

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 3, 1963

CHRISTIAN CRUSADE

The August 3, 1963, edition of "The Daily Oklahoman", an established newspaper published in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, contained an article entitled "New President Wanted; Gen. Walker Hits At Mike, Bellmon".

The article, in essence, states as follows:

Former Major General Edwin A. Walker charged Friday in Oklahoma City that Senator Mike Monroney "wouldn't know a Communist if he were eating breakfast with him."

The criticism came during an informal press conference held by speakers attending the fifth annual Christian Crusade at the Skirvin Tower Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Walker's remark brought laughter from other speakers present, including Billy James Hargis, crusade director, retired Major George Pacey Jordan, president of the Toronto Cold Market, Limited, and Brigadier General Richard S. Moran, retired, Kerrville, Texas.

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, was not present.

With respect to Governor Bellmon, Walker said the entire group of Christian Crusade participants present was glad Bellmon was elected. Walker added "But he (the governor) said the other day the John Birch Society is leading the attack against Goldwater." He said the governor had better do his homework.

With respect to supporting a presidential candidate, the speakers declined to name a man, indicating their emphasis was not on a man but on a cause.

Billy James Hargis said he believed the racial unrest was being instigated and exploited by Communists. He suggested leaders on both sides should sit down at the local level and negotiate, without any international or federal intervention.

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Walker said that Communists are the inspiration behind "all racial disorder, all racial riots, in all disorder, and breakdowns, all riots" from Africa to Mississippi to Laos.

He said the planned mass Negro march in Washington, D.C., is "Mr. Kennedy's march, led by the administration against the Congress."

The article also contains a statement by Jordan warning that Russia is now on a "gold ruble" standard, seeking to replace the U. S. dollar as the world's monetary measuring stick. He said "the quickest way to wreck this country is to break the financial integrity of the dollar."

Also present at the conference was Luis V. Marrara, Miami, Florida, president of The Truth About Cuba Committee, Inc.

This article states that approximately 1,000 persons are expected to attend its sessions, which end Sunday, August 4, 1963.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (157-158)

MARCH ON WASHINGTON
AUGUST 28, 1963
RACIAL MATTERS

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There is enclosed a copy of a newspaper clipping which appeared in "The Daily Oklahoman" the morning of 8/3/63, which is self-explanatory. There are also enclosed eight copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. This matter is receiving close attention in this office and the Bureau will be kept advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN CRUSADE
INFO CONCERNING

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On 8/1/63 SA [REDACTED] obtained a leaflet which was being generally distributed in downtown Oklahoma City which advertises the Christian Crusade National Convention being held in Oklahoma City 8/2-4/63. The leaflet contains photographs of the principle speakers at the convention.

A copy of the leaflet is being maintained in the exhibit section of this file.

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AUGUST FIVE LAST.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED THIS MORNING HE HAD ATTENDED ALL
SESSIONS OF CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN CRUSADE WHICH ENDED EVENING OF
AUGUST FOUR LAST.

SOURCE STATED HE SPENT A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TIME AT
THESE MEETINGS AROUND FORMER MAJOR GENERAL EDWIN A. WALKER IN AN
ATTEMPT TO ASSESS GENERAL WALKER AS BEST HE COULD. HE STATED THAT
IN THE PRESENCE OF REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WALKER APPEARED UN-
STABLE. HOWEVER, WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE CONVENTION BODY HE WAS
VERY LUCID AND APPEARED QUITE NORMAL.

SOURCE ADVISED HE RECEIVED NO INDICATION FROM ANY OF THE
MANY PERSONS WITH WHOM HE WAS IN CONTACT THAT ANYONE AT THIS
CONVENTION WAS ORGANIZING ANY GROUP TO ATTEND CAPTIONED FUNCTION.

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WASHINGTON AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT NEXT AS WALKER INDICATED HE WOULD
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WHICH HE CRITICIZED THE INCREASE OF QUOTE SWOLLEN, OVER-EXTENDED
END QUOTE GOVERNMENT AND STATED THAT FOR A GOVERNMENT THE STUPID
COURSE IS ALWAYS THE QUOTE EASIEST AND SAFEST COURSE END QUOTE.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS SPEAKERS AT SATURDAY SESSION
OF CONVENTION ATTACKED THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND
AMERICA-S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEST BAN TREATY.

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THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN ISSUE OF THIS DATE REFLECTS FULTON LEWIS JR. SPOKE AT CONVENTION ON AUGUST FOUR LAST AND URGED CONSERVATIVES TO UNITE TO ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT. LEWIS ENDORSED SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER FOR PRESIDENT AND DEPICTED PRESIDENT KENNEDY AS A QUOTE PLEASANT, SUPERFICIAL PLAYBOY WHO HAS NO MORE BUSINESS BEING PRESIDENT THAN I HAVE BEING GOD. END QUOTE.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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The August 3, 1963, edition of "The Daily Oklahoman", a daily newspaper published at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, reflected an article entitled, "Big Government Ripped by Welch".

The article stated, in part, the following:

"The greatest tragedy of the 20th century is the increase of 'swollen over-extended' government everywhere, Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, said Friday night in Oklahoma City. Speaking to 500 persons attending his keynote address of the Christian Crusade, Welch called 'this tragedy' greater than the Communist menace.

" 'Even when composed of honest and intelligent individuals, government combines and increases the stupidity of men. And for a government, the stupid action, stupid course, is almost always the easiest and safest course,' he said.

"When asked if the John Birchers supported a particular candidate for the 1964 presidential election, Welch said the society has 'no position ever in regard to politics.' He indicated a majority of the society probably would back a conservative candidate.

Concerning the nation's racial upheavel, Welch said, "We have a very strong position in that we take absolutely no position. This matter should be left up to local communities to handle.... the federal government has no right to say what local groups should do.

"In summing up his 90-minute talk, Welch was applauded when he said as stupid as people can be, 'none of us anywhere can begin to touch government's when it comes to stupidity. It is the tendency to increasing, swollen, over-extended government that constitutes the greatest tragedy of the 20th century.' Welch said the world's people - except for the communists - 'who, if they are truly communists can't be thought of as human beings in any consideration of humanitarian qualities' - are nearly alike."

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The article stated, in part, the following:

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Following the prayer, Billy James Hargis, Tulsa, Oklahoma, minister, read off the program.

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"Welch strung together nearly 20 stories of experiences he has had in his childhood and his travels, with the intent of concluding that 'there's nothing as stupid as government when it comes to stupidity.' Applause was brief, but quick, on that comment....."

The August 4, 1963, edition of "The Sunday Oklahoman", a Sunday newspaper published at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, reflected an article entitled, "Crusader Rips Church Group".

The article stated, in part, the following:

"The National Council of Churches and America's participation in a test ban treaty came under attack Saturday by speakers at the Christian Crusade, underway in Oklahoma City. Also assailed were the United Nations, both political parties, and the nation's news media. A Cuban exile leader challenged the Organization of American States (OAS) to send armed forces into Cuba, and another speaker former Major General Edwin Walker, was hailed with calls of 'Walker for President'.

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"Sounding like a candidate for political office, Walker hit at the Republican and Democratic parties, claiming they both have 'no choice' platforms.

" 'The platform to vote for is the one of the man against the UN,' he said. 'If you're not for him, you're not voting for survival...survival is the basic issue.'

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"Walker said he's a member of one party, 'the people's party of America, and I'm sure 75 percent of the people are in it, too.'

" 'What am I doing?' Walker asked, 'I'm propagandizing and agitating.' As the crowd began to applaud, he asked, 'Do you like it?' and was met with an ovation and scattered cries of 'Walker for President'."

The August 5, 1963, edition of "The Daily Oklahoman" reflects that FULTON LEWIS, JR. was a speaker at the Sunday meeting of the Christian Crusade in Oklahoma City. The article quoted Lewis as stating the conservatives, "split into little groups", should unite to "substitute a new president in the White House." He told conservatives to "get rid of schism, nit-picking, disagreements on little tiny details and fancy theories (and) get behind a candidate or principle which has the courage to break the Kennedy family hierarchy."

The article relates that about 550 persons in the Skirvin Tower attending the convention heard Lewis blast civil service and foreign service programs, claiming the Kennedy administration keeps the federal payroll big for vote-getting purposes.

The article reflects LEWIS endorsed Senator Barry Goldwater for President and depicted President Kennedy as a "pleasant, superficial playboy who has no more business being president than I have being God."

LEWIS was quoted as saying that to fight the international Communist conspiracy, the average person "can vote against Mr. Kennedy for re-election."

This article indicated that the Christian Crusade ended its three-day session on the night of August 4, 1963.

On August 2, 1963, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he attended the opening meeting of the Christian Crusade held at the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that date. Source stated that former Major General Edwin A. Walker addressed the meeting and the nature of his remarks were to the effect that the Christian Crusade should devote itself to fighting communism and that he deplored the integration crises which he described as being completely

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communist dominated and inspired and further referred to the entire matter as communist propaganda.

The source advised that General Walker bitterly attacked the Director of the FBI, stating that the Director failed to speak out concerning the fact that integration matters were communist inspired and in a rambling manner, according to source, Walker claimed the Director of the FBI failed to state the true circumstances and communist connections of those persons surrounding Reverend Martin Luther King. The source advised that at this point Reverend Billy James Hargis, one of the founders and director of the Christian Crusade, immediately arose and stated he wished to correct the statements of General Walker about the Director of the FBI and stated the Director had been muzzled by Attorney General Robert Kennedy. Source stated that Walker then continued to criticize the Director of the FBI by stating the Director should not have stood behind Attorney General Kennedy and permitted the Attorney General to speak out for him but should have "spoken out" and spoke of this as an instance of political control of the Director exercised by the Kennedy administration. The source advised General Walker was asked specifically what the Director of the FBI should have done and Walker was unable to answer. Walker was asked what the group hoped to accomplish in Oklahoma City and he replied to the effect that he and the Christian Crusade intended to fight the Kennedys wherever they could. Walker referred frequently to his leadership in opposition to the NAACP and Walker was asked if he had been at Oxford, Mississippi. Walker replied that he had definitely been there and it was the source's opinion from personal observation that Walker considers himself the leader of all groups against integration and "glories in his experiences at Oxford."

Source advised that some reference was made to the March on Washington and Walker was asked if he would go to Washington. According to source Walker replied, "I will go where the spirit moves me. Wait and see." Source said it was his impression that Walker has the definite intention of being in Washington on August 28, 1963. The source advised that it was his impression that Walker is definitely and seriously a mental case and described the opening meeting of the Christian Crusade as follows...."It is hard to imagine I had attended a meeting at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City. I thought I was in a lunatic asylum."

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On August 5, 1963, the source advised he had attended all sessions of the convention of the Christian Crusade which ended on the evening of August 4, 1963. He stated he spent a substantial amount of time at these meetings around former Major General Edwin A. Walker in an attempt to assess General Walker as best he could. He stated that in the presence of reporters and photographers Walker appeared unstable. However, when addressing the convention body he was very lucid and appeared quite normal. The source advised he received no indication from any of the many persons with whom he was in contact that anyone at this convention was organizing any group to attend the March on Washington. He specifically stated there was no indication anyone discussed carrying weapons at any time. Source advised that it was his impression General Walker will probably be in Washington on August 28, 1963, as Walker indicated he would like to witness how troops would be used to 'suppress freedom'. Walker indicated he learned a lesson at Oxford, Mississippi, and will do nothing to incite a riot. Walker stated the Army should be used to repel "the Negro attack on Washington". Source concluded by stating that the main theme of most speakers at the convention was "hate Kennedy".

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: Civil Rights Section
General Investigative Division

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-158)

MARCH ON WASHINGTON
AUGUST 28, 1963
RACIAL MATTERS

ReBuairtel to Washington Field 7/29/63, Oklahoma City
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and Oklahoma City tel to Director 8/5/63.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of
LHM captioned Christian Crusade pertaining to the convention of
the Christian Crusade held in Oklahoma City 8/2-4/63. One copy
of this LHM is being furnished Baltimore, Richmond and Washington
Field for information in view of the interest of these offices in
captioned matter.

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b7D The source utilized in the LHM is [REDACTED] who
is an established contact of the Oklahoma City Office.

As reflected in the enclosed LHM no information has
been developed indicating that the convention of the Christian
Crusade concerned itself with the August 28, 1963 March on
Washington. Any information received pertaining to the March
on Washington in the future will be furnished immediately to the
Bureau and interested offices.

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Crusader Rips Church Group

By Katherine Hatch

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Also assailed were the United Nations, both political parties, and the nation's news media.

A Cuban exile leader challenged the Organization of American States to send armed forces into Cuba, and another speaker former Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker, was hailed with calls of "Walker for President."

About 300 persons attended sessions in the Skirvin Tower Hotel's, Persian Room, headquarters for the crusade which ends Sunday.

James V. Manrara, Miami, said the OAS has the "right and obligation" to intervene to prevent Communism from spreading in this hemisphere.

"It is the legal, moral and military answer," he said, and member nations have the power "to intervene with armed force in Cuba, collectively or unilaterally."

"Brave words are not enough," the former Havana resident warned.

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He said the suggestion in the book for America's foreign and domestic policies closely follow a list of Communist goals.

"These ideas are being used by the Kennedy administration," Noebel said. "And they'll be used by your children on college campuses across the country unless you stand up and say, 'Over my dead body you'll use them.'"

Dr. Charles S. Poling, Wickenburg, Ariz., retired Presbyterian minister, accused most ministers in the U. S. of having "greater devotion to the National Council of Churches than they do to God."

"The National Council has become the most deeply entrenched, well organized socialist political party America has ever known," he said.

Calling for a return to "the old time religion," Dr. Poling said "better than 90 percent of the National Council's deiverances are on purely controversial political issues that have no place in the gospel."

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Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Richard B. Moran, Kerrville, Texas, said of 52 treaties Russia has entered into with the U. S., the Soviets have broken 50 of them.

Former Maj. Gen. Walk-er hit the test ban treaty, politics and the press. "Why must there be a test ban treaty?" he asked. "We never agreed with any body to arm in the first place."

News Media Hit "This is incredible. The reason is treason," he said. "The nation's news media have withheld the truth for 30 years 'to protect the Soviet image,'" he said.

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Party Defined "The platform to vote for is the one of the man against the UN," he said. "If you're not for him, you're not voting for survival in the test ban issue."

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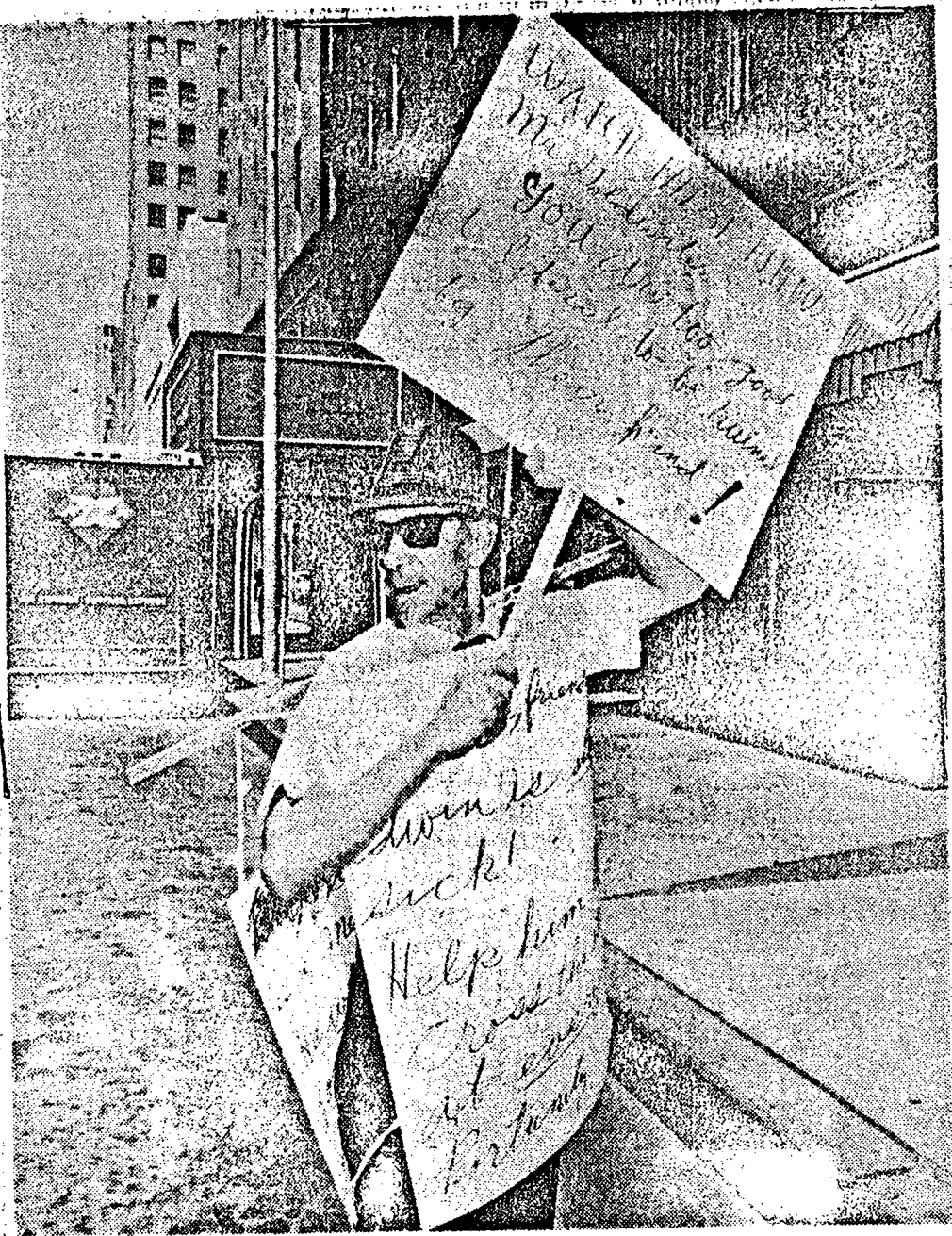
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"What am I doing?" Walker asked. "I'm propagandizing and agitating." As the crowd began to applaud, he asked, "Do you like it?" and was met with an ovation and scattered cries of "Walker for President."

Speaking Saturday night to more than 400 enthusiastic diners at the crusade banquet, retired Maj. George Racey Jordan called for public awareness of current events.

"You're the only people who can correct matters," he told the cheering delegates. "That's why I go thousands of miles to address such little pools of patriotism."



Solitary picket marched outside the Skirvin Tower Hotel Saturday, protesting the Christian Crusade under way in the Persian Room. Sherman F. Buckner, 2820 SW 56, local insurance man, said he represented himself and was against criticism of President Kennedy and former President Eisenhower by Crusade speakers. He told passers-by his name was "John Brown's Body."

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Christian Crusade Under Way

Birch Society Founder Talks Here

If you wanted out of the elevator on the third floor of the Skirvin Tower Hotel Friday night it was too bad because the elevators weren't stopping there.

The first meeting of the Fifth Annual Christian Crusade national convention was held in the Persian Room on the third floor. But you had to go up to the fourth floor and then go through a room where Billy James Hargis' books, Robert Welch's books and other materials were prominently displayed before you could go down to the convention room.

Crowd Herded

The crowd had begun arriving well before the scheduled time of 7:30 and was expertly herded through the displays and down into the Persian Room.

By 7:30 the room was filling up and extra chairs were being brought in. Places had been set for 400, but Bob Hutton and Bill Wolfe, Oklahoma City policemen assigned to the convention, estimated a crowd in excess of 500.

John Mock gave a long, convincing sales speech for Christian Crusade books as the crowd poured in.

Books Available

The crusade books will be available throughout the convention. Besides books by Hargis and Welch, one can buy copies of the Declaration of Independence and other patriotic documents for \$2. An Edwin Walker Package was available for \$1. Bibles were also on sale for \$39 and \$49.

There were also eighty-by-ten framed pictures of Billy James Hargis for \$6.50 each.

Between the book-selling talks, while the crowd was still coming in, songs such as "Onward Christian Soldiers" filled the air.

Crowd Mixed

There was a wide mixture of people at the first night of the convention; over 30 states were represented. Texas had the largest out-of-state delegation, and the Texans showed it with rebel yells when Hargis called out their state's name.

Ages of the persons attending the convention seemed to be above average. There were many men and women in their sixties. A few teenage girls were present, but very few children.

Most of the men wore coats and ties; the women wore heels. A few came in short-sleeved white shirts and ties.

All the ushers were quick in getting the people seated. Most of the ushers and staff members also clapped with every round of applause.

Brief Prayer

Charles Weber, a local radio pastor, gave a scripture reading followed by a sermon denouncing the United States welfare and foreign aid program. Just before a brief prayer he said, "Dogs give birth to dogs, horses give birth to horses, and people give birth to people—so a materialistic program can only breed more materialism."

Following the prayer Hargis, dressed in a conservative dark suit and dark tie, read off the program. He announced that the Sunday service will begin at 1:30 instead of the previously scheduled 2 p.m. so Fulton Lewis, jr., can have more time for a question and answer session.

Hargis' speech was light and held the audience's interest well. He got occasional laughter and applause.

When Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, was introduced as the keynote speaker, he got the loudest round of applause. However, the clapping wasn't so loud at the end of his 2-hour speech.

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The audience was attentive during the first part of Welch's speech. But as the time dragged on, and his anecdotes dragged on, the people grew restless. Even former General Edwin Walker could be seen nervously fumbling with his hands and rubbing his chin.

The ex-general finally got up and walked around awhile.

Welch strung together nearly 20 stories of experiences he has had in his childhood and his travels, with the intent of concluding that "there's nothing as stupid as government when it comes to stupidity." Applause was brief, but quick, on that comment.

The crowd also applauded when Welch said he didn't believe in prayer without works.

Some people were impressed with Welch and some weren't.

'Welch?—Ugh!'

One Oklahoma City man said, "I didn't think he had no speech at all."

Another said, "Hargis is good — none better. But him (Welch) . . . ugh!"

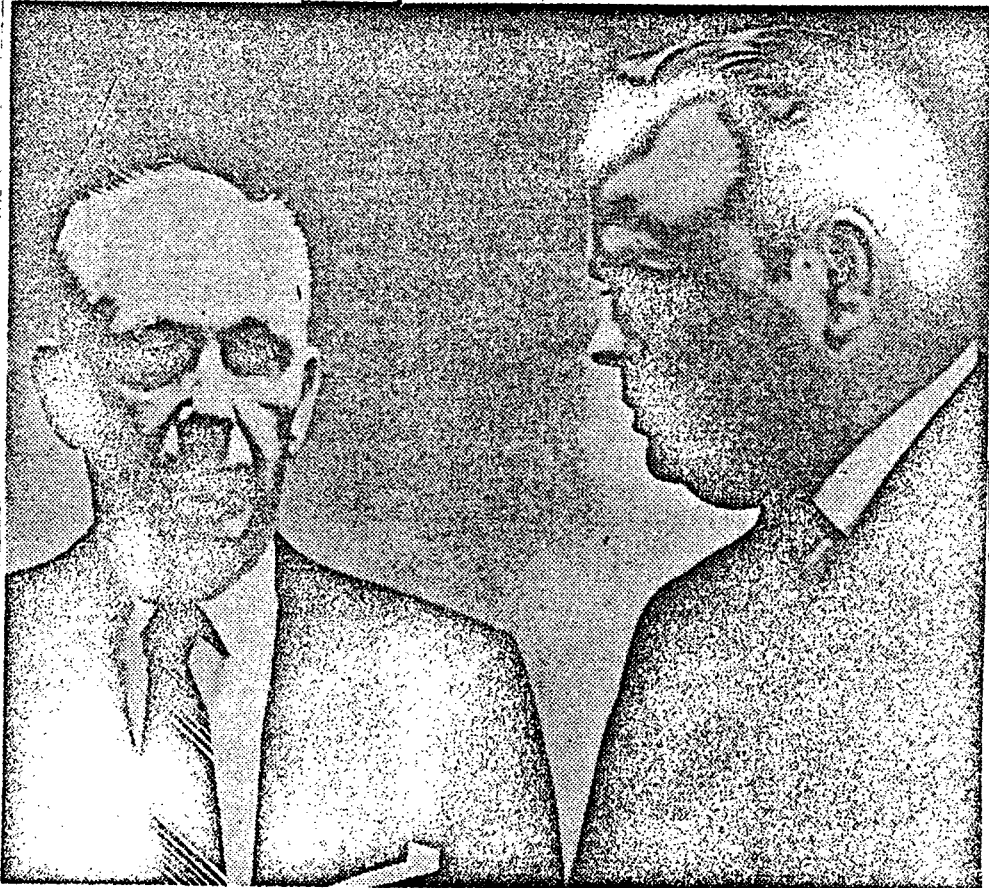
A woman from Arkansas said she liked the speech. Another lady from Oklahoma City said, "He rambled a lot, but it meant something at the end."

"He did very well," said another.

"He had a point," asserted a Texas man.

An Oklahoma City man said, "I was expecting to hear something about the John Birch Society. He (Welch) hardly mentioned

But on the whole the crowd seemed not dissatisfied. The speech was not too heavy and probably not intended to stir much controversy. The next two days of the convention, however, should prove different. Many persons said they came especially to hear Walker speak.



In Oklahoma City until Sunday on the Fifth Annual tour of the Christian Crusade are Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, and Billy James Harges, Tulsa minister.

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On 5/12/64 [redacted]
CARLOS JOSE BRINGUIER-ESPOSITO, [redacted] Street, [redacted]
New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed in connection with
an effort to locate [redacted] who is to be interviewed in
the OSWALD case, furnished the following information regarding
a speaking tour by [redacted]

For the information of recipient offices, CARLOS
JOSE BRINGUIER is the delegate to the Cuban Students Revolutionary
Directorate in New Orleans which organization has headquarters
in Miami. [redacted] furnished the following information
regarding a schedule to be followed by [redacted] in connection
with speeches to be made by him against Communism:

Friday, May 8, 1964, Springfield, Illinois, Holiday
Inn Motel.

Sunday, May 10, 1964, Minneapolis, Minnesota, meeting
at YWCA, Benton Hall, 3 p.m., [redacted] 2939 Olive Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

- 2-Miami (RM)
- 3-Houston (RM)
- 2-Omaha (RM)
- ②-Oklahoma City (RM)
- 3-El Paso (RM)
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Monday, May 11, 1964, Rapid City, South Dakota, Sheraton-Johnson Hotel with notation "Will contact [REDACTED] Sheraton-Johnson Hotel AC 605, Telephone number 342-1210."

Tuesday, May 12, 1964, Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, meeting of VFW, with notation "Will contact LEO BROWN, P. O. Box 501, BROWN's telephone number 635-2471, building number 635-1711."

Wednesday, May 13, 1964, Sydney, Nebraska, meeting at the Fort Sydney Motor Hotel, with the notation "Our contact - [REDACTED] telephone 254-5863."

May 15, 16, and 17, 1964, San Angelo, Texas, The First Evangelical Methodist Church of America, 123 East Avenue G, San Angelo, Texas.

[REDACTED] then explained that [REDACTED] CARLOS BRINGUIER, would be on a speaking tour with BILLY JAMES HARGIS, Director of the Anti-Communist Christian Crusade of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She furnished the following information regarding speeches to be made by CARLOS BRINGUIER as follows:

Monday, May 18, 1964, Brownwood, Texas, Browntowner Motor Inn Roof Garden, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19, 1964, Cleburne, Texas, Liberty Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20, 1964, Lufkin, Texas, Angelina Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 21, 1964, Port Arthur, Texas, Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 22, 1964, Houston, Texas, S. P. Martel Auditorium, 3511 Yoakum Blvd., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23, 1964, Plano, Texas, Central Baptist Church, 2712 - 14th Street, 7:30 p.m.

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b7c Sunday, May 24, 1964, Garland, Texas, Central Baptist Church, [REDACTED] 3 meetings, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 25, 1964, Dallas, Texas, Community Hall, 4125 West Clarendon Drive, Cockrell Hill.

Tuesday, May 26, 1964, Dallas, Texas, Oak Cliff Baptist Temple, 2108 South Beckley.

Wednesday, May 27, 1964, Midland, Texas, Corinth Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 28, 1964, Pampa, Texas, Robert E. Lee Jr. High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 29, 1964, Clovis, New Mexico, Holiday Inn - Rooms B & C, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 30, 1964, Odessa, Texas, Maranatha Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 31, 1964, Plainview, Texas, Calvary Baptist Church, 2 p.m.

Offices receiving copies of this communication in whose territory BRINGUIER has made or will make speeches is requested to contact appropriate sources to determine the nature of BRINGUIER's speeches and whether or not his activities include any recruitment of persons for his Cuban Students Revolutionary Directorate as well as the identity of persons with whom he appears to be cooperating.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-424820)

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-6546)

**CHRISTIAN CRUSADE
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

Enclosed for Bureau are two copies and for Dallas Office one copy of a newspaper clipping from the 8-5-64 edition of the Oklahoma City Times newspaper.

The item which is titled "ANTI-REDS PLAN SPEECHES" reports the sixth annual convention of the Christian Crusade is being held 8/7-9/64 at Dallas, Texas. The item reports that several well known anti-Communist speakers, including former Maj. General EDWIN A. WALKER and ROBERT WELCH, founder of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, will attend the convention.

It should be noted the item also reports that resolutions passed by the delegates will be sent to President JOHNSON at the close of the meeting.

Bureau has previously been furnished LHM's re CHRISTIAN CRUSADE.

Two information copies of this airtel and one copy of the newspaper clipping are furnished Dallas Office.

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Anti-Reds Plan Speeches

More than 1,000 registered delegates are expected to attend sessions of the sixth annual Christian Crusade national convention in Dallas Friday through Sunday.

Some of the country's most outstanding anti-Communist speakers will address delegates from 23 states. Resolutions passed by the delegates will be sent to President Johnson at the close of the meeting.

Frank Kluckhohn, former correspondent for the New York Times and author of "America, Listen," will be keynote speaker at a banquet Saturday in the Baker Hotel.

T. Coleman Andrews, head of the Internal Revenue Service under President Eisenhower, will speak at the first session Friday night.

Other speakers during the

seven week end sessions include John Stormer, author of "None Dare Call It Treason"; Dr. Billy James Hargis, founder-director of Christian Crusade; Bryton Barron, formerly with the State Department's treaty division, and Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society.

Other speakers will be George Shannon, editor of the Shreveport, La., Journal; Maj. Pedro Diaz Lanz, former head of Fidel Castro's Cuban air force and Gen. Edwin A. Walker, former combat officer forced into retirement because of his vigorous opposition to communism.

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Date: AUGUST 5, 1964

Edition: EVENING

Author:

Editor: CHARLES L. BENNETT

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OKIAHOMA CITY

DATE: 9/30/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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On 9/25/64, [REDACTED] Christian Crusade, Tulsa, Okla., called and stated he had written to the Communist Party Headquarters in New York City and asked for a copy of "The Eleventh Hour", written by GUS HALL. He said he calling so a record could be made of this since a copy of the book is needed by the Christian Crusade.

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Hargis Asserts Tax Ruling Is Political Move

TULSA, Okla. (UPI)— Conservative evangelist Billy James Hargis said today the removal of the Christian Crusade's tax exempt status was the "beginning of a reign of harassment and persecution by the Johnson administration to "shut us down."

Hargis said the action was taken Monday by the internal revenue service against the \$1-million-a-year anti-Communist organization because of the Christian Crusade's conservative outlook and "political activities."

The 38-year-old minister said that if his appeals fail he would file lawsuits "against every left wing group with tax exempt status who violated the internal revenue code during the past campaign."

(In Washington, the Internal Revenue Service confirmed the revocation. A spokesman told United Press International the IRS does not comment on such cases, but Hargis statements "speak for themselves.")

Hargis named half a dozen liberal organizations he said have tax exempt status, but took political stands. Among them were the Chicago Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, Christian Century Foundation and the Methodist Student Movement.

"Since no announced action has been taken against those left wing groups, education and religious, which definitely violated Internal Revenue code 501 . . . I have come to the conclusion that this may well be evidence of a beginning reign of harassment and persecution for those who hold opposite views to the administration in Washington," Hargis said in a prepared statement.

"If the administration can close down an opposing voice, doesn't this set a precedent?" Hargis asked. "Couldn't a conservative administration close down an opposing voice?"

The IRS revocation action applies to the Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc., the parent organization of the Christian Crusade.

Under the ruling, contributions to the Christian Crusade are not tax deductible.

Hargis said he has 30 days to appeal. He said he would appeal it as far as necessary and if unsuccessful, would file a "people's" suit against the liberal groups.

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BILLY HARGIS GROUP LOSES TAX STATUS

Christian Crusades Leader Vows Fight to Supreme Court

The tax-exempt status of contributors to Tulsa evangelist Billy James Hargis' Christian Crusade was removed Monday by the Internal Revenue Service because of "Political Activities."

Hargis, during an afternoon press conference in Tulsa, said his organization—Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc., parent Group of Christian Crusades—will fight the appeal "all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court."

He said if the appeal fails, "we will file peoples' lawsuits against every religious publication or organization taking an active political stand during the past presidential campaign." Hargis cited several examples of publications or organizations which voiced support of political candidates.

Notice Received

He said notice of the IRS action came in a letter from Clyde L. Bickerstaff, district director of the IRS, Oklahoma City. The letter, said Hargis, maintained that "substantial part of your (Christian Crusades) operations is directed at the accomplishment of political objectives."

However, Hargis said, the letter was not specific in connection with how the anti-Communist Christian Crusade had violated the IRS regulations.

"Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc.," said the 38-year-old evangelist, "strictly observed the letter of the law (IRS code 501 (c) by refusing to support or oppose any candidate for public office in this last election.

Hargis said he personally supported U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater, Republican nominee for the presidency. But he pointed out one of his six trustees was an active supporter of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Corporation Not Affected
The action doesn't affect the corporation," stressed Hargis. "Only the contributors to the cause."

"And even so," he said, "our average contribution is \$4. This money comes from 250,000 families over the nation. Now, what would tax exempt status mean to these people who just give an average of \$4 each?"

He said no large corporations ever had given the organization any large contributions.

Hargis said he thought the present "liberal" administration was trying to "shut us down" because of the organization's conservative outlook.

Precedent Set?

"If the administration can close down an opposing voice, doesn't this set a precedent?" Hargis asked. "Couldn't a conservative administration also close down an opposing view?"

Hargis named off a half dozen "liberal" organizations which, he said, have tax exempt status but which also take political stands.

"Since no announced action has been taken against those left wing groups, educational and religious, which definitely violated the IRS code . . . I have come to the conclusion that this may well be evidence of a beginning reign of harassment and persecution for those who hold opposite views to the administration in Washington," Hargis declared.

Lists Organizations

Hargis named some organizations which he said campaigned for President Johnson while enjoying tax exempt status. Among them were the Chicago Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, Christian Century Foundation and the Methodist Student Movement publication, Motive Magazine.

The Tulsa evangelist said he has 30 days in which to file an appeal with the IRS. Then his next step would be filing a court action as an appeal to the IRS decision.

During the press conference, Hargis said he didn't see how it

is possible to divorce churches or ministers from political opinions. He said he frankly didn't see anything wrong with churches or ministers having and expressing these opinions.

"During the battle to legalize liquor in the state," noted Hargis, "the Baptist church in Oklahoma took a very definite political stand. It fought against repeal of prohibition from every pulpit in the state."

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17 TULSA DAILY WORLD
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Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1964
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Editor: SID STEEN
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Hargis Event To Deal With Conservative

Christian Crusade, headed by evangelist Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, a regional strategy conference, March 12-14, is the Alvin-Plaza Hotel.

The conference will emphasize the "post-election role of the conservative in local and national affairs," and will present several of the organization's speakers in this area for the first time.

Rev. David Noebel, Dr. Hargis' chief assistant and director of Christian Crusade's youth activities, will keynote the meeting Friday night with his controversial message, "Communism, Hypnotism, and the Beatles."

Subsequent sessions will feature reports from Julian Williams, the organization's research director; organization's research director; Major Pedro Diaz-Lanz, air force chief for Fidel Castro during his Fernando Penadaz, former Havana attorney, teacher and journalist; and Hargis.

A special church service held in the Alvin-Plaza March 14, with Rev. Noebel delivering the sermon.

The meeting is expected to attract about 200 members of the organization.



BILLY JAMES HARGIS

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TULSA, OKLAHOMA

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CHRISTIAN CRUSADE MOVEMENT
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Christian Crusade

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On 3-18-63, [redacted] advised that on 3-4-63, a meeting, sponsored by the Florida Coalition of Patriotic Societies, was held in the auditorium on the campus of the Univ. of Tampa. Speeches were given by Dr. BILLY JAMES HARGIS, who was described as the founder and director of the Christian Crusade, and General EDWIN A. WALKER. Dr. HARGIS spoke on internal Communism and had great praise for Director HOOVER and his fight on Communism. WALKER spoke for the most part on the working of the Pentagon.

[redacted] advised on 11-8-64, that there was a meeting of 8 persons on 11-7-64 in Auburndale, Fla., 7 of whom were members of the United Ebrida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK). The purpose of this meeting was to organize a Christian Crusade unit in Auburndale, Fla. It was indicated that the type of work to be done was to rid the schools of certain books and to inquire into the kind of teachers the schools have. Dues were assessed at \$12 per year.

On 1-22-65, [redacted] advised that a unit of the captioned organization was not formed, as no membership support was forthcoming. The informant stated that FNU WATKINS, the organizer for the Christian Crusade, was not from the Auburndale area. He was described as a w/m, age 50 to 55, 5'10", 200 pounds, balding and wearing glasses.

On 2-25-65, according to Panel Source, [redacted] a meeting of the captioned group was held at the Soreno Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla. The speakers were Rev. DAVID NOBEL and an unidentified Major, who has been associated with Retired General EDWIN WALKER.

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On 3-22-65, [REDACTED] Avenue, Belleair, Florida, telephonically advised that a new Chapter of the Christian Crusade was being formed at the residence of [REDACTED] Lane, Clearwater, Fla.

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[REDACTED] advised on 3-12-65, that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Manatee Citizens Council was held at Bradenton, Fla., on 3-11-65. At this meeting, a Baptist Minister, Dr. M. D. WATKINS of Miami, Fla., was a speaker. He represented the Christian Crusade Movement, with headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and also professed to be a member of the John Birch Society. WATKINS said that General WALKER was a member of the Crusade group, as well as other conservatives throughout the country, such as Governor WALLACE and KENT COURTNEY. A committee of the Manatee Citizens Council was formed to organize a local unit of the captioned group.

The Bureau is requested to advise the Tampa Division should it desire that any active investigation be instituted.

LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Will furnish Tampa with a summary of information concerning the captioned organization.

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THE NEGRO QUESTION — COMMUNIST CIVIL WAR POLICY

by
Benjamin Gitlow

The Negro question is a most distressing problem for the American people. For the country it is a problem of great magnitude. Its political consequences in the affairs of our government and in the arena of world politics cannot be ignored. We in the United States will have to deal with the Negro problem boldly and realistically. To exploit the Negro question, like a politician for expediency only and as an opportunistic leverage for vote getting as is too often the practice of our major political parties, will solve nothing and will eventually lead to a greatly aggravated crisis in race relations and in our relations with many nations. The immediate result of the continuance of such crass opportunistic policies will be the inflaming of our population and the dividing our people, at a time when a united, patriotic citizenry is badly needed to defend and preserve our liberties.

In this article I propose to deal with aspects of the Negro question that receive top priority from the communists. I do so, fully conscious of the fact that to treat certain phases of the Negro question analytically and critically, especially as it affects our country's security and our posture in the Cold War, is to arouse the ire of many individuals and organizations today in the forefront of the civil rights movement, the term by which the Negro question is erroneously called. Many of these civil rights forces who are recklessly spreading dissension among our people, and who are pushing their campaigns in utter disregard for the defense and security needs of the country, will, I am sure, attempt to distort any objective presentation and critical analysis of the Negro problem, on my part, into a smear campaign, charging that the writer is a racist, a white chauvinist, an ultra rightist opposed to integration and civil rights.

Against such a ridiculous, premeditated smear a defense on my part is absolutely unnecessary. Let it be here noted—the examples are too numerous to cite—that to libel genuine anti-communists in the vilest language is welcomed by the liberal intellectuals, who are proficient in this practice, and the press which favorably publicizes their calumnies.

On the other hand, in the world of the liberal traumatic miasma, to tell the truth about communists, communazi liberals and the host of fellow travelers who idealize communist and totalitarian manifestations at home and abroad, is scandalous, McCartyism at its worst, a repudiation of American ideals and traditions, character assassination and libelous.

Fully aware of attacks upon me personally that will follow the publication of this article, I have decided, nevertheless, to write it because the communists and their supporters with the full backing of Khrushchev have embarked upon a campaign to exploit the Negro problem as a vehicle for national liberation. They intend to arouse to a fever heat the nationalist and chauvinist sentiments now finding expression in segments of the Negro population into a drive for the separation of the Negroes from the whites through the establishment of an independent Negro republic in the United States. They are hopeful that an intensified nationalist drive among the American Negroes will accelerate the build-up in Latin America and in Africa of the anti-American campaign to such an extent that it will aid the Communist imperialist efforts on these two continents. But what is much more important is the fact that the communists are deliberately maneuvering among the American Negroes to create a situation for the outbreak of racial violence, to such an extent that it can be turned into a civil war—a civil war on a racial basis involved with profound political and revolutionary consequences. In such a civil war, should they succeed in fomenting it, the communists hope to so undermine the American government and our social structure that they can take over power. In the racial civil war they envisage, they are sure Negroes will be in the front ranks, the shock troops of the communist revolution.

This communist diabolic policy is a calculated and deliberate policy. In the final analysis it will not bring justice and political equality to the Negro. It is bound to bring on bloody strife in which the Negroes will be the main losers, and should the communists win, enslavement of the Negroes and whites alike will take place and all Americans will live without rights, under a communist dictatorship.

A historical outline, at this time, of the communist role in the Negro question will, I am sure, help the reader to a better understanding of the communist position.

The Communist International in Moscow, in 1921, instructed the American communists to organize and lead the Negro masses. For that special purpose money was liberally provided by the Comin-

term. The communists took the position that the Negroes, constituting the most impoverished and exploited section of our population — a section with special problems and grievances because of racial discrimination — would constitute, once properly organized and led, the front rank fighters in a revolution to overthrow the United States government and replace it with a Soviet form of dictatorship. To carry out the Comintern's instructions, the American communist party created a Negro department, organized special Negro organizations, published Negro papers and periodicals and conducted a drive for Negroes to join the party, giving them, if they did so, jobs and all kinds of special inducements. Every Negro member brought into the party was hailed as an achievement.

The communist policy in the early years up to 1928 on the Negro question was that the Negroes should be accorded full racial, social, and political equality with the whites.

At the Sixth World Congress of the Communist International held in Moscow during the late summer of 1928, a special commission was set up to study the American Negro question. Joseph Stalin was a member of the commission on which the American Communist Party was well represented.

I was not in Moscow at that time because I was touring the country as the vice-presidential candidate of the Communist Party. While I was campaigning in the South, I received a telegram from the national office of the Communist Party that to our regular Negro demands for equality, etc., I should add the right of the Negroes to national self-determination, the ultimate objective of which was, naturally, the establishment of a Negro government in the Black Belt of the South. The policy, though it originated in Moscow, did not appeal to me. I considered the demand for a Negro republic dynamite, dynamite that would be so explosive in the south, once a considerable number of the Negroes accepted it, that it would do the Negroes more harm than good.

At the close of the vice-presidential campaign I was conducting, I returned to New York and went into a huddle on the Negro question with the leaders of the American Communist Party. I asked:

"What do you seek to accomplish with this policy? Create a situation in the South where you will bring about a civil war between the whites and the blacks? Do you realize where that will lead to?"

Do you not realize that such a policy will lead to the butchery and massacre of thousands of Negroes?"

John Pepper, whose real name was Joseph Pogany, a leader of the terrorists in the first Red Hungarian revolution under Bela Kuhn, was attached by the Comintern to the leadership of the American Communist Party. He was a member of the Negro Commission, as was Stalin—the commission that handed down the decision. I already had learned that the decision for the establishment of a Negro republic in the United States was formulated by Stalin and that he forced its adoption. So Pepper answered me calmly in these words:

"Comrade Gitlow, there is much truth in what you say but we could not help ourselves in Moscow."

In addition, the 1928 Stalin resolution laying down binding instructions upon the American Communist Party contained the following:

"To the extent to which the Party succeeds in developing a strong revolutionary movement in the United States, it will also be able to exert a decisive influence upon the revolutionary movement of the Negroes in all parts of the world."

Stalin hoped by utilizing Negro nationalism in the United States to develop revolutionary Negro Nationalist movements on a world scale and through such movements to mobilize millions of ardent supporters for the Soviet Union. The revolutionary Negro nationalist movement which the communists began in earnest to organize in the United States, in South America, in Africa, and wherever Negroes lived, became a most important arm of Soviet political imperialism.

I have put down in very brief outline the historical facts that constitute the background of the basic, the unchangeable position on the American Negro question of the American communists and their comrades throughout the world, including, of course, their Soviet masters.

Until recently, the Communist policy in the United States has been to soft pedal their demand for the establishment of a Negro, Nationalist, separationist movement, a movement determined to oust the whites from the South, expropriate their lands and property and establish a Negro Republic under communist hegemony.

It appears that now the time has come for the American communists to accent the loud pedal on Negro nationhood.

Claude Lightfoot, one of the top leaders of the American Communist Party and a guiding spirit in its Negro department, a Negro himself, states the present position of the communists on the Negro

question in this manner in an article in the July 1962 issue of "Political Affairs," the theoretical and outstanding political monthly of the Communist Party.

"Back in the early thirties the Communist Party of the United States projected the idea that the Negro constituted an oppressed nation within a nation. The homeland of this nation was seen as embracing what was commonly called the black area of the South. The Black Belt at that time consisted of over 200 counties, crossing several states. It was an area of Negro majority. The Communist Party adopted this position in 1930." (This is an error on Lightfoot's part. The American Communist Party never originated this decision. It was handed down as binding instructions to the American Communist Party by Moscow in 1928, as I have already stated. B.G.)

He further explains that during the period of World War II the demand for a Negro republic was dropped. What Lightfoot deliberately forgets to state is that the demand was put in cold storage after Hitler attacked the Soviet Union and the Soviet Union became one of our allies. Then Lightfoot adds:

"In 1946 the Communist Party re-examined its position on this question (that is after the war was over. B.G.) and reaffirmed its previous position. Although the question of nationhood was reaffirmed this time certain modifications were made . . . The Communist Party now declared that what we were witnessing was a young nation in its earliest stage of development and because of this consciousness lagged behind objective developments. Notwithstanding these new observations the Party continued to place the slogan of self-determination in the forefront of its general program."

That statement by Lightfoot is not an equivocal statement. It states categorically that the slogan of self-determination for the Negro, that is, for the establishment of a Negro Republic in the Black Belt of the South, is in the forefront of the American Communist Party's general program. In other words in the forefront of the general communist program for the communizing of the United States is the demand for the establishment of a Negro Republic in the South. Why does the program of self-determination for the American Negroes hold such high priority for the communists? Because that objective cannot under any circumstances be achieved without bloodshed and civil war, and civil war to achieve communist power is a basic major policy for the American Communist Party and so recognized in its program.

One must know how to read the communist language. I believe I know how to read communist language, how to digest it and get at its real meaning. Few persons do. And the sad part of the story is that those who make policy for our government, who are responsible for guiding our ship of state through the perilous storms of the cold war, have not yet learned how to read and understand communist language, a language unique in its logic, subtle in the use and meaning of words, in which every "I" dotted, every comma, every punctuation mark has a meaning all its own.

Lightfoot continues in this vein and I quote:

"And so in 1959 the communists adopted a position which discarded the slogan of self-determination." (emphasis mine. B.G.)

Particularly note that the slogan, not the policy, was discarded. The slogan, to tell the truth, was actually not discarded but filed away for future uses when the time would be more propitious for its exploitation. That time was not long in coming. It has already arrived because the slogan for a Negro Republic has been removed from moth balls and is once again being proclaimed loudly from the communist housetops. Why?

For the answer let us return to Lightfoot who writes:

"One must now take into account a powerful nationalist current which is becoming increasingly significant.

"The Muslim leadership and doctrine is the most significant source of a trend to the contrary within the ranks of the Negro people. (Contrary to the opposition to the communist policy for a Negro republic that existed among the Negroes before.—B.G.) The heart of the program advanced by the Muslims calls for the establishment of a Negro nation, separate and apart from other white Americans."

One can begin to understand what the communist party is aiming at. It aims to make an alliance with the Black Muslim movement in order to draw it into the communist orbit. But communist aims go even further. The communists see in the increasing popular support the Muslims have in the Negro community an opportunity of linking up the nationalist struggle of the Muslims, and those under their influence, with the world revolutionary struggle of the black people being engineered by the communists against the United States as part of the Soviet effort to undermine U. S. influence in strategic areas of the globe.

This factor is indeed underlined by Lightfoot when he writes:

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**THE CHRISTIAN CRUSADE
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Reurlet 4-7-65.

The Christian Crusade, headed by Reverend Billy James Hargis, is a well-known extreme right-wing organization. The Bureau does not desire an active investigation of chapters formed by it, however, any information concerning the activities of this movement should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Enclosed herewith for the information of the Indianapolis Office is an envelope postmarked Hartford City, Indiana, addressed to the Chief of Police, Lexington, Kentucky, and bearing a return address of **[REDACTED]** Hartford City, Indiana, received at the Lexington Police Department on April 14, 1965.

The envelope contained no letter, but did contain a publication of the Christian Crusade, Tulsa, Oklahoma, by BENJAMIN GITLOW, entitled, "The Negro Question - Communist Civil War Policy."

Chief E. C. HALE of the Lexington, Kentucky, Police Department, stated that he has not previously received any communication from this person or organization and does not know why it was forwarded to his office.

This is being furnished to the Indianapolis Office for their information and whatever action they deem necessary.

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Pedro Luis Oscar Diaz Lanz,
Pedro LANZ
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NEUTRALITY MATTER
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Title changed to include name as **PEDRO LANZ**, which Subject states he commonly uses.

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 5-18-65, captioned as above.

For the information of the Philadelphia Office, **DIAZ** was interviewed by the Oklahoma City Office on 4-12-65. **DIAZ** advised he is employed by The Christian Crusade, Tulsa, Okla., and in connection with his employment has been traveling throughout the United States, making anti-Communist speeches at colleges and churches.

Since his arrival in the U. S. he has used the name **PEDRO LANZ** since that was the name used to introduce him when he appeared before a Congressional Committee in

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1959 and testified concerning Communist infiltration of the FIDEL CASTRO Government in Cuba.

For the information of the Philadelphia Office the Oklahoma City Office desires no coverage of DIAZ other than submission of any literature or news items received to Bureau and the Oklahoma City Division.

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THE CHRISTIAN CRUSADE
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Re Tampa letter to Bureau, 4-7-65, captioned
"CHRISTIAN CRUSADE MOVEMENT, RM (ORGANIZATION)," and
Bulet to Tampa, 4-21-65, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for Tampa is a Xerox copy of a LHM
concerning the Christian Crusade, dated 8-5-63, which has
previously been furnished to the Bureau. There has been no
material change in the Christian Crusade since date of LHM.

The source utilized in LHM 

 is an established contact of the Oklahoma City Office.

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Hargis Fills Ears of Followers

In a Meeting Here Last Night, the Professional Anti-Communist Lashes Out Against Many U. S. 'Diabolical' Plans

BEATNIKS, the Johnson administration, the Watts riots, Communism, Walter Reuther, U. S. policy in the Dominican Republic, disarmament and North American Aviation, Inc., received the verbal ax last night of Billy James Hargis, a professional anti-Communist and head of the ultra-conservative Christian Crusade in a meeting at the Hotel President.

About 125 persons attended the meeting. Many of them had been invited by a letter to what had been billed as a for-your-bars-only gathering.

Two Ways to Help Reds

There are two ways to help communism: Be an out-and-out liberal or a cowardly conservative. He said conservatives should be outspoken in their beliefs, which should become a way of life for them.

Hargis predicted more riots like the one at the Berkeley, Calif., campus, adding that the leaders of those riots were "smelly beatniks who would go through life unrecognized, unable to stand on their own personal achievement or valor" if news media would ignore them. He called the riot leaders at Berkeley "lawless, Godless... paranoids" who do not have the capabilities for leadership and must join riots for recognition.

He said it was apparent that the intervention of U. S. Marines in the Dominican Republic had actually guaranteed success for the Communist insurrection there. He said President Johnson had ordered the exile of the anti-Communist leader of Dominican troops, allowing a Communist to take over.

Communists at Watts

He said the Watts riots were inspired by Communists and that similar riots could be expected in the future anywhere Negroes are told by politicians that they are hated and discrim-

inated against. He said the Los Angeles police chief, William Henry Parker, was the only worthy successor to J. Edgar Hoover, and that Parker had proved the connection of the Black Muslims and the Communists in inspiring the riot.

He called the Watts riot a greater victory for Communism than the Dominican Republic, adding that in Los Angeles rioters at one time controlled 40 square miles while in the Dominican Republic rebels held only about 1 1/2 square miles of the city.

Attack on Reuther

Hargis called Walter Reuther, head of the United Auto Workers union, the most un-American person in the United States today, adding that Reuther had contributed U. A. W. funds to leftist groups for political purposes and had broken numerous laws in such procedures.

"But," said Hargis, "He is apparently so powerful he is immune to the law."

The great weight of Hargis's criticism was lodged against what he called "a diabolical plan" for U. S. disarmament leading to the abolition of sovereignty in America.

He said the plan he referred to was a study by the North American Aviation, Inc., under a contract to the Air Force. In the invitational letter, he said the plan was outlined in a 54-page contract. A 13-page pamphlet of what Hargis said was a copy of part of the study given to him by an executive of the aviation firm who subsequently was fired from his \$18,000-a-year position, was sold at the door after the meeting for a dollar a copy. It consisted of a 3-page introduction and interpretation by Hargis. The rest was an outline of the study, Hargis said. The title on the outline: "Factors Opera-

tive in a Post-Arms Control Situation."

Admittedly the study was theoretical, Hargis said, but he criticized the whole idea of disarmament, adding, "the Johnson administration doesn't even understand that Communism is anti-American, anti-God and that it even considers disarmament a weapon to get its aim."

"Your only defense (against Communism) is armaments," Hargis said. "And when you lose them: it's tantamount to surrender (to Communism)."

"I don't believe in that philosophy, 'Better red than dead.' For my house I'd rather die fighting than ever live under it. This administration is afraid to stand up and be counted for fear of a nuclear war. Nobody wants a nuclear war, but some things are worse."

Hargis ended the meeting with a plea for financial support.

Not a Beggar

"I will not beg you to support me," he said. "But when you no longer support me, I'll quit. And then who will you get to tell you the truth. People who call themselves conservatives spend more on cigarettes, beauty shops and booze than anti-communism."

Earlier, before getting into his main topics, Hargis said the dinner meeting was the 83rd chicken dinner he had attended since last October. He told those attending of an upcoming 2-week trip to the Holy Land that he would lead which would include services at the River Jordan, the sphinx and the pyramids.

For those who couldn't pay cash for the trip, the last he will lead personally due to his busy speaking schedule, there was a payment plan—\$150 down and \$50 a month for two years.

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