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Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your undated Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 31, 2004, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for documents on "Domestic Intelligence Report", dated April 10, 1952 from the Headquarters First Army, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chicago, Illinois. The FBI forwarded your request to this office, along with Department of the Army records, retrieved from their file, for a releasability determination. This correspondence was received in this office on November 23, 2004.

We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order 12958, as amended. As a result of this review, it has been determined that the information contained in the records no longer warrants security classification protection and is releasable. The records are enclosed for your use. Fees for processing this request are waived.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to the FBI (FOI/PA #0997066-000).

If you have any questions regarding this action, please feel free to contact this office at (301) 677-4742. Please refer to case #149F-05.

Sincerely,

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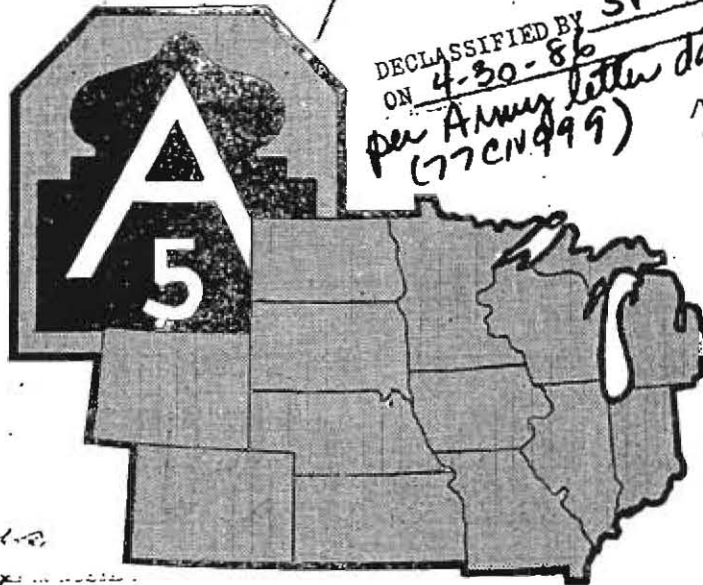
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WEEKLY SUMMARY OF DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

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NO. 15

MAP: FIFTH ARMY AREA (Prepared by Fifth Army Engr.)
(Annex "A")

PERIOD COVERED: 030001S April 1952 to 082400S April 1952

1. SUMMARY OF DOMESTIC SITUATION

a. Subversive Activities During Period Under Review

Following a period of considerable activity during March, a lull is taking place in Communist activities in the Fifth Army Area. No meetings or activities of any significance have taken place during the past week.

A number of ~~AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE~~ representatives attended the ~~DELEGATES ASSEMBLY FOR PEACE~~ in Washington, D.C. on 1 April. A ~~COMMITTEE OF WOMEN OF THE CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP~~ is encouraging correspondence between women in the United States and Russia in the interest of "peace, friendship and better understanding."

Two important meetings have been scheduled for Chicago. One, on 25 April, will be addressed by Steve ~~NELSON~~, prominent Communist leader from Pennsylvania and former officer of the ~~ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE~~. The other will be a May Day Rally on 3 May, in honor of International Labor Day.

A small newspaper, closely following the CP line, has been started in St. Louis. Its two editors, Joseph and Alice ~~HOFFMAN~~, were known to be Communists in 1943.

The ~~House Committee on Un-American Activities~~ may conduct investigations of Communist activity among labor unions in the Chicago area. In addition to the ~~HUAC~~ investigation of CP activities into a Flint, Michigan, local of the ~~UNITED AUTO WORKERS (CIO)~~, the state of Michigan may institute further inquiries into subversion.

All is not serene in the pro-fascist camp. Further factionalism has threatened the dissolution of the Gerald L. ~~K. SMITH's~~ anti-Semitic, anti-Negro ~~CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE~~ by members of a splinter group, the ~~CITIZENS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION~~.

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b. Labor Activities During Period Under Review

The steel industry is now under nominal operating control of the U.S. Department of Commerce as the result of a seizure order issued by President Truman on 8 April. Production has been resumed, but the steel companies have served notice that they will fight the seizure order in the courts. The precedent set by the seizure has been attacked in many quarters as socialistic and a step, even if temporary, down the path followed by the British Labor Party.

The ~~X~~COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA (CWA-CIO), on strike against the Western Electric Company in 13 states and against the telephone systems in New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, and Northern California, has begun to tighten picket lines around Bell Telephone installations. The result could be a nationwide tie-up of phone service.

The strike of the ~~X~~COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPHERS UNION (CTU-AFL) against the Western Union Company continues without any report of progress from federal mediators. Service on urgent telegrams is being maintained by supervisory personnel.

A wage dispute in the oil industry, now in the hands of the Wage Stabilization Board, threatens to cause a national strike in the petroleum industry at midnight 10 April. The Companies and the Unions have presented widely divergent views as to the size of the wage increase to which the workers are entitled.

c. Racial Activities During Period Under Review

The ~~X~~CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS of Illinois is attempting to provide additional proof of Genocide against the Negro people. They claim a Chicago Negro youth was brutally beaten by police for his "belief in his right to choose his own friends."

Walter WHITE, executive secretary of the ~~X~~NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP) has announced the launching of a non-partisan drive to double the number of Negro voters in the South before the November election. WHITE said, "Our goal for 1952 is two million southern Negro voters."

At a meeting of the St. Paul Branch NAACP, Walter ~~X~~WHITE claimed that racial discrimination and bias in this country is having a profound effect upon the prestige of the United States in foreign countries. WHITE believes that Africa will be the focal point for Russian propaganda pointing up racial discrimination. In Africa, he said, "Harry Moore's name is as well known as Harry Truman's."

~~X~~NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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2. DOMESTIC OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. Subversive

(1) Summary of Subversive Activities - Communist type

All six defendants in the "second-string" Communist conspiracy trial in Federal Court in Baltimore have been convicted. Maximum penalties are five years imprisonment and/or fines of \$10,000. The defendants were George A. MEYERS, head of the COMMUNIST PARTY in the Maryland-District of Columbia area; Philip FRANKENFELD, former head of the Maryland CP, and his wife Regina; Leroy H. WOOD, chairman of the Party in Washington, D.C.; Maurice BRAVERMAN, an attorney for the CP; and Mrs. Dorothy Rose BLUMBERG, active in the CP peace movement.

(B-1)

Delegates to the AMERICAN INTER-CONTINENTAL CONFERENCE FOR PEACE, banned in Chile, Brazil, and Uruguay, held informal meetings in Montevideo despite the ban and decided upon the following course of action:

1. "An Inter-continental campaign for a five-power pact.
2. "Continuing contact by committees of correspondence among peace groups in all the Americas.
3. "An inter-continental conference in defense of American culture in Santiago, Chile, next October.
4. "Inter-continental conferences, as yet without date, on labor, women, youth."

Among representatives from the United States in Montevideo, the NATIONAL GUARDIAN(1), 2 April, named:

Mrs. Mary RUSSAK, head of the American delegation.
Lorraine HANSBERRY, associate editor of FREEDOM, Negro Communist paper

(C-3)

In view of the planned investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee of Communist activities in Chicago area labor unions, the editor of the Illinois-DuSable edition of THE WORKER, has begun a series of articles in the 6 April issue. The first is entitled "Beware the Un-Americans! Why the Witch-Hunters are Chicago-Bound." He says of HUAC:

"It is out to do a job on the struggle for wages in Chicago.
It will attempt to smash the growing movement for Negro rights."

(1) Official paper of the PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

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It is hoping to bring the peace movement here to a standstill. And it will try to create a stifling atmosphere of fear and hysteria that will paralyze progressive activity in this area for months to come....

"Members of the Committee have incited violence against Negroes and Jews, shouting poisonous racist epithets at witnesses and terrorizing members of minority groups...

"The workers in this area are showing high resistance to the war economy. The fight against speed-up is mounting. Economic problems, the suppression of civil liberties, the increase of corruption have started many thousand workers on the path of independent political action."

He concluded the article by saying that HUAC "may get a reception they're not looking for."

(C-3)

Rep. Charles Potter (R) of Michigan has asked that Thomas X. DOMBROWSKI be subpoenaed to appear before HUAC in Washington. DOMBROWSKI, a member of the Polish section of the CP, is editor of the Polish-language pro-Communist newspaper published in Hamtramck, Michigan. Saul GROSSMAN, executive secretary of the MICHIGAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN, has been subpoenaed to appear before the committee in Washington on 29 April.

(B-1)

The Trucks Anti-Subversive Bill was passed by the Michigan State Senate, 3 April. It has been returned to the House for approval of amendments added by the Senate before being submitted to the governor for his signature. The bill calls for registration of all Communists with State Police; bars any Communist from holding public office; and imposes penalties for sabotage and failure to register.

(B-1)

The Michigan State Police Commissioner turned over a quantity of material including names of persons classified as Communists, Communist organizations, and literature to the state's attorney general's office for study to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to call a grand jury to investigate Communism in Michigan.

(B-1)

Dirk STRUIK, suspended professor of mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology indicted under a Massachusetts anti-subversion law, addressed a meeting in the Ida Noyes Library at the University of Chicago, 2 April. The meeting was sponsored by the University student newspaper, the CHICAGO MAROON. STRUIK was also scheduled to speak at Northwestern

University, Evanston, on the afternoon of 4 April under the auspices of the ~~PROGRESSIVE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION~~. STRUIK spoke on the evening of 4 April before the ~~Chicago COUNCIL OF ARTS SCIENCES & PROFESSIONS~~.

(B-2)

George ~~CROCKETT~~, Jr., one of the attorneys for the 11 convicted Communist leaders tried in 1949, has filed a brief for a rehearing on his contempt of court conviction. ~~CROCKETT~~ was sentenced to four months in prison, beginning 4 April, his rehearing has been set for 21 April.

(B-1)

The ~~Daily Student~~, University of Indiana newspaper, carried an editorial on propaganda which has been flooding its office from the ~~INTERNATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS~~ (1), whose office is in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Calling the literature "a mass of poorly-mimeographed junk", the Daily Student says that it is devoted to "furthering world peace through a unity of world youth dedicated to preserving the good things in life which are above selfish, nationalistic lines....Russia, of course, does everything right."

(B-1)

The University of Michigan Lecture Committee has proposed that the ~~YOUNG PROGRESSIVE CLUB~~ be investigated. The club has asked that William R. HOOD, Negro Communist, active in the affairs of the ~~NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL~~ and recording-secretary of Ford Local 600, ~~UNITED AUTO WORKERS~~ (CIO), be permitted to speak. The committee proposed that it be determined whether the YPA is a "responsible organization." Joan ~~BERLER~~ of New York is president of the club.

(B-2)

COMMENT: The YPA at the University of Michigan recently had difficulties with the Lecture Committee. When the committee refused to permit the Negro Communist Art ~~MC PHAUL~~ to speak on the campus, the YPA organized a dinner meeting in the Michigan Union at which he spoke. (See WIS No. 13, '52, p. 8)

An open letter to President Truman was published in the 4 April issue of ~~NARODNA VOLYA~~, Bulgarian-language pro-Communist newspaper. It calls for a reversal of the present government policy on German rearmament and an immediate conference to arrive at a peaceful solution to the German question and a peace agreement.

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among the "five major powers." Among the hundred or more signers, many of them well known Communists and sympathizers, are a number from the Fifth Army Area:

John T. BERNARD, Chicago Communist, legislative director for the UNITED ELECTRICAL WORKERS (UE) and Illinois organizer NATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE FOR PEACE

Rev. Paul ~~X~~CATON, Chicago, member ILLINOIS ASSEMBLY AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE (IAAPC)

Ralph ~~X~~ELDEVIK, Shevlin, Minnesota, no information in G-2 files

Rev. Joseph M. ~~X~~EVANS, Chicago, Negro pastor Metropolitan Community Church, co-chairman IAAPC, a CP sympathizer

John T. ~~X~~GOJACK, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Communist suspect, member AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE (APC) and the YOUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA (YPA)

Rev. P.J. ~~X~~HOUSTON, Kansas City, Missouri, member APC

Rev. Albert W. KAUFFMAN, Eancroft, Michigan, called "Red" by AMERICAN LEGION, has written letters to Russian propaganda magazine, ~~X~~RUSSIA TODAY

Prof. Robert Morss ~~X~~LOVETT, Chicago, Communist, member of numerous fronts

Betty ~~X~~LOWNES, Densison, Iowa., state secretary of IOWA FARMERS UNION

Prof. Curtis D. ~~X~~MAC DOUGALL, professor at Northwestern University, formerly active in the PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PP)

Clara ~~X~~MICHEL, Topeka, Kansas, no information in G-2 files

Helen and R. ~~X~~MILLER, Chicago, cannot be identified

Mary ~~X~~PHILLIPS, Lemont, Illinois, member APC and AMERICAN WOMEN FOR PEACE

Dr. Willard B. ~~X~~RANSOM, Indianapolis, Indiana, Negro, member NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, FP, CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, CP suspect

Anatol RAPOPORT, University of Chicago professor of mathematical biology, member APC

Mrs. Edna ~~X~~UNDIETT, Dixon, Iowa, member of IFU

Clara M. ~~X~~VINCENT, Farmington, Michigan⁽²⁾, was formerly the Detroit secretary of the CP fronts PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF APPLIED RELIGION and COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

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- (1) CP influenced.
- (2) Near Detroit.

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(2) Activities of Established Component Elements

(a) COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

Illinois CP

The Illinois CP is planning a big mass May Day rally to be held in the People's Auditorium, Chicago, 3 May. Arrangements are being made by ~~LABOR'S~~ MAY DAY COMMITTEE. Chairman of the Committee is Aaron ~~HINDMAN~~, Communist, organizer for the CP-dominated ~~INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION (Ind.)~~, who announced that considerable difficulty was experienced in finding a hall suitable for the meeting as the "result of anti-labor jim crow attitudes by hall managements and the curtailment of free speech under the stress of the war hysteria."

Speakers announced for the meeting are, thus far:

Coleman ~~YOUNG~~, Negro, Detroit Communist, executive-secretary of the NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL

Maurice ~~TRAVIS~~, Communist, secretary-treasurer of the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MINE MILL & SMELTER WORKERS (Ind.)

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(b) AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE (APC)

The ~~DELEGATES ASSEMBLY FOR PEACE~~ of the APC had 780 delegates from 16 states when it convened in Washington 1 April, according to THE WORKER, 6 April. According to the source, 40,000 signatures were brought from Chicago to Washington. Twenty Chicago delegates are reported to have attended. Thomas ~~RICHARDSON~~, co-chairman of the APC, was principal speaker at an evening rally in Turners Arena. Stanley ~~KNOWAK~~, Communist, was one of the Detroit delegates. A State Department official told the APC group that their organization was the "tool of Communism."

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Illinois Assembly of the APC ~~ILLINOIS ASSEMBLY OF THE~~

~~AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE~~
The IAAPC is publishing a pamphlet ~~Genocide and War--or Peace~~. With an introduction by Robert Morss ~~LOVETT~~, Communist, professor emeritus of the University of Chicago, it discusses "colonialism, genocide in the U.S., and the Korean War."

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Packinghouse Women's Peace Committee and the Southside Sisterhood for Peace

A special commemoration of Palm Sunday was held at the home of Inez ~~WARD~~, Chicago, by the ~~PACKINGHOUSE WOMEN'S PEACE COMMITTEE~~ and the ~~SOUTHSIDE SISTERHOOD for PEACE~~. They urged that the day be dedicated to "the true meaning of Palm Sunday."

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COMMENT: Both organizations, chapters of the APC, are in the Negro sections of Chicago and probably predominantly Negro.

*Faculty-Graduate Committee for Peace

The subject "What Way to Peaceful Relations With the Soviet Union" will be the subject of a peace forum to be held at the University of Chicago, 9 April. Speakers will be:

Quincy ~~WRIGHT~~, Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago

John ~~ROSSEN~~, Chicago Communist, active in peace fronts and listed in the Chicago MAROON as director of the CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

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The ~~Fourth District Committee for Peace (Michigan)(FDCP)~~

Four members of the FDCP were convicted in a Justice of the Peace court in South Haven, Michigan, for violation of an ordinance which prohibits distribution of handbills on the streets and in other public places. They were distributing "peace leaflets."

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*American Youth Peace Crusade (AYPC)

A number of chapters of the AYPC in the Chicago area have gathered more than 10,000 signatures for "Peace and Friendship Books" and hope to have 20,000 signatures by the end of April. (THE WORKER, 6 April). The "Books" call for "an end to war, negotiated by the big powers." Groups participating in the campaign include ~~YOUNG MOTHERS FOR PEACE~~, an interracial group; the ~~SOUTH SIDE COMMITTEE OF AYPC~~; a packinghouse workers group, and another in the city's steel section. Members of AYPC claim to have spoken before 90 meetings in the Chicago area.

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Southside Committee of American Youth Peace Crusade

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(c) PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PP.)

A telegram asking that the six-month contempt of court sentence of Vincent ~~X~~HALLINAN, PROGRESSIVE PARTY Presidential candidate, be commuted has been sent to President Truman. It was signed by:

Elmer BENSON, National chairman of the PP, a CP member
C.B. ~~X~~BALDWIN, National secretary of PP
Charlotta ~~X~~BASS, Negro Communist, vice presidential candidate of PP

The PP official paper, the ~~X~~NATIONAL GUARDIAN, 2 April published an interim program of the Party, identical in content with that of the COMMUNIST PARTY.

1. Cease-fire in Korea and Big Power Conference
2. Defeat of the \$7.9 billion mutual security assistance program
3. Support House Resolution by Rep. Francis Bolton (R.-Ohio) for investigation of renazification of Germany
4. Defeat attempts to reintroduce UMT
5. Defeat McCarran-Walter Bill setting up discriminatory immigration restrictions and allowing mass deportations and harassment of the foreign-born
6. Defeat Concentration Camp Appropriations
7. Repeal of Smith, McCarran and Taft-Hartley Acts

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The four PP-endorsed "labor" candidates seeking nomination for the state legislature on the Democratic ticket failed to receive the nomination in the Illinois primaries, 8 April. (See WIS No. 8, '52, p. 6). These candidates also had the endorsement of the CP front, the ~~X~~CHICAGO COUNCIL FOR LABOR UNITY. They were:

Edward M. ~~X~~JOSEPH, Communist
John ~~X~~GALLIAS, no information in G-2 files
Mathew ~~X~~BEDNARZ, CP sympathizer
James M. ~~X~~MITCHELL, CP sympathizer

All four are members of the ~~X~~FARM EQUIPMENT COUNCIL OF THE UNITED ELECTRICAL WORKERS (Ind.) and employed in International Harvester plants in Chicago.

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(d) NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL (NNLC)

The NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL held a meeting at Craftsman's Hall, Detroit, on 16 March to hear a recording of the testimony of its executive secretary Coleman ~~YOUNG~~ before HUAC at its recent Detroit hearings.

Pamphlets were distributed at the meeting - - .

~~"Now is the Time"~~ by Maurice ~~TRAVIS~~, Communist, executive-secretary of the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MINE MILL & SMELTER WORKERS (Ind.)

~~"For These Things We Fight"~~ & ~~"Uncle Tom is Dead"~~ by William R. ~~HOOD~~, Negro Communist and recording secretary of Ford Local 600 UNITED AUTO WORKERS (CIO).

Applications for membership were solicited in the name of Emma ~~STOKES~~. (1)

Denver NLC ~~Denver Negro Labor Council~~

The recently formed DENVER LABOR COUNCIL (See WIS No. 11, '52, p. 4) is reported to be trying to obtain use of the Denver Auditorium for a public appearance of the Negro singer and Communist, Paul ~~ROBESON~~. Affairs of the DNLC are reported to be under the guidance of a Communist, Johnny ~~PARKER~~, an ex-service man.

(B-2)

(e) MICHIGAN FREEDOM OF THE PRESS CLUBS (MFPC)

The Michigan Freedom of the Press Clubs are opposing action of the Detroit Housing Commission in screening alleged Communists from city housing projects. This started with eviction orders for William ~~ALLAN~~, Communist, editor of the MICHIGAN WORKER, and Gustave ~~JURIST~~, president of the DETROIT PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS COUNCIL, CP front. (See WIS No. 11, '52, p. 3) The MFPC has been distributing leaflets opposing the evictions.

(B-2)

COMMENT: William ~~ALLAN~~ ~~ALLEN~~, editor of the MICHIGAN WORKER, recently served with an eviction notice from a Detroit Public project, (See WIS No. 11, '52, p. 3) has petitioned the Federal District Court for an order restraining his conviction.

ALLAN has been advised that he will have to post nine months advance rent prior to filing the petition for a hearing in court.

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(f) ~~COMMITTEE OF WOMEN OF THE CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (CWCCASF)~~

The COMMITTEE OF WOMEN OF THE CCASF is appealing to Chicago women to write letters to Russian women. The letters are to be sent to CCASF headquarters, 68 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, for forwarding overseas. An announcement in THE WORKER 6 April says that the women of the Soviet union have shown "a willingness to correspond with American women in the interest of peace, friendship and better understanding."

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(g) ~~POLITICAL PRISONERS WELFARE COMMITTEE and COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE LINCOLN VETERANS~~

Steve ~~NELSON~~, Communist leader recently convicted under a Pennsylvania sedition law (See WIS No. 6, '52, p. 3) will speak at the ~~CHOPIN CULTURAL CENTER~~ in Chicago, 25 April, under the auspices of two front groups, the ~~POLITICAL PRISONERS WELFARE COMMITTEE~~ and the COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE LINCOLN VETERANS.

(C-2)

COMMENT: NELSON, a former officer in the ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE, and a member of the VETERANS OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE, is one of the outstanding leaders of the COMMUNIST PARTY and is reported to have been involved in atomic espionage in the U.S. He has been trained in LENIN SCHOOL OF SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE in Moscow. Born in Yugoslavia, he came to the United States in 1920 and was naturalized in Detroit in 1928. NELSON is also known as Stephen MESAROSH, Joseph FLEISCHINGER, Louis EVANS, and Hugo.

The CHOPIN CULTURAL CENTER, where the meeting is to be held, has been established as a meeting place and community center for Polish Communist and pro-Communist groups.

(h) ~~AD HOC COMMITTEE OF AFRICAN AND AMERICAN STUDENTS~~

An AD HOC COMMITTEE consisting of American and African students at the University of Chicago has been formed in support of the protest demonstrations by the Negro population of South Africa on 6 April. The organization scheduled a meeting on the campus and is securing signatures to petitions which will be sent to the United Nations. The petitions will protest "anti-democratic" laws passed by the Malan government and will ask the government to

refrain from violence in dealing with the demonstrators. A movie by the CP front COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS was to have been shown at the meeting according to the CHICAGO MAROON, U of C student newspaper. Speaker at the meeting will be Darrell RANDALL, member of the Federated Theological Schools, and former resident of Johannesburg.

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COMMENT: Although this office has no information about the Ad Hoc Committee, it may have been organized by pro-Communist students on the campus. The demonstrations in South Africa are currently receiving CP front support. Only recently the SCJOURNERS FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE, Negro women's front, passed a resolution supporting the demonstration. (See WIS No. 14, '52, p. 14) The Negro Communist newscaster Oscar BROWN, Jr. (See WIS No. 13, '52, p. 5) has called attention to it on his program.

(i) SOCIALIST YOUTH LEAGUE (SYL)

A small SOCIALIST YOUTH LEAGUE meeting was held in Detroit at the residence of Jack SLATER with about 18 persons in attendance. William GOODE, professor of Sociology at Wayne University, spoke on the subject, "Russian Literature After 1917." Bruce MILLER, identified as member of the Detroit Branch of the INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE (ISL) was one of those in attendance.

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COMMENT: The SYL, a Marxist organization, has been cited by the Attorney General as a subversive organization. Although not an affiliate of the COMMUNIST PARTY, it is one of the organizations which seeks "to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means." The ISL is also cited as subversive.

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(j) CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE (CNC)

John W. HAMILTON, former vice-chairman of the CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE (CNC) has filed a notice with the Secretary of State of Missouri that this party was dissolved at an official meeting. Names appearing on the statement

were his own and:

~~Robert GIROLAMI~~, no information in G-2 files
~~Vernon VILLEGARD~~, no information in G-2 files
~~Roger WOLF~~, no information in G-2 files
~~Albert MOORMAN~~, no information in G-2 files
~~Edward ABSHIER~~, candidate for representative in Congress from
13th district Missouri on the CNC in 1950
~~George SCHAFER~~, no information in G-2 files
~~Joseph MORIELLO~~, Sergeant-at-Arms of CITIZENS PROTECTIVE
ASSOCIATION (CPA)
~~Forrest WOLF~~, president of the CPA

The Secretary of State reported that the party will not be on the primary ballot. This has been contradicted by ~~Don LONBECK~~, Gerald L.K. SMITH supporter, who said that the party will file a slate of candidates. LONBECK says that many signers of the HAMILTON petition were teenagers.

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COMMENT: There has been discord in the camp of Gerald L.K. SMITH for some time. HAMILTON, who has broken with him, has organized another anti-Semitic group, the ~~CITIZENS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION~~. This group meets monthly at Albrecht Hall in St. Louis. It also publishes a monthly paper, ~~THE WHITE SENTINEL~~, edited by HAMILTON.

(3) Activities of Other Suspect Organizations

(a) New Publications

1. THE APPEAL

~~The APPEAL~~, a new publication has been distributed by the ~~FOURTH DISTRICT (Michigan) PEACE COMMITTEE~~. It is "published cooperatively" and edited by Joseph and Alice HOFFMAN, 2316 Palm Street, St. Louis. Its platform says:

"The APPEAL shall work for PEACE and UNITY with all, irrespective of race, creed or politics. The welfare of the people shall be its guiding principle and no group shall be placed above our determination to find the means of cooperation and to discover the truth, that peace and unity may prevail.

"We shall work for adequate low-cost housing, rent controls, and real price controls, and insist upon the civil rights of all human beings without discrimination.

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"We call for a World Development Program on a vast scale, without regard to race, creed or politics, and urge the people to establish a World Assembly of a delegated body to work FOR PEACE and UNITY."

Its aim is to increase the circulation of this small eight-page paper to 10,000. Published monthly, it sells for 25 cents a year.

Its only advertising is of Communist and pro-Communist literature. Among the things advertised are:

~~"All Quiet in the Kremlin"~~, by George ~~MARION~~, a CP propagandist

~~"What About Korea?"~~, by the ~~REGINA PEACE COUNCIL~~, Regina, Canada

A series of pamphlets by the Communist sympathizer, Corliss ~~LANONT~~

~~THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN~~, official publication of the PP

~~NEW WORLD REVIEW~~, CP propaganda magazine on Russia

~~"The Road is Rocky"~~, by Don ~~WEST~~. "proletarian" and "peace" poems mentioned frequently in the DAILY WORKER

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COMMENT: In 1943 Joseph and Alice HOFFMAN were reported to be active Communists in the St. Louis area. Both were members of the CP front, the ~~WORKERS ALLIANCE~~, cited by the Attorney General as a subversive organization. HOFFMAN was also a member of the ~~JOHN REED CLUB~~, a pro-Communist organization named after one of the earliest Communists in the United States. Employment of HOFFMAN at the Granite City Engineer Depot was terminated in 1943 because of his Communist affiliations. C-2 files contain no information on the HOFFMANS subsequent to 1943.

b. Labor

(1) Activities of Established Component Elements

(a) UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA (USW-CIO)

In an atmosphere charged with bitterness, President Truman in a dramatic eleventh hour move to avert a crippling national steel strike set for midnight 8 April, seized the steel industry and put it under the nominal control of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Reaction was not long in coming. Steel workers were jubilant. Steel management was outraged. Republic Steel Corporation and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company immediately began legal action to prevent the seizure, but their request for an injunction was denied on 9 April. Although there was some resistance during the morning of 9 April, most of the steel plants had opened their gates by late afternoon. The steel firms, however, indicated that they intended to appeal their case, declaring the seizure to be illegal and socialistic. President Truman, in a national radio and television address on 8 April, placed the blame on the steel producers, citing profits of \$19.50 per ton of steel and charging that steel management was "greedy." The President said that he would seize the industry by authority of his "inherent powers." He also added, however, that he would cooperate with Congress in passing legislation designed to control temporary government operation of the industry.

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COMMENT: If the seizure is ruled legal, the government will be faced with the question of whether or not to grant the USW (CIO) the wage hike it is seeking. Unlike the railroad dispute the government is not in this case an impartial judge, since President Truman declared his stand in very definite terms. It must therefore be decided whether or not a partisan group can both take sides and judge an issue simultaneously. The problem of mathematics also enters the picture. President Truman feels that a price hike in steel is unnecessary. The steel companies maintain that a \$10 or \$12 price increase is required. President Truman cites profits of \$19.50 per ton, but neglects to mention that this is profit before taxes, compared with a figure of \$5.20 after taxes. Somewhere between these extremes lies the solution to the dispute, but whether a compromise can be reached when both sides are adamant is problematical.

(b) ~~X~~ COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA (CWA-CIO)

The CWA (CIO) strike against the Western Electric Company and Michigan Bell Telephone Company came off as scheduled on 7 April, but its effects were not immediately felt in the nation as a whole. The Union did very little picketing through the first three days of the walkout, but on 9 April, Joseph ~~X~~BEIRNE, CWA (CIO) President, ordered picket lines thrown up around Bell Telephone installations throughout the country. If telephone operators, many of whom are also CWA(CIO) members, obey BEIRNE's order not to cross picket lines, the directive will have the effect of calling a nationwide telephone strike. 300,000 telephone workers will be affected, according to Union estimates. The CWA (CIO) has also struck telephone systems in Ohio, New Jersey, and California. Federal mediators are trying to effect a settlement in the wage dispute, but no progress has been reported.

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(c) ~~X~~ COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPHERS UNION (CTU-AFL)

Federal mediators are also trying to find the solution to a nationwide strike of the CTU(AFL) against the Western Union Company which began on 2 April. Wage demands by the Union have been found unacceptable by the Company. Service has slowed to a trickle of nothing but urgent telegrams, as skeleton staffs of supervisory personnel man key Western Union offices. In a surprise move, the Communist-dominated ~~X~~AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION (ACA-Ind.) refused to join with the CTU(AFL), thereby relieving pressure in the New York City area.

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(d) ~~X~~ OIL WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION (OWIU-CIO)

No apparent results have been obtained from hearings on the oil wage dispute now being conducted by the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB). The OWIU has set a strike deadline at midnight 10 April and it is doubtful that the WSB will be able to make any recommendations by that time. The union is seeking an increase of 25¢ per hour. Company offers have ranged from 7½¢ to 10¢ per hour. Both sides remain adamant, and union leaders are reportedly becoming very impatient over the "dragging out" of the case. The strike would affect 250,000 oil refinery workers and would bring petroleum production in the U.S. to a standstill.

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Local 513 (OWIU-CIO) OIL WORKERS INTERNATIONAL
UNION - LOCAL 513

A strike by this Local against the Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corporation, Whiting, Indiana, on 1 April has threatened to spread to other company plants in the Chicago area. Contract negotiations between the Local and the Company have broken down, and both labor and management see no hope for a quick end to the strike which is tied indirectly to top level negotiations between the oil unions and the oil companies. The industry-wide oil talks are expected to set a pattern to be followed by union members employed in chemical by-product plants. Feeling is running high on both sides. Some workers were reported to have said that they would stay out until May, while an unconfirmed report from the company stated that it would shut down for good and told its workers to find other jobs.

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(a) *UNITED AUTO WORKERS (UAW-CIO)

Local 812

On 2 April this Local voted to strike at the Carter Carburetor Plant, St. Louis, Missouri. No definite date has been set for the strike, but the union has already notified the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service of its intentions. The Union has not revealed its demands. Approximately 2,200 employees would be affected by a strike. Carter Carburetor is presently engaged in defense production.

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*UNITED AUTO WORKERS
Local 1106

A proposed strike by members of this Local at the International Harvester Company plant, Evansville, Indiana, has been postponed. The Company had planned to begin production on the M-1 rifle immediately, but the government has requested that it not go into production until it has all the permanent equipment needed. The Company has been forced to lay off some 200 new employees who were hired to work on a pilot production line.

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(2) Activities of Other Suspect Labor Unions

(a) ~~UNITED AUTO WORKERS (UAW-CIO)~~

Local 600

Six more officials of Ford Local 600, were fired on 28 March by the International UAW-CIO. Those ousted were:

William H. JOHNSON	-	Administrative assistant and member of Publicity Committee.
Percy LLEWELLYN	-	Political Action Director and former President of Local 600.
John SAARI)	Committeemen, Motor Building Unit
Kenneth ROACH)	
Mike KASPER)	
Jimmy WILSON)	

Both SAARI and ROACH were named in testimony before the U.S. House Un-American Activities Committee when it probed Communist infiltration in the automotive industry.

The statement issued by the Board of Administrators appointed by the International UAW, made no mention of Communist affiliations. The Board said that JOHNSON and LLEWELLYN were removed to reorganize the staff on a "more efficient basis". The Motor Building committee-men had been appointed by ~~BOATIN~~, Communist leader of the Motor Plant, previously fired by the UAW International. The board indicated that more changes are in the offing, but took no immediate action against Carl ~~STELLATO~~, President of the Local or other top officers.

A rift has appeared in the united front of the Communists and leaders of Local 600.

Top officers of Ford Local 600, UAW-CIO, have denied they would be speakers on 5 April at a "unity" caucus of employees of the Motor Building of the Ford Motor Company Rouge plant.

"The Communists are attempting to move into our fight with Walter P. ~~REUTHER~~ over his putting an administrator over Local 600," Carl STELLATO, Local president, said.

"We do not want any truck with the Communists and therefore will not attend the Saturday meeting," he said.

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STELLATO added that the so-called "unity" meeting of Motor Building employees was called without authorization of himself, Patrick RICE, vice-president of the Local, W.G. GRANT, financial secretary, and William R. HOOD, recording secretary.

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COMMENT: STELLATO, who has been supporting the Communists in their fight against REUTHER, may be switching sides again. STELLATO is an opportunist with more ambition than principle.

(b) DISTRIBUTIVE, PROCESSING, AND OFFICE WORKERS OF AMERICA (DPOWA-Ind.)

District 65

David LIVINGSTON, President, and Jack PALEY, secretary of District 54, DPOWA, have been sentenced to three months in prison for refusing to surrender the union's record of accounts in a federal court in New York City. The refusal came during a hearing before a grand jury investigating subversive activities and espionage. The two union leaders claimed that surrendering the records would hinder the running of the union and threaten the security of its members. A federal judge offered the officials an opportunity to bring in the material piece-meal and was also willing to grant additional time. When LIVINGSTON and PALEY still refused, they were held in contempt.

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(c) UNITED PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS OF AMERICA (UPWA-CIO)

Local 28

The UPWA International has directed that a runoff election of Swift Local 28 officers be held on 21, 22 April. The election would concern only those candidates for offices where a candidate did not receive a 47-vote majority. This will affect the offices of president, vice-president, and grievance chairman, and could reverse the previous victory of non-Communist "real unity" slate. The new election, however, also gives the non-Communist group another chance to remove Charles ("Fur Hat Charley") PROCTOR, Negro Communist, from his position as grievance chairman. The position of John LEWIS, Communist and former president of Local 28, as chief steward is secure.

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(d) INTERNATIONAL FUR AND LEATHER WORKERS UNION (IFLWU-Ind.)

The Milwaukee County CIO Council, badly beaten in previous attempts to gain bargaining positions in local tanneries, is making another effort to displace the IFLWU at the Albert Trostel & Sons Company tannery. The council adopted a resolution praising the Trostel workers who had risen above their predicament and are fighting for a real honest union of their own. About 90 Trostel employees, affiliated with Local 47 of the IFLWU staged a short walkout on 28 March in protest against other workers who were wearing CIO buttons.

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(e) UNITED ELECTRICAL WORKERS (UE-Ind.)

Farm Equipment Council (FE-UE)

On 31 March, the FE-UE filed a motion for a new trial in the recent suit in which the OLIVER CORPORATION plant at Charles City, Iowa, won a \$66,722 verdict against the Union (See WIS No. 13, '52, p. 17). The union also became involved in a heated controversy with radio station KCHA, Charles City, when the station cancelled the union's daily five minute broadcast. According to the station manager, the union violated a verbal agreement not to attack the OLIVER CORPORATION or any individual connected with the recent lawsuit.

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c. Racial

(1) Summary of Racial Activities

The Detroit Edition of the ~~PITTSBURGH~~ ^{Detroit} COURIER announced 5 April the dismissal of its editor, Collins ~~GEORGE~~, and several other members of the staff. The managing editor of the Pittsburgh edition recommended these changes in order to correct the loss of circulation which the Detroit edition has experienced during the past two months. The reason given for the dismissal of GEORGE was that he permitted copy to be printed from Communist front organizations which closely resembled news and editorials appearing in the Communist Michigan edition of THE WORKER.

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COMMENT: GEORGE is the author of a series of articles regarding racial discrimination at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. (See WIS No. 41, '51, pp 18-19) He currently is writing a series of articles regarding segregation of troops in the European Theater.

(2) Activities of Recognized Component Elements

(a) ~~NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)~~

Walter ~~WHITE~~, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, has announced the launching of a non-partisan drive to double the number of Negro voters in the South before the November election. WHITE said that according to the best available estimates there are now about one million Negro voters in the southern states. If the Negroes are to have any influence in government, if they expect to get Congress to pass Civil Rights measures, they must vote intelligently, consistently, and in ever increasing numbers. "Our goal for 1952", says WHITE, "is two million southern Negro voters."

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St. Paul Chapter NAACP

A meeting of the St. Paul Branch of the NAACP featured Walter WHITE, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, as guest speaker. WHITE's address was based upon the effect which U.S. racial problems have upon U.S. prestige abroad. Segregation of Negro and white soldiers in separate units and the Harry T. ~~MOORE~~ bombing have done us "incalculable harm abroad" said WHITE. He said that the race problem is

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serious in France and England, but more critical in Asia, Africa, and South America. Regarding Africa, he stated that "Harry Moore's name is as well known as Harry Truman's". WHITE believes that Africa will be the focal point for Russian propaganda pointing up racial discrimination. Mr. WHITE further criticised General Eisenhower's position on segregation in the Armed Forces and added that he hoped that the success of some of the non-segregated units in Korea would "cure his reluctance and timidity."

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Detroit Branch NAACP

The Detroit Branch NAACP has made an appeal to the three major automotive companies in the Detroit area, Ford, Chrysler and General Motors, to stop job discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups. The NAACP pointed out that of the three, only Ford Motor Company has made a token start in that direction. This action on the part of the NAACP follows the defeat of the Fair Employment Practices Bill in the Michigan House of Representatives last week.

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(3) Activities of Other Suspect Racial Groups

(a) CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (CRC)

Colorado

Denver Branch CRC

The Denver Branch CRC has demanded that Walter A. Gail, Denver Director of Public Housing, provide dwelling space in the Lincoln Park Homes for Roosevelt POWELL, Negro, whose former residence was condemned by the city. The housing authorities, unable to act immediately in any case, and unwilling to be coerced into action, took no immediate action. Mary DEMMING⁽¹⁾, and Shirley BRANHALL⁽²⁾ raised the question of racial discrimination and gave indication of planning to build an issue around this particular situation. During the discussion with the housing director, one of the members of the group was heard to state that POWELL was a leader in the CRC. POWELL has been heretofore been unknown in CRC activities, and it is currently believed that he is more than a "hanger on".

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- (1) Communist leader of the Colorado Peace Conference.
(2) Communist, member of CRC.

Illinois Branch CRC

The CRC of Illinois, in their latest announcement, attempts to provide additional proof of the "Genocidal policy against the Negro people". They claim that on 21 March, Deoha BRAGGS, Negro, was brutally beaten by the Chicago police for the crime of "his belief to choose his own friends." The CRC claims that BRAGGS entered a Chicago coffee shop in the company of two white women and was immediately set upon by two men who later proved to be policemen. The three were booked on charges of disorderly conduct and trial was set for 4 April. In their statement, the CRC claimed that the two women were promised their freedom by the police if they admitted to misconduct by the Negro youth.

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The Sunday 6 April edition of the WORKER stated that violence has flared again in Chicago's south side, where a group of young hoodlums attempted to drive a woman and her four children from their new home in Trumbull Park Homes. The CRC of Illinois has alerted all chapters in the event of possible future violence. The NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL (NLC) claimed that the home of the widow, Mrs. Estelle SALES, was stoned and the lives of the family endangered because of their color.

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COMMENT: Mrs. SALES, while being dark skinned is not a Negro, but an Argentinian. At this point the Trumbull Park project has ten percent of its units occupied by Argentinian and Mexican families. Some windows in the homes were broken, but the family was not in the dwelling at the time. Upon their return, Mrs. SALES moved out the few items of furniture which had been moved into the dwelling, saying that she had decided that this location was too far south, and she did not desire to live anyplace where she was not wanted. It has been reported that, based upon this incident, there has been talk of reorganizing the COMMITTEE AGAINST MOB VIOLENCE, which was formed last year. (See WIS No. 27, '51, pp 12 & 18)

(b) NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL (NLC)

For the past three weeks, the NLC has been distributing leaflets charging jim-crow hiring in some of Chicago's chain stores.

It has been found that the leaflets were printed by the ~~DISTRIBUTIVE, PROCESSING, AND OFFICE WORKERS OF AMERICA (Ind.)~~, Local No. 39, which is Communist-dominated.

Frank C. ~~Sefried~~, manager of a Woolworth's store, stated that he had received several visits from small delegations representing the NLC, who demanded that he fire his white employees and hire Negroes. When later asked whether he had changed his mind about their proposition, he was informed that his store would be torn up and action would be taken against him personally unless he changed his mind.

The managers of two other Chicago chain stores have reported similar difficulty, and when they have complied with the delegation's requests, the employees have worked only a day or less and then failed to return. Among those recognized in the delegations calling upon these firms were the following:

Earl ~~X~~ABLE, Negro Communist, UNITED AUTO WORKERS, Local 453

Aaron ~~X~~BINDMAN, Communist, INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN & WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION (ILWU-Ind.)

Florence ~~X~~CRILEY, Communist, member of the UE (Ind.)

Mk - Mrs. Hortense ~~X~~SPAULDING, Negro, member of St. Stephens Baptist Church, who said she represents all the churches in the neighborhood

Chatman ~~X~~WILLES, Negro Communist, secretary-treasurer, NLC, and UNITED STEEL WORKERS OF AMERICA (CIO).

d. Weather

(1) Weather Forecast for Fifth Army Area for Period

Near normal temperatures and heavy precipitation are forecast for Illinois and Missouri with a low of 39° in Illinois and a high of 65° in Missouri. Below normal temperatures and heavy precipitation are forecast for Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, North Dakota, and South Dakota, with a predicted low of 22° in North Dakota and a high of 56° in Nebraska. Early in the period a cold front will move into Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, and Colorado from the east with intermittent rain. Clearing to partly cloudy, except in Illinois and Michigan where showers are to continue. Later in the period the forecast for the entire area is cloudy to partly cloudy with little change in temperature.

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e. Disaster

The overflowing Big Sioux and Missouri rivers have left an estimated 3,000 persons homeless in North and South Dakota. Both rivers being fed by rapidly melting snow and ice. At Bismark, North Dakota, floating ice cakes forced evacuation of at least 300 homes. At Sioux Falls, South Dakota, approximately 1100 persons were evacuated when a dyke broke north of the city. Emergency dykes are being thrown up around Pierre, South Dakota, where the river is currently at the 20½ ft. level with a prediction of a 22 ft. crest on 10 April.

Some 25 families living in the Harbor Road area near the Moline, East Moline, Rock Island, and Davenport are threatened by the rising waters of the Mississippi river. A crest of 14.5 ft. was predicted, which would force these families from their homes. Flood stage at this point is 15 ft.

On 9 April the Reconstruction Finance Corporation declared North and South Dakota as disaster areas, opening the way for Government loans to flood victims along the Missouri river. The agency has a 100 million dollar fund, of which about 20 million has been allocated.

3. COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

a. Espionage

Nothing to report

b. Sabotage

1. POSSIBLE SABOTAGE ROCKFORD ORDNANCE PLANT

Several incidents of irregular operating procedures have been reported from the Rockford Ordnance Plant, Rockford, Illinois. On 3 March the electric control panel, which controls the plant heating system, was found to have been pulled and some of the knobs removed. On 24 March, evidence of tampering with the adjustments on the spindles of large vertical automatic lathe was reported. The machine was out of operation for a day and a half. This machine was used in the manufacture of brass bands on artillery shells. On 25 March damage was reported to an automatic lift plug machine; the damage was to the copper tubes which carry oil to the bearings of the machine. Investigation of these incidents is being continued.

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2. POSSIBLE SABOTAGE DETROIT ARSENAL

On 2 April the ~~Detroit~~ Arsenal, at Ceterline, Michigan, reported that a signal box of the fire alarm system in Building No. 14 had been tampered with. During a routine check of the terminal box, several of the wires within the box had been found removed, breaking the fire alarm circuit. The box itself had been damaged by what was thought to be the result of a gun mantle casting being set down for temporary storage near the box. It was also learned that the entire fire alarm system at the Arsenal was inoperative and in need of a thorough overhaul. Another Federal Agency is conducting a thorough investigation.

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3. POSSIBLE SABOTAGE OF TANK PARTS

On 2 April the Metal Fabricating Company, Detroit, Michigan, a supplier of parts to the Cadillac Tank Plant, Cleveland, Ohio, reported that one of their employees was suspected of acts of sabotage. The employee, Anthony LAFATTA(1), during the past three weeks, had ruined eleven pieces on which he was working. The part in question is the rear floor plate for tanks. LAFATTA was charged with wilfull neglect and given one week's disciplinary lay-off pending completion of the investigation.

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4. CAPABILITIES

a. Subversive

Subversive capabilities continue as indicated in previous Weekly Intelligence Summaries.

b. Labor

Labor capabilities continue as indicated in previous Weekly Intelligence Summaries.

(1) No information in G-2 files.

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c. Racial

CHICAGO NEGROES

(1) Courses of Action

- (a) Become involved in efforts by CP elements to organize a campaign to force owners of all-White residential buildings to admit Negroes.
- (b) Be incited by the CP or its elements to riot in order to gain residence rights in all-White buildings.
- (c) Attempt by peaceful means to effect admittance to all-White residential buildings.

(2) Discussion of Courses of Action:

- (a) Become involved in efforts by CP elements to organize a campaign to force owners of all-White residential buildings to admit Negroes. — Agitators representing CP components, and CP members and sympathizers who have infiltrated into labor unions, churches, and civic groups can attempt to gain support for CP-sponsored efforts to force owners of all-White residential buildings to admit Negroes. Such a campaign probably would exploit two main points of the Negro housing issue: the lack of adequate housing at reasonable rents for Negroes; and the alleged "Jim-Crow" attitude of the White populace toward Negroes in general. The CP could promote such a campaign in order to gain more Negro and general public support by appearing to be the foremost organization fighting discrimination against Negroes. In most instances, however, the CP has failed to enlist support in quantity, because Negro leaders generally are aware the CP seeks only to exploit them, and the general public is skeptical of CP motives for most of its actions.
- (b) Be incited by the CP or its elements to riot in order to gain residence in all-White buildings. — Negroes in isolated instances probably could be incited to riot by means of CP-instigated incidents similar to those the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (CRC), CP "front" group, is believed to have been recently responsible for in Chicago. They, however, apparently realize that force would only do great harm to inter-racial relations and result in legal measures being taken against them. Their leaders and the Negro press have stated that the integration of the Negro minority into the U.S. social framework is being accomplished gradually.

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- (c) Attempt by peaceful means to effect admittance to all-White residential buildings.— Realizing that the use of force could delay integration and give the anti-Negro element added ammunition with which to attack them, Negroes can attempt to effect peaceful admittance into White multiple dwellings by other means, such as securing passage of anti-discrimination housing legislation; by appealing to the White public through churches, and civic groups; and through publicity releases by Negro national organizations.

(3) Probable Courses of Action:

Course (c) will probably be adopted by the majority of Negroes. A few can be expected to fall victim to CP propaganda and follow course (a) until disillusioned, and a smaller few will adopt course (b).

5. MISCELLANEOUS

ANTHRAX OUTBREAK IN MIDWEST REMAINS UNCHECKED

The outbreak of anthrax in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois has not been checked, but authorities in the three states have taken steps to minimize further spreading of the disease. Most cases of the disease have been found in hogs. This is unusual because infection in hogs requires a relatively intensive infection compared to that required to produce the disease in beef, sheep, horses, and other herbivorous animals. The outbreak has apparently been traced to an import of contaminated bone meal carried on the SS Hastings from Belgium. Some of the bags containing the contaminated meal indicated that the actual source of the product was India and Afghanistan. The anthrax bacilli are relatively easy to kill by irradiation, dehydration, and heat; however, under certain conditions they produce spores which require a considerable amount of pressure cooking for long periods of time to kill. Anthrax lives in the soil for from six to more than thirty years according to various estimates. However, it can be controlled by several different types of immunization and is not considered to be the threat against our food production that hoof and mouth disease constitutes, if biological warfare is resorted to. The problem of control of the disease involves wide distribution controls together with positive measures to prevent local distribution of the infected

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bone meal on hand before the bone meal is suitably cooked at a high temperature under pressure. Infected animals constitute a troublesome potential source of further contamination, but may be controlled by appropriate disposal.

KANSAS WHEAT CROP THREATENED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Kansas State Board of Agriculture have expressed concern over yellow and brown spots appearing in wheat fields over a wide area of the southern and eastern part of Kansas. Cause of the damage is now known and has been attributed to insects, plant parasites, or winter kill. No estimate of the damage has been made.

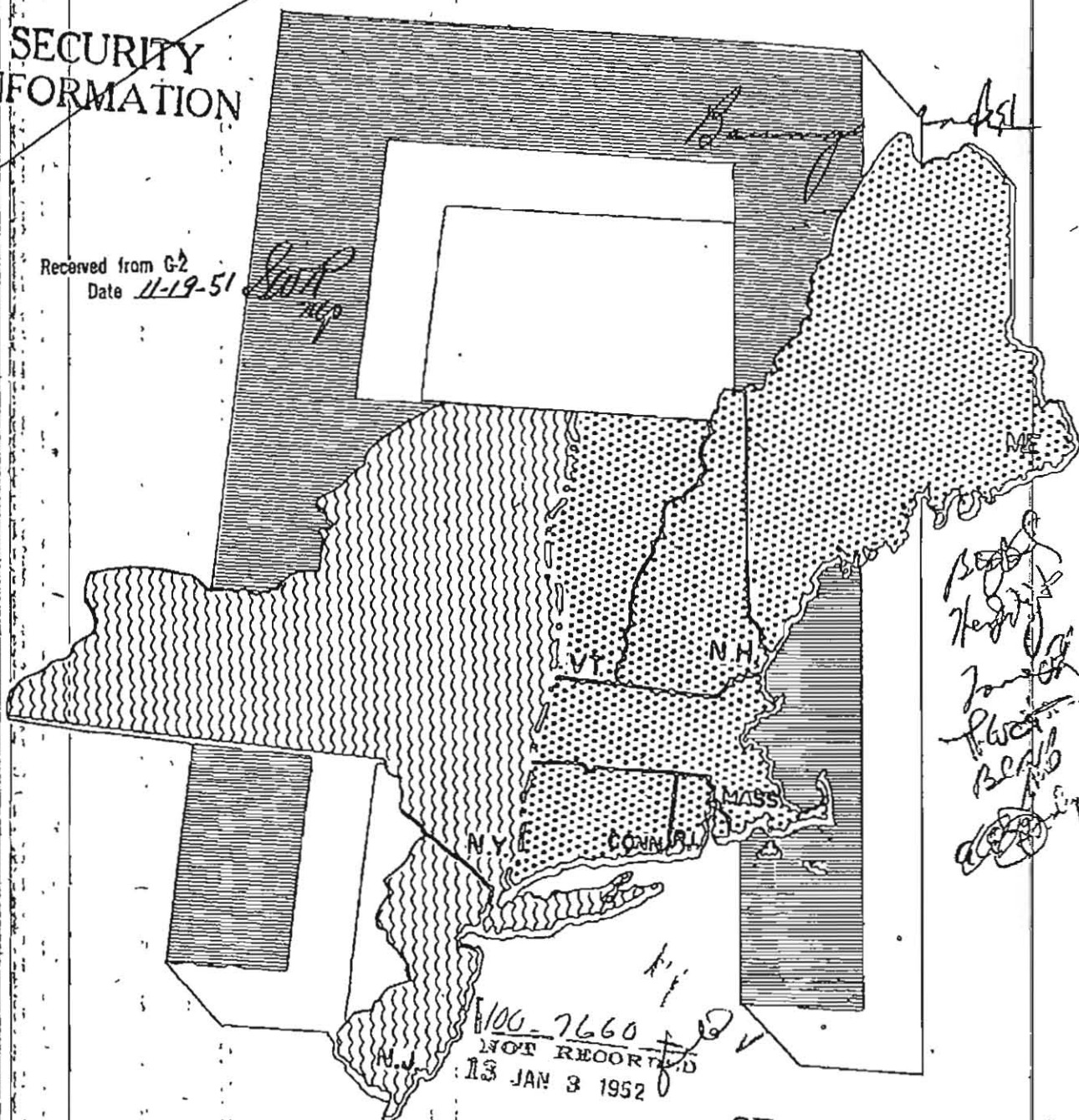
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This report concerns activities of labor as they affect the Military in Alaska.

Negotiations between the Alaska Chapter, Associated General Contractors, and the International Unions and Local Unions affiliated with the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AF of L and signatories to the 1951 Alaska Master Labor Agreement.

Wage increases for Fairbanks Culinary Workers granted by Wage Stabilization Board.

ALASKA MASTER LABOR AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS; 1952

It has been reported that on 26 November 1951, the Alaska Master Labor Agreement for 1952 was being negotiated between representatives of the Alaska Chapter, Associated General Contractors, and bargaining agents of the International Union of Operating Engineers, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union of America, International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers International Union of America, and Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association, as one group, and to be known as Group I for purposes of this report. In addition to the aforementioned Group I, Associated General Contractors, (AGC) are bargaining with delegates of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union, and the Pile Drivers, Bridge, Dock and Wharf Workers, to be known as Group II for purposes of this report. Major contract changes proposed by unions comprising Group I are as follows:

1. That only one supervisor be in charge of each group of workers, and that all orders be issued by this one individual, and that there be no duplication of authority.
2. Contractors will not change the classification of union members on the job where it involves a union other than that to which the employee belongs, without the consent of the two unions involved.

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3. That Article XXI of the current contract will be changed to read ,
"Where any craft is employed in a unit along with Building Tradesmen who are
enjoying double time for overtime, crafts not normally entitled to the double
time rate will receive it.

4. That employers will make an earnest effort to avoid the necessity of
employees waiting for transportation to the job site or point of hire, and that
if such a delay does occur, that the employee will receive eight hours pay for
each twenty-four hour period that he is in the stand-by status.

5. That Shop Stewards will not be fired without prior notice furnished
the union, and that the cause for termination will be reflected thereon.

6. That the present guarantee of 173 hours per month be changed to a
guarantee of 40 hours per week.

7. That pay be received for all travel time from the point of pick-up to
the job site and return.

8. That when a union employee terminates, he will receive his final check
on the job site and that he be paid the regular rate for all time spent waiting
for his check.

9. That at the termination of the contract, project, or season, providing
that the employee immediately returns to the original point of hire, that the
employee be paid for all time consumed in his transport to the point of hire on
a basis of 8 hours straight time for each 24 hour period thus consumed to be
figured from midnight to midnight.

10. That a continuous overtime rate prevail in any instance where the
employee works for a 24 hour period without a 16 hour break between 24 hour
periods.

11. That the Contractor pay the differential between \$5.75 per day and
any larger amount that the employee pays for his board and lodging in town.

12. That an equalization be effected regarding the 30 cent differential
in wages per hour existing between Southeastern Alaska and the rest of the
Territory.

13. That a reopening clause be included so that wage negotiations can be
initiated six months from the date of contract.

14. An across the board wage raise of 30 cents per hour.

Group II have demanded a separate contract with the Associated General Con-
tractors and as yet have not made known all of their proposals. Major changes
in the present contract as proposed by Group II are as follows:

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1. That all terminating employees be paid on the job site, and that these personnel will be paid for all time consumed in waiting for their final check.

2. That a reopening clause be included so that wage negotiations can be initiated upon completion of a US Dept of Labor, Cost of Living Survey, or on 1 July 1952, whichever is the sooner.

3. That when an employee terminates, his tools will accompany him on the same mode of transport, and in the event that the individual is deprived of his tools through no fault of his own, that the contractor will pay the individual hours straight time for each 24 hour period that the employee is deprived of his tools.

4. That in the event an employee dies while in the employ of the contractor, the contractor will provide transportation of the corpse to the home or place of hire.

5. That free board and lodging or an additional \$5.75 per day be furnished all employees.

6. That in the event that an employee is a qualified voter, that he be given 2 hours off with pay in order to vote in any city, state, or federal election.

7. That provisions be made to implement a pension plan for all employees, suitable to both the union and the contractor.

8. That the 30 cent per hour wage differential existing between South-eastern Alaska and the rest of the Territory be abolished.

9. That the current hourly wage be increased by 56 cents.

10. That the overtime rate be increased from the present time-and-one-half to double time. (B-2)

It has been reported that all negotiations regarding the 1952 Alaska Master Labor Agreement have been terminated temporarily, and that negotiations will be resumed in Seattle, on 10 December 1951 between the AGC and Group I. A spokesman for the AGC indicated that there are tentative plans to resume negotiations with Group II in Alaska sometime after the 10 December meetings have been concluded. Informed sources in the labor and management field were of the opinion that an agreement would be reached in Seattle concerning all trades involved with the exception of the Carpenters. It was explained that the demands of the Carpenters have been unreasonable, and that their attitude in dealing with management has been belligerent and unconciliatory. It has been reported by a reliable source that the chief spokesman for the Carpenters, George Davis, Business Agent for the Fairbanks Local, remarked to the effect that if a new contract with the AGC was not concluded by 1 January 1952, a strike of the carpenters would be imminent. Usually reliable and informed sources have advised that the Carpenters Union is contemplating the filing of unfair labor practices charges with the National Labor Relations Board, and a notice of dispute with the United States Conciliation Service against the Associated General Contractors. (B-3)

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FAIRBANKS CULINARY WORKERS GRANTED WAGE INCREASE

It has been recently reported that a 10 per cent wage increase, plus a cost of living payment has been approved by the Wage Stabilization Board in Seattle, Washington, concerning culinary workers in the Fairbanks area. Under the provisions of the WSB decision, raises will amount to as much as \$2.20 per day in some instances, and will be retroactive to 1 June 1951. It was the opinion of informed sources that although the decision rendered by the Seattle WSB would have to be reviewed by the WSB in Washington, D.C. for final approval, the increase was practically a certainty. It was also disclosed that the increase is over and above the 10 percent increase granted to the Culinary workers last summer. (B-3)

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