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"The Washington Post and Times Herald," a Washington daily newspaper issue of December 7, 1956, carried an article "Montgomery's Patience Praised by Boycott Chief". This article contains background information regarding Reverend KING. It reflects that he had arrived at Howard University for a one day participation in Religious Emphasis Week. He was reported to have stated; that it was a compliment to the "white community" that there has been practically no violence during the bus boycott; that the new Negro lacks the fear he once had; that "the tension in the South is the birth pains of a new social order" and is a necessary phase; that a new order of justice, freedom and first-class citizenship for the Negro is inevitable; that the

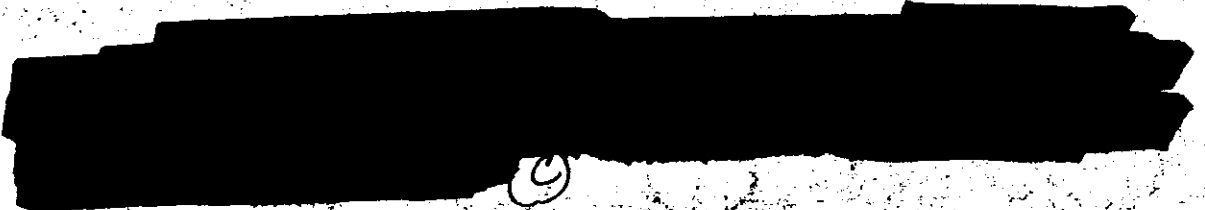
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"shock period" would be over in ten years and segregation would crumble fast and that a side effect is that "Negroes are killing and cutting fewer Negroes now."

This article reflected that this speech was sponsored by the District Branch of the NAACP.



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APPENDIX:

WASHINGTON AREA FORUM, also known as,  
Washington Area Citizens Forum,  
Washington Citizens Forum

The informants noted below, who have supplied information concerning the above organization, have all supplied reliable information in the past.

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Regarding the National Progressive Party, it is noted that the National Committee, CP, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs," issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948 the CP helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 1952 elections. It then states:

"However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the

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wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great mass people's Party."

As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the "Progressive Party, the CP and other progressive forces" must unite in a broad, mass-front coalition.

Concerning "Political Affairs," mentioned above, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a convicted CP functionary, testifying in the case "US vs Elizabeth Gurley Flynn et al.," on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will continue to follow the activities of subject organization.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated October 12, 1956, at Washington, D. C. b7c

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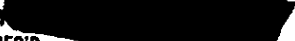

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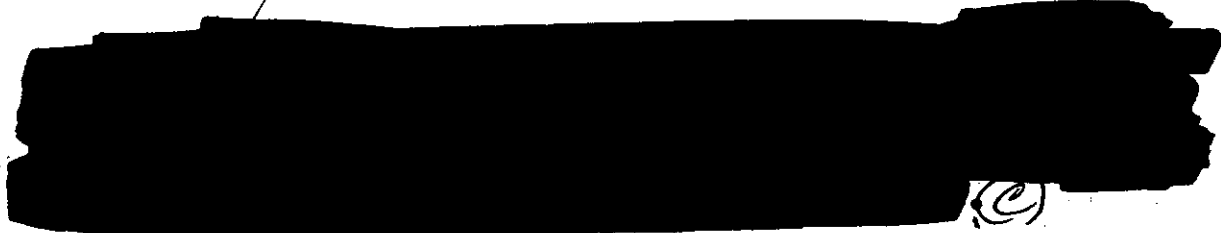
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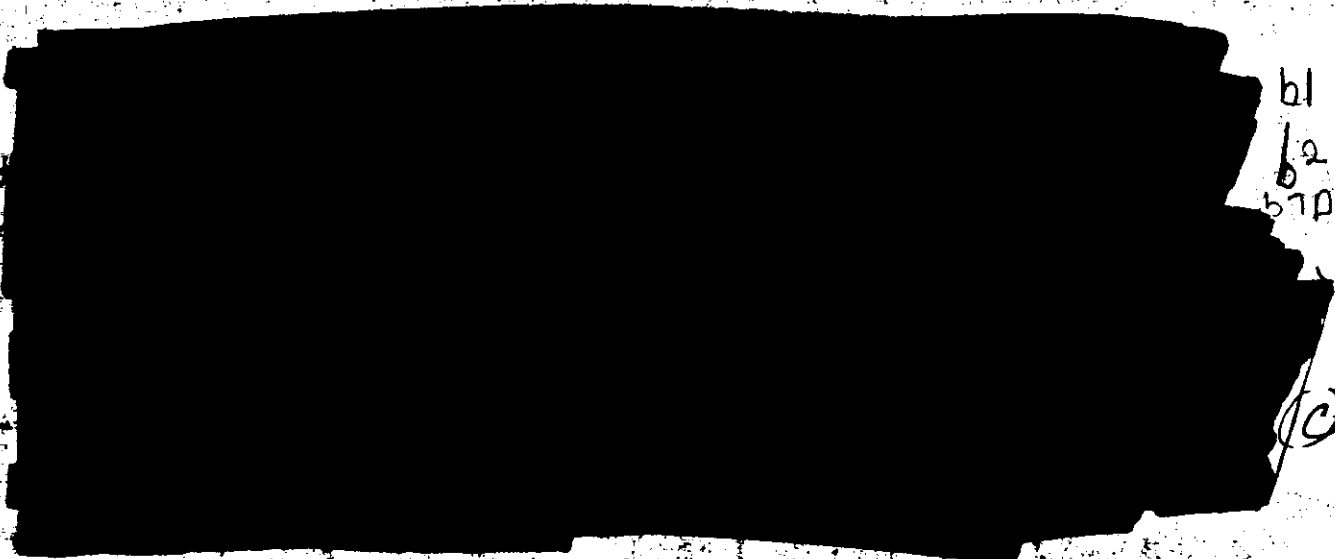
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THE NEW YORK DIVISION (INFORMATION)

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THE PORTLAND DIVISION

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Will continue to follow any attempts for the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Portland.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED]

Portland, 10/29/56.

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CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C		[REDACTED]	

SYNOPSIS:

The Cleveland Headquarters of captioned organization is located at 7811 Cedar Ave. [REDACTED]

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Attempts and results of CP to infiltrate set forth.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the captioned organization. All investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and the result of this infiltration. The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of this organization.

For the purpose of brevity the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be referred to as the NAACP.

Unless otherwise indicated, all informants referred to by T-symbols in this report are sources who have furnished reliable information in the past.

It will be noted that the CP, the Labor Youth League (LYL) and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

**I. MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION**

**A. Address**

The current Cleveland, Ohio, City Directory reflects that the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP is located at 7811 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland.

**B. Principal Officers**

**Cleveland, Ohio, Chapter**

**Source:** "Cleveland Plain Dealer" newspaper, Final Edition, March 18, 1957.

The above publication, a local daily newspaper, carried an article captioned "Winner LEVY Hails Victory in NAACP." This article sets forth the results of a special election just concluded and listed the following as officers:

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President: Dr. JAMES E. LEVY  
First Vice President: CROSBY C. RAMEY  
Second Vice President: HARVEY NORTON  
Third Vice President: JACK G. DAY  
Secretary: Mrs. BETTE GALLAGHER  
Treasurer: EDWARD JACKSON

OFFICES - NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED  
PEOPLE

This same article listed the following individuals as persons who had been elected to the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

WILLIAM E. ALLEN  
EVERETT BROWN NATHAN K. CHRISTOPHER  
Dr. N. K. CHRISTOPHER  
The Rev. JOSEPH C. COLES, Jr. with  
Mrs. RUSSELL H. DAVIS  
Mrs. HARRY J. DWORKIN  
HENRY W. GALBREATH  
REY L. GILLESPIE  
FRED GRAIB  
RICHARD L. GUNN  
Municipal Judge PERRY B. JACKSON  
RUSSELL W. JELLIFFE  
JOHN JURKANIN  
CHARLES H. LOEB  
Dr. JOSEPH P. MARTIN  
WILLIAM T. MC KNIGHT  
FRED S. MOORE  
Mrs. ROBBIE PURDY  
WILLIAM B. SAUNDERS  
Mrs. DOVIE D. SWEET  
Congressman CHARLES VANIK  
WILLIAM O. WALKER  
Common Pleas Judge CHARLES W. WHITE  
EDWIN J. WILLIAMS  
HARRY WISE

WILLIAM F. BOYD  
Councilman CHARLES V. GARR  
FREDERICK M. SOLEMAN  
The Rev. Mrs. DAVIS  
ROBERT A. DECATUR  
RALPH W. FINDLEY  
CLAYBORNE GEORGE  
Miss ETHELYN GORMAN  
CHESTER J. GRAY  
JOHN O. HOLLY  
The Rev. A. HENSON JARMON  
GEORGE V. JOHNSON  
Councilman JOHN W. KELLOGG  
CHARLES P. LUCAS  
Dr. THEODORE O. MASON  
Miss L. PEARL MITCHELL  
LAWRENCE O. PAYNE  
Mrs. ODESSA SALVANT  
Dr. B. C. STYLES  
ARTHUR L. TAYLOR  
MAX H. VANN  
The Rev. EUGENE W. WARD  
ELMER WHITING  
Councilman THEODORE M. WILLIAMS

This same article stated that Dr. KENNETH W. CLEMENT, a Cleveland surgeon in three hospitals, was the unsuccessful challenger for the position of president.

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It is noted that L. PEARL MITCHELL, referred to above as a member of the Executive Committee, was identified on an official letterhead of the NAACP on January 6, 1956, as one of twenty-three National Vice Presidents of the NAACP. On this same letterhead, Dr. NATHAN K. CHRISTOPHER was identified as one of the forty-eight members of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP. This official letterhead of the NAACP was received by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] that none of the above officers of the NAACP were known to them to be members of the CP or any CP front.

Canton, Ohio, Chapter

Source: "The Canton Repository" newspaper, issue of December 19, 1956.

The above publication, a local daily newspaper, carried an article captioned "Branch of NAACP Renames Leaders." This article stated that the following officers of the Canton Chapter of the NAACP were re-elected at a recently held special meeting of the organization's membership:

- President: WILLIAM MAYO
- Vice President: CHARLES MACK
- Treasurer: RALPH FORD
- Secretary: ELEANOR HOLT
- Adviser to Youth Council: WILLIE LIGE
- Member of Executive Board: CHESTER JACKSON

Youngstown, Ohio, Chapter

A pretext inquiry on April 22, 1957, revealed that NATHANIEL C. LEE was still serving as President of this Branch [REDACTED]

C. Membership

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Source: "Call and Post" newspaper, City Edition, October 21, 1956.

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An article in the above publication, a local Negro weekly newspaper, entitled "Prizes for Many as NAACP Makes Awards," indicated that the goals of 14,000 members and \$43,000 would be "far exceeded" during the 1956 membership campaign of the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP.



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Source: "Call and Post" newspaper,  
City Edition, March 23, 1957.

The above publication under caption "Special Balloting Changes Personnel" described the results of a "special election" just held by the Cleveland Branch of the NAACP. The article indicated that a previous election had been declared null and void by the National Office of the NAACP because so few people had voted in the election. It is noted that an editorial in this same publication stated that the new election was ordered

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because the branch officials had failed to properly notify the entire membership of the election meeting and because the Nominating Committee was elected unconstitutionally. This article stated that only fifty persons voted in the first election and 411 in the second election for a "record number of votes."

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Youngstown

As set forth above, a pretext inquiry on April 22, 1957, established that NATHANIEL C. LEE was then the President of the Youngstown Chapter of the NAACP.

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OHIO BILL OF RIGHTS CONFERENCE (OBRC)

The December, 1950, issue of "Your Rights," a publication of OBRC, indicates in the masthead that the OBRC is an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC).

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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The pretext inquiry regarding NATHANIEL C. LEE as current President of the Youngstown, Ohio, NAACP Chapter was a telephone call to the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP by SA [REDACTED] b7C  
The pretext was [REDACTED] b7E

In setting forth the members and officers of the NAACP in this report, they were characterized as to their CP affiliation only when there was evidence of CP membership or substantial information indicating CP membership.

It is noted that many of the officers and members of this organization are civic leaders, professional men, ministers, politicians, labor leaders and people generally active in Negro affairs. The Cleveland files indicate that the CP has from time to time attempted to influence these people, to secure their support and in several instances supported these individuals in political campaigns. Some co-operated to a limited extent on issues such as cost of living conferences, peace mobilizations, political campaigns, etc., apparently because they were popular issues or because they thought it was to their personal advantage to do so. Several of these individuals, although co-operative at one time, were subsequently reported to be opposed to the CP or communism.

For example the files indicate that some of these persons have been on CP mailing lists, the names of some have appeared on CP petitions for public office; some participated to a limited extent in Progressive Party affairs; in 1944, two prominent Negroes participated in panel discussions on Negro History at the Ohio School for Social Science which has been cited by the Attorney General; several were active in the National Lawyers Guild in past years; one, CHARLES H. LOEB, a Republican candidate for United States Congressman in 1956, solicited and accepted CP support in his political campaign; some participated to a limited extent in the National Negro Congress; several attended public gatherings, such as the ones where ANITA LOUISE STRONG and PAUL ROBESON spoke; and

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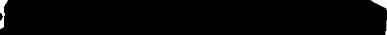
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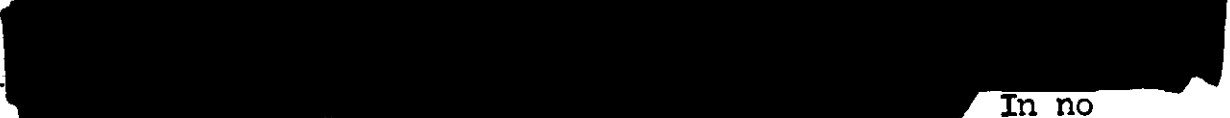
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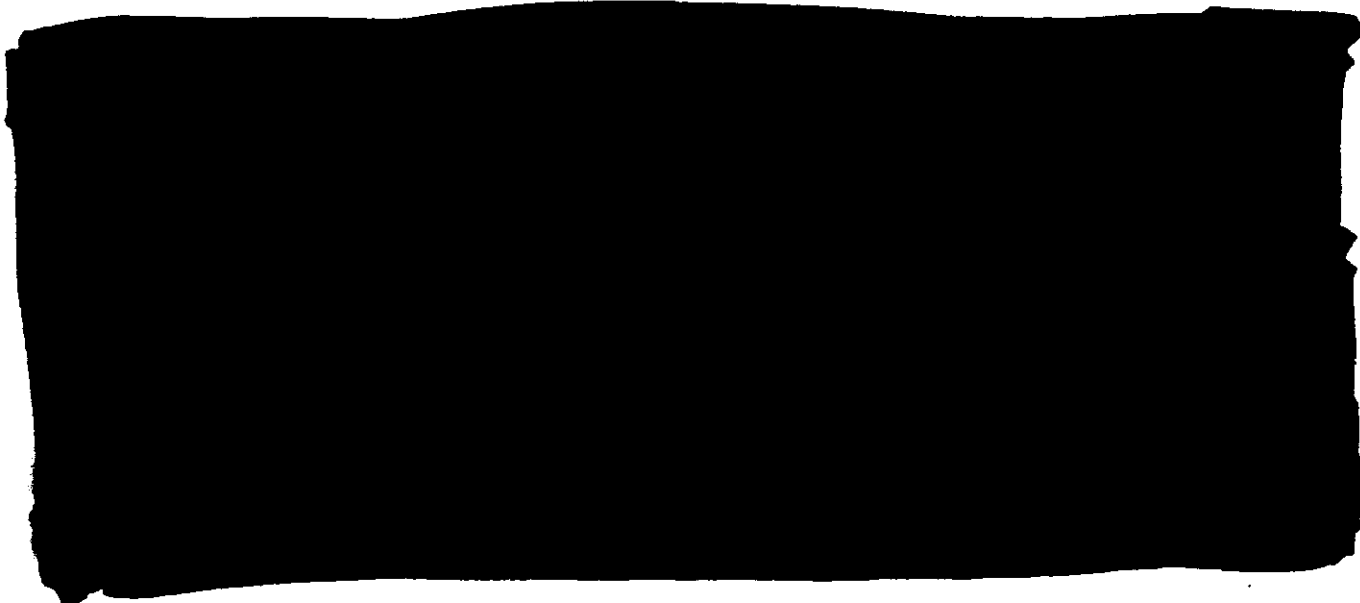
a few were listed as subscribers to the "Daily Worker" in the early 1940's.

None of the persons in the above categories were ever identified as members of the CP, except for 

 In no instance was the CP or CP front activity of these individuals such as to warrant concluding that their membership in the NAACP constituted evidence of CP infiltration of that organization.

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At Cleveland, Ohio ,

Will continue to follow and report any further indication of Communist infiltration into instant organization.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] 11-23-56 at Cleveland. b7C

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TITLE OF CASE <u>COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (MARYLAND - DELAWARE)</u>		REPORT MADE BY 	TYPED BY 
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	<b>b7c</b>

**SYNOPSIS:**

No additions or deletions to list of CP members who are also members of NAACP. CP leaders, Baltimore and Wilmington, Delaware instruct CP members to become active in the NAACP.

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**DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

**I. IDENTITY OF COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE NAACP**

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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have furnished no additions or deletions to list of CP members who are also members of the NAACP.

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II. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

A. Baltimore, Maryland

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[REDACTED] In addition, the files of this office do not reflect any additions or deletions.

Copies of this report are being furnished to local intelligence agencies because of their continuing interest in CP affairs.

One copy is sent to Philadelphia for information as that office covers District #3, CP, USA, which includes Wilmington, Delaware.

An information copy is sent to New York in view of the location of National Headquarters of the NAACP at New York City.

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LEADS:

THE BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

- 1) Will follow and report CP infiltration of the NAACP.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/5/56 at Baltimore.



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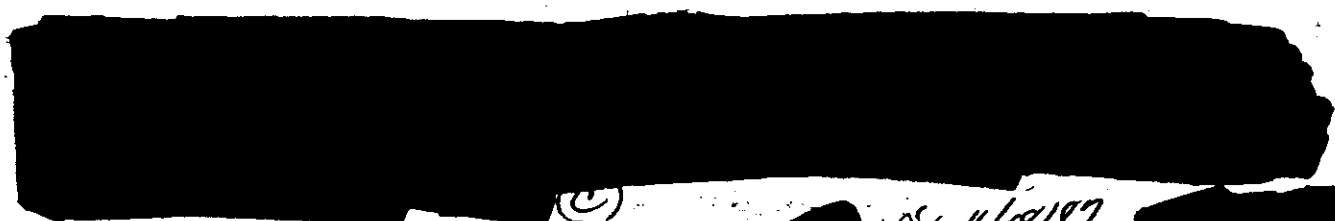
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TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)</b>		Report made by 	Typed by 
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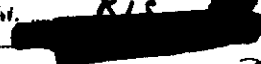



DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon information received that the Communist Party has instructed its members to join captioned organization. Our investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and the result of this infiltration. The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of this organization.

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE:



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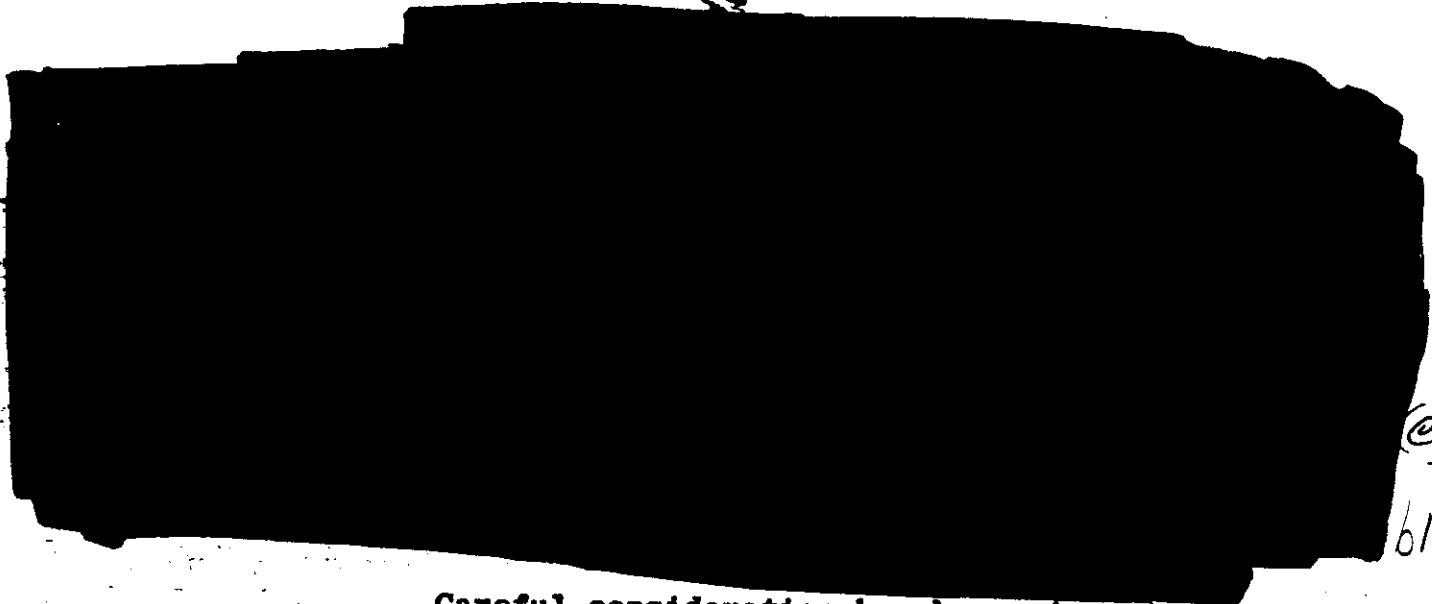
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One copy of this report designated for New York Office pursuant to Bureau instructions in Bulet to New York dated 2/10/54.

One copy designated for Memphis Office since HELEN PARSONS previously reported to be a state officer of NAACP.

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KNOXVILLE DIVISION

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Will continue to report any information reflecting possible Communist infiltration in subject organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 1/22/57, b7c  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (STATE OF WASHINGTON)</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <b>b7c</b>	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
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The Communist Party, USA (CP), and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have both been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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I. SEATTLE BRANCH

A. General Activities

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A general meeting of the Seattle Branch was scheduled to be held at the Eastside YMCA on the evening of April 22, 1957, at which time there was to be a panel discussion of a newly-enacted Washington State civil rights bill.

"Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer", 4/22/57, page 16, column 4.

A rally on the evening of May 16, 1957, at the Eastside YWCA was scheduled under the sponsorship of the Seattle Branch. This rally was to be a prayer session in support of the nation-wide Prayer Pilgrimage convening at Washington, D. C., on May 17, 1957. A petition urging President EISENHOWER to support civil rights legislation and asking Washington State congressional delegates to vote for such legislation was to be circulated at this meeting.

"Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer", 5/15/57, page 21, column 3.

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"Kennewick, Wash.--Chapters of the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People in the Northwest have joined with the youth in this tri-city area in the fight against the racial discrimination policies of the Kennewick Social Club.

"The matter became a hot public issue when club officials sought to impose its racial restrictions on the Hi-Teen Club's weekly public dances. Negro high school students were turned away and leaders of the Teenage Council promptly launched a petition campaign asking that racial discrimination be stopped.

"JAMES McIVER, Seattle attorney and chairman of the NAACP's Northwest Legal Redress Committee, has sent letters to interested parties saying that every Negro youth discriminated against has a 'cause of action' against the Social Club. He urged the club officials to work with the Tri-City NAACP and the Human relations Council to end all cause for complaint."

"People's World", 4/20/57,  
page 14, column 1.

B. Officers

BENJAMIN F. McADOO, in connection with the meeting of the Seattle Branch planned for May 16, 1957, was identified as the chapter president.

"Seattle (Wash.) Post Intelligencer",  
5/15/57, page 21, column 3.

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III. SPOKANE BRANCH

Officers of the Spokane Branch, elected about December, 1956, are the following:

- President - JAMES M. SIMS
- Vice-president - CARL JONES
- Secretary - FERNE TODD
- Treasurer - CARROLL E. CURTLEY
- Chairman of executive board - J. W. STRONG

"People's World", Northwest Edition, 12/28/56, page 2, column 2.

No information has been received by the Seattle Office, FBI, to indicate that any of the above identified officers has been affiliated with the CP or attached to the principles of that or any other subversive organization.

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IV. PASCO BRANCH

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The officers of the Pasco Branch, NAACP, installed on January 19, 1957, are as follows:

WETA Association  
For Advancement  
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- President - ERNEST M. ~~MAGEE~~
- Vice-president - NAPOLEON ~~WILSON~~
- Secretary - Miss JEAN E. ~~THOMAS~~
- Treasurer - Miss EDNA M. ~~BILLON~~

No information has been received by the Seattle Office, FBI, to indicate that any of the above identified officers has been affiliated with the CP or attached to the principles of that or any other subversive organization.

The new president, Mr. ~~MAGEE~~, at the installation meeting on January 19, 1957, reported that the Pasco Branch had 54 members in good standing and a treasury of \$91.41 as of January 1, 1957. Regular meetings of the branch are held at the Labor Hall, 1st Avenue and Clark Street, Pasco, on the second Saturday of each month at 5:00 P.M.

"Tri-City Herald"  
(Kennewick, Wash.),  
1/20/57

~~E. M. MAGEE~~ on behalf of the Pasco Branch of the NAACP extended an invitation to "any Tri-City individuals or groups who wish to participate in or support a religious march on Washington, D.C. May 17". Up to about April 29, 1957, according to ~~MAGEE~~, no one from the Tri-Cities had made plans actively to join the march.

"Tri-City Herald" (Kennewick,  
Wash.), 4/29/57, page 3.

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No information has been received by the Seattle Office, FBI, to indicate that any of the above identified officers has been affiliated with the CP or attached to the principles of that or any other subversive organization.

VI. COMMUNIST INFILTRATION

Listed below are the names of present or former members of the CP or the SWP who are affiliated with the NAACP in the State of Washington or who have been noted in attendance at NAACP functions, their actual affiliation or non-affiliation in many cases being unknown. Included are individuals who are known in the past to have been CP members, but who are not known at this time either to be CP members or non-CP members. (S)

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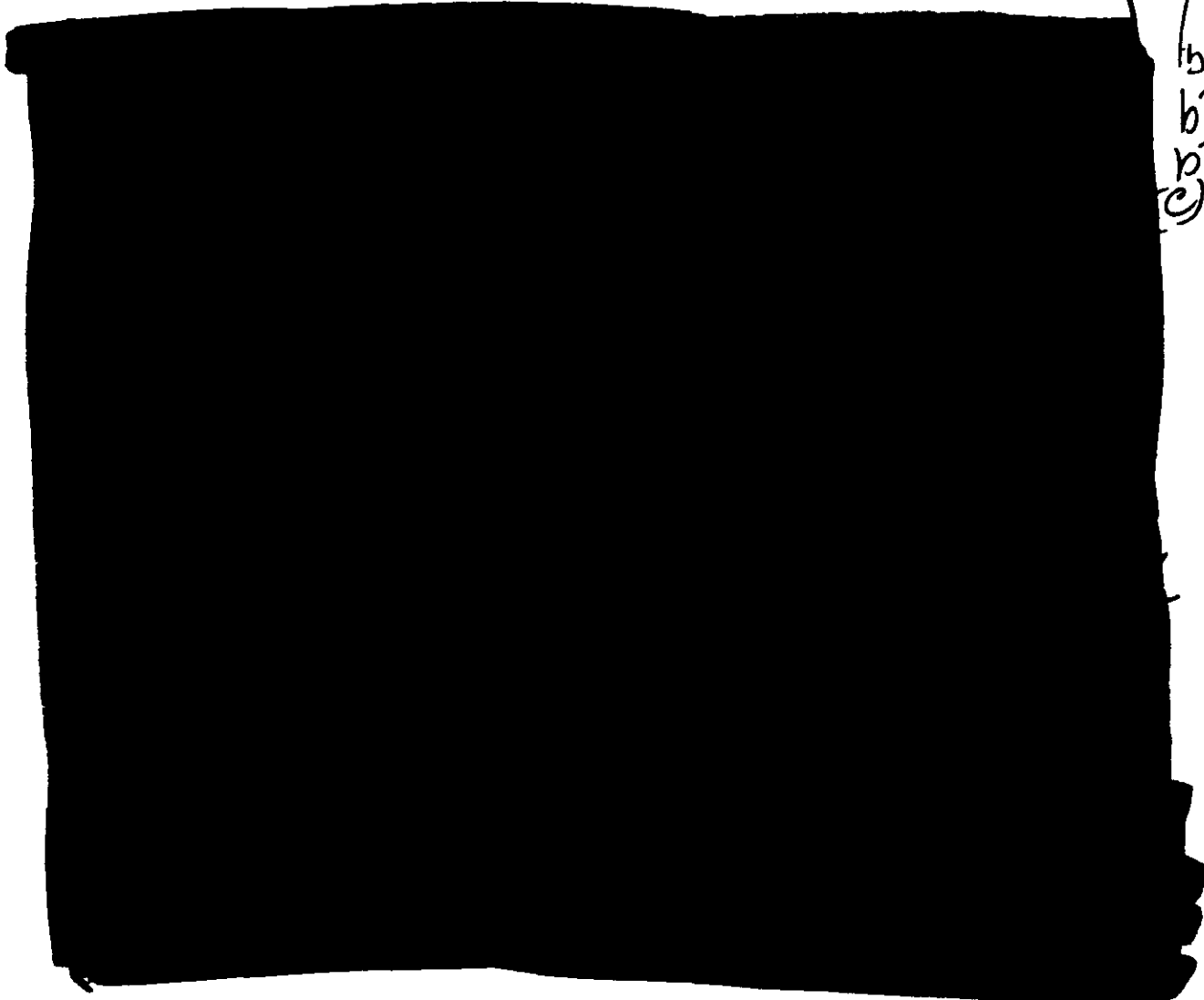
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Contacts with various routine sources of information in the following communities has failed to indicate that branches of the NAACP are located there: Richland, Olympia, Bellingham, Aberdeen, Everett and Wenatchee, Washington. Information in earlier reports indicates the existence of branches in the following localities, but during the period covered by the current report, no additional data regarding these branches has been received: Bremerton, Tacoma, and Yakima, Washington.

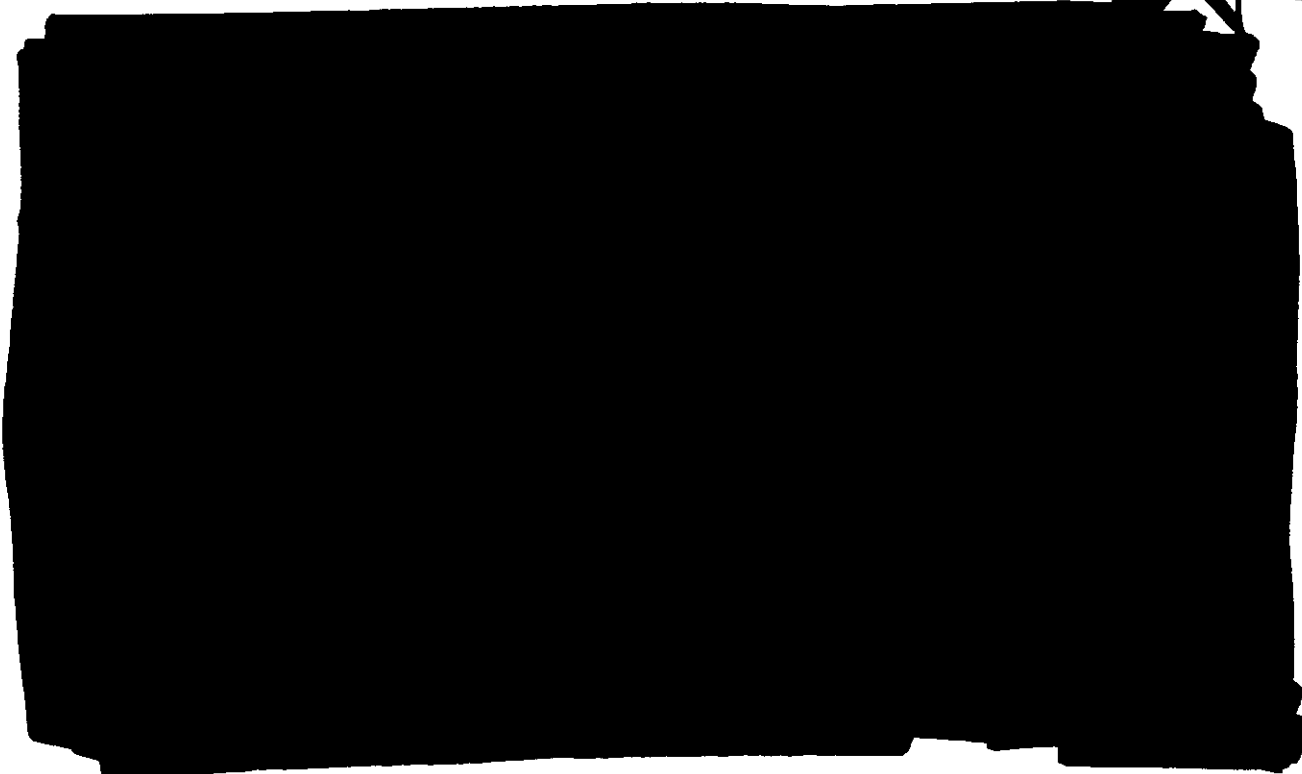


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THE SEATTLE DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington

Will report further pertinent information indicative of Cominfil NAACP.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/29/56  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	<b>b7c</b>

**SYNOPSIS:**

NAACP barred from practicing law in Texas; encouraging, instigating or financing lawsuits in which it does not have a direct interest; soliciting or having others solicit lawsuits; engaging in political or lobbying activities in violation of state laws. [REDACTED] advised NAACP proceeding very slowly toward reactivation since restraining injunction issued.

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DETAILS:

The National Association for Advancement of Colored People is referred to hereinafter as NAACP.

STATUS OF NAACP IN STATE OF TEXAS:

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The Houston Post, daily newspaper, Houston, Texas, carried article on May 9, 1957, which read in part as follows regarding NAACP:

"A state district court judge Wednesday placed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People under a permanent injunction which in effect strictly defined the terms under which the organization can operate in Texas.

"The permanent injunction issued by District Judge OTIS T. DUNAGAN barred the NAACP from:

- "1. Practicing law in Texas.
2. Encouraging, instigating or financing lawsuits in which it does not have a direct interest.
3. Soliciting or having others solicit lawsuits.
4. Engaging in political or lobbying activities in violation of state laws.

"JUDGE DUNAGAN also ordered the NAACP, chartered in New York to pay a franchise tax which the state alleged it owed because it was a foreign corporation. And he directed it to keep open its books for inspection by the attorney general's office or state auditor.

"He directed the NAACP to pay all accrued franchise taxes plus interest and penalties within 30 days after the amount due the state is determined, or forfeit its right to do business in Texas.

"Texas levies a franchise tax on all corporations doing business in the state according to their size and their gross yearly income.

"Assistant Atty Gen DAVIS GRANT said the NAACP had not filed any reports with the state since it was chartered and there was no way of estimating the tax until the NAACP filed its reports.

"In preliminary arguments the state had estimated the figure at a minimum of \$900."

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[REDACTED] stated that since the conclusion of the hearing in state court several weeks ago regarding the right of the NAACP to operate in Texas, and the resulting permanent injunction which put certain limitations on the organization, the NAACP has proceeded very slowly toward reactivation. [REDACTED] said apparently the membership of NAACP is waiting to see what is the public reaction to the limiting injunction.

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[REDACTED] has gained the impression that NAACP will take steps to regain confidence of the old membership through local preachers and churches wherever possible. [REDACTED] mentioned that even in bygone years the active membership of NAACP would have only constituted about 3% of the total membership. [REDACTED] felt this 3% would endeavor to formulate a program wherein membership in the organization would appear attractive to the old inactive members. [REDACTED] expressed the opinion that active solicitation of new members would not take place in the near future.

[REDACTED] indicated that as result of the great amount of publicity given the hearings pertaining to the status of NAACP in Texas, it was not likely that NAACP leaders would be inclined to permit incidents to occur whereby the NAACP may be associated in the minds of the public as well as the membership with such organizations as the Communist Party in Texas.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/7/56 at Houston.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Supreme Court of United States on 5/27/57 granted a review of \$100,000 fine for contempt of Alabama Circuit Court. Informants advise that no Communist Party members at Montgomery, Ala. are known to be NAACP members.

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**DETAILS:**

LEGAL STATUS OF NAACP IN ALABAMA

The Montgomery Advertiser, a daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, in its May 28, 1957 issue, on page one, carried an article captioned "NAACP Wins Court Review". This article relates that the Supreme Court of the United States on May 27, 1957 granted a review of the \$100,000.00 fine for contempt of court, levied by Alabama Circuit Judge WALTER B. JONES when the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP) refused to produce in court a list of its members in Alabama. This article details that Alabama Attorney General JOHN PATTERSON had requested this list for use in a hearing on a temporary.

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injunction which Judge JONES had granted on June 1, 1956 at PATTERSON's request, which banned NAACP activities in Alabama. This article also relates that the injunction banning NAACP activities in Alabama is still in effect, and that the NAACP cannot take steps to have the injunction lifted until the contempt finding and the fine are "cleared away".

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will report the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court on the matter described in this report and rerep, when decision is announced.

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AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Will follow and report pertinent data re status of NAACP in Alabama, and Communist infiltration of NAACP within Mobile Division area.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] 12/20/56, at Birmingham. b7c

Bureau letter to Mobile, 4/29/57.

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will be referred to as the CP in this report.

It is noted the CP has been designated by the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

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PAST OR PRESENT CP MEMBERS WHO ARE ACTIVE  
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A Special Agent of the FBI has observed that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Attorneys, have a law office in Room 216, San Diego Hotel, San Diego, California.

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The National Lawyers Guild has been described by LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ, former CP National Committee member, as having formed in New York City on December 1, 1936, as the "legal arm" and "working ally" of the CP.

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[REDACTED] advised that the Chairman of the Palm Springs Chapter of the NAACP is LAWRENCE V. CHATMAN.

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The "People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

Orange County

The "Santa Ana Register", a daily newspaper, on April 10, 1957, carried an article reflecting the election of officers on April 9, 1957, for the coming year.

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150 members in the Imperial Valley Chapter of the NAACP. This Chapter has two committees, an Investigative Committee and a Legal Redress Committee. The Investigative Committee investigates complaints and the Legal Redress Committee handles any subsequent action.

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COMMUNITY UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP  
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[REDACTED], that the Community Unitarian Fellowship (CUF) of San Diego County, California, was formed as the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice and was affiliated with the First Unitarian Church in San Diego, California, during the year 1952. It withdrew from the First Unitarian Church in December, 1952, because of policy disputes with the church and changed its name to Community Unitarian Fellowship.

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[REDACTED], advised that as of that date, speeches and debates following the CP line were sponsored by the CUF and that officers were former Independent Progressive Party (IPP) members and CP sympathizers.

[REDACTED] advised that as of that date, the CUF continued to sponsor speeches following the CP line.

The Independent Progressive Party (IPP) was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 Report as "Among typical mass organizations that are victims of Communist domination".

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ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR  
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (OCCFEO)

The Santa Ana Register, a daily publication at Santa Ana, California on June 11, 1956, reported a meeting was held at 10953 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, with residents of various towns in Orange County, California present. The article quoted the following statement of purpose: "The OCCFEO has as its purpose to discuss and act constructively upon problems of discrimination and prejudice against Negroes, Mexicans, Chinese, Japanese-Americans and other minority peoples of Orange County in the spirit of good will and fair play."

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many of the leaders and active members of the OCCFEO are Communist Party members or Communist Party sympathizers and the Communist Party of Orange County has supported the activities of the OCCFEO. However, participation in the affairs of the OCCFEO does not of itself connote Communist Party membership or sympathy. Source further advised that as of this time, the organization is still seeking housing for members of the minority races.

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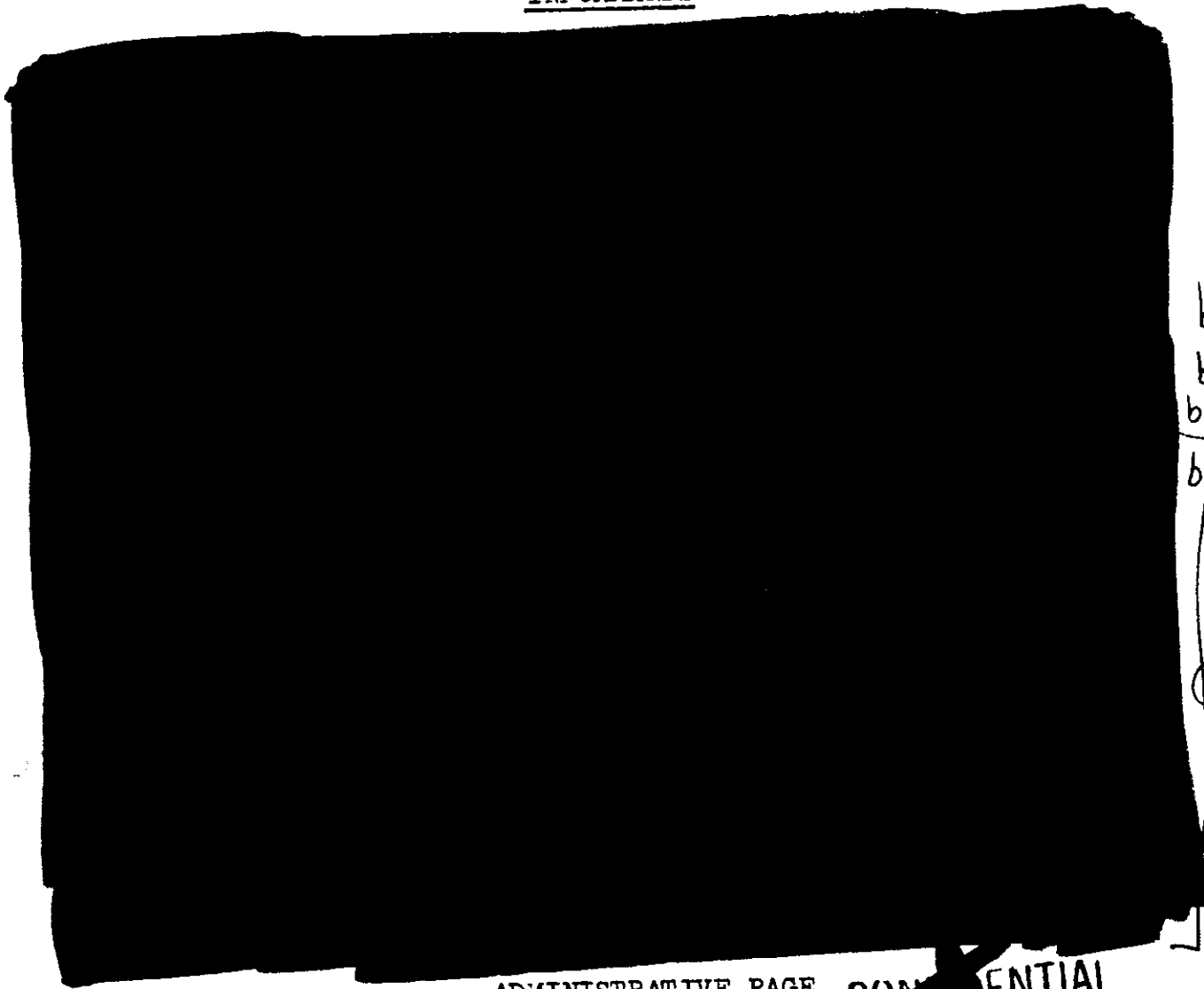
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It is believed continued investigation of the Communist infiltration of the NAACP is warranted.

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Report of [redacted] dated April 19, 1957 at San Diego.

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Bureau letter to San Diego dated May 10, 1957.

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CHARACTER OF CASE <b>COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (DALLAS DIVISION)</b>		<b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:**

A permanent injunction was issued against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) by a State District Court, Tyler, Texas, on 5/8/57. This injunction did not outlaw the NAACP, but enjoined this organization from the practice of law, engaging in political activities, lobbying, soliciting law suits and hiring litigants to maintain and prosecute law suits. The NAACP was ordered to pay all accrued franchise taxes, plus interest and penalties within 30 days after the amount due the state is determined.

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DETAILS: The "Dallas Star Post," a Negro newspaper published in Dallas, Texas, in the issue of May 9, 1957, reflected that on September 20, 1956, JOHN BEN SHEPPERD, Texas Attorney General, filed a suit against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the 7th Judicial District Court at Tyler, Texas, to prohibit the NAACP from further engaging in its legal business affairs in Texas. Acting upon these claims this newspaper stated, the former Attorney General, JOHN BEN SHEPPERD,

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claimed that the NAACP had violated the laws of this state, whereupon Judge OTIS DUNAGAN issued a temporary restraining order against the NAACP, and later enlarged the restraining order into a temporary injunction. The effect of this was to tie up the affairs of the NAACP in the state, and close all of its branch offices for an indefinite period. The ultimate purpose of the suit was to drive the NAACP out of the state for good, this paper indicated.

The paper continued that in the original suit, the state asked among other things, that the court issue a declaratory judgment in which it would properly interpret the laws of Texas with respect to the NAACP and its rights to continue to carry on its business in the state. It was the request by the state that gave rise to the permanent injunction issued by the court.

The paper continued that in its injunction, the court directed the NAACP to refrain from the following:

1. Engaging in the practice of law
2. That it may not for its own benefit or with the intent to distress or harass the defendant, willfully institute or encourage the bringing of law suits in violation of the laws of the state
3. That the NAACP may not solicit law suits for filing and it may not solicit persons to file law suits in Texas
4. That it may not hire or pay anyone to file a law suit in Texas
5. That it may not engage in political activities in the state contrary to the laws of the state, and
6. It may not engage in lobbying activities contrary to the laws of the state.

This newspaper stated that no corporation, either the NAACP or any other corporation may lawfully engage in the practice of law in Texas. It further stated that no corporation may lawfully do any of these things listed above and from which the NAACP is restrained from doing; therefore, the newspaper continued, all the NAACP has been enjoined from doing are things which it may not do lawfully anyway. So, the NAACP has lost no right as a corporation that it had before the suit was filed. These things were unlawful before the suit was filed, and they are unlawful now. The NAACP contends that it has never engaged in these activities in the past, and that it will not engage in them in the future, this paper stated. The paper concluded, therefore, that the NAACP had lost nothing in this suit.

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Attorneys W. J. DURHAM and C. B. BUNKLEY, JR., who represented the NAACP in this suit, were quoted by the paper as having said that they could see no justifiable reason for an appeal from the ruling of the Tyler court because nothing had been lost by the decree. The NAACP is back in business, these attorneys were quoted as saying, and it is permitted to do all that it has ever done in the past. If the NAACP has engaged in any of the prohibited activities, it was wrong in doing so, this paper stated, but the long history of the NAACP supports the contention that the NAACP always operated within the framework of the law. If this be so, the newspaper reflected, "and it appears that it is so, then the NAACP has lost nothing as a result of the suit." The court held as a matter of law that the NAACP is a non-profit making organization and that as such, it is not permitted by law to have a permit to do business in the state. This is a direct rejection of the state's contention that the NAACP is a profit-making organization and was, therefore, subject to strict corporate control by the state, this newspaper said.

The "Dallas Morning News," Dallas, Texas, dated May 9, 1957, reflected that District Judge DUNAGAN on May 8, 1957, had issued a permanent injunction order against the NAACP in Texas, and all of its affiliated organizations. The order does not mean that the NAACP is completely outlawed, this article stated; however, it points out that the defendant organizations have no lawful rights under the laws of Texas, and are permanently enjoined from:

1. Engaging in the practice of law or financing a suit in which they have no direct interest.
2. Engaging in political activities or in lobbying activities contrary to the state laws.
3. Soliciting law suits, either directly or indirectly.
4. Hiring or paying any litigants to present, maintain or prosecute a law suit.

Judge DUNAGAN held that the Texas State Conference of Branches and the Southwest Regional Conference of the NAACP and the 111 individual branches named in the suit are integral parts of the parent organization, and subject to its direction and control.

The order also held that the NAACP which has done business in Texas since 1915, according to this newspaper, is a non-profit making organization, and as such, is not required to obtain a state permit but "under the law is required to file franchise tax reports or returns and to pay franchise taxes for the privilege of operating as a corporation." The NAACP was ordered to pay all accrued franchise taxes plus interest and penalties within 30 days after the amount

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due the state is determined. Failure to comply will mean the forfeiture of the right to do business in Texas. There is the further stipulation that all NAACP branches permit an examination of their books, records and accounts upon written request from the Attorney General's office. The court decreed that the NAACP's Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., one of the defendants, is now completely divorced from the parent organization, but subject to the same restrictions. The NAACP, according to this newspaper, promptly filed notice of appeal when this court order was handed down. All activities of the NAACP were halted last fall by a temporary injunction and the trial just ended was, according to the newspaper, to determine whether the injunction was to be made permanent. The court made it clear that the NAACP could continue to function in Texas as long as it complies with the laws of Texas and the terms of this injunction.



The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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NEW YORK (INFORMATION)

Two copies of this report are being furnished the New York Office inasmuch as that office covers the headquarters of the NAACP.

DALLAS

At Dallas, Texas

Will report the activity within the NAACP in the Dallas Division.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
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DETAILS This investigation is predicated on information received that Communist Party (CP) members have infiltrated the captioned organization. Our investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and the result of this infiltration. The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of this organization.			
For the purpose of brevity the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth be referred to as the NAACP.			
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Will continue to follow and report pertinent information concerning Communist infiltration of the NAACP.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

National Convention of the NAACP held at Detroit, Mich. 6/25-30/57. Convention proceedings briefly summarized. Anti-Communist resolution reaffirmed by NAACP. No evidence that CP attempted to influence or direct the activities of the convention. Some CP members attended convention as delegates and observers. CP press also afforded convention press coverage.

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**DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan**

This report covers the 1957 National Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held in Detroit, Michigan, on June 25-30, 1957. The investigation reported herein was directed solely toward the establishing of the extent and results of the efforts by the Communist Party (CP) to influence and direct the activities of this convention. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not interested in investigating the legitimate activities of the NAACP.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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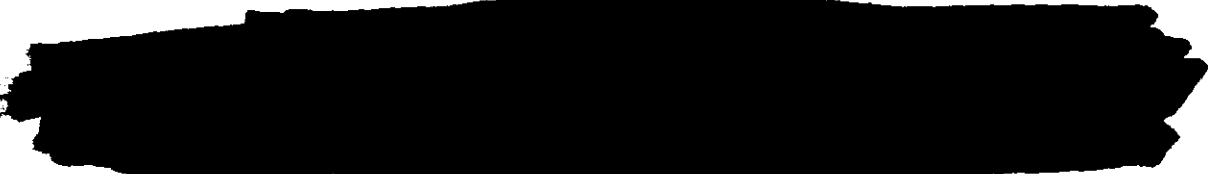
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48th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE  
NAACP  
Detroit, Michigan  
June 25 - 30, 1957

I. BRIEF SUMMARIZATION OF CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS



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June 25th Session

An article appearing on page 6, column one, of the June 25, 1957, 5 Star Final of the "Detroit News," a daily newspaper of general circulation in Detroit, captioned "NAACP Hits Congress as Laggard" states that ROY WILKINS, NAACP Executive Secretary, claimed that Congress is the chief laggard in the fight for civil rights, at the opening of the formal sessions of the NAACP Convention in the Veterans Memorial Building in Detroit on 6/25/57. WILKINS is also reported in the article as stating that the CP has "failed again and again" to win support of the Negroes. The article continues quoting WILKINS "The Negro American has no sympathy for Communism whatsoever. No more than 2,000 Negroes ever were claimed by the Communists themselves. When you have some 16,000,000 Negroes in America, badgered and harrassed as they are, it is a miracle that more have not turned to Communism." WILKINS is also quoted in the above article as stating that of the NAACP's 350,000 members, "There may be some fellow travelers and sympathizers, but no known Communists in the organization."

This article stated that the June 25, 1957, sessions were devoted largely to routine organizational matters.



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June 26th Session

An article appears on page 34, column one of the June 27, 1957, Red Line Edition of the "Detroit Times," a daily newspaper of general circulation in Detroit, captioned "Reuther Lashes Civil Rights Lag in Congress." The article states that a mass meeting of approximately 2,500 persons on June 26, 1957, at the NAACP Convention, heard WALTER REUTHER, President of the UAW, and JOSEPH L. RAUH, JR., National Chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action. In his speech, Mr. REUTHER is reported to have criticized Senator EASTLAND of Mississippi for consistently blocking civil rights legislation. REUTHER is quoted as stating "EASTLAND doesn't know anything about Communists. We (the UAW, ADA, and NAACP) do more in one week to combat Communism than these people do in a lifetime."

The above article mentions that JOSEPH L. RAUH, JR. of Americans for Democratic Action who preceded Mr. REUTHER on the stand outlined a 4-point program to supplement the NAACP's legal fight for survival in the south and called on the President, the Vice-President, the Justice Department, and all national organizations believing in civil rights, for support.

June 27th Session

The Metro-Final Edition of the "Detroit Free Press," a daily newspaper of general circulation in Detroit, on June 28, 1957, page 3, column 8, carried an article entitled "NAACP Criticizes Banks for Home-Loan Squeeze." The article states that 2 major questions - housing and the Senate filibuster - occupied the 4th session of the NAACP Convention on Thursday, June 27, 1957. The question of housing was stimulated by a report from MADISON JONES, Special Assistant for Housing for the NAACP. The question of the filibuster arose upon receipt of a telegram from Senator CHARLES POTTER of Michigan, advising the convention that he was urging the Senate to change Rule 22 before the Civil Rights Bill is taken up on the floor. ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, is reported in this article to have stated

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that the change in the Senate rules to prevent filibuster is one of the Convention's major aims.

June 28th Session

The Metro-Final Edition of the "Detroit Free Press" on June 29, 1957, page 3, column 3, in an article entitled "NAACP Honors Boycott Leader" states that 3,000 people filled the Ford Auditorium at 7:45 p.m. on Friday night, June 28, 1957, to see the NAACP honor Reverend Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING of Montgomery, Alabama, with the coveted Spingarn Medal. The article states that this medal was presented to Reverend KING by the Right Reverend RICHARD S. EMRICH, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. This medal was presented to Reverend KING for his leadership in the desegregation fight in Montgomery, Alabama.

The above article also reported that Representative CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR. spoke at this meeting and paid tribute to Vice-President NIXON for fostering friendship for America during his recent trip through Africa and for his fight to bring the Civil Rights Bill to the floor of the Senate.

June 29, 1957 Session

The June 30, 1957, edition of the "Detroit Free Press", section A, page 2, columns one and two, carried an article captioned "NAACP to Fight Civil Rights Foes," which stated that the adoption of a strong program for political action, particularly with regard to civil rights legislation, highlighted the final business session of the NAACP Convention on Saturday, June 29. The article continued that the major portion of the final session was devoted to passage of resolutions. The political action resolution was stated to have received unanimous approval.

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The above article continues, "A dramatic moment occurred when Dr. H. CLAUDE HUDSON, reading the convention's resolution against Communism, collapsed and had to be led from the auditorium in the Veterans Memorial Building." The resolution Dr. HUDSON was reading hit at the CP's new line of infiltration into non-Communist organizations.



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June 30th Session

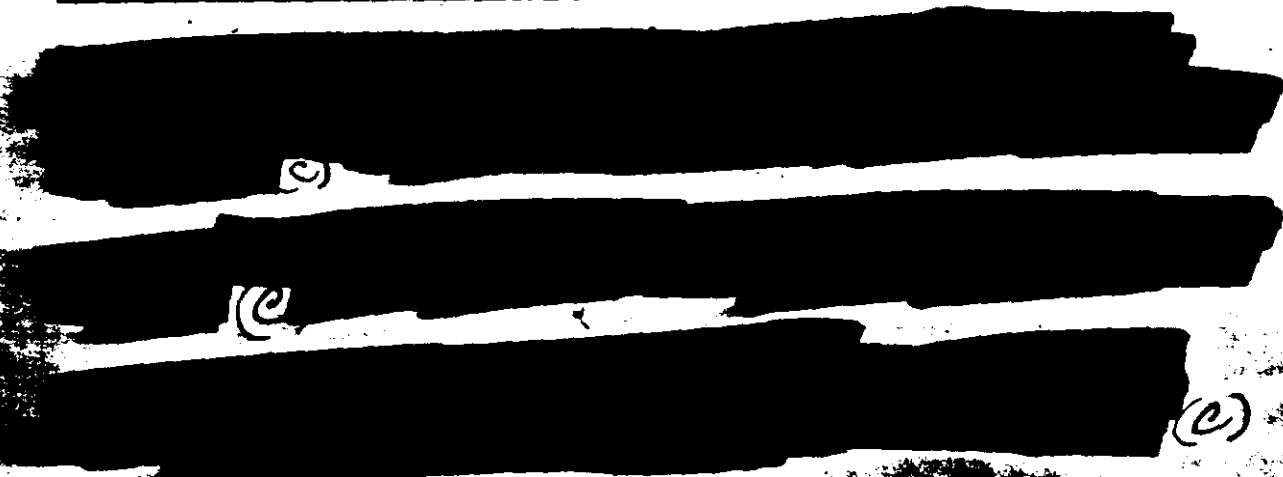
The July 1, 1957, Metro-Final Edition of the "Detroit Free Press," page 3, column 7, carried an article captioned "Laws Alone Not Enough, NAACP Told." This article reports that 3 men, THURGOOD MARSHALL, JACKIE ROBINSON, and ROY WILKINS, addressed the nearly 15,000 persons attending the final session of the NAACP Convention on Sunday, June 30, at the Olympia in Detroit.

THURGOOD MARSHALL, in his address, touched on the school desegregation problem and on restrictive covenants in housing. ROY WILKINS was reported as asking for "White House" assistance in the present "desegregation crisis."

JACKIE ROBINSON, described as the first Negro to penetrate the color bar in major league baseball, pleaded for greater financial support to the NAACP.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY EFFORTS TO  
INFILTRATE CONVENTION

A. Communist Party Participation in Convention



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C. Communist Party Press Coverage

An editorial appeared on page 5, column 1, of the July 3, 1957, edition of the "Daily Worker." This editorial was captioned "The NAACP Convention" and stated in part that the 48th Annual Convention of the NAACP, which closed last weekend at Detroit, undoubtedly registered a high water mark in the fight for civil rights and for the expansion of democracy.

Other articles under the byline of ABNER BERRY appeared on page 1, column 2, of the June 27, 1957, edition of the "Daily Worker"; on page 1, column 1, and on page 2, column 2, of the July 1, 1957, edition of the "Daily Worker"; and on page 5, column 1, of the July 2, 1957, edition of the "Daily Worker."

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Articles concerning the NAACP Convention which were under the byline of WILLIAM ALLAN also appeared on page 3, column 1, of the June 27, 1957, edition of the "Daily Worker" and on page 2, column 4, of the July 1, 1957, edition of the "Daily Worker."

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**SYNOPSIS:** National Headquarters for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) continues to be located at 20 West 40th Street, NYC. The NAACP National Convention was held in Detroit, Michigan, June 25-30, 1957. No information was received indicating any CP influence at the convention. NAACP membership increased in 1956 from 305,589 to 350,424. At the end of the year 1956, the NAACP had 1,467 branches in 44 states, Alaska and the District of Columbia.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the captioned organization. Our investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and the result of this infiltration. The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of this organization. u

For the purpose of brevity, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth be referred to as the NAACP. u

The following organizations utilized in this report have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450: u

Civil Rights Congress (CRC)  
Labor Youth League (LYL)  
Socialist Workers Party (SWP)  
Communist Party, USA (CP, USA)  
Communist Political Association (CPA)  
Independent Socialist League (ISL)  
American Youth for Democracy (AYD)  
Young Communist League (YCL)  
Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

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Young Socialist League (YSL)

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NATIONAL SECTION

Address

The current Manhattan Telephone Directory reflects that the address for the NAACP continues to be 20 West 40th Street, New York City. u

NAACP National Convention

The NAACP National Convention was held in Detroit, Michigan, June 25-30, 1957. According to the "New York Times," a daily New York newspaper, issue of June 24, 1957, page 23, this convention would bring approximately 1,000 delegates from all over the country. The article reflected that the NAACP membership increased in 1956 from 305,589 to 350,424. At the end of the year the NAACP had 1,467 branches in 44 states, Alaska and the District of Columbia. u

Regarding the recently concluded NAACP Convention, no information was received which indicates that the CP was effective in infiltrating this convention. u

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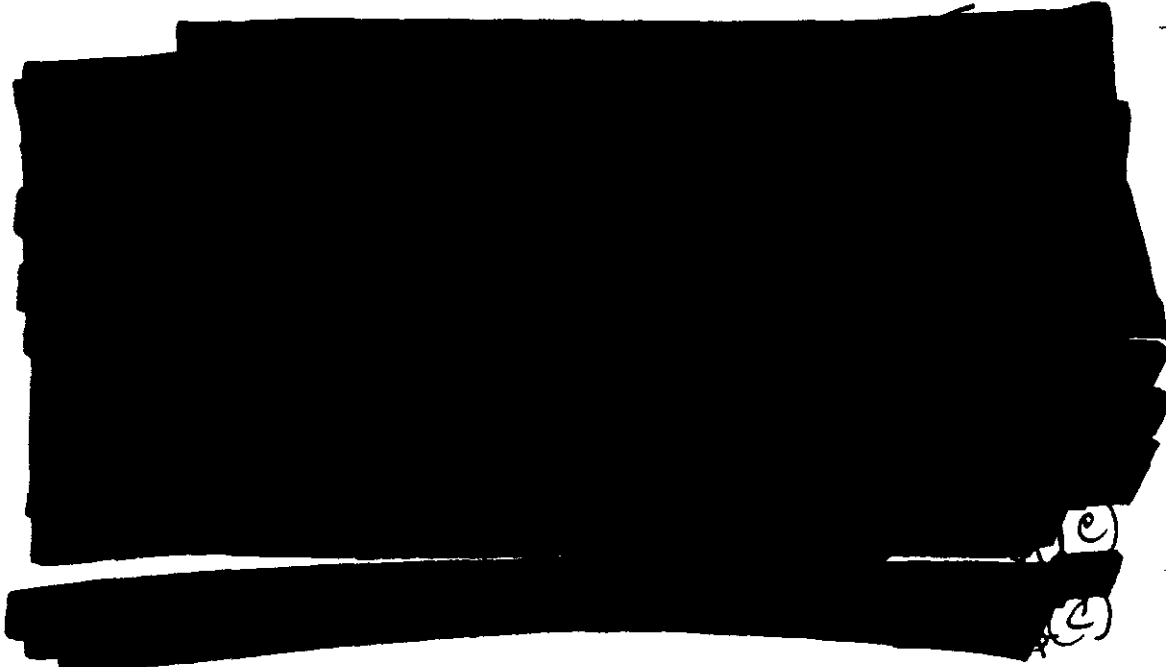
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STATE AND LOCAL

There follows hereafter a summary of the efforts of the CP, USA and SWP to infiltrate the NAACP. This information is being submitted geographically by states and territories. U

ALABAMA

At Birmingham, Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Birmingham Division. There are no known Communists in the Birmingham area who are members of the NAACP. U

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At Mobile, Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Mobile Division. There are no known Communists in the Mobile Division who are members of the NAACP.

ALASKA

At Anchorage, Alaska

No indication of Communist infiltration of the NAACP chapters located at Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, has been reported.

ARIZONA

At Phoenix, Arizona

No additional information has been received that would indicate that the CP has accomplished any infiltration of the NAACP in Arizona.

ARKANSAS

At Little Rock, Arkansas

No additional information has been reported which would indicate that CP members have infiltrated any branches of the NAACP in Arkansas.

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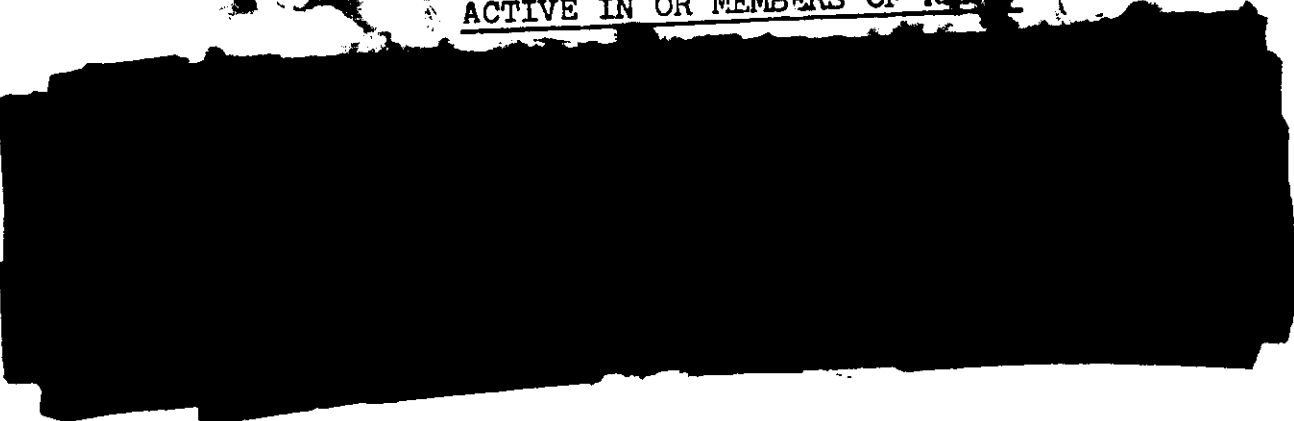
At Baltimore, Maryland

No additional information has been received to reflect any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Delaware.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At Washington, D.C.

PAST OR PRESENT CP MEMBERS  
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FLORIDA

At Miami, Florida

No additional information has been reported regarding Communist infiltration of the NAACP branches in Florida.

GEORGIA

At Atlanta, Georgia

No additional information has been received reflecting any Communist infiltration into the branches of the NAACP in the Atlanta Division.

At Savannah, Georgia

No additional information has been received to indicate any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Southern District of Georgia.

HAWAII

At Honolulu, Hawaii

Information has been reported that the NAACP is non-existent in the territory of Hawaii.

IDAHO

At Butte, Montana

No information has been reported indicating any attempts of the CP to infiltrate chapters of the NAACP in Idaho.

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ILLINOIS

At Chicago, Illinois

PAST OR PRESENT CP MEMBERS  
ACTIVE IN OR MEMBERS OF NAACP

No additional information has been received from the Chicago Division, reflecting any additions or deletions of individuals/<sup>with</sup> CP membership who are also members or active in the NAACP.

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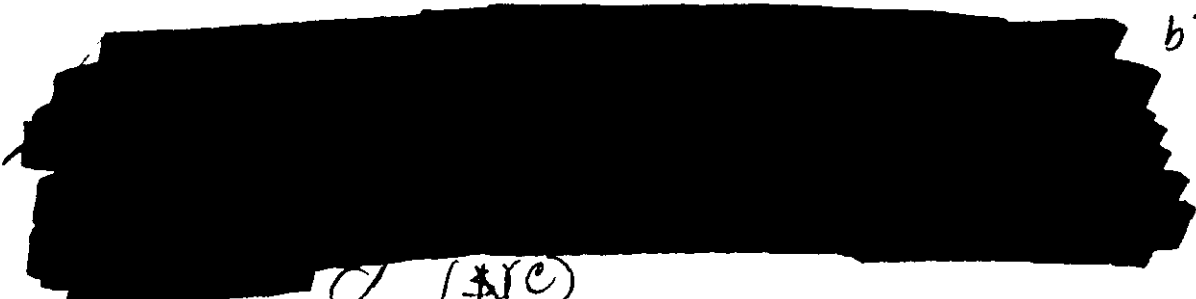
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At Indianapolis, Indiana

No additional information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Indiana. u

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KANSAS

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received reflecting any attempts on the part of the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Kansas. u

KENTUCKY

At Louisville, Kentucky

No additional information has been received reflecting any Communist infiltration or control of the NAACP in the state of Kentucky. u

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At New Orleans, Louisiana

No additional information has been received indicating any infiltration of the NAACP in Louisiana. u

MAINE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Maine. u

MARYLAND

At Baltimore, Maryland

PAST OR PRESENT CP MEMBERS ACTIVE  
IN AND WHO ARE PRESENT MEMBERS IN  
THE NAACP

No additional information has been received regarding CP members who are active in and/or who are present members of the NAACP in Maryland. u

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MISSISSIPPI

At New Orleans, Louisiana

No additional information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in the Southern District of Mississippi.

At Memphis, Tennessee

No information has been reported that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in areas of Mississippi covered by the Memphis Division.

MISSOURI

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the Kansas City Division.

At St. Louis, Missouri

Attempts by the CP to Infiltrate

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MONTANA

At Butte, Montana

No evidence of attempts of the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Montana has been reported.

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NEBRASKA

At Omaha, Nebraska

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PAST OR PRESENT CP MEMBERS WHO  
ARE ACTIVE IN AND/OR MEMBERS  
OF THE NAACP

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NEVADA

At Salt Lake City, Utah

No additional information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in Nevada. ✓

NEW HAMPSHIRE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in New Hampshire. ✓

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