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While at the convention, [REDACTED] had three conversations with a Mr. WILLIAM DE PUGH, who lives at Norborne, Missouri, and is allegedly the original organizer of the "Minute Men." During his conversations with DE PUGH, [REDACTED] remembered that DE PUGH made the following remarks:

He said that the Minute Men organization had never had any political meetings but had come into being in order to learn about and meet a communist conspiracy in the United States. He stated that the purpose of the Minute Men was to train people to act in the event the Russians attempted to take power in the United States. He also said that the Minute Men had 25,000 members in the State of Missouri, and 50,000 members in California. DE PUGH also remarked that his organization was engaged in buying complete gas masks and other surplus military goods and that many of his members had arms and ammunition. DE PUGH denied that his organization consisted in any way of being an army for the reason that the organization had no chain of command, no pay or remuneration for troops, no communication system and no direction.

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[REDACTED] also remembered that an unidentified salesman from Miami, Florida, who is engaged in selling books for the John Birch Society remarked that an individual by the name of [REDACTED] of Miami, Florida, is presently assisting in the training of 200,000 Cuban refugees in Florida for a future invasion of Cuba.

[REDACTED] was unable to furnish any further specific information.

No further action is being taken in this matter by the El Paso Office. Any further information furnished by [REDACTED] will be forwarded to the Bureau and interested offices.

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Informant furnished the following report:

- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-6886 (CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES)
- 1 - 100-4971 (CP - BRIEF)
- 1 - 100-4979 (CP - FUNDS)
- 1 - 100-4715 (CP - PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
- 1 - 100-6826 (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)
- 1 - 100-6947 (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS)
- 1 - 100-6586 (THE WORKER)
- 1 - 100-6672 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-6673 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-6546 (BILLY JAMES HARGIS)
- 1 - 100-295 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-1200 [REDACTED]
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"The Oklahoma City Communist group met this evening at the [REDACTED] place on [REDACTED] Street Terrace, Oklahoma City. Present at this meeting were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] California and is expected to return by next month at least.

"At this time there has still been no response to any effort to reach the national office of the party. During the meeting [REDACTED] read a letter that he had written to the Worker asking that some person there forward word to any person able to contact the group here in an official capacity so that the dues might be transmitted and some acknowledgement of them returned.

"There was a solicitation from a group that had no evident formal organization, but which appeared to be the persons behind the Assembly for Democratic Rights, held last September in New York. It was voted to send them a dollar contribution.

"Copies of the current political Affairs had been received and were purchased by [REDACTED]

"There was some discussion of the meetings being held currently in Tulsa by Hargis and other John Birch oriented people, initiated by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were engrossed in a discussion of the question whether the dollar contribution ought to come out of the club or the district funds, and [REDACTED] thought there was nothing that could be done about it. There was no action on the matter. The next meeting was set for March 1."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-25191)

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FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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On February 20, 1962, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished written information to SA [REDACTED] concerning a meeting of the Committee for Freedom of the Press which was held in Chicago on February 4, 1962.

The original of this information is maintained in Chicago file A [REDACTED] and is as follows:

- 1 - New York (100- [REDACTED]) (RM) *Hargis*
- 3 - Oklahoma City (100- [REDACTED]) (BILLY JAMES HAYES) (1-100- [REDACTED]) (Mr. DEPEW) (RM)  
(100- [REDACTED]) (RIGHT WING ORGANIZATIONS) (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field Office (100- [REDACTED]) (RIGHT WING ORGANIZATION (Info) (RM)
- 17 - Chicago
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  - (1 - 100-18209) (CP PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
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Chicago, Illinois  
February 5, 1962

A meeting sponsored by the Freedom of the Press Committee was held on Sunday evening, February 4, 1961, at 410 South Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. The subject of the meeting "The Significance of the New Attack on the Worker" with JAMES E. JACKSON, Editor of "The Worker" as the main speaker.

FLO HALL acted as Chairman of the meeting.

The first part of the program was the reading of some poetry by Brother PICARD.

SAM KUSHNER spoke on the Ultra Right danger to this nation and the various activities in which they are engaged, pointing out that the leader of the Minute Men in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. DEPEW, boasted that he had not only a national setup, with 400 guns alone in the Chicago area, but also a strong international link with the Right Wing organizations of France and Belgium.

That these right wing terrorists are beginning to branch out into other acts of violence directed against people who are only mildly liberal or progressive was the recent bombing of the homes of two ministers in Los Angeles, and the recent synagogue bombings in Chicago.

Under the guise of fighting an alleged Communist danger the most extreme reactionaries in American life have reared their head and shown their hand. The bombing of the Los Angeles minister's home went off simultaneously while a Mr. BILLY JAMES HAYES was conducting a two week's course for future leaders of right wing organizations in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A big conference of 350 right wing organizations is being called to be held in Washington, D.C., March 18th to weld all these organizations into a solid fighting front.

JAMES E. JACKSON spoke on the recent subpoena of several members of the staff of "The Worker" to appear before a Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D.C. The subpoenas were issued under the sections of the Mc Carran Act requiring the labeling of literature of Communist action or Communist front organizations.

Mr. JACKSON went on to say that this is a direct violation of the principles set down in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

"The Worker" denies that it is a Communist action organization. It, however, insists that the Communists under the Constitution have the inalienable right to publish the same as any other organization of Americans.

"The Worker" presents the Communist view on the pressing problems facing the American people, because it believes this view represents a position in the best interests of this nation. It has always advocated better wages and conditions for the workers, economic, political and social equality for the Negro people, and equitable return to farmers for their produce. It has always sought world peace and friendship with all peace loving nations.

Mr. JACKSON went on to compare the right of "The Worker" to publish with that of two other newspapers prior to the Civil War of 1861 - namely the papers of ELIJAH LOVEJOY and PETER ZENGA who published abolitionist newspapers of that period of American history.

A collection appeal was made by FLO HALL for "The Worker" and the sum of \$612.00 was collected.

Among those present were:  
FLO HALL, SAM KUSHNER, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
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TO: SAC, WFO (100-40068)

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BILLY JAMES HARGIS - 94-234\*  
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Billy James Hargis Meeting at Washington, D.C.

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"March 22, 1962

"There was a meeting of conservatives led by Billy Hargis on 3/21/62 at the Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C. The meeting lasted from about 7:30pm until 12:20am. The room was set up with about 10 tables, with 8 or 10 people at each table. There were about 100 people there.

"Prior to the meeting the American Nazi Party passed out literature unfavorable to HARGIS. The literature indicated that HARGIS raises money for himself and uses religion as a shield.

"Almost every one present represented some conservative group.

"Everyone present was white.

"About 10% of those present appeared to be young dedicated men who were able to do a job when they were given something to do. They appeared to be men who didn't go for too much verbiage.

"There was one Texan present who repeatedly said 'that's right' in a loud voice, much like the audience response at an old-fashioned camp meeting. The others at the meeting turned around to look at this man when he responded with 'that's right'.

"The only reference to the FBI came near the close of the meeting, when Hargis said that his friend, Matt Cvetic, who formerly worked with the FBI, and who had been on the stage with Hargis in Los Angeles recently, had told Hargis that the FBI was doing a wonderful job and knew the identities of 99.9 per cent of all the communists in the U.S. Hargis then asked why the communists who are known have not been arrested, since the Internal Security Act (ISA) of 1950 is now the law of the land. He said that Attorney General KENNEDY, for whom the FBI works, has said it is difficult to prosecute the communists under this act. Hargis recommended that a letter campaign to the Attorney General advocating action against these communists under the ISA be organized.

"Hargis was the chairman of the meeting. On the stage with him were the following people:

"General Montie (ph) \_\_\_\_\_ Bonnfeller (ph)  
Edward Hunter (ph)  
Dr. Gorman or Garman (ph)

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"Benjamin Gitlow  
General Charles Willoughby  
Congressman John Rousselot  
Congressman Berry (ph) - From South Dakota (came late)

"Rev. Hargis spoke first about the necessity for cooperation of conservatives on a grass-roots level. He described the meeting as an organizational meeting.

"The next speaker was Benjamin Gitlow, who spoke about the fight against communism.

"The next speaker was General Willoughby, who spoke on foreign affairs.

"The next speaker was Edward Hunter, who spoke on the psychological aspects of the contest between conservatives and communism.

"The next speaker was General Bonnfeller (ph), 1001 Connecticut Ave. N.W. He spoke on foreign aid and invited everyone to write and he would send them information on how much was spent in foreign aid. He said that the one hundred six billion dollars spent on foreign aid up the 1962 budget was undermining the country and that the recipients of this foreign aid could band together and ruin this country. He said that the cancellation of the B-70 Bomber was due to communist pressure.

"The next speaker was Congressman Berry (ph) of South Dakota, who spoke about a liberal booklet entitled something like 'Thirty-five Congressmen on Foreign Policy-The Liberal Viewpoint.' He said this booklet gave nine points, the major point being the recognition of Red China. He told those present to get after Congress and see if their representatives were for or against the points in this booklet.

"The next speaker was Congressman Rousselot, who was the best speaker and whose speech had the most impact. He received two standing ovations from the audience. The main point of his speech was the trend toward socialism in Congress and the Government. He also mentioned that the Americans for Democratic Action and the AFL-CIO were working toward socialism. He also said that Senator Humphrey was for socialism. He advocated that the conservatives take the initiative against this trend in government.

"The next speaker was Edward Hunter, who mentioned the National Indignation Committee and the present status of

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"communism. He also spoke against Drew Pearson. He said that the common enemies of conservatives were the communists and the anti-anti-communists. His speech dealt with methods of fighting the destructive effects of these common enemies. This was Hunter's second speech, in which he generally summed up the status of the conservative's fight against communism.

"This ended the formal speakers at the meeting. Rev. Hargis spoke briefly between each speaker. After the speech by Hunter the meeting was open to the floor.

"Rev. Hargis introduced a Dr. Ramsey, M.D. a representative of the American Society of Physicians and Surgeons. Ramsey did not speak.

"Dr. Ramsey in turn introduced George McCrary (PH) of Indiana. McCrary represented the Citizen's Committee of Research in Indianapolis, Indiana. McCrary said that this group had instituted a law suit against the Attorney General which stopped the exchange of tractors for prisoners held by the Cubans. McCrary said that conservatives need a national network of communication and dissemination of information.

"The next speaker was Jack Armstrong, from Texas, Head of the National Indignation Committee. He advocated support of H.R. 421, which advocated that the U.S. not train any other country's military nor furnish any planes. He said this matter was now in a committee and that each congressman should be asked how they stand on this matter.

"The next speaker was Bob Knight (ph) of Austin, Texas who spoke about Knight's Committee on Readiness to Fight.

"The next speaker was a young man, about 22 or 24, from the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J. He spoke about the committees of correspondence which were utilized prior to the Revolutionary War. He said that there would be a central library and mailing list of conservatives. He said that he had spent a lot of money and time trying to get such a list.

"A woman, who said she was the head of the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, got up and said that there was such a list available. She said that there were 117 groups affiliated with the American Coalition and that the office was at 1025 Connecticut Ave. N.W. She said that they had a mailing list of 20,000 on plates with another three or five thousand names not yet entered. She said the list was up to date and was available at any time.

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"After this woman spoke, Rev. Hargis said he knew of the American Coalition group and said that they were doing a wonderful job. He thought that they could be the central group needed.

"The next speaker was Linda Wood (ph) of Cleveland, Ohio, representing the Organization to Fight Communism. She said this group had 110 paid members who all paid \$5 to send her to this meeting. She mentioned that she received a letter from Senator Young of Ohio which was very derogatory toward her and her organization.

"Next, two young men from the Nationalist Party, New York City, spoke and said that the purpose of their group is to picket and give communists trouble at every meeting communists hold. They said that the communications media were in the hands of the Left and that the conservatives must have their own media or do something about the control of the communications media by the Left. These two men appeared to be very dedicated young men.

"The next speaker was Merle Horvan (ph) or Harvan from Indiana, an attorney. He said that he has been working against communists since 1934. He said that there must be a method to organize all conservative groups. There must be a coordinating group for U.S. conservatives.

"The next speaker represented the State Defenders of Virginia. He appealed for money to set up a central office through which to work. He thought that there should be a wealthy man who would be willing to back the conservatives like some rich men back the communists. He mentioned the For Foundation in this regard.

"The next speaker was a lady who described herself as an 'unreconstructed North Carolinian'. She advocated joining the political party of one's choice at home and work at the grass roots for conservative ideals.

"The next speaker was a Minneapolis, Minn., man who advocated the separation of the Rightists from everyone else. This man seemed to advocate the third party approach.

"The next speaker was a man named Smith from McLean, Va., who said that the only way to control the communications media was to buy a TV station or a newspaper. He said that if conservatives owned a TV station or newspaper, they could control the representatives in Congress from that area.

"At this point, Rev. Hargis spoke about his troubles with the communications field. He mentioned difficulty in getting time and trouble given to sponsors. He spoke against Drew Pearson. He mentioned that Lamar Newcombe (ph), of Radio Station WFAX, helps in this area. He also mentioned H.L. Hunt and D.B. Lewis (ph) as real people and close friends of his. He said he never got a dollar from either of these people but that they helped him. He mentioned as close associates, Maynard Lee and Dr. Comber (ph).

"At this point in the proceedings, the speakers on the stage then added to their remarks.

"Congressman Rousselot gave an analysis of the status of the United Nations and termed it communist dominated. He advocated support of H.R. 9567.

"General Willoughby then spoke and said that there were thousands of refugees in Europe who would be willing to fight communism. He advocated the use of these refugees as troops rather than sending our troops to Europe.

"At this point in the proceedings Hargis took over and said that Attorney General Kennedy was quoted in 'World' a weekly magazine, as saying that it was difficult to prosecute communists under the ISA of 1950. It was at this point that the good work of the FBI was mentioned and a letter campaign to the Attorney General was recommended. Hargis said Attorney General Kennedy was quoted in the magazine as making the statement in answer to a question on why the communists have not been prosecuted.

"At the end of the meeting it was announced that those present would receive a mailing on the decisions made as a result of the meeting.

"It was decided that they would meet quarterly. Their meetings would be closed to the public and the press. The next meeting was tentatively set to be held in Washington, D.C., but no date was set.

"It was announced that the speakers at the meeting were to select a steering committee to organize future meetings.

"At the end of the meeting Rev. Hargis spoke about Richard Nixon and Mr. Nixon's standing on the John Birch Society. He said that Mr. Nixon would be defeated in California.

This memorandum has been compared with the original statement and it is correct in substance. All necessary action which should be taken in connection with this information has been taken.

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KARL PRUSSION

## Former FBI Counterspy To Talk Here

An ex-Communist former counterspy for the FBI has been added to the list of speakers for the annual convention of Christian Crusade at Hotel Tulsa Aug. 3-5, evangelist Billy James Hargis, founder of the crusade, announced Saturday.

He is Karl Prussion, who joined the Communist party in 1933 while a student at Wayne University in Detroit.

"During my first 14 years as a party member," Prussion says "I found myself in a straight jacket of Communist discipline and terror, and had become a most reluctant Communist. It was in 1947 that I decided to get out of the party and offer my knowledge of Communist techniques to the U.S. government."

But at the request of the FBI, he said, he continued as a party member, serving as an undercover agent. He reported regularly on Communist activities in the San Francisco Bay area. His service to the government ended 12 years later, in 1959, when preparations were begun for the 1960 San Francisco hearings of the House un-American Activities Committee, at which Prussion was a witness.

Prussion recently declared "The Communist party in the United States is more influential in economic, political and social circles than ever before."

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# Top Anti-Reds To Be in Tulsa

By the State Staff

TULSA — Eleven outspoken anti-Communist authorities will address the fourth annual National Convention of the Christian Crusade here August 3-5.

Theme of the three-day meeting, announced by Dr. Billy James Hargis, founder and director of the Christian Crusade, is "The Rebirth of Christian Conservatism."

The convention, to be held at the Hotel Tulsa, will consist of seven sessions, one Friday, August 3, and three each Saturday and Sunday.

Persons to address the convention include:

Martin Dies, former congressman from Texas who headed the Dies Committee.

Dr. Bella Dodd, New York attorney and former Communist Party official.

Westbrook Pegler, veteran newspaper columnist.

Karl Prussion, former Communist and FBI counter-spy.

Dr. Martin D. Camacho, Portuguese-American attorney and authority on Angola.

John Rousselot, conservative California Republican congressman.

Dr. Charles Poling, retired Presbyterian minister and critic of the National Council of Churches.

Maj. Harry Knickerbocker, Texas Air National Guard officer who exposed Yugoslav pilot training in Texas.

Gen. C. A. Willoughby, Crusade Washington correspondent and former chief of intelligence for General Douglas MacArthur.

Gen. William P. Campbell, former assistant chief of finance for the U. S. Army, now vice-president of the American Education Association.

Dr. Hargis, Christian Crusade founder and director.

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# Ex-Red Bares Insurrection Training

The fourth annual national convention of the Tulsa-based Christian Crusade ended here Sunday with an address by a former member of the Communist Party and FBI counterspy.

Karl Prussion of Los Angeles, who left the Communist ranks three years ago after 26 years as a Red, told how he was sent by his Communist superiors to a training school at Farmington, Mich.

"There I was taught how to infiltrate organizations and use them to the Communist objectives.

"They also taught a course in insurrection. A woman was sent from Russia to the United States to teach this course," he said.

"They taught us how to seize police stations, engage officers in hand-to-hand combat, set up barricades in streets and fight from house-to-house," Prussion said.

**PRUSSION SAID LATER HE** was sent to Flint, Mich., to organize a council of churchmen for the Communists.

"I was successful," he said.

"We formed a Christian youth organization. We had 400 members and soon 40 of the youths became members of the Communist party and with these organizations we were able to stage va-

rious civil riots."

Prussion said the Communists then were going to send him to a seminary to study for the ministry. He was informed the chairman of the board of the seminary was a card-carrying comrade.

Prussion said he begged off with the excuse of being a known Communist with a background of strikes and violence.

The former Communist claimed there are 4,000 ministers in the United States who have studied under Communist influence.

**"IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR A** minister to become a Communist," he said. "But it is very easy for a Communist to become a minister."

In Sunday afternoon's session, syndicated newspaper columnist Westbrook Pegler, firing from both the cuff and a prepared text, criticized King Features, the Hearst syndicate distributing his columns, for deleting material offensive to President Kennedy.

The columnist said his attorneys currently are negotiating with the Hearst organization to allow his copy to be published unedited.

Fear of anti-trust action against the giant Hearst news organization by the present administra-

tion was the reason behind the warning, Pegler indicated.

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# HARGIS FIRES BROADSIDES, ASKS FUNDS

By **MIKE BROWNE**  
Of The World Staff

Billy James Hargis Saturday night unleashed a barrage of political opinion before the 4th Annual Christian Crusade Convention, ending his pounding-on-the-rostrum speech by roaring "Christian Crusade needs \$100,000 to move forward. This is the command of God, 'Go forward, go forward, faithful servants. Go forward, loyal Crusaders'."

In his speech Hargis quoted such varied sources as Benjamin Franklin, the Communist Worker, Daniel Webster, a self-designated atheist from Pittsburgh, Pa., and George Washington.

In between, he inserted a few opinions of his own:

"I would like to go on record as saying Drew Pearson is the biggest liar that walks on two feet."

### Hits 'Establishment'

"The greatest threat to freedom, New Testament Christianity and constitutional government is the powerfully entrenched Liberal Establishment, which works feverishly to enslave us all."

"The communists depend upon the mistakes of the liberals, who, oblivious to the end result of their socialistic schemes, continue to drag America downward to a communist grave."

Among his targets, Hargis lashed at 400 Protestant clergymen who signed a statement reading, "The major alternative to destruction is total world disarmament."

Hargis lashed at "The leadership of the pacifist, socialistic National Council of Churches," and used two other sources to fire a broadside at Supreme Court Justices Hugo Black and William O. Douglas.

### Asks Amendment

He added, "Congress should enact a Constitutional amendment to limit the term of office of the Justices of the Supreme Court. It is high time the United States Supreme Court be curbed," he said.

He outlined a program to spread the creed of his Crusade through television and radio broadcasts, publishing books, and the proposed "Christian Crusade Anti-Communist Youth University to train young people to fight communism." The school is to be located at the foot of Pikes Peak, Hargis said.

After mention of the university, he made his plea for financial support.

As soon as he finished speaking, ushers passed out contribution envelopes.

Earlier, Dr. Bella Dodd, a former Communist Party official equated communism with "The anti-Christ, walking the world in the garb of the savior."

### Urges Prayers

Now a lawyer in New York City, Dr. Dodd urged the group to "Pray for the Russians. They are the first victims of a great and evil force."

After dissolving her communist ties, Dr. Dodd appeared as a witness before the Senate Internal Security Committee and the House Un-American Activities Committee.

After Hargis' speech, C. A. Willoughby, a retired Army major general, presided at a question and answer period.

Formerly chief of intelligence under Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Willoughby is now Washington correspondent for the Crusade newsletter.

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For the information of the Bureau, The Christian Crusade, an organization founded by and presently directed by Evangelist BILLY JAMES HARGIS, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will hold an Anti-Communist Leadership School at the Trade Winds Motel in Tulsa from February 11, 1963 to February 15, 1963. Twelve speakers have been assigned as the faculty for the school.

KARL PRUSSION, who is referred to as a Communist Agent for 14 years in the United States, and later an FBI "counterspy" for 12 years, will be one of the speakers.

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# Are History Texts Too Liberal

## Authors Victims of Hypnosis, Says Conservative Ex-Professor

"I sometimes refer to socialism as 'housebroken communism,'" troops 'fell on' Poland, while at the same time, Russian troops 'occupied' another part of Poland," said E. Merrill Root, who has vaulted to fame in recent years as a critic of American history textbooks.

"I'm sure none of the authors of American history books used in our schools today are Communists or communistic," he said. "They are victims of liberal hypnosis," Root said. "Through a sort of crooked orthodoxy, they conform to the liberal line."

"This view is prevalent in practically all American history books. I don't object to their view, but to the fact that theirs is the only view."

**ROOT, A POET AND RETIRED** professor of English at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., is in Tulsa as a lecturer at the Christian Crusade Anti-Communist Leadership School.

He is author of "Brain Washing in High Schools," published in 1959, which is a study of 11 American history books in use at Evanston, Ill.

"I have no ax to grind, no desire to be a censor," said Root. "I am a critic of liberals in education. I believe our side should be presented, and that we should be free to criticize."

Root said all 11 textbooks he evaluated were liberal-oriented. "If even three of the 11 presented a conservative view, perhaps the students could reach the truth," he said.

"But it's a monopoly."

**ROOT DESCRIBES HIS OWN** political position as "an American liberal in the classic sense of Thoreau and Emerson."

"I don't believe a conservative history text would be used," he said. "The people in power in education wouldn't use it. If a publisher published it, it wouldn't sell."

What, then, can be done to bring the books toward conservatism?

"For the time being, all we can do is criticize—criticize fully and freely," Root said. He belongs to a group which does just that, America's Future, Inc., (of New Rochelle, N.Y.)

"America's Future writes reviews of textbooks, which are available for 25 cents," he said. "Not all books are criticized. Some are good. I've praised some."

**"WE MUST CRITICIZE AND** publicize. We must make conservatism known and understood."

I think many of our young people think of conservatism like the joke definition of a chaperone—too old to get in the game, but able to intercept some passes.

"We believe in sanity and freedom," Root said. "We believe in conservation, not of the soil but of the soul, for integrity."

"I think that if conservatism was fully understood, it would express the basic point of view of 80 per cent of the American people."

"But conservatism has been twisted until people don't understand." And part of the fault, he believes lies in the textbooks from which they learn their history.

**ROOT MENTIONED SOME** specific areas in which he finds fault.

"Some of the books never speak of patriotism," he said. "They refer to, in quotes, '100 per cent Americanism,' or 'nativism.' They equate patriotism to the Ku Klux Klan. This isn't fair to patriotism."

In their coverage of anti-Communist investigations, Root said, the books "without exception speak of the 'Red scare' or 'hysteria.' None mentions traitors in high places, such as Harry Dexter White," Root said.

"They are all anti-business. For instance, in the index of one book, it says, 'Business, see also panic.' Now, that's a negative view."

**"THEY (THE TEXTBOOK AU-**THORS) know the Nazis were bad, but they don't know the Communists are equally bad. They tell about how Hitler's storm

"Emerson talked of self-reliance," Root said, "not of 'cradle-to-grave' security. Emerson would criticize the government handout, the subsidy, government control."

"In one first grade textbook, there's a story of a squirrel who was hungry in the winter. He found a bird feeder, and there was his food. He just had to ask, and he got what he needed."

"That's awful. Squirrels should lay away nuts for the winter. This story's view is held to be good sense. It's nonsense. Someone must produce the food."

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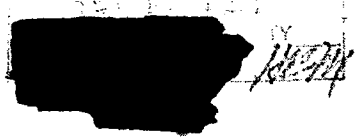
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## Hargis Man Raps Book in Use Here; Tulsa Educators Reply

Textbook criticisms arise fairly regularly, and when they do they always cause a stir, according to Dr. Hiram Alexander, Tulsa public schools assistant superintendent for instruction.

For the most part, school personnel depend on publishers, recognized authorities, and the books voted to the person or event themselves to put up counter arguments.

"Brain Washing in the High Schools" by E. Merrill Root, picks apart 11 American history books from the conservative point of view.

Only one of these books is used in Tulsa, Dr. Alexander said. It is "The Making of Modern America" by Leon Canfield and Howard B. Wilder, published by Houghton Mifflin Co.

The book, formerly used in the 10th grade, now is used one semester in the ninth grade under Tulsa's new three-semester system for teaching American history.

"WE KEPT THIS BOOK IN the ninth grade," said Ken McCharen, supervisory of social studies, "because it is especially good in the early part of American history. The authors haven't kept pace too well in the modern era."

The new plan teaches American history from discovery to 1865 in one semester of the ninth grade, then devotes the 10th grade to 1865 to the present.

"People call when they read a book like Root's, or hear something on the radio," Dr. Alexander said, "and I try to bundle up some of our material and send it to them. It usually answers their questions."

And, often, it was pointed out a look at the book itself convinces a patron that fears that it is liberal or leftist-oriented are unfounded.

**ONE CRITICISM METHOD** which rouses Alexander's ire is "line count." This method compares the importance a textbook author attaches to historical persons or events by comparing the number of lines in the book de-

For example, Root finds fault in the books he criticize because the 11, totaled, give only 109 lines to George Washington, while they devote 155 to Thomas Jefferson. (Canfield and Wilder give 13 to Washington, 15 to Jefferson.)

"They give no consideration to the content of the lines," Dr. Alexander said. "I've read a lot of line that didn't say anything."

Another facet of this method is to count the number of page references made to a person or event in the book's index.

**AMONG REFERENCES ALEXANDER** keeps on hand to help patrons put Root's views into focus is a review of the "Brain Washing" book by Ray Allen Billington, professor of American history at Northwestern University, which is in Evanston.

Billington agrees that all the authors follow a "common line." They must, he said, "for historical writing is not the product of imagination, where deviation is possible, but the record of facts."

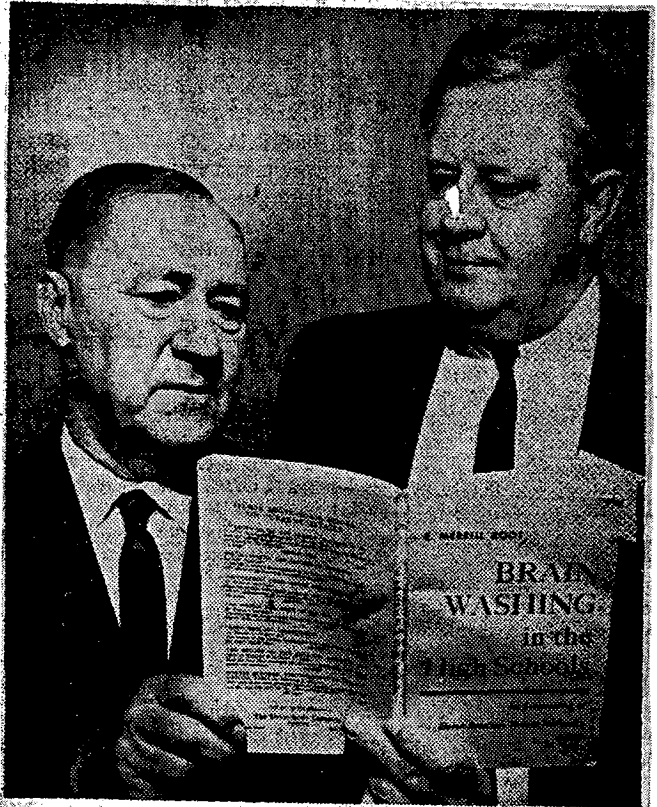
Billington took a close look at the Canfield and Wilder book used in Tulsa, and concluded, along with the Tulsa system, that the book "factually is sound, save in instances where the authors have not kept abreast of modern scholarship."

He also rates it, prior to the 20th Century, as "better organized than most." He said it was "impartial in its viewpoint, objective in its handling of controversial questions."

Dr. Alexander and McCharen question Root's ability to evaluate history books on the grounds that his field is literature—particularly poetry—and not history.

"Some of these people," Alexander said, "almost fall into the same practice they condemn. It is known that the Soviet government rewrites history to conform with its ideals.

"Are we to rewrite our books for the same reason?"



**ANTI-COMMUNIST SPEAKERS**—E. Merrill Root (left), shows his book, "Brain Washing in the High Schools," to Layman Cameron, retired radio and tv executive. They were two of the key speakers on today's program of the second annual National Anti-Communist Leadership School. (Tribune Photo)

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## Man Who Turned Castro Down Is Tulsa Speaker

# Cuban Reds Called 'Greatest Danger'

A man who was offered \$60,000 a month by the Castro brothers to influence the news coverage of a Havana television station during the Batista regime said in Tulsa today that communism in Cuba is "the greatest danger the United States faces today."

Layman Cameron (who refused the Castro offer) is a retired radio and television executive living in San Antonio. He was management consultant for a Havana tv station and lived there during its construction and operation from 1951 to 1955.

Cameron was scheduled to address a session of the second annual National Anti-Communist Leadership School, at the Trade Winds Motor Hotel, this afternoon and again Tuesday morning. The five-day session of the school, sponsored by Billy James Hargis's Christian Crusade, began this morning.

Today's program also included talks by Hargis and by E. Merrill Root, author and lecturer on American textbooks. Dr. James Bales, professor at Harding College, Searcy, Ark., is to speak at 7:40 p.m.

**CAMERON LEFT CUBA SEVERAL years before Castro came to power (in 1959) because the tv station was being sold. The Castro regime took over the station from the subsequent owner.**

"Before the Castros started their revolution, they wanted to take over the news department of the television station," Cameron said. "They offered \$60,000 a month."

Cameron considers that former President Fulgencio Batista, like Castro, was a dictator, but in each case, he considers the apparent leader to be a front man for more powerful forces.

"Batista was a dictator, a ruthless dictator," Cameron said. "But the last time he took over, he was under the thumb of five ex-generals of the Army. Gen. Gomez, one of the five who were all-powerful until Castro took over, told me how it was arranged for Batista to take over the last time (in 1937).

"Prio (Dr. Carlos Prio Socarras, the last elected president) was a corrupt president. The five ex-generals came to the conclusion he had to go.

"THEY TOLD BATISTA HE was going to take over again. But

Batista wasn't interested. He had a fine home, money, prestige. Gen. Gomez told me Gen. Rodriguez, another one of the five, unsnapped his pistol and told Batista, 'You are going to take over at midnight tonight, or you don't leave this table alive.'"

So Batista took over.

"He operated as a ruthless dictator," Cameron said. "But the people were better off than under Castro. Not necessarily better off materially, but in freedom. And better off so far as bloodletting is concerned. This doesn't condone Batista, but there are things worse."

While Batista fronted for the ex-generals, Castro and his brother Raul have fronted for the Communists, with Ernesto (Che) Guevara as "the real brains" of the current regime, Cameron believes. "Neither Fidel nor his brother makes the important decisions. But both are talented. Fidel is one of the greatest orators that ever lived. Raul is a brutal, sadistic individual.

"THE ONLY REAL SOLUTION to get the Communists out of Cuba in the next decade is an invasion, physically taking over the island. Unless there is a tremendous change I don't see now, you and I will never see anything but a Communist government in Cuba."

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# DOCTOR TELLS OF ATHEISM

## Anti-Christian Line of Russia Depicted

"Scientific atheism," the recent adopted line of Communist Russia, is being preached to Russians, even on their death beds, a Bunker Hill, Ill., physician told persons attending the second annual National Anti-Communist Leadership School at the Trade Winds Motel Tuesday night.

"Physicians in Russia have been told they have an obligation," Dr. George Hess said, "to try to convince people, even on their sick beds or death beds, that there is no God."

### Traveled in Russia

Dr. Hess, immediate past president of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, recently returned from a trip to Russia. He went behind the Iron Curtain as an individual, not with a group, to "learn for myself" about religious freedom or the lack of it.

He said churches exist in Moscow and other cities, and that churches are packed to capacity when services are held.

But, Dr. Hess pointed out, there is a "specific control" by the Russian government of church growth. Only 15 or 16 churches, all of separate faiths, are allowed in Moscow, a city of some 7 million people.

"Ministers are free to say what they choose in their sermons," Dr. Hess said, "so long as there are no political, economic or social implications directed at the churchgoers."

### Atheism Official

Some communities in Russia, Dr. Hess said, have "directors of atheism," a government job title. The big push is toward scientific thinking, as against religious thinking, by means of "scientific atheism."

Dr. Hess was one of two speakers Tuesday. The other was Dr. James D. Bales (professor of Christian Education at Harding College, Searcy, Ark.)

He called Communism a "faith, a way of life, the exact opposite of all that Christianity stands for," and said that Communists devoutly believe in "militant or aggressive atheism."

The school is sponsored by the Christian Crusade of evangelist Billy James Hargis.

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SENATOR BILLY JAMES HARGIS, director of the Christian Crusade today announced speaking engagements on an "Operation: Bible Ride" tour he will make with former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker. The tour opens Wednesday in Miami, Fla., and will end April 3 in Los Angeles. Other stops include Friday, West Palm Beach, Fla.; March 4, Tampa, Fla.; March 5, Jacksonville, Fla.; March 7, Atlanta; March 8, Birmingham, Ala.; March 9, Montgomery, Ala.; March 10, Knoxville, Tenn.; March 12, Greenville, S.C.; March 13, Nashville, Tenn.; March 14, Louisville, Ky.; March 16, Evansville, Ind.; March 17, Columbus, Ohio; March 18, Cincinnati; March 19, St. Louis; March 20, Indianapolis; March 21, Chicago; March 22, Des Moines; March 24, Kansas City; March 25, Wichita; March 26, Denver; March 27, Oklahoma City; March 28, Amarillo; March 29, Albuquerque; March 31, Phoenix; and April 1, San Diego.

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U.S. TOUR BEGINS FEB. 27

## Hargis, Gen. Walker Plan Anti-Communist Lectures

Billy James Hargis, leader of Tulsa's Christian Crusade, and former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker will join forces in a coast-to-coast speaking tour Feb. 27-April 3.

Hargis made the announcement today at the Christian Crusade Anti-Communist Leadership School under way at the Trade Winds Motor Hotel.

Walker resigned from the Army following criticism of his "pro-blue" troop indoctrination program, and ran last in a field of six for the Democratic nomination in the Texas governor race last year.

The speaking tour, dubbed Operation Midnight Ride, will begin in Miami, Fla., and wind up in Los Angeles. Oklahoma City is the only Oklahoma stop on the tour.

"Gen. Walker will expose the mechanisms and threats of communism internationally, while I will deal with the ever-present threat of communism internally," Hargis said.

"We are going out with the conviction that the fate of the nation may well depend upon the success of this and other efforts."

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# EX-AIDE ASKS PROBE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT

A congressional investigation of the State Department is needed, one of its former officials said here Wednesday, but it should not be a Communist-calling witch hunt.

Bryton Barron, former head of the department's treaty staff, said the investigation, preferably by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, should concentrate on decisions of policy makers to determine if those decisions have proven to be good or bad for the country.

Barron, in Tulsa to address the second annual National Anti-Communist Leadership School, said if the policy maker's decisions have proven to be bad for the country the official should be removed from his job at the State Department.

## Says Policy Complex

America's complex role in world affairs dictates that policy be made on a day-to-day basis by the men at the various "desks" who are experts on one country or another, said Barron.

Foreign affairs are so complicated and the U.S. is so involved no one secretary of state can keep track of all of it. Barron said, and he can be argued down by the subordinate policy makers.

He said American foreign policy remains the same regardless of the party in power. He said an example was the Republican administration which went into office in 1953 pledged to free the captive countries.

## Points to Eisenhower

President Eisenhower ended up agreeing, he said, not to take part in revolts inside Soviet satellite countries.

In his book, "The Untouchable State Department," Barron makes recommendations for the Congressional investigation.

"It definitely should not be a witch hunt," he said, "but a study of the personnel practices and administration of the department to the extent they make foreign policy. There should be an earnest and thorough check of the decision records of staff members with a view of elimination of staff members not responsible to public demands as reflected in the election."

Barron will speak at public rally Thursday night at Brookside Baptist Church. A second public rally at the church will close the sessions Friday night.

The Anti-Communist School is sponsored by evangelist Billy James Hargis' Christian Crusade.

Hargis announced Wednesday that he and former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker will join forces late this month for a coast-to-coast speaking tour, to be called "Operation: Midnight Ride."

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# Author Warns Of Training To Deny God

Americans are being "trained away from God" and toward materialism, Mrs. Jessica Wyatt Payne, West Virginia author and lecturer, said today.

Here to address the second annual school, sponsored by the Christian Crusade of Tulsa, Mrs. Payne said certain scientists already are denying God as creator of the Universe.

"People of faith are being ground between the two millstones of science and atheism," she said.

"Because of the space age phobia which seems to pre-empt both God and the necessities of mere earth people like us, we are forced to make the firm distinction and line of demarcation between primary and secondary accents.

"Unless we do this very soon we shall be lost in the maze of materialism which will destroy the spiritual foundation of our Christian nation.

"We must know that faith in God comes first and that material progress must come second."

MRS. PAYNE, A FORMER West Virginia legislator from Huntington, said a leading scientist recently told a symposium that there was "no necessity" for "the supernatural or the clerical" to be credited with creating life.

"We know that many people believe that 'in the beginning, there was The Word,' but now many scientists believe that in the beginning there were two words—hydrogen and oxygen," she quoted the unidentified scientist as saying.

Mrs. Payne will address the meeting tonight and again Thursday. Other speakers who will appear at the week-long sessions include Enrique Llaca Jr., a Bay of Pigs prisoner and former Cuban lawyer; Bryton Barron, a retired State Department official, and Dr. Billy James Hargis, founder of the Christian Crusade.

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Very truly yours,

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