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FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

By Sherman A. Patterson, Editor
Militant Truth, Chattanooga, Tenn.
January 1947.

Being a CHRISTIAN is the most serious business in the world. And the most important thing in the world to every honest, sincere, saved man or woman is to be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to PUT HIM FIRST in ALL THINGS.

Lines are being drawn today, as never before. Real Christians must STAND UP and BE COUNTED for Christ, and must HAVE NO PART in the present program of MODERNISTIC INFIDELITY that has penetrated into positions of absolute domination in many of our church organisations, and which has, for many years, been fostered by the so-called FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA.

The Federal Council leadership is not only modernistic and apostate from a spiritual point of view, but many of its officials are also directors and promoter of various other socialist, pacifist, internationalist, collectivist and communist-front institutions and organizations.

WHERE DOES YOUR PREACHER STAND?

Followed to its natural conclusion, the Federal Council's program of meddling internationalism, socialistic ownership and left-wing unionism would mean the repeal of the Declaration of Independence, the destruction of the Bill of Rights and the abolition of the freedom and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

In truth -- it would substitute ITALIAN COMMUNIST COLLECTIVISM for CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICANISM.

Christian friends, what about YOUR PREACHER? Does he preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, or a compromising, modern-

istic social gospel?

Does HE preach SALVATION through the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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gospel of world information?

Does HE believe in free Constitutional Americanism, or has HE become a
PC: hands of the socialists, the internationalists and the Stalin-lovers?

As Bible-believing Christians and liberty-loving Americans, we must REMAIN
LOYAL TO OUR CHRIST and OUR COUNTRY and uphold the hands of God-fearing ministers
of the gospel, but refuse to give one moment of our time or one cent of our money
to support the MODERNIST-SOCIALIST program of the Federal Council.

CHARLES P. TAFT
PRESIDENT, FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
OF CHRIST IN AMERICA.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.,
February 3, 1947.

Rev. H. Springer of Colorado in Western Voice, January 16, 1947, states;

"Charles P. Taft - remember the name - neither a minister nor a saved man - is the new head of the pre-Red and Modernistic Federal Church Council. Mr. Taft is vaguely an Episcopalian by profession, but in belief a Unitarian like his father, the late president Wm. Howard Taft; for he denies the deity of Christ and the all sufficiency of his atoning blood. With this lack of true faith, this denial of the heart of Scripture, he steps eagerly into the Post vacated by the "Wobbly" Bishop Ounan, the badly gored "Ox" of Methodism. Since he is not of the Clergy and is atheistic toward Christ, one wonders in amazement and in God's name what such a man is doing at the head of a Church organization? Mr. Taft's explanation is both glib and simple; he is a politician, he declares, and since the organization is no longer spiritual, since it has no Bible to teach, and is meddling in politics, he seems to have a job to do (and possibly against the interest of the American People, as he is against Christ as Redeemer."

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Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America

Pittsburgh, Pa.

February 8, 1947.

Sponsored by Philip Murray and C.I.O. Mr. Ramsey travels about the country addressing Ministerial groups i.e. to make the necessity for Christian thinking on labor problems an active part of the Church's work, to the end that the Church through its influence may help settle these problems on a Christian basis. Also that the Church, through its contact with the Union members who are in the Church, can help to stamp out the racketeer element in the Labor movement.

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FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES U.S.A.

REV. CAMERON P. HALL, CHAIRMAN

Pittsburgh, Pa.

February 7, 1947.

Reverend Cameron P. Hall handles the Industrial Relations Department of the Federal Council of Churches and will be Chairman of the Economic Council to be held in this city February 18th, 19th and 20th.

At present he is assisting the C.I.O. in the South to organize industry.

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Dr. Bordeaux Critical of Federal Churches Bible Forum

Dr. Bordeaux, a prominent leader of the fundamentalist movement, spoke at a forum on the Washington Bible Institute, 4500 Broad Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C., last night. The forum was held in connection with the 10th anniversary of the National Labor Relations Board. Branches of the National Labor Relations Board are being organized at 7,000 work places to be addressed by Dr. H. C. G. of the General Association of Regular Bibles Churches. Dr. C. A. McIntire, editor of Christian Beacon, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, said that most of the major fundamental bodies with an estimated membership of 27,000,000 persons, headquarters in New York City, Dr. Taft, Cincinnati lawyer and former Senator, Taft, Republican, Ohio, is president of the organization. The fundamentalist movement of churches is the largest and most influential with the Federal Council of Churches, which is composed of a group of fundamentalist churches as well as the Federal Council. It now comprises 13 denominations having a total membership with approximately 9,500,000 members. The fundamentalist movement is the local body, similar to the American Council.

Dr. Bordeaux further declared that naming the Federal Council as the most helpful friend of Russia in the American religious field as far as some of its leadership is concerned.

At the opening session of the conference last night Dr. Bordeaux said "the American Council defends the right of collective bargaining and opposes exploitation, but is against the closed shop as destructive of a man's right to labor freely." He stated that "the old fundamentalist controversy of the 1920s has shaped itself into an organizational divergence," resulting in the two councils.

Representative Budenz, Republican of Illinois told the gathering last night that Communists are turning those American youths that could reach to be atheists.

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F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.,

Gentlemen:

I recently heard a Judge of the Superior Court, say at a church prayer meeting, that the Federal Council of Churches is infiltrated with Communism. And he gave as his informant, yourselves.

I dont like to believe any thing derogatory about any one like that without the best of reason. And I do not know whether you will wish to make any statement on such a matter to a lay person or not.

But if you would care to let me know just what is the truth about that I should be very thankful, as we are called to act in reference to the Council quite often, that is the local church congregation is.

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Yours very truly

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March 22, 1947

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 7, 1947, has been received. Although I would like to be of assistance it has long been a policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only. I know you will recognize the reasons for this rule and will draw no inference from my inability to furnish the information requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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New York City
March 4, 1947

Summary of report - Plan

NATIONAL STUDY CONFERENCE
ON THE CHURCH and ECONOMIC
LIFE- HELD IN PITTS, PA., FEB. 18-20

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Here is a list so far known of C.I.O. representatives that were present and a note or two picked up about the affair;

Chas. C. Weber - reporter for the C.I.O. News

Note - Conference leaders stated here in New York that the press would be excluded, except by closest invitation.

Lucy Randolph Mason - Southern C.I.O. public relations representative.

Note -

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Herminio Eby - C.I.O. Director of Education and Research

Victor G. Sauter - Educational Director, United Auto

Workers.

A. Whitehouse - Cincinnati district of C.I.O. Steel Workers.

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J. Knobb - Director, Dist. 30, Steel Workers.

Chas. C. Weber - Chaplain and Pres. Virginia C.I.O. - he was also the official C.I.O. reporter.

Stanley Kuttentberg - Ass't. Dir. of Research for C.I.O.

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New York City
March 4, 1947

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SECOND REPORT

Note- This is the report prepared by George A. Karston, a communist writer who represented the Daily Worker and Communist Party at the conference

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By George A. Karston

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FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA
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There are being submitted herewith two photostatic copies of memoranda dated March 4, 1947, both dealing with the National Study Conference on the Church and Economic Life, which was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from February 18 to 20, 1947, sponsored by the captioned organization.

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Mar 20 1947

Mr J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.

Federal Washington D.C.
Council of Churches of Christ
Dear Mr. Hoover ^{in America}

Believing you to be the
best informed man in our
country regarding the "Red Menace"
I am writing you for facts
concerning whether or not the
Federal Council of Churches
of Christ in America is
Communist or
towards Communist

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The reason for this question is because I recently read of a report found on page 13,503 of the Congressional Record of August 17-1935. This report was made by the Intelligence Dept. of the United States Navy. The article also says that the reason that more was not heard of it was because Pres Roosevelt ordered the lid on. Any light concerning the above will certainly be appreciated.

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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March 31, 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sending you herewith more correspondence relative to communism in the churches. I may be "looking for trouble" but I cannot sit idly by. My brothers would likely worry about me if they knew that I was doing this, but I know the Lord will protect me.

I want to suggest that your office check on a minister, [redacted] whose address at Christmas was [redacted]. As conditions are, I regret that I did not report him sooner. Am inclosing Christmas card from him and his family.

Am sending, also, copy of a program (made by [redacted] of a service for my Junior Choir which I organized and directed in his [redacted] church 1940 - 1941. [redacted] had been there two or three years then. Discipline in the church had been very bad and he and the congregation were most appreciative of my hard won results.

Toward spring of 1941, I sensed a tenseness between minister and congregation. The tone of his sermons changed. He began preaching racial equality, much to the horror of all. He regretted no colored lived in the neighborhood to attend his church. It was thought he had communistic tendencies and I heard that some of the men trailed him to communistic meetings, stressing the youth movement. He boldly invited people from that group to address his young people. Parents were alarmed. Several families left the church. Meetings were held and his resignation demanded.

I heard he admitted his communistic leanings and admitted that he had held meetings of colored groups in the parsonage. I talked with both [redacted] about the colored angle, but to no avail.

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They both begged to remain but refused to change their tactics. The Board was patient and kind, especially so because of their fondness for her. The the [redacted] finally left (in June, I think). I wanted to report

ack
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FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF AMERICA
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[redacted] to your office then but was told it had been done.

I think they went direct to [redacted]
He had a circuit of [redacted]
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All thru the war I wondered if he was preaching communism instead of the Gospel. I always felt like a hypocrite in answering their Christmas cards.

But conditions being worse now, I think I should report him. I am assuming my name will be withheld, should investigations be made.

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Respectfully yours,

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P.S. To date I've had no reply from [redacted] nor from [redacted] to whom I sent copies of my first letter to you and my letter to [redacted] I had Junior Choirs in [redacted] and [redacted] churches

Also I've had no reply as yet from my letter of March 24 to [redacted] If and when replies come, I shall send copies to you so your files will be complete so far as my fight against Communism is concerned.

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P.S. no. 2 - I sent the copies to [redacted] of [redacted] because I read & saw pictures of an interracial musical service held in [redacted]

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 31, 1947, has been received and I want you to know that your interest in writing me again is sincerely appreciated.

Your letter and its enclosures are being made a part of the permanent record of this Bureau, as has been the other information which you have sent me in the past.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Thank you very much.

DAVID E. THOMAS
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April 16, 1947

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Director
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I appreciate the stand you are taking against communism. I think it has almost gotten control in our country now. I am against it in every respect.

I am wondering why somebody does not expose communism in the Federal Council of Churches. I believe that that is the place where the communists are working more than in any other place. Many of the Federal Council leaders are members of communistic parties and organizations. Their program is to give time to modernist preachers and put off the true Gospel Preachers. I believe the only remedy now is to come back to the teaching of the Word of God. This country was founded on that and it will fall when we leave it out of our national life.

Forgive me for taking up your time.
May God bless you in your fight against wrong.

Yours sincerely,

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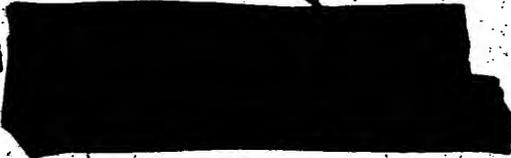
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"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many." Hebrews 9:28.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 16, 1947, has been received. I appreciate your interest in writing to me and in furnishing me with your comment.

It occurred to me that you might like to read the enclosed text of my statement before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, March 26, 1947.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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April 15, 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In your very able statement on communism in the United States dated March 26, 1947, I note your reference to certain ministers of the Gospel who promote the communist party and its activities in the United States.

For many years, I have been an active Layman in the Protestant Episcopal Church. Recently, I have been greatly concerned over the activities of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Certain of its officials and staff members seem to be openly promoting the abolition of the capitalistic system in the United States and the substitution of state socialism. I am now engaged in actively exposing these activities, not only to the membership of the Episcopal Church, but also to the membership of other Protestant denominations which compose the body of the Federal Council.

If you have any information concerning any of the personnel of the Federal Council, either its paid staff or its voluntary staff, which you can release for publication at this time, please forward it to me. The battle in which I am engaged will be greatly strengthened.

If you do not care to release such information as coming from you, I will appreciate it very much if you will forward to me through the local F. B. I. Office any references to existing publications or other sources to which I may turn for basic data. Provable knowledge of membership in a communist front organization or official association with persons known to be members of such organizations on the part of any personnel on the paid or volunteer staff of the Federal Council will be most helpful.

Your assistance and that of the local office of the F. B. I. will be highly appreciated.

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Yours very truly
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P. S.: I am

to investigate the Federal Council and to publish our findings.

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Your letter of April 15, 1947, has been received. I appreciate the thought which prompted you to write as you did and to furnish me with your observations. As a matter of long-standing policy, the files of this Bureau are held confidential and available for official use only; consequently, it will not be possible for me to comply with your request. No inference whatsoever should be drawn from my inability to be of assistance in this connection. I trust that on some other occasion we may be of service.

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Director

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HOW AND WHY THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IS

LEADING AMERICA INTO SOCIALISM

Address by the Rev. Carl McIntire
Collingswood, New Jersey

Vice-president of the American Council of Christian Churches

Delivered at spring meeting of Council, held in Cleveland, Ohio, April 17-20, 1947
in final mass meeting Sunday afternoon, April 20, in Hough Avenue Baptist Church

"Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the
fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words
nor to my law, but rejected it" (Jer. 6:19).

The Bible is the book of freedom. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ is the Author of liberty. Our freedom in America is grounded in God and His
holy Word. This is true because of the Bible's teaching concerning the importance of
the individual and his responsibility to God. We believe that God's people should
stand together, fellowship together, fight together in the Lord's battle against sin
and Satan, unbelief and apostasy. In the presence of this truth of the Scripture,
to organize another Council of Churches, our American Council of Christian Churches,
to offset the Federal Council of Churches which has been in the field since 1908
we must have compelling and convincing reasons. Let us look at one of these reasons.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, speaking before the American Legion
Convention, San Francisco, California, September 30, 1946, said: "The Communist in-
fluence has projected itself into some newspapers, magazines, books, radio and the
screen. Some churches, schools, colleges and even fraternal orders have been pene-
trated."

Mr. Hoover said, "Some churches." There are communists in the ministry of
the churches. Claude Williams, industrial minister to labor of Detroit Presbytery
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., is one. Harry F. Ward, professor emeritus
of Christian Ethics of Union Theological Seminary, New York, is another. Methodism
has also produced America's "Red Bishop," G. Bronley Oxnam, the recent president of
the Federal Council.

Mr. Hoover, in his statement before the House Committee on Un-American
Activities, again said, "Communists are able to secure ministers of the Gospel to
promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ
and Judaism." (March 26.)

Infiltration through the churches is one of the avowed communist tactics.
However, the most powerful and effective form of this infiltration is the introduc-
tion of Marxian ideas into Christian teaching in such a way that Marxian principles
are called Christian principles. Ministers and church boards therefore can advance
this line under the guise of Christianity, while thousands uncritically accept the
ideology presented in Christian phraseology because the church advocates it. We be-
lieve that the organizing principles of communism have become the social principles
of the Federal Council, and are now offered to us in the name of establishing the
kingdom of God on earth and the bringing in of world brotherhood. We call it a
near-communism.

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The larger Protestant denominations, members of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, together with the Federal Council, have become the channel for the subtle presentation to the American people of an alien ideology, socialism. Socialism is not Christian. It can never be made Christian. Its so-called organizing principles are contrary to the law of God and the concept of the individual in his responsibility to God as taught in the Bible. Socialism as it manifests itself today in the form of communism is most obviously anti-God. England has recently lost some of her freedom by embracing socialism, a so-called democratic socialism. She is being cursed for it, too.

Christianity gave America her freedom. Only the true Christian faith given in the Bible can defend our freedom and preserve it. Is America to continue to be a land of equal opportunity, freedom of enterprise, or is it to be a land of control by Government officials, commissars, and social planners from Washington? Is America to be a land of classes and class strife, ending in the tyranny of the one class, or is it to be a land of free men? To establish this so-called control by democratic processes, instead of by revolutionary and destructive measures, does not lessen the restraint and tyranny involved!

We must also be concerned about this as Christian men who love the Lord, because such controls will irresistibly involve the church and its freedom.

How is the Federal Council leading us into socialism?

1. By undermining the foundation of our free economy. Naturally, before we can accept socialism in America, our present free system must be discredited in one way or another. The system we have must be destroyed before a new one can take its place. Every Christian wants to be for the thing that is Christian. This, then, is the point at which the most powerful attack is made. ~~We have been told repeatedly by the Federal Council that no system of economy can be called Christian. If this is true, then Christians will not favor our present system!~~

On January 25, 1947 the Federal Council issued a study prepared by its Department on Research and Education entitled, "Christianity and the Economic Order—The Church and Economic Life." In it we read, "Christianity is not to be identified with any particular economic system." Also we read, "We can perform our Christian duty only as we encourage and guide the evolution of our own American pattern of economic relations toward a reflection of God's will." In one breath we are told that Christianity cannot be identified with any system and in another we are told that there is such a thing as a system reflecting God's will, and that it is the duty of Christians to change our ^{free} system!

Contrary to all this, our free society is built upon the Ten Commandments, and our individual freedom has come to us as a part of our glorious Christian heritage! Of course, if the Federal Council can persuade the country that Christianity cannot be identified with our free economic social system, it has succeeded in removing the foundation. If this can be shattered, the door is open for another system from that under which God has so blessed America.

Again, we are told that if the term "free enterprise" means "unregulated individualism," Christianity calls it in question." Our society is built upon the freedom of the individual, his freedom from regulation and restraint by the Government, and now we are told that Christianity questions all this and favors regulated individual activity!

What is here being asserted is contrary to everything that Americans have known in the exercise of their freedom. The Jeffersonian doctrine of individualism is not that individualism must be regulated. Only when an individual's liberty in-

fringes upon the liberties of others can there be any question concerning the limitation of that freedom. "Economic life," the Federal Council says, "is social through and through and must be controlled." This is the Marxian principle.

Our free system, too, is built upon individual property ownership and the exercise of the profit motive. All this is based squarely upon the Ten Commandments, particularly the eighth commandment which guarantees individual rights, "Thou shalt not steal."
^Property

The paper to which we just referred has this to say: "Christians believe that property represents a trusteeship under God, and that it should be held subject to the needs of the community. No man is the exclusive producer of his wealth; he is therefore not the exclusive sovereign over it." This is socialism's property principle. But, according to the Bible, a man owns his property in his own name and right. He has a right to exclusive ownership and use of it. He must decide in the sight of God what shall be done with what is his. He is a servant of God, not a trustee for the community or group, which implies the group's right to it all.

The Federal Council is leading us into a utopia of controls and a society of serfs.

Our present free system has many defects which need to be corrected. There are injustices on the part of management which must be corrected, but the way to correct them is not to use the defects as a justification for the destruction of the whole system itself and evolve a society of controlled economy which enslaves us all.

2. By the bold offer of an alien system. When a large shadow is cast over our present free system, as we have just seen, the Federal Council then steps forward to present the substitute -- its "will of God." This is contained in its officially adopted and continuously reaffirmed Social Creed or "The Social Ideals of the Churches." Only last year, March 5 and 7, 1946, the Federal Council said in a resolution: "The Social Ideals of the Churches, as previously adopted by the Federal Council, constitute a general statement on these subjects and continue to be of enduring value."

Plank 2 of this Creed reads: "Social planning and control of the credit and monetary systems and the economic processes for the common good." To control the economic processes for the so-called common good would make the OPA look like a house of toothpicks. Who is going to decide the common good? The economic processes include everything. Even the Socialist-Labor Party of England has not gone that far yet!

Benson Y. Landis, associate secretary of the Department of Research of the Federal Council, recognizes the radical nature of the new system. He calls it "the most comprehensive and representative statement of social ideals ever declared by American Protestantism" and says, "No one can contemplate the profound social changes involved in any successful carrying out of these Social Ideals . . ." That is our charge. They are profound social changes! They destroy our free America. Then he says, "The ideals that declared for an extension of democracy to industry and economic life generally were a bold challenge to the prevailing individualism of American life." And with this control will go an abundance of political corruption and advantage, depending upon whom you know.

Of course, accompanying this radical socialism, are declarations of a belief in freedom which completely contradict the plan for controls. But declarations of freedom do not supplant tyranny, no matter how vehemently they pronounce them.

This Social ~~ed~~ can be duplicated almost w ~~or~~ word in the constitution of the Soviet Union: "The socialist system of economy and the socialist ownership of the means and instruments of production firmly established as a result of the abolition of the capitalist system of economy, the abrogation of private ownership of the means and instruments of production and the abolition of the exploitation of man by man, constitute the economic foundation of the U.S.S.R." (Article 4, Chapter 1, The Organization of Society, of the Constitution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics). Again, "The economic life of the U.S.S.R. is determined and directed by the state national economic plan with the aim of increasing the public wealth" (Article 11, Chapter 1).

The Federal Council does not want Russia's atheism, and therefore it can say it is not communist, but it wants her economic organizing principles, which are Marxian and atheistic in nature. When we strip the Federal Council down to its program heart we find this controlled economy and socially planned society to be the substitute which it offers America for her freedom.

3. By deliberately working to bring about the change. Naturally, if our present free system is to be undermined, as we have seen, and if the Federal Council is to offer another system, we would expect to see the program for bringing this to pass. Therefore the Federal Council has published and circulated by the thousands booklets and statements to this end. One of them, "Churches in Social Action, Why and How," by James Myers, for years a Federal Council secretary, tells us:

"Certain it is that peaceful social change will not be accomplished unless the church, as well as other agencies of social education, sets itself to the task with new courage and greater knowledge, and builds programs and adopts methods consciously planned to bring about such results.

"In order to fulfill its ancient functions of prophet, priest and teacher in the modern world, the church will need to utilize special techniques and methods adapted to accomplish its purposes. Some of them are suggested in the following pages."

There is another section dealing with social legislation in which the church is called to active promotion of social legislation by Christian people which is "both a major method of bringing about peaceful social change and, in itself, a dramatization of the concern of religion for human welfare." The pamphlet concludes by telling us: "One of the principal hopes of achieving social change without violence may be said to lie in touching the conscience of all classes so that they will desire a better social order, even though it may mean in some cases loss of personal privileges and power. In pressing toward a brotherly world . . ." Socialism is offered in the name of a brotherly world. So the Federal Council preaches the universal brotherhood of man, not taught in the Bible, and explains that only socialism is brotherly, and the deed of the destruction of our free system is done!

This is the whole concept of their propaganda. The church is to be the instrument for the revolution. The church is to be the tool and the weapon to accomplish this in the name of its concern for human welfare. The church does have a concern for human welfare, and in such concern it should defend human freedom, not use its prestige and power to destroy our free system by the preaching of a false message. The way to preserve and to be interested in human welfare is to maintain freedom, not to destroy it.

The Saturday following the British election when England stunned us by going socialist, Dr. Walter W. ~~Van~~ Kirk, Federal Council official on "Religion in the News," WEAU, New York, declared that England had given us an example of "revolution

by consent." If such a revolution is to be brought to pass in America, we are told by the Federal Council, there must be programs built and methods adopted consciously planned to bring about such results. We shall list some of these plans. We are sure that Christian people do not realize that a conscious, determined effort is now in effect to use their churches to make America socialist. One reason for this is that, when a businessman writes to the general secretary of the Federal Council about the attack on our present profit system, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert writes back, as he has done, "In my judgment the kind of measures of social welfare which you assume would undermine the free enterprise system are really ~~constitutional~~ *constructive* procedures for strengthening it."

At the last meeting of the Federal Council in Seattle, Washington, December 4-6, 1946, which I attended, I heard Mrs. Kathleen Bliss, editor of Christian News-Letter, London, England, boast of the fact that England is the only country in the world in which what she called "the political left" had grown up in the church. This, she indicated, was responsible in no small way for the fact that England went socialist. The same thing is now being attempted with great success in America. When it is consummated, the Federal Council will boast of its leadership in bringing it to pass.

The Federal Council recently called a National Conference on the Church and Economic Life. I attended this conference, too. A program for the church in economic activity was adopted. A detailed plan for the use of every particular avenue and agency of the church, from the local unit to the training of theological students, was adopted. The program concluded by an attack upon the nature of church membership. It stated:

"Important among them (the plans) is a drastic change in the concept of church membership.

"Church membership as conceived throughout this report involves a deep concern for the economic welfare of mankind and a sacrificial dedication of time, talents and energies to the daily service of Christ through the extension of social justice in the economic field." Contrary to everything that Jesus Christ has taught concerning the ministry of His church and the nature of membership, this Federal Council-sponsored meeting, the first of its kind in the history of the church, tells us that we must not only change America but we must change our churches and the nature of membership.

4. By the endorsement and support of non-profit co-operatives. One of the most effective ways in which the Federal Council is attacking our free society and private enterprise system, upon which our freedom rests, is its all-out endorsement and support of the non-profit co-operative movement. Its Social Creed, adopted back in 1932, includes such a plank.

Mr. Charles P. Taft, president of the Federal Council, recently distinguished between free enterprise and co-operatives in his radio speech on WJR, January 5, 1947, when he said: "Really there is no such thing in existence as 'the free enterprise system.' Our economic system in the United States is very much of a mixed system. A very large part of it, I suppose, a good deal more than a tenth, is government." Co-operatives, he said, are still a third part of our economy, "not as important as in England or Sweden, but sizeable."

The non-profit co-operatives in their various fields of endeavor are not private enterprise, and when the principles involved find general acceptance we shall have socialism. It will be the non-profit society, which is communism!

Dr. Henry J. Carpenter, the chairman of the Federal Council's Department on The Church and Co-operatives, in his book, "Peace through Co-operation," which is the Council's textbook on this matter, writes: "Co-operatives are a system of production and distribution of economic goods, for the creation and allocation of wealth. Their general purpose, therefore, is often identical with that of capitalism; some of the appurtenances and some of the machinery of co-operatives are indistinguishable from the machinery employed by capitalism. But the rational, the inner spirit, are wholly different."

Dr. Carpenter declares: "It is my conviction that one cannot be a Christian, if we must function within a society where self-interest and personal profit are the dynamic of industrial life."

Under the guise of being non-profit the co-operatives have been tax exempt in the United States, and the full significance of what is involved has not been appreciated by those who levy the taxes. They should be taxed, so that they will have to compete on an equal basis with private enterprise. If they had to compete on an equal basis, they could not ~~survive long~~. The elements of responsibility and interest are not on the same level as in private industry. *personal*

become a serious threat.

5. By the use of the Sunday school literature of the denominations. No avenue of propaganda is left untouched by the powers in the Federal Council that would change our free society to one of socialism. The drive to capture the mind of our youth finds its most effective instrument in the Sunday school quarterly. I give you two examples; one from the Methodist, the other from the Presbyterian.

The Methodist Church in its official quarterly, The Adult Student, for March, 1946, in the lesson entitled, "The Road Ahead," for March 24, attacks Thomas Jefferson for his concept of freedom. We read:

"Another irresistible trend of the times is the development of a more deeply organic social life. . . . Jefferson held that the least governed are best governed. . . . Individual liberty was the great good and was to be interfered with, if at all, only when it interfered with the liberty of others. . . . The kind of individualism which John Locke, Adam Smith, Thomas Jefferson, and Henry David Thoreau proclaimed is gone. It brought us much of priceless value. But it failed to take into adequate account the extent of our dependence on one another and of our responsibility for one another. . . . Gradually we have been made aware that we are of one body."

President Truman on April 5th in his Jefferson Day address declared: "We know that as long as we remain free, the spirit of Thomas Jefferson lives in America. His spirit is the spirit of freedom. We are heartened by the knowledge that the light he kindled a century and a half ago shines today, in the United States."

The Methodist Church says that it is gone; President Truman says it shines today.

In the lesson for March 31st, "My Task Now," the Methodists tell us: "It is almost equally clear that a system in which the main motive of work is competition for selfish gain, regardless of public service rendered, is likewise less than Christian. . . . Indeed, an increasing number of informed observers is convinced that it is now impossible to return to the old ways or even to retain permanently what is left of capitalism."

Our free order which we call capitalism is gone, according to the Methodists. What is to take its place? The pupils in the Methodist Sunday schools are told: "In confronting all such problems the man of faith will not be concerned about

labels of 'capitalist' or 'communist,' 'reactionary' or 'liberal.' He will be concerned with creating an economic order in which all may share in the goods which all work to produce."

The new order is yet to be created. The principle stated here is socialism. More than 250,000 copies of this particular quarterly were placed in the hands of the adult students of Methodist Sunday schools, all for the purpose of winning them for socialism; and the money of devout, freedom-loving Christians paid for it!

The Presbyterians in their quarterly, "Leaders of Intermediates," for January, February, March, 1947, tell us: "As a nation we have achieved considerable democracy in political life and some measure of democracy in social relationships, but a significant advance of democracy in industry still waits. . . . It is urged that Christian insight, vision, and motivation, which have contributed to such democracy as we now have in our political and social life, must be directed into the economic and industrial areas that bulk so large in the well-being of individuals and nations."

The church is said to have a mandate "to extend its ministry into the industrial and economic order." "Christian virtue in economic life lies in broadening the base for the use of goods and services." The whole socialistic concept of society, the destruction of our free order, is here introduced into the quarterly of the Presbyterian Sunday schools for the purpose of "the advancement of the kingdom of God."

Remember, these two illustrations are just passing examples. You may pick up almost any quarterly you wish in the denominations inside the Federal Council, and if you will study closely you will see socialistic ideology being presented as a part of the kingdom of God and for the advancement of the well-being and good of all. Watch for the meaning given to the phrase "kingdom of God."

Dr. Cavert has written of the Federal Council denominations, "These denominations — such as Methodist, Protestant Episcopal, Congregational, Northern Baptist, Presbyterian U.S.A., etc. — are committed to the same general policies in the field of social and international affairs as those which the Federal Council pursues."

6. By working through 643 state and local councils in the United States. The projecting of the entire Federal Council's propaganda on the local level is done through "state, city, and county councils of churches."

Mr. Charles P. Taft, president of the Federal Council, in his first radio address as president of the Council (WJR, January 5, 1947), said: "There are now 634 state and local councils in the United States, with a total budget of over \$6,000,000. I know you will be interested that in five years, just since 1941, that has come up from 247, or two and a half times; and from \$1,800,000, or more than three times. So there you are with just a thumb-nail sketch of the framework of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America." The drive to win America to socialism is on. In it is the hope, they think, of peace with Russia. Russia can live with us if we are socialist, not if we remain capitalist and free!

All we need to do to see how the local program ties in with the drive to socialize America is to look at Pamphlet No. 1 just issued by the Philadelphia Council of Churches. Under the question, "What Is the Philadelphia Council of Churches?" we are told: "It is one of 634 state and local councils. . . . It is the organization which enables the Protestant Church to meet new and demanding challenges on the new frontier for the church in America — THE COMMUNITY." Again, "It is a fellowship of clergy and laity which concerns itself primarily with the Kingdom of God." They have capitalized "THE COMMUNITY." It is rather innocent sounding. Men will read it

and think it is fine (. . . the church is going to help . . . our social affairs, but when you tie this new frontier, THE COMMUNITY, with the kingdom of God to which they also refer, and then look at the propaganda the Federal Council puts out and what the Sunday school literature declares to be the new society, the kingdom of God, it is a camouflage to deceive the business interests and the men who love freedom, so that they will continue to put their money into the work to be used for the presenting of these socialistic ideas as the new community! What kind of Constitution would the United States have, had the "new frontier" of THE COMMUNITY been the project of the church back in 1776? Then it was individual freedom, which it must always be.

The main work of the local councils is to help bring in the social revolution. Instead of the free society, we are to have the controlled community.

7. By the honoring of socialistic preachers. Who are the men whom the Federal Council delights to honor? Who have been its spokesmen? Whose books and writings is the Federal Council promoting? We have read over the last fifteen years practically everything that the Federal Council has issued, and we have yet to find a single book that the Federal Council has promoted which actually defends our free society against socialism! It is Bishop Oxnard's "Preaching in a Revolutionary Age"; it is Carpenter's "Peace through Co-operation"; it is James Myers; it is E. Stanley Jones.

Dr. Jones, because of his gifts and gracious personality, has been more effectively used than perhaps any other one of the leaders. He is adept at blending Christianity and Marxism. In his book, "The Choice Before Us," he writes: "Communism, on the other hand, is an attempt at unity on a larger scale -- universal, in fact. It is attempting to bring unity into life by the recognition of what is to it a universal principle -- the economic interpretation of history, basing life upon the economic, with a more just and equitable distribution of good through the putting of the means of production into the hands of society for the benefit of all who labor (p. 14). Later in his discussion of the kingdom of God (p. 30) we read: "The fruits of the Kingdom in a material life would be a fundamental justice to every man; . . . a holding of the means of production by all in behalf of all."

There is no difference. It is socialism.

Then he concludes his book by saying (p. 203): "In this new Society of the Kingdom we shall exclude none, but when some exclude themselves in spirit, then they thereby exclude themselves in sharing. If they refuse to cooperate, then they are refused fruits of cooperation. They segregate themselves so they must live to themselves -- and perish by that very isolation." The new community will have the power to refuse to give men the right to live, if they will not co-operate. This is totalitarian.

There will only be freedom to co-operate according to the planners. It is men who advocate this evil that the Federal Council has exalted. No, they do not endorse the atheism of Russia, but they do endorse the social organizing principle of society. With such principles there can be no freedom, no matter how men emphatically declare they believe in freedom. The exaltation of these men, however, continues on every side.

The Federal Council sponsors the Church World Service to provide food and clothing for the needy of Europe. In the Christian Herald, April, 1947, we read: "One example of this help sent out by Church World Service is libraries. . . . It is not only food and clothing that goes A sense of oneness with world Christianity also accompanies the gifts." But these libraries, which are the spiritual aid, contain books "by such well-known religious leaders as ~~Fosdick, Buttrick, Hough,~~

Lucock, E. Stanley Jones and Oxnam."

Did the Americans who gave their money for food and clothing know that they were going to be purchasing the socialist books of E. Stanley Jones, Oxnam, to send as the Americans' message of "spiritual aid" and thus help to socialize Europe and encourage the organization of the new Europe for the new social order? The message of the American church to a torn Europe, given on the wings of food and clothing, is that, in the new society of the kingdom, the principles set forth in the Russian constitution must be adopted.

The evangelism of the Federal Council, too, includes this whole socialist philosophy. The folder from the Philadelphia Council of Churches, telling what the Council has done in the past six months, reports: It has reached "20,000 persons with the Gospel of Christ in the E. Stanley Jones' meetings." Dr. Jones as an evangelist went about presenting his principles which are the basis of the socialist order and new society. He did not preach the Gospel of Christ as it is taught in the Bible. His gospel is the kingdom as the new social order.

8. By the political program of the World Council of Churches. The Federal Council has done more than any other one agency to promote the World Council of Churches. It is its project.

The secretary of the World Council in Geneva, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, writing in an article, "Social and Political Forces of Tomorrow," declares: "The feeling that the capitalistic age is nearing its end is shared by men in all social groups." The groupings to which he refers are "liberalism, communism, socialism," and he concludes by saying that present-day socialism "sanctions a controlled and guided economy."

Last summer with money from the American churches and under the leadership of Bishop Oxnam and Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary, the Americans went to England and fought for the establishment of an International Commission on Church Affairs. Mr. Mallory Browne, reporter for the New York Times, declared that a split occurred in the meeting between American and European delegates. A number of European representatives at the conference urged caution, considering a proposal by the Americans to set up an International Commission through which churches could wield an organized influence on world affairs. Grave doubts were expressed and others warned that churches might thereby fall into the danger of being considered simply another power bloc. The American position prevailed and the Commission was set up "for the promotion of international, social, cultural, educational, and humanitarian enterprises." What are these "social enterprises"? The New York Times contained an editorial on the new Commission entitled "A World Lobby." Bishop Oxnam, however, in his book, "Preaching in a Revolutionary Age," in which he advocates socialism and planning on a world basis, says, "There must be over-all planning in terms of the whole world. 'Impossible,' 'Too vast,' it is said. I think not. . . . The planning can be done" (p. 109).

These Federal Council men through the World Council are contemplating planning the world economic order on the basis of these so-called Christian principles.

Now Dr. E. G. Honrighausen, professor at Princeton Seminary and head of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council, returns from Europe and at Indianapolis, April 1st, declared: "Every European country now has or will have a socialistic form of government. . . . The United States should use its influence to promote the development of moderate socialism, rather than Russian socialism. . . . The democratic form of government is a luxury which can be afforded only by people who are prosperous."

Why did we fight this last war -- to give men socialism or freedom? This is all a part of the general propoganda to weaken resistance and to lead Americans to support socialism and actually to provide the money which will make it work. But it is part of a far grander scheme to encircle America ideologically so that she will embrace socialism's philosophy. Now it is the Federal Council's chairman of evangelism who is telling the American people that when we support it abroad we can adopt it at home in our next depression!

9. By a close working alliance with the CIO-PAC. The Federal Council has joined in co-operation with the CIO leaders in Washington in the support of legislation which would destroy our free society. Items which the Council has supported are: Socialized medicine, socialized insurance, socialized undertakers, permanent F.E.P.C. legislation, full employment guaranteed by the Government, planned or socialized parenthood, socialized or planned economy, distribution of wealth by taxation, the substitution of consumers' and producers' co-operatives for the individual ownership and operation of enterprise, and others.

When the CIO-PAC launched its drive last year to organize the South, the Federal Council sent Cameron P. Hall, one of its church-financed secretaries, to tour the South in the interest of labor. Mr. Hall, according to a mimeographed statement issued by Tom Glasgow, a Charlotte, North Carolina, businessman, "urged as a Christian duty that the mill executives invite the CIO union in to take over their respective mills."

Mr. John G. Ramsey, Community Relations Director for the Southern drive, and also an official of the Federal Council, spoke in Little Rock, Arkansas, to ministers as "vice chairman of the Industrial Division of the Federal Council of Churches," according to the news report of the meeting carried in the Arkansas Gazette under the headline, "Seeks Church and CIO Co-operation."

This close teamwork between the Federal Council and the CIO was manifested perhaps most clearly in the National Conference on the Church and Economic Life held in Pittsburgh, February 18-20, 1947. There Federal Council ministers, together with CIO leaders, were able in almost every instance to put across their socialistic ideology to such an extent that the CIO News, March 3rd, official organ of the CIO, boasted that its leaders were influential in leading the conference to take many of the advanced positions which it did in the name of the Christian religion.

I have mentioned nine ways in which the Federal Council is using its influence and its position to lead America into socialism. I have endeavored in each instance to put my finger on the kernel, the heart of the matter. Undoubtedly, there are many things that the Council does which people would consider valuable, but in the light of its socialistic, near-communistic program, no matter what else it does, it can never justify the commendation and support of Christian people. A doctor who has a patient may provide that the patient have beautiful flowers and his best friend to hold his hand, soft music from a handy radio, and all other comforts for the patient, but, if, in the blood transfusion the doctor gives, there is not pure blood to match, but only water, the patient will have convulsions and die. It is into these convulsions that America is now going as a result of this insidious propoganda in the name of the church. A counterfeit is being offered the Christian people of the land. Christianity is being presented as socialism. The death of our free society is not far ahead unless the American people wake up and something is done in major proportions to stop it.

We said we would also ask the question, Why is the Federal Council doing this? The answer is that it has gotten away from the teaching of the Bible as God's holy and infallible Word. The Bible does not support socialism nor the approaches

which are being made bringing it to pass. All the subtleties of Satan and his ways are being employed to undermine us. Unless the church gets back to the Bible, its authority, its truthfulness, its finality, there is no hope for America. The Bible tells us that Christ died for our sins, offers eternal life as a gift of God, promises grace and strength for every test. The Bible tells men they must be born again, and love their neighbors! We do not need socialism. We need the Gospel of salvation and the freedom the Gospel brings and demands. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Another reason is that the Federal Council is convinced that the kingdom of God is a social order. The Federal Council therefore preaches this new social order rather than the true Gospel. This is a part of the delusion which is theirs; it is a part of the false teaching they have embraced. The kingdom of God is not a social order. Jesus Christ said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." In this age the purpose of the church is to call out from the world a people for the name of Christ. The Federal Council believes that, in order to establish this social order, our present system must be changed to one of economic control in which they will be able to establish a controlled equality which they think is the brotherhood of the kingdom. To these Federal Council leaders, by fighting and working for socialism, they are "implementing their faith."

Bishop Oxnham, in his final address as president of the Federal Council in Seattle in December, cried out, "The church must lead." He believes that the church must lead in the establishment of this kingdom of God on earth through the use of these political and economic means. Here, of course, the line is drawn between the teaching of the Bible as to the mission and purpose of the church and the teaching of modernism, the corruption that has come into the Protestant church in this hour. The kingdom, the new socialized order, has become a holy crusade, and if the issue is to be met it must be met forthrightly, openly, honestly, fearlessly. It is this method that the American Council has taken in order to save our freedom, the freedom of the church itself, and the future of our glorious land.

We are being told that America cannot survive another depression, that unless these changes are made in our society, unless we by democratic processes establish this new social order, we shall not be able to stand up against communism; and all these popular ideas which are being drilled into the ears of the American people are designed to whittle away their understanding of freedom and liberty.

Why does not someone tell us that we would rather have a hundred depressions and keep our freedom? Freedom is more important than any possible earthly security. The only way we can preserve ourselves is not by voting to embrace collectivism and socialism by various names, but by maintaining and defending our freedom.

The Federal Council is so large and powerful that many are afraid to oppose it, and suggest silence and appeasement. Even businessmen who realize what is at stake go along with it with the vain hope that they may be able to change it. To change the Federal Council one would have to change the faith of its leaders in the kingdom of God! Preachers do not listen to laymen on subjects like this. Theirs is a holy crusade!

This is what the Council says about its membership: "The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is the accredited agency through which twenty-five national denominations, comprising 142,354 local congregations with a total communicant membership of 27,749,967, co-operate in common tasks." These denominations and people provide its financial existence and make possible its program. The only way really to check the program is to withdraw financial support and to cease to be one of its 27,749,967 members in whose name it speaks and gets privileges.

The only way to meet Goliath is openly to oppose separate from it as God's Word demands.

Even the National Association of Manufacturers seems to be hypnotized by it. When the Federal Council's socialism is established, there will be no N.A.M., large or small. Rather than openly oppose this socialism because it is the church, some of its leaders have decided to play along with it. Its paper for preachers, "Understanding," for March, commends the Federal Council for calling the recent Conference on the Church and Economic Life, and, though the representatives of the N.A.M. who were there were crushed and constantly out-voted by the CIO-PAC - Federal Council coalition, the N.A.M. speaks of the meeting to the preachers as "A Job Well Done."

The American Council of Christian Churches is in a position of tremendous responsibility so far as the future of the America which we love is concerned. There must be open, uncompromising opposition to this socialism, with the use of every instrument of freedom that we have to warn the American people and to arouse them to the way they are being taken for a ride. The trolley car is marked "America," but its drivers and conductors have switched it to the rails which are called socialism. The Federal Council and its leaders are the motorman and conductor.

God's Word says, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins."

"Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it" (Jer. 6:19).

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The Honorable,
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am addressing you concerning something which came up recently in a California Federation of Women's Club-- and I am seeking some authentic information, which I feel certain you can furnish me.

One of our State speakers- addressing the "Law" section of our club - used the U.N. as her topic. She was sent as a Consultant to the San Francisco conference, and in her arguments for the movement - and the great power back of it - she mentioned the "The Federated Council of Churches of America with John Foster Dulles" as a group working so hard for its success.

As chairman of Legislation for this district - I immediately asked her "if she knew that this organization she just mentioned was supposed to be communistic?" She vehemently declared "it was not so". She also brought the late Florence Chapman Catt, into Her talk- and I must confess I wondered whether she was ignorant of the fact that they were of the same "ilk" or whether ???-

I gathered my information from an article from your pen of some few years ago, and have since verified it on several occasions (Quoting your statement) "The Fedral Council of Churches of America- has for years advocated the most dangerous and socialistic doctrines".

Would you mind sending me a statement to that effect ? It will be used only for the purpose of convincing this woman that she must not promote such organizations through the channels of the Fedated Women's Club. - I do not know that she is communistic - but she will not believe that this organization is, without a statement from a higher authority. I contended it was a radical , pacificist group.

Thanking you and wishing you all success in your great work I might add " I am a Republican - in my affiliation- a voter in the district represented by Bertrand G. Gearhart, to whom you may refer.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated April 17, 1947, has been received and I wish to advise that I did not make the statement attributed to me. It occurred to me that you might like to have the enclosed copy of my recent testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Sir: -

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of the ~~Federal Council of~~ ^{Church} ~~Women~~ ^{of Women}

Is it true that the same
names that are ranking high
in the federation of churches
are also high ranking in
the Communist movement
in this country?

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 8, 1947.

I must advise you that due to a long established policy, information in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is confidential and available only to certain authorized persons. I am sure that upon reflection you will recognize the necessity for such a policy and will understand my inability to furnish you the information you requested. No inferences should be drawn, of course, from the fact that this information is not being forwarded you.

I do want you to know that I sincerely appreciate your interest in writing me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 22nd, 1947

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

It may be that my request is wholly out-of-order; I do not know. But this is my problem: My parish is in the midst of an attempt to raise its quota of the one million dollar fund, known as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, of which the World Council of Churches is to be the distributor.

The appeal sent out by my own Vestry for this cause has been met with some bitter letters to me charging the Federal Council of Churches with being Communist. I have felt under obligation to make some sort of reply, and in denying that such men as Mr. Chas. P. East, Bishops G. B. Oxnam, Henry St. George Tucker, McConnell, Drs. Geo. Buttrick, the late S. P. Cadman and Shailer Mathews (distinguished presidents of the Council) are or ever were Communists, the challenge has been hurled back that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover knows better. The writer of these letters has, I understand, written articles for SATURDAY EVENING POST.

I am tremendously interested that hungry, homeless needy persons shall be clothed, fed and sheltered. I have never belonged to any group so far as I know that has sheltered any Communist. The Protestant Episcopal Church, the Republican Party and the Kiwanis Club, the Masonic Order, Ministerial Unions, the local Family Welfare Assn. and a few academic societies have included the extent of my membership in any organizations.

Now unless your offices advise me to the contrary I shall continue to deny that the Federal Council and its personnel are Communists. May I ask: Is there any valid reason why I should not make this defense?

Thanking you for any light you may choose to give me, I am

Very truly yours

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Dear

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Your letter dated April 22, 1947, has been received and although I would like to be of assistance, it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference from my inability to furnish the desired information. It occurred to me that you might like to read the enclosed copy of my recent statement before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The attached report dated at Pittsburgh, May 13th, was forwarded to me by [redacted]. I seriously doubt the accuracy of the report.

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 many aspects of this but I do know Fed Council of the Churches of Christ depend more on fighting Catholics than they do fighting Communism. I think I would serve the Country & God better if they gave their attention to the latter. H.

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.,

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We learn that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, a peer to be in the midst of a drive to try and 'crush' the influence and power of the Catholic Church in the large cities throughout the United States. Especially, in such principal cities where the Chief Executives of the City are of the Catholic faith, as is the case here in Pittsburgh, Jersey City, New Jersey, Chicago, Illinois, etc. To accomplish this purpose, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, through certain Protestant Ministers, are seeking to set up Crime Commissions to expose and embarrass the Administrations of those Chief Executives who are of the Catholic faith.

Such an organization has been set up in Chicago and the Directors of the Chicago Crime Commission are namely, Virgil Peterson and Edward Simpson.

These two individuals were here in Pittsburgh recently, where they held a conference with a number of Ministers relative to the Numbers racket, the slot-machine racket, prostitution, etc., in this district. And, at this time, there is a move going forward to set up a Crime Commission in Pittsburgh to check on the Chief Executives of Pittsburgh relative to Law enforcement, etc.

Virgil W. Peterson is operating director of the Chicago Crime Commission and author of a series of articles on sound police organization. Peterson believes in a proper system of police recruiting, morale uplifting in the Police Department, good work rewarded, and those who won't work or are implicated in rackets are fired.

We do not know if the present prodding to top law enforcement officials in every municipality in Allegheny County by District Attorney Arthurs R. Leslie, is a result of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America's drive or not.

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however, it is significant that the visit of these Commissioners from Chicago to this City "touched off" the fire works which are making headlines in Pittsburgh.

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It is also significant that Charles P. ~~Farr~~, First-Lay President of The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, was in Pittsburgh, Sunday, May 11th, and he spoke on "Laymen in the Ecumenical Movement." He spoke in the Calvary Church and his talk covered the problems confronting the Church today.

The Methodist Church, which is one of the leading factions of The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, is very much Communist controlled and, therefore, it is very much opposed to the Catholic Church and its political control of the large cities of the country, through Chief Executives who are of the Catholic faith.

The attached newspaper clipping is for your information.

In addition, copies of letters from Cameron P. ~~Hall~~ of the Industrial Relations Division of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, with particular reference to the recent conference of the Council held in Pittsburgh, together with the Council's report of this Convention, held February 18th, - 20th, 1947, at the William Penn Hotel, are attached.

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THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF AMERICA
Department of The Church and Economic Life
(Including the former Industrial Relations Division of the Department
of Christian Social Relations)

227 Fourth Avenue, New York, 10, N. Y.

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~~James Myers, Emeritus~~
Cameron P. Hall
Executive Secretary

April 30, 1947.

Dear Mr. _____:

As a delegate to the National Study Conference on the Church and Economic Life, you no doubt felt that you were present at a momentous meeting where a new movement was being born. An early evidence of this is the setting up of a new Department of the Church and Economic Life in the Federal Council of Churches. This department will take over all the functions, responsibilities, program and staff of the old Industrial Division, including the Committee on the Church and Cooperatives.

As you will note from the enclosed News Release, the Department of the Church and Economic Life has ambitious plans for a vigorous new campaign to help the Protestant churches into wider and more effective study and action in the field of economic relations. The time for this forward movement is now while the interest is at its peak.

Some 30,000 copies of the Pittsburgh Report have already been ordered by denominations, councils of churches and non-church groups. However, the heavy work of organizing the follow-up conferences in addition to expanding in other ways the varied activities of the old Industrial Division creates a heavy financial burden. This has already made itself felt. If we are to be able to build upon Pittsburgh, we will have to secure new contributions for an increased budget as quickly as possible.

Because you know at first hand what the Pittsburgh Conference was, you are particularly able to appreciate its possibilities. Won't you help us extend our efforts to work for an economic life which in spirit and in practice will more fully reveal the influence of Christian people?

Sincerely yours,

Cameron P. Hall (Signed)

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THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRISTIAN AMERICA
Industrial Relations Division

297 Fourth Avenue, New York, 10, N. Y.

Liston Pope
Chairman

James Myers
Cameron F. Hall
Executive Secretaries

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Dear Delegate:

The significance of the Pittsburgh Conference is evident throughout the churches and among non-church groups. Typical of many is the comment of a businessman, "It was the outstanding experience of my life. Exemplifying the great power of God toward peace and understanding—if humans care to use it." The financial editor of the World-Telegram, a New York Scripps-Howard daily, commented on the Conference in a daily column; "No doubt many people will criticize the attempts of 350 Protestant churchmen to blend Christianity and economics at their Conference in Pittsburgh, which ended yesterday. Perhaps it would be more fitting if such activities were spearheaded by our schools and universities, but since they have been so slow to act, the churches may well regard the situation sufficiently grave to warrant their entrance into the field."

I enclose a copy of the Report of the Conference. Last week the Executive Committee of the Federal Council voted to "receive the report with warm appreciation, approve it in substance as a statement of principles and procedures with reference to economic life, and commend it to the churches for study and appropriate action." Additional copies may be secured singly or in quantity as noted in the Report.

Uppermost in the minds of the delegates was the importance of the Conference as an initial step in a continuing process. Plans to further in a large way the process begun at Pittsburgh have been drawn up in consultation with church leaders and groups. These plans are at a stage of advanced development. You will be informed of them shortly, and the help of many delegates will be sought in their furtherance.

In the meantime the need is urgent to gain a wide reading and use of the Report itself, together with further study material to be found on its last page. Laymen's groups in our churches—official boards, men's classes, etc.—come especially to mind, as do many women's church groups. Similarly our ministers will appreciate knowing that the Report is available.

Beyond this the hope has been expressed that the Report be brought to the attention of non-church groups, such as service clubs, Chambers of Commerce, labor unions, farm groups, consumer cooperatives, educational institutions, professional bodies, etc. Effort by church people who are members of such groups will go far to reach this large and highly important body of public opinion.

We would like to hear from you by way of report of the follow-up of Pittsburgh in your own church or community or by way of suggestion as to what might be done.

Cordially yours,
/s/ Cameron F. Hall.

From The Federal Council of the
Churches of Christ in America
297 Fourth Avenue, N. Y. 10, N. Y.

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A recognition of the increasing importance of economic life to human welfare and religious and social progress, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has expanded the Industrial Relations Division of the Department of Christian Social Relations into a full Department of the Federal Council of Churches. It will be known as the Department of the Church and Economic Life.

This new Department will assume and carry on "all the functions, responsibilities, program and staff" of the old Industrial Division, including the committee on the Church and Cooperatives. The new status of the entire program will give this Department greater scope and opportunity to lead the churches in a major advance in this area of work.

The recent National Study Conference on the Church and Economic Life held at Pittsburgh under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches has stirred the entire Protestant Church world. The new Department of the Church and Economic Life will seek to follow up this wide new interest. Plans are under consideration a series of regional "little Pittsburgh Conferences" sponsored by state and councils of churches with the cooperation of the Federal Council. There will be a series of one day institutes for the training of laymen and ministers of education and action in the field of economic life.

The Department will also carry on the previous activities of the Industrial Division, including Labor Sunday Messages and public statements on specific economic problems; information to the churches on labor and social legislation; the publication of pamphlets and literature in the field of the church and economic problems and the religious significance of these problems; cooperation with national Catholic and Jewish groups; investigation of industrial problems, including conflict situations and also studies of constructive union-management cooperation; techniques for churchmen in economic education and action; conferences on specific economic problems such as consumers' cooperatives, labor-management relations, and other features of the former work of the Division.

The members of the new Department have not yet been selected by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, but the executive Secretary will be Rev. Cameron P. Hall, who has been associated for the past year with Rev. James Myers in the administration of the Industrial Relations Division. Mr. Myers becomes the Emeritus Executive Secretary of the new Department.

The personnel of the new Department will be composed of "at least a majority of laymen." Like the membership of the Pittsburgh Conference, these will be church men and women drawn from among employer and labor, farmer and consumer leaders and from other lay occupations, together with ministers.

As Dr. George W. Richards pointed out at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee when the new Department was authorized, the Federal Council of Churches has pioneered in the application of religion to social issues for nearly forty years. Dr. Richards was himself present at the first meeting of the Federal Council in 1903 at which time the "Social Ideals of the Churches" was also first adopted. The Social Service Department under Dr. Worth M. Ripley, now the Emeritus Secretary, was the first department of the Federal Council of Churches, and 22 years ago Dr. Ripley secured James Myers to start the Industrial Relations Division of the Department, which has carried on a vigorous program ever since. Later the

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Department of the Church and Social Service became the Department of Christian Social Relations, the Industrial Relations Division remaining as a part of its structure until its recent change to the status of the Department of the Church and Economic Life.

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In 1937 the widespread interest among church people in the ethical implications of cooperatives led to setting up the Committee on the Church and Cooperatives in the Industrial Relations Division. This Committee has conducted conferences, study tours, and issued literature in the field of religion and cooperatives. Its work will be continued by the Committee on the Church and Cooperatives now located in the new Department.

As Dr. Richards pointed out, the formation of the Department of the Church and Economic Life is a fruition of years and gives promise of an expanding program and still greater usefulness in years that lie ahead.

April, 1947.

Wipe Out Rackets, Leslie Tells Police

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Prosecutor Threatens To Indict Officials Who Don't Crack Down

BY CHESTER POTTER

The top law enforcement officials of every municipality in Allegheny County, including the City of Pittsburgh, were put on the spot yesterday by District Attorney Artemas C. Leslie.

He told them flatly that it is their job to clean up the rackets in their own backyards.

He warned that if they do not do so he will ask a Grand Jury to indict them for misbehavior in office.

The "clean up or else" edict closely followed Mr. Leslie's success in having thousands of the new-type, parlor-piece slot machines now in operation throughout the County declared illegal.

Judge Henry Ellenbogen put them in the same class with the old-style one-arm bandits in a decision Friday. He made them subject to seizure and destruction.

Mr. Leslie said emphatically that it is not his job to clean up the rackets now flourishing in Pittsburgh and many sections of the county.

"The District Attorney is not a police officer," he said.

He pointed out that the County Detective Bureau has only 42 members. Their job is to conduct investigations in preparation for trials.

"It is apparent at once that 42 men cannot be expected to enforce the law in the 129 municipalities of Allegheny County, ranging in size from Haysville, with a population of 169, to the City of Pittsburgh, with a population of 680,000," Mr. Leslie declared.

"Law enforcement is the responsibility of the local public officials," the statement continued.

"Violations such as common gambling, lotteries, the operation of houses of prostitution, the illegal sale of liquor and similar offenses cannot be carried on openly without the knowledge of the local police authorities. It is their sworn duty to stamp out these rackets whenever and wherever they appear."



AN ULTIMATUM to clean up the rackets or face possible Grand Jury action was given to all law enforcement officers in the County yesterday by District Attorney Artemas C. Leslie.

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"Local public officers who knowingly permit violations of the law are subject to indictment for misbehavior in office.

"It is my opinion that the laws of Pennsylvania are sufficiently broad to punish any act which directly injures or tends to injure the public, as in the case of acts which affect public morality."

Mr. Leslie said his detective force will not sit by and watch the unmolested operation of rackets. If the rackets are not cleaned up through failure or refusal of local officials to do something about it, the detectives will step in.

"Not only shall we take the necessary steps to eliminate the violations and prosecute the offenders," Mr. Leslie said, "but we shall also present the results of our investigations to the Grand Jury and ask for indictments against those who have failed, neglected or refused to perform their sworn duty."

If local enforcement officers ignore Mr. Leslie's ultimatum, feeling certain that his small detective force will be unable to see all and know all, he has a reservoir of civic groups, and civic-minded individuals to keep him informed of conditions. He has not asked for their aid but many organizations have been complaining of the lack of enforcement in their communities.

While Mr. Leslie was putting the city, borough and township officials and the chiefs of police "on notice," the big-time slot machine operators were doing plenty of worrying about what to do next.

Investment at Stake

They have an investment of well over a million dollars in machines, now declared illegal, in Allegheny County. The weekly "take" from them is important money. Losing it would mean fewer trips to Florida in the Pittsburgh smog season, to the Derby, the Preakness and the big fights.

In the test case brought by Mr. Leslie to declare these new nickel-nabbers illegal, the only big-time operator to fight openly against Mr. Leslie's seize-and-amash petition was Gus Georges.

Mr. Georges is reportedly the biggest slot machine owner in Western Pennsylvania. He is said to have widespread interests also in West Virginia and Ohio.

John A. Metz Sr., and his son, John A. Metz Jr., were counsel for him at the hearings before Judge Ellenbogen. They now have 30 days to appeal to Superior Court.

Leslie to Wait

Mr. Metz Jr. said yesterday that his client has not decided yet whether to file such an appeal. Mr. Leslie said that if an appeal is taken, he will ask the Superior Court to hear the case July 16 in Philadelphia.

The District Attorney, while within his legal rights to go out right away and seize the newly-outlawed machines, does not plan to do so at once.

"I feel I should give Mr. Metz an opportunity to decide whether he will appeal," Mr. Leslie said. "If I did not and went out now and

seized a lot of machines, I feel certain the courts would want to wait until it is decided whether or not to appeal before acting on the cases.

"That does not mean that I will wait two or three weeks before taking action."

The "big boys" in the business and the manufacturers of the machines have quite a problem before them. That is: To appeal or not to appeal.

If they do not, that will mean the machines are illegal in lucrative Allegheny County. But if they appeal to Superior Court, they take the chance that the appeal will be turned down. That would mean the machines would be outlawed everywhere in Pennsylvania.

Machines Licensed

Judge Ellenbogen's decision also leaves the City of Pittsburgh on somewhat of a spot, though nothing like the one the "big boys" are standing on. The banned machines have been licensed as amusement devices by the city at \$50 per year. The city's revenue from them run about \$35,000 a year.

City Solicitor Anne K. Alpen said that if Judge Ellenbogen's decision stands, the city naturally will refuse to license any more. Asked whether the city will refund a proportionate share of the annual fees Miss Alpen replied:

"We never anticipate a request for a refund. We trust that all money in our treasury will remain there."

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May 28, 1947

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington

Dear Sir;

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What has taken place in the
Presbyterian Church U. S. A. has occurred
in the other churches in control of
the Federal Council of Churches.

In 1923 the General Assembly
of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A.
reaffirmed the five essential doctrines
of the Word of God and our standards;
The inerrant Bible; Christ born of
a virgin; The atonement as a sacrifice
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to satisfy Divine justice and to reconcile us to God, the resurrection of Christ in the same body in which he suffered, and the supernatural miracles of our Lord.

Immediately after the 1923 assembly, opposition to its decision developed. The opposing Affirmation was issued in 1924. Those who opposed the Bible-believing Christians straightened their position and in 1936 were in control of the Church.

Those who resist and oppose are called "trouble-makers", "rebels" and "bitter." If they persist in opposing they will be forced out, "unfucked", and

and are unfit to be the ministers of Christ. If the church holds with the minister, their property is taken away.

The Federal Council claims to be the voice of the 27 million they wish to represent. Many thousand faithful church members would be shocked to learn where the Federal Council is leading. They, the Council, has never taken in the Universalists but they have made Charles T. Taft the brother of Congressman Taft their President. I am sending the "Rise of the Tyrant", by one of those who were put out of the church, can not something be done to make the issue clear to church members? Sincerely

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 9, 1947

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 28, 1947, has been received and I appreciate your interest in forwarding the book to me. It was good of you to furnish me with your observations.

The thought occurred to me that you might like to read the enclosed text of my statement before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, March 26, 1947.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: This correspondent says he forwarded a book entitled "Rise the Tyrant." The Crime Records Section received a book bearing this title a few days ago and as there was no cover letter accompanying the book, and the wrapping contained no return address, the book was filed in the Bureau library. It probably was sent by this correspondent. Files were checked against the name of the correspondent and no records identifiable with him could be found.

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June 18 '47

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I recently received thru the compliments of my Congressman, Ralph E. Church, document #26 covering your statement before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, on March 26th. I read it thoroughly several times from beginning to end. It is my firm belief and conviction that every American citizen should read this document. It is my intention to secure as many copies of this as I can, and distribute them in my travels wherever I may go.

My wife and I are members of the North Shore Baptist Church, of which Mr. James L. Kraft (national figure) is chairman of the Board of Deacons. Our church is part of the Northern Baptist Convention which is affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. For the past six or eight months we have been delving into this communistic parasitic situation and the deeper we get, the more confused we become as to why our government permits anything such as this to be practiced in this country.

It was thru advertising of the Chicago Baptist Ass'n that I first became suspicious of communistic infiltration somewhere in the Christian church. From studying Federal Council literature, it is my opinion that they unquestionably have some connection somewhere with the collectivist communistic theory.

Enclosed herewith please find copy of a letter sent to all Baptist clergymen in Chicago, by the Public Relations Commission of the Communist Party of Illinois, with pictures of the two pamphlets they enclosed; also two notes on it by the Conservative Baptist Fellowship.

I have been trying to awaken some of the members and deacons of our church, to the danger which seems to be engulfing the Protestant church. I feel that if I could show some concrete evidence that the Federal Council is a communist front or in some way tied up with communism, that they would see why we should resign from the Council and withdraw any support.

North Shore Church is one of the largest in the Convention and one of the most influential, and it would be like dropping a bomb on the communist movement within the Christian field should the North Shore Church announce its withdrawal and further support of the Federal Council.

Any information you can give me will be helpful, and I will greatly appreciate it. Since delving into communism, I am amazed at some of our American citizens who seem to sympathize with the Russians. It would seem to me that this would be the time to catalog and list all of these "reds and pinks" for the inevitable day.

Sincerely hoping that you can help me, and awaiting your reply, I am
Sincerely,

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William L. Patterson
Secretary

Dear Sir:

There are two questions which are agitating the minds of many people in America today. One is -- are Communists un-American? And the other is the question of our relations with the Soviet Union.

We are, therefore, in the interests of the truth and as a public service, mailing you two pamphlets on these questions.

We hope you will find the time to read this material and to give it the consideration it deserves. We shall be happy to get comments or reactions from you.

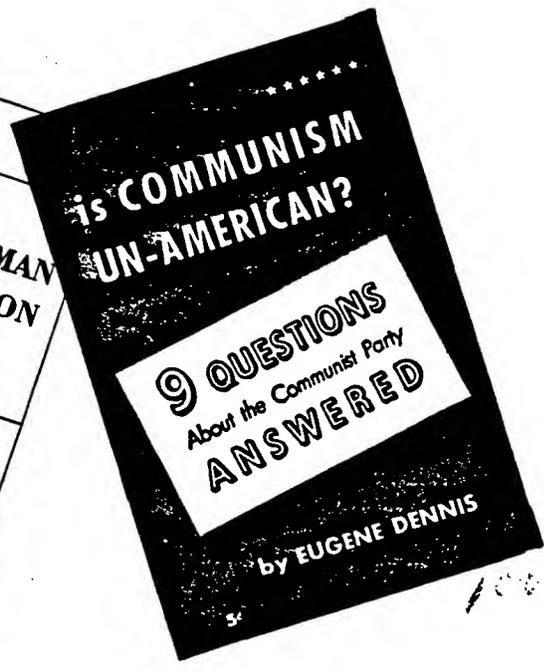
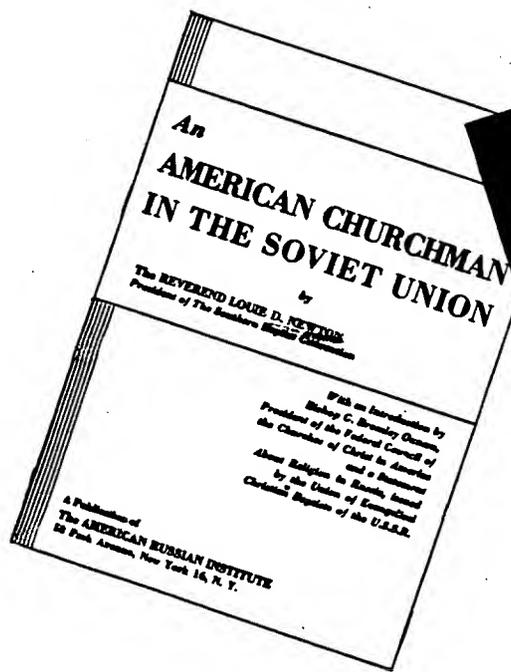
Sincerely,

WM. L. PATTERSON,
Secretary.

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This letter and the accompanying pamphlets shown here have been mailed to the Baptist ministers of the Chicago area.
Chester E. Tulga, Research Secy.
of Northern Baptist Fellowship
352 Wellington Ave., Chicago 14.

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COMMUNIST STRATEGY IN REACHING THE CLERGY. Last year Dr. Louie D. Newton, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, was guest of a Russian conducted tour that lasted a few days in that vast country. His observations upon his return have been widely criticized as unrealistic. In one interview he said - "The Baptists stand for the same thing as the Russian government - renouncement of, and resistance to, coercion in matters of belief. Religiously we should regard Russia as our great ally." His story has been published by The American Russian Institute (named as a Communist-front organization by a Congressional investigating Committee) and is now being used by the Communists as strategy propaganda.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated June 18, 1947, has been received and I want you to know that the thoughts which prompted this communication are greatly appreciated. Thank you for making available to me the circular you enclosed. In accordance with your request it is a pleasure to send you some material of possible interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure *st*

Listen Closely
Annual Convention of American Legion, Sept. 30, 1946
Red Fascism in US Today
Speech on Un-American Activities before House Comm
CIO Speech of Jan. 8, 1946.

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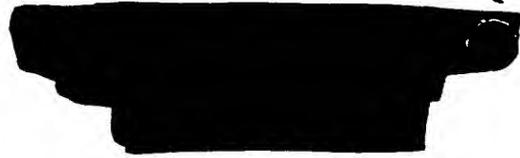
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July 8, 1947.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Our church has up the matter of continuing in the ^① Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. One of the charges that has been made against this organization is that they have been charged with having a definite Communistic leaning. It has been stated that this is so strong that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been investigating their actions.

Boyle

Since this is to come before our group for discussion, I would like to know the facts in the matter. Has the F.B.I. been asked to investigate the communistic attitude of this organization? If so did you find any evidence of such actions as to class them as being detrimental organization? It is unfortunate that these statements have gotten out if there is no evidence to support these charges.

I am writing so that when this matter comes up in our church court I can say that the charges are either true or false. I do not like to form an opinion on the bases of statements that can not be verified. It is certainly unfortunate that such a charge should be made if it is not true.

I would appreciate very much any information as to this whole matter that you can give me.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted name]

Your letter dated July 8, 1947, has been received. As a matter of long standing policy, the files of this Bureau are held confidential and available for official use only and accordingly it will not be possible for me to comply with your request. No inference whatsoever should be drawn from my inability to be of assistance in this connection. I trust that on some other occasion we may be of service.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Numerous requests have been received similar to that of the correspondent who asks for information on whether the "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America" has Communistic leanings. The correspondent inquires whether the Bureau is conducting an investigation of the Council. Much correspondence concerning the Council is set out in files 65-278 and 100-50868.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Federal Council of Churches
of Christ in America

Gentlemen:

I am a Ruling Elder in the Southern Presbyterian Church and as such am working to free the Southern Presbyterian Church from association with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

So many actions of individuals employed by and speaking for the Federal Council are, I find, at variance with my conception of the true principals of Democracy, that I am lead to the conclusion that possibly you have information in your files which could be made available to me in exposing the Un-American activities of many who voice for the Federal Council. I want information which I can take to our church courts as reasons for our severing all connections with the Federal Council.

If you can give me information which I can state as coming from you it will be most helpful. If there is information which you could give me, yet which you prefer not to be used publicly, I would be glad to receive it as confidential.

Thanking you to forward me promptly anything that you think might be helpful for the above stated purpose.

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Very truly yours,

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P. S. - Do you have any specific information relative to the activities of Rev. Campbell P. Hall who is the Executive Secretary of Industrial Relations Division, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America?

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated September 1, 1947, has been received. While I would like to be of service, the files of this Bureau are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will be able to understand the need for this policy and will draw no inferences whatsoever from my inability to be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

My dear sir;

There is a movement among certain independent churches in Pontiac to brand the Federal Council Churches in America as being or having a leaning toward Communism. One of my members has quit attending my church. He gives as his reason -he don't want to belong to a group of churches who lean toward Communism.

Can you state unequivocally that the Federal Council is clean about this matter?

Personally I have the utmost confidence in Charlie Taf and Bishop Stamm. I would like to show your answer to this brother and shut him up for good and all.

I am enclosing stamped envelope for your reply.

Thanking you for your trouble,

I remain, sincerely yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter dated September 11, 1947, has been received. Although I would like to be of assistance, I wish to advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reasons for this rule and trust that no inference will be drawn from my inability to comply with your request. As of possible interest, there are enclosed a copy of my statement before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and other material which I thought you might like to read. The self-addressed, stamped envelope which you so kindly forwarded is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure

- Self-addressed, stamped envelope
- Statement before the House Committee on Un-Amer. Activities
- American Legion Speech
- How to Fight Communism
- Red Fascism in the United States Today

NOTE: No record of correspondent in Bureau files.

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October 6, 1947

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Information
Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

For some time I have been interested in the activities of
the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. I have
read quite a bit about the Council but most of the articles
give no source material. I came across the statement that
The F.B.I. had considered an investigation of the Council
and I would like to know if this can be backed up by the
F.B.I. itself. I would also like to know what information
you can give me concerning the communistic actions of the
Council. I realize that you are limited in the information
which you can give, but possibly if you cannot give me
any information, you might be able to give me the names of
some committees and departments of the government which
could help me.

With grateful thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

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October 15, 1947

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 6, 1947, has been received. Although I would like to be of service, in accordance with a long-standing policy of this Bureau the information in our files is confidential and available for official use only. I am sure no inference will be drawn from my inability to be of assistance. There is enclosed some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

J. Edgar Hoover
Enclosure

How To Fight Communism
Menace of Communism

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sent me [redacted] lawyer of this place worked for you during the war and now has come home to practice, I can't make him believe that - "The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America" is a communist organization and is all the time putting over communist-programs on our church, Just now [redacted] is the head of a "New Life Movement" for young people sponsored by that - Federal Council.

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The first meeting is Nov 4.

[redacted] heard that - sermon given a year ago last Dec 2 in the Presbyterian Ch. on "No time to lose every one must write their congressman immediately to vote to give the secret of the atomic bomb to Russia that - ought - to have been proof enough, but it isn't.

You must - have some data of the organization of that - Federal Council as a communist propaganda **RECORDED 100-5069-68** **INDEXED 22 OCT 30** **EX-131** **Truth.**

Can't you write that or give him some proof that I can give him, I am at my wits end because I can't make him believe what I know

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated October 22, 1947, has been received and I want to express my appreciation to you for having brought this matter to my attention. The files of this Bureau have been declared confidential and I am unable to be of assistance to you. I am sure you will draw no inference from my inability to comply with your request. The thought occurred to me you might be interested in the enclosed material.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
Tolson's Speech
Director's Statement of 3-26-47
How to Fight Communism

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NOTE: This individual requested the Director to comment upon the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover

I am seeking the right
answer to a very important
accusation I heard over
the radio last night.

Dr. Gerald Minrot speak-
ing for "Defenders of Christianity"
from Wichita, Kansas

last night spoke of Communism
in the American churches
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Twice last night he said
that the "Federated Council
of Churches of Christ" was a

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Communist organization.

He quoted you on several things but not in connection with this particular issue.

Being a member of the Presbyterian Church and interested in the Federated Council of Churches, this is most important as well as disturbing to me.

I will appreciate it very much if you will give me the right information.

Many thanks

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Dear

Your letter dated October 27, 1947, has been received. The information contained in the files of this Bureau has been declared confidential, and I am unable to be of any assistance to you. I am sure you will draw no inference from my inability to comply with your request. The thought occurred to me you might be interested in the enclosed material. The envelope you so thoughtfully enclosed is being returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

How to Fight Communism
Menace of Communism

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October 30th, 1947

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

|| For some time I have wondered just what the record of the "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America" has been in connection with (1) its attitude toward national defense in preparation against aggression and (2) agitation of the race problem in America.

I understand that several years ago a Report was made (Congressional Record of Aug. 17, 1935) by Naval Intelligence as to their part in our nation's unpreparedness for World War II. As a Reserve Naval Chaplain and a minister in one demonination, Presbyterian, that is a member of said Federal Council, I wish to be informed as to its activities in these matters.

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Yours truly

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 30, 1947, has been received and although I would like to be of service in the matter concerning which you have written, it is a long-standing policy of this Bureau to keep the information in our files confidential and available for official use only. Of course no inference should be drawn from my inability to be of assistance at this time. It has occurred to me that you might like to read the literature which I am enclosing.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Menace of Communism
How to Fight Communism
Director's Remarks at Retraining Session, 9/29/47
Director's Remarks at San Francisco, 9/30/48

- Mr. Tolson
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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Attention: J. Edgar Hoover.

Gentlemen:

I first feel that I must apologize for writing so frequently, but there seems to be no one else to whom I can turn.

In my letter to you of November 27th I made reference to a trial in the Circuit Court, Judge McKinlay, Chicago, re, Elizabeth Dilling et al. suit against the Jewish Sentinel, for libel. Since then the trial has been concluded and some damages have been awarded the plaintiffs.

Incident to this trial I should like to tell you of two occurrences, which unless they happened to my wife, I couldn't believe it would be possible in the United States of America. During the trial, my wife carried her Bible with her for reference and her Bible was on the rail separating the public from the plaintiffs and defendants. The counsel for defense very dramatically turned around and pointing at the Bible, made this statement: "Someone has a Bible on the rail, and we want it removed". The judge then asked that the Bible be placed in her lap. Next day she was looking up something in her Bible when the bailiff fapped her on the shoulder and told her to close the Book. This happened in Chicago. As before mentioned, when told this I could hardly believe it. I think when it comes to the time when American citizens cannot place his Bible, or read it any place where he cares to, something must be done and it must be done quickly.

I received the enclosed letter from Gerald L. Smith, marked "Urgent appeal" for money to help three men who are under prosecution and a picture showing the Russian Embassy taken from Life Magazine of July 31 '47. I do not wish to align myself with anyone or any cause that is alien to our American way of life, but if the statements made in this letter are true, I would be willing to make a contribution toward the defense of these men. I am a Christian and definitely against anything that Russia stands for.

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I would appreciate some advice from you, or information secure advice regarding this matter.

I would also appreciate your returning these three enclosures.

Yours very truly,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dec. 9 '47

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Attention: J. Edgar Hoover.

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Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of Dec. 3rd with enclosures, for which I thank you. The booklets "Menace of Communism" and the one by the Memphis Commercial Appeal I previously received from you; however, the mimeographed copy of "How to fight Communism" is very much appreciated. If possible, I should like to secure 100 copies of the latter, as well as the booklet by the Memphis Commercial Appeal, as I feel quite sure I can place them in the hands of folks who might benefit by them. I have already placed in good hands about 100 of the "Menace of Communism".

On page 6 in "Ten Don'ts", there is one item I am afraid I must disagree with, and that is the statement which you make "Don't confuse liberals and progressives with Communists". Most of the liberals and progressives are those people who are willing and satisfied to take from those who have and give to those who do not have, and I believe this is the Communist philosophy also.

I should also like to state at this time that I believe you should withdraw your objection, which you stated before the Congress some time ago, that Communism should not be outlawed. I think now is the time that is definitely should be outlawed, and regardless of whether or not they go underground, I am sure that your department is quite capable of coping with any situation that might arise. I believe that if you would go on record to outlaw the Communist movement, the Congress would pass a law to that effect.

On page 5 you state the churches of America are also threatened by Communism. For quite some time I have been trying to link the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America with the Communist movement. Our forefathers founded this country on religious principles - on separation of Church and State, yet this Octopus of the 20th century - the Federal Council - is doing just the opposite. It is also backing such legislation as the F.E.P.C. Planned Parenthood, and many other socialistic doctrines. In fact, many of the doctrines it expounds are those of Communism. I feel quite sure you are aware of the dangerous possibilities of an organization of this kind, with its affiliation which can promote propaganda in such a way that many of our good people fall for it. This Federal Council claims to represent 27 million Protestants, which means thousands upon thousands of churches. What a wonderful setup this is for the expounding of doctrines, which put out in a subtle way, would be swallowed by the innocent victims. Have you read any of their Information Bulletins?

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Wonder if it is not time to call a "spade" a "spade" and expose them. I realize your position, but possibly you might be able to refer me to some one who could give me some documentary evidence

I thank you for any help you might be to me.

Sincerely,
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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 9, 1947, has been received and I do want to thank you for making your views available to me concerning the subject about which you have written. Although the supply of our reprint entitled "How To Fight Communism" is limited, I am enclosing a number of copies at this time. The publication, "Listen Closely," is no longer available for distribution. You may wish to correspond with the Economic Research Department, Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, Washington 8, D. C., to secure its booklets entitled "Communists Within The Labor Movement," "Communist Infiltration Into The United States," and "Communists Within The Government." There is a charge of fifty cents for each of these publications. The patriotic motives prompting your communication are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

10 Copies of How To Fight Communism

NOTE: No record of [redacted] could be located by Records Section. By letter of December 3, 1947, we furnished her husband with publications entitled "How To Fight Communism," "Listen Closely" and "The Menace of Communism," with reply to letter from [redacted] furnishing information he felt might be of value in connection with Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling [redacted]

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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- Mr. Ladd
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SUBJECT:

The attached issue of "Information Service", dated November 29, 1947, was given to me by Mr. H. Maurice Joyce of the Professional Staff of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. He thought the Bureau might be interested in the references to the Loyalty Program.

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Loyalty, Security, and Civil Rights

The controversy over loyalty and security tests for federal employes has become at once so intense, and so involved that events, interpretations, and criticisms need to be brought into perspective.

A resolution passed by the Protestant Episcopal House of Bishops on November 7 evidenced the concern felt in religious circles over the measures now being employed by the government to effect security against disloyal or untrustworthy employes. The resolution reads in part as follows:

"Resolved, As bishops in the Church of God we call upon the people of our churches to be on their guard lest an hysterical fear of Communism shall lead us to fight that danger with weapons destructive of the treasures we seek to guard. The surest way to fight Communism is to work unceasingly at home and abroad for a society in which justice and the dignity of free men are in truth guaranteed to men of every race and condition.

"An inquisitorial investigation of men's personal beliefs is a threat to freedom of conscience.

"We have no defense for those who, while sharing the privileges of our imperfectly democratic society, seek to undermine its fabric. But we hold it to be the duty of every Christian citizen to guard for others the freedom of conscience we treasure for ourselves."

It will be recalled that the President's Committee on Civil Rights incorporated in its report a warning of a similar character, and specified certain rights that should be accorded employes under investigation: "the right to a bill of particular accusations, the right to subpoena witnesses and documents where genuine security considerations permit, the right to be represented by counsel, the right to a stenographic report of proceedings, the right to a written decision, and the right of appeal."

These statements bring the matter into moral focus.

The Background

The "loyalty" investigation was begun under an executive order issued by the President on March 21, 1947. He promulgated it after considering the recommendations of a commission appointed by him in the fall of 1946. The order provided for an investigation of the loyalty both of applicants for federal civilian employment and those already in service. Provision was made for hearings, right of counsel, and the like. The order was sharply criticized. It specified as a test of disloyalty "membership in, affiliation with, or sympathetic association with, any foreign or domestic organization," or group "designated by the Attorney General as totalitarian, fascist, communist, or subversive." Its language was so general that it aroused fears

as to what might be done under it. The *New York Times* said, "We must hope that the new order will not be used to penalize liberals who believe in a democratic Spain or even those who think we should send food to Yugoslavia. We must not shoot down free opinion while attempting to eliminate the advocates of totalitarian serfdom."

Under this order investigation of some 1,900,000 federal employes has been going on. The Civil Service Commission has over-all responsibility but the investigations are conducted by the F. B. I.

In the meantime Congress, through a rider attached to the 1948 Appropriations Bill, required the peculiarly sensitive agencies of the government such as the State Department, to discharge not only disloyal persons, but those who because of the ideas they hold, their habits or associations may be "security risks." It was under this law that the widely publicized discharge of ten State Department employes occurred last summer. The newly created Central Intelligence Agency, which is a clearing house for government intelligence reports, has discharged a number of employes, reported to be twelve.

On October 7 the State Department promulgated a set of "security principles" in which "security risk" was defined in five categories. They are given in full:

"1. A person who engages in, supports or advocates treason, subversion, or sedition, or who is a member of, affiliated with, or in sympathetic association with the Communist, Nazi or Fascist parties, or of any foreign or domestic party, organization, movement, group, or combination of persons which seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means or whose policy is to advocate or approve the commission of acts of force or violence to deny other persons their rights under the Constitution of the United States; or a person who consistently believes in or supports the ideologies and policies of such a party, organization, movement, group or combination of persons.

"2. A person who is engaged in espionage or who is acting directly or indirectly under the instructions of any foreign government; or who deliberately performs his duties, or otherwise acts to serve the interests of another government in preference to the interests of the United States.

"3. A person who has knowingly divulged classified information without authority and with the knowledge or with reasonable grounds for the knowledge or belief that

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it will be transmitted to agencies of a foreign government, or who is so consistently irresponsible in the handling of classified information as to compel the conclusion of extreme lack of care or judgment.

"4. A person who has habitual or close association with persons believed to be in categories 1 or 2 above to an extent which would justify the conclusion that he might through such association voluntarily or involuntarily divulge classified information without authority.

"5. A person who has such basic weakness of character or lack of judgment as reasonably to justify the fear that he might be led into any course of action specified above."

The following rules for weighing evidence were laid down:

"1. A former course of conduct or holding of beliefs will be presumed to continue in the absence of positive evidence indicating a change, both in course of action and conviction, by clear, overt and unequivocal acts.

"2. There will be no presumption of truth in favor of statements of the witnesses in any hearing on security risk, but their statements will be weighed with all the other evidence before the hearing board, and the conclusion will be drawn by the board.

"3. If a reasonable doubt exists as to whether the person falls into one of the categories listed in Paragraph I C, the department will be given the benefit of the doubt, and the person will be deemed a security risk."

Procedural safeguards were set forth providing for hearings, with advance notice, specification of charges, and right to be represented by counsel. However, the Department retained its right to present its own evidence in secret—for security reasons.

Public Criticism

On November 1, the New York *Herald Tribune* published a lengthy account, secured by Bert Andrews, its chief Washington correspondent, of the proceedings in the case of an unnamed member of the group of ten State Department employes. The record disclosed a condition which, whatever the merits of this particular case, almost inevitably caused frustration on the part of an employe who was left uninformed concerning the reasons for his discharge, and particularly if the grounds fell in the category of "security" rather than "loyalty." The article quoted from a transcript of a hearing accorded the employe concerned after his discharge, in which the following exchange occurred concerning the difference between "security" and "loyalty."

"Mr. Blank: 'May I ask you what the difference is? It's not clear to me.'

"Mr. Robinson [a State Department official]: 'Well, I'll point out a difference. I think loyalty must necessarily be a conscious proposition. Security, or the lack of it, might be conscious or unconscious. And I think that probably serves the purpose of what I am trying to do, but I am making that statement for the record without any implication as to any conclusion that you should draw from that statement, but you made several statements about that, and I just want to make clear that this action was based . . . as a matter of security.'

"Mr. Blank: 'You mean that the punishment for an alleged violation of security is more severe than questions of loyalty? What I mean is, assume this whole thing is true about my security, isn't the punishment to deprive me literally of a livelihood in the future one of the severest penalties you could pay? . . . Could I explain this difference between security and loyalty to some kind of college where I am trying to get a teaching job?'

"Mr. Robinson: 'I am not suggesting that. I am not even suggesting the distinction is proper in your case; I am merely suggesting one is not necessarily synonymous with the other. I think if you feel that, I don't know whether you feel there is anything you wish to add to this as a statement.'

"Mr. Blank: 'You say I have the opportunity in the future to add things?'

"Mr. Robinson: 'Yes, you send it over and we'll slap it in the file.'"

The *Herald Tribune* account explained the State Department's position as resting on the necessity for guarding secret information, including that which might concern other persons under investigation. Mr. Andrews had elicited from the Department a statement to the effect that "it would be very glad if some system of review could be established which would insure any accused individual of the right to have a real review made of his case—a review that would satisfy every one that no violation of civil liberties had been committed."

The story prompted an editorial in the *Herald Tribune* on the following day in which the following occurs: "It seems to this newspaper that a 'sensitive' agency such as the State Department must have ample powers to protect its security; and they must include the right to separate from the service any one against whom even a suspicion is entertained. But the way in which that right could be abused—through malice, police stupidity, prejudice, witch-hunting of many kinds—is made grimly obvious from this State Department case; and this possibility of abuse seems to put a double obligation on those who exercise the right to do so with care and fairness. The department must be free to get rid of a man it distrusts, but not to inflict on him the drastic punishment of ruining his chance of employment if it has nothing but suspicion against him." On November 6, Elinore Morehouse Herrick of that newspaper's staff contributed an article in the course of which she wrote: "The kind of proceeding revealed by the *Herald Tribune* can lead only to making decent Americans fear to fight the good fight for needed improvements in social and economic conditions within our country."

The day following publication of the case record, correspondence that had taken place between attorneys for seven of the ten State Department employes (three had in the meantime been allowed to resign without prejudice) and the Department was given to the press. The attorneys are Thurman Arnold, Abe Fortas and Paul A. Porter, all former high government officials. Their letter was addressed to Secretary Marshall. It was dated October 4 and answered by Under-Secretary Lovett on October 16. The attorneys explained their relation to the case in these words:

"We would not have undertaken the representation of these individuals if we did not feel deeply about the principles involved. These persons came to this office last June and submitted their cases. As lawyers we felt it our obligation to represent them because it is a special duty of members of the bar to undertake to protect the basic rights of all citizens."

The letter stated that the procedures followed in these cases were "tragically analogous to the tactics employed in the police states dominated by Communists and Fascists and has no place in the American system where standards of civil liberties, fair play and the inalienable principles of the Bill of Rights are the privilege of the humblest without regard to race, color or creed." The writers said further, "We do not ask you to keep these men in the State Department. They wish to resign and relieve

you of their unwelcome presence. In our opinion they should not be allowed to do this if they are in fact disloyal. But if they are not demonstrably disloyal—if all that the State Department has is dislike of these people or vague uneasiness about them, they should be allowed to resign."

In his reply Mr. Lovett reminded the attorneys that the law under which the dismissals had taken place authorized the Secretary of State "in his absolute discretion on or before June 30, 1947, [to] terminate the employment of any officer or employe of the Department of State or of the Foreign Service of the United States whenever he shall deem such termination necessary or advisable in the interests of the United States"; and further provided that "such termination shall not affect the right of such officer or employe to seek or accept employment in any other department or agency of the government if declared eligible for such employment by the United States Civil Service Commission." He offered on behalf of the Department to facilitate action by the Civil Service Commission pursuant to this provision.

The Sequel

Events followed thick and fast. On November 4 the Central Intelligence Group, earlier referred to, announced reinstatement of some of its dismissed employes. On November 8 the Civil Service Commission created a Loyalty Review Board of 20 distinguished members, under the chairmanship of Seth W. Richardson of Washington. (It includes one lone woman, Meta Glass, former president of Sweet Briar College.) On November 14 the President issued his Statement on Loyalty in which he described the function of the new Board. Referring to the provision for a listing of organizations adjudged by the Attorney General to be "totalitarian, fascist, communist or subversive," he said:

"This provision of the order has been interpreted by some to mean that any person who at any time happened to belong to one of these organizations would automatically be dismissed from the employ of the federal government.

"This interpretation completely overlooks the fact that, under the provisions of the Executive Order, 'the standard for the refusal of employment or the removal from employment in an executive department or agency on grounds relating to loyalty shall be that, on all the evidence, reasonable grounds exist for belief that the person involved is disloyal to the government of the United States.'

"Membership in an organization is simply one piece of evidence which may or may not be helpful in arriving at a conclusion as to the action which is to be taken in a particular case."

In the meantime Secretary Marshall had undertaken to clarify the State Department's policy. On November 5 he gave out a statement which reads in part as follows:

"On June 23, 1947, the department dismissed ten employes which it considered, after thorough administrative investigation, to be potential security risks to the department.

"The department neither made nor contemplated making a public announcement of the action with respect to these employes. This was in an effort to protect them against inaccurate assumptions. It was only after the matter had been reported in the press that the department made its press statement (on June 27). The department has never released the names of the employes against whom the action was taken. The department's action was, in

large part, based on highly classified material not under its control. For this reason, the department determined that it could not give the employes a full statement of charges. Without charges, a true hearing was impossible. Appeal to an appropriate authority outside the department which would have the right to disclose charges was contemplated.

"A special committee of three was established and the employes concerned were notified that they might, if they wished, make a statement for their record to this committee. The department did not consider this a hearing, nor did it represent it as such to the employes.

"On July 9 the department established a personnel security board of three departmental officers. At the first meeting of that board the department requested the members to review the files of the employes who had been dismissed and to make a recommendation as to whether they should be permitted to resign, in view of the fact that it continued to be impossible to specify charges. On Oct. 3, the board recommended that three persons be permitted to resign without prejudice. It further recommended 'that the discharges of all the others listed above be allowed to stand and that none of these former employes be now permitted to resign without prejudice.'"

The Secretary called attention to the fact that on July 9 the Department had stated: "Individuals will be permitted to appeal to the Loyalty Review Board, established under executive order 9835 of March 22, 1947, or any other review board established pursuant to law. The purpose of such appeal will be to permit the employe affirmatively to establish his loyalty."

On November 17, however, the State Department reversed its stand on "the seven" and allowed them to resign. The reason given was this:

"The department requested informally the Loyalty Review Board to accept jurisdiction on appeal of the former employes dismissed by the department. On November 15, 1947, the department ascertained that that newly appointed review board in the Civil Service Commission would have jurisdiction only in those cases arising under procedures specified in Executive Order 9835, which established the board.

"The Department of State, together with several other highly sensitive agencies, is specifically exempted from these procedures and they were not followed in the cases at issue.

"In view of that determination, the dismissed employes have no way to appeal the department's findings in their cases.

"Seven of their former employes have requested that they be permitted to resign if no appeal is possible.

"Inasmuch as the only remedy presently available to them (that of obtaining clearance for employment elsewhere in the federal government) is not effective because they do not intend to seek such employment, the department has concluded that in order to avoid a possible injustice to them they should be permitted to resign without prejudice."

And, finally, as a sort of climax to the whole matter, the statement said that "in view of the great importance which the department attaches to the right of appeal for its employes, it is taking all steps to insure that its employes will have the right of appeal to the Loyalty Review Board in the future."

Mr. Hoover's Position

It is worth noting that following his case report in the *New York Herald Tribune*, which seems to have started

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this chain of developments, the correspondent sent a list of questions concerning F.B.I. procedures to J. Edgar Hoover, who replied at length. He denied the charges of "witch-hunts." He asserted that in the case that had been publicized definite evidence existed of contacts of a suspicious sort. Concerning the function of the F.B.I., he said:

"In each case investigated by the F.B.I. there must be a real substantial basis for the investigation. In other words, F.B.I. agents do not start an investigation on their own initiative. There must first be the presentation of information or a complaint which, if established, would come within the directive set forth in the President's executive order. When such information is received, the F.B.I. has no alternative but to investigate. It is merely carrying out the instructions set out in the executive order."

Questioned about the famous "Red Hunt" under the late Attorney General A. Mitchel Palmer, and his connection therewith, Mr. Hoover said:

"The facts are a matter of record. I deplored the manner in which the raids were executed then, and my position has remained unchanged."

"Following several complaints, the Senate Judiciary Committee made a thorough and searching investigation of the so-called Red raids. The Judiciary Committee could never agree on a report, and the late Senator Walsh, of Montana, was instrumental in inserting the various reports which the committee could not agree on in *The Congressional Record*. In none of these reports was there any accusation against me as a member of the Department of Justice."

"The late Chief Justice of the United States, Harlan Fiske Stone, raised his voice in vigorous protest of the manner in which the raids were carried out long prior to his appointment as Attorney General in 1924 to reorganize the Department of Justice. He had investigated the raids in detail, and I am sure he would never have appointed me director of the bureau in May of 1924 had I been responsible for the manner in which the raids were carried out."

Some of our readers may recall that this Department made a study of the deportation cases here referred to. The editor recalls vividly the reply of the late Chief Justice Stone—then dean of the Columbia Law School—to his question, what could be done about the Attorney General's performances. It was this: "You can smite him hip and thigh!"

Manifestly this series of developments reflects the interplay of two forces: the pressure of fear, and the urge to do justice. The defensive attitude of the government is in the wartime pattern. What would be a normal peacetime policy is difficult to effectuate because of the realities of the Cold War. Hence security policies approximate those of a hot war.

Federal Council on Military Training

(Text of a statement adopted by a two-to-one vote on November 18, 1947)

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America reaffirms its opposition to the establishment by the United States at this time of a system of compulsory universal military training.

The constituent communions of the Federal Council, insofar as they have expressed their judgment on this issue, are opposed to the adoption by Congress of legislation providing for compulsory military training. Reports that have come to us indicate that

religious assemblies have taken action opposing such training. Certain other national religious assemblies have discussed the question without a vote being taken. To the best of our knowledge no one of our constituent communions has supported compulsory universal military training. The actions here referred to are not to be construed as necessarily reflecting a unanimous judgment of the communions in question. There are differences of opinion both within the churches and among ourselves.

It is apparent, however, that despite these differences of opinion and despite our full recognition of the need for adequate military defense any effort to establish now a system of compulsory universal military training will meet with widespread opposition both within our churches and among a majority of the members of the Federal Council's Executive Committee for religious and moral reasons and on deep-seated grounds of Americanism.

We are keenly aware of the tensions existing in the world today. We recognize that military power is today exercising a strong influence in the shaping of international policy. We believe, however, that the fear of war can best be allayed and the risk of war can best be diminished by accelerating the economic and social recovery of Europe and Asia.

The European Recovery Program now before Congress offers the United States an unexcelled opportunity to strengthen the foundations of democracy in the West and to improve the economic and social well-being of the Western world. We believe that substantial and adequate aid to Asia is a necessary corollary to aid to Europe. We are convinced, therefore, that the European Recovery Program and the implementing of a like program for Asia constitute a priority in American foreign policy. The resources and energies of our nations should not now be diverted from this primary task of reconstruction.

Moreover, such of our constituent bodies as have opposed compulsory universal military training deplore the determination of this issue as a gesture of military power in the midst of the present tensions in international relations. It is believed that to depart from traditional American policy by inaugurating at this time a system of compulsory universal military training would contribute to the further deterioration of the present situation.

There is opposition among the churches to the government assuming responsibility for indoctrination and discipline in the matter of citizenship since it has been the genius of our democracy to rely upon the home, the church and the school for such training. There are also grave doubts with regard to the moral consequences of taking immature youths from their normal relationships in family, church and community and putting them into an abnormal community.

Finally, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in Biennial Session in Seattle, in December, 1946, supported "the announced purpose of our government to work for a comprehensive system of disarmament . . ." Little, if any, progress has been achieved in implementing the provisions of the General Assembly's resolution on Principles Governing the General Regulation and Reduction of Armaments. We wish to foster no illusions regarding the early likelihood of accomplishing the ends embodied in this resolution. We believe, however, that if our nation were now to reverse the military policy to which, in peace time, it has adhered from the days of its foundation, in favor of a system of compulsory universal military training, the effect would be further to jeopardize the possibility of regulating and reducing armaments by international agreement.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I am trying to ascertain if the leading officials of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America or its subsidiary the National Religion & Labor Foundation are in any way or have been in the past members of Comunistic Front orginzations. Also does the F.B.I. regard the National Religion and Labor Foundation as an Comunistic Front orginzation ??

I have been told that the following men have been listed by your Department as members of Comunistic Front orginzations; namely;

- Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert
- Dr. Ivan Lee Holt
- Rev. James Myers
- Bishop Francis J. McConnell past Pres. FCCCA
- Reinhold Niebuhr
- Fishop G. Brmley Oxham
- Dr. Henry P. Van Busen
- Dr. Walter Van Kirk
- Dr. Harry F. Ward
- Dean Luther A. Weigle Past Pres. FCCCA
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Dear [Redacted] 100-50869-73

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Your letter dated January 26, 1948, has been received. While I would like to be of assistance to you, information contained in the files of this Bureau is confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will draw no inference whatsoever from my inability to comply with your request.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Edgar G. Hoover.
Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As an American citizen of seventy years standing, direct descendent of two signers of the Declaration of Independence and tremendously interested in the subversive influence at work in this Country seeking to undermine and overthrow our form of Government, I feel that I have a right to approach you, or any other top official in any of our several Departments or Bureau's of Government, and seek information which is of great value, and should be available, to every citizen.

Therefore, I wish to ask you the following direct question: to what extent and what has been the effect of the infiltration and influence of communism upon the actions of The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. I am a member of the Southern Presbyterial Church and our Church, as a body, is a member of The Federal Council and if what "we hear" is true, many of the decision and actions of the Federal Council have been made or taken as a direct result of communistic influence.

I do not wish you to make any charges against any individual for I am not particular interested in any individual's action. But I do want to know to what extent communists influence is present in the deliberations and decisions of The Council as a whole or the actions of any of its different Committees's.

I do not want any confidential information but I shall appreciate such information as any good citizen of America is entitled to receive from those who may be elected or appointed to manage our affairs. Thanks for your cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

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Your letter dated January 27, 1948, has been received. While I would like to be of assistance to you the information contained in the files of this Bureau is confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will draw no inference whatsoever from my inability to comply with your request. The thought occurred to me you might enjoy reading the enclosed literature.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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Dear Sir:-- I am a member of the Christian Church of this city. Our brotherhood is registered with the Federal Government as Disciples of Christ Church, and is a member of the Federal Council of Churches in America.

About a year ago I learned that the leaders of this Council are not only infidelic in their religious beliefs but many of them are identified with many of the Communist front organizations in this country. This I substantiated and layed before the official board of my Church, evidence taken from sworn Testimony before the Dies Committee also the Intelligence Department of Navy-1935- Aug 17, Congressional Record 13503. Four Elders joined me in condemning this organization and recommended that we repudiate the Federal Council and declare our Church free and independent of our brotherhood because of this betrayal. We got exactly no-where as the pastor and a majority of the board refused to believe this evidence not withstanding the fact that their infidelity is proven by statements taken from their books and their un-Americanism by sworn evidence taken from Government records. My desire is not to persecute any of my brethren or cast suspicion upon them by having them investigated. Possibly not more than ten people are in sympathy with the political ambitions of the Federal Council, which is a small percentage, but they refuse to believe the evidence.

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I am anxious to secure more evidence to lay before them and thought perhaps you might help furnish the same. We want to save our church from these two great plights that mean disaster for both our Church and Nation. We are in hopes you will be in position to furnish us with additional evidence which will enable us to accomplish this fact. We recognize the position the Government is in, in an investigation of an organization of this kind because of its religious implications and feel that its up to the laity of the Church to combat these evils. But it should be remembered that while this organization claims to represent 27,000,000 protestants, a very small number has anything to say about its policies, or have any idea of the political ideals to which these men work. Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours Very Truly
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 10, 1948, has been received. Information contained in the files of this Bureau is confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will draw no inference whatsoever from my inability to comply with your request. The thought occurred you might enjoy reading the enclosed material.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau Of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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I understand that there was an investigation either
by the Federal Bureau Of Investigation or The Un-American
Activities Committee, of The ^o Federal Council Of Churches Of
Christ In America some time ago and that the findings of
the investigation were that the Federal Council were mixed
up in the interests of communism and communistic organizations
and possibly other un-american activities and were considered
a very dangerous organization as to the safety of our country.

Will you please send me the findings of unfavorable and
communistic activities of the Federal Council in the above
investigations. J

Please also send me your latest figures on the increase of
child delinquency, increase in drunkenness and immorality.

I am a Christian and I want this information to use
for, and in the cause of Christ.

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March 8, 1948

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of March 2, 1948, has been received. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau. In accordance with a long-standing policy, however, our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do or do not have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance. I am enclosing the current issue of our Uniform Crime Reports which contains statistics such as you have requested and other material of possible interest to you. The thoughts prompting your communication are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover o/o
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

For your information the writer is an elder in the Presbyterian Church U.S. (of the south) a Gideon and a member of the C.B.M.C.

From information I can get, and some reading material I have had, I am of the opinion that you bureau already knows the inside of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, their program and who they claim to be representing: I am informed close to 30 denominations consisting of some 27 million members.

The fact is they do not represent any such number as a great many of these members are opposed to their entire program and want to withdraw from membership. They are so organized and have their work so mechanized that, down to the local Presbyteries in our own denominations, those opposed to them do not get a chance to speak.

I am informed that they are spending much more money in teaching our young folk, cooperative business, than they are on evangelism. Many of their head leaders are Modernists and taking the heart entirely out of Christianity. Many of us feel that they are helping establish a government program in this country which breeds trouble and eventually works up to Communism. They I understand are opposed to competition in business and want cooperatives.

The Southern Presbyterian Journal of Weaverville, North Carolina are in position to furnish considerable information, and I am sure they will cooperate with you, if you desire.

The writer is of the opinion that your bureau can investigate this program, find the true inside work and expose them, breaking up this machine before they wreck and ruin both, the Orthodox Church and our country along with them.

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I will appreciate hearing from you as there having been any thing done in past, or if you feel any thing further can be done any suggestion of help on this end. No group has any thing to do with this letter. I am writing you personally.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Very truly yours,



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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 18, 1948, has been received. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with a long-standing policy, our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and no inference will be drawn that we do or do not have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

In the event information comes to your attention at any time concerning un-American activities on the part of any individual or organization, please furnish complete details to Mr. C. H. Carson, Special Agent in Charge of our Miami Office, 1300 Biscayne Building, Miami 32, Florida.

It has occurred to me that the enclosed literature might be of some interest to you. The patriotic motives prompting your communication are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mar. 21, 1948

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

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Dear Sir:

I would appreciate some information from
your agency concerning the activities of the
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

I am a member of the Church of the Brethren and
accordingly represented by the Federal Council since
our church is a member of that body. Your group
conducted an investigation some time ago concerning
the Communistic activities of the group and I am
told that Rev. Harold Smith made some derogatory
statements which were to the effect that the F.B.
has branded the Federal Council either as pink or
outright red. Our local church is planning to
petition the heads of our church for the entire
church to be removed from the Council. If you can
give me some data to support or ~~refute~~ ^{refute} Rev. Smith
I would appreciate same.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 21, 1948, has been received and I want to express my appreciation for having written me as you did. While I would very much like to be able to be of assistance to you, the information contained in the files of this Bureau is confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference that we do, or do not, have information in our files because of my inability to comply with your request. The thought occurred you might enjoy reading the enclosed literature.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Our reprint Menace of Communism

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March 25, 1948

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I had the pleasure of meeting you thru correspondence associated with our mutual friend, Chief [redacted] of the Police Force here, who has been a very good friend thru many years, and also your worthy associate, Ed Scheidt, now your key operator in New York. Incidentally, when last in New York I visited with Mr. Scheidt on the phone and he seemed to be most happy in his work there. His leaving [redacted] was a real loss to our community as he was an excellent citizen as well as a good operator.

The object of this letter is to make an inquiry of your office, which may be made with or without propriety. On this point I leave it entirely to your judgment and if it is not proper that the inquiry be answered I shall understand fully that your judgment and decision in so declaring is in line of duty and what has been decided by the Department as wisdom in the performing of its functions.

of Christ in America
Very frankly, I personally feel that the Federal Council of Churches has an over-all very serious influence which is far from wholesome, in my judgment, in its position on many matters, especially pacifism, many of its leaders associating with very questionable people of Communist leaning, also the inflammatory work by them concerning race relations. On this last point I do not intend to convey the idea that they are inciting racial trouble but that the position which they publicly hold and vigorously sponsor is tremendously unwise too often and brings about racial problems in precipitating them in a very dangerous way under the present conditions.

I am attaching hereto a list of leaders in that body and the inquiry that this letter would make is to request such information as the Bureau can give as to whether these parties, according to your investigations, are or have been associated with "Red" or "Pink" groups in the United States.

I would like very much to know the names of the groups each has been associated with, where the [redacted] listed by your Bureau as being of questionable "pinkness", and if this is not practical then that there be a check put by the names on the right

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
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who are so listed in your records, and an "x" put by the names of those who you do not have any listing of that kind on.

You will, of course, feel absolutely free to advise me that this cannot be done or to advise me that such an inquiry is not proper. I shall abide without question your decision in that matter. If it is possible to give me any or all of the information, I shall be grateful to have it.

The reason for which this information is sought is that in the coming annual meeting of the Southern Presbyterian Church, I shall be associated with those who are opposing our membership of the Church in that body and I would be much interested in being able to authoritatively state with regard to the character and the leadership of that body in matters such as I have outlined above.

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I have written thus frankly, submitting the request above made, because I would not want to submit or make such a request without being perfectly frank with you as to my reason for seeking it and the contemplated use of it. If this information may be had with the gentlemen's agreement that the source of such information be withheld, I shall observe your request on this and think that Ed Scheidt or [REDACTED] would sustain the reliability of said statement on my part. It is my recollection, however, that many, if not most of them, have already been cited by the Un-American Activities Committee of Congress on the information as coming from your Bureau and it is for that reason that I have felt that very possibly, since publicity has already been given, that I might have the benefit of this information from your office.

In any case, may I again express my appreciation of the very excellent job you and your associates have done and are doing in the phase of our government, and the very important phase that it is, assigned to you and them in the protection of this Nation.

With kindest regards, and special good wishes to Ed Scheidt when you next have contact with him, I am

b7C Sincerely,
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Rev. Chas. S. MacFarland
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Rev. Frank Mason North
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Rev. Albert W. Beaven
Bishop Ivan Lee Holt
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 25, 1948, and want to thank you for your comments concerning Special Agent in Charge Edward Scheidt. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with a long-standing policy, our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do or do not have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance. Your enclosure is being returned at this time. It has occurred to me that the enclosed literature might be of some interest to you. The patriotic motives prompting your communication are indeed appreciated.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure
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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

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Federal Council of Churches for Christ
May 7, 1948

To National Council members and Association workers
in local, state, area and national positions:

The statement issued by the Federal Council of Churches last week as a result of a special meeting of its Executive Committee is one of the most important declarations on the issues of war and peace and international relations that has been made by anyone in many months. It is known to be the work of men who have had as close relation to the problems discussed as any in our country.

The statement should have wide attention. It should be made influential with our government and with our people everywhere.

Have our newspapers published it throughout the country as did the New York Times? Can some of us encourage publication?

Can we get copies before our Y M C A and church and educational and business groups?

Can Y M C As make this a matter for study and review in groups of youth and young adults? Would some feel it worth reproducing and mailing to all their constituency - to demonstrate to whom it may concern that we are interested in matters like this?

"Our people must not tolerate any complacency about war." As a scientist I am in position to know why there is so little reason to believe that the United States or any nation could "win" a modern war. Atom bombs are only the beginning of this story. "War is not inevitable;" I believe that our opinion in the Y M C A about statements like these is so unanimous that I have no hesitancy about bringing the Federal Council statement to your attention and urging you to do something about making it as influential as possible.

Extra copies are available from the national office

Fraternally yours,

Kirkley F. Mather

President

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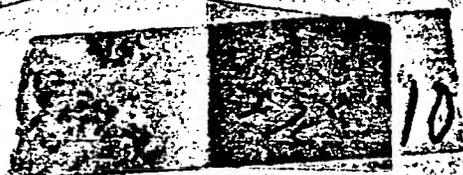
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ENCLOSURE

No Complacency About War

Our people should not tolerate any complacency about war. War would engulf all in misery and would bring other consequences quite the opposite of our intentions.

Some have come to look upon "a preventive war" as an acceptable means of settling the present international conflict. Such a state of mind we unqualifiedly condemn.

The last war ended with the dropping of two bombs which alone killed over 100,000 persons and shattered the lives of many more. New war would plunge the world into utter misery. Whatever the military result, there would be an intensification of the misery which makes men willing to exchange freedom for dictatorship.

Circumstances may at times make forcible resistance a lesser evil than surrender, but no man should be deluded into thinking that new war will achieve the ends for which he would profess to be fighting.

II.

To Combat Hysteria

Our people should combat a mood of hysteria or blind hatred.

There is always danger that in the face of alarming events hatred or fear will arouse mass emotion and drive people into doing foolhardy things. A free society can survive only as its members have the self-control and self-restraint to protect themselves against that mood.

So, our citizens who believe in their free society and want to preserve it must exercise sober self-control and exert themselves to stop others who would spread hysteria, whether for attack or for surrender. Some officials may think that even necessary legislation can be obtained only by frightening the American people. Others may feel that they are peculiarly qualified to exercise political leadership and that they can best ride into power on a wave of emotion. Those who influence public opinion may feel that sensationalism is needed to arouse and alert the American people.

Those who do such things are following the doctrine that it is possible to get good by doing evil. The fact is that panic started for one purpose seldom stops until it has overshoot the chosen mark.

There are features of Soviet conduct, and indeed features of our own national conduct, which are evil and which we should hate. But hatred of evil is very different from the hatred of people as a group. Those who stand on the brink of disaster cannot safely indulge in emotions

control of armaments through the United Nations. But the main defense: what we treasure are to be found in nonmilitary measures which will change the conditions favoring the spread of despotism. Provide those defenses is not the task for military advisers.

Therefore, the American people, in conformity with the principle of democratic government, should not permit policy making to pass predominantly into the hands of those who think primarily in military terms, as seems to be the case today.

Our people and Government should not feel satisfied with merely military measures but should diligently develop and carry through programs of an economic, social, political and moral character. Thus, the real security of the United States and of the world may be safeguarded and war may be averted.

V.

Peace Program Detailed

Our people should press for positive programs which have immediate possibilities for peace and justice. They could, for example, quickly move toward: a. Greater economic well-being throughout the world; b. Greater emphasis on increasing social welfare; c. Greater observance of human rights, to check terrorism; d. Greater use of processes of international conversation and negotiation.

We believe that the positive programs which we here propose by way of illustration flow directly from our Christian faith and its requirements for relations of mutual helpfulness and goodwill among men.

In urging at this time economic assistance to those in need, increased opportunity for human welfare, and greater observance of the rights and freedoms which are claimed by virtue of man's dignity in God's sight, we are setting forth tasks which should at all times command the support of our Christian people. We are convinced that both the inherent right of these steps and their direct bearing upon the present international crisis will commend them to all men of good will.

Primary responsibility for the technical aspects of programs rests, of course, upon government and political leadership. Nevertheless, our present appeal to our people to press for economic, social, political and moral programs for peace would not be convincing unless we could point to genuine possibilities of this character.

A. One of the conditions which tempt Soviet leadership to aggressive action is the prevalence of economic distress. The Foreign

service of those rights. Three years have gone by with any international commitment that task. It is imperative that the United States take the lead, with those nations which have agreed on what human freedom means, to secure prompt adoption of a covenant of human rights, within the framework of the United Nations. If our nation should quickly assume dynamic leadership of a movement to define and protect human rights, even if only within the existing free societies, that action would do much to reassure peoples now frightened and to check the further spread of terrorism.

Talks with Soviet Union Favored

D. The avenues of diplomatic conversation between the Soviet Union and the United States should be kept open and used. There should be the fullest possible exchange of information and of views on the assumption that all nations want peace, not war.

An appearance of broken official relations is psychologically bad for peace. It increases the risk that Governments act on misinformation and make miscalculations which lead to perilous incidents. Also, it may be that some of the conflicts of national interest and issues of power can be dealt with by isolating them from irreconcilable conflicts of basic convictions.

We do not presume to judge the technical problems of when and where, and with whom, conversation should be held or negotiations conducted, but we suggest that there are in the field unused possibilities which ought to be explored. If trustworthy agreements could be arrived at between the Soviet Union and the United States, even on minor matters, the present world-wide sense of tension might be eased and the way made easier to preserve peace. The mood of the American people should be such as to encourage the Administration to utilize the possibilities of conversation and negotiation. Likewise, avenues of religious, cultural, scientific and educational exchange should be kept open and developed as far as possible.

It may be objected that the possibilities we have suggested do not meet our test of immediacy. We do not believe that such an objection is sound. Programs themselves have consequences even before they are fully realized. The European Recovery Plan is a good illustration. The idea had profound influence when it was first put forward by Secretary Marshall and quickly endorsed on a bipartisan basis. That occurrence changed the aspect of affairs in Europe more than nine months before the plan

business rights, and for continuing diplomatic conversation with the Soviet Union.

We belong to a free society. We cherish for ourselves and for others freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom of petition and freedom of vote. It is such freedoms which are threatened and which we want more fully to achieve and to preserve. Most of us would fight rather than surrender them, even though they might well be lost by fighting. These freedoms can, we are confident, be preserved if they are now used in ways to avert the immediate danger of war. In a free society every citizen has a duty of action.

Duty of Christians Cited

Our churches ought to testify with renewed vigor to God's righteous love for all men and the reality of the Christian world fellowship.

Christians have their own divine commission to proclaim the kingdom of God and His righteousness at home and abroad. God is a God of judgment as well as of mercy. In His sight all nations, including our own, and all men, including ourselves, have left undone those things which they ought to have done and done those things which they ought not to have done. We are called to recognize the just condemnation of His judgment but if we turn to Him in repentance and faith we shall avail ourselves of His mercy. We are called to be steadfast in prayer for all the peoples of the world that they may learn the things that belong to their peace; for our nation and our Government, that they may become willing to serve the purposes of God.

Our churches are part of a world-wide community of Christians. They have come into being as a universal fellowship in our own time through the work of the missionary movement and through the new discovery of the unity in Christ that binds Christians of many communions.

Let us always remember the great company of fellow Christians in Russia with whom we share a common faith that should transcend all the differences that make for conflict. Already in many places Christ has broken down the middle wall of partition in His Church, even where Christians have been divided by the enmities of war.

We find our ultimate hope for peace in the faith that God, through Christ, is seeking to draw all men to Himself and into fellowship with one another.

*See, in this connection, our Statement on Soviet-American Relations of October, 1948, the principles of which we reaffirm.

Committee on Public Affairs, National Board of the Young Men's Christian Associations
347 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

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Text of Church Council's 'Program for Peace'

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 30—Following is the text of the "Positive Program for Peace" submitted to President Truman today by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America:

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, through its Executive Committee meeting in special session, addresses itself to the present international crisis.

Powerful forces have pushed mankind to the brink of an awful abyss. The first and urgent task is to check those forces. Therefore, we do not deal here with the long-range task of building peace, but with a short-range task of averting war without yielding sound democratic principles. We call upon our people immediately to change the present prevailing mood which makes for war. This will not remove the basic causes of the present tension, but it will provide an increased margin of safety.

I. Our people should not tolerate any complacency about war. War would engulf all in misery and would bring other consequences quite the opposite of our intentions.

II. Our people should combat a mood of hysteria or blind hatred.

III. Our people should reject fatalism about war. War is not inevitable. If it should come, it would be because of conditions that men could have changed.

IV. Our people should not rely on military strategy to meet Communist aggression. Such reliance is more apt to bring war than prevent it. There should be greater concentration on positive programs of an economic, social, political and moral character:

V. Our people should press for positive programs which have immediate possibilities for peace and justice. They could, for example, quickly move toward: a. Greater economic well-being throughout the world; b. Greater emphasis on increasing social welfare; c. Greater observance of human rights, to check terrorism; d. Greater use of processes of international conversation and negotiation.

VI. Our people ought, each one of them, to contribute to a change of mood so as to increase the chance of averting war without compromise of basic convictions.

VII. Our churches ought to testify with renewed vigor to God's righteous love for all men and the reality of the Christian world fellowship.

which make them unstable and unreasoning.

III

War Not Inevitable

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There is no irresistible tide that is carrying men to destruction. The evil forces at work are man-made and they can be man-changed. We do not believe that any Government, whether our own or the Soviet's, now wants war or is committed to war.

Soviet leaders do have a global program which, if carried out in the intolerant and coercive manner of the past two years, is likely to lead to war. However, it can be dealt with by counter-measures of peace. It seems that the Soviet program will be aggressively pushed to a danger point, especially where the following conditions prevail: first, where economies are weak; second, where the working people can be made to believe that proletarian dictatorship offers their best hope of increased welfare; and third, where man can be terrorized.

To quote from Stalin, Soviet communism strikes when and where the forces opposed have "exposed their practical bankruptcy." Where that condition is not found, aggressive Soviet action is suspended. The way to prevent war, therefore, is to change the conditions which tempt men to reckless and dangerous activities.

IV

More Than Armed Force Needed

Our people should not rely primarily on military strategy to meet Communist aggression. Such reliance is more apt to bring war than prevent it. There should be greater concentration on positive programs of an economic, social, political and moral character.

In times of international crisis men tend to look to military measures as a means of salvation. That is happening in America now. Nearly a year ago Secretary Marshall put forward the statesmanlike idea of the European Recovery Plan. In many respects, however, our recent international policy seems to have been much dominated by military thinking. Such domination increases the risk of war.

In present conditions of international anarchy, where international law and international police power are lacking, national military strength is necessary, while we continually strive for the multilateral reduction and

assistance Act just passed by Congress can serve greatly to change these conditions in Europe and also to some extent in China. The European Recovery Plan, which that Act incorporates, shows the immense possibilities which reside in non-military resourcefulness and action.

The constructive objectives of this Plan have been strongly backed by our churches. It has now been enacted into law, and action under it is beginning. Such action ought to do more than provide temporary relief. It should, and can, work to change economic conditions into those needed for a great revival of hope and creative effort.

Injustice Breeds Communism

B. Another condition which tempts Soviet leaders to aggressive action is the possibility of making men believe that the Communist parties are today the only ardent advocates of increased social welfare. These parties attract and organize people already resentful because they feel that their present leadership and institutions perpetuate economic and racial injustices from which they suffer. The conditions which create that feeling can be, and should be, changed.

There was a time when the Western democracies were supreme in prestige because of their dynamic pursuit of liberty, equality and fraternity; their great experiments in political freedom; and their industrial revolution, which added unimagined productivity to human effort.

Today, because Soviet communism attacks freedom, we are drawn into defense of the status quo. We ought rather to preach and practice the unique capacity of a free society to effect changes peacefully. We ought to develop and make known constructive programs which will again capture the imagination and enlist the support of those who are unsatisfied, of those who feel themselves exploited, and of those who want to make dreams come true.

C. Still another of the conditions which tempt Soviet leadership to aggressive action is the possibility of frightening people from working against Soviet penetration. Today, even within the free societies of western Europe, many feel that they cannot, without great future risk of reprisal, express the dictates of their reason and conscience.

That situation violates the provisions of the United Nations Charter which call for respect of human rights and require the nations to take joint and separate action in cooperation with the United Nations to secure the ob-

itself took legal shape. It is possible to get immediate results, which will decrease the threat of war, through economic, social, political and moral proposals which are well thought out and which it seems our nation is resolved to carry through.

Prayer and Action Asked

VI

Our people ought, each one of them, to contribute to a change of mood so as to increase the chance of averting war without compromise of basic convictions.

This is a time for prayer. Also it is a time for action. Men of goodwill must promptly lay hold of the means at hand to increase the margin of safety against war. This is a task in which every one can play a constructive part.

1. Do not tolerate any complacency about war.

Some of us may ourselves be complacent about war. If not, each of us knows some who are. So each one can do something to reduce the sum total of that complacency.

2. Combat a mood of hysteria or blind hatred.

Each of us is aware of focal points of war hysteria and blind hatred. We know who are some of the individuals, groups, and publications that are spreading that mood. Each, by writing to political leaders or editors, can do something to stop the development of unreasoning mob emotion.

3. Reject fatalism about war.

Each of us knows some who think that war is inevitable and that it is better to get it over quickly so as to relieve the strain of waiting and to anticipate the Soviet development of atomic power. Each can do something to change that mood of fatalism and impatience.

4. Oppose primary reliance on military strategy to meet Communist aggression.

Each of us has, or can have, influence with leaders in Congress or in the administration or in political parties and can urge that they do not concentrate on military measures as though these alone would assure peace, but concern themselves also with economic, social, political and moral counter-measures against the threat of war.

5. Press for positive programs which have immediate possibilities for peace and justice.

Each of us can use our voice and our vote in behalf of constructive measures by our Government to increase the margin of safety from war, such as programs for recovery, for increased social welfare, for a covenant on

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

We have a situation in our Church here in [redacted] which is typical of that in many congregations of all denominations throughout our land. This is not to draw you nor your bureau into religious affairs, but you are indirectly, and I am of the opinion, directly involved in the issue. If I have been correctly informed, your bureau has made some investigation of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and its personnel concerning charges of communism in the leadership of this organization. Many church congregations across the country have within them belligerent groups who openly and vociferously charge that the Federal Council is Communistically dominated, and thus bring discord and dissension within their own congregations and communions.

My purpose in writing to you is to obtain a statement of your findings in this matter, and I would appreciate having it over your own signature. I believe that this will serve very materially in silencing this element which is becoming very vocal here in the midwest. As you know, this group rests its case largely on statements which came from the Dies Committee Investigations. A statement from you on this matter would also be valuable.

Many Christian people are being influenced by the above charges and many others will be unless authoratative evidence is produced to refute them. Hence this urgent request. It is actual fact that we are seeking and needing. If there is Communism in the Federal Council we want to know it, and if there is not, it is essential that we know it.

Yours truly,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 11, 1948, has been received. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with a long-standing policy, our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance. It has occurred to me that the enclosed material might be of some interest to you. The thoughts prompting your communication are indeed appreciated.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

Director's Statement Before the House Committee
How to Fight Communism &
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Gentlemen:

There is a rumor abroad which you may be able to correct or corroborate if you are in a position to do so. It has been said that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is being investigated by your Department, apparently because of supposed subversive activity. Most of us are not willing to believe it.

Would you be willing to tell if it is true that the investigation is being made and if so what results are had. If the confidence of your Department forbids this information, can you give me some statement of any kind which would lead to the proper conclusion. This is of utmost importance to those of us who are seeking to have an increasingly united church.

Sincerely yours

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Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter dated June 2, 1948. In response to your inquiry, no investigation has been conducted by this Bureau of the group you mentioned. The thoughts prompting your writing as you did are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: A check of our files fail to reflect any investigation has been conducted of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

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