry Winston
"Jim-Crow in Uniform" by Claudia Jones.

I am also transmitting herewith the September 16, 23, and October 7, 1941, issues of the "Weekly Review," published by New Age Publishers.

Reference is now made to the first paragraph on page three of my memorandum of September 4, 1941. The Bureau has obtained and forwarded to you all literature which has been issued by the Young Communist League

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Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith

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since January, 1940. You have also been furnished with copies of all literature and articles appearing in the Bureau's files concerning the Young Communist League since its inception. You have likewise been furnished with all available printed matter relating to the Young Communist International.

Reference is now made to the first paragraph on page two of your memorandum of September 4, 1941. It is noted that you suggest the necessity of proving the existence and objectives of the Young Communist International and its relationship to the Communist International. It is believed that the literature, which has been made available to you, contains an abundance of information concerning the aims and objectives of the Young Communist International, together with data relative to its origin and development. The relationship between the Young Communist International and the Communist International is set out specifically in Article 5, Section 35 of the Constitution of the Communist International, which declares:

"The International League of Communist Youth (Communist Young International) is a section of the Communist International with full rights and is subordinate to the ECCI" (Executive Committee, Communist International).

This information appears on page 94 of the pamphlet styled "Program of the Communist International," a copy of which pamphlet has already been made available to you.

Your memorandum next points out the necessity of establishing the relationship of the Young Communist League to the Communist Party, U.S.A. and the desirability of establishing the aims and purposes of the League, its strict adherence in its publications to the Communist Party line, and its activities in furtherance of its announced ends. Full material bearing upon these suggestions will be found in the literature which has been made available to you.

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Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith

For your consideration in the above-styled matter I would like to call to your attention the following quotation from an article by Earl Browder styled "The United Front - The Key to Our New Tactical Orientation." This statement of Browder is a portion of a report to the November (1935) Plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A. Upon Browder's return from the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International. The statement in point is quoted here-with as follows:

"It is clear that the most important task of the Young Communist League is to help create a genuine non-party mass youth organization embracing the Communist youth, Socialist, Negro, pacifist, religious organizations, etc., in which all members would be educated in the spirit of Marxism-Leninism. The conditions in the United States are quite mature for such an organization. The united front between the Young Communist League and the Young People's Socialist League, and organic unity will prove the most effective way of bringing about the widest non-party mass youth organization. It is clear, however, that the Young Communist League will have to reconstruct radically its work in order to achieve these correct aims. It will be the task of the Communist Party to render the maximum help to the Young Communist League along these lines."

The above statement appeared in "The Communist," a magazine, for December, 1935, page 1080.

For your further assistance I am transmitting herewith one photostatic copy of a pamphlet styled "The Results of Two Congresses."

For your additional assistance I am transmitting herewith one copy of the magazine styled "The Communist" for February, 1937. You will find much information in this publication concerning the Young Communist League.

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For your additional assistance, I am transmitting herewith one photostatic copy of a publication styled "CONVENTION CALIFORNIA STATE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, SAN FRANCISCO, FEB. 24, 25, 26, '39 - PROCEEDINGS."

Particular reference is made to the fifth paragraph on page two of your memorandum of September 4, 1941, in which you ask for a copy of the report of Max Weiss, National President, to the Special Convention of the Young Communist League in December, 1940. The said report is contained in the pamphlet styled "YOUTH'S ROAD TO PEACE and SECURITY," one copy of which pamphlet is transmitted herewith. It is pointed out that no reference is made by Weiss in his address to severance of connection between the Young Communist League and the Young Communist International. Efforts have been made to obtain such a speech without success. Your attention, however, is directed to an item appearing in the "Sunday Worker" for December 22, 1940, page 3, in which the following appeared:

**"YOUNG COMMUNISTS HOLD CONVENTION;
LASH AIMS OF REACTIONARY VOORHIS BILL**

"A special national convention of the Young Communist League opened yesterday for the purpose of considering the problems created by the Voorhis Act, which is aimed at organizations with international affiliations.

"About 80 regular and fraternal delegates and 25 guests were present at the opening session at Livingston Manor, Brooklyn.

"The opening session was devoted to the report of Max Weiss, national president of the League, and subsequent discussions. Weiss recommended that the League make the sacrifice involved in disaffiliating from the Young Communist International.

"The enactment of the Voorhis bill was prompted by the desire of the Roosevelt Administration to outlaw the

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'principle of internationalism,' said Weiss.

"The enactment of this reactionary piece of legislation testifies to the fear which the bourgeoisie has of the great power of international solidarity of the working class. The war-mongers want to clear that obstacle from the path that they have taken toward involving the American people in the slaughter abroad."

"They will not succeed," said Weiss emphatically, as he stressed the principles of international solidarity, which united the workers of all lands.

"Nothing and no one can ever quench this hard, burning flame of internationalism, which animates all of our life and work, which gives purpose and meaning to our sacrifice and struggle," he declared. "Nothing, and no one, can break asunder the international unity of the working youth of all lands....."

"It is precisely in the interests of preserving whatever possibilities exist for a continued legal struggle to hold high the principle of proletarian internationalism that we are forced to make a great sacrifice, a sacrifice forced upon us by the provisions of the Yeerhis Act, outlawing all organizational expression of this internationalism," he added."

In this same connection your attention is directed to the January 20, 1941, issue of "The Review," page 11, which contains the report of Max Weiss on the subject of severance of international affiliation. It is noted that a copy of the said issue of "The Review" has already been made available to you.

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For your additional assistance, I am transmitting herewith one photostatic copy of each of the following:

Article styled - "On Amendments to the Program and the Preparation of New Statutes for the Young Communist International." This article appeared in the magazine styled "The Communist International," for November 5, 1935.

Pamphlet - "Youth Marches Towards Socialism," by Wolf Michal.

The following material, prepared by Henry Winston, is being furnished to you in view of the fact that Winston is a leader of the Young Communist League. One photostatic copy of each of the material listed below is being forwarded:

Article styled - "How the Party Can Help Solve Weaknesses in the Y.C.L." This appeared in the "Party Organizer" for October, 1936.

Article styled - "An Understanding of the Y.C.L. Convention." This article appeared in the "Party Organizer" for July, 1937.

Pamphlet - "Life Begins with Freedom," by Henry Winston.

Article styled - "The Youth in the Democratic Front," by Henry Winston, which appeared in the "Party Organizer" for May, 1938.

Article styled "The Young Communist League Prepares for Growth," written by Henry Winston, which appeared in "The Communist" for April, 1939.

Article styled - "Professor Logan is Ready for a Third World War" by Henry Winston, appearing in "The Communist" for July, 1941.

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Max Weiss is also a leader of the Young Communist League and for that reason one photostatic copy of each of the following material, prepared by Max Weiss, is being forwarded herewith:

Pamphlet - "In A Soviet America - Happy Days for American Youth," by Max Weiss.

Article styled - "Lenin and Proletarian Internationalism," by Max Weiss, appearing in "The Communist" for January, 1941.

Article styled - "For A National Anti-Fascist Youth Front!" by Max Weiss, appearing in "The Communist" for August, 1941.

In view of the prominent position which Carl Ross holds in the Young Communist League, one photostatic copy of each of the following material, prepared by Carl Ross, is being forwarded to you herewith:

Article styled - "After the Youth Congress," by Carl Ross, appearing in "The Communist" for October, 1937.

Article styled - "Building the Democratic Front," by Carl Ross, appearing in "The Communist" for July, 1938.

Pamphlet styled - "Let's Pull Together," by Carl Ross.

Pamphlet styled - "Youth Meets the Challenge of 1940 - Towards the Ninth National Convention of the Young Communist League," by Carl Ross.

Article styled - "America's Youth in the Struggle for Social and National Security," by Carl Ross, appearing in "The Communist" for April, 1939.

Article styled - "Jewish Youth in the New World Situation," by Carl Ross, appearing in "Jewish Voice," September-October, 1941.

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For your further assistance, the following observations are made:

"The Young Communist Review" for April, 1938, in an article by Gil Green, President of the Young Communist League, points out that the Y.C.L. no longer remains a narrow organization with the central task of aiding the Party and that the Y.C.L. has now become a distinct organization in its own right, "...an organization of and for youth, an organization of an educational character much broader than the Party."

It is interesting to note the origin of this change from a Party organization to a mass non-Party organization. The magazine "The Communist International" for November 5, 1935, contains the resolution of the Sixth World Congress of the Young Communist International, which was held from September 25 to October 10, 1935. It is pointed out at this time that the Sixth World Congress of the Young Communist International followed the Seventh Congress of the Communist International, which was held at Moscow from July 25 to August 20, 1935.

The first resolution of the Sixth World Congress of the Young Communist International is entitled "The Necessity for a Change in the Character of the Youth Leagues."

"The cause of the toiling youth imperatively demands their unification in genuine class, non-Party youth organizations consisting not only of Communists, but also Socialist, and non-Party national revolutionary, pacifist, religious and other sections of the youth, organizations which would, through their daily attention towards economic, political and cultural interests and rights of the toiling youth, educate their members in the spirit of the class struggle - proletarian internationalism, Marxism-Leninism."

The resolution continues to state:

"The creation of such genuine mass youth organizations of a new type requires a radical reorganization of Young Communist Leagues and a complete abandonment of any form of secretarian copying of the Parties."

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In speaking of the various youth organizations which are not limited to the Young Communist League, the resolution continues to state:

"The work of these organizations should be adapted entirely to the desires and requirements of the youth themselves, so that while learning, organizing and fighting for the vital interests of the toiling classes, the youth would become educated in the spirit of the fight for freedom, for Socialism, against reaction, against Fascism, against imperialist war."

A resolution adopted by the Sixth Congress of the Y.C.I., which is quoted on page 1536, of "The Communist International" for November 5, 1935, declares:

"In view of the great changes that have taken place since the Fifth Congress...and also in view of the decisions of the Seventh Congress of the Communist International and the Sixth Congress of the Young Communist International,.....the Congress resolves to amend the program of the Young Communist International in conformance with the decisions of these Congresses."

The third point discussed under this major statement is quoted:

"The necessity for forming non-party and genuinely mass youth organizations which will train the youth in the spirit of the class struggle, proletarian internationalism and Marxism-Leninism."

The first resolution of the Sixth Congress of the Y.C.I. continues:

"Independence and the non-Party character of the youth organizations do not exclude the establishment

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"of permanent contact of these organizations with the revolutionary vanguard of the proletariat, the Communist Parties. On the contrary, it is in the interests of the toilers that this be done. The Congress deems it an exceedingly important task to convince all members of that, and also of the necessity of the youth international being associated with the Communist International."

The second resolution of the Sixth Congress of the Y.C.I. calls for "organic unity" with the Young Socialist Leagues to be the primary task of the Young Communist Leagues.

The second resolution also provides:

"The Young Communist International will give the most practical help to bring about the formation of united leagues of the toiling youth in any country. At the same time the Young Communist International announces its firm determination to fight for the unification of the revolutionary youth throughout the world, for the formation of a single youth international."

This statement is considered of particular significance because it indicates the firm determination of the Communists to so thoroughly infiltrate other youth organizations as to bring them over to the adoption of the program of the young Communists of the Y.C.I. to the extent that they will eventually become a part of the youth international.

The Sixth Congress of the Y.C.I. likewise took up the question of secretarianism which was thoroughly discussed by the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International.

The third resolution of the Sixth Congress of the Y.C.I. declares:

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"In the fight for the uniting of the youth against reaction and Fascism, it is essential for all members of the Leagues to eliminate completely secretarian methods of approach to the broad sections of the youth."

The third section of the second resolution points out in the following language that the Sixth Congress committed the Young Communist International to the policy of the united front, the same as did the Seventh Congress of the Communist International:

"While widely developing the united front movement, it is necessary, in the interests of the common fighting, to bring about constant cooperation between the two Leagues (Y.C.L. and Y.P.S.L.) through the creation of joint associations."

The key to the reason why the Y.C.L. in the United States so enthusiastically supports the trade union movement is found in the fifth resolution of the Sixth Congress of the Y.C.I., wherein it is stated, in part:

"The Congress calls upon all young workers who support the Young Communist International to join unions, to take active part in the work and to fight for trade union unity, to win by their good work the respect of their fellow trade union members."

Upon the return of the American delegation to the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International the November, 1935 plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party was held in New York. Reports thereon containing data submitted to the plenum are found in the magazine "The Communist" for December, 1935. The report of Earl Browder to the November plenum of the Central Committee is found on page 1075 of "The Communist" for December, 1935. With particular reference to the Young Communist League, he declared:

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"It is necessary...to point out the tremendous importance attached by the Comintern Congress to the task of uniting the toiling youth in the struggle against fascism and war. This is a crucial task from which follow serious duties of the Communist Party to help the Young Communist League to achieve the change in its character which is dictated by the present circumstances.

It is clear that the most important task of the Young Communist League is to help create a genuine non-party mass youth organization embracing the Communist youth, Socialist, Negro, pacifist, religious organizations, etc., in which all members would be educated in the spirit of Marxism-Leninism. The conditions in the United States are quite mature for such an organization. The united front between the Young Communist League and the Young People's Socialist League, and organic unity will prove the most effective way of bringing about the widest non-party mass youth organization. It is clear, however, that the Young Communist League will have to reconstruct radically its work in order to achieve these correct aims. It will be the task of the Communist Party to render the maximum help to the Young Communist League along these lines."

Another resolution adopted by the Sixth World Congress of the Y.C.I. points out that the rule for admission to the Young Communist International has been changed and that the right to admission has been extended "...in such a way as to allow not only Communist organizations, but also other anti-Fascist, national emancipation, and national revolutionary youth organizations to join it if they are prepared to participate in international cooperation." This information is found on page 1536 of "The Communist International," for November 5, 1935.

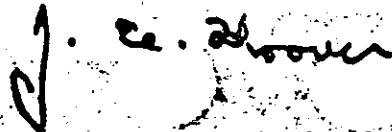
Dave Doran in an article entitled "Youth in Industry," in the May, 1937 issue of "The Communist," declared:

- Public petitions
- Requests to parade on May Day or Labor Day
- Selective Service records
- Rental records
- Post Office records
- Election records
- Election petitions
- Requests for radio time
- Use of radio
- Mail carriers.

Information of value may also be obtained from persons who have attended public rallies where Communist officers have publicly admitted their identity and official status.

In connection with the investigation of the two above-styled cases, it is desired that you give consideration to these suggestions in your efforts to prove that certain persons occupy particular positions in the Communist Party and the Young Communist League.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

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"....today our Young Communist League is in a transition stage wherein it is directing its efforts toward becoming a broad non-party youth organization"

In his article Doran states that two main things stand out:

"(1) Transform the League, changing our inner life to conform to an educational youth organization, branch by branch broadening out and taking on more of the aspects of the type of organization young people expect to find when they join; (2) Reaching out and developing connections with progressive youth organizations, molding unity of the progressive youth movements on the basis of our new program and helping to shape the Farmer-Labor Youth Sections, not only in Minnesota, but by building as well the American Labor Party, Labor's Non-Partisan League and other movements for independent political action among the youth."

He again points out on page 474 that the type of organization which the Y.C.L. wishes to become is to be solved through "...the daily practice of merging the Y.C.L. with masses of non-party youth."

He also points out in the following language that because of certain conditions in industry branches of the Y.C.L. will not operate under their own name but will remain actually affiliated with the Young Communist League:

"In sections of industry, however, because of obvious conditions, branch memberships should determine their own name, appear openly before the youth under this name, but actually remain affiliated to the Young Communist League."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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October 17, 1941

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT
MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH**

**RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE;
VOORHIS ACT**

Reference is made to your memorandum of September 4, 1941.

Particular reference is made to paragraph one, page three, in which you request information concerning New Age Publishers. It appears from a review of the Bureau's files that New Age Publishers is located at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, which is the headquarters of the Communist Party, U.S.A. It publishes "Clarity" and "Review" for the Young Communist League.

New Age Publishers has published the following pamphlets:

- "Destroy Hitlerism"
- "Jim-Crow in Uniform"
- "Old Jim Crow Has Got To Go"
- "The Roosevelt War Deal"
- "Shall It Be Girls In Uniform"
- "Youth Fights for Peace, Jobs, Civil Rights"
- "Youth's Road to Peace and Security."

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RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

On April 21, 1942, the Bureau instructed that the names and titles of "key figures" in connection with general Communist Party activity in your District be furnished to the Bureau.

The Bureau is now interested in receiving the names and titles of the ranking members of the Young Communist League in your Field Division. The Bureau is not desirous of receiving the names of all Young Communist League members in your District, but is only interested in obtaining the names of those members whom you consider the leading or key figures of this organization.

Mr. Tolson In the event an Internal Security - C case has not been opened on any of the individuals whose names are submitted the same should be done immediately provided the person does not hold such a position that an open investigation would not be advisable at this time. Cases involving these individuals should not be closed or placed in a deferred status but should be kept current at all times.

Mr. Rosen This list should be supplemented as additional names are obtained in the future which would warrant their inclusion, and the Bureau should be advised by letter DEC 10 1942 P.M. Even though the names of key Young Communist League members may have been previously submitted the same should be submitted again in connection with the instant request.

Mr. Tracy

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In view of the fact that the New York Field Division is the Office of Origin in the case entitled, "Young Communist League; Internal Security - C" copies of letters to the Bureau making this information available should also be transmitted to the New York Field Division. The New York Office should submit the names and titles of all National Officers of this organization.

Information concerning the general activities of the subject group should be reported in the instant file rather than in the file pertaining to general Communist Party activities. The activities of this group should be kept current at all times and reports submitted at least every forty-five days. The above is not meant to in any way interfere with the investigation in the case entitled, "Young Communist League; Voorhis Act."

You are instructed to see that this matter is handled without delay, and that a letter containing the desired information is directed to the Bureau within thirty days after receipt of instant letter.

Yours truly,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Foster, Browder and Green on the New Executive Committee

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Aug. 31.—Election to membership of six new Communist Parties, in countries in which the United States is interested, marked the closing session of the Communist International Congress today.

The new members are the Philippines, Peru, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica and Venezuela.

An executive committee of 46 was chosen. It included Earl Browder, Secretary of the Party in the United States, William Z. Foster and Gil Green.

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Aug. 31. — At 12:45 o'clock this morning the historic Seventh World Congress of the Communist International concluded its final session, after sitting for twenty-five days. The Hall of Columns, where the Congress was held, was packed to capacity with the delegates and guests for the final reports of several commissions and to hear the concluding words of George Dimitroff.

The first report was delivered by the Mandate Commission, which gave details of the number of delegates, the countries which they represented and the strength of the Communist Parties throughout the world.

The report showed that since the time of the Sixth Congress of the Comintern in 1928 the number of members of the world Communist movement has increased from 1,676,000 to 3,148,000. The number of members in the capitalist countries, despite repression and terror, has grown from 445,300 to 758,500.

The number of Communist Parties has increased from sixty-five in 1928 to seventy-six.

The members of the Communist Parties and the number of Communist youth has increased from 2,835,000 at the time of the Sixth Congress to 6,800,000 at the time of the Seventh Congress.

Following the Mandate Commission's report came the reports of the commissions dealing with

amendments to resolution on the various items on the agenda. All reporters of these commissions stressed the fact that while a number of amendments were made, not one of these amendments is in opposition to the general line of the draft resolutions. There is complete unity in the line of the Congress, the reporters emphasized.

Ercoli Makes Proposal

After these reports Comrade Ercoli, leading member of the Italian Communist Party, took the tribune to propose the names of 46 members for the Executive Committee of the Communist International and 20 candidates for the E.C.C.I.

As each name was announced by Ercoli, it was greeted by warm applause from the delegates. The greatest applause was given to the name of Stalin, the whole Congress rising and shouting, "Long live Stalin!" in various languages and concluding its ovation with the singing of several stanzas from the International.

The Congress also greeted the names of Yezhov, Zhdanov, Manuilsky, Moskvkin and Vosglad, of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union with cries of "Rot Front!", "Hurrah!", etc.

Great ovations were also given to the names of Dimitroff, Matthias Rakosi, Ernst Thaelmann, Wilhelm Pieck, Ercoli, Maurice Thorez and Andre Marty as they were read out from the tribune.

Among the members of the new executive are Earl Browder and William Z. Foster of the Communist Party of the United States. Among the members, representing the Young Communist International on the E.C.C.I. is Gil Green.

Ford Chosen Candidate

Among the candidates for the executive are James W. Ford of the United States and Palmé Dutt of Great Britain.

Following the election of the executive Ercoli announced the proposals for the membership of the International Control Commission, consisting of 20 persons.

All the nominations to the new executive, of the candidates to the executive and to the International Control Commission were unanimously accepted by the Congress.

On the resumption of the Congress—after a short interval Dimitroff mounted the tribune to deliver the closing speech, which was a brilliant resume of the work of the Congress. Both at the beginning and end of his speech, which was punctuated by applause, Dimitroff received a tremendous ovation from the delegates and all present in the Hall. During one part of his speech Dimitroff was interrupted by a delegate from the Communist Party of Germany, who in the name of his party and the workers of Germany presented him with a book which described the struggle of the revolutionary workers who died in the fight for freedom. He offered it in honor of Dimitroff's heroic stand at the Leipzig trial, which gave inspiration and courage to the struggle of the German working class against fascism.

Role of Congress

"What does the Congress mean for the Communist movement and for the working-class of the entire world, for all toiling mankind?" began Dimitroff. In striking words, he characterized the role and significance of the Seventh World Congress.

"This Congress," he said, "was the Congress of the complete triumph of the unity between the proletariat in the country of victorious Socialism, namely the Soviet Union, and the proletariat in the capitalist world, still fighting for its freedom. The world-historic victory of the proletariat in the U. S. S. R. imbues with confidence the hearts of the proletariat of all countries.

"This Congress," he continued, "laid the foundations for such wide mobilization of forces of all toilers against capitalism as never before existed in the history of the workers' movement. It put before the working class the great task of rallying all its forces. Life itself advances this task.

"The immediate aims of the United Front are to bar the path of

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reaction and the offensive of fascism—to rescue the young generation from physical and spiritual degeneration, to save the world from fascism and barbarism.

"This Congress approaches the struggle in a new manner. Living, efficient Marxism requires not a passive statement that is inseparable from capitalism but the mobilization of all forces for active struggle against the danger of a new imperialist war. This Congress was a Congress of struggle for the unity of the working class."

Dismisses Trade Union Unity

Dimitroff continued by discussing trade union unity and the necessity for finding a common language with all class brothers in the struggle, especially workers belonging to the International Federation of Trade Unions (Amsterdam International).

Following this, he dealt with the great task of eliminating the political split in the working class born of the Social-Democratic policy of class-collaboration with the bourgeoisie.

"The Communist struggle for unity of the working class is not a maneuver but the question of the future fate of the entire working class movement," said Dimitroff.

"These principles and conditions of unity advanced by the Congress have been suffered for by the proletariat, tested by experience in its struggle. The Congress was the Congress giving a new and practical orientation of the Comintern. Our position of Marxism-Leninism is unshakable. The Congress has revised our tactical stand in accordance with the changed world situation precisely in the spirit of living Marxism-Leninism."

On Possibility of Deviations

Dimitroff then recalled the possibility of deviations from this general line of the Comintern either in the direction of "tailism," that is, lagging behind events, or in the direction of sectarian self-isolation.

"Which of these dangers is the chief danger can be argued only by scholastics," he said. "We do not require an abstract but a concrete struggle against deviations. To accomplish great tasks, we need iron Bolshevik discipline."

"The Party is higher than all!" stated Dimitroff. Amidst the warm, thunderous applause of the entire Congress, he called for an unweakening struggle for steel unity in Bolshevik ranks.

"This Congress," he continued, "is the Congress of the great mobilization of activity of all Communist Parties for preparing the victory of the world proletarian revolution. Not loud-sounding phrases regarding revolutionary perspectives but the development of genuine Bolshevik active work for the preparation of the subjective prerequisites of the victory of the proletarian revolution in conditions of strengthening circumstances—this is our task."

Dimitroff spoke with tremendous enthusiasm of the world-historic significance of the Congress and its decisions.

"The present rulers of the capitalist world are temporary people," declared Dimitroff. "The real master of the world is the proletariat. We, disciples of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, must be worthy of our great teachers."

Gets Thunderous Applause

The concluding words of Comrade Dimitroff were drowned in applause.

"Long live the world proletarian revolution!"

All the delegates stood shouting in all languages: "Long live Comrade Stalin!" "Long live Comrade Dimitroff!"

Various delegations, such as the German, French and Chinese, among others, sang their fighting songs.

The ovation subsided only to rise again with renewed force.

Comrade Thorez, of the Communist Party of France, declared that the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International was closed, shouting:

"Long live the Bolshevik Party and the Leader of the International Proletariat, Stalin!"

"Long live the Comintern and its helmsman, Dimitroff!"

The cheers were drowned out by a mighty "Hurrah" as the session concluded with the delegates singing the International.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

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RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
VOORHIS ACT

Further reference is made to your memorandum of September 4, 1941, particularly to the last paragraph on page 2 in which you ask for information concerning Gil Green. A review of the Bureau files discloses that Green uses the following names: Gilbert Green and Gil Greenfield.

In 1931 he was a candidate for the Board of Alderman in New York City on the Communist Party ticket.

He was an instructor in the Workers School of the Communist Party in New York City in 1931.

He was National Secretary of the Young Communist League in 1933.

He was a member of the Arrangements Committee of the United States Congress Against War in 1933.

He was listed as a member of the National Council of the League for Struggle for Negro Rights in 1934.

In 1934 he was reported to be a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A.

He was a member of the Continuation Committee of the American Youth Congress in August 1934.

He was a representative of the Young Communist League to the First American Youth Congress held in New York City in August 1934. At this convention he was elected to the Presiding Committee.

He was reported to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International representing the Young Communist

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Foxworth _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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International at the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International in 1935 in Moscow.

He was a member of the National Executive Committee of the American League Against War and Fascism in 1935.

In 1935 he was elected to the Executive Committee of the Young Communist League.

He served on the Presidium of the Sixth World Congress of the Young Communist International in Moscow in 1935.

He was a member of the International Youth Commission which visited Spain in 1936.

He was a member of the Presiding Committee at the Ninth National Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A., in 1936.

He was a member of the National Election Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., in 1936.

In 1937 he was reported to be the Secretary of the Young Communist International.

According to items appearing in the Daily Worker, he was President of the Young Communist League in 1937 and 1938.

In 1938 he was again reported to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International.

In 1938 he was reported to be National Chairman of the Young Communist League and a member of the International Committee of the Young Communist International.

In September 1939 he was listed as National Chairman of the Young Communist League and also as a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A.

Again in 1939 he was listed as President of the Young Communist League on a letterhead of the program of the said League.

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In February 1940 he was a member of the National Campaign Committee of the Communist Party.

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He was chosen a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., at its Eleventh National Convention in New York City on May 30, 1940.

Transmitted herewith for your information is a photostatic copy of a clipping from the Daily Worker for August 22, 1935, styled "Report Cites Big Increases in All Lands." This news item pointed out that William Z. Foster, Earl Browder and Gil Green had been named as members of the new Executive Committee of the Communist International.

Transmitted herewith also are photostatic copies of pages 245-248 of a book styled "VII Congress of the Communist International - Abridged Stenographic Report of Proceedings." These pages refer to a speech of Gil Green before the said Congress.

For your further assistance I am transmitting herewith two pamphlets; one styled, "The Truth About Soviet Russia" by Gil Green; the other styled, "We Want to Live."

There appeared in the Daily Worker for May 2, 1940, page 1, an item styled "Browder to Address YCL Anti-War Rally Here Friday, Gil Green to be Given Testimonial for Leadership." The rally above referred to was addressed by Earl Browder, who spoke on the subject of "War Plans of Roosevelt and Wall Street." The rally also served as a testimonial to Gil Green, "YCL President now being released from the post for other important work."

The rally was held at the Royal Windsor Manor, 69 West 66th Street, New York City, and marked the eighteenth anniversary of the founding of the Young Communist League. The testimonial paid

tribute to the leadership of Gil Green in the Young Communist League since 1931.

The National Board of the Young Communist League on May 1, 1940, issued a statement pointing out that "during Gil Green's leadership of the YCL, a whole generation of Communist youth has been educated in the spirit of socialism, in the spirit of loyalty to the labor movement and the Communist Party." The meeting was addressed by the following leaders of the Young Communist League.

Henry Winston	- National Administrative Secretary
John Gates	- former political commissar of the Lincoln Brigade
Claudia Jones	- Chairman of the New York YCL

The full statement of the National Board of the Young Communist League follows:

"The Central Committee of the Communist Party has requested of the Young Communist League that Gil Green, president of the YCL and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, be released from his responsibilities as leader of the Communist youth movement in order to assume new responsibilities in another field of work for the Communist Party.

"After serious consideration, and in view of the unprecedented requirements of the present period, the National Board of the YCL has agreed to this request and will place it for approval before the meeting of its National Council on May 3, 4 and 5th.

"The struggle against the efforts of Wall Street and the Roosevelt Administration to drag the United States into war has confronted the Communist Party, leader of the toiling masses—youth and adult—with new responsibilities and tasks. The Young Communist League, the best helper of the Communist Party, has the obligation of rallying all its forces around the Communist Party and making a maximum contribution to helping the Communist Party realize its leadership of the struggle against the imperialist war.

"The request made by the Central Committee for the release of Gil Green is at the same time an expression of confidence that the leadership of the YCL, trained during many years of

work under the personal leadership of Gil Green, will be able to continue to carry out the great tasks confronting it.

"Gil Green has been the leader of the YCL since 1931. His inspiring direction of its policies and activities during this period has been greatly responsible for the important advances which the YCL has made in every phase of its work.

"Under his leadership, the YCL rapidly overcame the sectarian isolation which it had inherited as a result of the wrecking activities of the Trotskyites and Lovestonites in the factional struggles of its early years. It turned its attention resolutely to the great task of rallying the masses of youth in daily struggle for their economic, social and political rights. As a result of this work, the YCL was able to play a modest but highly effective role in helping establish and maintain the unity of the broad youth movement which is carrying on such successful activity today in the fight for jobs, civil rights and peace. As spokesman for the YCL in this movement, Gil Green has become known to, and respected by, thousands of youth outside the ranks of the YCL who correctly regard him not only as the leader of the YCL but as one of the outstanding leaders of the youth movement in the United States.

"During Gil Green's leadership of the YCL, a whole generation of Communist youth has been educated in the spirit of socialism, in the spirit of loyalty to the labor movement and the Communist Party. Bringing to the YCL his own personal example of serious and systematic application to the study of Marxism-Leninism, Gil Green has inspired the whole leadership and membership to undertake the study of Communist theory, to apply this theory to the grave and important problems confronting the youth movement. As a result, in the period of comrade Green's leadership of the YCL numerous forces have been developed who today form the backbone of the leadership of the YCL.

"Gil Green's contributions have not been confined to the Communist youth movement in the United States alone. He was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International at the Seventh World Congress of the CI, and one of the five secretaries of the Young Communist International at the

Sixth World Congress of the YCL. In these capacities, he has played an important role in the international Communist youth movement especially in giving political assistance to our brother leagues in the Western Hemisphere to which the YCL, U. S. A., is linked by bonds of proletarian internationalism.

"The National Board of the Young Communist League is confident that Comrade Green will bring to his new work, in an even greater measure, the same qualities and abilities which have so endeared him to the members of the Communist youth movement.

"At the same time, the release of Gil Green from the post which he has held for so many years leaves a vacancy that can only be filled by the combined efforts of the whole YCL membership and leadership to intensify the great work of mobilizing the masses of American youth for the struggle for peace, jobs, security, civil rights and socialism.

"Forward, under the leadership of the Communist Party, to new victories in the struggle against imperialist war and reaction! Forward to a mass Young Communist League."

Your attention is further directed to the Young Communist Review for April 1938 wherein there is found an article by Gil Green styled "Sweet Sixteen." This article in its entirety deals with the history of the Young Communist League and its aims for the future. It was written on the sixteenth anniversary of the Young Communist League.

An abundance of additional information concerning Green is found in the literature which has already been transmitted to you concerning the Young Communist League.

For your additional assistance and with reference to information concerning Gil Green, I am transmitting herewith one photostatic copy of each of the following:

Pamphlet — "Youth Confronts the Blue Eagle" by
Gil Green;