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Author-Philosopher Asserts America Is 'Dying From the Top'



WILL DURANT

Teachers Press Gov. Landon for
Stand on Relief and Educa-
tion and Backing by Hearst

By United Press

ST. LOUIS—Will Durant, noted author and philosopher, precipitated a lively discussion at the closing convention session of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association.

Durant, addressing educators from all parts of the country, said last night he was alarmed at the low birthrate among the upper classes of the country, and the high rate among the lower classes.

"That is what is wrong with America," he said. "What can happen to a nation that grows from the bottom and dies at the top?"

'SLIPPING MORALLY'

Citing increases in crime, the flight of the Lindberghs and the disappearance of religious belief among half the population, he expressed the belief that the country also "is slipping morally."

radical president who tried to make the country's wealth is elected, the rich will finance a fascist revolution. If a conservative president is elected, he said, there will be a spread of the radical movement.

Dr. Caswell Grave, head of the Washington University Biology Department, sought to repudiate Durant's contention that the upper classes produce the ablest children.

"Some of our most able men and women come from the lower classes," he said. "Look at Lincoln. Besides, the upper classes produce more mediocre children than able ones."

"It's like dealing poker cards. All parents deal from the same deck, whether they live in mansions or slums. They have the same genes. When the cards are shuffled it's the combination that counts."

The educators directed a second attack at the presidential aspiration of Gov. Landon of Kansas at last night's session.

George A. Davis, Cleveland, secretary of the American Federation of Teachers, forwarded a telegram to the governor demanding an answer to an earlier challenge by Dr. Charles A. Beard, historian.

QUESTIONED LANDON

Beard questioned Landon's political advocacy by William Randolph Hearst.

"It is commonly reported that you have helped balance your budget in Kansas by reducing funds for education and human relief. Our group will be interested also to know your reply to Dr. Beard's question: 'Are you proud to be sponsored by William Randolph Hearst?'"

"Doubtless you know Hearst's efforts to place the schools under control of reactionary forces, to reduce Federal relief and to cripple the power of the American labor movement. Doubtless you are aware of the just characterization of Hearst as one of the worst subversive influences in America."

"Our response will be reported to the American Federation of Labor, with which the American Federation of Teachers is affiliated."

The telegram was indorsed by Willard E. Govers, Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the N. E. A.

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CHRISTIANS URGED TO FIGHT RACE BIAS

Federal Council of Churches
Challenges Segregation in
Annual Message

The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America yesterday made public its annual race relations message challenging the evils of racial discrimination and segregation and calling upon all Christian people to be "unprejudiced and wise enough to bridge and cross the chasms of racial isolation and segregation."

The message urged church people to "vigorously oppose" all policies and practices of racial discrimination in the armed services and in employment in industry.

The message is designed for use by churches and church groups as part of an educational campaign culminating in Race Relations Sunday, Feb. 13, and during the month of February designated as Brotherhood Month.

One of the most pointed official statements on race discrimination ever issued by the Federal Council, the message declared that "the growing resentment by dark-skinned peoples against white domination and their feeling that they are deprived of the position properly belonging to free men in a democratic society make it mandatory for Christians to speak with prophetic voice and with apostolic conviction."

Evidence of Prejudice Cited
Anti-Semitism, ill-treatment of Negroes and Japanese Americans,

and race riots in widely separated places were cited as evidence of the necessity for immediate and effective action.

"Most Americans are united in two resolutions—to win the war as quickly as possible and to see that victory shall lead to a cooperative world order—an order in which all men shall be free," the message declared. "The road to this peace and freedom is not the path of injustice and prejudice. That path leads to revolution and recurrent wars."

"Our cause is that of millions of men and women of many nations and races who are resisting tyranny. Of these, in this global struggle, four hundred millions are yellow, four hundred millions are brown and black and four hundred millions are white. We must remember without regard to racial distinctions that China, India and other eastern and western nations are our allies. We cannot achieve a cooperative world order without them—nor should we!"

"There must be a change on our part not only of policy but of manner; not only of behavior but of heart. For in this conflict in which every race is involved and in which freedom is a shining goal, we as a nation shall prove our sincerity by achieving within our own boundaries vital community, irrespective of color or cultural heritage."

"Each of us should examine his conduct, in the sight of God, toward those of other races, and through the instrument of his own personality seek correction of inequalities that exist in his community."

"We should say to ourselves: My welfare is bound up with that of every citizen and every citizen's

suffering is mine. Everyone is implicated in whatever social condition exists and every social gain is a triumph for every individual."

"Let us conquer our racial and group prejudices. Some feel inferior (often because they are forced to do so). Let them stand erect as children of God."

"Others feel superior (often to cover a subtle sense of insecurity). Let them remember that God has no favorites."

"Social judgment should be based upon understanding of all facts involved. Let it be remembered that mankind's progress toward the good life for all comes from individual attitudes and deeds. Public opinion is personal opinion."

"Christians dare not negate the spirit of Christ. The Christian Church can neither rightly claim its heritage nor fulfill its destiny while denying full fellowship to Christ at the foot of His cross. It achieves victory when it breaks down the middle wall of partition

and makes it possible for all the children of God to enter into the fellowship of His spirit."

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Civilian Control of Atomic Energy

By United Press
COLUMBUS, O., March 7 — Action was scheduled today on remaining sectional reports of commissions of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America as the special meeting of the council entered its third and final day.

Plenary sessions of the council today will be devoted to study and final action on sectional reports on the church and returning service men and women, evangelism, world order and foreign relief.

The council adopted a resolution late yesterday from a report on "Atomic Warfare and the Christian Faith"

which urged that ultimate control of atomic research and its application to problems of peace and war be assigned to civilian agencies.

The resolution stated that a major concern of the supervising agencies should be to assure a wide and equitable distribution of economic benefits resulting from the use of atomic energy.

The resolution was adopted on the recommendation of John Foster Dulles, delegate to the United Nations Assembly in London, who said it was needed in view of the reporting out in Congress of the May-Johnson bill to establish military control of atomic power.

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Church Council Branded Red by Clergyman

A thorough investigation of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and of its leaders, by the Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives, was urged by Rev. W. D. H. Garman, secretary of the American Council of Christian Churches, in an address yesterday at the Westlake Calvary Church.

(Affiliated with the work and purposes of the Federal Council are many Protestant churches of various denominations, while the American Council also is representative of many denominations.)

Conference Hlt

Mr. Garman, who is pastor of Callendar Memorial Church at Wilkensburg, Pa., devoted most of his address to a discussion of the National Conference on the Church and Economic Life, conducted recently at Pittsburgh at the call of Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, past president of the Federal Council.

That conference was one of the most subtle, insidious, satanic attacks ever made on our economy, the American way of life and certain aspects of our faith," said Mr. Garman. "It had every indication of being intended to prepare the mind of the Protestant Church for the fear Communism which the Federal Council and its C.I.O. and A.F.L. fellow travelers expect to force upon this nation."

The Federal Council always has been pacifistic, in the worst sense of that term. It opposed war, defensive and offensive, and all attempts on the part of America to arm properly. Prior to World War II it did everything possible to prevent our nation from preparing for the war which every informed person knew was coming.

"It was the Federal Council which put pressure upon the Roosevelt administration not to prepare—and the Federal Council at that time claimed to represent 22,000,000 persons and was perhaps the largest pressure group in America."

Called Red

The Communist activities of the Federal Council are well known. The Dies committee gathered evidence concerning the Federal Council's activities and the F.B.I. and Un-American Activities Committee are not unaware of those activities. I urge you to write your Congressman and ask him to exert his influence in instigating a special and thorough investigation of the Federal Council's activities.

Mr. Garman will speak again at Westlake Church at 7:30 p.m. today, tomorrow, and Friday and at 2:30 p.m. next Sunday.

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Churchmen Ask Dulles Ouster

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CHICAGO, June 4. — Ouster of John Foster Dulles from his post as chairman of its Commission on a Just and Durable Peace was urged here this week on the Federal Council of Churches by the Chicago Association of Congregational and Christian Churches.

A resolution adopted by the Association's conference on social action here charged that Dulles, Republican Party foreign policy advisor, had expressed "such positive misgivings of the purposes and good faith of the Soviet Union as to create attitudes in the minds of the American people which this conference feels...are not compatible with the purposes of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace."

Other resolutions included opposition to "any legislation that would abridge the rights and freedom of any political group in this country," as well as pending anti-labor legislation.

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CHURCHMEN ACCUSED OF COMMUNIST IDEAS

Horace Hull Charges Federal
Council Meddles

PROFIT SHARING FAVORED

By ROBERT GRAY

The accusation that spokesmen of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America "are advocating Communistic and Socialistic Ideologies" was made by Horace Hull, president of Hull-Dobbs Co., in a talk at the Rotary Club luncheon at the Peabody yesterday.

Mr. Hull urged a return to the teachings of Christ for a solution to today's political and economic problems.

Evidence Cited

Noting that the Federal Council claims to represent 25 national denominations with a total membership of 37,749,967 members, the business executive and Rotarian specifically cited remarks by representatives of the organization as substantiating proof of his allegations.

He quoted "Dr. Benson Y. Ladd, associate secretary of the Department of Research and Education of the Federal Council," as saying "The corporate form of business institution is itself inherently un-democratic."

He referred to excerpts from a story in the Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party, of Jan. 7, 1936, in which a statement attributed to Dr. Ivan Lee-Holt, former president of the Federal Council, declared the "aid of the dictatorship of the proletariat in Russia was the establishment of a better life. The Russian Government does not purport to do this through exploiting someone else, but through raising the general level of all."

Mr. Hull declared that the Federal Council favors such proposals as a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee, socialized medicine and insurance, increase in minimum wage, distribution of wealth by taxation, planned parenthood, a non-segregated church and a non-segregated economy.

Opposes Ministers In Business

He expressed opposition to "ministers sticking their necks into business and economic operations, which they don't know anything about. They should stick to presenting the teachings of the Lowly Nazarene."

Criticizing "theorists" and "bureaucrats" who have set the operating policy of American business and industry for the past 15 years, the speaker said the words of Jesus of Nazareth 2000 years ago taught rules for plenty and prosperity. He cited the Golden Rule as a simple axiom for peace.

For happiness and prosperity "You must be men before being business men," he said. "Mankind must quit the idea that mine is mine, and yours is mine if I can get it. Man's greatest fear is want and his greatest ambition is security. We should revamp our industrial system so men have no fear of want and where they have security."

Observing that jealousy and confusion today are rampant in a world where individuals and groups work for their own selfish interests, and where labor "has fallen into the hands of leaders who want power," he said that labor and management are equally important to our economy and should work together in a common interest.

Favors Profit Sharing

Mr. Hull cited a profit-sharing policy adopted by the Hull-Dobbs Co. in 1933 "when our business was desperate," and which he attributed as the reason for the firm becoming the world leader in sale of Ford products in 1941. He said that in 1946 Hull-Dobbs had profits exceeding those of any other Ford agency, after payment of taxes and bonuses, and that its employees were the best paid within the automobile industry.

He recommended to other business men that "If your employees are due a part of the profits for their work and initiative, then give it to them. Then there will be no strikes, no hatred, no confusion and the level of buying power will be raised."

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Rights Plan Labeled 'Socialistic' As Church Group Blasts Truman

By KATHERINE BARNWELL

President Truman's civil rights program was scored here Thursday by the American Council of Christian Churches, which described it as "another step toward socialization of America."

The Council passed a resolution, declaring in part:

"It promotes class-consciousness and inspires hate between peoples . . . The FEPC, which is recommended as part of the civil rights program, is a vital part of the Communist program."

The Council said the solution to America's problems was "not to be made by an appeal to a police state, but by the preaching of the gospel, the presentation of the law of God and the eternal judgment of God upon evildoers."

"Human relations," it concluded, "are not aided by 'social gospelers' who would place us in an iron vice."

The American Council claims 2,000,000 members from 15 Protestant denominations and 6,000 churches. It represents a group which split from the Federal Council of Churches in 1941. The Federal Council has some 27,000,000 members.

W. O. H. Garman, of New York City, President of the American Council, who is attending the meeting here, strongly attacked the Federal Council — calling it "anti-American" and "near-Communist."

He charged the Federal Council hamstrung the Nation's attempts at preparedness before World War II, and "continues to oppose military preparedness."

"Not one word of censure of the Russian aggressor is ever heard coming from the Federal Council," he said, adding that "Federal

Council leaders often have sung Russia's praises and intimated that America is in the wrong."

Dr. W. H. Bordeaux, of Wilmington, N. C., General Secretary of the American Council, said the Federal Council numbered thousands of "infidels" among its members who did not believe the Bible is "God's inerrant word." He singled out for attack Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, whom he compared to Tom Paine—"one of the Nation's most infamous infidels."

The American Council will continue its meetings in Taft Hall at the Municipal Auditorium through Sunday. Public sessions will be held at 3 and 7:30 p. m. today and Saturday, and a big rally will climax the conference at 3 p. m. Sunday.

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CHURCH LEADERS MEET—Leaders of the American Council of Christian Churches, who attacked President Truman's civil rights program here Thursday, include, left to right: Dr. R. T. Ketcham, Vice President of the American Council; the Rev. Paul VanGorder, Pastor of the Colonial Hills Baptist Church and Conference Chairman; and Dr. W. H. Bordeaux, General Secretary of the Council. The American Council split from the Federal Council of Churches which it terms "anti-American."

Oxnam Again Calls For United Church

Speaking before the congregation of the Riverside Church, New York, Sunday morning, December 7, Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam declared the way "to meet the challenge of materialistic philosophy" is not a matter of "returning to the faith." The news report in the New York Times of Monday, December 8 says further:

"Bishop Oxnam said only a United Church of Christ could pave the way 'to the day when the Holy Catholic Church will be wise enough to realize that it is not a matter of any group returning to the faith, but of all of us moving out to form a new church—the one church of Christ on earth."

"Asserting that reunion of the churches was 'quite possible,' Bishop Oxnam contended that the great Protestant disunity that seemed to exist was 'more apparent than real'....

"Bishop Oxnam, past president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, said the world 'could not be won for Christ with the churches using the tactics of guerilla warfare.'"

Bishop Oxnam said further:

"We are not a resistance movement. The task calls for a general staff, a grand strategy and an army—and that means union. We cannot preach with power when our consciences condemn the contradiction that lies in our proclamation of a gospel that unites and our practice of a polity that divides."

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Church Council Decries Russia a Tyrant Bent On Enslaving World

By the Associated Press

DETROIT, Oct. 17.—The American Council of Christian Churches yesterday attacked Russia as "a voracious, insatiable tyrant bent on the enslavement of the peoples of the earth" and accused the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America of "peddling" Marxian doctrine.

The charges were made in resolutions asking President Truman to aid China "in order to save China from eventually the United States the disaster to many noble causes; which a communized China and Manchuria would sooner or later mean."

Demands Stand New.

"Until a stand (against Russia) is made now," the council declared, "the world is destined for the most horrible bath of blood and halocaust of unimaginable proportions."

Russia is using her veto power, it added, to "sabotage the United Nations to promote her interests and gain the time she needs to strengthen her position to attack America," the resolution said.

An attack by the Soviet Union "as soon as she is ready with the atomic bomb" is "inevitable," the council continued.

"There is utter folly in deceiving ourselves longer. God will judge us."

Federal Council Accused.

"We decry the Marxian ideas—a planned and controlled economy, class strife and color conflict—which are actually being peddled in the United States by representatives of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America," the council's "Resolution on Communism" concluded.

Holding its sixth annual convention here, the council claims to represent about 3,000 churches with 1,200,000 members.

A spokesman for the council said it includes churches of various denominations "that don't care to go along with the modernism now being advocated by some of their leaders."

Headquarters of the Federal Council of Churches in New York declined to comment.

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Today Danish Minister Arrives Here To Seek Basis for Pact Role

Church Group Favors Power to Discourage Russian Use of Force

Cleveland, March 10 (AP).—Delegates of 35,000,000 American Protestants tonight approved a statement that the United States "must maintain sufficient strength to convince Soviet Russia that attempts to impose an ideology by force cannot succeed." A minority group dissented.

The lengthy statement on the churches' attitude toward Soviet-American relations now goes to 57 denominations and allied religious bodies—including thousands of the Nation's churches—for consideration and action.

Later the conference tabled for action Friday a resolution asking for a consultation between officials of the World Council of Churches and the Vatican on the question of religious liberty and "related human rights."

The conference is sponsored by the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Its statement embodied the following ideas:

1. Delegates were unable to act on the Atlantic Pact because they do not know its terms, but they believe "no defensive alliance should be entered into which might validly appear as aggressive to Russia, as a Russian alliance with Latin America would undoubtedly appear to us."

2. Regional pacts may work for common security and welfare if they stay within the United Na-

tions framework, are based on "a natural community of interest," and "pursue this interest in ways that do not jeopardize world community."

3. "Regional military alliances are of course no substitute for the relief of human distress and the meeting of human needs within the area."

4. The European recovery program was indorsed.

5. "Hysteria" was decried and "some of the methods" of the former Un-American Activities Committees "should be condemned and discontinued."

6. "A man's opportunity to earn his living should be based on his character and capacity, not determined by his race, creed or color."

7. "The extension of Soviet communism has been accompanied by the threat and use of force" and as such must be condemned.

The action was taken on the recommendation of a study group under the chairmanship of Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area. After lengthy debate, the full conference approved the statement with some minor recommendations for rephrasing.

The most controversial matter in the statement was this paragraph:

"War with Soviet Russia is not inevitable. Contradictory ideologies can coexist without armed conflict, if propagated by the methods of tolerance. We must maintain sufficient strength to convince Soviet Russia that attempts to impose an ideology by force cannot succeed. We must demonstrate that a nonaggressive Soviet Russia has nothing to fear from a democratic America."

To meet objections of some delegates this statement was appended to the full report:

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"Some members of the conference feel under obligation to record their conviction that any war or any resort to military measures would be morally evil and practically self-defeating. They hold that the attempt to maintain the huge military force adequate to balance Russian military power and to force 'moderation' on the Soviet provides only the illusion of security."

"It means the continuance of the cold war and the armament race, not the certain prevention of war."

John Foster Dulles, United States delegate to the United Nations who is attending the meetings, said the group's action on the North Atlantic Pact was "sensible and satisfactory."

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UNITY AGAINST REDS URGED ON CHURCHES

Federal Council Issues Call to
'Stand Together' to Save
Religious Freedom

WARNS AGAINST HYSTERIA

Advisory Committee to Study
Proposal for Consultations
by World Council, Vatican

By GEORGE DUGAN

The churches of the world were called upon yesterday by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to "stand together" in resisting attempts of Communist-controlled Governments to destroy or curtail religious freedom. The Federal Council represents twenty-three Protestant denominations and four Eastern Orthodox bodies.

At the same time the council, acting through its executive committee, warned against a "blind emotion" or a "heedless hysteria" that might "seek to defend the church through resort to war." The executive committee met in all-day session at the Russell Sage Foundation, 130 East Twenty-second Street.

In a separate action the 165-member executive body voted to refer to the Federal Council's advisory committee a proposal that "high-level" representatives of the Vatican and the World Council of Churches participate in joint consultations on the threat of communism to religious freedom.

This proposal was broached last Friday at a National Study Conference on the Churches and World Order in Cleveland. The conference referred it to yesterday's meeting of the Federal Council executive committee.

Conference Is Expected

It is expected that the Council's advisory body will confer with World Council officials on the proposed joint consultations and report to the next meeting of the

Executive committee on May 17. The World Council of Churches, formed at Amsterdam, the Netherlands, last August, represents 150 Protestant and Orthodox churches in forty-four countries.

In its statement on religious freedom, the executive committee made it clear that it was not limiting the scope of the document only to those states under Communist domination.

"There is also a totalitarianism of a Fascist type which is hostile to religious freedom," the committee declared. "States which profess to be defending the rights of religion may in practice be denying those rights by their treatment of minority groups. We cannot be silent about the fact that in Spain, Argentina and elsewhere there are today grievous abridgements of religious freedom."

"In championing religious freedom, we mean freedom from coercion by any earthly power, whether political or ecclesiastical, that assumes the prerogative of God and attempts to control the conscience of the individual."

The executive committee also voted its endorsement of a message to the churches issued last week by the Cleveland Conference which at one point called upon the Senate to delay action on the proposed North Atlantic defense pact until the American people have had adequate opportunity to understand it fully.

The council's action was reported by telegram to President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Senators Tom Connally and Arthur Vandenberg of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Shortly before adjournment the executive committee adopted a resolution expressing "grave concern" over the effect of the filibuster on the processes of American democracy.

The resolution was adopted after Bishop D. Ward Nichols of the African Methodist Episcopal Church told the churchmen that many Negro Protestants were beginning to question whether they can obtain their rights by democratic methods.

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ANTI-RED GROUP MEETS ON MAY 13

All-American Conference of Unit Plans Second Meeting For Chicago Next Month

The All-American Conference, uniting 65 national organizations with a combined membership of 80,000,000 Americans in a common fight against communism, launched at a meeting in New York City, Jan. 28, and 29, under American Legion auspices, will hold its second session at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago, May 13-14. This was the decision of the conference committee of the conference which met at national headquarters of the American Legion at Indianapolis, March 26. State Senator Jack Tenney, of Eagle Rock, Calif., presided over the meeting.

The committee took some important actions for permanent organization of the All-American Conference. It voted unanimously to accept from conference membership any organizations which are guilty of racial or religious discrimination, laid down a provision that organizations seeking membership "accept the principles, ideals and objectives of the Conference" and voted to accept for membership to the Conference only organizations that are "generally recognized as representative and national in scope."

Committees Appointed

The conference authorized a temporary executive committee of the Conference to consist of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, of New York City, editor of the Christian Herald, as chairman; Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, of New York, executive director of the American Jewish League Against Communism, Inc.; Lewis Hines, Washington, D. C., representing the American Federation of Labor; Paul Walmsley, of Buffalo, N. Y., of the National Education Association, and W. C. Sawyer, of Indianapolis, national Americanism director of the American Legion.

The committee also appointed a special interim screening committee to pass on applications of organizations for membership. Named on this were Jackson Holtz, of Boston, Mass., national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, as chairman; U. S. Senator Karl E. Mundt, of South Dakota, and Olive M. Huston, New York City, executive director of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Present at the Indianapolis meeting were State Senator Tenney; Dr. Ernest E. Irons, Chicago, Ill., president of the American Medical Association; Alexander T. Wells, of New York City, past international president of the Lions; Senator Mundt; Walmsley; Miss Huston; Rabbi Schultz; Hines; Dr. Poling, who represented the Federal Council of Churches; Holtz and Sawyer.

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Presbyterians Vote to Stay In Council

Massanetta Springs, Va., June 13 (UP)—A minority move to withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches was defeated 243 to 121 today by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

But at the same time, the 90th General Assembly adopted a strongly worded resolution condemning some recent actions of the Federal Council.

The resolution charged the council commissioners "have from time to time expressed opinions, issued statements and advocated policies tending toward political socialism in this country . . . contrary to our time-honored principles of free enterprise and representative democracy."

The assembly delegates said they considered those expressions "totally at variance with the beliefs of our people."

"We therefore vigorously dissent and completely disassociated ourselves from any such deliverance or action of the Federal Council," the resolution said.

Before adjourning the five-day session, the assembly ruled to remain a member of the World Council of Churches.

The Assembly also went on record opposing diversion of public school funds to parochial schools.

The commissioners adopted a budget of \$3,735,812 and approved a 1951-52 budget of \$4,424,133.

* East German Reds Plan * Ruhr Youth Congress

Berlin, June 13 (UP)—The east German Communist Youth organization today said it will convoke a "Congress of 6000 young peace fighters" in the West German Ruhr Sept.

The Communists on Sunday said they have planned a demonstration for West Berlin, at which they hope to rally one million youths, but they have set no date for this one.

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CHURCH PANEL BRANDED RED

Minister Hits Council Radio Program

FRAMINGHAM, Feb. 22 — An allegation that the Massachusetts Council of Churches is allowing on its radio panel program individuals charged with membership in subversive organizations was hurled today by the Rev. John Whitney MacNeil, minister of the Grace Congregational Church.

He said he did not question the right of the individuals to express their opinions but added that "I know it is wrong for them to be continued year after year as the voice of the Church Council."

"Let them find a new vocabulary and stop calling the organizations they represent 'churches,'" he said. "Let them cease referring to their imported propaganda as 'religious faith' and let us have an end of speaking in such terms of confusion in the same way communists misuse the word 'democracy.'"

The local clergyman in his Washington birthday sermon questioned



THE REV. JOHN V. MACNEIL

Charges communist front sympathizers using Massachusetts Council of Churches broadcast.

whether the Massachusetts Council "even in the hallowed name of civil liberties, continue in its radio panels such persons as a committee of Congress declares to have been a member of 11 and 20 communist organizations."

"Let there be no mistake, there

are fine people heard on the program but there are also those who have been cited by Congress or by the Attorney General of the U. S. as having been connected with subversive organization," he said. The Rev. Mr. MacNeil also questioned what he termed the continuing of fellowship by the council with groups "who are militantly and openly teaching atheism."

"I am sure that the great majority of laymen and clergy supporting it are deeply troubled that some of its member denominations do not reverence Christ."

"I am certain that they will be outraged if the officers of the council carefully investigate and fully reveal that a member denomination by its financial support of the local budget of one of its churches is, in effect, underwriting the teaching of atheism in Boston."

"Only yesterday, Saturday, this so-called religious group flaunted in paid advertisements its denial of God's existence."

He suggested that the council follow the example of the National Council of the Churches of Christ and the World Council of Churches with which it is now loosely affiliated for a statement of faith in God "made known through Jesus Christ."

He requested Bishop Norman B. Nash, as president of the Council of Churches to review his questions.

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Church Council Raps Methods Of Red Hunters

The general board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has approved, 69 to 2, a statement that "certain methods of Congressional committees investigating Communist activities in educational institutions endanger the very freedom which we seek to preserve."

Meeting yesterday at the Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Ave. and 29th St., the board authorized the appointment of a committee "on the maintenance of American freedom."

The board statement assailed "encroachment upon the sound American pattern of local control of schools," by the Congressional committees, warning that "national regimentation, whether of business, of labor, of religion, or of education, is abhorrent to Americans."

The board bluntly declared that control of our educational institutions never had been a function of Congressional committees.

Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati lawyer and brother of Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio), offered an amendment, which was approved, insisting that no Congressional committee "should circulate on its letterhead, over the signature of its members or employees, unsupported charges against individuals or organizations which it has made no effort to investigate or substantiate."

Mr. Taft said the House Un-American Activities Committee has been guilty of this practice. Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of Washington, president of the World Council of Churches, said he himself had been accused by the committee of having been a member of the American League Against War and Fascism, and of writing an article on Stalin.

He said he never belonged to the league, now defunct, nor wrote such an article, and charged that the committee made no effort to check the accusations before circulating them.

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Back To Fact-Finding

The rising tide of sentiment against irresponsible investigations is evident in Congress as in many other institutions and citizen groups. On Capitol Hill the most striking indications of concern over abuse of the investigative power are the new rules announced by Representative Keating, chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee that is investigating the Department of Justice, and the restraints placed on Representative Velde by the Committee on Un-American Activities. Both inside and outside of legislative circles the forthright statement of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA is causing a salutary ferment.

It would be a gross error to assume that this spreading protest is against full information for Congress or against the exposure of subversives. The National Council of Churches, for example, emphasized the importance of investigations as part of the legislative process and recognized the need for vigilance in dealing with conspirators against our institutions. What these church leaders object to is the projection of inquiries into fields where Congress has no special competence or responsibility and the maligning of citizens by unfair methods. They insist only that public servants in our free society use the methods of a free society.

If Congress is impressed by the growing demand for fairness and responsibility in its inquiries, it can take at least two corrective steps. First, it can impose on all its investigative committees a code of fair procedure similar to that suggested by Representative Keating. Many similar suggestions have been made in the past, and a number of constructive resolutions prescribing rules of fair play are awaiting action. The most essential step is to guarantee to any witness under attack, as would the Keating proposal, the right to file a sworn statement, to appear personally before the investigating committee, to question his accusers (through members of the committee) and to have witnesses summoned in his behalf. The exercise of these rights would be controlled by the committee to avoid abuse, but the mere existence of such a code, applicable to all committees, would go a long way toward insuring fair procedure.

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Second. Congress can use more discretion in authorizing investigations. The continuous investigation has become very popular in recent years. There is much to be said for it from the viewpoint of maintaining a permanent staff and of keeping close watch on activities in which abuses are likely to arise. But some of these standing investigatory bodies seem to think they are free to inquire into anything under the sun. The opportunities for mischief were pointedly illustrated the other day when Chairman Velde of the Committee on Un-American Activities talked about the possibility of investigating the clergy. The committee has now made it clear that no such investigation could be undertaken without its approval. But that is slight comfort. Surely no investigation of such far-reaching implications should ever be launched without full consideration by the House or Senate or both!

One of the foremost reasons for the present furor is the loose manner in which Congress has delegated its investigative power. The mandates given have been so broad, or have been so grossly stretched, that ambitious probers are able to follow almost any sensational trail that promises to land their names in the headlines. The result is a prostitution of the fact-finding process—a prostitution that only Congress can correct by narrowing the scope of its inquiries, preventing duplications, and calling vagrant investigators to account by cutting off their funds.

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NEW YORK--THE METHODS OF SOME CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES INVESTIGATING COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES "ENDANGERS THE VERY FREEDOMS WE SEEK TO PRESERVE," THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A. DECLARED IN A RESOLUTION FORMALLY ADOPTED TODAY.

THE BOARD, WHICH REPRESENTS SOME 30 PROTESTANT COMMUNIONS WITH A COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF MORE THAN 35,000,000, DID NOT SPECIFICALLY NAME THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, BUT STRUCK OUT AGAINST "CERTAIN METHODS" OF CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIVE BODIES.

"FREE MINISTERS IN FREE PULPITS PREACHING TO FREE PEOPLE THE LIBERATING TRUTH OF CHRIST ARE A CHIEF BULWARK OF AMERICAN FREEDOM AND THE BEST GUARANTEE OF ITS FUTURE," THE RESOLUTION SAID.

IT REQUESTED THE COUNCIL'S PRESIDENT, BISHOP WILLIAM C. JGPN OF DALLAS, TEX., TO APPOINT A "COMMITTEE ON THE MAINTENANCE OF AMERICAN FREEDOM" WHICH WOULD "WATCH DEVELOPMENTS WHICH THREATEN THE FREEDOM OF ANY OF OUR PEOPLE."

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Red Probes Assailed by Eisendrath

The Rev. Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, warned last night that religious liberty is being betrayed by "men on horseback" on Congressional investigating committees.

In a speech before 3,000 delegates at the union's forty-second biennial convention, he called on Reform Jews to align themselves with the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. in condemning "certain methods" used in inquiries into Communist influences. The church council made its statement March 11 at a general board meeting in New York.

"Deeds of Daring"

Dr. Eisendrath specifically asked delegates starting their five-day session at the Commodore to support the Protestant Council's committee on the maintenance of American freedom which was authorized when the churchmen condemned methods used in Congressional investigations.

"Deeds of daring," he said, "are especially requisite in this dark hour when men on horseback—not merely from behind the Iron Curtain—but from behind bed sheets and night clothes and Congressional immunity threaten religious freedom. He described methods used in the Red investigations as "inquisitorial dragnets and fear-mongering witch hunts" by which "self-appointed vigilantes would pervert the very freedom which they hypocritically prize and thus betray from within the special heritage of America."

4 Anniversaries Marked

The Jewish leader's message, entitled "The State of Our Union," marked least four anniversaries.

The convention this year marking the eightieth anniversary of the Reform movement and the centennial of the arrival in Cincinnati of Isaac Mayer Wise, its founder. The fortieth anniversary of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is being celebrated by the federation, a union affiliate, in concur-

rent sessions at the Hotel Roosevelt. And the intercentenary of the arrival of the first Jews on Manhattan Island, actually scheduled for 1954, will be observed in advance at this session. Also meeting concurrently is the National Association of Temple Secretaries.

Reviewing anti-Semitism in Communist countries, Dr. Eisendrath said a "mere military victory" against Communism would be futile. "The one lone hope for human salvation is to beat Communism on the battleground of the souls of men" by proving the superiority of democracy.

Dr. Eisendrath said that Reform Jews should join forces with world Jewry to "assure our brethren behind the Iron Curtain that our spirits are sorely laden as we learn of their sorrowful plight."

Gift of \$1,000,000

A check for \$1,000,000 for the expansion of the work of the union and of its seminary, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, was presented to the convention by Dr. Samuel S. Hollender, of Chicago, general chairman of a Combined Campaign for the two organizations.

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THE CLERGY AND THE COMMUNISTS

The Episcopal diocese of Washington has now committed itself officially to a position on congressional investigations and communism so odd that even those who voted the resolution differ on its meaning.

The resolution was introduced by Dr. Charles W. Lowry, rector of All Saints' church in Chevy Chase. Dr. Lowry is resigning his pulpit to devote all his time to educating people on communism.

He says he offered the resolution because "emotional outbursts" of Protestant clergymen on congressional investigations are "not desirable."

On that premise, the resolution can be read as an indorsement of congressional investigations and support of their efforts.

But Dr. Lowry's views are not all we have to consider. Other ideas are advanced, on the basis of the resolution's suggestion that "thoughtful study" be given a resolution passed March 11, by the National Council of Churches, which lectures Congress on how it should run its affairs.

If you read that earlier resolution with a prejudice against congressional investigations, you can find it critical of them.

Certainly, the March 11 resolution is not straightforward, candid or complete. It spends much on Congress and says nothing about the Executive branch of the government, which has been and remains the principal hiding place and working ground of communism in the U.S.A.

Now, so you can see how the churchmen have equivocated on this matter, we reprint here first the Lowry resolution just adopted by the Episcopal diocese:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, International Communism is not simply another philosophy or one more relatively tolerant religion competing freely in the ideological market place for the voluntary allegiance of mankind, but is a fanatical, idolatrous and totalitarian religious system committed to the destruction of all religious rivals and to the forceful conquest by any and every means of all nations and peoples; and

WHEREAS, the American people generally, including many Church Members are confused and divided over the issues growing out of the problems of security in State and Education;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Convention of the Diocese of Washington calls on our people to bear witness by faith and life to the truth of the Christian Religion and the promise for all humanity inherent in God-fearing Democracy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Convention calls on both clergy and laity to pray instantly for the conversion of Russia and China as well as for our deeper conversion to the goal of the Divine Kingdom; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that our Convention commends to our people for thoughtful study the statement on "Congressional Investigations" issued by the National Council of Churches on March 11, 1953.

And now the statement adopted by the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America in New York City, March 11, 1953.

CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF COMMUNISM

As Christian Americans we are dedicated to maintaining the freedom of all Americans and American institutions. No body of citizens is more alert to the threat of Communist thought and conspiracy both to the Christian faith and to freedom than the Christian Churches.

Free ministers in free pulpits, preaching to free people the liberating truth of Christ, are a chief bulwark of American freedom and the best guarantee of its future. This freedom must be maintained. Certain methods, however, of Congressional committee investigating Communist activities in educational institutions endanger the very freedom which we seek to preserve.

Congress has the right and duty to make such investigations as may be necessary to secure the information upon which sound legislation may be based. Conspirators in any area of life who seek the violent overthrow of the Government of the United States should be discovered, tried in American tribunals, and, where found guilty, punished.

No witness at any investigation should be denied fair and dignified treatment. Having sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, he should be permitted the right of uninterrupted initial statement of reasonable length since unlimited right of cross-examination by all members of the investigating committee is allowed.

No committee should circulate on its letter-head, over the signatures of its members or employees unsupported charges against individuals or organizations which it has made no effort to investigate or substantiate.

The proper and essential function of Congressional investigations must be preserved. It must be jealously guarded against abuse through methods that are now bringing it into disrepute.

At this moment when national unity based upon mutual confidence is of paramount importance to our security, men in responsible positions must not through unsubstantiated charges and blanket indictments destroy confidence in our American schools, colleges and universities. To do this would be to play into the hands of the Communists.

There should be no encroachment upon the sound American pattern of local control of schools. National regimentation, whether of business, of labor, of religion, or of education, is abhorrent to Americans. No regimentation is more dangerous than that of the mind. The control of our educational institutions, in keeping with the American voluntary principle as opposed to statism, is not a function of Congressional committees, but is properly vested in boards of trustees and of education selected for that purpose. These boards must exercise the responsibility of dealing with the occasional subversive within their institutions.

A child of 10 can see thru all this. The reverend clergy might well have saved their breath and their indignation, if that is all they have to say.

Where is there, in the General Board's declaration of March 11, any condemnation of errors committed by those exposed thru congressional inquiry?

Where does it say anything about the truth that for twenty years past communism has been given house room in our schools? That communism has run like a poison fever thru the Executive branch of our national government? Are these pastors at all grateful for the efforts of Congress to save the nation?

The clergy are picking at the gnat and ignoring the camel, in the circumstances. Dr. Lowry has done his best for them, but they are not doing their own full duty when a resolution such as that of March 11 stands unchallenged as their policy and contribution to the fight for survival.

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CHICAGO, May 20.—The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. today named a 15-member committee to watch developments in Congress and elsewhere which "threaten the freedom of the people and institutions of the United States."

The committee, headed by the Right Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, includes Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist Bishop of Washington, and Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, director of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

Appointment of the "committee on the maintenance of American freedom" was announced at the bimonthly meeting of the council's General Board, the organization's interim policy-making body, by President William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex.

Cites Communist Threat.

Bishop Martin, in a statement, expressed his personal hope that the committee "will help the churches to recognize any threat of Communist infiltration into American life."

"No body of people is more concerned to combat communism than the church groups of our country," Bishop Martin said. "If any Communists are carrying on their subversive work under the guise of serving the church, all who have a responsibility for leadership in the church should insist that such deception shall be exposed."

Bishop Martin, who, aside from being the council's president, also is the newly-elected president of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church, contended there is a "right way and a wrong way to combat communism."

Urges Stand for Truth.

"The right way," Bishop Martin said, "is to stand without compromise for Christian truth and action and to point out clearly and concretely every area of conflict."

"The wrong way is to pin a Communist label on social liberals and advocates of reform—a procedure widely resorted to today. Such methods create confusion of mind in which many people no longer distinguish between communism and honest social criticism in the old-fashioned American way. Such confusion plays into the hands of the Communists and aids the enemies of the American way of life."

"Some people are so frightened about Communist infiltration that they pay no attention to the danger of un-American methods of fighting it. Other people are so alarmed by the wrong methods of dealing with communism that they ignore the danger of communism itself. I am sure that the committee will deal effectively with both aspects of the problem."

Others on Committee.

In addition to Bishop Sherrill, Bishop Oxnam and Dr. Flemming, Bishop Martin appointed the following clerical and lay leaders to the committee: Jasper E. Crane, Wilmington, Del.; Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president of Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va.; Dr. Franklin C. Fry, president of United Lutheran Church for America, New York.

Dr. J. R. McCain, president of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.; Dr. Reuben E. Nelson, general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, New York; Charles C. Parlin, New York attorney and Methodist layman, Englewood, N. J.; Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale, a vice president of the National Council, New York; Dr. Paul C. Payne, a board secretary of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., Philadelphia; Thomas B. E. Ring, Philadelphia, and Charles E. Wilson, treasurer of the National Council, New York.

Charles H. Tuttle, legal counsel to the National, is an ex-officio member.

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Church Anti-Red Fight On

A committee of national church leaders was appointed today "to watch developments which threaten the freedom of the people and institutions of this country."

The group was named by Methodist Bishop William G. Martin of Dallas, Tex., as president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, will serve as chairman. Bishop Martin designated the group as "the Committee on the Maintenance of American Freedom."

RED DANGER IGNORED.

He expressed hope that the committee will help the churches to recognize any threat of Communist infiltration into American life. But, he added, there is a right way and a wrong way to combat Communism. The bishop said:

"Some people are so frightened about Communist infiltration they pay no attention to the danger of un-American methods of fighting it.

Other people are so alarmed by the wrong methods of dealing with Communism they ignore the danger of Communism itself. I am sure the committee will

deal effectively with both aspects of the problem."

Bishop Martin stated an irreconcilable conflict exists between the materialistic atheism of Communism and the spiritual faith of Christianity. He said:

"No body of people is more concerned to combat Communism than the church groups of our country. If any Communists are carrying on their subversive work under the guise of serving the church, all who have a responsibility for leadership in the church should insist that such deception shall be exposed."

The right way to fight Communism, he said, is to stand without compromise for Christian truth and action, and to point out clearly and concretely every area of conflict. The wrong way, he contended, is to pin a Communist label on social liberals and advocates of reform.

NOTED CLERGY SERVES

He announced the appointments at the bi-monthly meeting of the council's general board at the Congress Hotel. In addition to Bishop Sherrill, the committee includes:

Jasper E. Crane, Wilmington, Del.; Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president, Virginia State College; Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president, Ohio Wesleyan University, and director of office of defense mo-

bilization; Dr. Franklin C. Fry, president, United Lutheran Church of America.

Also Dr. J. R. McCain, president, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.; Dr. Reuben E. Nelson, general secretary, American Baptist Convention; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist bishop of Washington, D. C.; Charles C. Parlin, New York; Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale, vice president of the council.

Others are Dr. Paul O. Payne, secretary of the Presbyterian Church, USA; Thomas B. K. Ringe, Philadelphia; and Charles E. Wilson, treasure of the council. Charles H. Tuttle, the council's legal counsel, is a member ~~ex~~ officio.

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ISSUES STATEMENT OF CONFIDENCE

National Church Council Defends Patriotism Of Oxnam, Mrs. Horton

The nation's largest religious organization has reacted quickly to disclosures that one of its leaders was denied a U.S. appointment to avoid administration "embarrassment."

The 30-denomination National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., meeting here Wednesday, issued a statement of confidence in the patriotism of Protestant leadership.

Specifically, the action was in defense of such leaders as Bishop C. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church and Mildred McAfee Horton, wartime commander of the Waves, although they were not named in the resolution.

Bishop Oxnam has been denounced in Congress as "serving God on Sunday and the Communist front for the balance of the week."

A government security investigation of Mrs. Horton was reported in Marquis Childs' column in Wednesday's SUN-TIMES. It disclosed that the State Department failed to follow up an invitation to Mrs. Horton to be a delegate to the United Nations.

According to Childs, the appointment was sidetracked to spare "em-

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barrassment" to the administration. The statement of confidence was approved by the council's general board in a meeting at the Congress Hotel. It said:

"The National Council of Churches is and always has been unalterably opposed to communism.

"The general board of the National Council of Churches expresses its confidence in the loyalty of the lay and clerical leaders of its constituent churches and its conviction that these churches are among the greatest bulwarks of freedom in the United States."

The statement was prepared by a special committee headed by Dr. Eugene C. Clake of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Other members were:

Dr. Franklin C. Fry of New York, president of the United Lutheran Church in America; Methodist Bishop Hazen Werner of Columbus, Ohio; Atty. Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, brother of Sen. Taft (R-Ohio); Jasper Crane of Wilmington, Del., retired du Pont executive; Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale of New York; Atty. T. B. K. Ringe of Philadelphia; Mrs. James D. Wyker of Columbia, Mo., vice president of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ, and the Rev. James E. Wagner of Lancaster, Pa.

The general board also adopted a resolution by Helen Kenyon of New Haven, Conn., authorizing a new committee on maintenance of American freedom to submit questions to appropriate congressional committees.

As a sample query, Miss Kenyon suggested: "How are un-American files compiled?"

Mrs. Horton and Bishop Oxnam were appointed to the 15-member

freedom committee. It is headed by the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill of New York, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and includes:

President Robert P. Daniel of Virginia State College at Petersburg, Arthur S. Flemming, director of the Office of Defense Mobilization; J. R. McCain, president of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.; Dr. Reuben Nelson of New York, general secretary of the American Baptist Convention; Atty. Charles C. Parlin of New York.

Dr. Paul C. Payne of Philadelphia board secretary of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; Atty. Charles N. Tuttle of New York, counsel for the church council; Charles E. Wilson of New York, former president of General Electric Co., Crane, Dr. Fry, Mrs. Peale and Ringe.

Council Names Church Group On Freedom

CHICAGO, May 20 (AP).—The National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States, representing 30 churches with more than 35 million members, today named a 15-member committee "on the maintenance of American freedom" to watch developments which threaten the freedom of persons and institutions in America.

The Right Rev. Henry Knox Sherill, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, was appointed to head the committee at the bi-monthly meeting of the general board, which ended today.

President William C. Martin, of Dallas, said he hoped the committee "will help the churches to recognize any threat of Communist infiltration into American life."

Martin, newly elected president of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church, said the wrong way to combat communism was to "pin a Communist label on social liberals and advocates of reform—a procedure widely resorted to today."

"Some people are so frightened about Communist infiltration that they pay no attention to the danger of un-American methods of fighting it," he said. "Other people are so alarmed by the wrong methods of dealing with communism that they ignore the danger of communism itself. I am sure this committee will deal effectively with both aspects of the problem."

The other members of the committee are Jasper E. Crane, Wilmington, Del.; Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va.; Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president, Ohio Wesleyan and director of the Office of Defense Mobilization; Dr. Franklin C. Fry, president, United Lutheran Church of America, New York; Dr. J. R. McCain, president, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.

Also, Dr. Reuben T. Nelson, general secretary, American Baptist Convention, New York; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist bishop of the Washington (D.C.) area; Charles C. Parlin, Englewood, N.J.; Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale, a vice president of National Council, New York.

Also, Dr. Paul C. Payne, board secretary of the Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; Thomas B. K. Ringe, Philadelphia; Charles E. Wilson, treasurer of the national council, New York; Mrs. Douglas Horton, New York City, war time commander of the waves, and Charles H. Tuttle, legal counsel to the National Council, member ex-officio.

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Church Freedom Vigil Over Congress Set Up

CHICAGO, May 20 (AP). — The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. today named a committee to watch developments in Congress and elsewhere which "threaten

the freedom of the people and institutions of the United States."

Appointment of the Committee on the Maintenance of American Freedom was announced at the bi-monthly meeting of the General Board, the organization's interim policymaking body, by the Council's president, Bishop William C. Martin, of Dallas, Tex.

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Bishop Martin expressed hope that the committee "will help the churches to recognize any threat of Communist infiltration into American life."

Bishop Martin, who also is the newly elected president of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church, contended there was a "right way and a wrong way to combat Communism."

"The right way," Bishop Martin said, "is to stand without compromise for Christian truth and action and to point out clearly and concretely every area of conflict."

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CALLED 'WRONG WAY'

"The wrong way is to pin a Communist label on social liberals and advocates of reform—a procedure widely resorted to today."

The General Board of the National Council later voted confidence in the loyalty of the leaders of its member churches. It approved a resolution stating that the patriotism and integrity of some of the council's leaders have been questioned. The document contained no names. It was drafted by a special committee established at the suggestion of the Rev. James Wagner, of Lancaster, Pa., who said he was weary of implications from "certain quarters in Washington" that the patriotism of Protestant leaders is open to question.

Bishop Martin's appointments were authorized by the Council's General Board at a meeting in New York City in March. Heading the committee is the Right Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

OTHER APPOINTEES LISTED

In addition, Bishop Martin appointed the following 12 clerical and lay leaders to the committee: Jasper E. Crane, of Wilmington, Del.; Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president of Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va.; Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president of Ohio Wesleyan and director of the Office of Defense Mobilization; Dr. Franklin C. Fry, president of United Lutheran Church of America, New York.

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Critics Of Clergy Now In Politics

By Marquis Childs

THE MIXTURE of religion and politics has always proved to be a witches' brew. We are seeing today the effort to stir that same mixture, and the consequences can be just as disastrous as in the past.

When Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church criticized Chairman Harold Velde and the House Un-American Activities Committee, Representative Donald L. Jackson (Rep.) of California, a member of the committee, replied with a blast at Oxnam. He accused Ox-



Childs

nam of serving God on Sundays and the Communist front the rest of the week.

From all indications, the Jackson attack has backfired. Bishop Oxnam has been supported by his church in resolutions repudiating the allegations brought against him. There is also evidence of grass roots resentment of attacks on leading churchmen.

But Representative Jackson has not given up. He has been assembling petitions to show that a widespread demand exists among church people for an investigation of Oxnam and others who have been prominent in public affairs or who have preached the "social gospel" that relates religion to the daily life of the individual and the decisions he must make in business.

Petitions calling for an investigation of communism among churchmen have been circulated at the direction of Dr. Carl McIntire, pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood, N. J. McIntire has become one of the most controversial figures in the American church world today.

After he was expelled from the Presbyterian Church in 1936, McIntire formed a fundamentalist sect of his own. His followers now claim it has 75 churches. One of the chief targets of McIntire's violent attacks was the Federal Council of Churches, which later became the National Council. Bishop Oxnam was at one time president of the Federal Council.

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AS A WEAPON to fight the council
McIntire helped to form his own In-
ternational Council of Christian Church.
McIntire's organization has been actively
soliciting signatures for petitions for Jack-
son. About 25,000 names are said to have
been obtained from Bible Presbyterian
followers.

In April of this year McIntire published
a 23-page pamphlet attacking Oxnham as a
"prophet of Marx." This contains all the
guilt by association and innuendo based
on material in the files of the House Un-
American Activities Committee. Bishop
Oxnham in a lengthy analysis of that material
showed how distortions and actual falsifica-
tions were used in the effort to prove that
he was pro-Communist. In the Oxnham
pamphlet, McIntire takes an indirect jibe
at Secretary of State John Foster Dulles,
pointing out that Dulles was chairman of
a Commission On A Just and Durable Peace
when Oxnham was supposedly influencing
the commission in favor of world govern-
ment.

Dr. McIntire is now on a round-the-world
tour. According to reports which his assist-
ants will neither affirm nor deny, he has
received important financial assistance from
business sources. One Southern mill owner
is said to have contributed nearly a half
million dollars. Through the council, Mc-
Intire has preached an America First for-
eign policy. One council resolution adopted
in 1951 called for a preventive war against
the Soviet Union.

Bishop Oxnham is scheduled to testify
under oath before the Un-American Activi-
ties Committee on July 21. He will appear
at his own request to reply to the charges
made against him on the floor of the House
with the privilege of immunity from libel.

SINCE THE furor over Jackson's charges,
Chairman Velde has named a two-man
subcommittee to work out proposed new
rules governing the conduct of the com-
mittee and its staff. Representative Clyde
Doyle (Dem.) of California is chairman,
with Velde himself as the other member.
Doyle has long advocated orderly procedure
guaranteeing individuals fair treatment.
Doyle and Velde are working with counsel
in the hope of coming up with rules on
which the full committee will agree. One
rule certain to be considered is that members
of the committee when they make sensa-
tional statements such as Jackson's on
Oxnham must state they are speaking with-
out any authorization from or connection
with the committee.

The bitter brew of politics and religion
has been further stirred by the article
written by J. B. Matthews, recently ap-
pointed by Senator Joseph McCarthy as
chief investigator for the McCarthy sub-
committee. The article, which Matthews
says was prepared before he knew of his
new assignment, states that "some 7000
Protestant clergymen have been drawn
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(CHURCHES)

NEW YORK--THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A. CHARGED THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEES NEW POLICY OF GIVING PERSONS ACCUSED OF COMMUNISM A CHANCE TO REPLY WAS A "WHOLLY INADEQUATE ANSWER" TO THE NEED FOR COMMITTEE REFORM.

THE RT REV. HENRY KNOX SHERILL, BISHOP OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON THE MAINTENANCE OF AMERICAN FREEDOM, TERMED AS "VERY DISAPPOINTING" REP. HAROLD H. VELDE'S STATEMENT THURSDAY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE CHANGES IN THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE, WHICH HE HEADS.

THE 15-MEMBER CHURCH COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED LAST MARCH BY THE COUNCIL, WHICH INCLUDES CHURCHES WITH A COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF 35,000,000 PERSONS. THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO GUARD AGAINST COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF AMERICAN LIFE AND UN-AMERICAN METHODS OF FIGHTING IT.

SHERILL, SPEAKING FOR THE COMMITTEE, WROTE A LETTER TO THE ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN PROTESTING THE FAILURE TO CHANGE "CERTAIN UN-AMERICAN METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY THE COMMITTEE IN THE PAST."

HE ASKED THAT PERSONS LISTED IN COMMITTEE FILES AS HAVING COMMUNIST LINKS BE PROTECTED AGAINST DAMAGING PUBLICITY UNTIL INFORMATION AGAINST THEM HAS BEEN VERIFIED.

"FRANKLY," THE BISHOP WROTE, "SOME OF THE PROCEDURES OF YOUR COMMITTEE WITH REFERENCE TO ITS FILES BEAR TOO MUCH RESEMBLANCE TO THE TECHNIQUES OF J. B. MATTHEWS TO SATISFY THE MINDS AND CONSCIENCES OF A RESPONSIBLE GROUP OF CLERGYMEN AND LAYMEN CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF STUDYING WAYS AND MEANS OF MAINTAINING OUR CHERISHED FREEDOMS."

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SCENE AND HEARD:

Prof. J. Durante Restates His Basic Rule for, er, Grammar

BY BERNIE HARRISON

Jimmy Durante is still getting mail from viewers challenging his spelling of "The Comedy Hour." If you saw the program last month, you'll recall that the Durante version was "Da Comide Our."

Evidently the comedian's explanation wasn't sufficient for his fans. In hand is a teasty communique from Hollywood wherein he states his unique position once and for all. Durante speaking:

"The basic rule of grammar, as I explained on 'Da Comide Our,' and which some people seem to have forgotten because they rushed thru the third grade in one year, is: 'U after Q and I before E, except after M.'"

"I stated this principle of horizontal syntax melliflously AND with malice in the subjunctive past participle on 'Da Comide Our.'"

Take that to English class with you, boys and girls, and see where it gets you. The principal's office, maybe.

HOW DID the June Taylor girls put on that fire and brimstone dance on a recent Gleason show? The Associated Press's C. E. Butterfield reports that it was mainly dry ice and lycopodium powder, which flares like the old time photoflash.

There also were "flash-pots"



(canned heat) to set off the powder, devices to generate air pressure, fog machines and baskets to hold the ice and a supply of hot water.

SPORTS DEPT.: Yes, the Orange bowl game between Maryland and Oklahoma will be televised from Miami (Jan. 1) by C.B.S. (WTOP). Red Barber will call it.

This is the second year that this network has picked up the Orange bowl. Last year's was between Syracuse and Alabama.

The Rose bowl game, of course, will be carried by N.B.C.-TV (WNWB), as per usual.

PREDICTION: The Arthur Murray party Monday night (7:30-WNBW-4) will be the sprightliest ever. . . The reason—singer Nannette Fabray, who projects like a doll no matter what the surroundings.

BACKGROUND: Bob Bunch, the American Legion official who introduced singer Lorraine Culucci on the "Talent Reward" show I and colleague Harry MacArthur judged, is a show business vet himself. . . He started his musical career here with Meyer Davis at the old Le Paradis, played with some top bands (T. Dorsey, Glenn Miller) and had a band of his own in Texas. . . Lorraine, by the way, got the most votes from viewers and was one of that week's winners. . . She has a nice voice and her phrasing had a pro touch to it. . . She needs to work hard on presentation—especially gestures.

FREE MAN FACES COMMUNISM: A new series with that title begins Wednesday at 8:15, WMAL-7. It will feature Dr. Charles W. Lowry, author of the book, "Communism and Christ," and until 1953, rector of the All Saints Episcopal church of Chevy Chase, Md.

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Federal Council of Churches

Church Council Hears Report by 2 Leaders

By Ann Elizabeth Price
 BOSTON, Nov. 29.—A "state of the churches" message was delivered to the third general assembly of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. by two of its leading officials today, with the warning that Protestant churches should guard against conformity to worldly standards in their communities.

The 6,500-word statement was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary, and the Rev. Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, associate general secretary, both of New York, to a plenary session of the assembly in the Statler. The council embraces thirty Protestant, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox denominations with a constituency of more than 35,500,000 church members, or 38 per cent of United States church members.

'Spiritual Hazard'

"We must guard against a confidence derived from prosperity as measured by the standards of contemporary society," the joint report said. "Popular success is a great spiritual hazard. . . . The average church is so much conformed to the world that people are surprised if it sharply challenges the prevailing behavior of the commu-

nity. Consequently, Christianity is regarded by many as 'a harmless adornment of a comfortable life.'"

Never before, said Dr. Ross, who delivered the first portion of the report, have the churches set so many records as now. Marshalling church statistics, he reported that 30,000,000 of the estimated 94,000,000 United States church or synagogue members, have been added to the rolls in the last fourteen years. Expenditures on buildings for all faiths have likewise reached an "all time high" of \$474,000,000 in 1953, compared with \$179,000,000 for 1928.

What is needed, he said, is an analysis of why people go to church in a society which moves with "bewildering swiftness" and whether religious progress is paralleled by rises in moral and ethical standards and individual good deeds.

Listing points on the national scene presenting challenges to the churches, Dr. Ross said religious leaders had not done enough to reduce "dangerous moral conditions in society." He added:

"Juvenile delinquency, racketeering and violence, alcoholism, narcotic addiction and corruption in public affairs are all

either increasing or at least so widespread that our society often gives the impression of being completely undisciplined." Many forms of recreation are "unwholesome," he said, ob-

serving that: "We can all remember when the major challenge to the tavern came from the Protestant churches. Today the challenge is from television."

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Church Council Report Puts Permanent Base in New York

By Caspar Nannes
 Star Staff Correspondent

BOSTON, Nov. 30.—The third biennial General Assembly of the National Council of Churches will receive a committee report today setting the 4-year-old organization's permanent headquarters in New York.

Unless action from the assembly floor overturns the recommendation of the committee of 10, appointed in 1952 to study the problem, and a General Board action of September 14, 1954, the council will go ahead with plans for the New York site.

This action will finally settle this problem for the organization of 30 Protestant, Anglican and Eastern orthodox denominations having approximately 35 million members.

For a time there was a strong move favoring a Midwest location—Chicago or Columbus, Ohio, being favored spots—for council headquarters. Recognition of this sentiment was provided by the committee of 10 when its recommendations suggested Chicago "as a site for a major office." In addition, the committee urged that the General Board, interim acting body for the council between general assemblies, take steps "to distribute geographically the meetings of policy-making bodies of the council."

Dr. Flemming Speaks

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming of Washington, head of the Office of Defense Mobilization and vice president of the council's Division of Christian Life and Work, declared yesterday that "I believe the United States and other freedom-loving nations of the world will continue to proceed from a position of strength in dealing with Soviet Russia and this may act as a deterrent" against war.

"Above all, I believe that America and the free world will provide the spiritual leadership that will rally support around

proposals that if accepted can lead this world of ours into a pathway leading to peace," Dr. Flemming added.

The speaker urged the churches to make known to Government officials actions taken by them on current issues.

"There is a tendency, once we have arrived at a position to sit back and say, 'That is done,' and let it go," Dr. Flemming said.

Integration Progress Hailed

Turning to the question of segregation, he observed that "all of us here today feel that in the past decade this Nation has made real progress in dealing with the problems in this area."

"But as I have watched the progress of desegregation in the life of our Nation, I wondered why the last institution in the community to do away with segregation would be the Christian church. Yet we know it is a very real and vital problem for our members of local churches. I do not know of any subject within local churches that stirs up more emotional reaction than this one."

Another speaker, C. Arild Olsen, executive secretary of the division of Christian Life and Work, warned that "we play into the hands of communism, not by recognizing the tensions precipitated by the search for social justice, but by failing to relate the gospel vitally to these tensions."

"Communism may starve people as a religion," he continued. "But its appeal is often a factor of vast political consequence in the endeavor to secure the justice some people feel is denied them."

Specific Program Urged

To counteract this, Mr. Olsen urged church leaders to work for "a world based on Christian social justice" having a specific program that will "reveal Christian love in action and do justice to our fellow men."

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of

Philadelphia, state clerk of the Presbyterian Church, United States of America, told the gathering, "Nobody really believes that communism can be dealt with adequately by military might. I suspect very few can see any hopeful strategy for dealing with the political, international or economic problems now confronting our world."

"The level on which most of the recent political campaigns were waged, which produced as all agree a great apathy in the American voter, is explainable chiefly by the fact that few of the politicians or voters have any real program of hope. In such a field, it is clear to me that Christian strategy must be boldly based upon our faith in

Christ. Dr. Blake pointed out that the churches must try to overcome the racial differences and distrust, the international gulf of separation and the class barriers dividing man today. "Any successful strategy of the churches must make basic in it planning the attempt to draw all men into communication, understanding and at the last into community," he said.

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HEADS BAPTIST GROUP

S. Side Pastor Gets Moscow Pulpit Bid

By Fletcher Martin

A South Side Baptist minister has been invited to fill a pulpit in Moscow.

The Rev. J. H. Jackson, pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, 5101 South Park Way, also was invited to preach in Great Britain. The British invitation has been accepted, he said, but he hasn't made up his mind about the Russian bid.

The Communist bid came from the All Baptist Christian Union of Russia and was over the signatures of Jakob Zhibkov, president, and Alexander Karev, executive secretary. The Rev. Mr. Jackson received it as head of one of the largest Baptist groups in the world, the Na-



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tional Baptist Convention, U.S.A. The organization represents some five million Baptists in the United States.

Heard Him In Sweden

Zhibkov and Karev said their group represented the "true religion of Russia," according to the letter. Both heard the Chicago minister when he addressed a congregation in Sweden last year.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson will sail for London on June 24 as guest of the Council of Churches of Great Britain. He was selected by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. to represent it in an exchange program. Later, he will attend a meeting of the 90-man Central Committee of the World Council of Churches in Switzerland.

That is a far cry from the old days in Coahoma County, Miss., where he was born and where his first sermons were directed to a timber gang at a nearby lumber camp, he mused.

"I preached there as a boy, and when I became a man I

preached there. I don't know when the division in boy and man came because I was preaching so long," he said.

Attended Several Schools

Later he attended Jackson (Miss.) College, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Creighton University and the University of Chicago. Central State College at Wilberforce, Ohio, last year conferred an honorary degree on him.

He is a medium-built man with broad shoulders and soft voice. He often inserts the news of the day into his sermons. Many consider him a civic leader as well as religious leader on the South Side.

"I have seen, during my 13 years here, a type of civic pride grow on the South Side that is astounding," he said. "Most of the residents are immigrants from Southern areas where they could not participate in the total life of their communities. But Chicago provided that opportunity."

The Rev. Mr. Jackson said he believes the U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing racial

segregation in public schools will cause even more migration northward.

Sees Heavy Pressures

"During the first years there will be heavy pressure applied to Negroes," he continued, "and many of them will abandon Southern homes for a free life in the North."

The Rev. Mr. Jackson lives at 4937 Kimbark with his wife,

Maude. Their daughter, Kanny, is an assistant professor of English at Hampton (Va.) Institute.

Glancing at the letter on his desk from Moscow, he said:

"It's a good thing to visit other sections of the world. I have visited Europe and Africa. When I came home I keenly appreciated my own country. It happens when you're a long way from home."

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(CHURCH SEGREGATION)

AMERICA'S CHURCHES ARE MOVING GRADUALLY AND QUIETLY TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL SEGREGATION IN WORSHIP. A PROTESTANT LEADER SAID.

DR. J. OSCAR LEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES CONCEDED THAT CHURCHES IN ALL SECTIONS STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO ACHIEVE "COLOR-BLIND FELLOWSHIP" WHICH, HE SAID, IS THE CLEAR MANDATE OF THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL.

BUT HE SAID THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE SINCE WORLD WAR II IS "VERY HEARTENING." HE SAID IT SHOWS THAT MANY AMERICAN CHRISTIANS ARE "CONSCIENCE-STRICKEN" ABOUT THEIR CHURCHES LAGGING BEHIND SCHOOLS, LABOR UNIONS, BASEBALL LEAGUES AND OTHER SECULAR INSTITUTIONS IN LOWERING RACIAL BARRIERS.

DR. LEE, WHO HEADS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL'S DEPARTMENT OF RACIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS, ESTIMATED IN AN INTERVIEW THAT MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S PROTESTANT CHURCHES NOW HAVE RACIALLY-MIXED CONGREGATIONS.

WHILE THIS IS "NO FIGURE TO BOAST ABOUT," HE SAID, IT IS A CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE FROM 1946. IN THAT YEAR, DR. FRANK LOESCHER OF THE OLD FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF CHURCH SEGREGATION PRACTICES AND CONCLUDED THAT "THE NUMBER OF NEGRO AND WHITE AMERICANS WHO GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP UNDER THE AUSPICES OF PROTESTANT CHRISTIANITY IS ALMOST MICROSCOPIC."

THE ISSUE IS MOST ACUTE IN PROTESTANT CHURCHES BECAUSE THE GREAT MAJORITY OF AMERICA'S 9,000,000 NEGRO CHURCH MEMBERS ARE PROTESTANTS, ABOUT 400,000 NEGROES ARE ROMAN CATHOLICS.

DR. LEE DECLINED TO DRAW A COMPARISON OF CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT PROGRESS IN ELIMINATING RACIAL BARRIERS IN WORSHIP. BUT HE SAID CATHOLICS HAVE TAKEN "VERY COURAGEOUS" STEPS TO END SEGREGATION IN THE DEEP SOUTH, AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS THERE HAVE "AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US." HE PAID PARTICULAR TRIBUTE TO THE "MAGNIFICENT CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE" OF BISHOP VINCENT S. WATERS OF RALEIGH, N.C., WHO ABOLISHED SEGREGATION IN ALL CATHOLIC PARISHES IN NORTH CAROLINA BY DECREE IN 1953.

PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS CANNOT END SEGREGATION BY DECREE, DR. LEE SAID, BECAUSE OF THE HIGH DEGREE OF LOCAL AUTONOMY OF THEIR MEMBER CHURCHES. BUT HE SAID MOST OF THE MAJOR PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS HAVE GONE ABOUT AS FAR AS THEY CAN IN ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS OR OFFICIAL STATEMENTS OF POLICY URGING LOCAL CHURCHES TO OPEN THEIR DOORS TO PERSONS OF ALL RACES.

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(BLAKE)

DR. EUGENE CARSON BLAKE, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A., CHARGED THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HAS ABUSED THE RIGHTS OF "MANY A WITNESS" APPEARING BEFORE IT.

BLAKE APPEARED BEFORE A SENATE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE IN A INSTITUTION DAY CEREMONY TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATUS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

IN A SIX-POINT ATTACK ON THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE, BLAKE SAID:

"1. THE VERY NAME OF THE COMMITTEE RAISES A QUESTION. FOR THERE HAS BEEN A GROWING TENDENCY ON THE PART OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN GOVERNMENT TO SUPPOSE THAT IT IS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE STATE TO DETERMINE WHAT IS AND WHAT IS NOT AMERICAN.

"2. THE COMMITTEE HAS USED TECHNIQUES IN HEARINGS WHICH HAVE IN EFFECT TURNED THE WITNESS INTO ONE ACCUSED, AND HAS NOT AFFORDED MANY A WITNESS AN OPPORTUNITY OR THE MEANS TO PROTECT HIMSELF AND HIS REPUTATION...

"3. THE COMMITTEE HAS FAILED TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN ALLEGATIONS OF DISLOYALTY AND PROVED DISLOYALTY.

"4. UNSUPPORTED ALLEGATIONS, WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN EASILY PROVED FALSE, HAVE ON OCCASIONS BEEN DISSEMINATED ON THE COMMITTEE'S LETTER-HEAD TO THE HURT OF THE REPUTATION OF LOYAL AMERICANS.

"5. THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ITSELF CONFUSED AS TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DISLOYALTY TO OUR COUNTRY AND THE HOLDING OF OPINIONS WHICH HAPPEN TO BE POLITICALLY UNPOPULAR OR PUBLICLY EMBARRASSING.

"6. THE COMMITTEE HAS ON OCCASION LOST ALL HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, IMPLYING DISLOYALTY FOR PAST ASSOCIATIONS OF SOME CITIZENS, WHICH ASSOCIATIONS AT THE TIME WHEN THEY OCCURRED WERE SHARED BY OTHER CITIZENS WHOSE LOYALTY IT WOULD NOT DARE TO CHALLENGE."

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(STASSEN)
 HAROLD E. STASSEN SAID THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S ATOMS-FOR-PEACE PROGRAM OFFERS GROUNDS FOR HOPE THAT THE DECADES AHEAD WILL BE MARKED BY PEACE.

STASSEN, THE PRESIDENT'S DISARMAMENT ADVISER, ADDRESSED A DINNER MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. THE BOARD MEETS HERE TOMORROW TO CONSIDER A POLICY AND OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING SOME 30 PROTESTANT AND ORTHODOX CHURCH BODIES.

STASSEN SAID THAT IF NATIONS CAN COOPERATE IN ATOMS-FOR-PEACE AND PEOPLES LEARN TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, THERE IS REASON TO HOPE THAT COMING YEARS WILL SEE A "SIGNIFICANT" REDUCTION IN WORLD ARMAMENTS.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE COUNCIL'S GENERAL BOARD, WILL CONSIDER SUCH SUBJECTS AS "THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THE ARMED FORCES," "CHRISTIAN CHURCHES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN," "ARAB REFUGEES" AND "CHURCH RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S.A. AND THE U.S.S.R."

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(CHURCHES)

A HIGH-RANKING U.S. CHURCH OFFICIAL WARNED TODAY THAT SOME CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN RED CHINA ARE TAKING A "NAIVE" VIEW OF THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT'S TREATMENT OF RELIGION.

DR. ROY C. ROSS, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, SAID IT IS "ASTONISHING" TO FIND CHINESE CHURCHMEN PROCLAIMING THERE HAS BEEN NO INTERFERENCE WITH FREEDOM OF WORSHIP SINCE THE COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER IN PEIPING.

ROSS REPORTED TO THE 250-MEMBER GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ON CONVERSATIONS HELD RECENTLY IN HUNGARY WITH DR. K. H. TING, BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CHINA. TING TOLD A WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEETING IN GYALATETOE, HUNGARY, LAST MONTH THAT THE COMMUNIST REGIME HAS DONE SOME "VERY GOOD THINGS FOR CHINA" DESPITE THE "OPEN ATHEISM" OF ITS LEADERS.

ROSS SAID BISHOP TING'S ASSURANCES THAT CHINESE CHURCHES ENJOY FREEDOM IS "DIRECTLY CONTRADICTED" BY INFORMATION FROM CHRISTIAN SOURCES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN "IN WHICH WE HAVE CONFIDENCE."

HE SAID CHURCH LEADERS IN CHINA, IN ORDER TO HOLD THEIR POSITIONS UNDER THE RED REGIME, EVIDENTLY HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO SHARPLY RESTRICT THEIR IDEAS OF THE CHURCH'S "PROPER" FUNCTION AND HAVE DEVELOPED CONCEPTS OF RELIGION AND OF THE CHURCH WHICH PLACE A GULF BETWEEN RELIGION AND LIFE.

SOME OF THEM, HE SAID, SEEM TO "CONCEIVE OF MARXISM AS THE JUDGMENT OF GOD ON THE CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT AND HIS WIFE OF BRINGING THE GOOD LIFE."

ROSS' COMMENTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN CHINA WERE PART OF A LENGTHY REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL AND WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DURING THE PAST FOUR MONTHS.

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U. S. PROTESTANTS PUT AT 84,000,000

Count by Magazine Includes
Children—Total Is More
Than Half of Population

There are more Protestants than people think, according to Presbyterian Life, a bi-weekly magazine published in Philadelphia by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. The magazine has a circulation of nearly 1,000,000.

In its current issue the periodical places the total Protestant constituency at "somewhere around" 84,000,000. This is more than half the total population of the country and about 25,000,000 higher than the latest authoritative count.

Here is how Presbyterian Life figures it out:

Last September the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. set the number of Protestant church members at 58,500,000. It obtained its statistics from the various denominations.

But, the magazine points out, most Protestant bodies count only communicant members over 13 years old. Thus, it argues, for every two Protestant church members there is one "church-related" person who is not a member. Among these would be infants, children and nonmember churchgoers.

The National Council, in its September listing, set the number of Roman Catholics at more than 33,000,000 baptized persons, including infants and children.

Presbyterian Life concludes that there are twice as many Protestants in the United States as members of all other faiths combined; more than half of all the individuals in the United States are Protestant; total church affiliation is closer to 125,000,000 than the 100,000,000 estimated by the National Council of Churches, and there are almost three times as many Protestants as Roman Catholics.

The standard comparison of these two groups has been Protestant 35.5 per cent and Roman Catholic 20.3 per cent.

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(CHURCHES)

ST. LOUIS, DEC. 3--(UP)--THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES CONDEMNED RACIAL SEGREGATION AS A "VIOLATION OF THE GOSPEL" AND CALLED ON LOCAL CHURCHES IN EVERY SECTION OF THE COUNTRY TO LEAD THEIR COMMUNITIES IN PEACEFUL "OBEDIENCE TO THE MANDATES OF THE SUPREME COURT."

THE APPEAL FOR ALL OUT CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP "TO ACHIEVE A NON-SEGREGATED SOCIETY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" WAS MADE IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE COUNCIL TRIENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ASSEMBLY DELEGATES REPRESENTING 30 MAJOR PROTESTANT AND ORTHODOX DENOMINATIONS ALSO:

--ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY A CALL FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO HELP CLEAN UP THE "APPALLING CORRUPTION" DISCLOSED BY A SENATE INVESTIGATION IN "CERTAIN IMPORTANT AREAS OF TRADE UNIONISM AND IN SOME MANAGEMENT PRACTICES." THE ASSEMBLY SIMULTANEOUSLY DISPATCHED A TELEGRAM COMMENDING AFL-CIO LEADERS FOR "THE VALIANT BATTLE YOU ARE WAGING FOR DECENCY" IN PURGING THE LABOR ORGANIZATION OF "RACKETEERING ELEMENTS."

--ELECTED THE REV. DR. EDWIN T. DAHLBERG, PASTOR OF THE DELMAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF ST. LOUIS, AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. THE ASSEMBLY ALSO CHOSE SIX CLERGYMEN, FOUR LAYMEN AND TWO PROMINENT CHURCHWOMEN AS VICE PRESIDENTS.

ACTION WAS SCHEDULED LATE TODAY OR TOMORROW ON A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE "CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE" OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE U.S. SOVIET RACE TO DEVELOP INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES, SPACE VEHICLES AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

REAFFIRMING AND STRENGTHENING ITS PREVIOUS STAND ON SEGREGATION, THE COUNCIL SAID THAT ANY FORM OF RACIAL SEGREGATION IS "CONTRADICTORY TO THE TEACHING OF JESUS." IT COMMENDED "THE INCREASING MOVEMENT" AMONG PROTESTANT CHURCHES TOWARD INTERRACIAL CONGREGATIONS.

BUT IT SAID "THE CHURCHES MUST DO FAR MORE TO LIVE UP TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD."

ALLUDING TO THE DISPATCH OF FEDERAL TROOPS TO LITTLE ROCK, ARK., THE ASSEMBLY CALLED ON CHURCHES TO WORK FOR RESPONSIBLE ACTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN EACH COMMUNITY TO AVOID "THE NECESSITY OF FURTHER FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT" OF SUPREME COURT SCHOOL DESEGREGATION ORDERS.

THE ASSEMBLY SAID THE NATION "HAS BEEN SHOCKED AND REVOLTED" BY DISCLOSURES OF UNION RACKETEERING. BUT IT SAID MANAGEMENT, THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND AMERICAN SOCIETY IN GENERAL "SHARE IN THE RESPONSIBILITY" FOR THE SITUATION.

THE RESOLUTION SAID FEDERAL LEGISLATION IS NEEDED "TO CORRECT THE SPECIFIC ABUSES REVEALED." BUT IT EMPHASIZED THAT NEW LAWS "SHOULD BE DRAWN IN A SPIRIT OF FAIRNESS" AND "CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN NOT TO IMPAIR ...GROWTH OF A STRONG DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENT."

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Church Unit Reaffirms Stand on Public Issues

CHICAGO, Dec. 3 (AP).—The National Council of Churches today reaffirmed its stand that Christian churches have a right and a duty to speak out on public issues whether in the realm of politics, economics or social affairs.

It said one of its study conferences performed a "valuable function" in proposing last month that the United States recognize Red China.

The statement, part of a four-point resolution issued by the General Board, was as close as the group came to an endorsement of policies forwarded by the NCC-sponsored World Order Study Conference in Cleveland last month.

In what it called a message to churches, the conference proposed that steps be taken toward United States recognition of Red China and its admission to the United Nations.

Flurry of Debate

The proposal kicked off a flurry of debate, capped by Secretary of State Dulles' remark last week that church people would be more instrumental to the common good if they confined themselves to moral principles.

The council's comment said the Cleveland conference was "speaking for itself and not for the council or its member churches. . . ."

"They spoke for no one but themselves, but they spoke with a mighty voice," the board said.

The board added: "The Christian churches of the United States and their council not only have the right but also the duty to study and comment upon issues. No matter how controversial, in the realm

of politics, economics and social affairs, in view of their common faith in Jesus Christ as both Lord and Saviour."

Matters of Concern

"For all matters of concern for human beings are matters of concern to the churches and to the churches' Lord. The study conference at Cleveland has performed a valuable function in helping the churches and their members carry forward the process of the American people's development of their foreign policy."

Ernest A. Gross, chairman of the NCC's International Affairs Department, told the board:

"For the United States to grant juridical recognition to the Communist Chinese regime so long as it pursues its present course appears to many of us to confer upon the government a benefit to which it is not entitled."

Mr. Gross was chairman of the Cleveland conference and is a one-time United States delegate to the U. N.

The council numbers 33 Protestant and Orthodox denominations and claims a membership of 144,000 congregations and 38 million members.

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THESE DAYS:

Protestants Rap China Resolution

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY 20

THE Protestants have got themselves into a row over China. A resolution was adopted by a World Order Study Conference, sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., which proposed recognition of Red China by the United States and that Red China should be recognized by the United Nations. This resolution is reported to have been written by Dr. Ernest Gross who used to be in the State Department in the good, old days when Dean Acheson was Secretary of State.

So, Representative Walter H. Judd, who used to be a missionary in China, and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Rev. Daniel Poling, Bishop Herbert Welch and over 7,000 Protestant clergymen denounced the Gross resolution. In fact, Dan Poling, who edits the "Christian Herald" and who is a great preacher and writer, led in the protest against the Gross resolution. Dr. B. A. Gar-side wrote an article for the "National Review," setting forth why Christian clergy should oppose the recognition of Red China. Among other things, he said:

"The Chinese Communist regime is inherently atheistic, and the enemy of every form of religion. It has compiled a massive record of imprisonment, torture, and sadism in its persecution of the adherents of every faith — Christianity, Buddhism, Moham-medanism. Authentic records of the suffering and martyrdom of many thousands of missionaries and Chinese Christians comprise a chapter of both tragedy and herolism rarely equalled in history — and that chapter is still being extended."

Rev. Irving E. Howard in "Christian Economics" said:

"Reacting quickly to the unfavorable opinion, the National Council of Churches prodded Dr. Ernest Gross, chairman of the Department of International Affairs, to make a public statement to the effect that what had occurred at the Cleveland Meeting 'was the action of the World Order Study Conference and not of the National Council of Churches.' While this may be technically true, the meeting at Cleveland was called by the president of the National Council of Churches and was authorized by the General Board of the National Council of Churches in May, 1957. Furthermore, the same names appeared at Cleveland which appear at every National Council meeting . . .

"Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, has denounced the im-morality of such recognition. 'Red China's leaders have scorned every known moral principle in the treatment of her own people and of other nations.' Dr. Mekeel continued: 'Chinese Reds have out-distanced their Russian masters . . . nothing has been too base, vile, or cruel if it gains their ends.'"



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Not Majority Point of View

A STATEMENT issued by the Clergymen's Committee, organized to protest the Gross resolution, said:

"We firmly believe that the action taken in Cleveland does not represent the thinking of the overwhelming majority of American Protestants, clergy and lay. We believe that it must be taken as merely the point of view of those delegates who voted for it. Further, we believe that this action is inconsistent not only with the standards of the United Nations but also with the clear principles of morality and Christian faith."

Enough for quotations! What is shown here is that those who drafted and arranged for the passage of this resolution did not count on the emotional response in this country to the attempt to influence public opinion favorably to Red China. Gross did not realize that to many Protestants as to men and women of other faiths, Red China is more hated than Soviet Russia, for Red China intervened in the Korean War, killed and brain-washed American troops and attempted to shoot its way into the United Nations.

Did Ernest Gross believe that Dan Poling whose son went down in one of the most dramatic events in naval history, when four chaplains of various faiths linked their arms and accepted death to save lives — will such a man forget the barbarity of the Chinese murders of Americans in Korea? It is too hard to forget and forgive such barbarism. It will take the Chinese Reds a long time to win the respect not only of Westerners who do not understand their inhumanity but of the peoples of Southeast Asia who are ashamed of them. What Ernest Gross, who has been in the State Department, believed he would accomplish by a captive resolution, is difficult to grasp. But nothing would please the Chinese Reds more than American recognition and they undoubtedly bring pressure to bear.

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RED CHINA'S ADMISSION TO THE U.N. IS OPPOSED

The recent article by Richard Mathison was very interesting. He surely did cover the ground, but there is a lot more to this subject.

The great majority of our church laymen are 100% against admitting Red China to the United Nations. We are also 100% behind the House Un-American Activities Committee and the FBI in their efforts to expose communism in this country. Possibly 85% of our ministers see the condition the same as we do.

The trouble is that we do not have a voice in what goes on in our churches. Our bishops and those in high authority are running our churches from the top down. We need a real housecleaning.

Our Methodist church will hold a conference at Redlands June 15-21. This same subject of recognizing Red China and condemning the House Un-American Activities Committee and the FBI will come up and from the news that I get the whole affair is already arranged and the delegates will vote as they are supposed to vote. The American Civil Liberties Union will call the shots.

I have been a Methodist layman for more than 60 years and I have wished many times that our ministers and bishops would confine their efforts to preaching the gospel and leaving these social goals of theirs alone.

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Clergy's Sympathy Misplaced

In urging Florida authorities to spare the lives of five Negroes condemned to death for rape, as was done with four white youths convicted of the same crime, two spokesmen for the National Council of Churches again have injected the Council into the seething racial controversy that besets our country.

Editor Thomas R. Waring of the Charleston, S.C., News and Courier has observed that the Council has a knack for pouring oil onto flames. The same issue of the newspapers that reported a message to Gov. Leroy Collins from the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council, and the Rev. Dr. J. O. Lee, head of its racial and cultural relations department, carried an account of the rape of a white school girl in New York by six Negro youths. A policeman on the case was quoted as saying of the ringleader: "There was nothing racial about the attack. It was just a punk kid trying to prove himself in front of his friends."

Perhaps the unidentified policeman who made this remark is right, but we would be the last to accept his statement as true. The race of the victim, both in New York and in Florida, might have been only incidental. It is extremely difficult to analyze every case of this kind and correlate it into the complex racial picture of the whole country.

Besides these two cases, the news columns tell of rapes with increasing frequency. FBI statistics show a substantial gain in total number. More than 20,000 women a year are victims of rape.

If the National Council of Churches has called for mercy for female victims of rapists, we have not noticed it lately.

Out of all proportion to their numbers

of race relations. The terror that Negroes are causing in many neighborhoods—mostly in big cities of the North—is not adding to the advancement of the colored people in the United States.

If the rape of the white girl in New York was not a racial incident, some of the neighbors must have been mistaken. Special police details were alerted for fear of reprisals against Negroes in the integrated area where the attack occurred.

White and Negro parents alike should be able to look to the clergy for leadership and instruction. The political and propagandistic approach of the National Council of Churches is more likely to inflame than to calm the situation.

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Lo, the Lid Lifted

Air Force Will Allow Look at Its Manual

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By TED KNAP

The Indianapolis Air Reserve Center clamped the secrecy lid for 24 hours on a training manual which denied the public's right to know.

The lid was lifted this afternoon after frantic calls to and from Washington, through channels.

Lt. Col. Wayne Pipher, commander of the center here, placed the Air Force manual under lock and key yesterday "on orders from higher up."

"HIGHER UP" went all the way up to the office of Air Force Secretary Dudley Sharp, who had repudiated the manual because it appeared to link churches with communism and because it scoffed at the public's right to know.

When news about the manual broke yesterday, The Indianapolis Times asked Col. Pipher for a copy so it could check if the controversial quotes were taken out of context. Col. Pipher readily agreed. But when a Times representative arrived to pick up the manual, Col. Pipher said he could not release it.

"Why not?" the Colonel was asked.

"I have no choice. Since I first talked to you, I received orders from a higher source. The manuals have been recalled and placed under lock and key," Col. Pipher explained.

"Is national security at stake?"

"I'd rather not comment on that."

"DOESN'T THIS very action of denying public access to the manual deny the public's right to know—which was one of the reasons the Air Force Secretary withdrew it?"

"You've got me in a box. I have to say no comment."

Col. Pipher said his lock-and-key order came from 10th Air Force Information Officer Lt. Col. W. R. Berkley, who informed him the order came from a Lt. Col. Wilson, information officer in the office of Air Force Secretary Sharp in the Pentagon.

"Lt. Col. Wilson" turned out to be Col. Mark Gilman in the Air Secretary's office. Col. Gilman said the order appears to have been "misinterpreted" in going through channels, that it only means the manual has been withdrawn from training.

"The press or any other legitimate person can look at it," Col. Gilman said as he promised to notify Col. Pipher by way of Col. Berkley.

Col. Pipher got the word, and said the manual now is available.

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The statements in the Air Force Manual concerning the communist infiltration of the churches are true. The manual is an understatement. We protest the Air Force's withdrawal of this manual under pressures from the National Council of Churches. Our government cannot leave the communist activity in the field of religion as a privileged sanctuary for the Reds. Our Armed Forces should be informed as to the activity of the communists in all fields including religion. Our high officials have been intimidated by religious pressures. The National Council, once these questions are raised, should be the first to call, not for suppression, but for a full investigation of all that the communists are doing in the churches. The government is not attacking religion nor violating any constitutional guarantee when it deals with the activity of the communists in the field of religion.

We call for a full investigation of the communist infiltration into the church. It is long overdue and we strenuously object to any reprisals against those who are responsible for the placing of this important material in the manual. We call upon the Air Force, the Defense Department, and our President to face the facts and to be concerned first with the truth and not with the shielding of any particular religious body or government agency. Communism is our enemy wherever it operates. The security of our nation is above the NCC.

It is to the best interests of all the churches that the activity of the communists in the field of religion be exposed and repudiated. The Communists, rather than those who expose them, are the ones to be repudiated by God-fearing Americans, while those who expose should be honored.

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Collingswood, New Jersey (ICCC) - A full investigation of communist infiltration into American churches was called for today by the president of the International Council of Christian Churches. Dr. Carl McIntire declared that such an investigation "is long overdue and we strenuously object to any punishment or reprisals against those who are responsible for placing this important material in the manual."

Dr. McIntire referred to an Air Force instruction manual under fire from the National Council of Churches due to information it contains concerning communist infiltration in American churches and the NCC.

"It is to the best interests of all the churches," Dr. McIntire emphasized in Collingswood, "that the activity of the communists in the field of religion be exposed and repudiated. The communists, rather than those who expose them, are the ones to be repudiated by God-fearing Americans, while those who expose should be honored."

A member of the executive committee of the American Council of Christian Churches, Dr. McIntire affirmed that "The statements in the Air Force Manual concerning the communist infiltration of the churches are true. The manual is an understatement." He asserted that the U.S. government "cannot leave the communist activity in the field of religion as a privileged sanctuary for the Reds."

"We protest the Air Force's withdrawal of this manual under pressures from the NCC," the religious leader's statement said. "Our Armed Forces should be informed as to the activity of the communists in all fields including religion...The National Council, once these questions are raised, should be the first to call, not for suppression, but for a full investigation of all that the communists are doing in the churches."

Dr. McIntire concluded that the "government is not attacking religion nor violating any constitutional guarantee when it deals with the activity of communists in the field of religion."

"Our high officials have been intimidated by religious pressures," the International Council executive ended.

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How Did It Happen?

The most amazing of many amazing things about the now-withdrawn "Air Reserve Center Training Manual" on "security threats" is how such a ridiculous instruction pamphlet ever received official approval as an Air Force publication.

It would have been bad enough if the many silly statements, charges and innuendoes, with some of the questionable documentary sources cited, had been included in a secret paper for intelligence officers. It is fantastic that such tripe should have been printed and circulated as a "student text" for non-commissioned officers of the Air Reserve.

When the matter came to his attention, Air Force Secretary Sharp acted promptly to repudiate the document and its doctrines, and to order an investigation of its origin. It is well that he has done so. For the individual responsible for this monumental piece of nonsense should be identified and disciplined. He and his kind pose a greater threat to the Air Force than do fancied subversives.

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It is tempting to dismiss that extraordinary Air Force Reserve training manual as the product of some isolated crackpot the like of which is bound to creep into so large an organization. Secretary Sharp's disavowal and immediate withdrawal of the manual are reassuring and offer initial amends to the National Council of the Churches of Christ. No doubt this particular idiocy won't be repeated—at least for a little while.

But the attitude reflected by the incident deserves some analysis. The author of the manual did not himself invent the nonsense that "Communists and Communist fellow-travelers have successfully infiltrated our churches." He was merely parroting a line popularized by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The Committee has succeeded in persuading a great many who are gullible that any organization which seeks social justice or racial equality or freedom of expression or restraints on police authority has been infiltrated by Communists.

The Air Force manual dismisses as foolishness the idea that "Americans have a right to know what's going on" and urges reservists to "Keep in mind that public news media present only as much information as the Government wants to release." This attitude is not altogether anomalous in a Government which habitually classifies and keeps secret large aspects of the public's business having nothing to do with national security.

It is said that the reservists' manual is merely a duplication or extrapolation of a more authoritative Air Force manual. Be that as it may, the reservists' manual is of a piece with the recent Big Brother episode at a Kansas Air Force base and with that effulgent dog laundering handbook put through the wringer just a few weeks ago—both of which were also Air Force products. We think that Secretary Sharp had better do something more than repudiate the latest instance of thickheadedness in his department; he had better take steps to stamp out the poison which seems to have become epidemic in the Air Force.

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THE AIR FORCE HAS ISSUED A NEW IRON-CLAD RULE DESIGNED TO PREVENT PUBLICATION OF ANY MORE TRAINING MANUALS LIKE THE ONE SAYING COMMUNISM HAD INFILTRATED SOME AMERICAN CHURCHES, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY.

THE NEW REGULATION WAS DISPATCHED TO EVERY MAJOR AIR FORCE COMMAND YESTERDAY WITHIN HOURS AFTER PUBLICATION OF EXCERPTS FROM THE AIR RESERVE TRAINING MANUAL ON SECURITY WHICH LINKED U.S. CHURCHES WITH COMMUNISM.

THE MANUAL BROUGHT ANGRY PROTESTS AND DEMANDS FOR AN INVESTIGATION FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A., MENTIONED IN THE MANUAL. THE AIR FORCE AND A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE LAUNCHED IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATIONS. THE MANUAL WAS WITHDRAWN.

CHAIRMAN JOHN E. MOSS (D-CALIF.) OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE CHARGED TODAY THAT A FIVE-YEAR-OLD TRAINING MANUAL USED AT ALL AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS CONTAINS THE SAME GENERAL STATEMENT ON THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW AS ONE IN THE RESERVE MANUAL.

IN A LETTER TO DEFENSE SECRETARY GATES, MOSS SAID THE BASIC MANUAL STATED, "ANOTHER RATHER SILLY REMARK OFTEN HEARD CONCERNING SECURITY IS THAT AMERICANS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. MOST PEOPLE REALIZE THE FOOLISHNESS OF SUCH A SUGGESTION."

MOSS BRANDED SUCH STATEMENTS AS "VICIOUS," "SHOCKING," AND "INSIDIOUS." HE SAID HIS SUBCOMMITTEE WAS MEETING WITH AIR FORCE OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE DETAILS OF THE RESERVE MANUAL AND WOULD LAUNCH A PUBLIC INVESTIGATION IF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT DID NOT DO SO.

REP. FRANK KOWALSKI (D-CONN.), MEANWHILE, DISCLOSED STILL ANOTHER AIR FORCE TRAINING MANUAL INSTRUCTING PERSONS WHO RUN OFFICERS' CLUBS ON HOW TO STAGE FASHION SHOWS, ROUND UP DATES FOR BACHELORS AND OFFER

LOLLIPOPS TO CHILDREN.

THE NEW REGULATION PROVIDES THAT FROM NOW ON, ANY AIR FORCE AGENCY

PREPARING ANY KIND OF MANUAL "WILL ESTABLISH REVIEW PANELS."

THE PANELS WILL CONSIST OF THREE OFFICERS WITH THE RANK OF MAJOR OR HIGHER. THEY WILL REVIEW PUBLICATIONS IN WHICH "POLICY, PROPRIETY, DECENCY, SECURITY, OR NEED-TO-KNOW" MIGHT BE INVOLVED.

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AF Book Tells How To Mix or Nix a Drink

By Edmond Le Breton

Associated Press

Would you like recipes for five different martinis, with notes on their comparative dryness and cost? ...

Or hints on getting dates for bachelors?

Or ideas for "subtle control" of predigener drinking?

The Air Force, which is getting quite a reputation as a publisher of handy manuals, has one covering those topics too.

Made public by Rep. Frank Kowalski (D-Conn.) yesterday, it served as the spark to set off a congressional investigation of service manuals in general. Kowalski, a retired colonel, is fighting what he calls the use of military personnel as servants.

Kowalski's cause was helped along by uproar over two other Air Force manuals, previously withdrawn. One pulled back a week ago said, among other things, that a number of United States clergymen are Communists. An earlier one, for officers' aides, had instructions on such accomplishments as washing the boss' dog.

Kowalski's new target is the "Open Mess Operation Manual"

Air Force officers assigned as secretaries of officers' or non-commissioned officers' clubs. Interspersed with chapters on management, ordering, inventory control and other sober-sides considerations are such hints as:

"Dates for bachelors: If this is a problem, call the nurses, women's colleges or the Junior League."

The mess secretary who wants to make a hit with young diners-out could consider attaching lollipops to the menus handed them. If it's the parents he wants to please, the manual has an idea for that too—a "good-eating certificate."

If the secretary is asked to arrange a cocktail party, it might be well to "advise that it is better for all if some subtle control is placed on the liquor consumption."

One way, says the manual, is to allow a half-hour before dinner, then close the bar firmly. It recommends "about two cocktails a person as an average for a half-hour cocktail party of ladies and gentlemen."

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Rep. Frank Kowalski (D-Conn.) holds a copy of the Air Force "Open Mess Operating Manual" which, along with other military pamphlets, is under investigation by the House Armed Services Committee. The manual is filled with tips on how to mix martinis, how to apply controls to predinner drinking at service parties and how to get dates for bachelor guests. Kowalski is a member of the investigating committee.

Church-Red Link in AF's Manual True, Says Walter

Washington, Feb. 18 (UPI).—Chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Committee on Un-American Activities said today that charges in an Air Force manual linking Communism with churches were true. He said his committee might investigate withdrawal of the manual.

The Pennsylvania Democrat told a newsman that the Air Force's recall of the manual "creates the impression that everything in it is false."

"Actually the charges that were made are true," he said.

He said some of the material was presented in an "unfortunate" manner and could have been deleted or rewritten instead of pulling back the entire security training manual for noncommissioned officers.

AF Probes Book In p Rush, Hush

By JERRY GREENE

Washington, Feb. 18 (News Bureau).—The Air Force tonight clamped a tight secrecy lid on its probe of the Communism-in-churches section of a reserve training manual. Meanwhile, the House Armed Services Committee set up a full-dress inquiry.

Identification of all those involved in preparation of the repudiated and withdrawn textbook was included in a detailed report en route by airmail here from Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

But an official spokesman said the names, including that of the original author, a civilian, would probably not be disclosed before they are given to the Congressional investigating committee.

W. Consider It Thoroughly

Air Force Secretary Dudley Sharp would say only that he had received a preliminary report by telephone, the full accounting was on the way and it will be "thoroughly considered before taking further action."

The Air Force ordered immediately a review of all service manuals and directed creation of special boards at all publication points. They will be responsible



Rep. Francis E. Walter
Considers probe into withdrawal

henceforth for content of the books and other documents.

Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the Armed Services Committee handed the issue to a subcommittee headed by Rep. Melvin Price (D-Ill.). Vinson made a strong suggestion that the investigation be broadened to include training manuals of all the military branches.

Stupid, He Says

Price looked at the controversial manual and the section warning of infiltration of Communists into the ranks of the clergy and cracked: "To be that stupid you must have to work at it."

Chairman John Moss (D-Calif.) of the House Freedom of Information subcommittee told THE NEWS that there would be no nonsense about the Air Force directly or indirectly trying to duck out by

hanging authorship of the latest manual on a civilian.

"If a civilian is writing the training manuals," Moss said, "he is writing under specific military—I mean specific—instructions. I want to find out who is responsible."

Cites Older Manual

Further, Moss said, much of the objectionable material about the churches and Communism was lifted from a 10-year-old Air Force manual. He said he wants to know who was responsible for that one, about which no public clamor has been raised.

In a lengthy telephone report to Air Force headquarters—the preliminary report mentioned by Sharp—the unidentified officer at Lackland read to an investigator here excerpts of the bulky findings which had been put in the mail. He first explained that the training command had prepared the material at the request of the Continental Air Command, which had the textbook printed.

Cite Committee Publication

Then the defense was begun. AF headquarters was told that the objectionable paragraph about Communist infiltration was designed to illustrate warnings contained in Paragraph No. 61 of a House Un-American Activities Committee publication called "100 things you should know about Communism and religion."

Lackland personnel insisted that the complaints registered by the National Council of Churches of Christ in America were made against isolated comments taken out of context.

The reporting officer gave a published document as a source for another comment in the book. He admitted that this source was not included in the textbook and this could leave the implication the Air Force itself was the critic.

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'Subversion in an Air Force Manual'

The investigation ordered by the House Armed Services Committee of all training manuals issued by the armed services is thoroughly warranted by the revelations of the last few days.

The evidence of bad judgment and inexcusable waste involved in printing some of these publications has been accumulating for some weeks. But what is infinitely worse, instances have now turned up in which dangerous subversive lies aimed at discrediting American religious institutions have been circulated in such manuals under the official Air Force name.

The carelessness, gullibility and loose supervision which can be the only plausible explanation of how such material could have gotten into the manuals without being flagged down by responsible authorities are absolutely inexcusable. It is not only essential that the source of the material be traced but that adequate pressure be applied to guarantee that safeguards against any repetition of the evil will be set up.

The Air Force's hasty move in repudiating and banning from further use its so-called "Guide for Security Indoctrination" should be only the beginning of a searching drive to correct abuses in the armed forces of which such blunders are the symptoms.

It is all too clear that the military services are misusing public funds with astonishing irresponsibility when one branch can go to the expense of publishing a guide for enlisted men on how to wash an Air Force officer's dog, make his bed, set his table, mix drinks for him and his guests and perform other domestic services.

Not only the impropriety of such instruction under the Air Force label is involved

here but the official sanction implicit in it of un-American and undemocratic social distinction between enlisted men and officers. GIs enlisted for the service of their country should not be diverted to the service of an officer elite instead.

With subjection of most young Americans to military indoctrination necessary for the Nation's security, the possibility of the militaristic viewpoint becoming a threat from within to U. S. established traditions of civilian freedom and democratic principles must be dealt with from the start.

The denial in the Air Force manual that "Americans have the right to know what is going on" is one glaring indication of what could happen if restraints are not set up. The unfounded accusation that pastors of certain unnamed churches are card-carrying Communists is another.

It must be discovered who wrote such flagrant untruths and anti-American ideas into the manuals and whether it was a deliberate attempt to misguide Air Force personnel or incompetence on the part of a writer who picked up the line from subversive sources without questioning it.

Every military manual or rulebook must be examined against the chance that this is only one of many such offenses. At the moment it's the Air Force that is under fire. What about the other services?

There is no reason why our armed forces can't teach sound democratic principles in any manual they are justified in printing. Above all, they should set an actual example of proper democratic conduct of which the U. S. can be proud. They should be encouraged by Congress—prodded, if necessary—to do it.

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OCCASION: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ATTACK ON U.S. AIR FORCE INSTRUCTION BOOK

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The quick and unjustified surrender of the Air Force and Defense Department to the demands of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. that the Air Force manual be withdrawn because of its references to "Communism in religion," leaves the question of the truth of the manual's statements up in the air.

The Communists have infiltrated and they are using religion as a most effective cover. The manual's statements are true, and point up a serious problem facing the nation. There is no field of activity today where the Communists are more successful with their "peace" and "peaceful coexistence" propaganda.

1. Former FBI agents working under cover in the Communist apparatus have testified to this.

Herbert A. Philbrick, for nine years an FBI agent in the all-powerful Pro-4 group, has testified: "I know that the Communist threat to your church is greater now than at any time in 20 years... This is the story of what I know - as much of it as may be revealed - told so that you will realize that subversion in the sanctuary is the most deadly and insidious menace facing America today,... It is no accident that your church is the number-one target of the Communist conspiracy in America today."

2. Former officials of the Communist Party in the United States have testified that the Communists have concentrated upon the churches.

Manning Johnson, a former member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, July 13 and 14, 1953: "In the early 1930's the Communists instructed thousands of their members to rejoin their ancestral religious groups and to operate in cells designed to take control of churches for Communist purposes. This method was not only propounded, but was executed with great success among large elements of American church life."

He further declared: "The tactic of infiltrating religious organizations was set by the Kremlin..." and "This policy was successful beyond even Communist expectations."

3. Benjamin Gitlow, top official of the Communist Party in the U.S.A., testified, July 7, 1953, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities: "The

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through them, the church organizations, for the purpose of spreading propaganda in favor of Communist Russia...The policy in those days was framed in such a way that the members of the Communist Party could infiltrate church organizations for the purpose of conducting their propaganda among them, for enlisting their support for Soviet Russia and for the various campaigns in which the Communists were interested."

4. The National Council of Churches, by its General Board, and under the leadership of its official spokesmen, has given prestige to the Communists.

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Metropolitan Nicolai, second ranking churchman of the Russian Orthodox Church, was brought to this country in June, 1956, as the official guest of the NCC, attended the General Board meeting and was ushered around by the NCC president. Nicolai's tirades against the United States had been published over a period of years in the Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate, calling our American soldier boys in Korea "civilized savages" and "American bandits."

A major general of the Soviet Secret Police, Peter Deriabin, identified Nicolai before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and also the House Un-American Activities Committee as "an agent of the Soviet secret police of long standing." When being presented to the American people as a great churchman, he preached the Communist line in regard to its current political interests -- atomic testings, peaceful coexistence and freedom of religion.

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An exchange delegation which earlier went to Moscow, headed by the then president of the National Council of Churches, was feted by Nicolai. Georgi G. Karpov, a major general of the secret police whom Stalin put in charge of all religion and who is retained there today by Khrushchev, entertained the delegation at a sumptuous dinner at the Hotel Metropole.

The "Number 1 Protestant Defender of Communism" who has infiltrated into the high circles of the church world is Prof. Josef L. Hromadka of Prague, Czechoslovakia. He is a member of the central committee, executive committee and Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches, the USA are the same men who lead the NCC, or the ecumenical movement.

Hromadka, in one of his peace speeches, February, 1959, declared, "Communism is no embodiment of evil, no 'murder of souls,'...as some people in the West believe. It is our task to demonstrate that this view is mistaken."

The Soviet Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, featured Hromadka in their Soviet publication, July, 1958, as one of the great fighters for peace and a winner of the Lenin peace prize. In their commendation of him the Reds said, "He accomplishes a great work in the World Council of Churches."

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These leaders of the ecumenical movement and National Council of Churches in the United States are regularly collaborating with Hromadka. February 8 to 12, 1960, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Hromadka sat together with members of the executive committee. The National Council leaders included Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church. We have a case of open "daylight robbery" as Hromadka represents the Reds in the churches.

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The 5,000-word letter that this body, official representatives from the denominations in the National Council of Churches, sent to the churches, called for the acceptance of peaceful coexistence with the Communists. This letter followed the pronouncement of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at its uniting General Assembly in Pittsburgh, stating that "coexistence with the Soviet Union was compatible with the principles of Christianity."

6. The attack of the Communists on the Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives demanding its abolition received ecclesiastical support in an advertisement appearing in the Washington Post and Times Herald January 7, 1959, declaring "the Un-American Activities Committee should be abolished, not re-organized and expanded," and concluded, "Let us rid ourselves of this agent of weakness and folly."

Among the leaders of the National Council of Churches who signed this demand were Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Dr. John C. Bennett, Dr. John A. Mackay, Bishop Edgar L. Love, and Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr.

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How was it possible for anyone of rudimentary wit in the Air Force to repeat uncritically in a Reserve training manual a palpably nonsensical statement from a prejudiced source implying that nearly one-third of the Protestant ministers who worked on a revised version of the Bible had Communist connections? How was it possible for another manual to be part of the training routine for five years without someone in authority and with a modicum of curiosity checking the authenticity of similar extremist assertions? How, indeed, was it possible for so much bilge to be assembled between the covers on one small pamphlet?

Only Rep. Francis Walter would elect to go down with this ship.

Not even the most vindictive battleship admiral could have contrived this sort of booby trap for the Air Force. The whole messy affair, particularly the parts of the pamphlet advising airmen to check up on P-TA meetings, to keep an eye on textbooks and to suspect griping and complaints from home, suggests that the Air Force has been minding everyone's business but its own. We prophesy a swivet of scurrying by the other services to clean up any offensive publications of their own that so far may have escaped the fan, and it will be a good thing. Perhaps what is needed is less attention to training manuals and more to manual-training.

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After Reds, Not Church Unit, AF Manual's³ Author Says

The author of a controversial Air Force training manual alleging Communist infiltration of the National Council of Churches said today:

"I'm not attacking the National Council of Churches. I'm merely after Communists."

The author is Homer H. Hyde, a civilian employee at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. *APPROX. 1966*

Mr. Hyde, a soft-spoken, shy type, disconcerted by the publicity storm that's broken over his head, told a N. Y. Journal-American reporter on the phone from his San Antonio home:

"I wrote the manual on my own. I had some help. But all the disputed sections are my work."

ADMITS 'BORROWING'

Evangelist Billy James Hargis, of Tulsa, Okla., earlier claimed authorship of the material used by Mr. Hyde. and Mr. Hyde has admitted he cribbed most of the disputed sections of the manual from two pamphlets written by Mr. Hargis:

"The National Council for Churches Indicts Itself on 50 Counts of Treason Against God and Country" and "Is the National Council of Churches Subversive?"

However, Mr. Hyde, 54, insists the manual was his idea.

This is Mr. Hyde's account of how the manual came to be written:

Mr. Hargis, who is head of an anti-Communist organization, the Christian Crusade, spoke in San Antonio, Tex., last November. His text: Communist infiltration in the Churches.

IMPRESSED BY-TALK

Mr. Hyde attended the lecture, was enough impressed by what he heard to write Mr. Hargis for the two pamphlets.

Mr. Hargis sent them and Mr. Hyde proceeded to write portions of them into the training manual.

The manual was released Feb. 11. The same day the National Council wrote to Secretary of Defense Gates, "vigorously protesting" the inference contained in the manual that the council "is in any way associated with or influenced by Communists."

READY TO HIRE HIM

Mr. Hyde denied there had been any reprisals taken against him by the Air Force.

But, Mr. Hargis, in Washington to drum up support among Congressmen and Sena-

tors for his anti-Communist activities, said:

"If the Air Force fires Mr. Hyde, I'll hire him. My organization needs good men."

Mr. Hargis said:

"Frankly although I didn't intend it, I'm glad the whole thing came up. This focuses attention on the National Council of Churches."

Mr. Hargis said he will ask the House Un-American Activities Committee today to investigate the National Council and offer himself as a witness to testify to the truth of the charges in the manual.

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NEW YORK:--A COUNCIL OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST TODAY CALLED FOR THE RECOGNITION OF COMMUNIST CHINA BY THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ADMISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS "UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS."

THE UCC'S COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION SAID THOSE CONDITIONS WOULD INCLUDE A SETTLEMENT IN KOREA AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS PROTECTING FORMOSA.

THE ACTION WAS THE FIRST BY A MAJOR PROTESTANT DENOMINATION IN THIS COUNTRY TO ENDORSING RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA AND ITS ADMISSION TO THE U.N. THE UCC WAS FORMED IN 1957 BY A UNION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES WITH THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH. IT REPRESENTS 8,280 CHURCHES WITH A TOTAL CONGREGATION OF 2,193,593.

LAST NOVEMBER, THE WORLD STUDY CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A. APPROVED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR U.S. RECOGNITION OF THE COMMUNIST COUNTRY. SINCE THEN, THE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF FIERY CONTROVERSY AMONG RELIGIOUS BODIES.

THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WILL BEGIN A THREE-DAY MEETING IN HARTFORD, CONN., STARTING NEXT TUESDAY. THE CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE 600 DELEGATES AT THE STUDY CONFERENCE IS ON THE AGENDA.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ITSELF HAS TAKEN NO STAND ON RED CHINA. IT REPRESENTS 33 PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS, INCLUDING THE UCC, WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE U.S. OF 38,000,000. THE UCC IS REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCIL'S POLICY-MAKING GENERAL BOARD.

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NEW ORLEANS--CHAIRMAN FRANCIS WALTER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES SAID HE WILL INVITE AIR SECRETARY SHARP BEFORE HIS COMMITTEE THURSDAY TO TELL WHY HE APOLOGIZED TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN THE RECENT TRAINING MANUAL CONTROVERSY.

WALTER, IN NEW ORLEANS TO RECEIVE AN AMERICAN LEGION AWARD, CRITICIZED SHARP FOR THE APOLOGY.

HE CLAIMED WHAT THE CONTROVERSIAL AIR FORCE MANUAL SAID ABOUT COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES WAS "ABSOLUTELY TRUE."

A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES COMPLAINT ABOUT THE CHARGE BROUGHT ABOUT THE APOLOGY AND WITHDRAWAL OF THE MANUAL.

WALTER SAID SHARP APOLOGIZED "WITHOUT ANY ATTEMPT TO SEE IF THE CHARGES ARE TRUE."

"I BELIEVE THE SECRETARY OWED IT TO THE MEN WHO HAD ACCESS TO THIS MANUAL TO DETERMINE THE TRUTH OF THE CHARGES. IT'S DISTURBING TO ALL OF US THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE SEES FIT TO DEPRIVE THESE MEN OF THE OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING WHO THEIR ENEMIES ARE."

THE TRAINING MANUAL ALLEGED 30 TO 90 PERSONS WHO PRODUCED A REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE BIBLE UNDER NATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP HAVE BEEN AFFILIATED WITH PRO-COMMUNIST FRONTS, PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS.

"A VERY CAREFUL CHECK WAS MADE," WALTER SAID, "NOT ONLY OF OUR OWN COMMITTEE RECORDS BUT ALSO OF OTHER SECURITY AGENCIES. AND IT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE THAT THESE MEN HAD COMMUNIST DEALINGS."

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Churches And Communism

A furor was recently caused in Washington when it was revealed that an Air Force training manual said that communism had infiltrated churches in the United States.

The climax of this incident came when the Secretary of Defense, the associate general secretary of the Thomas S. Gates, Jr., apologized to National Council of Churches of Christ.

The National Council was accused, in the training manual, of being composed of many who were members of subversive organizations.

This incident is interesting in view of often-repeated charges that communism is attempting to infiltrate, or has infiltrated, some of the religions. Protestants most often find themselves subject to these charges, because of the very nature of their religion, a cardinal point of which is great individual and church freedom.

There are a great number of Protestant denominations, that differ widely in their beliefs, some being quite rigid in doctrine and some being very loose, or unorthodox. The very nature of this wide diversity of opinion and procedure is indicative of the freedom of religion which is cherished in the United States.

In fact, one of the great strengths of the United States is this freedom of religion — and the fact that no one church dominates our society and people. Therefore, the great number of churches and the fact that none has preponderant power in the United States is a source of strength.

This very source of strength, however, is also a potential avenue of infiltration by the communists. And, undoubtedly, communist agents, communist sympathizers, and others with akin views, have undoubtedly infiltrated into church organizations and churches themselves.

The point is, that an Air Force training manual is not the proper place to expose this condition. While an expose written by an officer or a non-commissioned officer, for a training manual might be authorized and based upon adequate research, there is no assurance that such is the case.

The place for an investigation of this kind is the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Congress, or a respected and official agency of the government. We would not oppose such an investigation.

No doubt many Protestants would be fearful that Protestantism would suffer because of revelations that some infiltration has occurred. This is no exclusive reflection on Protestantism, however, for communist infiltration has occurred in all churches of any size — in the various places in the world.

The very fact that most of the investigators would be Protestants, that this is a predominately Protestant country, and that we are big enough to face the problems which confront us as such, is convincing evidence that we are concerned with the dangers of communist infiltration, and that we are not more concerned with a cover-up or denial of the dangers and infiltration.

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Reds in Churches

In connection with the complaint from the National Council of Churches about statements in AF Manual 205-5 that Communists had successfully infiltrated clergy and church groups, it may turn out that the manual is correct.

Further information might be sought in GPO publication 84-2: S. Doc. 148 "Congressional Investigations of Communism and Subversive Activities, Summary-Index, 1918-1956" and from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as from the Press Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

I hope your refutation, if appropriate to the facts, of the indignant assault on the high Air Force officials will get the same front page coverage their actions did in the February 18 Star.

Also please find out who the National Council of Churches represents behind that big name, what their chief activity is, and who they are.

S. Richard Compton, MD.

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Manual Uproar Origin Is Traced To Trenton Man

Special to The Inquirer
TRENTON, Feb. 22. — S/Sgt. Paul Galanti, of the Air Force Reserve, an equipment installer by trade and a Sunday school teacher by avocation, dropped one question in the lap of his pastor and started a Congressional investigation.

Galanti, 42, of 708 William st., had received one of the 6200 copies of an Air Force manual in which it was stated that Communists had infiltrated some churches.

PUT UP TO PASTOR

Two weeks ago he asked, his pastor, the Rev. G. Stanley McCleave, following Sunday services at the State Street Trinity Methodist Church, if the charges were true.

Then, as the saying goes, the roof fell in.

The pastor notified the Trenton Council of Churches, which in turn called attention of the National Council of Churches in New York to the manual. Also notified were the defense Department and the New Jersey members of Congress.

Newspapers, radio and television carried Galanti's revelation.

CONGRESS STEPS IN

A Congressional investigation was ordered and the manual was withdrawn.

"I never dreamed all this would happen," Galanti said. "They could have just cut those two pages out."

Galanti, who has a wife and 13-year-old son, said he was surprised he was the only one to ask about the Communist aspersions.

"Maybe it's because I feel more strongly about Communism than any of the others," he said.

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Paul Galanti, who first brought attention to anti-clerical passages in an Air Force Reserve manual, looks over another textbook in his Trenton home. He is an Air Force Reserve sergeant.

LETTERS TO THE STA

A18 Controversial AF Manual on Reds and Churches

Your editorial of February 18, "How Did It Happen?", resorted, surprisingly, to the liberal double-standard, namely, alleging a smear on the National Council of Churches by the Air Force writer, but then in turn smearing him. The Air Force quotes chapter and verse; your editorial just walls and emotes — and smears — without disproving a single statement in that portion of the now famous document concerning alleged pro-Communist proclivities of certain of the leaders of the NCC.

Does your writer go to the trouble to tell us what is innuendo, what is silly and what is tripe in the airman's training document? Or why this is so? Certainly not. The reader must just take his word that what he says is true. What proof is available to him to support his charges — or rather, smears?

I guess J. Edgar Hoover, Representative Francis Walter and the Communist Party of the United States don't know what they are talking about when they tell us that our churches are and have been Communist targets. An irrelevancy, no doubt. And the fact that the public record confirms the Communist activities of many of the leaders of the NCC is, of course, to your editorial writer another irrelevancy.

But, then, as your editorial states, "fancied subversives" pose less of a threat than a person who—in this particular case — gives us some indication of the extent communism reaches into our society. Your editorial writer knows that every one of his readers accepts this, so there is no use explaining why this is true.

Your editorial writer stands condemned of defrauding his readers until he changes his broad and meaningless generalizations — or rather, smears — into provable and documented facts.

R. M. Barnes

Methinks that the National Council of Christian Churches protesteth too much. The noisy protest concerning the Air Force training manual may be just what is needed to awaken many sleepy Protestants around our land. The evidence of the truth of the Air Force statements is abundant, as alert Representative Walters and others are saying. I would suggest starting with a look at the Communist front organizations which bear the names of the very leaders of the NCCC. I suggest also starting with the activities of President Dahlberg.

Providentially I was in Arlington when I read your paper, and providentially I had this bit of evidence with me and I pass it on to you and to the Air Force in commendation for their job.

Concerning the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion: The Committee on Un-American Activities of our Government in 1949 published a document entitled "One Hundred Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion." Question 89 in this document reads: "What is the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion?" The answer given is, "One of the most vicious Communist organizations ever set up in this country. Declared subversive by the Attorney General."

The director of this institute was Rev. Claude C. Williams, a minister in good standing in the Presbytery of Detroit. He made this statement May 17, 1946, in the First Baptist Church, Denver, Col.: "Denominationally I am a Presbyterian, religiously a Unitarian, and politically I am a Communist. I'm not preaching to make people good or anything of the sort, I'm in the church because I can reach people

easier that way and get them organized for communism."

(This was reported on the floor of the House of Representatives March 17, 1953, by Representative Donald L. Jackson of Colorado.)

The Daily News of Los Angeles, April 27, 1946, carried this article: "Claude Williams, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, yesterday cut loose with a few startling statements not the least of which was that you don't have to believe that Christ was the Son of God. He qualified that one though by adding that you should at least look upon Him as a good social worker and an excellent organizer for democracy."

If you would really like more evidence I will be happy to supply it. We are anxious to do all that we can to awaken our American church laymen and clergy.

Arthur E. Steele

Vice President and Treasurer, Faith Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

Regarding the Air Force manual about Communist infiltration of Christian churches, if my memory serves me correctly someone testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee (Hon. Francis Walter, chairman) that the clergy had been infiltrated to a greater extent than any other profession.

The National Council of Churches, of which Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam is one of the higher-ups, is in favor of recognizing Red China and numerous other questionable recommendations. If the Communists can use the churches of the West to lead the Christian public to abandon its rigidity in its commitment to high moral principles, the major fortress has been captured in the struggle to win the world for socialism. Socialism is only one step removed from communism.

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They are also using the Communist technique of terror and fear to get American people to compromise and "coexist." I understand they also support the godless United Nations, which in my opinion is a Trojan horse in our midst.

Before we ridicule and denounce the Air Force manual in regard to Communist infiltration in our churches, let's "seek out the facts," then "judge for yourself."

Harry L. Warren, Jr.

Some people will gag at a gnat and swallow a camel. Some have flared up in the air about the Air Force training manual alleging Communist infiltration into our churches. Now I despise communism as much as the next person, but is it any more un-American, un-Christianlike or wrong for the Communists to assist in preparing the revised standard version of the Bible than to have the NAACP, the vote-buying politicians and the courts force the people, by man-made laws and not the law of God, to associate with people against their own God-given choice and rights?

Nish Showers.

Your salient news item reporting the situation involving the printing and distribution of Air Force Manual NR-45-0050, Increment V, Volume 7, and the repercussions it has had on the public and some factions of congressional figures comes as no surprise to a great many citizens; the philosophy that the people have little right to know what the executive branch of the Government is doing, and that the Government trickles insignificant information to the public about its operations, have been a

matter of established attitude and action for sometime. Recently, a number of leaders in America have pointed up this trend of some State and Federal factions, and the potential hazards of it from past and present situations. Heretofore, we the people of the United States have held a relatively indifferent attitude toward such arrogant ideas.

It appears that some of the information in that manual was primarily based on the records compiled by M. G. Lowman of Circuit Riders, Inc., as gathered by compiling a list of names that appear on such a document as a petition for clemency (such as in the Rosenberg case), etc. Consequently, association of such name listings with the National Council of Churches and their members was enough to label persons as potentially Communists (?). I find such metaphysically anchored thinking in more positive situations to be wholly outrageous, and further I think that such research is highly disadvantageous to the basic principles that should be indicative of this great Nation. However, it appears that many factions are operating with warped underlying motivations and consequently contribute to a growing hysterical situation. We have departed from the right and wrong aspects of thinking on a personal and national level, and think in terms of stigma regardless of the principles involved in all too many instances. Has kindness and mercy departed from our shores?

Increasingly, factions of Government personnel are reacting with contempt for people. However, officials underestimate the significant factor of intelligence of the American people in general, and fail to take note of that factor with the realization that we are not emotionless pieces of furniture, but are capable of reacting at the polls, with a resiliency to political doubletalk—that is omnipresent in our time.

In all probability, after continued blundering, the public will demand to know enough about executive policy to enable the intelligent election of forthright leaders that have some genuine ideas and forceful steering approach to governmental actions, less the factor of certain types of psychopathic ideas, prejudices, et cetera. Such esprit de corps is showing signs and symptoms of developing.

Frederic Williams.

Your editorial, "How Did It Happen?", made my sense of justice and righteousness boil.

It might be well for you to examine very carefully the background of the associate editor that wrote it, because it has all the earmarks of a Communist card carrier. Of course, if the editor is one also, we'll hear no more about this missive.

Where the contents of the controversial "Air Force manual" are concerned, I prefer to put my reliance in the champions of fundamental "Americanism" such as J. Edgar Hoover, Representative Francis E. Walter, Edgar C. Bundy, Dr. Carl McIntire, etc. Their criticisms are ignored, but unchallenged.

Some day perhaps an apathetic America will be shaken to its foundations when it finds the Commies, by quisling tactics, have sneaked in and gained complete control, and editorials such as the one mentioned above give unlimited aid to the progress of such tactics.

J. R. Austin.

(Editor's note: We assure Mr. Austin that neither the editor nor his associate is a Communist.)

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(MANUALS)

CHAIRMAN FRANCIS E. WALTER ANNOUNCED TODAY HIS HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES WOULD QUESTION AIR SECRETARY DUDLEY SHARP TOMORROW ABOUT WHY HE WITHDREW A CONTROVERSIAL TRAINING MANUAL LINKING SOME U.S. CHURCHES WITH COMMUNISM.

THE PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRAT SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD DECIDE AFTER HEARING SHARP BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WHETHER TO PURSUE ITS INQUIRY FURTHER.

WALTER SAID IT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE AIR FORCE MANUAL HAD A RECORD OF COMMUNIST FRONT AFFILIATIONS. HE SAID HE WANTED TO FIND OUT WHETHER SHARP WAS AWARE OF THIS CHARGE.

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(MANUAL)

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

CLAIMS THAT COMMUNISTS HAVE INFILTRATED AMERICAN CHURCHES ARE BEING KEPT IN THE AIR FORCE'S SECURITY TRAINING MANUAL FOR THE PRESENT, IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY. BUT CERTAIN PASSAGES ON PUBLIC RELEASE OF DEFENSE INFORMATION ARE BEING STRICKEN.

THE AIR FORCE SAID IT SENT A MESSAGE YESTERDAY TO ALL MAJOR COMMANDS ORDERING THEM TO DELETE REFERENCES THAT HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED AS CHALLENGING THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN DEFENSE.

THE SECURITY MANUAL IS THE PARENT OF THE DOCUMENT FOR A RESERVE TRAINING MANUAL WHICH DREW THE IRE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES A WEEK AGO BECAUSE IT LINKED COMMUNISM AND CHURCHES. THE AIR FORCE WITHDREW THE RESERVE TRAINING MANUAL AFTER THE COUNCIL'S PROTESTS AND EXPRESSED ITS REGRETS.

THE SERVICE SAID TODAY THE BASIC DOCUMENT, "GUIDE FOR SECURITY INDOCTRINATION," IS NO LONGER BEING DISTRIBUTED TO COMMANDS AND "AN ENTIRELY NEW MANUAL" IS NOW BEING WRITTEN.

A SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED WHETHER A SECTION ON "COMMUNISM IN AMERICAN CHURCHES" CONTAINED IN A CHAPTER TITLED "HOW TO STOP COMMUNISM IN AMERICA" WAS BEING DELETED FROM THE PRESENT MANUAL. HE SAID IT WAS NOT.

THE SECTION BEGINS: "A WHILE BACK AMERICANS WERE SHOCKED TO FIND THAT COMMUNISTS HAD INFILTRATED OUR CHURCHES."

IT ASKS, "ARE THERE COMMUNIST MINISTERS?" IT ANSWERS, "SURE."

CONGRESS HAS STARTED AN INVESTIGATION TO LEARN THE ORIGINS OF THE MANUAL WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CHAIRMAN FRANCIS WALTER (D-PA.) OF THE HOUSE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HAS CONTENDED THE PASSAGE IS ACCURATE.

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AF Promises Rewrite Of Its Security Guide

By Julius Duscha
Staff Reporter

The Air Force removed from its security guide yesterday statements linking churches with communism and denying the right of the people to know what their Government is doing.

A week ago the Air Force withdrew a reserve training manual that included statements similar to those that were deleted from the security guide.

In announcing the order removing the material from the security guide, an Air Force spokesman said the entire guide will be rewritten.

The Air Force decision to revise its security guide was first announced to the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A., which protested the statements in both the training manual and the security guide last week.

The General Board of the Council, which represents 33 major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations with 35 million members, is meeting in Oklahoma City this week.

This morning leaders of two church groups opposed to the policies of the National Council will meet with Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates Jr. to urge him to put the training manual back into use and to reverse the Air Force decision ordering the removal of the statements from the security guide.

On Thursday morning, Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Chapin is scheduled to appear before an executive session of the House Un-American Activities Committee to explain his decisions in the

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training manual and security guide controversies.

A section of the security guide headed "Communism in American Churches" starts off by stating, "A while back American were shocked to find that Communists had infiltrated our churches."

Elsewhere in the section, this question is asked: "Are there Communist ministers?" The security guide's answer is: "Sure."

In a directive sent to all Air Force installations yesterday, the Air Force ordered the entire section on communism and the churches removed from the security guide as well as several paragraphs on freedom of information.

Included in the directive are instructions to delete a paragraph that begins: "Another rather silly remark often heard concerning security is that Americans have a right to know what's going on."

An Air Force spokesman said the security guide had been reviewed several months

AF 'Pamphlet' Cost Taxpayers \$5572

United Press International
The Air Force manual that told enlisted men how to wash an officer's dog, among other things, cost the taxpayers \$5572.71.

A master sergeant and three civilians spent a total of 230 days preparing the "on-the-job training" pamphlet. The cost was about \$11.10 a copy.

The statistics were revealed by a House Appropriations subcommittee, which called for an Air Force explanation on the manual.

ago and that the Air Force decided then that the guide was outdated both as to its substance and its "argumentative" tone.

The spokesman said further distribution of the security guide was halted last summer. Some of the material in the security guide will be incorporated in a new security publication, the spokesman added.

The first Air Force announcement that distribution of the security guide had been stopped was made after the National Council took its protests to the Pentagon.

Meanwhile, in Oklahoma City, where the Air Force was the principal topic of discussion at the National Council meeting, the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief administrative officer of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, said he was "not interested in berating the Air Force."

Kenneth Dole, editor of religion for The Washington Post, further quoted Dr. Blake as saying: "The Air Force manual incident could not have happened except in an atmosphere compounded of ignorance, totalitarian-type thinking, and a willingness to accept as valid wild allegations from irresponsible sources, no matter how often they have been denied and disproved."

Dr. Blake went on to suggest

"a broad congressional investigation of the material in the files and the use being made of it not only in the armed services, but also in the State Department, the Civil Service Commission, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

The type of mind in much of the bureaucracy of our Federal Government," Dr. Blake concluded, "is a threat to the freedom and well-being of the whole Nation, its press, its radio and television industry, its entertainment industry, its schools and its volunteer charitable agencies, as well as to all the churches."

The Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council, said an investigation should be directed "not toward the Air Force, but toward the apostles of discord fomenting a spirit of dissension and suspicion toward the churches, the colleges and the other institutions of the Nation."

Both the House Armed Services Committee and the House Freedom of Information Subcommittee as well as the Un-American Activities Committee are investigating the way the services prepare training manuals.

In a report to the National Council on the training manual and the security guide, James Wine, associate general secretary of the Council, said that six "central issues" were involved in the dispute.

He noted that three of the issues involve "patent contraventions" of the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution; which guarantees the right of free speech and assembly as well as freedom of religion.

Wine said the training manual sought "to discredit, or to foster animosity towards, religious institutions of this country," that the document questioned the right of people to know what their Government is doing, and that it stated bluntly that "the American press prints only such information as the Government permits it to print."

Wine also noted that the training manual tended "to discredit and to breed suspicion of the educational institutions" of the United States, implied "a relationship between the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible and atheistic communism" and indicated that "within the military departments of the United States Government there are those who have on occasion attempted to carry out a completely un-American, in fact a totalitarian, indoctrination of their regular and reserve personnel."

"The issues I have defined," Wine said, "go beyond the proper indignation of the churches that have been singled out in official documents as victims of a policy of suspicion, fear and hatred in the name of 'security.' The churches and the National Council have no need to defend themselves against such nonsense."

"This is not the occasion for the churches to be self-striving. Far too much is at stake in the undemocratic, un-Christian attacks made in the manual."

"The churches here have an opportunity to prove what the churches have always contended: That they have a responsibility toward all men and all institutions in the never-ending battle against wickedness, viciousness and corruption."

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(CHURCHES)

OKLAHOMA CITY--THE GENERAL BOARD OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TODAY AUTHORIZED ITS OFFICERS TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST "UNCONSTITUTIONAL, AND THE REALLY UN-AMERICAN, ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES."

THE RESOLUTION, APPROVED AFTER TWO HOURS OF DEBATE, WAS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE COUNCIL'S OBJECTION TO MATERIAL IN AIR FORCE TRAINING MANUALS CITING ALLEGED COMMUNIST INFLUENCES IN THE NATION'S RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS. PARTS OF THE RESOLUTION WERE VIGOROUSLY ATTACKED AS BEING TOO CRITICAL OF THE AIR FORCE.

THE RESOLUTION, PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE, STATED THE BOARD "AUTHORIZES ITS OFFICERS AND STAFF TO MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT TO INTERPRET THE CONCERNS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES RELATIVE TO THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL, AND THE REALLY UN-AMERICAN, ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES."

WHILE THE BOARD WAS DISCUSSING THE RESOLUTION, STAFF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WERE SEEKING NEW ASSURANCES FROM THE AIR FORCE THAT THE CONTROVERSIAL MATERIAL WOULD BE DELETED. THE AIR FORCE HAD ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK IT WAS RECALLING A RESERVE TRAINING MANUAL ISSUED LAST MONTH. YESTERDAY, COUNCIL OFFICIALS DEMANDED THAT A 1955 MANUAL USED BY REGULAR AIR FORCE UNITS BE REVISED ON THE SAME GROUNDS.

JAMES W. WINE, ASSOCIATE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL, TALKED BY TELEPHONE TWICE WITH BRIG. GEN. E.B. LE BAILLEY, DEPUTY CHIEF OF INFORMATION OF THE AIR FORCE IN WASHINGTON. WINE WAS SHAKEN BY NEWS DISPATCHES QUOTING AN AIR FORCE "SPOKESMAN" TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MATERIAL

IN THE 1955 MANUAL IS BEING RETAINED FOR THE PRESENT.

WINE, FOLLOWING THE SECOND CONVERSATION WITH LE BAILLEY, SAID THE GENERAL TOLD HIM, "WITHOUT QUESTION WE WILL DELETE THAT MATERIAL...AND CERTAINLY WILL NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE."

THE 150 BOARD MEMBERS, HERE FOR A TWO-DAY SESSION ENDING TOMORROW, REPRESENT 33 PROTESTANT AND ORTHODOX DENOMINATIONS WITH TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF APPROXIMATELY 33,000,000.

DR. EDWIN T. DAHLBERG, PRESIDENT OF THE MCC, HAD REFUSED TO DEBATE A TULSA, OKLA., EVANGELIST, BILLY JAMES HARGIS, ON THE VALIDITY OF STATEMENTS MADE IN THE MANUALS. HARGIS HAS RENTED MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM HERE TOMORROW NIGHT FOR A RALLY. HE HAS BRANDED THE COUNCIL'S LEADERSHIP WITH "SOCIALIST TENDENCIES AND COMMUNIST TENDENCIES."

DAHLBERG, PASTOR OF THE DELMAR BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, MO., HAS REPEATEDLY DENIED THE CHARGES. THE BOARD CONSIDERED SEVERAL PROPOSALS CALLING FOR STATEMENTS OF DENIALS, WITH DOCUMENTARY PROOF, BUT VOTED INSTEAD TO CONCENTRATE ITS FIRE UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT INVOLVED.

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Church Aide Hints AF Has 'Subversion' Plot

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 24 (AP).—A qualified charge that American servicemen are getting totalitarian training was made last night as members of the National Council of Churches General Board gathered for a meeting today.

The charge came from James Wine, associated general secretary of the council. He also said a subversive influence may have been responsible for an Air Force Reserve manual which said there is Communist infiltration of American churches.

The manual was withdrawn and repudiated by the Air Force after protests from the council.

The council's general board, which meets here for two days, is expected to get a report from its Policy and Strategy subcommittee which heard Mr. Wine's resume of the situation yesterday. Afterwards, he issued a statement containing his charges.

AF Bows on Second Manual

Mr. Wine also said the Air Force has agreed to amend portions of a second manual objectionable to the council which served as primary source material for the reserve document. The second manual—205-5—is used now as a guide to security indoctrination.

The manual was issued in 1955.

Today in Washington, Defense Secretary Gates was to meet with two clergymen who contend the Air Force Reserve manual was correct in saying Communists have infiltrated the Nation's churches.

Dr. Clyde K. Kennedy and Dr. Carl McIntire were to confer with Mr. Gates at the Pentagon.

Dr. Kennedy, of Tacoma, Wash., is president of the American Council of Christian Churches. Dr. McIntire, of Collingswood, N. J., heads the International Council of Christian Churches.

Both groups have supported the Communist infiltration charges.

Wine Hints of Dark Plot

Mr. Wine said there is "the possibility—suggested by an apparent attitude that recurs in various manuals of the United States Air Force—that within the military depart-

ments of the United States Government, there are those who have on occasion attempted to carry out a completely un-American, in fact a totalitarian, indoctrination of their regular and reserve personnel."

In a subsequent interview Mr. Wine said the Air Force Reserve training manual could well have been inspired by a subversive influence.

The manual included paragraphs charging Communist infiltration of churches; Communist Party membership by some ministers, and Communist front influence on a subcommittee of the National Council which drew up the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Mr. Wine would not label the material either Communist or Fascist-inspired, but said, "I would say it is definitely subversive."

He added, "The churches and the National Council have no need to defend themselves against such nonsense. However, they are demanding that the nonsense cease and that they be given unequivocal demonstration that it has ceased."

The Communist infiltration charges and countercharges overshadowed the meeting of the board which includes representatives of 33 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches making up the National Council.

The board also was expected to take up such other controversial issues as Mexican farm labor in the United States and the role of religion in the 1960 elections.

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The Air Force Reserve training manual that links the Nation's churches with Communists also cautions its men to "Be especially watchful for persons who are trying to undermine the Air Force by belittling or sneering at its policies and accomplishments..."

Perhaps the Air Force should take another look at the men who wrote and approved this manual.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL
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Please allow me to compliment you on your Feb. 18 editorial entitled "Backfire." You have brought to light perhaps the first major event that hopefully will lead to the extinction of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. By publication of the pamphlet "Communism and Religion," and similar expressions, including the excerpts complained of in the Air Force Manual, Mr. Walter et al., have made it unquestionably clear that this Committee has used its influence without effect in the struggle against communism.

On the contrary, this attack upon the churches probably has helped the Communist cause. The inference of the Committee's "revelations" is that since there is danger of being subjected to Communist propaganda within religious activities, one would be better off abstaining. But this would be an atheistic procedure, which would lead Mr. Walter to declare the abstainer to be a Communist.

EARL JACKEL
 Washington.

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WALTER SAID SOME OF THE CHARGES IN THE AIR FORCE MANUAL APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BASED ON TESTIMONY FROM "EXPERTS" HIS COMMITTEE HAD QUESTIONED THE MANUAL, A TRAINING PUBLICATION FOR NON-COMMISSIONED RESERVE OFFICERS, WAS WITHDRAWN AFTER A PROTEST BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

WALTER WAS CRITICIZED SHARP FOR WHAT THE LAMAKER CALLED A "GROVELLING APOLOGY" TO CHURCHMEN IN WITHDRAWING THE MANUAL. BUT THE AIR FORCE WAS BEEN SHARPLY CRITICIZED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR ISSUING THE MANUAL.

WALTER SAID HE EXPECTED HIS COMMITTEE'S HEARINGS TO BE PUBLICIZED "AS AN INVESTIGATION... OF RELIGION; THAT WE ON THIS COMMITTEE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR THEOLOGY, OR THAT CERTAIN MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL MUST BE SUBVERSIVE BECAUSE THEY ADVOCATE TENETS WITH WHICH THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR."

"THIS DIVERSIONARY TACTIC WILL NOT DISSUADE US FROM OUR TASK," HE SAID.

"WE THOROUGHLY EXPECT ATTACK BY COMMUNISTS, PRO-COMMUNISTS, DUPES AND MISGUIDED LIBERALS WHO WOULD USE THE FACADE OF RELIGION TO MASK COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES," WALTER SAID.

"WE ON THIS COMMITTEE ARE AS PROUD OF OUR ENEMIES AS WE ARE OF OUR FRIENDS."

WALTER SAID THAT IN HIS COMMITTEE'S "PURSUIT OF COMMUNISTS AT LEAST A DOZEN PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAVE ALSO PROFESSED TO BE MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL."

IN ADDITION, WALTER SAID, SEVERAL UNDERCOVER FBI AGENTS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAVE TESTIFIED UNDER OATH "RESPECTING

THE DIRECTIVES UNDER WHICH THEY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST

PARTY OPERATED WITH RESPECT TO PENETRATION OF CHURCH GROUPS."

WALTER SAID "MUCH GOOD CAN COME FROM AN OBJECTIVE INQUIRY" INTO WHY THE AIR RESERVE TRAINING CENTER MANUAL WAS REPUDIATED BY THE AIR FORCE SECRETARY.

"WITHOUT APOLOGY, THEREFORE, AND WITH FIRM DETERMINATION THAT WE WILL PURSUE THIS SUBJECT MATTER HONESTLY, FAIRLY AND SINCERELY, WITH END IN VIEW OF DEVELOPING THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, WE ARE OPENING OUR INQUIRY TODAY..."

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ADD 2 MANUAL (UPI-41)

WALTER QUOTED SHARP AS TELLING THE COMMITTEE THAT ALL STATEMENTS IN THE CONTROVERSIAL AIR FORCE MANUAL ON COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF CHURCHES WERE TRUE.

WALTER SAID SHARP TOLD COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT A CLOSED SESSION THAT THE MANUAL WAS WITHDRAWN, NOT BECAUSE IT WAS ERRONEOUS, BUT BECAUSE THE AIR FORCE AS A MATTER OF POLICY FELT IT SHOULD NOT MAKE CHARGES INVOLVING SPECIFIC GROUPS.

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ADD 2 MANUAL

SHARP CAME TO THE CLOSED SESSION SURROUNDED BY ABOUT 10 AIR FORCE OFFICERS. THE GROUP SHOULDERED ITS WAY THROUGH REPORTERS AND CAMERAMEN WAITING OUTSIDE THE HEARING ROOM.

SHARP SAID "NO COMMENT."

WALTER, HOLDING A COPY OF THE DISPUTED MANUAL, POSED BESIDE SHARP FOR PICTURES. THEN THE NEWSMEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE NUSTLED OUT OF THE ROOM.

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ADD 3 MANUAL

WALTER SAID THE MANUAL, WITHDRAWN BY SHARP WITH AN APOLOGY TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, NOW WAS BEING REVISED AND WOULD BE RE-ISSUED.

SHARP, HIMSELF, LEAVING THE COMMITTEE SESSION, REFERRED QUESTIONS ON HIS TESTIMONY TO WALTER.

SHARP CONFIRMED THAT THE TRAINING MANUAL, WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS WARNED AIR FORCE RESERVISTS TO LOOK OUT FOR COMMUNIST INFLUENCES IN THE CHURCH, WAS BEING "STUDIED FOR POSSIBLE REVISION" AND

INDICATED IT PROBABLY WOULD BE REISSUED IN REVISED FORM.

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ADD 8 MANUAL

THESE ARE THE PARAGRAPHS FROM THE MANUAL THAT WALTER READ:
 "SOMETIMES WE HEAR LOYAL AMERICANS REMARK THAT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS
 ARE USELESS ANYWAY, THAT NEWSPAPERS ARE ALWAYS PRINTING INFORMATION
 ABOUT OUR LATEST SECRET WEAPONS. IF SECURITY IS SO USELESS, WHY DO
 THEY SUPPOSE OUR POTENTIAL ENEMIES GO TO THE TROUBLE OF RECRUITING AND
 TRAINING A LARGE FORCE OF ESPIONAGE AGENTS?

"WHEN A NEWSPAPER PRINTS SOME SO-CALLED SECRET DATA, IT MERELY MEANS
 THE GOVERNMENT NO LONGER CONSIDERS THAT PARTICULAR DATA SECRET -- IT
 DOES NOT MEAN WE HAVE NO SECRETS LEFT. OR IT COULD MEAN THAT
 CLEVER NEWSMEN TOOK PIECES OF UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION WHICH THEY WERE
 AUTHORIZED TO HAVE, PUT THEM TOGETHER, AND CAME UP WITH THE RIGHT
 ANSWER. HOWEVER, BECAUSE SUCH ACCOUNTS MAY HAVE GIVEN THE CORRECT
 INFORMATION DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE INFORMATION IS NO LONGER
 CLASSIFIED. NEWSPAPERS ARE NOT OFFICIAL -- AND UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT
 DECLASSIFIED SECURITY INFORMATION, IT REMAINS CLASSIFIED.

"ANOTHER RATHER FOOLISH REMARK OFTEN HEARD IS THAT AMERICANS HAVE
 A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. MOST PEOPLE REALIZE THE FOOLHARDINESS
 OF SUCH A SUGGESTION. IF A FOOTBALL TEAM SHOULD START TELLING THE OTHER
 SIDE THE PLAYS IT PLANNED TO USE, THEIR OPPONENTS WOULD SWEEP THEM OFF
 THE FIELD. IT'S THE SAME IN WAR -- HOT OR COLD; IF WE TELL OUR
 SECRETS, WE ARE LIKELY TO BE BEATEN, AND BEATEN BADLY."

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ADD 9 MANUAL (UPI-113)

SHARP DID NOT HEAR WALTER'S COMMENTS FOLLOWING THE HEARING.
THE AIR FORCE SECRETARY STEPPED INTO AN ADJACENT ROOM AND WAITED AS
NEWSMEN QUESTIONED WALTER OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE.

AFTER ABOUT FIVE MINUTES, SHARP SLIPPED OUT OF THE ADJACENT ROOM
THROUGH A DOOR DOWN THE HALL FROM WHERE WALTER WAS BEING QUERIED.

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AF to Reissue Manual on Church Reds

Sharp to Revise Booklet Dropping Use of Names

Chairman Walter of the House Committee on Un-American Activities said Air Force Secretary Sharp agreed today to reissue a controversial service training manual containing charges that Communists infiltrated churches. But the revised manual will name no specific church organizations or individuals, the chairman reported.

After a 2-hour closed meeting of the committee and Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walter declared the Air Force Secretary did not dispute the truth of the manual's statements concerning Communist moves to penetrate or influence church groups.

Mr. Sharp left the committee room without offering any immediate comment to reporters. At the Pentagon, an aide said Secretary Sharp may have a statement later.

Investigation Ordered

Last week Mr. Sharp had said he "categorically repudiated the publication as representing Air Force views." At the same time, he ordered an investigation "to see whether similar material is contained in any Air Force or Air Force Reserve publication."

Defense Secretary Gates also said the manual did not represent Air Force or Defense Department views.

He was quoted as saying he was "startled and stunned" when he learned of the manual.

Representative Walter said Mr. Sharp had been called to explain why he had "categorically repudiated" statements in the manual and his apology to Protestant church groups it linked with Communist infiltration.

Walter Gives Account

Mr. Walter gave the following account to reporters after the closed session:

"The Air Force Secretary had apologized to the National Council of Churches at the request of a paid secretary. Secretary Sharp admitted at today's hearing that the manual contained statements of fact concerning Communist infiltration of churches."

"He said he had had no opportunity to investigate those facts but did think that as a matter of Air Force policy the manual should not contain names of church organizations. The Secretary does not dispute the matter set forth in the manual. He specifically said the manual was not withdrawn because of its content but because it named organizations. He said it will be reissued without naming any organizations but without any substantial change in the other statements. So far as the committee is concerned the manual issue is resolved."

Noting that the manual contained numerous quotations derived from hearings conducted by his committee, Mr. Walter stated:

"Incidental to investigations conducted by the committee in our pursuit of Communists, at least a dozen persons who have been identified as members of

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the Communist Party have also professed to be ministers of the gospel. In addition several undercover operatives of the FBI who have served in the Communist Party have testified under oath respecting the directives under which they and other members of the Com-

munist Party operated with respect to church groups."

Mr. Walter conceded the difficulty of determining what success Communists have had in such attempts.

"It is a fact, however, supported by the record, that Communists have duped large numbers of the clergy as well as lay leaders of the church into supporting Communist fronts and causes which masquerade behind a deceitful facade of humanitarianism," he said.

"This is not to say that these persons are necessarily consciously supporting Communist enterprises, but the net result is for all practical purposes the same."

Council Hits Agencies

Meanwhile, the governing body of the National Council of Churches accused Federal agencies of violating religious freedom by distributing material seeking to discredit religious groups, the Associated Press reported.

In a resolution adopted yesterday at its meeting in Oklahoma City, the council's general board said the important issue raised by the contents of the manual is:

"How long the American people are going to allow various

agencies of Government to continue the practice of treating false and absurd charges, lifted from confidential files, as material to be seriously used as a basis for security decisions and for official indoctrination of Government employees."

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ADD 4 MANUAL

SHARP, PARRYING A NEWSMAN'S QUESTIONS ABOUT COMMUNISTS IN ORGANIZED RELIGION, REPLIED THAT COMMUNISM WAS A THREAT EVERYWHERE. HE SAID COMMUNISTS EVEN TRIED TO INFILTRATE THE MILITARY. SHARP TESTIFIED FOR TWO HOURS BEHIND A CLOSED, -- AND LOCKED -- DOOR.

THE PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRAT SAID HIS COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE AFTER STUDYING THE TRANSCRIPT OF TODAY'S SESSION WHETHER TO GO FURTHER INTO "THE INFILTRATION OF COMMUNISM INTO RELIGION."

WALTER DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS SATISFIED WITH SHARP'S TESTIMONY, ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED HE THOUGHT THE AIR FORCE WAS POSSIBLY A LITTLE TIMID IN ITS APPROACH.

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ADD 5 MANUAL

"THE THING THAT DISTURBED THE COMMITTEE," WALTER SAID, "WAS THE INTIMATION BY THE PRESS THAT STATEMENTS IN THE MANUAL WERE NOT TRUE, WHEN OF COURSE THEY WERE TRUE."

"ADMITTEDLY, EVERYTHING CONTAINED IN THE MANUAL WAS TRUE," WALTER SAID.

"THIS WAS ADMITTED BY THE SECRETARY," A NEWSMAN ASKED. "YES," WALTER SAID. "THE SECRETARY SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT

COMPLETED HIS STUDY OF THE MANUAL HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE ANY OF THE STATEMENTS WERE UNTRUE. I AM SURE HE IS DESIROUS OF HAVING ALL THESE YOUNG OFFICERS KNOW THE FACTS."

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ADD 6 MANUAL

WALTER, FOLLOWING THE HEARING, ALSO DEFENDED A STATEMENT IN THE MANUAL SAYING "ANOTHER FOOLISH REMARK OFTEN HEARD IS THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON."
 HE SAID CRITICS HAD TAKEN THE STATEMENT "COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTEXT."
 "ANYONE WHO READS THE TWO OR THREE PARAGRAPHS BEFORE THAT STATEMENT," WALTER SAID, "WOULD KNOW THAT IT WAS AN ENTIRELY PROPER CONCLUSION TO REACH."

WALTER LATER READ THESE PARAGRAPHS FROM THE MANUAL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR. HE DREW APPLAUSE WHEN HE SAID HE BELIEVED IT WAS "ENTIRELY PROPER" FOR THE MANUAL TO CONTAIN THIS LANGUAGE.

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ADD 7 MANUAL

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 HE SAID COMMUNISTS EVEN TRIED TO INFILTRATE THE MILITARY.
 SHARP TESTIFIED FOR TWO HOURS BEHIND CLOSED -- AND LOCKED -- DOORS.

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Sharp Faces Questions On Training Manual

Air Force Secretary Dudley Sharp is scheduled to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee today to answer questions about a controversial training manual which he ordered withdrawn.

Committee Chairman Walter contends the Air Force Reserve manual was "correct" in citing evidence of "infiltration of fellow travelers into churches and educational institutions."

Mr. Walter wants to find out from Mr. Sharp why the Air Force repudiated the document and apologized to the National Council of Churches for statements contained in the pamphlet.

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and for official indoctrination of Government employees."

The resolution also called for a full explanation from the Air Force of how material contained in another manual was permitted to be printed.

That manual—a 1955 guide for security indoctrination—also has been withdrawn.

The reserve manual was canceled after the National Council vigorously protested to Defense Secretary Gates and other top officials.

Both Mr. Gates and Mr. Sharp assured the council that the statements in the manual did not reflect Air Force or Defense Department views.

Withdrawal Opposed

Leaders of two fundamentalist church groups, however, told Mr. Gates yesterday the reserve manual never should have been withdrawn.

They said the allegations in the manual were true and that Mr. Gates had yielded to the pressure of the National Council, which represents 38 million Protestants.

The Rev. Carl McIntire,

president of the International Council of Christian Churches, and the Rev. Clyde J. Kennedy, president of the American Council of Christian Churches, held a press conference after meeting with Mr. Gates.

Mr. McIntire, who did most of the talking, was removed from the Presbyterian Church in 1936 on charges of defying church discipline and disturbing the "peace of the church."

Over the years, he has been an outspoken critic of the National Council. He has led many anti-Communist rallies throughout the country, relying for documentation of his charges on the un-American Activities Committee and articles by extreme right-wing writers.

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AIR FORCE SECRETARY DUDLEY C. SHARP TESTIFIED TODAY HE HAS NO DOUBT THAT COMMUNISTS HAVE INFILTRATED CHURCHES, AND SAID HE CONSIDERS IT PROPER FOR AN AIR FORCE SECURITY MANUAL TO HAVE STATED FOR A FACT THIS WAS SO.

HOWEVER, SHARP, UNDER CLOSED-DOOR QUESTIONING BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, SAID HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT PROPER FOR THE SAME CHARGES--NAMING SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS AS RED SUSPECTS--TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN A TRAINING MANUAL THAT NOW IS REVOKED. THE TRANSCRIPT OF SHARP'S TESTIMONY, MADE PUBLIC BY THE COMMITTEE TONIGHT AFTER THE AIR FORCE INSISTED SHARP'S POSITION ON THE MANUAL CONTROVERSY HAD NOT CHANGED, ALSO SHOWED HE DEFENDED A STATEMENT IN BOTH THE SECURITY AND TRAINING MANUALS THAT APPEARED TO QUESTION THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES. SHARP SAID THIS STATEMENT HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT, AND THAT HE HOPES IT WILL BE RETAINED--IN SUBSTANCE--IN A REVISION OF THE TRAINING MANUAL NOW BEING PREPARED.

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ADD 1 MANUAL

THE AIR FORCE WITHDREW THE TRAINING MANUAL RECENTLY AFTER THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PROTESTED ITS STATEMENT THAT COMMUNISTS HAD INFILTRATED THE CHURCHES. AND IT HAD BEEN REPORTED THE AIR FORCE ALSO WOULD DELETE ALMOST IDENTICAL MATERIAL FROM ITS BASIC SECURITY MANUAL.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FRANCIS E. WALTER (D-PA.), CONTENDING THE CHARGES WERE TRUE, CALLED SHARP ON THE CARPET TODAY TO EXPLAIN WHY HE WITHDREW THE MANUAL AND APOLOGIZED FOR ITS PUBLICATION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

SHARP DENIED HE HAD APOLOGIZED. HE SAID HE WITHDREW THE MANUAL NOT BECAUSE THE CHARGES WERE TRUE OR UNTRUE BUT BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT IMPROPER FOR THEM TO HAVE BEEN MADE, IN SUCH SPECIFIC FORM, IN A MANUAL OF THAT KIND. AND HE SAID NOBODY HAD BEEN PROMISED, AS FAR AS HE KNEW, THAT THE REDS-IN-RELIGION CHARGES WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE SECURITY MANUAL. "I DO NOT FIND THEM OBJECTIONABLE," HE SAID. "I THINK THEY ARE PROPER TO HAVE IN A MANUAL OF THIS TYPE."

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ADD 2 MANUAL

ANOTHER SOURCE OF HOT CONTROVERSY IN THE WITHDRAWN TRAINING MANUAL WAS THIS STATEMENT: "ANOTHER FOOLISH REMARK OFTEN HEARD IS THAT AMERICANS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. MOST PEOPLE REALIZE THE FOOLHARDINESS OF SUCH A SUGGESTION."

COMMITTEE MEMBERS SAID THE STATEMENT WAS TORN FROM CONTEXT, AND SHARP AGREED. HE SAID TAKEN WITH PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS IT OBVIOUSLY APPLIED TO PUBLICATION OF SECRET MILITARY DATA.

BUT HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPIER IF THE STATEMENT IN THE TRAINING MANUAL HAD INCLUDED TWO ADDITIONAL WORDS FROM THE SECURITY MANUAL--WORDS THAT WERE LEFT OUT IN PICKING UP THE LINES.

WHAT THE SECURITY MANUAL SAID WAS THAT "ANOTHER RATHER SILLY REMARK OFTEN HEARD CONCERNING SECURITY IS THAT AMERICANS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON." THE WORDS "CONCERNING SECURITY" MADE THE MEANING CLEARER, HE SAID.

SHARP TESTIFIED BEHIND A CLOSED, LOCKED DOOR, AFTER WALTER, IN AN OPENING STATEMENT, CHARGED THAT "LARGE NUMBERS" OF CLERGYMEN HAVE BEEN DUPED INTO SERVING COMMUNIST CAUSES.

COMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR RICHARD ARENS FOLLOWED UP THIS CHARGE WITH THE STATEMENT THAT THE AIR FORCE MANUAL ACTUALLY HAD SHARPLY UNDERSTATED THE EXTENT OF THE REDS-IN-RELIGION PROBLEM.

HE NOTED THAT WALTER SAID RECENTLY THAT LEADERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES HAD A RECORD OF OVER 100 AFFILIATIONS WITH COMMUNIST FRONTS AND CAUSES.

HE SAID A FURTHER CHECK INDICATED THAT "THE AGGREGATE AFFILIATIONS OF THE LEADERSHIP INSTEAD OF BEING IN THE HUNDREDS AS THE CHAIRMAN FIRST INDICATED IS NOW, ACCORDING TO OUR LATEST COUNT, INTO THE THOUSANDS, AND WE HAVE YET TO COMPLETE OUR CHECK..."

COMMITTEE MEMBERS SAID MUCH OF THE MATERIAL IN THE TWO AIR FORCE MANUALS CAME FROM COMMITTEE RECORDS AND ALSO FROM FILES OF THE FBI. THEY SAID SHARP'S APPARENT REPUDIATION OF THE CHARGES, IN WITHDRAWING THE MANUAL, REFLECTED UNFAIRLY ON BOTH THE COMMITTEE AND THE FBI.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WARNED SHARP AGAINST METING OUT ANY PUNISHMENT TO THE AIR FORCE EMPLOYEE WHO PREPARED THE WITHDRAWN MANUAL. SHARP SAID THIS MATTER WAS NOT YET DECIDED.

REP. DONALD L. JACKSON (R-CALIF.) TOLD THE SECRETARY BLUNTLY THAT "SOME SORT OF HELL WILL BREAK LOOSE ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE" IF THE AUTHOR IS PUNISHED IN THE ABSENCE OF A SHOWING HE ACTUALLY VIOLATED SOME ORDER.

AFTER THE COMMITTEE SESSION SHARP SLIPPED OUT A SIDE DOOR, REFERRING REPORTERS TO WALTER FOR A STATEMENT ON WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED. WALTER THEN

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TOLD REPORTERS SHARP HAD CONCEDED THE REDS-IN-RELIGION CHARGES WERE TRUE, BUT HAD SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE TRAINING MANUAL.

LATER IN THE DAY THE AIR FORCE ISSUED ITS OWN STATEMENT, SAYING SHARP'S POSITION AS EXPRESSED WHEN THE MANUAL WAS RECALLED WAS UNCHANGED.

IT WAS AFTER THAT THAT THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO MAKE PUBLIC A TRANSCRIPT OF WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD SAID.

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ADD 3 MANUAL

SHARP TONIGHT ISSUED A STATEMENT WHICH DENIED A CLAIM OF WALTER THAT SHARP HAD TOLD CONGRESS CHARGES IN AN AIR FORCE MANUAL LINKING COMMUNISM AND U.S. CHURCHES WERE TRUE.

IN HIS STATEMENT, SHARP SAID "I HAVE BEEN ASKED ON THE BASIS OF NEWS REPORTS WHETHER I TESTIFIED THAT ALL CHARGES IN THE AIR FORCE TRAINING MANUAL WITHDRAWN LAST WEEK CONCERNING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN CHURCHES, WERE TRUE."

"THE ANSWER IS NO," SHARP SAID. "I DID NOT SO TESTIFY. THE MANUAL WAS WITHDRAWN WITHOUT ANY DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER THE CHARGES WERE FALSE OR TRUE."

SHARP WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE ORDERED THE MANUAL WITHDRAWN BECAUSE IT WAS IMPROPER FOR AN AIR FORCE PUBLICATION TO DEAL WITH SUCH AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT, EVEN NAMING SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS, "WITHOUT THOROUGH REVIEW AND APPROVAL AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS."

SUCH REVIEW SHOULD PROVIDE "FULL PROTECTION FOR CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED RIGHTS."

AFTER THE COMMITTEE SESSION, WALTER HAD SAID "ADMITTEDLY, EVERYTHING CONTAINED IN THE MANUAL WAS TRUE." HE SAID SHARP HAD ADMITTED THAT.

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ADD A MANUAL

THE TRANSCRIPT SHOWED, HOWEVER, THAT SHARP WAS ASKED BY COMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR RICHARD ARENS WHETHER HE WAS "IN ACCORD" WITH THE REDS-IN-RELIGION CHARGES AS CARRIED IN THE SECURITY MANUAL.

"I AM, YES," THE SECRETARY REPLIED.

AT ANOTHER POINT, SHARP SAID, THE ^{Training} MANUAL WAS RECALLED FOR REVIEW "BECAUSE OF WHAT WE THOUGHT WERE OBJECTIONABLE STATEMENTS IN IT WHICH COULD BE MISINTERPRETED AND GET THE AIR FORCE INTO DIFFICULTY."

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ADD 5 MANUAL

ARENS ASKED WHETHER SHARP MEANT TO REPUDIATE STATEMENTS IN THE
 MANUAL ATTRIBUTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES.
 THE AIR FORCE OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT "I HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT
 THEY WERE AUTHENTIC ALTHOUGH ACTUALLY I HAVE NOT CHECKED IN DETAIL TO
 FIND WHETHER THE STATEMENTS WERE ACCURATE."
 REP. DONALD JACKSON (D-CALIF.) TOLD SHARP THE EFFECT OF HIS ACTION
 HAD BEEN "TO TELL 180 MILLION PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY" THAT THE AIR
 FORCE DID NOT BELIEVE THE MANUAL.
 "MR. JACKSON," SHARP REPLIED, "I THINK IT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE IF
 THAT IS THE IMPRESSION THAT WE GAVE."

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(MANUAL)

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES BEGAN HEARINGS ON THE AIR FORCE'S COMMUNISM-IN-RELIGION CONTROVERSY TODAY BY INSISTING THAT REDS "HAVE DUPED LARGE NUMBERS" OF CLERGYMEN AND LAY CHURCH LEADERS INTO HELPING THEM.

CHAIRMAN FRANCIS E. WALTER (D-PA.) MADE THE STATEMENT AS THE COMMITTEE CALLED AIR SECRETARY BUDLEY SHARP TO A CLOSED SESSION TO ASK ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF AN AIR FORCE MANUAL LINKING SOME CHURCHMEN WITH COMMUNISM.

TWO OTHER HOUSE COMMITTEES, DISPUTING THE MANUAL, ARE LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR INVESTIGATIONS OF WHY IT WAS ISSUED IN THE FIRST PLACE. BUT WALTER, CONTENDING THAT THE MANUAL'S CHARGES ARE TRUE, DECLARED:

"ALTHOUGH THIS QUESTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO PRECISE QUALITATIVE OR QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS, IT IS A FACT, HOWEVER, SUPPORTED BY THE RECORD THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE DUPED LARGE NUMBERS OF THE CLERGY AS WELL AS LAY LEADERS OF THE CHURCHES INTO SUPPORTING COMMUNIST FRONTS AND CAUSES WHICH MASQUERADE BEHIND DECEITFUL FACADES OF HUMANITARIANISM."

"THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT THESE PERSONS ARE NECESSARILY CONSCIOUSLY SUPPORTING COMMUNIST ENTERPRISES BUT THE NET RESULT IS, FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE SAME," HE SAID.

WALTER SAID HE WAS LAUNCHING HIS CONTROVERSIAL INQUIRY "WITHOUT APOLOGY" EVEN THOUGH HE PREDICTED IT WOULD BE FALSELY LABELED BY ITS CRITICS AS AN "INVESTIGATION . . . OF RELIGION."

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Security by Ignorance A18

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Doubts Reprisal on

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Too Risky, Says AF Reservist

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Trenton Bureau
TRENTON—Paul Galanti, Air Force reservist, said today that he doubts if there will be any reprisals against him for starting the nationwide furor which resulted in recall of an AF training manual linking Protestant clergymen with communism. Galanti, a 44-year-old Western Electric installer who lives at 708



PAUL GALANTI

Expected Quieter Reaction

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William St. here, said he has "no idea whether the Air Force wants to do anything to me." He added, however, that he thinks it would be "too risky" for the service to take any action against him in view of the prominence given the case.

He said he was aware of the explosion potential of the manual's two pages which made the Protestant-communism accusations when he read them. However, he said he had thought it would be "straightened out" in a quieter way.

Tells of Discovery

Galanti, who reached the rank of staff sergeant as a World War II telephone technician in Europe and Africa, said he was reading a few lessons ahead in his reserve security class manual when

he was startled by the anti-clerical contents.

"I questioned the veracity of the statements," Galanti said. He discussed them with the minister of the Trenton church where he is a Sunday School teacher, Rev. Stanley McCleave of the State Street Methodist Church.

The complaints were channeled through the Trenton and National Council of Churches to Washington. An uproar in Congress resulted last week in a post-haste withdrawal of the manual.

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Galanti, who has a 13-year-old son, is a native of Lodi who came to Trenton about 14 years ago. Ten of his 44 years were spent as a member of the Army Air Forces, which he joined at the age of 19. He is a graduate of Lodi High School.

Second Surprised

Galanti said two things surprised him in the whole episode. One was that his discovery caused so much commotion. The other was that the Air Force recalled the whole manual when it could merely have ordered the two pages cut out and returned.

"I suppose now maybe they'll reissue the manual," he said. "That seems a little expensive to me."

He said that he believed his fellow reservists "had an idea" it was he who started the fuss before it became publicly known. "I had expressed myself on it to some of them," he said.

Political subjects generally don't work Galanti up, he said. "I'm not active in any political party, but I usually think of myself as a Democrat who crosses party lines on election day."

"When all this dies down, I won't miss my little bit of fame at all," he said.

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CHAIRMAN FRANCIS E. WALTER (D-PA.) HAS CONTENDED THAT THE CHARGES PRESENTED IN THE MANUAL ARE TRUE. HE SAID SHARP WOULD BE ASKED WHY THE TRAINING PUBLICATION WAS WITHDRAWN AFTER A PROTEST BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

TWO OTHER HOUSE COMMITTEES ARE LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR INVESTIGATIONS TAKING THE OPPOSITE TACK. THEY WANT TO KNOW HOW THE CONTROVERSIAL MANUAL CAME TO BE ISSUED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

REP. DONALD L. JACKSON (R-CALIF.), A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, SAID TODAY'S INQUIRY WAS "TO FIND OUT WHAT SORT OF AN INVESTIGATION THEY MADE ON THE CHARGES IN THE MANUAL BEFORE THEY WITHDREW IT."

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Please allow me to compliment you on your Feb. 18 editorial entitled "Backfire." You have brought to light perhaps the first major event that hopefully will lead to the extinction of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. By publication of the pamphlet "Communism and Religion," and similar expressions, including the excerpts complained of in the Air Force Manual, Mr. Walter et al., have made it unquestionably clear that this Committee has used its influence without effect in the struggle against communism.

On the contrary, this attack upon the churches probably has helped the Communist cause. The inference of the Committee's "revelations" is that since there is danger of being subjected to Communist propaganda within religious activities, one would be better off abstaining. But this would be an atheistic procedure, which would lead Mr. Walter to declare the abstainer to be a Communist.

EARL JACKEL.

Washington.

Taking the Fifth

James Clayton's recent column concerning the problem surrounding the use of the Fifth Amendment should be heeded by those who, in their distaste for those who invoke the Amendment to prevent seemingly trivial testimony overlook the constitutional dilemma involved.

The legal haze that prompted Mr. Justice Black's dissent has not cleared over the intervening years. It would seem that wholesale use of the Fifth Amendment, unfortunate though it may be in itself, is presently the only practical way to insure a constitutional safeguard.

FRANK E. SAMUEL.

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Sharp Wary on Manual After Capitol Session

Says He Doesn't Affirm or Deny Accuracy of Red-Church Statement

By the Associated Press

The Air Force, buffeted between two groups of critics, is trying to calm the controversy into which attack on a training manual has thrust it.

First a major church organization sharply protested statements in the manual that Communists had infiltrated some of the Nation's churches.

The Air Force apologized, disavowed the statements, and withdrew the manual. That brought criticism from others who contended the statements were true, and who said the Air Force should have stuck by them.

The upshot apparently is that the manual will be re-issued without using names of churches or churchmen but, according to Representative Walter, Democrat of Pennsylvania, without any substantial changes in the other statements. He quoted Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp as saying that yesterday at a closed hearing of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Sharp Doesn't Deny Accuracy

Mr. Walter reported "the Secretary said he had no reason to believe any of the statements in the manual were untrue."

Mr. Sharp later issued a statement saying the manual had been withdrawn "without any determination as to whether the charges were true or false."

Taking note of news reports that he had testified all charges in the manual were true, Mr. Sharp added "I did not so testify." His statement did not say specifically whether he had said any of the charges were true or were false.

He said the manual's withdrawal was ordered "because of the general impropriety of treating so important a subject, including the naming of specific individuals and organizations, without thorough review and approval at the highest levels, providing full protection for constitutionally guaranteed rights."

Angry Cleric Wants Denial

That statement drew further criticism from the Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, chairman of the

committee on interpretation of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

"The effect of the Secretary's careful wording," Dr. Blake said in Oklahoma City, "is almost as bad as if he said the charges were true." He said he wants assurance there will be an end to Government support of such allegations.

The Air Force said its policy has been and will continue to be to alert its personnel to the dangers of Communist infiltration into the military.

An apparent failure to obtain review of the manual "at the highest levels" was one of the thorns pricking the Air Force.

In a transcript of the committee session, made public by the committee, Mr. Sharp was quoted as saying the Air Force is still investigating the production of the manual.

He indicated that its author, Homer H. Hyde, a civilian employee at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, faced possible disciplinary action.

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Jackson Warns Him on That

The Secretary said the Air Force had laid down guidelines on which the manual was to be based "and it appears the outlines were not followed."

Representative Jackson, Republican of California, commented that "some sort of hell will break loose on the floor of the House of Representatives" in the Air Force does reprimand Mr. Hyde.

Mr. Hyde has defended his booklet as a tool for combating Communist activities.

In a statement last week, Mr. Sharp had said that the manual was distributed after "only cursory review" by a civilian at Lackland.

Under established procedure, headquarters of the Continental Air Command (the outfit of which the training command is a part) is supposed to review the outline of a manual, but not the final, complete manual. Mr. Sharp said the manual's author apparently did not follow his instructions closely.

Council Raised First Outcry

The original protest came from the National Council of Churches, composed of major Protestant denominations claiming 35 million members.

One statement in the manual said the National Council "officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects and publications."

The National Council protested to the Defense Department that this and other statements in the manual were "outrageous," and violated the First Amendment to the Constitution.

James Wine, associate general secretary, hinted at the "possibility" of a totalitarian indoctrination plot among the military.

That set off a series of apologetic statements from Mr. Sharp and Secretary of Defense Gates, together with orders for a check of other training manuals.

Mr. Walter protested then that the action had been too hasty. He and a smaller religious group stated the manual's statements were factual.

Yielding to Pressure Seen

The American Council of Christian Churches, which represents 16 fundamental denominations with a membership of 1½ million, demanded to know why the manual had been withdrawn.

Two officials of the American Council told Mr. Gates that "there is a place for the



Chairman Walter of the House Un-American Activities Committee (left) and Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp look over an Air Force training manual yesterday before a closed door session of the committee.—AP Photo.

manual" because the military forces should be made "fully aware of what the Communists are doing." They said the Pentagon had "bowed down to pressure" by the National Council of Churches.

The Air Force, in its anxiety to quiet the trouble, has struck from the manual also another section interpreted by critics to involve freedom of information and the right of publication. It ordered deleted a portion which, dealing only with matters involving military security, said that a "foolish remark often heard is that Americans have a right to know what is going on." The section also added that if secrets are told we are likely to be beaten and said that newspapers and radios present only as much information about security matters as the Government wants to release.

New Dispute Erupts Over AF Manual

Opinions Differ On Sharp's View Of Red Charges

By Julius Duschka
Staff Reporter

Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp found himself in a new controversy yesterday over just what his position is on a protested Reserve training manual linking churches with communism.

Sharp went up to Capitol Hill to explain his withdrawal of the manual.

He had scarcely returned to the Pentagon, however, before a dispute developed over whether he considers the communism-in-religion statements in the training manual to be false or merely an improper subject for the Air Force to discuss.

The Secretary appeared before an executive session of the House Un-American Activities Committee. At the end of the 2-hour secret meeting, Committee Chairman Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) told reporters:

"The Secretary said he had no reason to believe any of the statements in the manual were untrue, but he thought the Air Force should follow a policy of not naming names, and the manual will be re-issued on that basis."

As Walter was talking with reporters, Sharp and his aides left the Committee room by another door.

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The uproar over the Air Force manuals linking churches and communism was forgotten briefly yesterday during a National Council of Churches board meeting yesterday in Oklahoma City when Council

President Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, at right of St. Louis, was made an honorary member of the Otoe Indian tribe. Shown bestowing the ceremonial headdress is Tribal Chief Earl Plumley.

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Guilt by Extrapolation

The defenders of that indefensible Air Force manual dealing with communism in the clergy have succeeded only in making it look more absurd than ever. They have offered no rational explanation for the inclusion of such material in a volume intended for the guidance of Air Force reservists. They have merely applied—in an extrapolated form—that curious process popularized by the House Committee on Un-American Activities—the imputation of guilt by association.

In regard to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, sponsored by the Council and assailed by the Air Force manual, the process works something like this: To pick a specific case, Dr. Henry J. Cadbury, professor of divinity at Harvard University, was one of the 95 clergymen who joined in the preparation of the Revised Standard Version. Like many another Quaker pacifist, Dr. Cadbury belonged to the Fellowship of Reconciliation. But among the members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation were some individuals who at one time or another were denounced as Communists or fellow-travelers before the House Committee on Un-American Activities by one or another of that stable of former Communist professional witnesses whom the Committee kept constantly on hand to assassinate the reputations of their betters.

From this set of facts, the authors and defenders of the Air Force manual have no trouble at all in deducing that Dr. Cadbury himself has been affiliated with a "pro-Communist front" and that, therefore, anything else with which Dr. Cadbury may have become associated—as, for example, the Revised Standard Version, must be Communist-tainted.

It is precisely this kind of logic which has been applied to many of the distinguished clergymen who had anything to do with the Revised Standard Version and who happened to incur the displeasure of those fundamentalist intransigents, the Circuit Riders, Inc., and the International Council of Christian Churches. If we may paraphrase the Revised Standard Version slightly, "The voice is the Circuit Riders voice, but the hands are the hands of the Un-American Activities Committee." There is no way to measure the injury that Committee has done to the fabric of American life by its encouragement of mutual distrust, its suppression of dissent and its technique of condemnation by innuendo.

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New Dispute Erupts Over AF Manual

Opinions Differ
On Sharp's View
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By Julius Duschka
Staff Reporter

Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp found himself in a new controversy yesterday over just what his position is on a protested Reserve training - manual linking churches with communism.

Sharp went up to Capitol Hill to explain his withdrawal of the manual.

He had scarcely returned to the Pentagon, however, before a dispute developed over whether he considers the communism-in-religion statements in the training manual to be false or merely an improper subject for the Air Force to discuss.

The Secretary appeared before an executive session of the House Un-American Activities Committee. At the end of the 2-hour secret meeting, Committee Chairman Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) told reporters:

"The Secretary said he had no reason to believe any of the statements in the manual were untrue, but he thought the Air Force should follow a policy of not naming names, and the manual will be re-issued on that basis."

As Walter was talking with reporters, Sharp and his aides left the Committee room by another door.

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THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE COUNCIL YESTERDAY ENDED A TWO-DAY SESSION HERE WHICH WAS CENTERED ON THE CONTROVERSIAL MANUALS.

THE 150-MEMBER GOVERNING BOARD WAS THROWN INTO AN UPROAR LATE YESTERDAY WHEN IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT AIR SECRETARY DUDLEY SHARP TESTIFIED BEFORE A HOUSE COMMITTEE THAT HE HAS NO DOUBT THAT COMMUNISTS HAVE INFILTRATED CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES.

"I WILL TAKE THIS TO THE WHITE HOUSE, IF NECESSARY," SAID DR. EUGENE CARSON BLAKE, PHILADELPHIA, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND TOP ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

BLAKE COMPARED THE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION CHARGES TO THE ERA OF THE LATE SEN. JOSEPH MCCARTHY. HE SAID THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE MANUALS "RAISES AN ISSUE WHICH SOME OF US HAD HOPED HAD BEEN SETTLED IN PRINCIPLE SEVERAL YEARS AGO DURING THE MCCARTHY ERA."

BLAKE WAS DESCRIBED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BOARD AS A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

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**WE, THE PEOPLE
GROUP TO HEAR
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Dr. Billy James Hargis, evangelist quoted in the controversial air force manual which accused leaders of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America of having communist front affiliations, will document his charges at a meeting of We, the People, a conservative organization, in the La Salle hotel at 7:45 p. m. Friday. Dr. Hargis is national president of We, the People, and a founder and president of the Christian Crusade. Harry T. Everingham, executive vice president of We, the People, said that William H. Reischle and Warren E. Wright, independent candidates for the Republican Senate nomination, also will speak.

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Advise and Consent

By Murray Kempton



Francis E. Walter has never quite stirred the juices of their cult the way Joe McCarthy used to. I'm afraid this disparity in appreciation always rather galled Walter when McCarthy was alive.

He is a rather pettish man but he had a point. Walter is a far more cosmic a fellow in Washington than Joe McCarthy ever was. Yesterday he was proving once more his unique invulnerable status. He had just visited upon the Secretary of the Air Force an affront hardly distinguishable from the sort of torture McCarthy used to inflict on Army Secretary Stevens and, the history of his immunity assures us that it was an act that will go generally unprotected.

Early this month, the National Council of Churches discovered that an Air Force manual designed to alert non-coms to the menace of communism had asserted that Communists and their fellow-travelers had infiltrated the governing body of the National Council itself. The impression thus left that the poor soldier can't even trust his chaplain aroused strenuous protests and, in their wake, Air Force Secretary Dudley C. Sharp ordered the manual burned.

Yesterday, as chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee of the House, Walter called in Air Force Secretary Sharp to impress upon him the committee's view that the Protestant clergy is a fortress of subversion. It was an executive session. When it was over, Walter announced that Sharp had admitted that he could not dispute the facts of the manual and promised that it could be reissued with only the name of the National Council of Churches and presumably the Revised Standard Version of the Bible—the two major pro-Communist enterprises cited—excised but the general finding of the infiltration of the Protestant clergy left intact.

We were being treated again to that spectacle peculiar to Washington, the secret session followed by the public release of the chairman's version of what the witness had said. Late in the afternoon, Sharp issued a version of his testimony which contradicted Walter's but only by the most delicate implication. Presumably Walter is wrong and the manual will not be reissued; but it remained very obvious that the civilian head of what is at least the second mightiest air force on earth did not feel that he could afford to protest an insult.

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Tad Walter is not then a man to be called to book on elementary manners. The Un-American Activities Committee goes on creating its own law, with nothing to fear either from the administration or from Congress. It is an institution without public repute; yet every year its appropriation grows, passed almost in shame on a nearly-empty House floor while decent Congressmen hide in the cloak room. Nothing defines its status better than the fact that almost no one but Tad Walter and an opposing minority almost confined to Congressmen Roosevelt of California and Thompson of New Jersey dares be recorded either for it or against it.

I had long thought in my innocence that this timidity was based somehow on fear of the voters. That reason is a bad one, but it has at least the virtue of being a bad reason based on a democratic political concept. But Tad Walter's power has nothing to do with the democratic process. It is personal, institutional and confined to the floor of the House of Representatives. He is a man of whom few voters have heard; even in his own Pennsylvania district, he tugs the hearts of few persons below the level of the Board of Directors of Bethlehem Steel.

"I'll tell you Tad Walter's secret," said a bold Congressman yesterday. "He is the head of two committees. One is the House Patronage Committee. For such tiny things, the private power ment. The other is the House Immigration Committee; if you cross him there, you have no chance of getting some poor fellow into the states through a private immigration bill."

He thus stands as policemen over two of the fundamental interests of constituents of almost every Congressman, the jobs of their backward children, the entrance visas of their displaced uncles. Without his consent, a Congressman is almost debarred from performing services for his constituents; and a Congressman is a personal servant or he is no Congressman.

When a man goes to prison for defying the House Un-American Activities Committee, always remember that he might never have had to go and he might be freed entirely from the whole business, if Tad Walter were not chairman of the House Patronage Committee. For such tiny things, the private power and the personal spite of this little man, we endure the spectacle of men publicly degraded and officially punished.

NATIONAL Council of Churches

These Days

Those Air Force Manuals

By George E. Sokolsky

RECENTLY ONE of the really authentic leaders of anti-Communist activity in the United States wrote to me, "God help us from the anti-Communists."

There are so many varieties of them and some of them are so mixed up. They have a "feeling" against communism, against Russia, against many things, but they do not know why. They have an emotional antagonism to communism but they refuse to do the home-work required to know of a force that came into the world more than a century ago and now dominates the lives of close to a billion human beings. Instinctive opposition to so colossal a force is not good enough.

The pamphlet prepared for the Air Force by Homer H. Hyde is supposed to indoctrinate members of the Air Force against communism. But Hyde does not know where his data about clergymen infiltrating the Protestant churches came from. He says that he got it from Circuit Riders, Inc., of Cincinnati, from Dr. Billy James Hargis, a radio evangelist of Tulsa, from an editorial in the San Antonio "Light," and a pamphlet issued by House Committee on Un-American Activities.



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Actually this data appeared originally in the "American Mercury," in an article signed by Dr. J. B. Matthews, a well-informed student of the American Communist problems, whose records on the subject are perhaps the most complete. At the moment that Dr. Matthews' article appeared in the "American Mercury," he was to have been appointed in charge of research for the McCarthy Committee. The article created such a furor that Matthews withdrew from the post. However, Matthews never properly defended himself. He could truthfully have said that a paragraph had been "edited" into his material which made it more sensational than it would have been had there been no editing.

AN ISSUE AT STAKE in this controversy is the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Be it remembered that the Bible was originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Each English version is a translation direct or indirect from these languages. The first English translation of the Bible from the Hebrew and the Greek was that of William Tyndale, who was burned at the stake in 1536 for doing it.

There have been a great many translations of and commentaries upon both the Old and New Testaments.

One of the major difficulties about the King James version is that English is a changing language. Stuart English is not current English. Words have different meanings and different weights in a fluid language such as English is.

I recall once being pestered by a member of one of the sects that base themselves upon the Book of Daniel which they accept as final. This fellow insisted upon converting me to his point of view; I preferred my own wickedness. Finally, in arrogant anger, I told him I learn how to read Daniel in its original tongue and shall discuss it with him. Of course, I was wrong. It is not essential for one to know every language but it is to be assumed that translations will be improved as scholarship is sharpened and it is also to be assumed that each era will translate works of significance into its own idiom.

WHEN ALL of the Dead Sea Scrolls shall have become available, additional alterations in some texts may be made and scholars will quarrel about them for a century.

Whoever Homer H. Hyde is, he has not done the kind of work essential to prepare the minds of those in the Air Force to protect themselves from the fallacies of Marxian clergy.

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Air Force Admits Red-Clergy Manual Is True, Says Walter

By PAUL HEALY

Washington, Feb. 25 (NEWS Bureau).—Chairman Francis Walter (D-Pa.) said Air Force Secretary Dudley Sharp admitted to the House Un-American Activities today that statements in an Air Force manual linking Communism with the Protestant clergy were true.

Walter said after a closed-door committee session with the secretary that the controversial manual would be reissued but with all names deleted. The chairman also disclosed that after the probers have studied a transcript of the session they will decide whether to go thoroughly into "the infiltration of Communism into religion."

Brought an Apology

The manual, a training publication for noncommissioned Air Force reserve officers, was hastily withdrawn with an official apology after a protest by the National Council of Churches. The manual, asserting that Reds had infiltrated the Protestant clergy, had singled out 30 members of the National Council who it said had been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts or projects.

Walter said Sharp explained that the manual had been withdrawn not because anything in it was "untrue" but because the Air Force felt it should not identify groups as a matter of policy.

"We Don't Pressure Anybody"

Asked if the committee had exerted any influence over Sharp, Walter replied that "we don't pressure anybody but we told him we think our young officers should know who the enemy is."

Sharp, who came to the secret session flanked by 10 Air Force officers, confirmed that the man-



(Associated Press Wirephoto)
Rep. Francis Walter (l.) discusses the manual with Air Force Secretary Dudley C. Sharp yesterday.

uel was being "studied for possible revision" and indicated it probably would be re-issued in revised form.

Catholic Paper Denounces Manual

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 25 (AP).—An official Catholic newspaper said today charges of Communist infiltration among the clergy are

"an insidious attack on religion."

The Monitor, newspaper of the Trenton Diocese, called the controversial Air Force manual "a bad blunder on the part of someone" and said a full investigation is in order.

An editorial said comments in the manual "are harmful to religion, not to any one denomination but to religion in general, to all beliefs."

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ARE REDS INFILTRATING CHURCHES?

By PAUL HARVEY

Are Communists infiltrating American churches?

That's what the current row over an Air Force Manual really boils down to. Whether the charge is true or false.

The handbook for our airmen ... a security training manual for noncommissioned reserve officers ... states:

"From a variety of authoritative sources there appears to be overwhelming evidence of Communist anti-religious activity in the United States through the infiltration of fellow-travelers into churches and educational institutions.

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That's what the book says.

And that book now has been banned by the Pentagon ... because banning it was easier than defending it.

And because nobody in Washington wants responsibility for investigating the churches.

Certainly not during an election year.

But Chairman Francis Walter, of the House Committee concerned with investigating un-American activities, is an exception. He says the charges as written are entirely true.

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., indicted by the Air Force publication, naturally denies the charge. It was the N.C.C.C. protest which frightened Air Force Secretary Dudley Sharp into withdrawing the manual. *D.C.*

Clergy and lay church leaders outside the National Council insist the charges are true.

Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the National Council of Christian Churches, says the statements in the manual are accurate as written.

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Capt. Edgar Bundy of the Church League of America says that he will "testify under oath and prove with documentation that the National Council of Churches is one of the greatest enemies of our nation's internal security."

In 1953, an admitted expert on Communist conspiracy, J. B. Matthews, charged in a magazine article that there are "at least 7,000 Protestant churchmen serving the Communist conspiracy."

Mr. Matthews was forced, as a result of that article, to resign as staff director of the Senate Investigations Subcommittee. It seems to me, in all this furor, two overriding considerations are being overlooked.

No. 1. Marxists vowed that our faith in God must be brain-washed away before we are ripe for conversion to their godless religion. If the churches pretend they are not a target for Red infiltration, they terrifically underestimate their own pre-eminent importance in this cold war.

No. 2. We need not investigate the churches in order to investigate the charge. It is not "the churches" that stand accused in this instance; it is one organization of churchmen.

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Sharp Backs Segments of A. F. Manual

But Denies Walter's
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 nounced a week ago the contro-
 versial manual was withdrawn
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Differ on Testimony

Rep. Walter and Secretary
 Sharp obviously differed on the
 import of the testimony. Rep.

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Walter took the position that Mr. Sharp agreed with him that all charges in the manual were true. Mr. Sharp, in a still later statement, said he did not know whether they were true or false because they had not yet been evaluated.

But Mr. Sharp said, both in his testimony and in his later statements, that the Air Force considered it improper to name names and organizations as the manual did.

"It was withdrawn," he said, "because of the general impropriety of treating so important a subject, including the naming of specific individuals and organizations, without thorough review and approval at the highest levels providing full protection for constitutionally guaranteed rights."

Mr. Sharp, the transcript showed, defended another statement in the manual. This one declared it was "foolish" to say "Americans have a right to know what's going on." Mr. Sharp said the statement was all right if read in context — that it means it is foolish to think each and everyone of America's military secrets should be made public.

Takes Issue With Walter

Mr. Sharp was emphatic on one point. When newsmen asked his office whether he agreed with Rep. Walter that all charges in the manual were true, the Secretary sent out a statement which said:

"The answer is no. I did not so testify. The manual was withdrawn without any determination as to whether the charges were false or true."

By that time, however, Rep. Walter had made public the transcript showing Mr. Sharp agreed that Communists have infiltrated the churches and that this was a proper thing for an Air Force security manual to state as fact.

New Church Protest

The new turn of events seemed bound to provoke another protest from the National Council of Churches. The council disclosed existence of the manual, designed to train reservists in the dangers of communist infiltration, when it protested to the Air Force.

The council was particularly criticized in the manual's charges that some churchmen are card-carrying Communists.

Rep. Walter said, after Mr. Sharp's appearance before his committee, that the withdrawn manual will be reissued without naming church groups or individuals.

"I feel the Air Force was overly cautious in reacting the way it did but, if that is the way they feel about it, it is no concern of ours," Rep. Walter said. "What concerned us were intimations that the information contained in the manual was not true."

He said he was satisfied with Mr. Sharp's two-hour testimony. He indicated he would go further in his investigation of why the Air Force withdrew the manual.

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Our Readers' Views

(We welcome your views and opinions. Please give name and address. We will withhold them on request.)

ENLIGHTENMENT

Regarding Zack Feldman's inquiry, "Where are the police? Try to find one after 9 p. m.": I hope this answer will enlighten him. New York City has a population of approximately 8,000,000 people, with roughly 24,000 policemen. Since policemen work in three shifts, this figure drops to 8,000 men per tour. When you take into account the men on vacation, out sick, doing clerical work, etc., the figure drops to about 6,000 men actually on patrol. Simple division will show that each patrolman is responsible for the welfare of the lives and property of approximately 1,333 men, women, and children, not to mention hundreds of miles of streets and highways. That's where the police are. Mr. Feldman, before and after 9 p. m.

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Bronx

CHANGED VIEWPOINT

In 1954 Senator Symington was not so much disturbed about our country's defenses as he was about "getting" Senator McCarthy, who was even then warning us about the forging ahead of the Soviets.

H. ADAMS

Queens

THE TENANT PAYS

I would like to know why landlords are allowed not only to collect from the tenants for appliances that are installed in each apartment, but for improvements to the building as well. I have

been paying for a refrigerator, stove, and sink for six years, and will continue to pay for the rest of my life, if I stay in this apartment. The rent has also been raised twice. Now we are told that the building needs new wiring, which the tenants will pay for each month. If this is "rent control" I fail to see where the control is.

MRS. R. J. BARRY

Queens

RELIABLE SOURCES

It is unfortunate that the Air Force manual was suppressed without first investigating the validity of the charges. Much of the evidence was supplied from the records of the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Internal Security subcommittee, and the FBI, including the statement of J. Edgar Hoover. We undoubtedly cannot repudiate such important sources.

RUTH L. GARDNER

Maplewood, N. J.

PUZZLING SWITCH

According to news reports, Gov. Brown of California stated that if the Supreme Court turned down Chessman's final plea, he had no authority to intervene. Now, because someone in the State Department reported that radical elements in two South American countries threatened trouble during the President's visit if justice is carried out, he granted a 60-day reprieve. In view of his previous statement, the people would like to know where he now gets this authority.

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Protestants Insist Walter Apologize For Charge on Reds

Leaders of four major Protestant denominations demanded here yesterday that Representative Francis E. Walter retract his untrue statement charging Communist infiltration of the churches and "apologize to the 60,000,000 members of Protestant churches in America."

The demand came in identical telegrams sent to the Pennsylvania Democrat and to Dudley C. Sharp, Secretary of the Air Force, by officials of the United Presbyterian Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ and the Methodist Church.

Mr. Walter, in Washington, responded by inviting the six Protestant leaders to testify before his committee.

Sharp Called 'Uncertain' Sharp telegrams noted that Mr. Sharp in testimony Thursday before the House Committee on Un-American Activities headed by Mr. Walter, had been "uncertain" about the truth of charges of Communist influence contained in a disputed Air Force training manual.

The Secretary was quoted after the Washington hearing as saying:

"I have been asked whether I testified that all charges were true. The answer is no. The manual was withdrawn without any determination as to whether charges were false or true."

The House committee then released a transcript of the hearing in which Mr. Sharp asked whether he was "in accord" with statements in the manual that Communists had infiltrated churches, replied, "I am, yes."

Mr. Walter, also after the

hearing, indicated he thought the charges were true, and reported that the Air Force intended to reissue the training manual deleting only specific references to persons and organizations, including the National Council of Churches.

The churchmen in their telegrams endorsed a resolution by the council calling the manual "a patent violation of the free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution."

They demanded that Mr. Sharp "repudiate and forbid reissuance in any form of the false and slanderous charges contained in the manual."

They called on Mr. Walter to retract his charges and offer an apology to the National Council of Churches, which represents 38,000,000 church members in thirty-three Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions.

The four denominations with whom the six religious leaders are affiliated have a total of about 18,000,000 members and are all affiliates of the National Council of Churches. However, the leaders in their telegrams were speaking only for themselves and not as members of the national council.

Repudiated By Gates

The manual, prepared at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., was repudiated by Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates Jr. on Feb. 17 after a protest by the national council. Mr. Gates apologized to the council, and the Air Force withdrew the manual.

Yesterday the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the federation of Reform temples in this country, made public a protest against the inclusion of "discredited and absurd attacks upon American religious institutions and specifically the National Council of Churches" in the Air Force manual.

In a telegram to the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the council, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisenrath, president of the Reform organization, said:

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"The National Council of Churches needs no defense from us. Your profound devotion to democratic ideals has greatly enriched American life and has served as an inspiration to Americans of all faiths who cherish the religious heritage which sustains our national life."

The text of the telegram from the denominational leaders to Mr. Walter and Mr. Sharp follows:

"The undersigned agree that the following resolution is necessary in view of your statements regarding the Protestant churches of America and the National Council of Churches. We hereby call upon you to comply with its provisions.

"Whereas, the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., meeting in Oklahoma City, passed a resolution on Feb. 24 condemning the Air Force for issuing a training manual containing untrue and ridiculous charges against educational institutions, the churches of America and the National Council of Churches, and

"Whereas, the Secretary of the Air Force has testified that he is uncertain as to whether the charges are true or false, and

"Whereas, the chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities has stated that

the charges contained in the manual are true,

"We the undersigned therefore

"Endorse without reservation the Feb. 24 resolution of the General Board of the National Council of Churches and

"Call upon the Secretary of the Air Force to repudiate and forbid reissuance in any form of the false and slanderous charges contained in the manual and

"Call upon the chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to retract his untrue statement of charges against the churches and to apologize to the National Council of Churches and to the 60,000,000 members of Protestant churches in America; and

"We further call to the attention of all churches and their members the never-ending necessity to protect freedom of religion and to exercise the duty of all Christians to judge the acts of the State in the light of the teaching, example and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

"Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, State Clerk, the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

"Rev. Dr. Fred Froehke, co-President, the United Church of Christ.

"Right Rev. Arthur G. Lichtenberger, Presiding Bishop, the Protestant Episcopal Church.

"Rev. Dr. Arthur Miller, Moderator, the United Presbyterian Church.

"Rev. Dr. James E. Wagner, co-President, the United Church of Christ.

"Bishop Frederick Buckley Newell, New York Area, the Methodist Church."

Offered Chance to Testify

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UPI)—Representative Walter responded to the telegram by offering the church officials of a chance to testify before his group.

He said the protest had borne out his forecast that a committee hearing on the manual yesterday "would be falsely labeled by its [the committee's] critics as an attack on religion."

In a telegram to New York, Mr. Walter asked the church leaders if they wanted to testify "in order to question the accuracy of the material which comes from the [committee] files and which appears in the air force manual."

"If you desire such an opportunity," he said, "we can arrange a time convenient to yourselves."

In a related development, another Protestant church official urged a full-scale Congressional investigation of all questions, including "theological issues," involved in the controversy over the manual.

The proposal was made by Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of public affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, in a public letter to Chairman Carl Vinson, Democrat of Georgia, of the House Armed Services Committee.

The National Association of Evangelicals, founded in 1942, claims a membership of some 2,000,000 "Bible-believing Christians" in forty Fundamentalist Protestant denominations.

'Glad To Cooperate'

The Walter telegram apparently had not reached any of the church leaders last night.

But Dr. Blake said:

"I'll be glad to cooperate with any agency of the Government that is sincerely trying to get at the truth of the allegations."

Bishop Lichtenberger said that he agreed with Dr. Blake.

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(MANUALS)

CHAIRMAN FRANCIS E. WALTER WAS INVITED THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TO DISPUTE BEFORE HIS HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES AN AIR FORCE MANUAL'S CHARGES THAT COMMUNISTS HAVE INFILTRATED THE PULPIT.

THE PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRAT TELEGRAPHED THE OFFER AFTER SIX CHURCH LEADERS DEMANDED THAT HE APOLOGIZE TO THE COUNCIL AND THE 60 MILLION PROTESTANTS IT REPRESENTS FOR WHAT THE CLERGYMEN TERMED HIS "UNTRUE STATEMENT" SUPPORTING THE CHARGES.

THE CHURCH LEADERS ALSO CALLED ON AIR SECRETARY DUDLEY SHARP TO REPUDIATE THE ALLEGATIONS AND FORBID REISSUANCE IN ANY FORM OF WHAT THEY CALLED THE "FALSE AND SLANDEROUS CHARGES" IN THE TRAINING MANUAL FOR NON-COMMISSIONED AIR RESERVE OFFICERS.

THE COUNCIL'S NATIONAL BOARD, THE CHURCH LEADERS NOTED, AT A MEETING IN OKLAHOMA CITY WEDNESDAY CONDEMNED THE AIR FORCE FOR ISSUING A MANUAL CONTAINING "UNTRUE AND RIDICULOUS CHARGES AGAINST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, CHURCHES OF AMERICA AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES."

AFTER RECEIVING THE CLERGYMEN'S WIRE YESTERDAY, WALTER SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE COUNCIL'S NEW YORK CITY HEADQUARTERS ASKING IF THE GROUP WANTED TO TESTIFY "IN ORDER TO QUESTION THE ACCURACY OF THE MATERIAL WHICH COMES FROM THE (COMMITTEE) FILES AND WHICH APPEARS IN THE AIR FORCE MANUAL."

"IF YOU DESIRE SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY, WE CAN ARRANGE A TIME CONVENIENT TO YOURSELVES," HE ADDED.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE WORD ON WHETHER THE COUNCIL WOULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION.

BUT A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MINISTERS SAID WALTER HAD IGNORED THE ISSUE RAISED BY THEIR TELEGRAM CALLING FOR HIM TO RETRACT HIS CHARGES THAT AMERICAN CHURCHMEN HAVE COMMUNIST TIES.

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(CHURCH)

NEW YORK--LEADERS OF FOUR MAJOR PROTESTANT GROUPS APPEARED UNWILLING TODAY TO ACCEPT A BID FROM REP. FRANCIS E. WALTER (D-PA.) TO APPEAR BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES TO ANSWER CHARGES OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF PROTESTANT RANKS.

THERE WAS NO DOUBT THE SIX CHURCH LEADERS REPRESENTING DENOMINATIONS WITH 18 MILLION MEMBERS WANTED TO REPLY TO CRITICS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

BUT THERE WAS A DEFINITE INDICATION THAT THEY WANTED TO STATE THEIR CASE BEFORE ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

THE REV. DR. EUGENE CARSON BLAKE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND NOW STATED CLERK OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A., ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING, "I'LL BE GLAD TO COOPERATE WITH ANY AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT IS SINCERELY TRYING TO GET AT THE TRUTH OF THE ALLEGATIONS."

BLAKE WOULD NOT ELABORATE. NEITHER WOULD SPOKESMEN FOR HIM OR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

BUT IT BECAME CLEAR THAT BLAKE AND THE OTHERS FELT THERE WAS NO POINT IN TESTIFYING BEFORE WALTER BECAUSE THEY DID NOT THINK THEY WOULD RECEIVE AN "OBJECTIVE" RECEPTION FROM HIM.

THE CONTROVERSY BETWEEN WALTER AND THE CHURCHMEN SPANG FROM THE PUBLICATION OF AN AIR FORCE PAMPHLET CHARGING THERE HAD BEEN COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE RANKS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, WHICH REPRESENTS 38 MILLION MEMBERS OF 33 PROTESTANT AND EASTERN ORTHODOX COMMUNIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS PASSED A RESOLUTION ATTACKING THE CHARGES AS A VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF CHURCH AND STATE. YESTERDAY, OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A., THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE METHODIST CHURCH AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SENT TELEGRAMS TO WALTER AND AIR FORCE SECRETARY BUDLEY C. SHARP DEMANDING A PUBLIC RETRACTION OF THE CHARGES AND AN APOLOGY TO THE NATION'S PROTESTANTS.

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(MANUALS)

SAN FRANCISCO--AN OFFICIAL OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
 HAS PROMISED THAT THE GROUP WILL SEEK HELP FROM A HOUSE INVESTIGATIVE
 COMMITTEE IF THE AIR FORCE DOES NOT WITHDRAW ITS MANUAL CHARGING
 RED INFILTRATION OF THE COUNCIL.

JAMES W. WINE, THE COUNCIL'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, SAID YESTERDAY
 THAT THE GROUP HAS ALREADY CONTACTED THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
 INFORMATION TO DECIDE WHAT ACTION TO TAKE SHOULD THE AIR FORCE
 RESERVIST IN TRENTON, N. J. HAD FIRST BROUGHT THE MANUAL TO THE
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IGNORING THE REAL ENEMY

It came out several days ago that West Germany was dickering for possible supply bases—not military bases—in Spanish territory for its growing armed forces.

Frightful screams immediately arose to high heaven from Britain, about Adolf Hitler, Generalissimo Franco's brand of Fascism, etc. Our State Department endorsed these complaints. West Germany now agrees to make no such deal without consent of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.



Francisco Franco

Well, what the hell. This Western Allied bickering occurred in the giant shadow of Soviet Russia, which is the real enemy of us all.

Twice in this century, the British have fought their close cousins, the Germans, to the near-ruin of both. Why not get smart for a change, and throw in wholeheartedly with both West Germany and Spain, two nations which know the nature of the Red enemy and have no fear of him?

Or do the English want to alienate West Germany, break up the Western alliance, and make it easy for Russia to take over all Western Europe?

This spectacle of people on our side ignoring the real enemy reminds us of the case of—

THE AIR FORCE MANUAL

—which has been jerked because it charged that Reds have infiltrated the National Council of Protestant Churches.

We think it was a mistake to name any one church group in a booklet for the instruction of Air Force reservists in the strategy of the Communists. The manual is to be reissued, with the name deleted, but the statement retained that Reds do try to penetrate religious organizations.

**Get the Facts,
Boot the Reds**

They do indeed; and a few Protestant clerics around the nation notoriously follow the Communist Party line.

So how about all the Protestant organizations joining in a determined effort to find out just how far this Red infiltration has gone, and then rooting all Reds and fellow travelers out of key church positions?

To repeat, the real enemy is Communism, and it is the enemy of all religions except its own perversion of religion. Protestants will help nobody but the Reds by fighting among themselves and also taking on the Air Force and the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Another interesting current news item on—

THE COLD WAR

—concerns the 65 Columbia University faculty members and graduate zoology students who have signed a pledge never to work on germ warfare projects, though both Soviet Russia and the United States are energetically conducting such researches.

We hope the students who signed this pledge are young, impressionable idealists to whom time will teach the perilous folly of letting your enemy get better-armed than yourself. As for the professors who signed the document, we could hardly print in a great family newspaper what we think about them.

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Sharp Asked to Repudiate Charges

Churchmen Are Invited to Testify on Manual

Chairman Francis Walter (D., Pa.) has invited the National Council of Churches to dispute before his House Committee on Un-American Activities an Air Force manual's charges that communists have infiltrated the pulpit.

Rep. Walter telegraphed the offer after six church leaders demanded that he apologize to the Council and the 60 million Protestants it represents for what the clergymen termed his "untrue statement" supporting the charges.

The church leaders also called on Air Force Secretary Dudley Sharp to repudiate the allegations and forbid reissuance in any form of what they called the "false and slanderous charges" in the training manual for non-commissioned Air Reserve officers.

The Council's national board, the church leaders noted, at a meeting in Oklahoma City Wednesday condemned the Air Force for issuing a manual containing "untrue and ridiculous charges against educational institutions, churches of America, and the National Council of Churches."

After receiving the clergy men's wire yesterday, Rep. Walter sent a telegram to the Council's New York City headquarters asking if the group wanted to testify "in order to question the accuracy of the material which comes from the (committee) files and which appears in the Air Force manual."

There was no immediate word on whether the council would accept the invitation.

But a spokesman for the ministers said Rep. Walter had ignored the issue raised by their telegram calling for him to retract his charges that American churchmen have communist ties.

Rep. Walter said the church leaders' protest bore out his forecast that a committee hearing on the manual Thursday "would be falsely labeled by its (the committee's) critics as an attack on religion."

Mr. Sharp told the committee at the closed-door hearing he was uncertain whether the charges in the manual were true or false.

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(MANUALS)

CHAIRMAN MELVIN PRICE OF A HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATING MILITARY MANUALS SAID TODAY THAT AIR SECRETARY DUDLEY SHARP "EVIDENTLY" STILL HAS NOT READ AN AIR FORCE MANUAL'S REDS-IN-RELIGION CHARGES FOR WHICH HE FIRST APOLOGIZED AND WHICH HE LATER DEFENDED AS TRUE.

THE ILLINOIS DEMOCRAT, NOW LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A HEARING ON THE BURGEONING MANUAL ISSUE, SAID THAT IS THE ONLY WAY HE CAN CONSTRUE SHARP'S APPARENT FLIP-FLOP IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES THURSDAY.

SHARP, ALTHOUGH DENYING LATER THAT HE HAD CHANGED HIS POSITION, WAS DISCLOSED BY A TRANSCRIPT OF HIS TESTIMONY TO HAVE TOLD THE COMMITTEE HE WAS "IN ACCORD" WITH THE CHARGES THAT COMMUNISTS HAVE INFILTRATED THE CLERGY BUT THAT HE DID NOT THINK IT PROPER FOR THEM TO HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE NOW-WITHDRAWN AIRFORCE TRAINING MANUAL.

HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT PROPER, HOWEVER, FOR THE AIR FORCE TO HAVE INCLUDED IDENTICAL CHARGES IN A SEPARATE SECURITY MANUAL WHICH HAS NOT BEEN WITHDRAWN BUT WHICH IS BEING REVIEWED FOR REVISION.

MEANTIME, REP. CHARLES C. DIGGS JR. (D-MICH.) SAID THE AIR FORCE HAD WITHDRAWN ON HIS PROTEST, A "MOTIVATION PAMPHLET" ISSUED BY THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND IN JANUARY. HE SAID THE PAMPHLET HAD REPRINTED A MAGAZINE ARTICLE WHICH, ACCORDING TO DIGGS, IMPLIED THAT RACIAL INTEGRATION IN THE AIR FORCE HAD HURT MORALE AND COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS.

ALTHOUGH THE AIR FORCE ITSELF DID NOT MAKE THIS CHARGE, DIGGS SAID ITS REPUBLICATION IN AN OFFICIAL AIR FORCE DOCUMENT APPEARED TO GIVE IT OFFICIAL SANCTION.

DIGGS SAID THE AIR FORCE HAS NOT ENFORCED OFFICIAL POLICY AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. HE SAID HE GETS MANY COMPLAINTS FROM AIRMEN, SOME OF THEM ANONYMOUS BECAUSE THE WRITERS FEAR "INTIMIDATION AND REPRISAL."

THE ARTICLE CITED BY DIGGS WAS FROM THE NOVEMBER, 1959, ISSUE OF READER'S DIGEST.

PRICE'S COMMENTS CAME MIDST DEMANDS OF TOP CLERGYMEN FOR AN APOLOGY BOTH FROM SHARP AND CHAIRMAN FRANCIS E. WALTER (D-PA.) OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES. THE COMMITTEE CONTENDS SHARP ACTED TOO HASTILY IN WITHDRAWING THE TRAINING MANUAL AFTER THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PROTESTED ITS CONTENTS. WALTER SAID THE FACT IS THAT "LARGE NUMBERS" OF CLERGYMEN HAVE BEEN DUPED INTO SUPPORTING COMMUNIST CAUSES.

SIX LEADING PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN TELEGRAPHED WALTER THIS WAS UNTRUE AND ASKED HIM TO WITHDRAW THE CHARGE. WALTER RESPONDED BY INVITING THE CLERGYMEN TO APPEAR BEFORE HIS COMMITTEE AND CHALLENGE THE EVIDENCE.

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ALTHOUGH HE ACTUALLY HAD LITTLE TO DO WITH THE MANUAL IT
HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ITS PUBLICATION AND FOUND AFTER
WITHDRAWN THAT A GENERAL ALREADY HAD BEATEN HIM TO IT.
HE AND THE GENERAL TOLD THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
THEY WITHDREW THE MANUAL NOT BECAUSE ITS CHARGES WERE UNTRUE
BUT BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT IT WAS NOT THE PROPER VEHICLE FOR
AS SPECIFIC AS THOSE IT CONTAINED.

PRICE NOTED SHARP'S TESTIMONY THAT THE TRAINING MANUALS TO BE
RE-ISSUED CARRYING THE SAME CHARGE IN GENERAL TERMS WITHOUT
NAMING SPECIFIC PEOPLE OR GROUPS.

"I CERTAINLY CANNOT AGREE WITH THE POSITION HE HAS THAT A
SLIGHT EDITING JOB WILL MAKE THIS AN ACCEPTABLE MANUAL. PRICE TOLD
UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL. "I THINK IT REQUIRES A GREAT VISION --
A SERIOUS REVISION -- AND IT THEN SHOULD BE APPROVED IN A
PERFUNCTORY MANNER."

PRICE ALSO TOOK EXCEPTION TO SHARP'S CONTENTION BEFORE THE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES THAT CRITICS HAD TAKEN OUT OF
CONTEXT A PARAGRAPH IN THE MANUAL ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION. THIS
REFERRED TO WHAT IT TERMED A "RATHER FOOLISH" SUGGESTION THAT AMERICANS
"HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON."

SHARP SAID IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE WHOLE CONTEXT THAT THIS REFERRED
ONLY TO MILITARY SECRETS AND THE NEED TO KEEP THEM FROM REACHING AN
ENEMY.

PRICE, AFTER READING THE TEXT IN FULL ON THIS POINT, SAID HE WAS
CONVINCED HERE, AS WELL AS IN REGARD TO THE ISSUE OF COMMUNISM IN
CHURCHES, THAT "SECRETARY SHARP EVIDENTLY HAS NOT YET READ THE
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Church Unit Slaps Loyalty Oath

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 27 (AP)—The National Council of Churches urged Congress yesterday to strike out the loyalty oath provision in the 1958 National Defense Education Act. The Council's General Board, representing 38 million Protestants, approved a formal pronouncement on the subject at the closing session of its mid-winter meeting here.

It also adopted proposals to extend the Federal and state minimum wage laws to add workers, and to commit member churches to oppose racial or religious discrimination in housing.

The pronouncement on the loyalty oath said the American political system rests on "trust in the integrity and loyalty of its free, uncoerced citizens."

A loyalty affidavit is useless, it said, because "persons genuinely disloyal to the United States would not hesitate to sign."

The board emphasized that its chief objection springs from a religious standpoint—our commitment to the God whose service is perfect freedom, a commitment solemnly expressed in the Declaration of Independence."

The minimum wage proposal caused some dissension but was adopted by voice vote. It placed the National Council on record in support of "the principle of minimum wage legislation, Federal and state . . . as a practical means of assuring at least the minimum standard of living necessary for the maintenance of health and decency for family living today."

In the resolution on housing, the General Board committed member churches to work through moral influence, social action, and legislation toward adequate housing for all, regardless of race, religion, or national origin. It urged members of churches to impress on their representatives in national, state and municipal governments "the

urgent need to increase the public housing program as one means of providing more housing on an open occupancy basis for lower income groups.

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Army Attack on Clergy Traced to Pro-Fascists

By DANIEL MASON

The attack on pastors, contained in the manual issued by the Air Force, emphasizes the decay in U. S. leading circles.

The same Air Force brass who took graft from the plane and missile companies in the form of lush parties in the West Indies, who wrote instructions to privates on how to shine shoes and make cocktails for generals and who worked out a system of spying on soldiers' personal activities, circulated the manual attacking the nation's religious leaders.

These arrogant characters, who now claim innocence in the matter, were happy to have the clergy smeared with a phony Communist label. Like the rest of the Pentagon, they are afraid of what many pastors are saying about the need for H-bomb bans, disarmament, peace.

Such utterances might endanger their dictatorial power, their cushy jobs.

The pamphlet attacking the clergy was issued Feb. 11. The generals said they knew nothing of it until the National Council of Churches called it to their attention.

Yet as far back as 1955, the Air Force "Guide for Security Indoctrination" declared:

"A while back Americans were shocked to find that Communists had infiltrated our churches. . . Are there Communist ministers? Sure . . . Of course, no clergyman admits he is a Communist. When he is one, he is required to keep his membership a secret, but he still does Communist work."

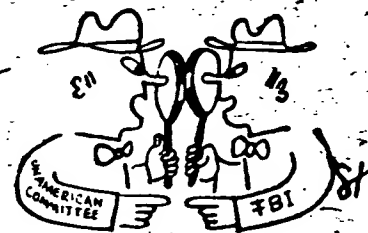
Is not the intent of such

phraseology to create suspicion about every pastor in the country?

The 1960 Air Force manual goes even further, saying:

"Communists and Communist fellow-travelers and sympathizers have successfully infiltrated into our churches."

Is the aim here to attack the Communists? Of course not. The objective is to use the governmental military power to strike at the influence of the National Council of Churches, the body which unites 29 Protestant denominations and a membership of more than 39 million Amer-



icans. It even seeks to create distrust of the Bible that these millions are now reading by accusing thirty of the 95 clergymen who officially sponsored the revised standard version of the Bible as being "affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects and publications."

Talk about infiltrators! It's about time Congress and the American people really probed for the poisonous elements who have sneaked their way into places of ideological power in the armed forces and, as part of an unholy alliance with the brass, are brainwashing millions of young Americans, powerless to resist be-

cause of their military status.

The writer of the manual is a civilian employe of the Air Force. But he copied most of his material from two pamphlets by a pro-fascist evangelist, who heads an outfit called Christian Crusade. These pamphlets were entitled: "The National Council for Churches Indicts Itself from 50 Counts of Treason Against God and Country," and "Is the National Council of Churches Subversive."

These pamphlets are being distributed by the Circuit Riders, and have been reprinted in the American Mercury alongside the anti-Semitic material for which that organ of the reactionaries has become notorious in the last few years. These groups are all parties to a plot to destroy the National Council of Churches, in which the House Un-American Committee is active, since it has come under the scrutiny of the church council for its undemocratic activities.

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The question arises now whether it is enough for the National Council of Churches to protest thus:

"To imply some relationship between the revised standard version of the Holy Bible and communism is insidious and absurd.

"To aver by innuendo that the National Council of Churches is associated or in any way influenced by the Communist party is an example of irresponsibility at its worst."

This Air Force manual's objective goes beyond red-baiting the churches, asserting:

"Another foolish remark often heard is that Americans have a right to know what's going on. Most people know the foolhardiness of such a suggestion."

The aim is to convince the American people that it's right for them to be gagged. And it's not going to help either the churches or keep the American people from losing their constitutional rights for the churches to disavow any connection with the Communists. It's not helping now, with all the reactionaries demanding continuation of the use of the Air Force manual.

This all started with the terrifying attacks on the Communists in our country after World War II, their persecution, jail-

ings, job-victimization, which then spread out to engulf every decent American, and even caught the red-baiting President Truman in its net, with a "treason" accusation by Richard Nixon.

It's so bad that as late as two weeks ago, despite the American people's repudiation of McCarthyism, Herbert Hoover, darling of the pro-fascists, could accuse even the Eisenhower administration of having Marxism "frozen" into its fabric.

When, years ago, the church leaders, like labor leaders and

other people's leaders, did not fight for the right of the Communists to agitate for the civil rights of the Negro people, for higher wages and better working conditions for workers, for peace, through changing the economic system if necessary, they were unwittingly beginning the attrition of their own democratic rights.

Because, every time these people raise the question of equality for the Negro people, a better life for working people, or peace, they will be labeled Communists and will suffer eventually the same persecutions they allowed by their inaction to be inflicted on the Communists.

Let's hope the lesson of the present experience will not be lost on the leaders of the National Council of Churches and the leaders of all other people's organizations.

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CINCINNATI--DR. WILLEN A. VISSER AT NOOFT, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, SAID TODAY THE CHARGES IN AN AIR FORCE MANUAL THAT COMMUNISTS INFILTRATED INTO AMERICAN CHURCHES "IS COMPLETE NONSENSE...STUPID ACCUSATIONS...IDIOTIC REMARKS."

"SPEAKING FOR THE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP, I WANT TO SAY THESE CHARGES ARE COMPLETE NONSENSE," THE CHURCH LEADER SAID OF THE CHARGES WHICH PROVOKED A CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY.

"BUT WORSE, THESE THINGS ARE SAID IN SUCH A GENERAL WAY THAT IT IS HARD TO ANSWER THEM. IT'S RATHER-LIKE--DON'T YOU KNOW?--THAT OLD QUESTION OF 'WHEN DID YOU STOP BEATING YOUR WIFE?' NOW DO YOU GO ABOUT ANSWERING THAT?"

DR. VISSER AT NOOFT, HERE TO DELIVER SEVERAL TALKS BEFORE CHURCH GROUPS OVER THE WEEKEND, SAID THE PRESENT ATTACK WAS A "HORRIBLE" USE OF THE WORD COMMUNISM IN THIS COUNTRY.

"SOME USE IT TO DESCRIBE WHAT THEY DON'T AGREE WITH OR DON'T UNDERSTAND," HE SAID. "THIS IS DANGEROUS FOR MANY REASONS, FOR ONE THING, THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE SUCH STUPID ACCUSATIONS WOULDN'T KNOW A REAL COMMUNIST IF THEY SAW ONE. AND THEY WEAR OUT THE WORD FOR THOSE WHO HUNT COMMUNISTS--LIKE THE BOY WHO CRIED 'WOLF!'."

THE CHURCH LEADER ALSO REFUTED A CHARGE THAT A THIRD OF THE MEN WHO WORKED ON THE STANDARD REVISED BIBLE HAD LEFTISH TENDENCIES.

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PHILADELPHIA--THE PRESIDENT OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH SAID TONIGHT THAT AN AIR FORCE MANUAL CHARGE THAT COMMUNISTS HAD INFILTRATED AMERICAN PROTESTANT CHURCHES WAS "MALICIOUSLY IRRESPONSIBLE, UN-AMERICAN AND UNTRUE."

THE REV. DR. JAMES E. WAGNER TOLD THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES THAT CHURCH GROUPS MUST PROTEST THE MANUAL'S "UNTRUE STATEMENTS" ON RELIGIOUS BODIES AND THE "ASPERSIONS CAST LIKEWISE UPON THE PRESS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF OUR COUNTRY."

STATEMENTS IN THE MANUAL CHARGED COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS CHURCH GROUPS AND SAID "PUBLIC NEWS MEDIA PRESENT ONLY AS MUCH INFORMATION AS THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO RELEASE."

"WHEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY MILITARY AGENCIES, ACT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO UNDERMINE CONFIDENCE IN THE CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND THE PRESS," HE SAID, "THEY ARE THEN, JUST AS HAVE THE TOTALITARIAN MOVEMENTS, UNDERMINING A NATION'S BEST HOPE FOR FREE, CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL LEADERS, POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, AND SO ARE PAVING THE WAY FOR EXERCISE OF POWER WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF ANSWERING TO THE PEOPLE FOR WHAT IS BEING DONE, HOW IT IS BEING DONE, AND IN WHAT SPIRIT IT IS BEING DONE."

"SOME CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC GROUP, AND SOME OF THE COLUMNISTS AND COMMENTATORS WHO HAVE READILY SEIZED UPON THE CHARGES AND GIVEN THEM FURTHER APPROVING PUBLICITY, MIGHT BETTER UNDERTAKE A SERIOUS INQUIRY AS TO HOW MANY OF THOSE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE REALLY BEEN OPERATING FROM ANTI-CATHOLIC, ANTI-NEGRO, ANTI-JEWISH MOTIVES, OR WHO ARE EXTREME RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISTS."

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Un-American Committee Condemned From Pulpit

The House Committee on Un-American Activities should be abolished because of "its evil work" culminating in an effort last week to discredit the National Council of Churches, the Rev. Dr. Duncan Howlett said yesterday.

The minister of All Souls' Church (Unitarian) denounced the Committee for calling Air Force officials before it to explain their withdrawal of an Air Force Reserve training manual linking churches with communism.

Dr. Howlett said that the Committee has weakened the Nation by placing under suspicion the leaders of an organization representing most of the Protestant churches in the United States.

"If our spiritual heritage has made us great... how better could you undermine us as a people," he asked, "than to set us at odds in our religious and spiritual life?"

The minister said that the manual's statements about Communist infiltration of churches "are in their broad implications false" and that

the Committee's chairman, Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), knows this. He urged Defense officials to stand their ground against the committee.

Another minister, the Rev. Dr. Russell C. Stroup of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church, called the manual "all-ly." He said communism has "no greater foe than the powers and teaching of the church."

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ADD 1 MANUAL (CQ)

PRICE SAID THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL EXPLORE FIRST "ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES" GIVING RISE TO THE AIR FORCE'S PUBLICATION OF A CONTROVERSIAL RESERVE TRAINING MANUAL WHICH WARNED THAT COMMUNISTS HAD INFILTRATED THE CLERGY.

THIS MANUAL--NOW WITHDRAWN--ALSO CONTAINED CONTROVERSIAL STATEMENTS QUESTIONING THE RIGHT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT THEIR GOVERNMENT DOES.

PRICE SAID THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL QUESTION IN THIS CONNECTION NOT ONLY TOP DEFENSE OFFICIALS BUT ALSO "EVERYONE IN A SUBORDINATE POSITION WHO WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE MANUAL."

LATER THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL SEEK AN EXPLANATION FOR OTHER AIR FORCE MANUALS WHICH RECENTLY HAVE COME UNDER FIRE, INCLUDING ONE ON THE DUTIES OF GI SERVANTS AND ANOTHER ON HOW TO PROMOTE DRINK SALES AT OFFICERS' CLUBS.

EVENTUALLY THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THE PUBLICATION OF ALL MANUALS PRODUCED BY EACH OF THE ARMED SERVICES, PRICE SAID.

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ADD 2 MANUALS

SECRETARY SHARP, AFTER WITHDRAWING THE MANUAL BEARING ON COMMUNISM IN THE CHURCHES, APOLOGIZED FOR ITS ISSUANCE. LATER HOWEVER HE WENT BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES AND SAID CHARGES IN THE MANUAL WERE TRUE. HE SAID THEN HE ORDERED IT WITHDRAWN ONLY BECAUSE HE FELT THIS MANUAL WAS NOT THE PROPER PLACE TO MAKE SUCH ACCUSATIONS AGAINST SPECIFIC PEOPLE AND GROUPS.

- ALMOST IDENTICAL CHARGES ARE CARRIED IN ANOTHER AIR FORCE MANUAL, ON SECURITY PROBLEMS, AND SHARP SAID HE FELT THIS WAS PROPER.

PRICE SAID HE IS CONFINING THE INITIAL HEARING TO THESE TWO MANUALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESOLVING THE POSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE ON THE REDS-IN-RELIGION CHARGES.

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NEW YORK--A NEWLY PUBLISHED MILITARY MANUAL TODAY DEFENDS INDIRECTLY AT LEAST SOME MINISTERS AGAINST RECENTLY AIRED CHARGES OF COMMUNISM IN THE CLERGY. IT PRAISES THEM AS ANTI-COMMUNISTS.

"THE COMMUNISTS ARE QUITE RIGHT IN MISTRUSTING AMERICAN MILITARY CHAPLAINS," SAID THE ARTICLE IN "THE NAVY BLUE BOOK," PUBLISHED TODAY.

"THEY DON'T PREACH THE DIVINE ORIGIN OF WHAT THE REDS CALL 'THE IMPERIALIST CLASSES', BUT THEY DO BOTH PREACH AND PRACTICE THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE DIGNITY OF FREE MEN."

THE BLUE BOOK IS PUBLISHED COMMERCIALY BY MILITARY PUBLISHING INSTITUTE, INC., WITH THE EDITORIAL COOPERATION OF THE NAVY. IT IS THE SECOND OF A SERIES ON THE MILITARY SERVICES DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEM BY MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM, THEIR FAMILIES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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(CHURCH COUNCIL)

LIMA, OHIO--THE REV. FRANK R. HAMBLIN SAYS "THE GRADUAL INFILTRATION OF SUBVERSIVE AFFILIATIONS IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES" IS ONE REASON FOR HIS DECISION TO RESIGN FROM HIS PASTORSHIP JUNE 1.

HAMBLIN, PASTOR OF LIMA'S WEST HIGH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH (EUB) FOR 11 YEARS, SAID, "MY CONSCIENCE WILL NOT LET ME CONTINUE TO PASTOR A CHURCH AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES."

HAMBLIN SAID HE WOULD REMAIN IN THE PULPIT UNTIL THE EUB CONFERENCE CAN ACT ON HIS RESIGNATION, WHICH MEANS LOSS OF PENSION AND SECURITY RIGHTS.

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AF Shouldn't Have Retreated On Church Issue, Faubus Says

Governor Faubus said at the opening session of the National Security Seminar yesterday that he was sorry the Air Force had backed away from a statement in a manual saying Communists had infiltrated churches.

Only a breath earlier he made one of his rare references to his attendance at Commonwealth College, an experience he has had trouble living down.

He was warning the Seminar audience about the danger of communism and how it had changed its style. He said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, at the time some 25 years ago or more when I had the occasion to visit Commonwealth College, which was later declared to be a subversive organization by the Justice Department, about one-third of the student body were active, card-carrying members of the Communist Party and they were just as idealistic and dedicated as any people I have ever seen. At that time the great objective of the Communists was to infiltrate and practice and promote subversion among working class people and among the wage earner and the small farmer and the tenant farmer.

Says Objective Changed

"That since has been abandoned as the primary objective of the Communist Party in this country and at the present time their major objective is to in-

filtrate the intellectual class, the professionals and as many business people as they can reach, also, and that is why when the Air Force put out a manual the other day and said that the Communists had infiltrated to some extent the churches, it was exactly true, and I was sorry to see them backing up and apologizing for making a statement of fact because someone protested who either may be a Communist or is a dupe and does not know what is going on in this country.

Mr. Faubus was a student at Commonwealth for an undisclosed time during the 1930s.

The Communists-in-church issue is not new to the governor. In September 1958, angered by certain ministers' opposing his closing of Central High School, he told a press conference: "I am aware that a large number of ministers in the Presbyterian Church have been very effectively brainwashed." That brought an immediate hot reply from a group of Presbyterian ministers and a stinging rebuke the next day from a group of their Methodist colleagues.

Reads 'Internationale'

Mr. Faubus read the words of "The Internationale," the anthem of world Communism, to the Seminar audience and noted their appeal to oppressed peoples.

"But they the [Communists] will set up an oppression greater than ever known to the human race," he said. "I could understand for some time, having been exposed to this philosophy, and having rejected it years ago, I could still understand how it could have appeal for some people until the examples of Hungary and Tibet. And how in the name of God and common sense that any intellectual can still believe in international Communism after those examples of barbarian suppression of the finer instincts of members of the human race and the urge for liberty and self-determination, I cannot understand. But make no mistake about it: There are more Communists in this nation than many

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Sharp to Face 2d Manual Probe

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"I don't think we apologized," he said.

Price said yesterday his subcommittee, which has been assigned to investigate all training publications, will concentrate at the start on this manual.

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M-Day's Set For Inquiry Into Manuals

Washington, March 2 (AP)—A Monday starting date has been set for a House investigation into why the armed forces print training manuals on such things as communism in churches and how to wash a dog.

The investigation will be undertaken by a House Armed Services Subcommittee headed by Rep. Price (D-Ill.).

The subcommittee will take up first an Air Force manual that said that the clergy in America is Communist-infiltrated. It was the Air Force, too, which published manuals telling how an airman can be a good household servant to a general and how to run a cocktail party.

Air Force Secretary Sharp is to be the first witness. He testified last week before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which had been cited as authority for some of the statements in the manual.

The secretary told that committee the manual had been withdrawn "because of what we thought were objectionable statements in it which could be misinterpreted."

The National Council of Churches originally protested against the manual, and Sharp had it withdrawn. Some other church groups, however, have said the statements about the clergy were justified.

The manual also, in discussing the need to be alert against saboteurs and spies, said it was silly to say that Americans "have a right to know what is going on."

That statement has led to an investigation by the House Government Information Subcommittee.

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House Unit Calls Author of Manual That Caused Row

By the Associated Press

A House investigating subcommittee has called for questioning the author of the Air Force manual that spoke of Communist infiltration of churches, Chairman Price, Democrat of Illinois, reports.

Mr. Price said the author, Homer H. Hyde, had been asked to be on hand when the special Armed Services Subcommittee begins hearings Monday.

The opening witness, Mr. Price said, will be Air Force Secretary Sharp.

The Air Force withdrew the manual after protests by the National Council of Churches. Mr. Sharp later told the House Un-American Activities Committee that it will be reissued without references to individual church groups or individuals.

Mr. Hyde, a civilian employee of the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Tex., compiled the reserve training manual, using in part material from an earlier Air Force security guide.

Lt. Col. Harold Wills, described as the principal author of the security guide, also has been called to testify before the subcommittee, as have Brig. Gen. R. S. Burnham, Air Force provost marshal, and Maj. Gen. Lloyd P. Hopwood, head of an Air Force board which reviews such publications.

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LETTERS TO THE STAR

'From Bad to Worse'

Let's obtain the facts instead of evading the issue about the Air Force manual, for unspeakable damage may be done by withholding the truth so essential for our national defense.

I am disappointed over your editorial making matters "From Bad to Worse" by suggesting that the wisest course to follow is to put out the fire instead of "doing things" and "saying things" which can only serve to spread it.

The matter is not an essentially phony issue as you have stated therein, for it involves the solidarity and security of our Nation.

A letter to the editor appearing in another Washington paper read:

"The Air Force manual is 100 per cent correct when it says that Communists and Communist sympathizers have infiltrated our churches." (Signed) Rev. Vincent G. Burns (Annapolis).

I respect a minister who will own up to the truth that the Communist Party has influenced and corrupted Americans in every possible way, including even through the churches.

I have less respect for the minister who seeks an apology from the House Committee on Un-American Activities, or, for that matter, any editor who states that the worst thing our Air Force Secretary can do is to reissue the manual after substituting a more generalized indictment of church leaders.

What is the outcome, the judgment, the moral of the decision you seek? Is it to emphasize that the churches have easily weathered the storm, and survived the smear of Communist infiltration—to say nothing of the success they achieved in altering the very pillars of basic training against Communist infiltration? Indeed the Air Force Secretary is in a predicament! I hope the people will give him courage to resist the quivering tactics of the Commies who seek to enter through the back door.

Pen names may be used if letters carry writers' correct names and addresses. All letters are subject to condensation.

Your editorial writer seems not to have read the story as printed in his own paper. He advocates sweeping the Air Force manual controversy under the rug, as the Air Force Secretary seems willing

to do, if only he can find the right rug. The Secretary may be excused, perhaps, because of opposing pressures to which he has been subjected, but your editorialist should write objectively for the benefit of your readers who want to know the truth of the matter.

The manual made a definite statement that of the 95 members of the NCC committee on revision of the Bible, 30 had some connection with communism or communistic fronts. Here is a simple allegation subject to calm probative treatment, which we long-time readers have learned to expect from The Star.

Wm. L. Covington,
Lt. Col. AUS Ret.

Editorials like "From Bad to Worse" are largely responsible for the apathy and complacency of the American people toward communism today. "A blunder of mole-hill proportions" is exactly how the Communists want us to think of their infiltration of every phase of our way of life, our Government, schools, universities, factories and even the Carnegie Peace Foundation. Why are you so gullible and naive to think this diabolical cancer would stop at churches, the very foundation they are out to destroy?

Again, your aspiration to ridicule and discredit Representative Walter's Un-American Activities Committee is consistent with your policy to minimize the Communist menace.

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Slander Against The Clergy

The Air Force was guilty of a fantastic and reckless lapse of judgment in publishing a training manual stating that it is "well known that even the pastors in certain of our churches are card-carrying Communists," and that members of the National Council of Churches have been "affiliated with pro-Communist fronts." That is out-and-out demagogic slander against a very large and respected element of the Protestant clergy, supported by no shred of evidence that anybody in or out of the Air Force has brought forward.

But even more incredible is a patent attempt by the Air Force, supported by a couple of congressmen, to justify its king-size faux pas by attempting to show that public opinion upholds the manual's charges against the clergy. We refer to the Air Force announcement that 92 per cent of some 1,000 letters favor the manual's charges. That is as remote from the point as is California Rep. Donald Jackson's statement that letters received by the House Un-American Activities Committee also support the manual.

The point is that the Air Force has injected itself into an area that is none of its business, and has done so in a manner resembling the totalitarian smear methods of the late Sen. Joe McCarthy. The inevitable impression created by the manual is that the Protestant clergy is shot through with communism and Red leanings; that the Protestant church is a hotbed of un-Americanism. If this had been true (and we are

convinced it is not) there are regularly established procedures open to the government and to Congress to hold hearings, separate fact from innuendo, and publish the truth with its documentation. Meanwhile the Air Force's job is to teach its trainees how to fly planes and fight.

Even though the Air Force has agreed to revise the offensive manual, we believe it has a further duty to the public and to the clergy to make a thorough investigation and report upon how the anti-clergy material got into the manual, who put it there and who approved its inclusion, so that the offenders can be disciplined. The damage carelessly done the clergy can by that means be partially repaired, and steps taken to prevent a recurrence.

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300 Baptist Churches in Parley

PROBE FOR COMMIES IN PULPIT WELCOMED

NORWOOD—A spokesman for the 300 churches in the Massachusetts Baptist Convention said Sunday that an investigation to determine if there are card-carrying Communists in American pulpits would be welcomed.

The Rev. Dr. Paul L. Sturges, executive secretary of the convention and former official of the National Council of Churches, spoke at a special Lenten service sponsored by the Norwood Council of Churches and attended by communists from all Protestant churches in the community.

Referring to charges that some churches have been infiltrated by Communists, he declared that "not enough is being said about who is in back of the accusations."

"Certainly," he said, "none of our Christian pastors are Communist and support the godless premise that there is no moral or natural law, no such thing as abstract right or justice, and that the word of the Kremlin is anything but a counterfeit commodity."

"When the preacher of today seeks to apply the Christian gos-

pel, he must by necessity and fault with many of the values of our culture," the Rev. Dr. Sturges said.

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Air Force Tells Congress It Goofed On 'Inexcusable' Training Manual Job

By Warren Unna
Staff Reporter

The Air Force went before Congress yesterday and admitted it had goofed in issuing a Reserve training manual that linked Protestant churches with communism and questioned the public's right to know what's going on in Government.

Said Maj. Gen. Lloyd P. Hopwood, chief of the Air Force personnel procurement and training: "We didn't do a good job."

Said Air Force Secretary Dudley C. Sharp: "Inexcusable."

Said Gen. Thomas D. White, Air Force Chief of Staff: "We intend to clean up this problem and get our house in order."

All appeared before a House Armed Services Subcommittee hearing investigating how

military manuals originate and how they are scrutinized before publication.

The Air Force previously had appeared at a hearing on the issuance of a training manual instructing enlisted

Biggest church in American Baptist Convention withdraws financial support because of affiliation with the National Council of Churches. Page A8.

men on how to wash officers' dogs.

Yesterday's Committee, headed by Rep. Melvin Price (D-Ill.), was the second House group to concern itself with the Air Force's church and public-right-to-know instructions. And a third House committee also is looking into the matter.

The first hearing, held by

the House Committee on Un-American Activities, whose reports were cited in the Air Force training manual, had made it plain to Secretary Sharp that it wants no recanting.

Yesterday's hearing and the investigation under way by the House Subcommittee on Government Information have made it plain that recanting is the only way the Air Force can redeem itself.

Faced with this crossfire, yesterday's Air Force witnesses put up a back-to-back defense.

Secretary Sharp said he had ordered his Inspector General to make a "comprehensive survey of the entire matter of Air Force publications."

But he also said that churches, schools and com-

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munication media are the logical targets for Communist infiltration. And so, without attempting "to pass on the truth or falsity of certain statements contained in the manual," the Air Force leaders "consider it our duty to call the attention of our personnel to this Communist activity."

Sharp explained that the military is particularly concerned with forewarning its personnel against communism because it wants no more "brainwashing" of GIs, such

as occurred during the Korean War.

And then, protecting his other flank, he declared that, with the exception of outright security matters, "The Department of Defense and the Air Force are interested in furnishing all the information that is needed to keep the public well informed as to what is going on."

Rep. Alvin J. O'Konski (R-Wis.) made it plain he wanted no flank operation. He said the charges of Communist infiltration reported by the Un-American Activities Committee and reprinted in the Air Force training manual were true beyond a doubt and that he, for one, was sorry that the Air Force retracted the manual.

Under discussion were two Air Force publications:

- A training manual for Air Force Reserve noncommissioned officers dated Jan. 1, which was withdrawn Feb. 1.

It declared, among other things, that 30 of the 95 members of a National Council of Churches of Christ committee that prepared the Revised Standard Version of the Bible "have been affiliated with Communist fronts, projects and publications."

The Reserve training manual also declared: "Another rather foolish remark often heard concerning security is that Americans have a right to know what's going on."

- An Air Force security guide, issued in May, 1955, was ready for updating this year when the repercussions from the training manual started coming in. The Air Force then discovered that the security guide also had a right-to-know paragraph. It used the word "silly" in place of "foolish."

Rep. Price said yesterday that he means to examine the manual-issuing methods of all the armed services. He set no date for his next hearing.

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(MANUALS)

REP. DONALD L. JACKSON (R-CALIF.) CHARGED TODAY THAT NEWSPAPERS TWISTED THE WORDS OF THE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK INTO A DEFENSE OF THOSE WHO CRITICIZED THE AIR FORCE MANUAL LINKING PROTESTANT CHURCHES WITH COMMUNISM.

JACKSON READ TO THE HOUSE A TELEGRAM HE SAID HE RECEIVED TODAY FROM THE CHURCHMAN, FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN, IN WHICH SPELLMAN APPEARED TO BACK UP JACKSON'S ALLEGATION.

JACKSON SAID THE CARDINAL ISSUED THIS STATEMENT YESTERDAY: "MY POSITION AS MILITARY VICAR HAS GIVEN ME MANY OCCASIONS, EXTENDING OVER A LONG SPAN OF YEARS THAT GOES BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR II, OF MEETING AND ASSOCIATING WITH CHAPLAINS OF THE PROTESTANT FAITH. DURING THESE MANY YEARS OF ASSOCIATION, I HAVE ADMIRER THEIR DEDICATED LOYALTY TO OUR COUNTRY AND ITS PURPOSES. I WOULD DEPLORE IT IF ANY UNFAIR DEDUCTIONS FROM GENERAL ACCUSATIONS WERE INTERPRETED TO REFLECT IN ANY WAY ON THEIR LOYALTY TO OUR COUNTRY OR ON THE LOYALTY OF THE GENERAL BODY OF MINISTERS WHOM THEY REPRESENT."

JACKSON SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT PROMPTED THE STATEMENT BUT IT WAS APPARENT THAT SPELLMAN WAS NOT COMMENTING ON ALLEGATIONS IN THE AIR FORCE MANUAL BUT "WAS RATHER PROTESTING ANY SUGGESTION OF DISLOYALTY IN THE CHAPLAIN CORPS OF THE SEVERAL ARMED SERVICES." THERE IS NO SUCH SUGGESTION IN THE MANUAL, HE SAID.

YET, JACKSON CONTINUED, THE CARDINAL'S STATEMENT WAS "TORTURED TO THE POINT WHERE IT WAS FEATURED AS A 'DEFENSE' OF THOSE WHO, FOR THEIR OWN REASONS, APPEAR TO REQUIRE DEFENSE AGAINST SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE MANUAL."

THE CALIFORNIAN SAID HE SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE CARDINAL YESTERDAY TELLING HIM HIS STATEMENT HAD BEEN "DELIBERATELY DISTORTED TO INDICATE A BLANKET ENDORSEMENT BY YOU OF THE ENTIRE BODY OF PROTESTANT CHURCHMEN RELATIVE TO THEIR LOYALTY."

JACKSON SAID THIS IMPLICATION "WRITTEN INTO YOUR PERFECTLY PROPER MESSAGE HAS DONE GRIEVOUS HARM TO THE FIGHT BEING WAGED BY MANY OF US HERE IN THE CONGRESS TO DISCLOSE EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO INFILTRATE AMERICAN CHURCHES."

IN REPLY, JACKSON SAID SPELLMAN WIRED AS FOLLOWS: "I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM WHICH I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST. THE STATEMENT I MADE WAS CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL. I CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW SOME OF THE PRESS DISTORTED MY STATEMENT. I RESPECT THE FACT THAT CONGRESSMAN WALTER, YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMITTEE HAVE RENDERED OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN EXPOSING COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES." (HE REFERRED TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, HEADED BY REP. FRANCIS E. WALTER (D-PA.), WHICH HAS HELD HEARINGS ON WHY THE AIR FORCE WITHDREW THE MANUAL AFTER IT CAUSED PROTESTS FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES).

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IN HIS SPEECH JACKSON CITED HEADLINES IN THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST OVER STORIES ABOUT THE SPELLMAN STATEMENT IN YESTERDAY'S EDITION.

HE SAID THE TIMES HEADLINE SAID "SPELLMAN SCORES AIR FORCE MANUAL" WITH A SUB-HEAD SAYING "MAILS 'DEDICATED LOYALTY' OF PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN CRITICIZED IN BOOKLET." THE POST HEADLINE, HE SAID, READ "SPELLMAN WINS THANKS FOR PROTESTANT DEFENSE."

JACKSON SAID THE TIMES HEADLINE WAS "MORALLY DISHONEST, FACTUALLY INACCURATE AND INTELLECTUALLY ON A PAR WITH THE JOURNALISTIC ETHICS OF A THROW-AWAY TABLOID," AND THE POST "DID BUT A LITTLE BETTER."

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS QUOTED AN UNIDENTIFIED AIR FORCE OFFICIAL AS SAYING THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PUBLICLY PROTESTED THE MANUAL AFTER IT KNEW THE DOCUMENT HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM CIRCULATION.

THE STATEMENT WAS MADE BY DONALD H. GILL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR THE ASSOCIATION, IN A COLUMN IN THE ORGANIZATION'S JOURNAL. GILL SAID THE COUNCIL PROTESTED "PRIMARILY BECAUSE CERTAIN NCC OFFICIALS WANTED A PUBLIC FIGHT."

JACKSON WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF INTERPRETATIONS GIVEN CARDINAL SPELLMAN'S STATEMENT.

IN NEW YORK, THE CARDINAL SAID TODAY HE HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD TO THE STATEMENT THAT TOUCHED OFF THE NEW CONTROVERSY.

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Baptist Church Severs Ties With Council

WICHITA, Kan. March 10 (AP) — The membership of Wichita's First Baptist Church voted 1170 to 235 last night to withdraw financial support from the American Baptist Convention "because of its affiliation with the National Council of Churches."

The church, with 4300 members, is the largest of the 6250 congregations in the American Baptist Convention. It has given the convention about \$10,000 a year.

The membership action affirmed a 32 to 7 vote by the deacons last month.

The deacons acted on a report by a special study committee of 10 laymen. The report said the committee was concerned about reports linking present and past officers of the National Council with organizations cited as Communist, Communist-front and socialistic.

It criticized the National Council's efforts toward Protestant unity and contended that the National Council advocates admission of Red China to the United Nations.

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Witness for the Defense

Cardinal Spellman is an able and eloquent witness to the loyalty of Protestant chaplains in particular and Protestant clergymen in general. "I would deeply deplore it," he said in obvious reference to that silly Air Force manual defended by the House Committtee on Un-American Activities, "if any unfair deductions from general accusations were interpreted to reflect in any way on their loyalty to our country or on the loyalty of the general body of ministers whom they represent." Would that the Secretary of the Air Force had been as sharp!

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SUBVERSIVE STORY: In a polite but unmistakable thrust at the idiocies of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Cardinal Spellman has assailed the Air Force manual linking Protestant leadership with communism. Where does that leave the committee which so warmly embraced the manual? Can it let the Cardinal's outspoken indictment go uncontested? Can it fail to place him under examination to find out how he reached this dangerous conclusion?

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Dahlberg Criticizes Author of Air Force Manual on Churches

By JOHN L. WARD.
(Democrat Staff Writer.)

The controversial Air Force manual came up for discussion today. The man who prepared a section of it dealing with communism in churches was sharply criticized.

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., told a group of 45 white and Negro persons assembled at a breakfast today at Philander Smith College that a civilian named Hyde from near San Antonio, Tex., prepared the controversial document — drawing his material from pamphlets prepared by critics of the National Council.

"This goes far beyond the National Council," Dr. Dahlberg asserted, adding: "It is a battle for freedom."

He referred to Hyde's sources of information as "propaganda."

Most of Dr. Dahlberg's discussion today was taken up with missionary work of the National Council. "Most of what the public hears is the controversial side of the council," he said to the group, continuing: "We do have a controversial side, but it's only a minor part."

Referring again to the controversial side of the council, he said after the council takes a position on an issue volumes of letters which are "bitter, vituperative, almost obscene" come to his desk. "Some are addressed 'Dear Satan,' he said, or 'Dear Judas.'"

He told the group, which included 7 Negroes, "I believe we (National Council) are doing a great work; we're rebuilding the wall of Christian faith into a solid bulwark."

Explaining the council position on the controversial Cleveland Conference in November 1958 from which came headlines calling for a manual on churches, he said:

ing of the council's advocacy of recognition of Communist China, Dahlberg said:

"There was about two paragraphs in a 60-page report which urged recognition. We used the word 'recognition' in the diplomatic sense of the word. We believe in keeping communications with the huge collection of people open for possible discussion of world problems such as disarmament."

Making reference to race relations, Dr. Dahlberg told the audience "There's a great movement of spirit in America. . . . If only pastors in our pulpits, and others, will stand up for their convictions."

Sharing the speaker's table with Dr. Dahlberg were:

Rev. C. C. Walker, pastor of Congregational Church; Dr. J. B. Hunter, executive secretary of the Arkansas Council of Churches; Rev. Rufus K. Young, pastor of Bethel AME Church and vice president of the Arkansas Council; Bishop Paul E. Martin; Mrs. Ewing D. Galloway, representing the United Church Women of Arkansas; and Rev. Galloway, district superintendent of the Methodist Church.

There were no pickets at the meeting today, but last night four marched back and fourth in front of First Methodist Church until a meeting at which Dr. Dahlberg spoke began.

Then they put down their signs, denouncing the guest speaker for alleged Communist front affiliations, and two of them entered the church to listen.

Mrs. Margaret Morrison and the other woman, who was not identified, entered the service after it had begun.

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During the meeting, attended by about 400 persons, an announcement was made which prompted three women to burst hurriedly through the doors.

A group of Little Rock policemen arrived at the church, called Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor, off the platform and informed him they had received an anonymous telephone call that a bomb was planted in the church.

Dr. Walton told the officer: "Well, I think it's a hoax, but I can't be responsible for everyone here. I suppose I'd better make the announcement."

He did, and the three women, before he was finished, hurried quickly out. After the meeting, one of the participants on the program commented: "I think they were planted there."

After the announcement, Dr. Walton suggested everyone stand and sing a hymn, and those who wanted to could leave. "Let's sing 'My Faith Looks Up To Thee,'" Bishop Martin said.

Everyone stayed to sing the song and for the remainder of the service.

Earlier two women came to the entrance of the sanctuary, looked inside and presumably noticed a number of Negroes in the audience. "I'm moving my membership," one commented and they strode away. The usher handing out programs said he's been on the church door for years. "I never saw them before," he commented.

"Glad You Stayed."

Dr. Dahlberg, when he rose to speak, told the audience:

"I'm glad you stayed. If a bomb should burst, what better place than in the service of the Lord."

Discussing the subject of "Bridge Builders," he said bridge destroyers are those sowing seeds of dissension, creating divisions among people.

"But bride builders have built some of them back, restoring the flow of ideas," he commented.

Dr. Dahlberg was scheduled to return to his home in St. Louis, Mo. today.

Today in National Affairs

Testimony Throws Light On A. F. Manuals' Issues

By DAVID LAWRENCE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—Are the American people getting a fair report on what the Air Force reserve training manual said about the "people's right to know" and about Communistic activity in the churches? Many members of Congress think not.

The best way perhaps to give the viewpoint of those members of Congress is to present some of the testimony, originally heard in executive session, when the Air Force Secretary, Dudley C. Sharp, testified. This now has been released for publication.



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First of all, it's necessary to read in full text the paragraphs in the Air Force manual dealing with the "right to know" controversy. Here they are:

"When a newspaper prints some so-called secret data, it merely means the government no longer considers that particular data secret—it does not mean we have no secret left. Or it could mean that clever newsmen took pieces of unclassified information which they were authorized to have, put them together, and came up with the right answer. However, because such accounts may have given the correct information does not mean that the information is no longer classified. Newspapers are not official—and until the government declassifies security information, it remains classified."

"Another rather foolish remark often heard is that Americans have a right to know what's going on. Most people realize the foolhardiness of such a suggestion. If a football team should start telling the other side the plays it planned to use, their opponents would sweep them off the field. It's the same in war—hot or cold; if we tell our secrets, we are likely to be beaten, and beaten badly."

Testimony Quoted

Immediately after this quotation is printed in the testimony, there occurs this exchange between Richard Arends, staff director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the Secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Sharp:

"Mr. Arends: Mr. Secretary, the whole import of that language is that the military is entitled to protect secrets, is it not?"

"Secretary Sharp: Yes, I would think so; yes, sir."

"Mr. Arends: It is not intended, as you read the two paragraphs in entire context, to convey the impression that the American people as such are not entitled to know in general what is going on, isn't that correct?"

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"Secretary Sharp: That certainly is correct; yes, sir."

At another point in the same executive session, Mr. Arends took up the section dealing with Communist infiltration in the churches and read again from the manual which declared that the Communist party in this country had instructed many of its members to infiltrate the churches. The manual had made this comment:

"Again, to stop Communists we must be careful not to attack the majority of faithful ministers and church-goers. We must merely search out those who back Moscow right down the line."

Red Affiliations

Mr. Arends said to the committee:

"In view of the Secretary's repudiation of the information conveyed respecting the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, the chairman (Rep. Francis E. Walter, D., Pa.), issued a statement to the effect that the leadership of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America had hundreds, or at least over one hundred, affiliations with Communist fronts and causes. Since then we have made careful, but yet incomplete, checks, and it is a complete understatement.

"Thus far, of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist-front records or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the

authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow-travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement."

Spellman Statement

Rep. Donald L. Jackson, R., Calif., a member of the same committee, charged that some newspapers last Friday twisted the words of Cardinal Spellman of New York into a "defense" of those who had criticized the Air Force manual. The Cardinal, in his statement referring to Protestant chaplains with whom he was associated in war time, said he would "deplore it if any unfair deductions from general accusations were interpreted to reflect in any way on their loyalty to our country or on the loyalty of the general body of ministers whom they represent."

Rep. Jackson called Cardinal Spellman's attention to the misinterpretation of his statement as a defense of those who had criticized the Air Force manual. He received from Cardinal Spellman a telegram in reply which said:

"I cannot understand how some of the press distorted my statement. I respect the fact that Congressman Walter, you and other members of your committee have rendered outstanding service in exposing Communist activities."

It is indeed on the whole an unfortunate controversy, and maybe the clergymen who aired it publicly in the first place would have been better advised if they had written privately to the Defense Department and called attention to ambiguous paragraphs or to those which might better have been omitted.

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By ANN GARVET

CHICAGO. — Was it possible that this orator with the chubby face helped author the air force manual charges against the National Council of Churches?

Shouting and swaying, Dr. Billy James Hargis claimed that he was the man who had fed the material for the manual to Homer H. Hyde, the air force technical writer who authored the manual. Shaking his face so that his jowls trembled, Hargis boasted that "Hyde came to see me" for the material.

It was at a meeting of "We, the People", attended by 200 at the LaSalle Hotel Grand Ballroom South, that Hargis, a preacher from Tulsa, Okla., made this statement.

"We, the People!" is labeled as a "patriotic organization" by such papers as the Chicago Trib-

une. Others have called it "ultra-rightist".

A number associated with it have had ties with pro-fascist and anti-semitic groups. It boasts of connections in the South and its publication gives prominence to racist expressions.

The LaSalle Hotel meeting for Dr. Hargis got a big buildup. A mailing of the Cook County Council of "We, the People", urged people to come and hear "Dr. Billy James Hargis — National President of We the People! and founder of Christian Crusade — on 'The Naked Truth about the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES'."

"It was Dr. Hargis who was quoted", the Cook County Council said, "in the Air Force training manual which 'shocked' the Defense Department to learn that they were exposing Communist

influence in the National Council of Churches."

The leaflet attacked the National Council of Churches for backing "co-existence."

Rev. Hargis is a red-baiter from way back. In February, 1957, the Senate report on the 1956 elections stated that this Rev. Hargis had issued "scurrilous and defamatory literature" red-baiting Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver.

An unusual aspect of this meeting at which Hargis was the featured speaker was the presence of a Republican Senatorial candidate, William Rentschler, the only politician who has asked for support from this group.

On the literature table leaflets promoted Hayes Robertson, Republican, for governor.

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Churchmen Answer Red-Tinge Charges

By HAYNES JOHNSON
Star Staff Writer

As an aftermath of the Air Force manual controversy, the National Council of Churches today issued a document designed to dispel any suspicion that it is soft on communism.

Dr. Roy D. Ross, general secretary of the council, which says it represents 39 million American Protestants, defied anyone to offer proof of charges that the organization has been infiltrated by Communists.

"If any fair-minded American today harbors any doubt on the so-called issues of communism or Communist sympathy in the National Council of Churches," Dr. Ross stated, "let me say this:

"From its very first moment of existence in December of 1950 . . . the National Council of Churches has never had a Communist Party member or sympathizer among its officers or staff, or its executives.

"Every one of these devoted church members is deeply loyal to his country," he continued. "Every one of them resists by conviction and by virtue of his professional activity the attempts of communism to infiltrate and undermine a free society both in America and other nations of the world."

Explains Action

Dr. Ross said the council was presenting a record of what it really is and does because "those who would destroy our churches and weaken our democratic society, to the delight of Communists everywhere, persist in spreading their poison."

The controversy over the Air Force manual began last month when council officials disclosed the existence of a reserve training document charging that Communists and fellow travelers have successfully infiltrated churches.

The manual also implied that the council was influenced by pro-Communists when it prepared the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. On another controversial statement the manual described as "foolish" the idea that Americans have the right to know what's going on.

Issue Kept Alive

The Defense Department withdrew and repudiated the manual after the council vigorously charged that the document made "scandalous accusations."

But the issue has been kept alive by church leaders at odds with the council, backed by the House Un-American Activities Committee. They contend the manual was correct and never should have been withdrawn.

When called before the Un-American Activities Committee, Air Force Secretary Dudley Sharp backed away from an earlier statement in which he "categorically" repudiated the manual and said it did not represent Air Force views. He told the committee he did not know whether the manual was correct or not.

Calls Charges False

In his statement today, Dr. Ross says: "We know that there are statements in the files of the Committee on Un-American Activities made by irresponsible and malicious individuals which seek by inference and innuendo to discredit persons in the leadership of our member churches and in the staff of the council and its supervisory bodies.

"We know also," he adds, "that the implied charges of Communist affiliation or Communist sympathy are totally false."

"Those who do not wish to witness a resurgence of McCarthyism in our country—those who see hints in recent events of a resurgence of the same totalitarian philosophy and the same tactics—should examine the record contained in this booklet."

Names Accusers

The council booklet lists those who have led the attack on the church group, and calls them "sources of hate-creating slanders."

Several of those named were quoted as sources by the Air Force manual. They are Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Okla., president of "Christian Crusade"; the Rev. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N. J., president of the International Council of Christian Churches, and Myers G. Lowman, of Cincinnati, Ohio, executive secretary of the Circuit Riders, Inc.

The council says Mr. McIntire, who conferred with Defense Secretary Gates about

the manual last month, "was a minister of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., until he was deposed in 1936 for 'disapproval, defiance and acts in contravention of the government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. . . . Not being zealous and faithful in maintaining the peace of the Church. . . . Violation of his ordination vows.'"

Mr. McIntire, the council charges, has been associated at various times with such "promoters of discord and hate as William Denton, the Northern and Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald Winrod, Edgar Bundy, Merwin K. Hart, Billy James Hargis."

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These Days

A Mishmash

By George E. Sokolsky

I HAVE carefully read "Air Reserve Center Training Manual—Student Text—Reserve Non-Commissioned Officer Course—

Continental Air Command." The issue of this which I read appeared in a small paper, "U.S.A." It is a mishmash of clippings and citations, truths, half-



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digested material and tells the reader nothing of any very great significance.

The material deals with espionage and reaches this conclusion:

"Another rather foolish remark often heard is that Americans have a right to know what's going on. Most people realize the foolhardiness of such a suggestion. If a football team should start telling the other side the plays it planned to use, their opponents would sweep them off the field. It's the same in war—hot or cold; if we tell our secrets, we are likely to be beaten, and beaten badly."

CHARACTERISTIC of the thinking that has gone into this pamphlet, this paragraph contains two separate ideas:

1. It is foolish for the American taxpayer to want to know how his money —

with emphasis on the word, his—is being spent;

2. If the truth were known to the enemy, we should be beaten.

The conflict of ideas here is that the power of the budget, under our Constitution, rests in the House of Representatives as the place of origin for appropriations. Not a single item is secret.

What needs to be kept secret are strategic and tactical matters and they are sometimes made available to the enemy by military officers in speeches, articles and testimony before congressional committees.

It is not foolish for the taxpayer to ask questions. That is his civic duty.

NOW WE COME to an unbelievable section of this manual. It is under a subhead, "Communism in Religion," but nothing in it refers to communism in religion. Obviously that is impossible because communism, or to use a more correct term, Marxism-Leninism, rejects religion, being atheistic, materialistic and pragmatic.

Somehow, the Revised Standard Version of the Bible is brought into this as a form of antireligious activity. The paragraph on this subject is short, condensed and nonsensical. After all, the Bible was not originally written in English. The King

James Version, revised or original, is a translation from Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, just as the Vulgate is and can only be that.

Then there is a long discussion of the misbehavior of individual clergymen. Much of this data is taken from the various hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, but it does not prove that Protestant Christianity should be discarded.

IT IS DIFFICULT to follow the logic of this and I wonder precisely what such a pamphlet would do to convince a young American that Communism is evil. It concludes on this note:

"... We believe in the dignity of man—of the right of every individual to choose his manner of living, worship, his occupation, in short, everything that he does, so long as the rights of other individuals are respected. In contrast, the Communists believe the state to be supreme—in individual lives, in family life, in morals, in religion, in government, and in the economics of making a living."

But the manual has nothing to do with this conclusion. In fact, it is a negation of the rights of a worker in religion to pursue his conscience.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF Churches

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Church Council Booklet Attacks Its 'Slanderers'

By Claire Cox

NEW YORK, March 17 (UPI)—The National Council of Churches charged today that a handful of hate-mongering "church destroyers" were playing into the hands of the Communists by trying to link leading Protestants with the Reds.

The Council, representing 33 major denominations with 38 million members, opened a full-scale attack on recent detractors by issuing a thick booklet of "ammunition" for distribution to 5000 religious, labor, business and Negro leaders.

The book defended the Council and various church leaders from accusations stemming from the publication of an Air Force manual warning reservists to beware of Communists in various religious groups.

In addition to presenting a full history of the charge, the Council named the persons it accused of being responsible for "hate-creating slanders" and urged a campaign to prevent "a resurgence of McCarthyism in our country."

Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the Council, stated the Council's official stand in a foreword to the booklet, which is titled "The Churches and the Air Force Manual Issue."

Ross said that from the moment it was born in 1950, the Council has never had a Communist Party member or sympathizer among its officers, staff or executives.

A section of the report devoted to "some facts about the sources of hate-creating slanders" included the following descriptions:

Edgar C. Bundy, Wheaton, Ill., general chairman of the "Church League of America," a major in the Air Force reserve who lectures on the menace of communism "for pay, before women's clubs, American Legion posts, Rotary, Kiwanis, the Daughters of the American Revolution and other community organizations." He was a leading supporter of an American Legion

statement condemning a Girl Scout handbook as being "un-American."

Billy James Hargis, Tulsa, Okla., president and publisher of "Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc." and "Christian Crusade," both in Tulsa. Two pamphlets he wrote were cited as source material for the Air Force pamphlet. He has promoted writings of Joseph P. Kamp, who once claimed that "notorious un-American elements" were behind President Eisenhower before he went to the White House.

Carl McIntire, Collingswood, N. J., president of the International Council of Churches. McIntire was a minister in the former Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., until he was deposed for "violation of his ordination vows." He later established the Bible Presbyterian Church, which he heads in Collingswood. He objects to the revised standard version of the Bible as being leftist influenced.

Myers G. Lowman, Cincinnati, executive secretary of the Circuit Riders, Inc., and public relations agent. The Circuit Riders was organized to oppose "socialism and communism" in the Methodist Church. He is a foe of the revised standard version of the Bible and has published pamphlets aimed at proving that Protestant clergymen are Communist sympathizers.

Verne I. Kaub, Madison, Wis., organizer of the American Council of Christian Laymen, to fight communism in churches and councils of churches and author of a pamphlet titled "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches." He has had high praise for

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Labor Paper Hits Rep. Walter's Smear of Clerics

By JAMES DOLSEN

PHILADELPHIA. — "The stupid attempt of one congressman and the author of an Air Force manual to pipe a 'communist' tag on the National Council of Churches is of concern to thousands of union members who belong to Protestant congregations which are, in turn, affiliated with the National Council," declares the New Era, weekly organ of the Eastern Pennsylvania Central Labor Unions, in a lead editorial. The Congressman is Francis E. Walter (D-Pa).

"... this attempt to smear denominations with 35 million members may be a hangover from the days when the Federal Council of Churches took strong liberal positions on social issues of the day and thereby trod on the toes of vested interests. Not so long ago the National Council emerged from its cocoon of pas-

sivity and forthrightly set forth its opposition to 'right to work' laws. In the field of social action it is aligned with other progressive measures which may not meet with the approval of rugged individualists whose concept of Christian charity and fellowship always has ignored economics," the paper declares.

Reverend Dr. James F. Wagner, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and co-president of the Church of Christ and also a top leader of the National Council of Churches, told the members of the Philadelphia branch of the Council that "the charges stem from individuals seeking to undermine American freedoms."

"Let military manuals like this one keep up some of the allegations they have been promulgating and it won't be long before the nervous glance to right

and left will become the habit of American citizens.

Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of this city, who is a former president of the National Council and is now Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church, together with five other top officials of the Council, have accused Rep. Walter of "lying" and demanded he retract his "untrue" statement against the churches.

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Houston Minister, AF Major at Odds Over Charges of Reds in Churches

DOUG FREELANDER as to the truth of charges made Houston minister and a in an Air Force manual that U.S. Air Force Reserve major Communists have successfully were in sharp discord Sunday infiltrated U. S. churches.

Major Edgar C. Bundy of Wheaton, Ill., who is general chairman of the Church League of America, told an afternoon meeting of around 1,500 persons at the Berachah Church, 2815 Sage Road, that the charges have been backed by congressional documentation.

THE REV John D. Craig, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, said in a brief KHOU-TV television interview at 10:15 PM that the charges were "vastly overdone to the point of actual falsification."

Bundy, in his address which was broadcast from the independent church over Radio Station KTRH, said that the House Un-American Activities Committee should be investigating the National Council rather than the Air Force.

The Rev Craig stated that the Air Force's apology to the council had been well covered in the press and in leading national magazines.

Major Bundy, on the other hand, asked with regard to the controversy about the manual:

"WHEN LEADERS of the council were invited to appear under oath before the committee, they refused to do so. Why? Because they are afraid, that's why."

"Until they are willing to go under oath, they stand indicted of helping the conspiracy that is going on in this country."

The Rev Craig stated that he thought the Communists have tried to infiltrate our churches but that they have been "manifestly unsuccessful" in their attempts.

Major Bundy declared, however, that council leaders have refused to testify before the House committees because they are well aware that the charges

in the manual are backed by congressional evidence.

THE REV CRAIG said the author of the manual in question belongs to a "schismatic sect-type church" and became propagandized after reading the works of a number of prolific writers who have been attacking the Communists and the National Council.

Major Bundy, by contrast, accused the National Council of "stooping to what we call smear."

He charged the council with printing misinformation about his military background, then added in an unbroadcast sequel to his radio address: "These people will stop at nothing."

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American servicemen, or the continued emphasis it puts on the first tenet of Communism ---atheism.

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SO LITTLE LIGHT

NO ONE TO OUR knowledge has ever said, or even assumed, that America's church organizations are dominated or controlled by the Communist Party.

However, no one should be so naive as to believe that the Reds, who have infiltrated every other institution in America, have neglected the church.

For the abolition of the church as a hindrance to "material achievements" is an integral part of the Communist movement.

This should be recognized by the clergy everywhere.

But there has been so little light shed on the mechanisms of Red agents in the field of religion that many people have been led to assume that the Communist Party has drawn the line and shied away from this phase of our national life.

For this reason it is not surprising that the National Council of Churches has come to be regarded as the final authority on the Red menace as it pertains to the church.

However, that organization, with its long record of close alliance with Communist peace movements and social reform, could hardly be expected to exert the influence it has on those in charge of our national defense.

When the National Council of Churches demonstrates, as it has, the power to intimidate our first line of defense---the Air Force

---it is cause for grave concern.

When Cong. Walter, who is in a position to know, tells America that the Air Force Training Manual statement that America's churches have been infiltrated by Communists is true, we'll take his word in preference to an uninformed Pentagon official who hasn't the courage to even find out before he characterizes it as an "error" which won't be repeated.

If the National Council of Churches wins this argument the way will be clear for an expansion of Red activities behind church doors.

We trust, and believe, that Chairman Walter will clear up the myth that the Communists have regarded the church as "sacrosanct" in its efforts to infiltrate and destroy American social, religious and economic traditions.

In this effort he should receive an avalanche of support for his courage---and honesty---in dealing with the Communist menace.

By this we mean concrete support---letters, letters, letters---from people everywhere.

You may be sure that the National Council of Churches will be flooding his office with letters of protest.

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NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the Lowdown (March 4) will be a first hand report of the House Un-American Activities Committee hearing on the controversial Airforce manual issue and behind-the-scenes pressure on the part of the National Council of Churches to thwart a full-scale probe of Red activity in the religious field.

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over the part certain American clergymen were supporting the Communist campaign "to disarm and defeat the United States."

In its report, the House Committee stated:

"The Committee on Un-American Activities has observed with dismay the inordinately large proportion of clerics among the persons who are aiding and supporting the current Communist 'peace' campaign in this country."

It pointed to evidence that NCC President Dahlberg was one of a five-member committee which initiated the Communist Front organization--the "Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact".

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COMMUNIST STRATEGY

SUMMARIZING THE ACTIVITIES of the Communist Party and its sympathizers in undermining America's military strength under the guise of "peace offensives", one of the nation's leading patriotic organizations----Circuit Riders, Inc. (18 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio)--has this to say:

"For centuries, pacifists of many kinds have conducted their propaganda campaigns around the horrors of war. To the actualities of war, which were bad enough, pacifists have added their own particular speculation: namely, that the next war would spell the end of civilization.

"In the present era, ~~Communists have found~~ pacifist activity and propaganda very much to their liking. As long as such activity affects only the peoples of the non-Communist countries, Communists would like to see pacifism become the dominant mood throughout the so-called free world.

"Toward this end, Communists and pro-Communists give all the encouragement possible to every pacifist organization that sentimental clergymen may wish to set up in the United States.

"Among the many thousands of Protestant clergymen who have joined or otherwise supported the long list of Communist 'peace' fronts during the past 40 years, one name stands out above all the others--namely, A. J. Muste.

"This Holland-born clergyman and agitator, now in his 75th year, is the undisputed dean of American left wing activity.

"Muste was a delegate to the Fifth World Order Study Conference at Cleveland.

"Muste's credentials, if he has any, are his life-long dedication to undermining the security of his adopted land.

"Two years ago, A. J. Muste got up a delegation for the purpose of 'observing' the procedures of the Communist Party's 16th National Convention, Feb. 9-12, 1957.

"The press was barred from the deliberations of the leading Communists, but Muste and his fellow 'observers' were cordially welcomed. In their formal report to the American people, Muste's delegation found that 'sessions of the convention were democratically conducted!

"Whether the Communist conspirators conspired 'democratically' or 'un-democratically' is about as important as the color of their hair."

That Circuit Riders, Inc. knew what it was talking about was evident when FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, commenting on the Muste delegation report, said:

"The Communists boasted of having 'impartial observers' cover the convention.

"However, most of these so-called impartial observers were hand picked before the convention started and were reportedly headed by A. J. Muste, who has long fronted for Communists.....Muste's report on the convention was biased---as could be expected."

The record shows that the name of A. J. Muste appears on the Jan. 11, 1959 petition to abolish the Committee on Un-American Activities.

He was one of the delegates to the National Council of Churches "World Order Study Conference" which recommended recognition of Red China.

The record also reveals that 103 of the registered delegates to that Study Conference, had close connections with so-called "pacifist" movements avidly supported by the Communist Party.

Howhere in the record is there anything to indicate that this group (NCC) has ever condemned the anti-church, anti-God philosophy of the Peiping regime, its brutal enslavement of Chinese peasants, the imprisonment of

Communist agents have invaded churches?

Let's take a look at the organization---and those who man it.

The record shows that one of the men who was active in founding the Federal Council of Churches (which later changed its name to the National Council of Churches) was Harry F. Ward.

Mr. Ward, and a group of associates who had identified themselves with the Socialist movement in America, organized what was known as the "Methodist Federation of Social Action"---an organization cited by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee as a Communist front.

A year later (Dec. 2-8, 1908) the Federal Council of Churches was organized with members of the above mentioned "front" playing a leading role.

Closely associated with Mr. Ward in his socialistic planning was Walter Rauschenbusch, so-called "father of the social gospel", whom author Harry Emerson Fosdick (an authority on Rauschenbusch writings) flatly stated "was a Socialist".

Mr. Ward, according to those who have followed his career, has "no equal in the dissemination of Communist propaganda among Protestant clergymen."

As for Mr. Rauschenbusch, Rev. Henry Pitney Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, says he has been "the greatest single personal influence on the life and thought of the American church in the last fifty years."

NCC President Dahlberg's name appears on no less than a dozen documents carrying the Communist Party's so-called "Peace" message.

These include a church "Peace Mission" statement calling for cancellation of nuclear tests (April 21, 1958)---Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder (April, 1942)---Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (his name appears on the "appeal" as published Feb. 21, 1957)---National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act (Dec. 27, 1950)---open letter to President Roosevelt protesting the deportation order against Red leader Harry Bridges (April 22, 1943)---petition to President Eisenhower to ban nuclear weapons (as published in the Daily Worker, July 14, 1957)

--Petition urging a Congressional probe of the use being made of testimony of "informers" relating to Communist activities (Daily Worker, Feb. 24, 1954)---one of the organizers of the so-called "Washington Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact", an organization designed to protect the free world from Communist aggression.

These, together with numerous letters, dealing with the same issues.

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MORE EVIDENCE

IF YOU LOOK OVER the record of the National Council of Churches of the past 20 years you'll find that more than 700 of its officials have been affiliated with one or more organizations and groups actively pushing left wing socialist causes in which the Communist Party was also taking an active part.

The Council has consistently aligned itself with forces of appeasement.

At its annual conference in Cleveland, Ohio (Nov. 18-21, 1958) it went on record by unanimous vote in favor of recognizing Red China as a legitimate member of the nation's family of nations and seating the Peiping regime in the United Nations.

Meanwhile, it is conducting a nationwide drive in behalf of Red China's request for recognition----using church funds to finance it all.

The Council, in announcing its position with regard to China, said it was speaking for some 38 million American Protestants.

So disturbed was the Committee of One Million Against Admission of Red China, that clergymen in that organization set out to determine the facts.

It conducted a poll which indicated that church members were ten to one in opposing NCC's position on the issue----the poll embracing 45,000 Protestant clergymen from every state in the Union.

All of which indicates that NCC, like a lot of other organizations of its kind, creates its policy at the top without regard for the beliefs and convictions of church leadership as a whole.

The House Un-American Activities Committee, in a special report entitled "The Communist Peace Offensive", expressed alarm

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A CASE OF COWARDICE

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of Churches--- which devotes more time and energy to the promotion of left wing social and economic causes than it does to the defense of Christianity against atheistic Communism---this week put itself in line for a Kremlin "Oscar".

The Council had succeeded in getting the U. S. Airforce to delete from one of its training manuals a statement charging that the Communist Party has succeeded in infiltrating churches in the United States.

The training manual in question, prepared by a unit of 19 civilians and six officers at the Airforce Training Command at Lackland, Texas under the direction of Homer H. Hyde of San Antonio, Texas, was immediately denounced by the Council's General Board which asked that the offending statement be stricken from the text.

Top Air Force officials in the Pentagon, without determining whether or not the statement was true, promised NCC President Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg it would do just that.

And did it.

It was a signal victory for the Reds who have, over the years, burrowed into religious groups in America to undermine, not only this country's social and economic system, but our faith and belief in a Supreme Being.

Those who have delved into the scope and extent of the Communist conspiracy in America, including members of the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, have amassed plenty of evidence to substantiate the fact that the Communist Party has infiltrated the churches just as it has practically every other phase of American life.

Rep. Walter (D-Pa.), courageous chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, immediately came to the defense of Mr. Hyde and flatly stated that the now-deleted assertion was "true".

He expressed amazement over the promise made by the Air Force to NCC President Dahlberg and its subsequent decision to eliminate Mr. Hyde's warning.

As this issue of the Lowdown went to press Rep. Walter was preparing to open a full scale hearing to find out why the Air Force took such action, who was responsible for it, and why Pentagon officials apparently made no effort to determine the facts.

Mr. Walter, by taking such action, is laying himself wide open for a barrage of verbal abuse from the same sources which succeeded in nailing Sen. Joseph McCarthy to the cross.

It will be recalled that Sen. McCarthy sought to unmask the Communist conspiracy in the ranks of the clergy and was virtually forced to abandon it in the face of violent criticism.

In that he is well aware of what happened to Mr. McCarthy, the Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee deserves the plaudits of every American who prizes the religious, social and economic freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution.

May his desk be piled high with letters of approbation.

We hope the cowardice displayed by the Air Force Pentagon staff in running for cover in face of an attack by the Socialist-minded National Council of Churches never carries over into its military operations.

LOOKING AT NCC

WHY SHOULD THE National Council of Churches be so concerned over a warning that

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| Mr. Tolson | ✓ |
| Mr. Mohr | ✓ |
| Mr. Parsons | ✓ |
| Mr. Belmont | ✓ |
| Mr. Callahan | ✓ |
| Mr. DeLoach | ✓ |
| Mr. Malone | ✓ |
| Mr. McGuire | ✓ |
| Mr. Rosen | ✓ |
| Mr. Tamm | ✓ |
| Mr. Trotter | ✓ |
| Mr. W.C. Sullivan | ✓ |
| Tele. Room | ✓ |
| Mr. Ingram | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy | ✓ |

BAUMGARDNER

Investigating 'Anti' Anti-Communism

Uneasiness of millions of Americans over Communist maneuvers can lead to queer episodes. An example:

When an Air Force manual was revealed to contain the assertion that the National Council of Churches is a prime target of communism, and that the Council has been successfully infiltrated, a demand went up in Washington to investigate all documents of the Air Force, and to find the persons or persons responsible for such a "despicable smear and slander."

The furor continues unabated despite the statement of Congressman Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, that the material contained in the manual—though poorly written—is essentially correct.

On the other side, take the case of the University of California entrance

examination. One of its questions was "What are the dangers to a democracy of a national police organization like the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which operates secretly, and is unresponsive to public criticism?"

Though the University regents deleted the question—and apologized to the F.B.I.—they have declined to identify the person or persons responsible for its being in the examination. And there has been no great demand for an investigation.

The contrast:

Most warnings of Communist infiltration are greeted with outraged demands that the authors be investigated, yet the appearance of the Communist Party "line" in the entrance examination of one of our leading universities gets by—so far—without a furor in Congress.

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WORLD ORDER STUDY CONFERENCE— MOSCOW'S MOUTHPIECE

by HERBERT A. PHILBRICK

PART TWO

The following issue of News & Views is a continuation of the article by Counter-Spy Herbert A. Philbrick which began in the February 1960 Special Edition of NEWS & VIEWS. Mr. Philbrick began his expose of the so-called "Nation-wide Program of Education and Action for Peace" being promoted by the National Council of Churches in cooperation with various state and local councils of churches, and augmented by other groups discussed in these two editions.

In this issue Mr. Philbrick goes into the so-called "study material", largely written by leftist John C. Bennett, and he exposes the brain-washing techniques used on the unsuspecting students.

The "Nationwide Program of Education and Action For Peace" (NPOE & AFP) was developed by the World Order Study Conference, which was sponsored by the Department of International Affairs, which is part of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The fifteen basic manuals being used were prepared, we are told, "to stimulate questions, study and discussion on crucial international issues." The manuals are sold by the Department of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York.

However, everybody denies responsibility for the manuals. Each booklet contains a carefully written disclaimer, contending that "no commission member is to be held responsible for or necessarily is in accord with the views expressed in it. It is not to be considered an official representation of the views of the Department of International Affairs or of the National Council of Churches."

On the other hand, while seeking to avoid responsibility for the "views", the Council seeks to retain tight control over them. They state, "It (the manual) is not to be quoted in publications in whole or in part without permission of the Department of International Affairs." If any one pays attention to this nonsense, it means that the only quotes from the manuals will be quoted with specific authorization. How they can authorize the quotation of views they are not responsible for — or vice versa — is, of course, beyond understanding.

Thus, in the very beginning, we are plunged into a never-never-land of contradictory confusion. The booklets never quite emerge from this atmosphere of schizophrenic unreality.

This is, of course, a sharp departure from the traditional Protestant ethic which holds that although all things belong to God and are given by God — including our freedom of speech — at the same time we have a responsibility to God. This is commonly called Christian Stewardship,

which means that we are personally held accountable for every word, as well as every deed. Most Protestant Churches are still teaching that to fail or shirk such responsibility is at least delinquent, and at worst, sinful.

As a nation, we have been shocked to discover such delinquency in the field of entertainment, in motion pictures and in television. On every hand we are admonished that this is because of a moral and spiritual decline, and because our culture has been infected with materialism and Marxism.

The philosophy of irresponsibility is, in fact, part of the philosophy of Communism, which seeks to center all authority in a centralized dictatorship, with equivalent loss of individual responsibility by every citizen, and the substitution of "responsibility to the group" or the commune.

However, this is not the only segment of the Nationwide Program of Education and Action For Peace which adheres more to the Communist than to the Christian point of view. As pointed out in Part I of this article, published by News and Views last month, the National Council booklets are so permeated with pro-Soviet propaganda that many volumes would be required to expose or uncover even a part of it. Indeed, I submit that the NPOE & AFP booklets may well become a classic for the study of the various kinds and styles of propaganda techniques. Let us examine a few samples.

FEAR AS A PROPAGANDA WEAPON

The use of fear as a weapon in communist aggression has been well documented by many writers besides the author of this article. As we have already pointed out, however, the National Council at no time refers to any of the texts or the authorities in this field — such as, for example, Joost Meerloo, who wrote the excellent book, "Rape of The Mind"; Nikolai Khokhlov, whose testi-

mony on "Communist Control of Arts" has been praised for its outstanding lucidity; or . . .

Recently, Stewart Alsop, writing in the January 30, 1960 Saturday Evening Post, described his findings based on a 3000-mile trip behind the iron curtain, digging deep beneath the surface of communism. The article is entitled "I Saw What Makes Communism Work". The answer? It is "fear, which is everywhere, for it is what makes Communism Work." . . . and Mr. Alsop backs up his findings with example after example.

The "Nationwide Program" material is permeated with an atmosphere of fear and terror . . . there are few pages without it. Over and over again we are fed such phrases as: "history so dangerously today . . . the whole range of terrors . . . evil intrudes itself on men in new magnitudes of urgency and terror . . . all the promises tremble now over one peril . . . the capacity for destruction possible in war today exceeds the most ominous forebodings of yesterday . . . mutual destruction . . . great cities would lie in ruins . . . whole populations would be annihilated . . . a radioactive plague would settle on the earth . . . we find ourselves always on the brink of annihilation . . . devastation and destruction . . ." and so on, ad infinitum.

In addition to the atmosphere of fear and terror, the "Nationwide Program" material also contains an atmosphere of hopelessness; the idea that there is nothing at all that we can do about it . . . and that certainly we cannot expect or hope that "old fashioned" ideas of right and wrong will be of any value or effect.

The very best we can hope for, then, is to "end" the cold war . . . but never, of course to WIN the cold war. That the free world should ever defeat, conquer, overcome, or win the struggle against communist aggression . . . such an idea is, to the National Council experts, absolutely unthinkable.

Hence we learn the following: that "The power to win a war has lost its significance . . . the policy of deterrence (poses) the threat . . . of mutual suicide . . . we must face new realities . . . we must accept the fact that in Russia and China, Communism is a reality that will not be overcome by outside pressure. Deterrence? "A real danger". Limited wars? "A danger of utmost gravity". Moral judgment (often mentioned by President Eisenhower)? "We should abandon the black and white moralistic approach". The threat of massive retaliation? "Does not make sense". Containment? "Our adventures in containment could be our own isolation in an embittered Fortress America".

The end conclusion? We had just better resign ourselves to accepting the inevitable. We can't possibly win the struggle against communist tyranny. We are told emphatically, "The overriding consideration in coming to accept the necessity of living with the communist nations is that there is no alternative except one that would be likely to destroy both the communist world and our own".

And that is that. But—of course—"it is not our purpose to indoctrinate churches and their members with particularized views or dogmas"—so emphatically states the National Councilites!

BUT

Those who criticize this article . . . and I am sure they will be noisy and bitter . . . will be able to quote a great number of statements from the National Program manuals which are decidedly unfavorable to communism;

BUT when you examine these statements carefully, you will find virtually every time this is done, that within the same sentence or within a few sentences, there is a "but", a "yet", a "however", "still", or some other qualifying preposition followed by a white-wash excuse of the communist crime or misdeed.

There is, of course, a reason for this. For a long time the Communists were quite successful in hiding their crimes against the enslaved peoples from the outside world. The iron curtain was very successful. But as time went on (42 years of time, to be exact) the truth began to leak out. The stench of communism became embarrassingly apparent. No longer are the fellow-travelers able to quote the Red Dean of Canterbury, as they once did, that "Stalin is no oriental despot".

It was necessary for Khrushchev to deliver his "downgrading" "secret" speech, manufactured for dispatch to the outside world, as an attempt to separate the crimes of communism from the perpetrators of communist crimes.

Hence, it is no longer possible to conceal completely the evils of communism. Hence the tactic is to "deodorize" them by excuses—any excuse, no matter how far fetched . . . so long as you can get gullible people to swallow them.

Hence, in the National Program indoctrination manuals, what do we find? Let's take a look at only a few of the many examples.

"If the non-communist world were to shrink beyond a certain point, no nation would be likely to maintain its freedom. **BUT —**"

"It is true that there are important interactions between communist military power and other forms of communist power. **BUT—**"

"There are forms of oppression, of the denial of the basic rights of the person of which we should not be tolerant. **BUT—**"

"We must oppose communism as an evil system which denies God and defiles man, **BUT—**"

"The Communist goal of world domination must be squarely faced and constantly kept in mind. **YET IT DOES NOT FOLLOW—**"

"It is idle to expect that at any time in the foreseeable future the communists will formally renounce their dream of world revolution. **BUT IF—**"

"It is true that they are atheists in principle **BUT—**"

"Aggressive totalitarianism or communist imperialism should be resisted. **BUT—**"

By the time the reader completes the 15 textbooks in the series, he has been given an apology for most of the crimes committed by the communists. Of course, many serious crimes committed against the enslaved peoples are not mentioned at all.

STACKING THE CARDS

A device sometimes used by the less ethical in gambling circles is known as "stacking the deck" or "stacking the cards". The deck is "loaded" in your favor and puts your opponent in a most unfortunate position. Of course, in gambling circles this is considered to be cheating. But, in propaganda warfare waged against the free world by the communist criminal conspiracy, "stacking" the propaganda deck is one of the standard practices.

It is therefore interesting to note that the World Order Study Conference has "stacked" its material very decidedly in favor of the communists, and to the detriment of the free world and particularly the United States.

In addition to the favorable words used in connection with the communists, balanced against the unfavorable words used in discussion of the United States, we also find that very harsh words are used to describe matters, peoples or movements other than communist, but that softer words are used in talking about the very same crime committed by the communists.

For example: In the book on "Changing Dimensions", the persecution of people in Poland and Germany is referred to as the "shocking massacre". There is nothing inaccurate about that statement. But, in the very same sentence, persecution of people in the Soviet Union is referred to as simply "suppression" . . . a much softer, less damning term.

On page 4 of the same manual, reference is made to "the persecution of Jews in Germany"; but there is no reference made to the much more insidious persecution of the Jews under communism, despite a terrific amount of available evidence. Can the National Council of Churches expect us to believe that it is entirely accidental that they should condemn the persecution of the Jewish people 20 years ago in Germany, but say *nothing* about the persecution of the Jewish people in the Soviet Union NOW?

Over and over again, we are fed such words as "Communist nations as nations have their own legitimate interests and their own reasonable fears"; "there is real hope that new generations within the communist countries will be less fanatical". Or, if there have been "failings" on the part of the communists, it's *all our fault*!

Hence, we read that "*the intransigence and aggressive tactics of the communist powers are caused, in part, by fear of their own security*". Whose fault is it? Why, "*American nuclear stockpiles . . . arouse apprehension*"! There is no mention, of course, as to WHY we have found it necessary to build a nuclear stockpile.

Or, we read, "*There is in Communism an element of judgment upon the churches and upon the more privileged societies*". And, since communism is all our fault anyway, "*We should avoid the posture of general hostility to them and cease the practice of continual moral lectures to them by our leaders*".

The writers of the National Program manuals cannot get around the fact that we seem to be in a "nuclear stalemate" . . . that the cold war continues. There are, they declare, "five reasons . . . for these failures". And the five reasons? You guessed it. All five "reasons" are blamed on the United States. Not a word to indicate that the Soviet Union is to be held responsible for declaring and waging total war on the free world.

There are many references to "communist dreams", Russian aims, communist goals . . . but not a word about the American dream, American aims, intentions, hopes and aspirations. Whatever happened to the American dream? But, of Communist China? A "crusade" of such magnificent proportions, that it is completely unreasonable for us to expect the reds to abandon their noble purposes. Specifically, the sentence reads, "*It may now be too late for Communist China to give up her crusade to liberate and reclaim Formosa*" . . .

Crusade? Liberate? Reclaim? Those who, during and before World War II, supported Hitler's movement as a "Crusade" to "liberate" and "reclaim" certain

territories and nationalities for Germany were called Fascists. Yet, D. F. Fleming, who wrote the above gem, insists upon putting on an air of injured innocence and indignation if anyone reaches a logical conclusion as to which brand of totalitarianism he supports.

As an American citizen, Fleming, of course, has the right to espouse any philosophy he wishes. But it would seem that our Protestant Churches, since they had the right to oppose the views of Gerald L. K. Smith, should have the equal right to oppose, just as strenuously, the views of D. F. Fleming.

RED TRICKS OF THE PROPAGANDA TRADE

I have, in my file of Communist propaganda leaflets, one clever little mailing piece used several years ago which did a fabulous money-raising job for the Reds. It successfully confused a large number of innocent victims. Sincere non-Communists, they nevertheless were tricked into contributing to a Communist front organization.

The trick was accomplished simply by asking questions!

The trap was set by inserting a false statement *within* the question; and, since the good-natured person is intent upon finding the *answer* to the question, his mind tends to ignore the precise content of the question itself. And, since the question is "loaded" in favor of his enemy, his answer is likely to strengthen the side of the enemy, and weaken the side of the victim.

The National Council of Churches, in its NPOE & AFP booklets, pulls this propaganda trick constantly. Seemingly innocent questions are, in fact, loaded favorably for the Soviet Union and unfavorably for the United States and the free world. Sometimes it is done within the question itself; sometimes the question is prefaced by slanted or distorted information, thus "setting up" a tinted background designed to color the victim's reply; and sometimes it is done with a combination of questions.

For example, on Page 24 of the "Study Guide" we find a question which was loaded from within: We are asked,

"What does the rise of nationalism mean in Africa, Asia, and Latin America? In what ways does it compare with the rise of nationalism in our own country's history?"

Unless the victim is careful, he may be tricked by this apparently innocent question . . . because a Communist false twist of fact has been inserted!

The key, of course, is the accusation of "Nationalism" hurled at the United States. This is a continuing accusation made against us by the Reds, not only as part of their propaganda of hatred, but also as a very definite part of the war to weaken our resistance to Soviet oppression.

This Red propaganda line holds that the people of the United States are guilty of Nationalism, Chauvinism, Imperialism and super-Patriotism, thus endangering the peace and tranquility of the world.

Much closer to the truth, of course, is that the people of this country are among the least "nationalistic" of any nation in the world. Still a new country, we are aware that this land has been a "melting pot" for many peoples, nationalities and cultures. Indeed, we lack patriotism to a fault. Many competent observers, too numerous to list here, have cited our deplorable lack of knowledge concerning our own nation and heritage; of the meaning of freedom; of a true appreciation of our constitution and the liberties it protects. Indeed, rather than suffering from "nationalism", we are more likely to suffer from apathy, indiffer-

ence and complacencyous characteristics which have, in fact, played right into the hands of the Communists and which have contributed, more than anything else, to the fact that the Reds are winning World War III right now.

It is, therefore, completely in the interests of the Reds to try to prevent any trend towards greater love of country and of American freedom, because such loyalties are an obstacle to Soviet aggression.

On Page 19 of the "Study Guide", we find an example of the ancient "Have you stopped beating your wife" question; in other words, one that comes out to your detriment no matter which way it is answered. Here it is:

"Some people say that Communism must be destroyed. Some people say that Capitalism must be destroyed. How could either be done without destroying much of the world in war?"

This question is asked against the "tinted" backdrop of the "background paper" entitled, "Can the Cold War Be Ended?" This paper holds, in essence, that we have no choice; that the answer is either co-existence or no-existence; and that we had best resign ourselves to the inevitable conclusion that totalitarianism is here to stay.

We can only hope that the intended victims will be smart enough to realize that we are not faced with a choice of equally unacceptable "solutions", both of which would plunge us into war; but that the only real solution is *freedom for the enslaved peoples*.

On the same page of the "Study Manual" is an example of a loaded combination of questions. We are asked, "Is all of Communism bad? Is all of Capitalism good?" Of course the first question prompts favorable remarks concerning Soviet totalitarianism, while the second question incites unfavorable comments concerning the United States.

Or, we find that a whole series of questions manage to direct our attention *away from* any criticism of the Soviet Union, and to concentrate all criticism against the United States.

For example, one would assume that in the "Report of Section IV", which has to do with "The Changing Dimensions of Human Rights", that a fair comparison would be made of human rights under the free Republic of the United States and the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Alas! We find nothing of the sort!

Rather, we are sternly admonished that any criticism of "another nation or group" is unjustified; that to do so we would most certainly be harboring dangerous "political propaganda reasons"; and besides, "Christians are reminded of the Biblical injunction to take the obstruction out of our own eye if we are to help in clearing the sight of others."

Hence it is not surprising to find in the 22 questions posed concerning "human rights", not one single mention of Communism. There is nothing about Soviet slave labor camps; nothing about the destruction of free speech, of assembly, of the churches; nothing about the murder of Christian martyrs behind the Iron curtain; nothing about the dread MVD, the Soviet Secret Police; nothing about the brazen Soviet kidnapping of refugees in the United States; nothing about Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union; nothing about the destruction of the rights of labor and workers . . . not even mention

of the iron curtain itself. If the hoped-for victim in the Discussion Group wakes up in time, he will find that he is not even talking about "peace" any more!

What *is* he talking about? By clever transition, the questions slowly change the entire direction of thinking. We find out, without realizing it, what was meant by the "whole field" of human rights. From the original statement of simple human rights, the questions take us to "Do you believe that the community has a responsibility to see that every child has a right to an education?" What responsibility does the *world community* have . . . ? The right to remunerative work? The right to a minimum standard of living? Have the rights of the American Indian been considered? Should everybody have the right to vote? The right to equal opportunities? Housing? Hospital care? Recreation?

The final question of the 22 posed in the Study Guide reads: "What obligations, if any, do Christians have in being concerned about these questions in the changing dimensions of human rights?" By this time it is quite likely that the victim has completely forgotten that the question has anything to do with Communism . . . his entire attention has been scientifically directed, by means of very clever propaganda techniques, towards thinking what a perfectly awful place *we* live in — a discredited, maligned United States which is in such a deplorable state that we had best direct our prayers to God to forgive us our many sins against humanity. But this is not yet the end. We have still to be delivered the *coup de grace*. Directly following the list of questions, and to nail down any loose ends the brainwashing may have left over, the National Council of Churches provides a list of "Readings".

Here we find that the National Council of Churches recommends that we read "The Races of Mankind" by Prof. Gene Weltfish, published by "Public Affairs Pamphlets" in New York. What we are *not* told (remember — Christians must base their decisions on facts?) is that Maxwell S. Stewart, the editor of Public Affairs Pamphlets, has been identified as a member of the Communist Party, U.S.A., by a sworn witness before the Internal Security Subcommittee in 1951 and that Prof. Weltfish who was one of the outstanding Red front joiners in the U.S., was head of the infamous Communist front known as Congress of American Women and was fired from Columbia University after invoking the Fifth Amendment before a Senate Committee hearing.

Neither are we told, by the writers of the National Program booklets who insisted that Christians "know the facts", that Maxwell S. Stewart has been affiliated with the defunct publication *Amerasia*, of which 6 members of the editorial and contributing staff were arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 6, 1945 on charges of conspiring to violate the Federal Espionage Statutes through theft of government documents ranging from *Restricted* to *Top Secret* in security classification.

We are not warned by the National Program authors that Stewart has been affiliated with *Neo Masses*, described as a "communist periodical" by the Attorney General of the United States in 1942 . . . or that he has been affiliated with over 40 subversive organizations during the past 22 years.

And so we have travelled the complete circle. From an initial discussion point, which was alleged to have been for the purpose of establishing "peace and friendship" we have been brought completely around, step by step, until we have been delivered safely into the hands of an identified communist.

Can this be because of stupidity? Are the instigators of this device clumsy amateurs, who simply didn't know what they were doing? It is true that, as we have already explained, names of perfectly honest people were tossed in to the committee lists, thus providing proper and respectable cover. But the anonymous authors of the Nationwide Program pamphlets and booklets are much too slick; much too clever; they display an expert touch which is simply not the work of an amateur.

COMMUNIST LIES

In addition to the slanted, distorted, angled, loaded and twisted material in the National Council of Churches "Nationwide Program for Peace" booklets, we are also fed straight communist propaganda lies. Let's take just one. On page 21 of the "Christian Responsibility" booklet, we read that the "cold war" (their quotes) "had its roots in the Russian Bolshevik Revolution of 1917".

It is incredible that a lie of such magnitude and importance could be contained in so few words; but this communist lie, which is a deliberate fabrication of "history", is literally the key-stone of the whole facade of communist propaganda.

In the first place, strictly speaking it is technically inaccurate to link the words "Communist" and "Bolshevik" since, as we have already pointed out, the communists have never been a "majority" of anything. However, we cannot, of course, hold the National Council of Churches accountable for this bit of Red deceit, since the term "Bolshevik" has come to be generally recognized as the label used, albeit fraudulently, by the communists.

In the second place, to link the word "communist" (or Bolshevik) with the term "revolution" is equally false—a total untruth. Communism is not revolutionary; it never has been revolutionary; it never will be revolutionary, because communism by its very essence is reactionary. In the original sense of the words, "revolutionary" or "liberal" mean something new, something forward, a movement towards freedom, a release from the shackles of state power and control, the liberation of man from state authority. Communism is, and always has been, the complete opposite. It increases the power and authority of the state at the expense of society. It diminishes the freedom of the individual to the vanishing point. It makes of every man, including the member of the communist apparatus, a slave to the state.

However, the communist propagandist wants you to think that communism is something different; that he may be compared, let us say, to Tom Paine, or Abraham Lincoln, or to an number of other great "revolutionaries". It is to their advantage to claim that they are moving forward in history, when in fact they are plunging nations and peoples under communism backward at least a thousand years.

But the most important part of the lies is the very term itself, "Russian Bolshevik Revolution". There was, of course, no such thing as a Russian Bolshevik Revolution. It is only important that the communists make you think that such an event occurred in history. The importance of the lie, to the structure of communist falsehood, becomes apparent when you examine the truth.

What really happened? Culminating a long struggle by the Russian people against the tyranny of the Tsar, a series of uprisings and demonstrations in early 1917 ended, in the middle of March of that year, in the abdication of the Tsarist government and the formation of a pro-

visional government—the Russian people under the leadership of Kerensky. This was a true revolution, in the same tradition and for the same goals as the American Revolution; to secure a greater measure of individual freedom from autocratic government.

For the first time in the long history of the Russian people, freedom was established. Amnesty was declared for political prisoners; government restrictions against people because of nationality and religion were outlawed; kangaroo courts were abolished and trial by jury was decreed; equal rights were declared for women; exile to Siberian camps were abolished; freedom of the press and of assembly were declared. Also, the Russian people, through their provisional government leaders, laid plans for a free election to be held in the fall of that same year, 1917.

What part did the "Bolsheviks" play in the Russian Revolution? Mr. W. Cleon Skousen, in his excellent book, "The Naked Communist" (published 1958 by the Ensign Publishing Company, Salt Lake City, Utah) explains:

"The most significant thing about the abdication of the Tsar and the setting up on the people's Provisional Government in Russia, is the simple historical fact that the Bolsheviks, or Communists, had practically nothing to do with it! This revolution had been initiated by the same kind of people as those who started the revolt against the Tsar in 1905. They represented Russia's best people—the liberal aristocrats, the intellectuals, the businessmen, the millions of peasants and the millions of workers. *But the Bolshevik leaders were nowhere in sight.* (Italics mine). Lenin was in exile in Switzerland, Trotsky was in exile in New York and Joseph Stalin was in prison in Siberia."

Not until a month after the Russian Revolution did Lenin manage to get back into Russia. Further, he was able to do so only with the aid and assistance of the German totalitarian regime, which was at that moment waging war against Russia! As enemies, fighting the Russian people, the German militarists most certainly would not have helped Lenin *unless they knew* that Lenin, too, was an enemy of the Russian people.

Immediately, Lenin began to utilize his well-developed tactics as a wrecker, gained by long experience in his ruthless search for power. And so the communists begin working towards the violent overthrow and destruction, not of the totalitarian Tsar, but of the free government of the Russian people. Within six months the evil deed was done.

Free elections had been promised the people, and the self-styled "bolsheviks" either felt they could not afford to "lose face" by preventing the elections, or else they had actually swallowed their own propaganda and had come to assume that they really did have "majority" support. In any event, the elections were held on November 25, 1917. **OVER 75% OF THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE VOTED AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS!** That was the last free election ever permitted the Russian people. When the freely elected government met in January of 1918, the armed gangsters of Lenin ruthlessly moved into the assembly, aimed their bristling rifles at the representatives elected by the people, and ordered them to get out. And that was that.

Of course this was not revolution, it was insurrection, an act of treason against the will of the majority of the Russian workers and peasants. Hence it was that the Russian people were plunged back under a dictatorship far worse, far more cruel, far more ruthless, than anything they had known under the Tsar.

But the National Council of Churches, in their NPOE & AFP material, makes no mention of Mr. Skousen and his

book on communism. Neither do the appointed "leaders" of the Protestant Churches make any other accurate, truthful account of the communist criminal conspiracy. Rather, the National Council and its discredited World Order Study Conference, under the guise of a "peace" campaign, elects to repeat fabricated, false "history" which was deliberately manufactured by the communists as part of their world campaign to deceive and confuse the people of the free world.

This, of course, is not the only pro-communist falsehood in the Study Material. A few further examples:

RED PROPAGANDA: The use of the word "leaders" to identify those at the top of the heap in the Soviet Socialist States.

FACT: The communist dictators cannot "lead" anybody at the point of a bayonet. The word "leader" is false propaganda, because it implies that the people are willingly following the red gangster regime.

RED PROPAGANDA: Adlai Stevenson mentioned "the angry hostility of the Chinese leaders (there's that word again!) to the United States. This is the emotion which dominates 640,000,000 Chinese."

FACT: It is totally false that the Chinese people are in accord with the communist dictatorship in their hatred of free America. This was dramatically proved in "Operation Big Switch," after the Korean War, when only a tiny percentage of the Chinese POWs elected to return to their communist controlled homeland.

RED PROPAGANDA: The "cold war" is a result of our "illusions," our "fear of communism," our "adventures in containment," etc.

FACT: It is nothing less than straight communist propaganda to allege that the "cold war" is entirely and completely the fault of the free world, and in particular the United States. Hence, to the communists, "liquidating the cold war" means that the United States should cease all effective opposition to soviet imperialism.

RED PROPAGANDA: Some field commander, or unbalanced officer, can launch an atomic war.

FACT: The Constitution of the United States specifically provides that Congress, and only Congress, has the authority to declare war. It is not only constitutionally, but physically impossible for any individual in the United States armed services to start a war.

SUMMARY

We have been able to mention only a tiny proportion of the massive volume of communist and pro-Soviet propaganda in the 15 NPOE & AFP booklets.

One may complain that, after all, it is not necessarily subversive that the red dictators are called "leaders," or that Red Chinese aggression is called a "crusade," or that it is falsely claimed that there was, in history, a "Russian Bolshevik Revolution."

It is perfectly true that any one, or possibly two or three of these "slips" might not be serious. But when we find that this same pattern continues, for book after book, chapter after chapter, page after page, sentence after sentence, the sheer massive weight of communist propaganda becomes nothing less than devastating. A single pebble dropped on your head may do little harm; a pailful of pebbles can cave in your skull.

Were these "errors"? Common sense tells us otherwise. If these were mistakes, at least some of the mistakes would be in our favor!

It is my opinion that, this time, those responsible for foisting this fraud upon the Protestant Churches have overplayed their hand. When the bright light of truth is thrown on the NPOE material, its bright red hue stands out all too clearly. Protestant Churches, Protestant Pastors, Protestant laymen are not nearly as asleep as they once were. They know a great deal more about communism than they did ten, five, or even one year ago. And they are learning more all the time. Because of this, it is my conviction that the NPOE & AFP will, in the end, prove to be an abject failure. It may even prove to be the end of the National Council of Churches.

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Church Council Letters Affirm Anti-Red Stand

NEW YORK, Mar. 25 (AP). — The National Council of Churches announced today it has sent letters to all Congressmen reaffirming its opposition to communism.

The council, which represents 33 denominations with about 38 million members, took the action in followup to a recent furor over an Air Force training manual.

The manual, since withdrawn, accused some Protestant clergymen of Communist leanings.

Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the council, said in the letter:

"The prompt action by the Secretary of the Air Force closes its training manuals to infiltration by propaganda against churches and religious institutions. However, the appearance of such defamatory matter in Government publications heavily underscores the extreme dangers to the American principles of freedom.

"The dangers lie in the lending or employment of Government power or media, at any official level, to induce or coerce regimentation of expression or to make some pattern of civic thought or religious opinion a test of loyalty, or to equate concern for the rights of men with infidelity to the American ideal.

"The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and its constituent communions are and always have been unalterably opposed to communism."

The letter had the indorsement of executive heads of member denominations.

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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DEMANDED TONIGHT THAT AIR FORCE
 SECRETARY DUDLEY C. SHARP AND REP. FRANCIS E. WALTER RETRACT
 WHAT IS CALLED "FALSE AND SLANDEROUS" CHARGES LEVELLED AGAINST THE
 COUNCIL IN A MILITARY TRAINING MANUAL.

THE CHURCH GROUP ALSO DEMANDED AN APOLOGY FROM WALTER, CHAIRMAN OF
 THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, WHO HAS INSISTED
 THAT THE CHARGES WERE TRUE. THE PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRAT RESPONDED BY
 OFFERING OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH GROUP A CHANCE TO TESTIFY BEFORE
 HIS GROUP.

WALTER TOLD UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL THE COUNCIL'S ACTION BORE
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ADD 1 MANUAL

THE PROTEST TO WALTER NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL'S NATIONAL BOARD AT A MEETING IN OKLAHOMA CITY CONDEMNED THE AIR FORCE FOR ISSUING A MANUAL CONTAINING "UNTRUE AND RIDICULOUS CHARGES AGAINST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, CHURCHES OF AMERICA AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES."

IT ALSO NOTED THE CONGRESSMAN'S STAND THAT THE CHARGES WERE TRUE AND SHARP'S REFUSAL TO SAY WHETHER THEY WERE TRUE OR FALSE.

THE PROTEST THEN CALLED ON THE AIR FORCE SECRETARY "TO REPUDIATE AND FORBID REISSUANCE IN ANY FORM OF THE FALSE AND SLANDEROUS CHARGES CONTAINED IN THE MANUAL."

IT ALSO DEMANDED THAT WALTER "RETRACT HIS UNTRUE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST THE CHURCHES AND...APOLOGIZE TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND TO THE 60 MILLION MEMBERS OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN AMERICA."

WALTER PROMPTLY SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE COUNCIL'S NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS ASKING IF THE GROUP WANTED TO TESTIFY "IN ORDER TO QUESTION THE ACCURACY OF THE MATERIAL WHICH COMES FROM THE (COMMITTEE) FILES AND WHICH APPEARS IN THE AIR FORCE MANUAL."

"IF YOU DESIRE SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY," HE ADDED, "WE CAN ARRANGE A TIME CONVENIENT TO YOURSELVES."

HE TOLD A REPORTER:

"THEY ARE DEMANDING A RETRACTION AND I AM OFFERING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY."

"THIS IS EXACTLY THE THING THAT I PREDICTED SOME TIME AGO. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY ATTEMPT OR DESIRE TO MAKE AN ATTACK ON WHAT THEY MENTION. I SAID THE INQUIRY WOULD BE FALSELY LABELLED BY ITS CRITICS AS AN ATTACK ON RELIGION AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE DOING."

THE MANUAL NOW IS BEING REVISED TO ELIMINATE ANY REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS. HOWEVER, THE AIR FORCE STILL IS USING ANOTHER SECURITY MANUAL CONTAINING SIMILAR CHARGES. THE TRAINING MANUAL WAS BASED ON THE SECURITY PAMPHLET.

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ADD 2 MANUAL

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, ANOTHER PROTESTANT CHURCH OFFICIAL URGED A FULL-SCALE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF ALL QUESTIONS, INCLUDING "THEOLOGICAL ISSUES," INVOLVED IN THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE AIR FORCE MANUAL.

THE PROPOSAL WAS MADE BY CLYDE W. TAYLOR, SECRETARY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS, IN A PUBLIC LETTER TO CHAIRMAN CARL VINSON (D-GA.) OF THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS, FOUNDED IN 1942, CLAIMS A MEMBERSHIP OF SOME 2,000,000 "BIBLE-BELIEVING CHRISTIANS" IN 40 FUNDAMENTALIST PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS.

TAYLOR DEPLORED WHAT HE CALLED THE "NAME-CALLING TACTICS" OF "CERTAIN REACTIONARY EVANGELICALS" WHO HAVE BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ROW OVER THE AIR FORCE MANUAL. HE SAID THESE "REACTIONARY" CHURCHMEN, WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY, HAVE IMPLIED "GUILT BY ASSOCIATION" TO OTHER CHURCH LEADERS, AND THAT "SUCH TACTICS ARE UNBECOMING TO THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN UNTO THEMSELVES THE NAME CHRISTIAN."

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SIX PROTESTANT LEADERS DEMANDED THE PUBLIC APOLOGIES TODAY FOR CHARGES LINKING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WITH COMMUNISM.

THE CHURCHMEN WHO SIGNED THE TELEGRAM WERE THE REV. DR. EUGENE CARSON BLAKE, STATED CLERK, AND THE REV. ARTHUR MILLER, MODERATOR, OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.; THE REV. DR. FRED

HOSKINS AND THE REV. DR. JAMES E. WAGNER, CO-PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST; AND RT. REV. ARTHUR LICHTENBERGER, PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AND THE RT. REV. FREDERICK BUCKLEY NEWELL, BISHOP OF THE NEW YORK AREA OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

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MILWAUKEE, WIS. --A LUTHERAN CHAPLAIN IN THE WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD TODAY ACCUSED AN AIR FORCE PAMPHLETEER OF "USING ANTI-COMMUNISM AS A CAMOUFLAGE" FOR ATTACKS ON CHURCH BODIES "WHICH REPUDIATE HIS EXTREME FUNDAMENTALISM."

THE REV. WILLIAM B. DOWNEY, PASTOR OF FOX POINT LUTHERAN CHURCH, SAID CHARGES OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCES IN CHURCHES WERE "A VAGUE SMEAR THAT TARNISHES EVERY PROTESTANT CLERGYMAN."

PASTOR DOWNEY CHALLENGED THE ACCUSERS TO PRODUCE "PLACES, DATES AND PROOF" OF THEIR CHARGES. THE MINISTER, WHO WAS CHAPLAIN OF THE 509TH COMPOSITE BOMB GROUP THAT DROPPED THE FIRST ATOM BOMB ON HIROSHIMA, SAID THE MAN WHO WROTE THE PAMPHLET IN QUESTION "MANAGED TO REMAIN A CIVILIAN, SAFELY SECURE FROM THE POSSIBILITY OF ARMED SERVICE."

THE PAMPHLET WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE WORK OF HOMER H. HYDE, A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE AT LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, TEX. HYDE IS A MEMBER OF A CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH. HE SAID HE OBTAINED HIS INFORMATION FROM THE LEADERS OF FUNDAMENTALIST SECTS OPPOSED TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, WHICH PROTESTED ABOUT THE MANUAL.

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The revolt is going to have difficulty effectuating itself, however, because the big guns of the National Council have rigged the structure of the organization in such a way that the hierarchy is a law unto itself.

The claim that it is the voice of 38 million Protestants is, of course, a rank fraud. Actually, there is no attempt to determine the mass thinking of the lay membership of the churches that make up the vague affiliate organization of the total Council nor is there even any machinery for doing so.

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The most important and prolific of them from this latter standpoint is the Division of Christian Life and Work, which is interpreted to cover anything and everything that has to do with any phase of human existence. And the explanation for the furor that this division has aroused lies in the Vice President in charge of it, Methodism's doughty Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

Not given to modesty in the scope of his pronouncements on political affairs, Bishop Oxnam's various sub-departments have run the gamut of public issues from the Bricker amendment to UNESCO and always its line coincides exactly with that of the Americans for Democratic Action and the AFL-CIO Political Action groups.

Always in general board meetings there is a stampede of protest against pronouncements on political matters; always the protestors are voted down by the leftwing and a general board meeting of February, 1959 an overt statement of policy on this score was adopted over bitter protest:

"We uphold the right and duty of the churches and their councils to study and comment upon issues of human concern, however controversial..... and resist all efforts to discourage full freedom of discussion and, in discussion, reject attempts to suppress such freedom."

Under this self-endowed charter, the National Council purports to say that its opinions -- not even reached by unanimous approval within itself -- are the opinions of 38 million Protestants on right-to-work, social security, foreign aid, capital punishment, alcohol, planned parenthood, public housing, federal aid to education, agriculture and all manner of other public controversies ad infinitum.

But there's not much chance of doing anything about it, because the way is so distant from the lay member of the local church through the ivory citadel at the top to the master minds who make the decisions. Theirs is a very secure unit, and a very closed corporation.

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The most important and prolific of them from this latter standpoint is the Division of Christian Life and Work, which is interpreted to cover anything and everything that has to do with any phase of human existence. And the explanation for the furor that this division has aroused lies in the Vice President in charge of it, Methodism's doughty Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

Not given to modesty in the scope of his pronouncements on political affairs, Bishop Oxnam's various sub-departments have run the gamut of public issues from the Bricker amendment to UNESCO and always its line coincides exactly with that of the Americans for Democratic Action and the AFL-CIO Political Action groups.

Always in general board meetings there is a stampede of protest against pronouncements on political matters; always the protesters are voted down by the leftwing and at a general board meeting of February, 1959, an overt statement of policy on this score was adopted over bitter protest:

"We uphold the right and duty of the churches and their councils to study and comment upon issues of human concern, however controversial... and resist all efforts to discourage full freedom of discussion and, in discussion, reject attempts to suppress such freedom."

Under this self-endowed charter, the National Council purports to say that its opinions—not even reached by unanimous approval within itself—are the opinions of 58 million Protestants.

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WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON, April 3--There is something pathetic about the panic within the ecclesiastical bureaucracy of the National Council of Churches in their efforts to say it isn't so.

The members unloose a torrent of words, generalities and pontifications as if to drown away the facts of life about their number, standing all for one and one for all in righteous isolation from the rules of reality and the world.

That this achieves only a disorganized babel of contradictions that are discrediting to all concerned would be a matter of amusement if it were not so serious. In the end it boils down to an exercise in mutual annihilation.

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"I regret very much that our presiding Bishop, Dr. Lichtenberger, signed his name along with the five others in their objection to the printing of the Air Force manual.

"It is perfectly stupid and displays ignorance to try to cover up the fact that we have pinks and fellow-travelers among the clergy. Of course we do. We on Long Island know that full well.

"These office holders in the National Council of Churches certainly do not speak for me nor for the people in this cathedral and I was interested to hear about one of them being so involved in groups that have been on the subversive list. x x x

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tion as a personal affront.

Rather, they should gird themselves to the task of cleaning their organizations of all Red influence.

And this is exactly what the National Council of Churches, by its categorical denial of mountains of evidence to the contrary, is apparently trying to forestall.

This is evidenced by a resolution adopted the other day by NCC, which by its blatant boldness, tends to reassure members that it is lily white.

Here it is:

"Resolved: That the General Board of the National Council of Churches:

"Insists that the material contained in Air Force Manual 205-5 'Guide to Security Indocination' dated 1955, which is considered equally objectionable, be deleted and that a full explanation of all matters incidental to the appearance of such material in these manuals be made public at the earliest possible moment *****"

Well, the House Un-American Activities Committee, by making public the basic evidence on which the manual's statements were grounded, has surely given "a full explanation of all matters incidental to the appearance of such material".

The next move is up to the National Council.

If it can disprove the evidence against it, NCC has been given the opportunity of doing just that by Chairman Walter's invitation to appear before HUAC.

Yet you don't see anyone in responsible NCC circles tumbling over themselves to take advantage of Mr. Walter's invitation.

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STILL AT IT

WITHIN THE LAST month, here in the city of Washington, in a Methodist church, a former president of the National Council of Churches sat in a forum discussion with an identified agent of the Communist Party---- one who was convicted of contempt of Congress, whose appeal was turned down, and who is probably going to jail.

This statement was made by HUAC mem-

ber Donald Jackson at the recent hearing. (You didn't see anything in the press about it).

"This was not a matter in which the church individuals involved had no knowledge of the nature of the meeting, because for weeks it had been discussed in the press.

"One Baptist church in the District---and I hope Heaven will look kindly on the minister of the church---refused to let the group use his church for that purpose when the nature of the meeting became apparent and when it was made known that an identified, convicted Communist was going to be on the same platform with high church officials.

"I would hope that in this revised manual it will again be pointed out very clearly that there is a continuing effort to infiltrate the churches of this country."

Rep. Jackson, in a parting shot at Secretary Sharp, said:

"Again going to the point of giving definite proof of a categorical statement, you do it in the manual in one instance where the manual mentions Rev. Claude C. Williams.

The Rev. Claude C. Williams, on May 17, 1946, in the First Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado, said, and I quote:

"Denominationally I am a Presbyterian, religiously a Unitarian, and politically I am a Communist. I am not preaching to make people good or anything of the sort. I'm in the church because I can reach people easier that way and get them organized for Communism.

"I think you might very well pick up that statement, which is a documented statement, and put it in the manual to give non-commissioned officers under instruction some idea with respect to infiltration by Communists into churches means."

It took Rep. William M. Tuck (Va.) to sum up with vivid clarity what other members had been saying in other words all day:

"I am not very skilled in the art of warfare or combat, but my understanding from my limited knowledge of the subject is that the first object of successful combat is to identify your enemy."

To that we say, amen.

Significantly, none, as yet, has accepted the invite.

Prior to writing the letter, NCC telephoned Secretary Sharp with a verbal demand that the manual be withdrawn and destroyed.

The record shows that Mr. Sharp who admitted he hadn't made any effort to determine the facts, wrote the following letter in reply:

"Dear Mr. Wine: This letter is to confirm our conversation of yesterday and again assure you that the Air Force does not condone the publication of material such as that contained in the CONAC training manual about which you wrote Secretary Gates. The manual has been withdrawn and action is being taken to prevent recurrence of issuance of such material."

The record also shows that Secretary of Defense Gates also wrote a statement with regard to the controversy in which he apologized to NCC thusly:

"In response to the letter of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States I have assured this fine organization of my very genuine regrets regarding the statement that appeared in the Air Force Reserve Manual."

It is significant that Secretary Gates, too, admitted that he made this statement without making any effort to determine the facts.

Commented Rep. Jackson:

"I think such a statement as was made by the Secretary of Defense, whom I admire very greatly, has done great harm to the already difficult task that confronts this committee, the committee on the other side (Senate Internal Security Subcommittee), and the Attorney General."

"Actually, the effect of the action taken by the Air Force, Mr. Secretary, was to tell 180-million people in this country, by the retraction of the manual, that the Air Force did not believe the statements made."

"The effect of this repudiation, handled in the way it was, and coupled with an apology to individuals who, as the chairman has said, have hundreds of Communist front affiliations, has been to hurt our work."

"Mr. Jackson", Secretary Sharp replied, "I think it is very unfortunate if that is the impression we gave."

Whereupon Rep. Clyde Doyle (Calif.) interspersed:

"May I state at that point that my mail is

such that it indicates that the work of this committee in the minds of the people who have read the newspaper reports---that the work of this committee is discredited as a result of the unfortunate apology and letter by the Secretary--without further explanation as to why."

Chairman Walter said:

"You may call it unfortunate. I call it stupid."

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FACTUAL AND FAIR

THIS EDITOR HAS READ portions of the controversial Air Force Manual dealing with Red infiltration of churches and found it to be both factual and fair.

After exposing the Communist menace in religious groups, the manual rightfully cautions against wholesale accusations against church members and the clergy.

The following words of caution, set forth in the manual, certainly belies charges that it attempts to blacken the fair name of our churches everywhere!

"We must be careful not to attack the majority of faithful ministers and church-goers."

"We must merely search out those who back Moscow right down the line."

"We can do this, first, by understanding and supporting the teachings of our own religions to the hilt; then, by getting rid of those who try to pass off Communist ideas as substitutes for what we know are true religious teachings."

This editor has never felt that the fact that the Communist Party once dominated the Newspaper Guild (national newspaperman's union affiliated with the CIC) cast reflections on rank and file newsmen who were members of that organization.

However, had members of the Guild refused to kick out the "intruders" when they were discovered, they would have, by their inaction, become an integral part of the Red conspiracy and deserving of that appellation.

We have had no hesitancy in exposing members of our own profession who have drifted into Red propaganda work.

And there are many----such as William Hinton, Charles J. Coe, and John Powell----to name a few.

Likewise, rank and file clergymen and church members should not take the findings of Congressional committees and government security agencies with regard to Red infiltra-

this committee's records were accurate or not accurate. I simply felt and still feel that while it is the duty of this committee to investigate these matters pertaining to individuals and particular groups, whether religious or otherwise, that it is not in the best interests of the Air Force to point out specific organizations or specific people, who it is claimed by this committee are connected with Communist fronts."

"Don't you want the non-commissioned officers to know who these people are?" Chairman Francis Walter asked, pointedly.

"Yes, sir," Secretary Sharp countered, "but I think it is a dangerous thing for the Air Force to delve into the areas that this committee should delve into*****."

It was at this point that Committee member Gordon Scherer (Chio) broke in:

"The Air Force is not delving into it", Scherer told Mr. Sharp. "The Air Force manual is merely reporting what has already been found to exist by various Congressional committees, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other security agencies."

"Mr. Secretary", Rep. August E. Johansen (Mich.) interposed, "the thing that I cannot reconcile is this: I understand, according to your testimony here this morning, you have no objection, apparently, to generalization with regard to the fact that there is infiltration and that there is a continuing threat of infiltration. What you state now to this committee is that you object to the specifics."

"That is correct," Mr. Sharp replied.

"If the manual makes the generalized assertion," Rep. Johansen pursued, "isn't the Air Force open to challenge to support that generalization with specifics? And yet you repudiate any reference to specifics. How can you justify the generalization without relating it to specifics, particularly if it is under challenge?"

Rep. Donald L. Jackson (Calif.), commenting on Mr. Sharp's position that the Air Force should not "name names", had this to say:

"I have given military instruction, Mr. Secretary. As to a general subject 'Communism in religion', the statement is made categorically from a variety of authoritative sources there has been infiltration of some churches and church groups. One of these men attending a class using the manual may say, 'How do I know that? Tell me more about it'.

"You are asking him to take, on faith, a very serious statement, and precluding him from asking any questions to the point."

"I would think, then, you would suggest, if he wanted to go further into the matter that he should request a copy of the hearings of this committee and reports of this committee and the great deal of evidence," Mr. Sharp countered.

"I think that is a long way around the barn", Rep. Jackson retorted. "He is in a class. He is being taught. He is being given instruction and categorical statements are made. I don't think we should require the individual enlisted men to run around Capitol Hill to get a variety of hearings so that he can probe further into the matter."

"If he could find Capitol Hill," Chairman Walter dryly remarked.

And went on to say:

"I, too, taught in military schools, in the Navy: naval aviation actually. And I know that the only way to make these kids understand is to give them an example of something."

"Here you are not charging this National Council with anything. I think you are depriving people who ought to know, exactly how these enemies of ours operate, just what kind of cloak they get behind."

"If you do not put it in your new manual, then you are depriving them of something they ought to know."

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LETTERS AND STATEMENTS

THE RECORD SHOWS THAT the National Council of Churches protest was embodied in a letter from NCC Associate General Secretary James Wine, dated Feb. 11, 1960, to Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates, Jr.

Mr. Wine, speaking for NCC, asked that "the document in question be immediately withdrawn and all copies which have been distributed be recalled."

Among other things he said:

"To aver by innuendo (the manual actually made the bold declaration) that the National Council of Churches is associated or in any way influenced by the Communist Party is an example of irresponsibility at its worst."

Chairman Walter immediately invited any members of the NCC who doubted the truth of the above statement to appear before HUAC with such evidence as they might have tending to refute the charge.

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FARM AFFAIRS FROM WASHINGTON

By Glenn Martz



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THE LOWDOWN ON NCC

THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN Activities Committee this week disclosed that the "aggregate affiliation" of National Council of Churches leadership with Communist fronts, according to latest count, numbers into "the thousands". And the committee hasn't yet completed its check!

This was revealed in a transcript of testimony taken (Feb. 26, 1960) when Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp was questioned regarding his apology to the National Council of Churches for an assertion in an Air Reserve Center Training Manual that the organization had been infiltrated by Communists and fellow travelers.

HUAC Staff Director ~~Richard Arens~~ told Mr. Sharp that the committee had checked its records "very carefully since this manual has been produced, and I have the latest statistics on each of these men that I would be glad to read into the record.

"May I first say, Mr. Chairman," he went on, "In view of the Secretary's repudiation of the information conveyed respecting the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, the chairman issued a statement to the effect that the leadership of NCC had hundreds or at least over 100 affiliations with Communist fronts or causes.

"Since then we have made careful, but as yet incomplete checks, and it is a complete understatement.

"Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist-front records or records of service to Communist causes.

The aggregate affiliations of leadership, instead of being in the hundreds as the chair-

man first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow-travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement.

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SHARP CONCEDES FACTS

SECRETARY SHARP, confronted with Committee evidence (which named many individual church leaders affiliated with the National Council who had Communist or Communist front connections), admitted the Reds had undoubtedly wormed their way into church organizations and conceded the disputed statements in the controversial manual were correct.

However, he told the committee that he thought the manual should merely call attention to the fact that the Communists had invaded churches and not go so far as to name the "invaders".

(Among clergymen listed by the Air Force Manual as being members of the Communist Party or affiliated with one or more Communist fronts was Dr. Harry F. Ward. Dr. Ward has been identified by HUAC as a member of the Communist Party).

"Did your repudiation of the Air Force Training Manual and your apology to the National Council of Churches carry with it an intention on your part to deny the validity or integrity of the records of this committee show-Dr. Harry F. Ward has been identified as being a member of the Communist Party", queried Mr. Arens.

"No, sir," replied Secretary Sharp, "it did not intend to either deny or affirm the fact that

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AF's Church Manual Is Rapped by Kennedy

By the Associated Press

Senator Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, describes an Air Force manual which said some Protestant ministers are card-carrying Communist as "shocking and distasteful."

Senator Kennedy's presidential nomination campaign headquarters yesterday made public an exchange of telegrams between the Senator and the Rev. Harold Glen Brown, president of the Oregon Council of Churches.

Senator Kennedy said the reserve training manual, which was withdrawn by the Air Force on February 17, cast an "unwarranted slur on the Protestant ministry in general and the National Council of Churches in particular."

Mr. Brown, pastor of the First Christian Church of Portland, Oreg., had asked the views of Senator Kennedy, a Roman Catholic, on charges made not only against ministers but against the council.

The manual said that the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America has sponsored a revised standard version of The Bible. It said that of 95 persons who served in this project, 30 had records of affiliation with pro-Communist fronts of various kinds.

Senator Kennedy said that until charges of this kind have been eliminated, "every hate group in the country will claim some justification for questioning the undivided allegiance of our Protestant pastors or national council leaders."

"The manual itself, moreover, represents a flagrant violation of the constitutional principle of separating church and State," he said. "No church should undertake to impose its views on public agencies; and no public agency should single out for attack any church of church organization. Under the First Amendment our Government cannot—directly or indirectly, carelessly or intentionally—select any religious body for either favorable or unfavorable treatment."

Senator Kennedy said that "the most unfortunate aspect of the Air Force manual fiasco is that it plays into the hands

of those who want to silence the views of the national council—because they do not share those views.

"They are not Communistic views," he said. "The council is as strongly opposed to communism as any church group in the country. But the council and its members do hold views—and are entitled to express those views—on the major social and economic issues confronting our Nation."

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Lawmakers Back Church Council, Assail Manuals

By the Associated Press

The Air Force manual issue echoed again in the House yesterday. Half a dozen members spent two hours defending the National Council of Churches against suggestions of Communist infiltration.

Representative Edith Green, Democrat of Oregon, led the discussion with a detailed analysis of pamphlets cited as sources in an ill-fated Air Force training manual. This volume, repudiated and withdrawn by the Air Force, spoke of Communist clergymen and named persons connected with the council's Bible revision project as having affiliations with Communist-tinged organizations.

"I can defend unconditionally the statement that the National Council is not infiltrated with communism," Mrs. Green said. Quoting extensively from pamphlets listed in the manuals' bibliography, she denounced them as absurd and deplored Government use of "this sort of flimsy evidence."

Representative Meyer, Democrat of Vermont, said, "We cannot permit it to be said that any religion is more American than another. . . . We cannot have any second-class religions in this country."

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Church Council Books Decried as 'Obscene'

By the Associated Press

Representative Jackson, Republican of California, says the National Council of Churches has promoted obscene books written by Communist sympathizers.

In reply, the council said that insofar as it has been informed by the publishers none of the books in question had been banned.

The books were "by and about the Negro in America for the information of any person interested in reading about the history of the Negro." Dr. Roy G. Ross, the council's general secretary, said in a statement.

Mr. Jackson, senior Republican on the House Committee on un-American Activities, spoke out last night in reply to House members who attacked a controversial Air Force manual linking the council with communism.

Mr. Jackson, who has previously defended the manual

which the Air Force repudiated and withdrew, was challenged sharply by Representative Green, Democrat of Oregon, one of those who criticized the manual Tuesday.

She asked Mr. Jackson to name any books indorsed by the council which have been denied mailing privileges on obscenity grounds.

Mr. Jackson said he didn't want to promote such books by mentioning them on the House floor, but that he would

provide Mrs. Green with a list later.

Pressed further, Mr. Jackson said he knew of one—"Without Magnolias." He didn't name the author.

Mrs. Green accused Mr. Jackson of being misleading. She said the Post Office has informed her it has made no obscenity ruling regarding that book.

Mr. Jackson, reading from a 13-page statement, said that in 1957 the department of racial and cultural relations of the National Council of Churches published a 40-page pamphlet recommending 260 publications about the American Negro. He said the pamphlet described the books as "safe to recommend for children."

Among the books, he said, were some containing passages so lurid and objectional that he would be condemned if he sought to insert them in the Congressional Record.

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PREFERS TO BELIEVE FINDINGS OF COMMITTEE

Editor, Shreveport Journal.

Some people don't want to believe what the Rev. Billy James Hargis or Maj. Edgar Bundy says about the communist infiltration into the churches. I wonder if they will believe J. Edgar Hoover or Rep. Francis E. Walter, who is chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee, U.S.A. Hoover said, "Either the faith of our fathers will triumph or communism will engulf us. In this land of ours the two cannot live side by side."

On page 1303, Hearings before the Committee of Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 86th Congress, on February 25, 1960:

Mr. Arens, staff director: We have checked our records carefully since this manual has been produced, and I have the latest statistics on each of these men, that I would be glad to read into the record.

Chairman: You go ahead and do that.

Mr. Arens: May I first say, Mr. Chairman, in view of the secretary's repudiation of the information conveyed respecting the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, the chairman issued a statement to the effect that the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States had hundreds or at least over 100 affiliations with communist fronts and causes. Since then we have made careful, but yet incomplete checks and it is a complete "understatement." Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either communist-front records or records of service to communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands and we have yet to complete our check.

With reference to the people specified on 15-14 the first is the Rev. Walter Russell Bowie whose name appears on 15-14. Our record, thus far, is that he had over 33 affiliations with communist fronts and causes, and the Rev. Henry J. Cadbury has a total of not less than nine, which we have been able to confirm (the manual says 13, which is apt to be correct—my sentence) that George Dahl, concerning whom the manual (page 1304) says had 13 affiliations, we have thus far verified not 13 but 18. With reference to Leroy Waterman, we have thus far identified and verified 20 connections with communist fronts and causes. With reference to Fleming James we have thus far verified a total of 25 citations.

Chairman: Who are these people? Are they connected with the National Council of Churches of Christ in America?

Mr. Arens: These are persons, most of whom are connected with the National Council of Churches in some capacity.

Chairman: It was their representative who complained about the manual; is that it? Wine?

Mr. Arens: That is correct.

The Rev. Claude C. Williams said he preached, "only because I can reach people easier that way and get them organized for communism." I wonder if the National Council of Churches will call this a lie. If not, it must be true.

Please, readers, don't send me any more of "The Truth" about the churches—National Council of Churches, etc., as I believe the

above statement and in the truth. Not one word of it is denied.
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New Red Gains Blamed On Federal Bureaucracy

By CASPAR NANNES
Star Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Communist exploitation of unsettled conditions in Guinea, the Congo and Cuba was blamed on failure of authorities in Washington to act speedily, a report made public today at the National Council of Churches meeting here asserted.

The report of the council's Division of Foreign Missions charged that "when Guinea unexpectedly became independent, five months passed before our Government even sent a Charge d'Affaires to open an Embassy, and nine months before an Ambassador arrived. Guinea's appeals for aid were lost in Washington's bureaucracy."

"Our indifference and inertia contrasted with Moscow's alertness and speed. No wonder Guinea is under Moscow influence."

In the section on the Congo, Dr. George C. Carpenter, secretary of the International Missionary Council and a former missionary there, declared the Communists overreached themselves despite their maneuvers to gain control of that country.

"They overestimated Congolese responsiveness to political and ideological concerns and even the antipathy of the Congolese toward the Belgians," Dr. Carpenter contended. "They also underestimated the basic

integrity and discernment of most Congolese leaders, who fear Russia and are aware of the danger of falling under Communist domination."

Strategic Retreat

But the speaker warned the Communist retreat there is merely a strategic move to wait for a better opportunity.

"Meanwhile every deterioration of the Congo situation is in their favor and may be partly their work," Dr. Carpenter added.

Pointing out that there are 8 million Roman Catholics and 2 million Protestants among the 13 million people in the Congo, he declared the Christian church "is potentially one of the greatest unifying and revealing forces in that country's national life."

"The people of Congo," he said, "are learning that national independence without training for freedom may be a disaster. Christians have the key—as God's free men in Christ they possess gifts of personal integrity, social concern and moral responsibility which are the foundation of a free society. Christians are obligated to respond when the freedom of others is imperiled."

But Dr. Howard W. Yoder, executive secretary of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, Division of Foreign Missions, claimed Cuba's turn toward anti-Americanism and communism may be traced in part to our "appalling lack of knowledge of the actual conditions in Cuba."

Sees Resentment

"Ignorance of the pent-up revolt against the barbarities committed by (Fulgencio) Batista, failure to sense the feeling of the Cubans against the corruption of army and government officials, and the consequent inability to understand on our part naturally caused resentment."

Dr. Yoder said these factors plus subsequent incidents widening the breach between the United States and Cuba gave Russia and China "the opportunity to strengthen their thrust into Cuba's trade and political life."

The speaker asserted one reason outside resources must be used to oppose Castro arises from the fact that "Cuba is not the staunchly Catholic nation it is commonly supposed to be. One-half of the 6 million people of the island profess no religious affiliation. One estimate is that not more than 15 per cent of the population are loyal Roman Catholics."

Vigorous Protestantism

While Protestantism in Cuba is small, Dr. Yoder contended it is vigorous and has capable national leadership.

Knowing the integrity and dedication of the Cuban Protestant leaders, "we affirm our

confidence in the church of Cuba and in its leaders," he said. "We believe that in this time of adversity and opportunity, God will bless their witness and make their mission and message more meaningful."

More than 3,000 representatives, including 694 voting delegates, of 33 Protestant and orthodox communions in the United States having nearly 40 million members are attending the triennial meeting in Civic Auditorium. The National Council of Churches is observing the 10th anniversary of the organization in December, 1950, at Cleveland. Dr. Edward T. Dahlberg of St. Louis, pastor of the Delmar Baptist Church, is president of the body.

The six day meeting of the council will end Friday when the newly elected officers, to be chosen Thursday, will be installed.

The Right Rev. James A. Pike, Episcopal church Bishop of California, yesterday warned that "many of our clergy operate in a real atmosphere of fear. Whether we like it or not, the phenomenon of McCarthyism is on the upsurge, and many prophetic voices are stilled because they have not learned to cope with the implied charge of 'disloyalty.' Still others are stilled by the hands of a few wealthy members in the congregations who

put their threats on a purely economic basis."

Bishop Pike insisted the church is failing to make an impact upon our country because it is "at peace with society" and the apostle of the status quo, "dissipates its strength by 'fighting among ourselves,' and has made religion 'man-centered rather than God-centered. . . . Instead of adhering to Christian principles of righteousness and moral responsibility, we have often dealt with our religion in terms of a 'cheap tranquilizer.' A living Christianity will disturb peace of mind as much as it will provide for it."

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Part II

7. The Communist Line and the NCC

We listened in vain for some scathing denunciation of Communism, but we heard none. In the official workbook on page 157 they had a splendid opportunity to unconditionally condemn the Reds under the heading of "Communism." In fact, the Reds would not object to a single thing at the NCC General Assembly. But there was merciless treatment of the anti-Communists. Bishop Pike lashed out at the anti-Communists in his NCC address of December 5 with these words, "Second, because many of our clergy operate in a real atmosphere of fear. Whether we like it or not, the phenomenon of McCarthyism is on the upsurge, and many prophetic voices are stilled because they have not learned to cope with the implied charge of 'disloyalty.' Still others are stilled by the hands of a few wealthy members in the congregations who put their threats on a purely economic basis." The bishop knows what he is talking about because he is on the hot seat with many of his fellow Episcopalians.

Bishop Pike showed what he thinks of the anti-Communists in the *Pacific Churchman*, November 1960, "Only God can judge whether these individuals are headed for Hell; but that they are its servants in this present situation is perfectly evident."

DR. DAHLBERG stated on December 5, "Battling crime and Communism and the other evils of our time is a very negative use of religion." Bishop Leslie Newbigin stated in a plenary session Thursday night, December 8, "Communism is not the author of the revolution of our time. It is one of the movements which exploits it. The revolutionary movement of our time has deeper roots and a wider meaning than Communism understands. The penalty of allowing our judgment to be controlled by the fear of Communism is that we may find ourselves defending injustices against the human cry for justice, tyranny against the cry for freedom." But the NCC and the WCC are guilty of these very crimes in defending Castro in Cuba, Lumumba in the Congo, Nicolai in Russia, to say nothing of their questionable ecumenical game with Communist puppet religious leaders in the eastern satellite countries of Europe.



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What must those evangelical preachers in jails in Czechoslovakia think?

The *Examiner* of December 6 stated, "Bishop Pike noted that many minority groups in the United States have from time to time been suspected of Communist sympathies, and he said, 'The wonder to us should be that they have done so well in resisting Communism in the face of neglect and even affront by members of the Church.'"

BISHOP PIKE was quoted on the Congressional committees: "Bishop Pike said that the House Un-American Activities Committee and many 'self-appointed patriotic groups are alert to ferret out and expose people whose political views are anywhere to the left of President McKinley.'"

All of this encouraged ROBT. W. MOON, who has 11 left wing listings in Lowman's *Recognize Red China?*, to publicly attack the HUAC on December 8, according to the *Examiner* of December 9 as follows: "During the busy morning session, the Rev. Robert W. Moon, pastor of Fresno's First Methodist Church, accused the House Un-American Activities Committee of 'gross distortion, deceitfulness, and lying' in the preparation of a movie, 'Operation Abolition.' The film deals with the riots during the Committee's hearings last May in City Hall. He said that the movie was made of television film cut and doctored to show the student demonstrators in the worst possible light. 'I have seen how this film stirs innate fascism,' Rev. Moon said. 'I have watched it shown at men's luncheon clubs, and seen how the viewers left raging to cram the truth down the students' throats.' He asked the full assembly to condemn the movie, but, since all the members had not seen it, the matter was referred to a committee for study." Mr. Moon's complete statement, which constitutes a beautiful piece of Red propaganda, is found in *Christian Century* of January 4, 1961.

BISHOP PIKE makes it clear in the December 1960 *Pacific Churchmen* what he thinks the work of the Devil is. "The work of the Devil (see the Collect for Epiphany V) brought out a charge from Senator McCarthy's chief research assistant that there were 7,000 Communist Protestant ministers. In a week we disposed of him—and not too long thereafter, of Senator McCarthy. I will remind you again of one of my favorite quotations—from the Calvinist Beza: 'The Church is an anvil that has worn out many a hammer.'" The bishop is a big operator and disposes of senators at will. This contains a manifest untruth, for Dr. J. B. Matthews never made the statement that there were 7,000 Communist ministers. He did say in July 1953 *American Mercury*, "The largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the US today is composed of Protestant clergymen. Since the beginning of the First Cold War in April 1948, the Communist Party of this country has placed more and more reliance upon the ranks of the Protestant clergy to provide the party's subversive apparatus with its agents, stooges, dupes, front men and fellow-travelers."

Here is an interesting paragraph: "If we examine world history of the past several decades it becomes apparent to even the politically naive that the main danger to freedom and the greatest restriction to personal liberties has come from forces masking themselves as anti-Communist." One might think that was taken from an NCC release, but instead it was from the Communist Party paper here in the West.

Flowery praise for RALPH LORD ROY'S new book, *Communism and the Churches*, was found in the *General Assembly News* for December 8 as "a chronicle of the growth of social concern in the churches in the twentieth century—a concern which has flowered despite repeated efforts to destroy it on the part of Communists and 'anti-Communists' alike." The editorial stated, "*Communism and the Churches* makes clear the wide gulf between the few ecclesiastical apologists for Communism and the many dynamic leaders of social concern in the American churches, who are shown to be effective opponents of Communism. Roy's conclusions are

nations is stated about as frankly as anyone would want in NCC General Secretary Roy G. Ross's report on December 5, where he stated the first concern of the churches: "First, the churches have sounded a clear voice regarding the imperative for maintenance of peace in a world where war would inevitably bring tragedy to all people and the annihilation of civilization. The scope of the problem is tremendous and includes such moot questions as the need for world government and the adequacy of the present role of the United Nations, the uses and methods of control of nuclear energy, the right of nations with regard to exploration and control of outer space, methods of disarmament and the advisability of the maintenance of communication with Communist nations."

On the United Nations, the *Chronicle* stated on December 7, "Christians should vigorously support efforts to strengthen the United Nations—even at the risk of leaving the United States outvoted, the National Council of Churches decided last night."

Senator Wm. F. Knowland, who has frequently criticized the NCC for their Red China policy, in an *Oakland Tribune* editorial struck back at the NCC UN policy on December 8: "... when they turn their weight toward dictating foreign policies of the US Government, they lay themselves open to criticism. The resolution ... which declares that the US may soon have to subordinate its will to that of the United Nations, seems scarcely in keeping with an assembly whose ecumenical interest revolves around the pulpit. ... It surely is not the will of the people of the United States that they waive their sovereign rights at the whim or will of a majority of the UN. The American people are not about to surrender our constitutional system or our Bill of Rights guarantees to a world government wherein international Communism has substantial power." Thank God for a courageous word from the senator. The good senator has much to learn about the subversive character of the NCC—that it intends to take over in every aspect of life—domestic, political and international affairs. The NCC constitutes one of the great menaces to our freedom in America today.

We got a little weary of hearing about revolution, but this must have been a delight to the Communist heart. Bishop Leslie Newbigin of South India was quoted in the *Oakland Tribune* for December 9, "Christians should not try to hold back the revolution of our time but bear witness within to its true meaning—a frontal attack on injustice, tyranny and misery." Herman Ressig said on December 8, "Revolutions always move too fast when those in control of unjust systems move too slowly. Justice thwarted turns to wrath. The people who see, the people who care, have now an awesomely great opportunity."

The presentation of the Foreign Mission Division on December 7 at a plenary session was a mixture of ignorance and deception with respect to the Red revolution in Cuba. "We must hear what God is saying to us through the world revolution. . . . We must not concede the revolution to Communism. We must not write off revolutionary situations as lost to the Christian cause. The Gospel, itself, is the root cause of creative revolution. It is the prime source of concern for freedom, opportunity, and equality. The revolution of our time makes possible a presentation of the Lordship of Jesus Christ with a weight of urgency and conviction not equalled in any previous generation."

the same time that have motivated most knowledgeable Americans during the past decade, as they have been fully protected the churches from exploitation by outside influences. Communist and 'anti-Communist.' Dr. Carl McIntire calls this anti-Communist fraud—"Operation Whitewash." It was financed by the Fund for the Republic.

During the Air Force Manual episode, according to the NCC Delegate's Workbook, the NCC had a "crash" program to print up 5,000 handbooks of 87 pages; 150,000 copies of a condensed version of the book, plus 20,000 copies of the Congressional Record of April 29, 1960, when Republican Edith Green and 25 Congressmen had a three-hour floor show in the House in defense of the NCC. Since then, every senator and representative has been added to the NCC mailing lists for regular brainwashing materials.

A further attack on HUAC was contained in NCC General Secretary's Decade Report in which he says on page 43: "We have deeply regretted therefore the necessity for taking actions which have been critical of specific aims of our government on two occasions during the past decade; THE FIRST in relation to unfair practices of the Committee on Un-American Activities, the consequences of which remain to this day; THE SECOND more recently in relation to the attacks on religious liberty and freedom of the press, upon the leadership of the churches and upon this Council, which through a combination of civilian employee dereliction and administrative negligence found their way into Air Force Manual No. 2055 and which were once again abetted by the same Congressional committee. The prompt correction of this serious error by the highest administrative officers concerned was acknowledged and appreciated. The solid support from leaders of other faiths, from leaders in the Congress, from the public press and from leaders of cultural pursuits, was encouraging to those in the church who were aware of the tactics for discrediting the churches by persons who had taken advantage of the good intentions of care-less public servants."

Dr. Dahlberg, in reporting his three-year term, said that he fled to the bomb shelter with the dropping of the Air Force Manual where unclean fallout is still contaminating the life of the churches in many sections of the country.

A sample of the Red China propaganda distributed to delegates is found in this *Quarter Peace Witness* which states: "We look forward to the day when membership in the UN will be universal. We recognize that the People's Republic of China is the historical and legitimate government of China and must be included in effective test and disarmament agreements. The logic and necessity of recognizing recognition and

UN membership to the People's Republic of China can no longer be denied. But the security of Freedom should be assured the Chinese Nationalists."

The Delegate Workbook publishes actions of the General Board of the NCC on page 41, where their blessing was placed on the call for recognition of Red China as expressed in the Fifth World Order Study report. Among the resolutions passed were: "Commending the report of the Fifth World Order Study Conference, and calling upon the constituent communions and all American citizens to study the full text of the message." On the same page they passed an action "Protesting loyalty Oath requirement in the National Defense Education Act of 1958." Another action was, "Recording opposition for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States intending to declare the United States to be a Christian nation." Unbelievable, but there it is in black and white.

Herbert Philbrick, in analyzing the peace proposals of the Fifth World Order Study Conference, stated, "I have been a student of Communist propaganda for more than 20 years On the basis of that background, knowledge and study, the 'peace' propaganda now being distributed to the local churches by the National Council of Churches is, in my opinion, the slickest, neatest, trickiest and the most insidious I have ever seen." Their overwhelming desire for collaboration with Communist

The same report goes on about Cuba: "A social revolution was long overdue But this revolution went deeper than the change of leadership customary in a Latin American revolution. It was a forthright effort to replace injustice with justice, ignorance with education, large landholdings operated under a system of peonage with land reform, or so it seemed But it is easy to pin the label of 'Communism' on every social reform. The fact that Castro took land without paying for it, that he is hostile to American capitalists does not necessarily make him a Communist. It is assumed by many that 'Fidelismo' and Communism are the same thing It would seem that at some point Castro made the decision to use the Russians and Chinese in a desperate struggle for survival, believing that he could control them and that the distances involved would make any physical conquest of Cuba impossible. While Fidel Castro has never publicly admitted allegiance, etc. etc." And this crowd of naive dreamers want to set up the kingdom of God! The NCC did not hold a memorial service in San Francisco for the hundreds of anti-Castro people who were brutally executed after the "Liberation." However, as some of them looked longingly toward San Quentin as they motored over the bridges there was a bit of sadness as they thought of Caryl Chessman and their unsuccessful fight to save him.

On December 6, the retiring BISHOP OXNAM who considers the God of the Old Testament as a "dirty bully," said in a major NCC address, "Yesterday when a man spoke of an Age of Revolution certain guardians of the Ark, with supersensitive ears, reported him as subversive. Now even the dullest know we live in an Age of Revolution." What the bishop is talking about is not the aspect of change, but he is speaking about an upheaval of society that is best illustrated in what they encouraged to take place in Cuba, the destruction of our social order and replacing it by socialism.

Another aspect which would have delighted the Reds was the continued emphasis upon peace. A. DALE FIERS, one of the top NCC officials, in a major address on December 7 in summing up the critical problems facing the NCC stated, "The need for building a peaceful world. No other thing was mentioned more often than this It is quite clear on the basis of this research project that the need for a peaceful world in the judgment of the churches must take its place at the top of any list of needs related to our social and cultural situation." In the *Review of Reports* on December 9 the NCC indicated that the most pressing problems were: First, international peace, with emphasis upon world order and peace with justice, and a strong expression that "the NCC take the lead in mobilizing all its divisions, departments and constituent communions and cooperating agencies during the next triennium, using all available channels of communication, to rally support for the building of a peaceful world in harmony with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Department of International Affairs of the NCC states its line clearly, which meshes perfectly with the Communist Party line. When a moment of military weakness arrives in the US we will not be surprised if the NCC leaders will be the first to call for complete surrender to the Communists. The World Council

has already indicated that it is our Christian duty to surrender and come to terms with the Reds.

Look at these NCC objectives and see if you can tell any difference with the Communist Party: Peaceful co-existence, total disarmament, ban nuclear testing, eliminate loyalty-security laws, abolish loyalty oaths, abolish all investigative committees on Communism, complete integration, social revolution to replace present social order, increase foreign aid and foreign aid to Communist countries, recognition of Red China, discrediting J. Edgar Hoover and FBI, revision of Immigration and Passport laws, clemency for convicted spies, scientific reconstruction of religion.

With respect to the social service work of the NCC, the Workbook indicated on page 191 that Communist Yugoslavia received 25% of all expenditures under Church World Service in the years 1957-1959.

One of the saddest things to see was the advertisement and distribution by the NCC of the Barnhouse reprint from *Eternity* on "Communism and the National Council of Churches," which was a feeble attempt to whitewash the NCC.

8. Abandonment of the Reformation

DR. JAMES I. McCORD, president of Princeton Seminary, was reported in the *News-Call Bulletin* of December 7 as saying, "My theme has been that co-operation is not enough. Many sensitive critics are convinced that we have seen the end of the Protestant era. In the economy of God it has been allowed for four centuries. The situation now is radically changed." The *NCC General Assembly News* for December 7 quoted Dr. McCord, "It is increasingly clear that the ecumenical movement (the movement for Christian unity) at home and abroad cannot be equated with pan-Protestantism. Eastern Orthodoxy has played and continues to play a major role in all our discussions and actions, and is a constant challenge to us to realize the catholicity of our own traditions."

DR. BLAKE in his Grace Cathedral sermon said: "Let me begin by re-emphasizing the requirement that a reunited Church must be both reformed and catholic. If at this time we are to begin to bridge over the chasm of the Reformation, those of us who are of the Reformation tradition must recapture an appreciation of all that has been preserved by the catholic parts of the Church, and equally those of the Catholic tradition must be willing to accept and take to themselves as of God all that nearly five hundred years of reformation has contributed to the renewal of Christ's Church."

DR. WM. A. NORGREN, NCC official, in a message, "Thoughts on the Spiritual Significance of the Ecumenical Movement," which was distributed for the benefit of the delegates, said, "Today the ecumenical movement is moving into a new stage characterized by extension and complication. It is now for the first time engaging virtually the whole of the Christian world: Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Roman Catholic."

The NCC enjoyed a worship service in which they prayed for the dead. On Wednesday, December 7, before Bishop Pike spoke to the NCC, the crowd was led in an orthodox Catholic worship service by Father Altounian, Father Sempadian and Bishop Verjebedian, in which the Only-Begotten Son "who didst design to become incarnate through the Holy Mother-of-God and every virgin" was recognized. While the bishop was making the sign of the cross over the people, the deacon prayed "for the souls of them that are at rest and fallen asleep in Christ in the true and orthodox faith, let us beseech the Lord."

Dr. Norgren wrote in a footnote to his message: "The Abbe Paul Couturier was a priest of the Archdiocese of Lyon in France who labored as an apostle of unity for over thirty years and died in 1953. His greatest contribution was the holiness of his life, which he gave for the unity of the Church. He developed the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in such a way that it has come to unite in one prayer and at one time Christians of all confessions. He may yet be reckoned one of the greatest figures in the ecumenical movement, not least because his was a hidden life of devotion to the will of Christ for His Church."

In the *Review of Reports* we find as one of the urgent needs, "The Department of Religious Liberty should be in a position to help churches and councils of churches conduct a dialogue with Roman Catholics." One thing was perfectly clear—when NCC leaders speak of unity they have in mind nothing less than unity with Rome.

9. The Crash Program for Church Merger

This was the most repentant Assembly ever held. NCC leaders were repenting of their sins all over the place. Bishop Pike was quoted in the *Chronicle* of December 6, "Dr. Blake's marvelous plan will take ten years. Why should we keep on sinning? Why should we wait ten years to repent? I propose that in every new situation—every new suburb or community—we go in together as a multi-denominational church linked to the various national bodies."

In the official "Message to the Member Churches" we read, "We confess Jesus Christ as Lord of all life. But we acknowledge that in our sinfulness we have not allowed Him to be in all things the Lord of the Church. Not the churches' diversity but their separation from one another is the heart of this sinfulness." The Protestant Episcopal Church took a full-page advertisement in the *Chronicle* for December 3 in their special NCC edition, to say these words, "We are members of one body, yet through our blindness and sin we are divided. We are brought together by our oneness and by our disunity. We are called to repentance for the sin of division and we are called to pray and work for the visible unity of the church of Christ."

DR. WM. A. NORNGREN said: "We are not one in service. We have achieved only partial joint service through councils of churches. We are not one in hope. We despair of God's power to renew the Church through His Holy Spirit. But after confession of sin we must determine to be obedient As all Christians are guilty of the sin of separation, each of us has need, first for specific repentance, and second for prayer that the good God will restore His Church as He wills." ROBERT W. SPIKE, United Church mission executive, said Thursday, "Competition, pettiness, ecclesiastical arrogance over concern with organization itself—these are the real sins against the wholeness of Christ's Church."

DR. CARL MCINTIRE commented on all this penitence when he spoke at the War Memorial Veterans Building: "Directing the proposals of these ecumenical leaders is a twisted system of thought. They talk of the sin of their divisions and the needs of repentance and completely ignore the sin of their unbelief and their abuse of the Person, birth, vicarious death and bodily resur-

rection of Christ Bible-believing Christians in the United States never faced a greater challenge or a darker hour" (*Oakland Tribune*, December 7).

The NCC leaders were impatient at the ecumenical snail's pace, although opponents feel that they are rushing with break-neck speed. Dr. Van Dusen said as he read "The Message" to the delegates, "In this country and elsewhere unions of formerly separated denominations have been consummated. Yet we must confess that, in relation to the urgency of the imperative, the pace of accomplishment has been glacial in its slowness."

Further distress is expressed by Dr. Fiers in his December 7 address, "Church leaders are thinking seriously about unity and are distressed by the situation in which they find themselves, firmly believing in unity, but giving it only secondary loyalty because of their basic involvement in the work of the communion."

DR. A. DALE FIERS clothes the NCC philosophy of long-range strategic planning of the denomination and merger in pious terms of Calvary and Gethsemane: "Comprehensive long-range planning at this point does not mean a packaged program to be adopted. It is more like an old rugged cross upon which our denominational separateness must be sacrificed if the larger interests of the kingdom of God are to be served. I think I can speak for our general committee, the staff of the Council and for many who have been involved in these years of study and preparation when I say that, far from racing to embrace comprehensive long-range planning as the latest fad, our inclination has been to drop upon our knees in some secluded Gethsemane and say, 'O Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from us.' We have no desire to present this proposal in high-sounding phrases that would cover up the hard work, the grinding disciplines, the grating confrontations, the patient plodding which will be required to plan together effectively and comprehensively in long-range terms for the fulfillment of our mission. Rather, we would call this Council to a realization that comprehensive long-range planning demands the kind of sacrifice that will cause us to shed the blood of our denominational separateness, generate the sweat of genuine cooperative effort and weep the tears of common concern. But only so can we lay hold upon the real, abiding and glorious fruits of Christian fellowship, witness and service which God makes possible for us at a time like this. Someone might object and say, 'Well, if it is so difficult, why attempt it at all?' The answer is that our world cries out in its need for a united witness and a united church. We cannot escape the narrow way that leads to this cross of togetherness unless we walk in the broad way of sectarian separateness which is the way that leads to destructive division, excessive duplication, wasteful competition and, worst of all, irrelevance to the needs of humanity and the purposes of God. The church in its hours of greatness has never chosen the easy way, but has always taken up its cross and followed its Lord to Calvary."

In their haste to move too rapidly, some inter-council tension developed. The *News-Call Bulletin* of December 8 reported: "Meanwhile a sharp difference of opinion has developed within the council of churches working organization on a super-church plan, the *News-Call Bulletin* learned. A closed meeting of the Message to Member Churches Committee on Tuesday set the stage for the argument, with the Rev. Truman B. Douglass, chief drafter of the majority report, apparently against it. Rev. Douglass . . . and Dr. Henry Van Dusen, chairman of the 42-member committee, failed in a proposal that the National Council of Churches should be permitted to ordain ministers, administer sacraments and to accept congregations into membership without denominational ties. This could lead to a 'super-church,' its opponents felt."

10. The National Council and Our Liberties

Protestants might well be glad that John F. Kennedy is in control of the White House and not one of the NCC leaders. Roman Catholic Governor Pat Brown opened the Assembly on December 8 with these words, "Your decisions will reach into every American town and many nations of the world. And your voice, I am sure, will be raised in behalf of religious freedom. Of all the high privileges of democracy, this is one of the most deeply cherished." We can be sure of the first half of his statement coming true.

Just how serious they are about reaching into every town can be seen in Dr. Dahlberg's remarks in his opening address: "We have a biblical mandate to extend the sway of Christ's spirit over governments, races, peoples, freedoms, military and economic power structures—even beyond the frontiers of space. We hold the Good News of God in Christ was meant for every area of man's existence."

A little box note in the *General Assembly News* of December 8 said, "A dark, grey, herring-bone coat belonging to Edward H. Pruden was taken by mistake at the Faith and Order luncheon Wednesday at the Hotel Whitcomb. Will 'taker by mistake' please return coat to Mr. Pruden at the Hotel Alexander Hamilton." President Truman's former pastor, Pruden, may have lost his coat at the NCC meeting, but if this crowd comes to ecclesiastical power and then combines their political leverage with it, the rest of us will have lost our shirts!

They will tell the churches who can force their way into the churches. In the *Review of Reports*, page 5, "This Assembly is urged to support the fight of students to worship in any church without regard to color and to support the principles but not the particular technique, of 'kneel ins.'" Negro Bishop F. D. Jordan was quoted in an NCC release, "Asked about the possible effects of economic pressures by church groups to encourage integration, Bishop Jordan said there is 'a growing feeling that some economic power does have to be brought into play.'"

BISHOP OXNAM gave an idea of what he would do to his opponents if he got a chance to ride the beast, "Unity demands repentance. Strident voices, the use of the contemporary rack and the method of inquisition, the injection of hatred and the practice of perjury upon the part of the opponents of the reunion of Christians, all in the name of doing the work of the Lord, must go."

The long-range planning program simply means that the first amendment will have rough going when Bible-believing churches want to express the "free exercise" of religious freedom in establishing new churches in the new cities and subdivisions of the future.

11. The Deceitfulness of Apostate Religion

DR. THEO. GILL warned us in his NCC address of December 7

so we should not be surprised. He stated, "We happen to live in an era of transition in which all the words we know are changing. Our operative images are changing. It is no longer true that we all mean the same thing when we use the same words." We have suspected this for some time but we appreciate his telling us.

Now a case in point. In DR. BLAKE'S message in Bishop Pike's pulpit he stated, "The reunited Church must clearly confess the historic trinitarian faith received from the apostles and set forth in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds." That's pretty clear if they mean what Bible-believing people mean. However, Bishop Pike dropped a bombshell on the theological world in the *Christian Century* of December 21, 1960, in which he stated flatly, "Take the Trinity—a doctrinal formulation which I did not question ten years ago . . . I see nothing in the Bible, as critically viewed, which supports this particularly weak and unintelligible philosophical organization of the nature of God."

On the matter of a one-world government, NCC official Herman F. Reissig in an NCC address was reported in the *General Assembly News* of December 9, "He admitted, however, that 'even now, a world society with a comprehensively sovereign world government moving toward the reduction of all political and cultural differences and the creation of a universal way of life, is an unlikely and profoundly unwelcome prospect.'" But NCC General Secretary ROY G. ROSS said in his report that one of the basic matters for us to face was "the problem of how to achieve world government among nations which are willing to yield no sovereignty."

On the key issue of merger, DR. DAHLBERG said in his keynote address, "An effective gospel for the whole world needs a united church. By a united church we do not mean a super-church—our National Council constitution expressly forbids this—nor do we mean a superficial kind of backslapping togetherheid whereby people have no real religious convictions." This statement becomes pure nonsense when stacked alongside Dr. Blake's proposed merger or when compared with all the repentance going on at the NCC.

In BISHOP PIKE'S December 5 NCC address you would get the impression that he believes in the Christian God. "Another basic cause of our irrelevancy is our attempt to make religion man-centered rather than God-centered. Deep at the heart of our 'religious boom' has been the idea 'religion is good for you.' Instead of adhering to Christian principles of righteousness and moral responsibility, we have often dealt with our religion in terms of a 'cheap tranquilizer.' A living Christianity will disturb peace of mind as much as it will provide for it." There is no doubt but what Bishop Pike has done his part in disturbing the hearts of thousands of his own Episcopalian parishioners. However, let's consult his *Christian Century* article to see if he even believes in the Christian God. "But the kind of a god I first believed in, who would limit salvation to a select group of people who happen to have heard the news and heard it well . . . is an impossible god. As to this god, I am now an atheist." He continues this incredible line by stating: "I have preached more and more in the past decade on the values of atheism and agnosticism. Atheists debunk the small god. I have found that in almost every case the atheist is opposing a concept of God which I myself disbelieve. As to the agnostic, he often has doubts about things I have doubts about. There has to be a large measure of agnosticism in true religion."

12. The National Council and the Social Gospel

People who occupy the pews have no idea how far the eccumenical leaders have departed from the Gospel as defined in the New Testament (I Cor. 15:3, 4). Dr. J. B. Matthews said in "Reds and Our Churches," *American Mercury*, July 1953: "A partial explanation of these thousands of clergymen who have collaborated in one way or another with the Communist-front apparatus may be found in the vogue of the 'social gospel' which infected the Protestant theological seminaries more than a generation ago. Many graduates of the 'liberalized' Protestant seminaries abandoned religion altogether in favor of the 'social gospel.' The Rev. Walter Rauschenbusch, with his 'Christianizing the Social Order,' and the Rev. Harry F. Ward, with his 'The New Social Order,' pioneered the 'social gospel' in the years before World War I, the former a Baptist and the latter a Methodist."

DR. W. EARLE SMITH, co-chairman of the 1958 Graham Crusade in San Francisco, had a large ad placed in the special NCC edition of the *Chronicle* on page 15 in which the American Baptist Churches of the Bay Area welcomed the NCC delegates to town. It said, "These churches are among 6,000 American Baptist Churches in 42 states united to serve Jesus Christ as missionaries of the Gospel, witnesses to religious liberty, and as prophets of social justice." Under the latter point were these revealing words concerning one who will surely be canonized as their first saint when

the NCC gets around to these ecumenical details: "A pioneer prophet was the Baptist, Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918), who preached and labored to correct injustices that gave 'Hell's Kitchen' its name in New York City. His writing awoke churches to the demands of Jesus Christ for justice and mercy for mothers and children in tenement slums; for the poor, the laborer, and all people injured by their fellowman. This prophetic ministry continues in American Baptist churches, concerned for minority peoples, and for injustice, wherever it is."

DR. EDWIN T. DAHLBERG, who was current president of the NCC, was a personal secretary for Walter Rauschenbusch. He was one of the speakers the evening in Rochester in June, 1960, when Rauschenbusch was honored at the American Baptist Convention. He has also delivered the Rauschenbusch lectures at Rochester-Colgate Seminary. He stated before the NCC the outline of their work in San Francisco: "Decisions must be made in every field of life: The culture of our youth, the utilization of the mass media of communication, the release of the lay forces of Christianity, the nature of the unity we seek, the establishment of justice and peace in the life of industries, races, and nations, and the development of a theological understanding commensurate with the unbelievable advances of science and learning in our time."

DR. HENRY VAN DUSEN read these proposals in the official Message on December 8: "We call upon the churches to find new and co-operative ways of helping men and women solve the critical problems of our society—to improve the quality of education and extend its benefits to all who are qualified to appropriate them; to halt the decay at the heart of our great cities and to rebuild them as fit habitations for men; to encourage artists, writers, and musicians in their labors to interpret the tragedies, victories and meanings of human existence in our time; to guide persons toward the creative use of the new-found leisure which technology has bestowed;

to establish principles of responsibility in the employment of our economic affluence; to aid in creating an international community that will be marked by mutual trust and the ways of peace."

BILL ROSE, ecumenically-minded *Oakland Tribune* religion editor, wrote on December 9, "Bold words calling for new ventures in Christian unity and revolutionary goals in alleviating the almost indescribable misery of much of mankind are being carried home in inspired hearts by the delegates to the National Council of Churches Assembly."

13. The Fundamental Protest

It was refreshing to see an aroused opposition developing in San Francisco. DR. CARL McINTIRE arrived at noon on December 5 and immediately issued this comment to the press concerning the Blake-Pike proposals with considerable publicity given, "Ecumenical leaders are beside themselves over their churchianity. Such a merger would replace historic Protestantism with a synthetic religion." The *Oakland Tribune* of December 5, stated: "The fundamental leader of a 64-member interdenominational church organization suggested that ecumenical leadership is fumbling and splitting the churches. He recommended that ecumenists quit the Protestant churches, reunite with Roman Catholicism and leave 'the Protestant church with those who would like to use them for their original purpose' Dr. Blake has evidenced no respect for those who dissent and has denied property rights to those who challenge the inclusivist-modernist method. (He referred to actions following the merger of three major Presbyterian confessions some three years ago.) There is entirely too much sham and hypocrisy in Dr. Blake's appeal as he seeks to herd his sheep with top-level decisions that ignore and deny the local church members their right to decide. We shall fight him every step of the way."

On Monday, December 5, a luncheon was held at the Foothill Boulevard Baptist Church in Oakland which filled the Lower Auditorium and attended by more than 100 ministers. Speakers were Dr. Clyde Kennedy, president of the American Council of Christian Churches, and Dr. Carl McIntire, president of International Council of Christian Churches. Several NCC laymen were present, in addition to representatives from several colleges and seminaries. Dr. McIntire warned that Dr. Blake's proposal would "put the word of the church above the word of Scripture, as Rome does." He stated, "This is a theological struggle in which we are engaged. We believe we have a Bible and that it is a revelation given to us from our Lord Jesus Christ."

The luncheon crowd of Bible-believing groups drafted and unanimously adopted a statement which read: "Any merger of Protestant denominations in this country or throughout the world that is based upon sacrifice of scriptural principle and that denies the validity of the Bible as the infallible Word of God, is a merger against the Gospel of Christ. We cannot endorse the genius of Dr. Eugene Carson Blake's suggestion for an amalgamation of churches. We can see in this proposal only harm to historic Protestantism. The proposal is but another step in the long line of mergers necessary to the development of the 'coming great church' that is the dream of the leadership of the National Council of Churches. When men become so possessed with their own thoughts that they plan plans which ignore our biblical mandate to preach the Gospel, and construct organizations based on their wisdom and not God's truth, the cause of Christ is not furthered and the salvation of souls is restricted. We would record ourselves at this time in opposition to the ecumenical movement as represented in the National and World Councils of Churches, and we would urge all Bible-believing people, minister and layman alike, to raise a witness to Christ capable of rendering ineffectual the thrust of the ecumenical movement."

Dr. McIntire then addressed a large inter-church rally sponsored by the American Council of Christian Churches at the War Memorial Auditorium, birthplace of the United Nations. The entire lower floor of this auditorium was filled, with a sprinkling in the balcony. The *Chronicle* of December 7 reported as follows under a caption, "Council Accused of Leftist Tinge": "The National Council of Churches is run by a leftist clique determined to use it for the fulfillment of their world dream, the president of the International Council of Christian Churches charged here last night 1

do not say that the National Council is a Communist organization, but I do say that it has been used by the Communists to have repeatedly given aid and comfort to the Communist cause. All that Christianity represents in its glorious system of revealed truth repudiates peaceful co-existence with such a godless system and repudiates any move that compromises righteousness in giving to Red China a hand of recognition." An inspiring round of applause was given when the name of J. Edgar Hoover was mentioned as well as the House Un-American Activities Committee.

This was the most successful and significant protest made against the ecumenical movement in the San Francisco Bay area in years. Previously articulate fundamentalist groups such as "Christ for San Francisco" and the "United Evangelistic Churches of the East Bay" went on the rocks as a result of entering the compromising Graham ecumenical crusades. One cannot help but be encouraged with signs of rebellion and opposition in National Council churches against the race toward socialism and unbelief.

14. Sober Conclusions

The laymen are not yet fully convinced that they want to be a part of this emerging ecclesiastical Babylon. Pike complained about the layman in his remarks quoted in the *Chronicle* of December 6, "We don't lead, we follow. We are afraid of the powerful layman—afraid he won't pledge us any more money." In a prepared release of his address he said, "Others are stilled by the hands of a few wealthy members in the congregation who put their threats on a purely economic basis." The socialistic planners of the NCC will devise some successful formula for removing the roadblocks which the laymen have erected.

Dr. Fiers summed up his address on long-range planning by saying, "We stand at an historic point in the life of the National Council and in the ecumenical movement in America The remainder of this century stretches out before us." There is not a line or thought of the possibility that the sovereign Christ may return and demolish this Babel which they are constructing in total disregard and in utter defiance of the Son of God. One who has a love for the eschatological program set forth in the Scriptures, can easily detect the advance for the apostasy.

The oft-repeated statements which we hear, that one church is as good as another and that we all believe the same things and are going to the same place, cannot be substantiated by the recent General Assembly in San Francisco. The god of Bishop Pike cannot be the Christian God of the Scriptures by any wild stretch of the imagination. The word of the ecumenicists cannot be the Word of God. The theology of these religionists is not the theology of the Bible, but the natural theology of their own cunningly devised doctrines. In the light of these developments, such Scriptures as Revelation 18:2 take on meaning, "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitations of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." The call of God is the same in this age as in the tribulation period, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

As people with spiritual discernment listen to these grandiose religious schemes and long-range plans which have been formulated by these ecumenical leaders, it is no wonder that they think of what Jude says when he speaks of "these filthy dreamers." God's people should read with fresh interest such Scriptures as Revelation 17 and 18, Jude, II John, II Thessalonians and II Peter. We should never cease to rejoice in the God of our salvation, in the blood of the Lamb, in the Gospel of Christ, in the Word of the Lord, and in the return of our Saviour.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." II Peter 2:1-3.



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National Council of Churches Hit

'Protestant' Political Activities Under Fire

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The political activities of the National Council of (Protestant) Churches are under fire from several sources in Arizona:

1) The annual parish meeting of All Saints Episcopal Church here called on the N.C.C. to refrain from taking positions, in the name of the church, on "topics of controversial political nature."

2) The "Arizona Republic" said editorially "If the National Council of Churches hopes for the continued respect of American Protestantism, it would do well to follow the advice of the All Saints Episcopal Church resolution: Stick to questions of morals and eschew political propagandizing."

3) "Phoenix Gazette" Columnist Ed Fitzhugh said: "As far as I know, it was the first time the members of any church in Arizona have gotten their dander up high enough to call the council's bluff. It should be done more often. And by more denominations."

4) St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Tempe, unanimously passed a resolution urging that the N.C.C. "cease all political activity."

In Favor of Red China

The All Saints resolution specifically mentioned the following "pronouncements" by the council:

"Favoring recognition of Red China by the United States and the admission of Red China to the United Nations.

"Against immigration laws as now written.

"Against the Bricker amendment.

"Favoring repeal of the Connally Reservation.

"Admission of participation of

industrialist, presented the resolution which stated in part:

"We believe the church should give moral judgments, but not pretend to political wisdom; because when it does, it is seriously in danger of linking State and Church, combining two institutions whose functions are in every way different and independent of each other." There was no voiced opposition.

Both the All Saints and the St. Augustine's resolutions asked that an official protest be filed through the bishop to the annual convention of the Diocese of Arizona for consideration by the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S.A.

The "Arizona Republic" editorial said the action by All Saints church "is particularly important in that it directed the National Council to refrain from speaking in the name of all American Protestantism whenever it put forth its collective political recommendations.

"This, of course, has been the pattern of the National Council for some time now; it has successfully passed itself off as representative of the entire Protestant laity, when in fact large numbers of Protestants—perhaps a majority—are unalterably opposed to its political stance.

Kansas Baptists Took Action

"In Wichita, Kan., for instance, the board of deacons of the largest American Baptist church in the country last year voted to cut off the church's \$33,000 contribution to the denomination in protest against its membership in the National Council."

Perhaps the most dangerous council position, the editorial said, is "the one favoring recognition of Red China and its ad-

opted unanimously a resolution supporting these notions. However, the truth is that the conference, speaking not for American Protestantism, but for its own individual members, had not adopted the agreement unanimously.

"After the announcement, the Committee of One Million (Against the Admission of Red China to the U.N.) organized a special clergymen's committee—composed of Bishop Fred P. Corson, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Rev. Daniel A. Poling, and Bishop Herbert Welch—to poll a broad cross-section of Protestant ministers.

"Some 48,000 clergymen of all denominations were polled, and of those who replied, 87 per cent were directly opposed to the World Order Study Conference resolution."

"Gazette" columnist Fitzhugh said if the protest doesn't do any good, "the individual churches should pull out of the National Council of Churches. That is one layman's very strong opinion. Because I do not think the National Council of Churches reflects the opinion of most church members at all.

"Furthermore, still in this one man's view, the council has no more right to claim a religious tie-in for its leftwing political opinions than I have to say the Almighty sanctions my rightwing opinions. . . .

Radical Liberal Line

"The sad truth is that the National Council follows a distinct 'line,' politically speaking. It is the radical Liberal line. Tell me the issue, and I can tell you in advance what stand the council is most likely to take on it.

"If it were the question of Laos, for example, the council would look very disapprovingly at United States 'intervention' there, and favor neutralism for Laos. Chances are it would try

"It isn't that the people who run the National Council of Churches aren't entitled to their views. If you adopt the idea that beneath every wolf's hide there beats the heart of a lamb, you could even agree with them on things.

"It is more that I don't think anyone is ever entitled to put out political propaganda in the name of several million religious persons and many hundreds of churches—when the people and the churches have had no chance to say yes or no to having their names used.

"Their names are used, make no mistake about that. Not by letter and initial, perhaps. Not individually. But every time council press release says the council has X-million members through its affiliated churches the implication is that what the council says is precisely what every Mr. and Mrs. John Member believes.

"Churches could lose a lot of members that way, after a while. A man who recognizes Communism as atheism doesn't like to have somebody going around saying he wants to coexist with it, or to invite its disciples in his political clubs."

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PROPOSAL PROTESTANTS CENSOR PIX STIRS CHURCH OPPOSITION

Proposal to review and rate Hollywood screenplays and films will be considered by the National Council of Churches, it was indicated over the weekend, but the issue may well flare into the latest skirmish in a continuing battle between the eastern and western offices of the Council's Broadcasting and Film Commission.

George A. Heimrich, director of the Commission's West Coast office, last week proposed a plan by which a three-member committee would review scripts prior to production and final product upon completion. Plan was presented to the Commission's board of managers, holding its annual meeting in New York.

On Friday, The New York Times reported "an official of the National Council of Churches said he could see 'no possibility' that the Council or any of its agencies would set up a board to review and rate entertainment films."

That same day DAILY VARIETY contacted the Rev. Robert W. Spike, former veepee of the commission and still a member of its board of managers. Spike, from his Teaneck, N.J., home, emphasized his views were personal but explained, "Knowing the attitudes of the people who will make the final decision on the plan, I don't think it will ever be established." Spike, who in the past has been at odds with Heimrich, said the plan would be considered but noted it does not lie within the Council's current policy on films.

'I Call It Censorship'

"We need to help develop discriminate viewing," Rev. Spike declared, "but on quite a different standard than simply an opposition to sex and violence. If it were to come to classification of films, I would call it censorship."

The cleric explained there could

never be "real Protestant censorship even if someone were stupid enough to try it. That kind of relationship does not exist with the church's constituents."

Revelation that Heimrich had delivered his plan to the Broadcasting and Film Commission additionally has brought a candid response from Ken Englund, prexy of the screen branch of Writers Guild of America-West. Said Englund: "Screenwriters have been and always will be opposed to censorship in any form, direct or indirect. If you give a screenplay to a committee like this, it is, ipso facto, censorship and not to the best interests either of the motion picture industry or the general public."

Englund asked, "How can three people decide for millions what they should see? There are no qualified people to screen, from a special viewpoint, either books in galley form, newspapers in proof form or films in screenplay form. We respectfully submit this idea: People of sincere views on the growing frankness in films, and particularly in foreign films, can follow what screenwriters themselves have done. It's called the home rating system, and the idea is to keep children home if you don't feel they should see any particular film."

Heimrich's plan has been referred to the Commission's executive board and to a policy committee of the Council.

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SYRACUSE--THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES RECOMMENDED TODAY THAT CHURCHES REFUSE TO SHOW THE CONTROVERSIAL FILM, "OPERATION ABOLITION" UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A "FULL AND FAIR PRESENTATION" OF AVAILABLE FACTS SURROUNDING DEMONSTRATIONS DURING A HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES HEARING AT SAN FRANCISCO LAST MAY.

THE REPORT ON THE FILM, WHICH WAS SHOWN TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL'S GENERAL BOARD LAST NIGHT, WAS ADOPTED AFTER THE MOST SPIRITED DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD'S TWO-DAY SESSION WHICH DEALT ALSO WITH THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES OF BIRTH CONTROL, FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION AND MEDICAL CARE FOR THE AGED.

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THE RECOMMENDATION REAFFIRMED THE COUNCIL'S "OPPOSITION TO AND REPUGNANCE FOR COMMUNISM AND THE ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS" BUT WARNED AMERICANS TO AVOID "BEING CONFUSED BY COMMUNISTS OR CHAUVINISTS" IN STANDING FOR THEIR CHRISTIAN CONVICTIONS.

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Church Council Asks Curb on Anti-Red Film

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 24 (AP).—Protestant and Orthodox leaders today prepared an advisory to churches across the country not to show the widely circulated film "Operation Abolition" without presenting what they called supplementary facts about it.

The step was authorized yesterday by the National Council of Churches, which voiced its misgivings about the fairness of the film.

It deals with student disruption of hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco last spring, and depicts the demonstrations as Communist-led. Several West Coast Communist leaders are identified in the film, and one explains the technique of coaching witnesses in advance of a committee hearing.

The film is being exhibited in many cities—at schools, clubs, churches, universities and other places. About 700 copies have been sold at \$100 each by a Washington, D. C., company.

The National Council's general questions charges made in the film, and also questions whether it contains "errors of fact and interpretation."

The Council, consisting of 34 denominations which claim 40 million members, said it acted because of "Christian concern for truth and justice in all acts of all agencies of government."

Representative Francis Walter, Democrat of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House committee, appears in the film, along with other committee members.

The church representatives expressed concern about accusation in the film "reflecting adversely upon the reputations of students" and about the film's "effect upon freedom of expression" by implying that a criticism of the House committee is Communist-inspired.

Herluf Jensen of New York City, executive secretary of the National Student Christian Federation, asserted there was "no evidence of student violence whatever" in the San Francisco affair, as indicated by the film.

Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington said the action was not aimed at preventing showing of the film but only to ask that what he called the facts be given with it.

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Church Leaves Council Over 7 Student Riot Film

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The First American Baptist Church of San Francisco announced today it has severed ties with the National Council of Churches in a dispute over the film "Operation Abolition."

The film, taken of student demonstrations at hearings by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco last May, has been condemned by the council as an exaggerated version of the students' part in the riots.

Dr. Curtis Nims, pastor, said the Church also has withdrawn from the Northern California Council of Churches because of its support of the National Council. He said the action was taken yesterday in an emergency meeting of the 800-member congregation.

"We feel that the policies of the National Council do not represent the views of the membership, especially in regard to the film," he said.

Dr. Nims recently resigned from the state council's board of directors because of the dispute, contending the film presented an accurate picture of "Communist-facilitated riots" at the hearings.

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National Council of Churches Turns Its Guns on 'Operation Abolition'

The National Council of Churches, which does not simply urge or plead for "the spread of world democracy" through U. S. submission of its sovereignty to the United Nations, but virtually demands it of its member churches as a matter of general policy, has now launched an attack on the House Un-American Activities Committee and the film, "Operation Abolition."

This attack is mounted in the dual name of "Christian concern for truth and justice in all acts of all agencies of government" and the protection of "freedom of expression."

In a meeting last week in Rochester, N. Y., Protestant and Orthodox leaders on the Council's national board denounced the film, which deals with Communist-inspired student rioting at hearings by the HUAC in San Francisco last May, as containing "error of fact and interpretation" and as "reflecting adversely upon the reputation of students." The churchmen, who purport to represent some 40 million Americans, then prepared an advisory — amounting almost to a directive — to churches across the country that the film be not shown without presenting supplementary facts about it.

We have no argument with the Council on the desire for truth and honesty in all branches of government or the safeguard of freedom of expression. We are, we dare say, as much concerned with each of these as the National Council of Churches. But we do have some argument as to the uses to which these essentially commendable motives are put, as for instance an attempt to impeach the honesty and smear the reputations of members of a duly constituted body of Congress, or by actually smothering freedom of expression under the mask of "protecting" it.

Nor do we have any argument about the presentation of supplementary fact — so long as it is fact, and not emotional supposition — and not emotional supposition.

chronology exist in the film, errors which have been freely admitted by the House Committee and are, in themselves, hardly worth all the hoopla.

But apparently what has the Council really up in arms is the light in which the film places the students who joined in the San Francisco demonstrations. These students have been, holds the Council, maligned. There is, holds the executive director of the National Student Christian Federation, "no evidence of student violence whatever" in the San Francisco affair, as indicated by the film. But those who have viewed the film are inclined to think otherwise: The students who participated in the rioting, whether dupes or not, acted in such a way as to besmirch their own reputations. The tumult and commotion they caused in and outside of the HUAC hearings was, by definition, a riot, which is in itself a form of violence.

The Council, it appears, is fearful of what the film does show, not of any abrogation of freedoms it might cause or unwarranted reflections upon the character of students it supposedly contains. It is fearful, too, of the House committee itself, because the existence of such a body does not fit in with the Council's concept of "One Worldism."

As a final word, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said last summer that FBI investigation made it evident that students participating in the demonstration were incited and used as dupes by Communist subversives. And in a year-end report, Hoover said in December that "the Communists hope to repeat the success which they achieved on the West Coast last year in spearheading mob demonstrations by college students and other young people against a committee of Congress."

It becomes, then, a matter of choice — whether to follow the line of the National Council, or believe the Director of the FBI and the House Un-American Activities Committee.

For our part, the choice is a simple one. We firmly support the

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Council of Churches Under Fire

An Oakland minister charged today that the National Council of Churches "has placed itself squarely on the side of the communist party in the vast propaganda battle against the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

In San Francisco, the First Baptist Church officially severed all connections with the National Council.

Both actions were in protest against the NCC general board's action last Thursday, criticizing "Operation Abolition," the film of the student riots at the HCUA hearings in San Francisco last May.

Dr. G. Archer Weniger, pastor of Foothill Baptist Church, issued a statement declaring: "Shame has been brought upon the good name of Protestant churches by this incredible action of a group of radical religious socialists, whose general program goals coincide with communist party objectives in a startling way."

Dr. Curtis Nims, pastor of the San Francisco church, said more than 800 members, attending a special business meeting after morning services yesterday, voted to withdraw from the NCC.

He said there were only five dissenting votes to a resolution which criticized the NCC for "political action and pronouncements."

Dr. Weniger said Dean Kel-

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Riot Film Defended By Minister

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ley of the National Council admitted to him that he did not have statements by Dr. Nims, the Rev. George Moore, Walnut Creek First Baptist Church; and Dr. Clarence Sands, San Jose First Baptist Church, who were eye witnesses to the rioting. (A.A.C.)

"Not one of the 20 ministers who were in the hearing room for those hours of testimony and wild disorder would identify themselves with the NCC action," Dr. Weniger declared.

"The NCC general board speaks from the vantage point of ignorance or deceitfulness."

TRUE PICTURE

Dr. Weniger insisted that the film "is a true and accurate representation of the activities at the hearings both inside and outside the chambers."

He commented: "We should expect a Council of Churches to give solid support to the forces of law and order in the struggle with subversion, rather than giving aid and comfort to insurrectionist elements."

At a San Francisco meeting of the NCC, "we listened in vain for any strong denunciation of the communist menace in our world," Dr. Weninger said.

"But we did hear some merciless attacks upon the anti-communists, delivered by Bishop Pike, the Rev. Robert Moon, President Dahlberg, Bishop Quinn, and others."

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Dr. Weniger said that by its "film burning" action, the NCC is simply documenting the charge that the Reds have been fantastically successful in their strategic plan to infiltrate the council.

He said there would be one wholesome effect: "It will advertise the film so that people will want to see this gross rehearsal for revolution for themselves."

"It should also encourage people to demand that their churches cease affiliation with an organization that has too frequently been marching with the forces of communism."

Dr. Weniger, one of the Bay Area's most outspoken critics of communism, has been pastor of the Foothill Baptist Church here for 18½ years. He attended the San Francisco hearings of the House Committee last May.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Freedom and Rights

Churchmen Warn of 'Big Lie'

The Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches cautioned its members yesterday to be aware of the "big lie" tactics of Communism.

It also passed a positive pronouncement reaffirming its support for the preservation of the freedom and rights of man — even of those holding minority views.

The council board of directors, meeting here, said it was the church's mission and part of the council's program to keep these facts continually in the public con-

science.

In addition to the tactics of "Godless Communism," members of the council were alerted to other forms of tyranny on the "right" and on the "left."

The board urged alertness against the tactics of those totalitarians who attempt to manipulate sincere people so they unwittingly further subversive ends.

The board added:

"We recognize law and order with justice and the process of law as the fundamental means for preserva-

tion of freedoms and opportunities of individual citizens.

"We expect our government, in its legislative, executive and judicial functions, to stand firm in its protection of human rights and liberties."

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Lee Replies on Ministers' Challenge

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week Brig. Gen. (Ret.) William L. Lee, retired Commander of America's Air Force Boss and volunteer co-ordinator of the John Birch Society, was called upon by a group of Amarillo ministers to present "documented evidence" which he claims to have that would show the National Council of Churches has been infiltrated by Communists. Gen. Lee has made his claim while denying that his society had anything to do with Communists or an alleged list of Amarillo ministers. This is his answer to

nelled through the F.B.I., which is the private detective agency of the Department of Justice and is NOT ALLOWED to REVEAL such information to the public. Congressional committees, such as the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Security Committee may, however, disclose publicly the names of individuals and organizations which are collaborating with the Communist conspiracy in the United States. This appears to be the reason that the National Council of Churches has through its many pronouncements tried to

I am delighted to refute the local ministers' statement of March 8, 1961, most of which parroted verbatim portions of the National Council of Churches' booklet prepared for such occasions titled "the Truth", and the

balance of their statement, which revealed their ignorance and their ignorance of the fact that there is presently no law against being a Communist in this country or a dupe thereof.

First, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover is well aware of the Communist and dupe in religion. This fact is revealed in his recent statement. By the late 1930's, the Communist Party had been successful in maneuvering itself into the mainstreams of American life. Communist influence was exercising through a myriad of

interlocking FRONT groups, ostensibly designed to counter the threat of fascism, but covertly manipulated by the Communist party for its own purpose. Many prominent educators, writers, artist, entertainers, CLERGYMEN, and others influential in molding public opinion were DUPED, not only into supporting Communist causes, but also in STIFLING ANTI-Communist views. Of course, the National Council of Churches and its puppets would like to see all information on Communism in the churches fun-

discredit these communists and their activities. It is well to note here that the House Un-American Committee, that has done much to expose the conspiracy in religion, has recently received overwhelming support from the House in that its new budget was proved by a 412 to 6 vote. This committee which cannot be bluffed or gagged by threat of an organization which infers that it speaks FOR (and not TO, as the ministers would like their congregations to believe) some 100 million members, is a

of Congress and I feel that most Americans rely upon its judgment. The fact that the National Council of Churches and its puppets have made repeated attempts to discredit the House Un-American Activities Committee leaves me but one conclusion - they fear exposure. Their attempt to discredit the House Un-American Committee's film "Operation Abolition" which is a documented film, if there ever was one, brought light to the eyes of their own leaders such as Reverend Curtis R. Nims who resigned as Director of the North

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era California-Nevada Council of Churches in February, 1961.

Dr. Nims states that he resigned because of the National Council of Churches' pronouncements on "Operation Abolition" were unfounded and that the film "presents a fair representation of the deplorable events" that took place during the youth riots in San Francisco. One thing the National Council of Churches can't hide forever is the truth — as you see Rev. Dr. Nims was present at the riots. Dr. Nims went on to say about the National Council (See LEE—Page 2)

of Churches stand, "the critical resolution is irresponsible and gives comfort to those who aid and abet the Communist Conspiracy."

Second, it appears that the National Council of Churches' hierarchy, as repeated by the local ministers, should have the right to face their accusers and I believe that our present freedoms provide that right; however, during the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings in 1960 on the Air Force Manual controversy the National Council of Churches sent the following wire to the House Un-American Activities Committee:

We call upon the Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee to retract his untrue statement of charges against the churches and to apologize to the National Council of Churches and to the 60 million members of Protestant churches in America. And we further call to the attention of all churches and their members the never ending necessities to protect the freedom of religion and to exercise the duty of all Christians to judge the acts of the same in light of the teachings, example and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

This wire was signed by Eugene C. Blake and other leaders of the National Council of Churches. Chairman Francis Walter's answering wire to each of them is as follows:

Do you desire the opportunity to appear before the Committee on Un-American Activities in order to question the accuracy of the material which came from the Committee files and which appears in the Air Force Manual? If you desire such opportunity, we can arrange a time convenient to yourself.

To this date this invitation to testify has not been accepted. Their silence on this issue indicates to me, that there is a close affiliation to the Communist Conspiracy. It seems that when the opportunity to clear the matter arises they are like the proverbial Arabs and their tents.

and, in regard to the minister's statement to the effect that the National Council of Churches has never had a Communist Party member or sympathizer on its staff, among its officers, I would like to point out that this statement carries with it an insult upon the intelligence of all who support this pseudo-religious, political organization, the National Council of Churches, and reflects the highest order of stupidity influenced by blind obedience to its dictates on the part of the ministers. The Communist Party is not stupid and obviously would not neglect as important a field in our national life as the churches. Religion and Nationalism are the last strongholds against the Communist Conspiracy. They have had their chance to prove the charges to the contrary, as I pointed out above, as the burden of proof still rests upon the ministers. Such "flat-footed" statements as quoted by the ministers, in view of the

are closer than Austin. I travel and I'm interested in what's going on over there more than I am in what's going on in Austin."

I recommended that he also subscribe to our regional paper, The Daily News, which has been covering western Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico for more than half a century. It provides political news from both out-of-state capitals. I feel obliged to remind the caller however, that while Oklahoma City and Santa Fe are nearer mileage-wise, Austin is still the capital of Texas, and that's where the legislation and regulations that effect us are made.

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Murray for Beaumont! The master of the Beaumont district attorney and the grand jury indictment of those involved in Jefferson County vice ring comes as good news. Many predicted that this would never come to pass in Beaumont. Personally, I had my fingers crossed, but people all over the state are getting aroused. They are tax ridden and they are rebellious and they are sick and tired of conniving and cheating by public officials.

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The go-go-go boys — the young executives who eternally are looking at their wrist watches, calling about the airline schedules and talking long distance — make you feel terrible — so conscious about time. We have some of these boys in our business. You run into them in Washington and even in Dallas. They are the last to arrive at a meeting and they seem to compete over being the first to leave. It seems to be a fetish with them. They can't sit through a ball game or finish a rubber of bridge.

Paul Allingham calls this type "the suitcase editors."

statements and facts brought out by the two federal investigating committees in recent years proves beyond any question that the local ministers do not look for the local promotion of their will and for the benefit of their congregations, but for the promotion and benefit of the National Council of Churches hierarchy, which, incidentally, does not pay their wages, travel expenses, housing costs, retirement and vacations. The ministers should listen to their congregations instead of intimidating them. When questions are raised about the National Council of Churches they should listen with an open mind instead of parroting this "preacher's union." I feel that they would be shocked to find that there are a greater number of individuals that feel as I do, members who have seen the score for a long time and don't like it and would support their ministers if the ministers had their congregations best interest at heart instead of personal vested interests such as promotions, retirement benefits and social reform. The National Council of Churches and its puppets howl about the intervention of government into religion. How about the intervention of religion into government? Now, I don't mean government without religion, but politics voiced by religion. I believe the Bill of Rights on this subject is a two-way street. If these ministers and the National Council of Churches would preach from the Bible instead of from law books and social science books the trend away from religion could be averted.

Fourth, I challenge the ministers to take the necessary time to tell the unvarnished truth why the millions of dollars of their members offerings and tithes are spent by the National Council of Churches' political affairs committees and other such committees which further the Communist causes, such as (1) The recognition of Red China by the U.S.A. and the admission of Red China to the U.N. (2) Repeal of the McCarran Immigration Act, which now prevents the unchecked flow of Communist and fellow-travelers as aliens into our country. (3) National Council of Churches' stand against the Right to Work Laws. This item brings up a very interesting point and observation concerning the National Council of Churches being used as a political organization instead of a religious organization. Several years ago the AFL-CIO through the guise of the Phillip Murray Memorial Foundation made a gift to the National Council of Churches in an amount of \$200,000.00, and shortly thereafter the National Council of Churches began a study of the Right to Work Law issue through one of

the committees. This committee's report, which was approved by the General Board, stated that the National Council of Churches held the right to work idea as all wrong from the Christian standpoint and there should be no such laws. Now, it appears that the National Council of Churches denominations support an organization in which the controversial Mr. Reuther has been able to exercise a high degree of influence. (4) How about the fact that on November 19, 1952, Mr. Reuther along with two other labor leaders were allowed to use the National Council of Churches' stationery to write letters to local unions throughout the country soliciting funds for the National Council of Churches??? (5) To explore this further, the ministers might explain the un-Christian action and howling of the disciples of collectivism at the statement made by Mrs. Frances Perkins (onetime Secretary of Labor) at the old Federal Council of Churches' Church and Economic Life Department (which was carried over to the National Council of Churches) meeting in Detroit, Michigan (February, 1950) when she said, "Why should we meet with a lot of half-baked people to discuss things they know nothing about? The clergy's duty is to guide people in the knowledge of God and NOT in politics and economics. The un-Christ like members, presided over by one Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, howled Mrs. Perkins out of the Conference. (6) The ministers might also explain why the National Council of Churches is listed in the Senate's Internal Security Committee Hearing on Communist infiltration in the Nuclear Test Ban Movement on May 13, 1960, as being one of the "organizations favored by Communists" (page 34 of Hearing). This report went on to state that the National Council of Churches was one of the organizations favored by the Communists "which possess the enormous propaganda advantage of being known as non-Communist." I imagine that the ministers after having told the "gospel" truth about these FACTS will either be somewhat enlightened themselves and that their congregations will find a way to convince them that withdrawal from the National Council of Churches is imperative OR the ministers will be left preaching to near empty pews served by the remaining left-wing and pinko deacons or the idol worshipers of the ministers.

Now, to the subjects of Communist and Communist Sympathizers in the National Council of Churches. First, I quote from a statement made by a reliable Staff Director of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Mr. Richard Arens during the re-

cent Air Force Manual issue: (H. U.A.C., Pg 1303, op. cit.)

MR. ARENS: May I first say, Mr. Chairman, in view of the Secretary's (of Air Force) repudiation of the information conveyed respecting the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, the chairman issued a statement to the effect that the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America had hundreds or at least over 100 affiliations with Communist fronts and causes. Since then we have made careful, but yet incomplete checks, and it is a complete UNDERSTATEMENT. Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist front records or records of service to Communist cause. The aggregate affiliations of leadership, instead of being in the hundreds as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the THOUSANDS, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow - travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement.

I have in my file an official report obtained from the House Un-American Activities Committee dated November 18, 1960, on Dr. Edwin T. Dalberg, immediate past-president, of the National Council of Churches. This report lists Dalberg's many affiliations with Communist Front Organizations and causes. I have listed below just four of the many listed and I indicate following each one the Federal Agency which has cited it as being a Communist and I indicate following each one the Federal Agency which has cited it as being a Communist Front and the date of the citation:

1. Initiator of the "National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act" (Senate, Internal Security Subcommittee, 1956.)
2. Sponsor of the "Citizen's Committee to Free Earl Browder." (U.S. Attorney General, 1942) (House Un-American Activities Committee, 1944.)
3. Signer of letter to President Eisenhower on behalf of the "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell." Sobell is a convicted atomic secret stealing spy (House Un-American Activities Committee, 1956).
4. Signer of letter to President Roosevelt protesting the deportation of Harry Bridges (House Un-American Activities Committee, 1943).

I have in my possession a booklet published by the National Council of Churches as a recommended reading list titled "The Negro American". This little 40-page jewel was prepared by the National Council of Churches recommending books to be read to and by preschool through adult age individuals. It recommends that it be furnished to teachers, Parent Teachers Associations and other interested persons to bring about an understanding of intergration. It was published in 1957 by the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations and sold for 25c, but try to obtain one now from the National Council of Churches. This example of sympathy for Communists and Communism is also an example of the lewd thinking which falls in direct line with the conspiracy. The recommendations include books that have been cited as being so obscene that the offending material carried in them could not be read aloud in the House of Representatives when it was discussed in April, 1960.

The ministers no doubt will make a good attempt to whitewash the facts about the National Council of Churches' recommended books. I am anxious to see how they explain the background of the author of the recommended book "Black Reconstruction" by W. E. B. DuBois. This author who was on the faculty of the Communist Party's Workers School of Social Science and contributing editor for the Communist Magazine "Masses and Mainstream", has over 75 Communist fronts and causes to his "credit". He has followed the Communist line so well that in 1952 he was awarded the Soviet controlled World Peace Council's Peace Prize. Also, I imagine the ministers will have some kindly comments about Mr. DuBois' wife, Shirley Graham (author of six of the National Council of Churches' recommended books for "brainwashing"), who was identified not only by her actions to be a Communist but under oath by Louis Budenz, former managing editor of the Daily Worker and member of the Communist Party's National Committee. I am sure that Miss Graham's activities in supplying material to Communist publications and her membership in the Communist Party and its affiliated fronts may have been the reason her books were recommended by the National Council of Churches.

I am sure that the author of the National Council of Churches' recommended book titled "The Negro in Southern Agriculture", Victor Perlo, merits the National Council of Churches' recommendation since he invoked the fifth amendment in 1953, in a Senate Internal Security hearing as the head of one of the two espionage

rings under Elizabeth Bentley. Earlier a U. S. intelligence agency document revealed that he served as the head of the most important espionage group in the U. S. Government and was a member of the famous Harold Ware cell, the first known Communist cell established in the United States of America. His writings are aimed at stirring up strife and trouble in the United States for the purpose of aiding the Communist Conspiracy and its plot to enslave us.

Another author which I assume the ministers won't be proud to quote, but no doubt will make excuses for, is one avowed Communist Party Member, Langston Hughes, who is favored by the National Council of Churches' recommendation of nine of his books and is the author of the following poem:

"GOOD-BY CHRIST"
Listen, Christ
You did all right in your day,
I reckon —
But that day's gone now.
They Ghosted you up a swell story, too.
Called it the Bible —
But it's dead now.
The Popes and the Preachers

Made too much money from it.
They've sold you to too many Kings, Generals, Robbers, and Killers —
Even to the czar and the Cossacks,
Even to Rockefeller's Church.
Even to the SATURDAY EVENING POST.

Yet ain't no good no more.
They've pawned you
Till you've done wore off.
Good-by.
Christ Jesus Lord God Jehovah,
Beat it on away from here now.

Make way for a new sky with no religion at all —
A real guy named Marx Communist Lenin.
Peasant Stalin Worker Khrushchev.
I said me!
Go ahead on now.

You're getting in the way of things, Lord,
And please take Saint Gandhi with you when you go.
And Saint Pope Pius,
And Saint Alcee McPherson, and Big Black Saint Becton Of the Consecrated dime.
And step on the gas, Christ! Move!
Don't be so slow about movin'.
The world is mine from now on —
And nobody's gonna sell ME To a king, or a general, or a millionaire.

Good-by Christ, good morning oblivion! Enough said for Mr. Hughes and his ideas for America and our way of life.

I am sure that the local ministers will still try to whitewash the National Council of Churches and accuse enlightened citizens that they are falsely accusing the National Council of Churches' hierarchy. None are so blind as those who do not want, or refuse to see, the truth. Even the most devastating evidence, in my opinion, would have little, if any, effect on those who do not desire the truth. They, the misinformed, have been sold down the river for good.

This booklet also recommends the N.A.A.C.P. (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) as "one of the organizations working in race relations which may hold a challenge" to the reader. Now, the N.A.A.C.P. is an organization which I need not go into detail, as its record is very, very clear.

To review the reading list further the ministers should explain to their congregations why of the 260 books recommended, many of them are by authors that are not only Communist frontiers but some have been identified and cited by government committees as out and out Communists. When I say many of the books are by these authors I mean just that, have found through research that 53 of them are by such individuals, and my research is in no way complete. These authors have been named by almost every committee on subversion from the Senate Investigation Committee, House Un-American Activities Committee, to the California Senate Investigating Committee on Education as either outright Communist or Communist Frontiers. How many more of these books are by such authors is immaterial as 30 per cent seems to be evidence enough to prove my point.

If I were to take time to review all the filth that is contained in these "recommended" books, most of which are on the shelves of the Amarillo Public Library, I could never conclude this statement. However, I do challenge the ministers to hold a open book review, if their clerical consciences will permit, on several of the "recommended" books which the National Council of Churches wants us to read to our children or "leave them around where they can be read", such as "Without Magnolias" by Bucklin Moon, in which there is a detailed description of a bedroom scene between a negro girl and a white man. (This scene has been cut out of the Amarillo Public Library's copy.) Also, the book titled "Color Blind" by Margaret Halsey which is so revolting that even the most ardent intergrationists are shocked. As one researcher has stated regarding this reading list, it was not designed to bring about intergration, but to bring about an AMALGAMATION of the races.

I would also like to have the ministers explain to their congregations why the National Council of Churches terminated its National Lay Committee (it's only laymen organization) during the presidency of Eugene Carson Blake. This action came after the committee's LAST report by J. Howard Pew (past-president of Sun Oil Company) which stated "The members of the LAY COMMITTEE believe, and so state that the POLITICAL adventures of the National Council of Churches in the fields of ECONOMIC and POLITICAL controversy would seriously hinder and not further Christian leadership in the pressing fields of evangelism, fellowship and education." This committee was dropped like a hot potato after that statement.

The National Council of Churches which is dictatorial in that it makes pronouncements in behalf of its members through its committees and staff study groups without requesting sanction from

its General Board, denominations or congregations, leaves the church members no choice except to cooperate if they remain members of the church.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

Pastors Called for Evidence for FBI

A group of Amarillo ministers said today they had requested Brig. Gen. (Ret.) William L. Lee to turn documented evidence which he claimed to have over to the FBI rather than making it a public statement. Gen. Lee claimed the "documented evidence" would show that the National Council of Churches had been infiltrated by communists.

In his statement printed in Friday's Globe-Times Gen. Lee ridiculed the ministers for not knowing that being a Commu-

nist is not unlawful in this country. An editor's note preceding the statement failed to state that the ministers' request was that the "documented evidence" be turned over to the FBI rather than be used in the manner it was.

The ministers said the reason they asked that it be handled in this manner was that the FBI has a department for the purpose of collecting information on Communists and that they did not desire to launch a campaign of charges and counter-charges.

Gen. Lee, who is a volunteer coordinator for the John Birch Society in this area, made his public statement of charges after ministers had denied that the National Council is infiltrated with Communists. Their statement was in answer to an earlier warning made publicly by Lee, charging the council was infiltrated with Communists and Communist sympathizers.

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Ministers Ask Lee To Back Charges

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A group of Amarillo ministers today called on a retired Air Force general here to take any documented evidence which he has concerning Communism in the National Council of Churches to proper authorities.

The ministers said in a prepared statement that any such evidence does not belong in the hands of individuals or organized groups, but should be turned over to the FBI and proper courts "that action under the law can be taken to resolve the said charges."

Participating in preparation of the paper were nine ministers representing all denominations in Amarillo which are associated with the National Council of Churches. Eight of the ministers signed the document. One, who was in on the preparation of most of the paper, was called from the meeting and had not had an opportunity to sign the document by noon today.

In their paper, the ministers cited a statement made recently by the National Council in which it was denied that any Communist influence is present in that organization.

They called the charges made on Monday by Brig. Gen. (Ret.) William L. Lee of Amarillo as being in violent contradiction with the National Council statement and called attention to the "Constitutional right of every American citizen to be confronted by his accusers and be tried by the courts."

Ministers who signed the instrument are: Bishop George Quarterman, bishop of the Episcopal diocese; Dr. E. B. Landreth, district superintendent of the Methodist Church; the Rev. Charley P. Harnest, Covenant Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Clayton Sugg, minister of Grace Lutheran Church; Dr. Luther Kirk, minister of San Jacinto Methodist Church; Dr. Jordan Grooms, minister of 10th Street Methodist Church; Dr. Newton Robison, minister of First Christian Church, and Dr. Skinner, minister of First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. William Everhart, minister of Westminister Presbyterian Church, was present for most of the discussions, but was called from the meeting before it was completed and had not signed by noon.

The statement follows:

"We, the undersigned ministers, are concerned by the charge that the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA has been infiltrated by Communists and the claim that is made by Gen. Lee that he has in his hands 'documented proof' of this fact. We, as Christian citizens, would welcome any opportunity to rid the country of Communist infiltration in the church or in any area of our society.

"The public charge made by Gen. Lee is in direct contradiction to the following statement from the leaders of The National Council of Churches in the USA:

"From its very first moment of existence in December 1950, when the denominations consti-

tuted this agency to witness to their unity in Christ and to conduct their cooperative work, the National Council of Churches has never had a Communist Party member or sympathizer among its officers or staff, or its executives. Every one of these devoted church members is deeply loyal to his country. Every one of them resists by conviction, and by virtue of his professional activity, the attempts of Communism to infiltrate and undermine a free society both in America and

other nations of the world. The Council defies anyone to offer proof of probative value to the country.

"Since the Council was formed, literally thousands of clergymen and laity have participated actively in the work of its numerous departments and committees, including the members of the Revised Standard Bible Committee. We know of no one of these thousands who has Communist leanings. Certainly none has (See MINISTERS—Page 2)

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been proved to have such leanings.

"We know that there are statements in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, made by irresponsible and malicious individuals, which seek by inference and innuendo to discredit persons in the leadership of our member churches and in the staff of the Council and its supervisory bodies. We know also, however, that the implied charges of communist affiliation or Communist sympathy are totally false."

"Since it is obvious that the charge made by Gen. Lee and the statement of The National Council leaders are in violent contradiction, it is our judgment that it is incumbent on Gen. Lee or others to take their documented proof to the FBI and proper courts that action under the law can be taken to resolve the said charges. These are of such serious nature that they should not be left in the hands of individuals or organized groups.

"Further, since similar charges are purported to have been made against ministers and other citizens in this city, we would reiterate the Constitutional rights of every American citizen to be confronted by his accusers and be tried by the courts. At the same time, we deplore conviction by accusation and defamation of character by rumor.

"We deplore Gen. Lee's insistence upon a continuing 'friction' when the cause for it can be obviated by taking his 'documented' proof to the courts."

Action by the ministers was provoked by a statement made here Monday by an official of the John Birch Society who said that organization had "documented evidence" that the National Council of Churches has been infiltrated with Communists and Communist sympathizers.

Gen. Lee, former commander of Amarillo Air Force Base and now a volunteer co-ordinator for the Birch Society, made the statement.

The ministers said if such evi-

dence was at hand they wanted to see it and demanded that it be made public.

Lee made the statement during a denial that his organization had anything to do with an alleged list of Amarillo men accused of being Communists or Communist sympathizers, or of spreading rumors of such. He said at the time that the reason so much friction exists between many ministers here and members of his organization is due to the ministers failure to recognize the Communist influence within the National Council.

Five Amarillo men have been told that a list of Communists does exist and that their names are on it. The list includes two ministers, an attorney, a candidate for the City Commission and a city employee.

In making his denial that the John Birch Society has anything to do with any such list, Lee said he personally does not know of a single Communist in Amarillo. He added that he believes some people here might be "dupes of Communists," but that they are not knowingly being used.

He says he feels it is a serious thing to accuse anyone of being Communist, or even leaning towards communism. He added that rumors of lists or that some people in the community have been branded Communists could be the works of Communists who seek to destroy all such organizations as his which are fighting communism.

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National Council of Churches



Dr. Billy James Hargis

Dr. Hargis To Hold Public Rallies Here

Crusader Against Communism to Speak At Byrd High School Louisiana

Dr. Billy James Hargis, ordained Protestant minister who resigned his pastorate to devote full time to an interdenominational anti-Communist ministry and founded the Christian Crusade organization, will speak at public rallies at Byrd High School Friday through Sunday.

The rallies, sponsored by the Citizen's Councils, are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Gains Wide Recognition

Hargis, a strong advocate of conservatism in religion, economics and government has crusaded actively against Communist infiltration in all walks of American life for 13 years. He has gained wide recognition for his outspoken stand against Communist infiltration and his firm opposition to what he feels are "liberal, left-wing tendencies in religion, education and government which threaten the Christian principles laid down by our forefathers."

The Christian Crusade organization which he founded carries messages throughout the nation on daily and weekly radio broadcasts and through a recently introduced national weekly television series.

Publishes Magazine

In addition, the organization publishes the Christian Crusade magazine which has a monthly circulation of more than 80,000 and a weekly intelligence report called "The Weekly Crusader," co-edited by Hargis and Gen. Charles A. Willoughby, former chief of intelligence for Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Hargis was author of charges of Communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches, later substantiated by the House Un-American Activities Committee, which were featured in the Air Force Manual controversy last year.

A special feature of the Saturday meeting will be a showing of the film "Operation Abolition," documentary film of the committee's hearings in San Francisco last year.

The public is invited to attend the meetings.

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National Council of Churches

Dr. Carl McIntire Hits Church Council

Says Protestants Supporting Castro

Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Churches, and a critic of the other larger group, the World Council, today said that one of the major reasons the free Cubans weren't welcomed when they sought to liberate Communist-controlled Cuba, was due to the Protestant movement there supporting Castro.

And he also scolded Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church, and spokesman for the World Council of Churches for negotiating with Metropolitan Nicolai of Moscow.

CHARGES INFILTRATION

Renewing his accusation that the National Council and World Council of Churches and various Protestant groups had been infiltrated by the Communists, Dr. McIntire said at a press conference in the Statler Hilton Hotel:

"The application of the Russian Orthodox Church of Moscow for membership in the World Council is Exhibit A for the Communists' use of religion.

"The Moscow church is under the complete domination of the Reds and is a mouthpiece for Kremlin foreign policy."

He identified Metropolitan Nicolai, with whom he said Dr. Blake is negotiating, as

the second ranking official in the Moscow church "and identified as an agent of the Soviet secret police."

PREDICTS ADMISSION

He predicted that the World Council would accept the application when it meets in New Delhi, India, next November and added:

"Some of the preachings of the Moscow church, for example, include the Kremlin's phony peace drive and other party line programs such as total disarmament, cessation of atomic testing, elimination of Western bases and recognition of Red China."

The Evangelical movement in Cuba, which includes the Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians, he added, sent a message to Cuban Protestants to support Castro because "Marxist communism has affinities with Christianity."

He also criticized Los Angeles Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy for similar comments.

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'Freedom Rally' Head Protests Cancellation

An American churchman, who heads a team billed as anti-Communist Korean church leaders, Monday protested the cancelation of its use of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church here.

But the "freedom rally" was scheduled instead for the Peachtree Gardens Clubhouse at 5051 North Ivy Rd., NE, Tuesday and Wednesday.

'DENIAL OF FREEDOM'

L. E. Latham, general manager of radio station WAVO, which is handling local arrangements, said "freedom rally" director Dr. Carl McIntire issued this statement from New York:

"This is a denial of freedom.

These men on the opposite side on the present conflict are constantly saying they are against communism and defend freedom. But . . . they engage in suppression, smear and attacks on personalities. . . . We appeal to all citizens in Atlanta to join us in vigorous protest."

RIVAL GROUP

The controversy apparently centers in part around Dr. McIntire's criticism of the National and World Council of Churches. He is founder of the Rival American and International Councils of Christian Churches.

Dr. Lester Rumble Sr., chairman of the board of trustees of the North Georgia Methodist Conference, who canceled the appearance, said Monday that the "freedom rallies" had been discussing matters not appropriate to Methodist forums.

The Rev. J. Edwin Lantz, director of the Southeastern office of the National Council of Churches, said he did not request cancelation of the meeting but did "express concern" that the meeting was scheduled in Wesley Memorial.

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Leftists in Pulpit, McIntire Charges

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Dr. Carl McIntire, controversial head of the International Council of Christian Churches, brought his Korean "anti-Communist team" to Atlanta Tuesday night, and warned of Communist infiltration in churches throughout the world.

Latham, general manager of radio station WAVO, who is in charge of local arrangements for the traveling program.

The meeting was held at Peachtree Gardens after Methodist officials canceled the group out of

Dr. McIntire, addressing about 200 persons at Peachtree Gardens, attacked the National and World Councils of Churches, charging they allow Communist infiltration.

"I'm doing what I can to see if we can't get an investigation of the National Council of Churches," he told the applauding audience.

He also held up in his hand what he said was a list of 2,109 Methodist ministers who have been identified with "leftwing and Communist front" organizations.

Dr. McIntire and the Koreans were introduced by Rev. L. H.

Wesley Memorial Church. A good portion of Dr. McIntire's remarks were given to condemning the cancellation and those responsible for it. He called it "a subtle form of suppression in this country."

He said it was an "infringement of freedom," and "the way to correct it is to expose it, denounce it."

"I'm going to do my best to focus Christian attention on conditions in Atlanta," Dr. McIntire said, drawing a thunderous applause. He followed it up by de-

claring that he was "so sick and tired of Martin Luther King and these . . . (he was interrupted by applause). They're allowed to break the law of the land . . . flout our courts . . . defy us."

DR. MCINTIRE also drew applause when he introduced the Koreans and said they had served connections with the Southern Baptist Convention.

One of the Koreans, Rev. Yoon Chan Kim, who spoke through an interpreter, told of Communist atrocities in North Korea, and re-

lated how he spent 29 days in a wooden coffin without food, and how the Communists murdered hundreds of Korean ministers.

The Korean praised Dr. McIntire for heading the only church group which has taken a strong stand against Communist infiltration.

Two other members of the "team" will speak Wednesday at Peachtree Gardens, 5061 N. Ivy Road, NW, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. David Ahn, president of the Korean Baptist Convention, will make the principal address.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS:

Why Was McIntire Meeting Cancelled?

The Editors: The North Georgia Methodist Conference cancelled the meeting of Dr. Carl McIntire and the Korean team of Christian leaders at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, after the advertising had gone out. Why? Will the North Georgia Methodist Conference tell the public why it cancelled the meeting and why it waited so late?

Dr. McIntire is no "fly-by-night" preacher. He is heard daily over 150 radio stations. He edits a weekly Christian paper. He holds responsible positions with a Christian college and theological seminary. And he is founder of the American and International Councils of Christian Churches.

The team of Korean leaders includes the pastor of a large Presbyterian Church in Seoul and the president of the Korea Baptist Convention. These men have been on tour in the States since May 6, and have spoken in Seattle, Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Washington and many other cities. They have been warning from first-hand experience what happens when Communists gain control of the churches. We in America need this warning.

Can we afford to be afraid to listen to anti-Communists?

BOB SPENCER,

Pastor,

Bethany Baptist Church,
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CHICAGO--THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TODAY ENDORSED THE "NON-VIOLENT MOVEMENT" TO BREAK DOWN THE BARS OF SEGREGATION IN INTERSTATE TRAVEL IN THE SOUTH.

THE POLICY-MAKING ARM OF THE BIG FEDERATION OF PROTESTANT AND EASTERN ORTHODOX COMMUNIONS APPROVED A RESOLUTION COMMENDING "ALL THOSE WHO ARE WORKING, OFTEN WITH GREAT FORTITUDE AND COURAGE, TO PROVIDE HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL."

IN DEFERENCE TO THE WISHES OF OBJECTING MEMBERS FROM THE SOUTH, HOWEVER, THE BOARD DELETED SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE "FREEDOM RIDE" MOVEMENT AND SUBSTITUTED THE WORDS "NON-VIOLENT MOVEMENT."

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Communism In Churches

Off and on during the past several years there has been much loose talk to the effect that communism has heavily infiltrated America's churches, particularly the Protestant clergy. Although these charges have been refuted again and again, ministers continue to be a favorite target of self-appointed vigilantes. Recently, for example, the much battered claim that some 7,000 clergymen were Communists or fellow travelers was trotted out again.

Dover has had some experience with church pastors whose sympathies seemingly were with those of Communistic beliefs. That they were extreme "leftists" was obvious, but we question whether they were disloyal to our fundamental American principles. People should realize that there is still a wide gulf between Communism and leftist Socialism.

Since the gullible and the fearful may be inclined to give such charges more credence than they deserve, it seems worthwhile to note the pains taken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to deny them. "These

allegations," the FBI's Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan has said in a number of speeches around the country, "have served to create the impression among many Americans that Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence. But this is a patent falsehood.

"The truth is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen, or religious institutions, on a national scale."

Nor does this view merely reflect the personal conclusions of one highly placed FBI executive. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has made a point of backing up Sullivan in this matter.

In other words, the federal agency charged with surveillance to guard against communism and other subversions has officially rejected assertions that the nation's churches are overrun by Communists. This supports the conclusion already reached, we think, by most sensible Americans.

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"Attacks on Church Council Help Reds, Episcopalians Say

By GEORGE RILEY
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A hot war of words is being waged in the Protestant church press and among churchmen over the subject of communism.

One of the aspects of the dispute is that of UN recognition of Red China. Another is the proposed admission of Orthodox churches of Russia to the World Council of Churches.

But it principally involves charges, widely publicized in

some parts of the country, that the National Council of Churches and many of its clergy are "soft towards communism," and "dupes of Red propaganda."

Critics Make Charges

The charges of being made by Dr. Carl McIntire, of Collingswood, and by other critics of the country's most representative Protestant body.

The charges are being echoed by local congregations and pastors in some communities who are of denominations affiliated with the council.

However, the July issue of The Episcopalian, official publication of the Episcopal Church, denounced the attacks on the Council.

It says that the attacks by "militant anti-Communists" are doing the Communists a favor by sowing seeds of distrust and undermining public confidence in the churches.

FBI Says Reds Are Pleased

"The FBI has evidence that the Communists are as pleased with the results as if they had planned the whole operation themselves," the magazine says.

The article says it reflects the opinions voiced publicly in recent months by at least a dozen Episcopal bishops. It quotes Bishop William Crittenden, of Erie, as warning church members to be "on guard against unwarranted attacks on clergymen, social action programs of the churches, or the National Council of Churches."

It says Dr. Ralph Lord Roy, a Methodist, found in a six-year study financed by the Fund for the Republic that about 5,000

clergymen, or one per cent of all U. S. clergy, have had affiliation with Communist-like groups since 1930.

Quotes FBI Chief

It reports Chief Inspector W. C. Sullivan, of the FBI, calls allegations of Communist infiltration of the Protestant ministry a "patent falsehood."

The publication of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia has an article by Bishop Robert F. Gibson of that diocese, saying that "anti-Communist groups are growing here in Virginia." Because he has challenged them, Bishop Gibson said he is flooded with mail, and forced to defend the National Council, the Episcopal Church and himself from charges of being Communist.

Methodist Comment

The Christian Advocate, official Methodist publication, stated recently:

"We take second place to no one in opposition to communism. But to wave a 'Stop communism' flag in connection with the church program is to miss the mark of the high calling of Christians."

"We give to the great causes of the church, not to stop political communism, but to help people who are in need. If communism is thwarted by the help of Christians to people in need, well and good. If communism is not stopped, the Christian's responsibility to share to meet the needs of others is not lessened in the least."

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Commie Infiltration Of Churches Disputed Here

By BILL BARRON

A Presbyterian minister and an Episcopalian rector teamed up Monday night to defend the National Council of Churches and to dispute charges that many of the Protestant churches in the United States are infiltrated by Communists.

The Rev John Craig, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, and the Rev John Stevens, rector of Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church, addressed about 60 people who attended the Monday night meeting of the Democratic Forum at the Central YMCA. Their topic was "Are Our Churches Becoming Communist?"

CRAIG, REFERRING to charges that the National Council of Churches as well as many Protestant churches were Communist infiltrated, said, "The people who make these charges often follow the Communist line of creating discord themselves. However, I do not believe they are Communists. They are fearful, frustrated and often fanatical people."

Craig said that Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society and frequent critic of the National Council of Churches, could be described as having three chief characteristics:

"Political totalitarianism. He admits this in his own words. "Personal irresponsibility. This is evident in his charge that Former President Eisenhower was a Communist. "RELIGIOUS nonsense. He believes in a religious mix of what he finds appealing from various denominations."

Craig also questioned the credibility of J. B. Matthews, sometimes called the nation's Number 1 anti-Communist. Matthews, who admits he was once a Communist himself, has done a complete turnabout in his beliefs, Craig said. Craig said that during World War II Matthews charged that Protestant churches favored war.

"Today, he is yelling because the churches favor pacifism," Craig said.

CRAIG ALSO discounted charges by Billy James Hargis and Edgar Bundy and urged the audience "to keep your sense of balance and your sense of humor" in the face of such charges.

The Rev Stevens, who based his argument on the idea that Christianity and Communism are diametrically opposed, said "But it is difficult to be concerned with people without occasionally getting involved with those who only claim to be concerned with people."

"This is an old Communist game," he added.

Stevens also attacked as vicious these charges against the National Council of Churches:

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of the council follow the Communist line. "The Communist line is a catchall for everything," Stevens said. "I'm not going to stop believing in the Apostle's Creed if it happens to fall within the Communist line," he said.

2) The National Council joins with the Communists in wanting to kill Selective Service. "So will all those who get inducted next year," Stevens said.

3) The National Council has joined the Communists in trying to discredit J. Edgar Hoover. "This is just not true," Stevens said. "They are just suspicious that he is not God," he said.

4) THE NATIONAL Council joins the Communists in a plea for peaceful co-existence. "What is the alternative?" Stevens said. Stevens said, in closing his speech, "Nobody who really understands Christianity can ever buy Communism."

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Hits Protestant Clergy For Backing Socialistic Plans

The Protestant clergy was charged with a lack of faith in God and a turne to man-made socialistic schemes to cure the world's ills by a Communist-fighting minister in Columbus Thursday.

Dr. Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Okla., founder-director of Christian Crusade, made the charge in an interview prior to a meeting he is conducting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Deshler-Hilton Hotel.

HARGIS PUT the blame on seminaries in the United States where, he said, ministers today are being trained in a social gospel that denies the supernatural Christ, His virgin birth and bodily resurrection."

This, he said, is the fountainhead of weakness in the Protestant ministry, leaving it open to anti-Christ socialistic doctrines of Communist and Communist-front organizations.

HARGIS described his crusade as the "largest anti-Communist organization in the United States."

He asserted that "only liberalism breeds Communism" and pointed to the fundamental teachings of the Catholic church and its strong opposition to Communism as proof



DR. BILLY J. HARGIS

that this approach does not fall prey to socialistic influence.

He said that "many large Protestant churches" of several denominations are pulling out of the National Council of Churches because of its socialistic leanings. He said:

"MY FIGHT WITH the National Council is that it claims to represent the whole of Protestant thinking. It does not."

On tour of western states recently, Hargis said he found "an awakening." "Socialist forces are being checked by laymen—both professional and the common man," he asserted.

HE DECLARED there is a revolution in the nation today against the National Council because it is "not so much concerned with religion as with socialistic answers for man's plight."

The Christian Crusade is sponsoring the meeting Thursday evening in the Deshler Hilton ballroom. Hargis said he hopes for form a local chapter that will sponsor his daily radio and weekly television programs in which he attacks Communism.

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BAPTISTS RAP CONGRESSMEN FOR RED SLURS

BY RICHARD PHILBRICK

Congressmen who are implying that certain religious leaders in this country are associated with communism were rebuked yesterday by the general council of the American Baptist convention.

The council, in a resolution adopted unanimously, said it "deeply regrets and protests the release by Congressmen of unproved and unevaluated material obtained from the House committee on un-American activities."

Meeting in Loop

The statement was adopted at a meeting of the council in the Morrison hotel. The group is the policy making body of the convention, which has 1,600,000 members.

Quoting J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the resolution declared that "the danger of indiscriminately alleging that someone is a communist merely because his views on a particular issue happen to parallel the official party line is obvious."

Helps the Reds

The measure also said, "We reaffirm our opposition to communism and protest guilt by association and the un-American practice of holding a man guilty until proved innocent."

Material the Congressmen

are using gives a "false impression," the council protested, and by creating confusion helps the communists "by diffusing the forces of their opponents."

The meeting of the council ended yesterday afternoon.

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Critics of Churches Give Aid to Reds, Bishop Says

Methodist Bishop W. Kenneth Pope told a rally of 2,000 laymen here yesterday that if the Russians can destroy the American's confidence in Christian faith, Christian leaders and main Christian institutions and movements, "they will have won a major victory at the start."

The church leader answered recent charges that communism has infiltrated the church by saying that it is those who make such statements that are helping the Communists.

"Let's be frank," Bishop Pope said during the six-hour rally in First Methodist Church. "The church is under attack these days. The center of that attack is in Russia."

He went on to say that while visiting Russia last summer he discovered that Russian guides had rather make light of our

Christian faith, Christian institutions and Christian leaders than anything else.

He added that guides had rather show a tourist an empty Christian church being used for a museum than any other public building on a tour.

"They know that the Christian Church is at the center of morality in this country," he commented.

"And unfortunately, a certain group in this country is helping the Communists just at this point. They are the professional speakers, the paid secretaries and certain politicians whose main purpose seems to be to confuse our people and destroy their confidence in our main Christian leadership, create hysteria and the spirit of defeatism and weakness."

"What better work can they do for Khrushchev?" the bishop asked.

He pointed out that FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover recently assured us from his office in the FBI of the loyalty of both churches and the clergy of this country.

"Yet, one leader of a certain society goes about the country telling people that the largest single group of Communist sympathizers in this country are the clergy (Protestant). How cheap can you get?" he continued.

"They forget that not a single Methodist preacher has ever been accused legally of communism, much less been convicted. The greatest anti-Communist force in the United States is the Christian church."

Bishop Pope said that laymen in local communities can be the bulwark against these unwarranted attacks on the church by demanding that this attack on the church be stopped.

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CROSSCURRENTS IN RELIGION

'Christian's Handbook' On Communism' Issued

By LANE SMITH

Religion Editor, The Times

Communism has become the overriding social issue in the churches.

Unity, federal aid to parochial school, race relations and disarmament and other concerns seemingly have been shelved. Nearly every weekly church bulletin has a statement—either from the pulpit or the pew—on Communism.

Although Seattle may be particularly hot on the subject at the moment, nation-wide reports indicate that millions of Christians are beginning to delve studiously into the subject along with their worship and Bible lessons.

A NEW MANUAL, "A Christian's Handbook on Communism," issued by the National Council of Churches, is expected to be formally commended to churches across the country when the council's board meets next week in Kansas City.

This manual and others, issued by many of the country's major denominations, emphasize that Christians need to know the workings of this rival ideology in order to deal with it effectively.

"It's axiomatic that you can't deal intelligently with a problem unless you're familiar with it," the Rev. Dr. Floyd Shacklock, head of the Literacy and Christian Literature Committee of the National Council of Churches, told the Associated Press.

The manual calls Communism "a religion without God, a religion of men and machines."

"IT IS THE DENIAL by Communists of the basic worth of persons created by God that permits them to do frightful things . . . radically at odds with the Christian faith," the manual states.

The book describes the totalitarian techniques of Communists, its arrests and brain-washings, its system of inciting dissension abroad, its secret cells, its powerful appeals, its deification of science and the mass-

es above the individual.

THE MANUAL notes that the first step of Communism is not usually open attack but the sowing of seeds of distrust about people or organizations that oppose them. "It does not matter to the Communists that what he says and teaches is not true," the book asserts.

It could be noted that some of the seeds of distrust already may have been planted right here in Seattle.

The manual warns against reckless methods and loose charges that spread distrust among loyal Americans, saying this hinders rather than aids the fight against Communism. A balanced, objective approach is urged.

SOME EXCERPTS from the council booklet include:

"Spying in churches is a general practice in all Communist countries . . . Religious propaganda is severely restricted . . . The Communist policy is to destroy the church, root and branch."

"Basically, Communism is a religion because it offers a framework for man's understanding of himself . . . because it demands a man's ultimate loyalty . . . it expects the kind of absolute dedication . . . that Christians can give only to God."

"Communism sees the source of evil outside of man in the economic system, and the source of salvation within man in Communism. Christianity finds the source of evil within man himself and the source of salvation outside of man—in God."

"ENCOURAGEMENT given to cell members never to be honest or frank with those outside the cell produces a gradual disintegration of the sense of truth . . . The Communist has no God, and, therefore, no conscience to respond to an inner divine law as his basic universal code of morality and human dignity."

"The struggle of this century is a struggle for the souls of men."

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Restore Sanity on Communist Problem

Catholics Launch Fight on Extreme Rightists

The National Catholic Welfare Conference today launched a major educational campaign to steer American Catholics away from right wing organizations and "restore sanity on the communist problem."

As a first step in the campaign, the NCWC, official secretariat of the U. S. Catholic hierarchy, published an 80-page booklet by Fr. John F. Cronin, S. S., assistant director of its Social Action Department. Entitled "Communism: Threat to Freedom," it is designed for use as a study guide in Catholic schools and parishes across the nation.

It contradicts many of the charges which have been made by extreme right groups, including the assertion that Protestant churches are heavily infiltrated with Reds.

Fr. Cronin said the booklet was written at the request of several bishops who are concerned about reports that a "sizable number of Catholics" are being attracted to such groups as the John Birch Society.

He said the main point made by the booklet is that

the communist threat to freedom now is "almost exclusively external" and that those who concentrate on the menace of internal subversion are fighting the wrong war at the wrong time.

The domestic Communist Party has been "drastically weakened" in recent years, he said, and no longer is a "major problem."

By creating "hysteria, suspicion and disunity," he said, extreme right wing groups are weakening America at a time when it needs to be strongly united against the international danger posed by Russia and Red China.

As an example of "gross distortions of truth" by rightists, Fr. Cronin cited "the frequently made charge that 7000 Protestant ministers are either members of the Communist Party or sympathizers with the party."

"If the disseminators of such charges were asked to list 50 living Protestant ordained ministers who at any time belonged to the Communist Party, they could not do so without committing libel," he said. "They would be hard pressed to name 200 living clergy who are or have been communist sympathizers in the correct use of the term."

Fr. Cronin said the National Council of Churches, another frequent target of rightists, is a "responsible, patriotic organization" which has never been under communist influence.

He said his booklet, which also is being published by the Paulist Press, New York, will be available in an inexpensive (50 cents) paperback edition.

"It is meant to be educational for the church as a whole, priests as well as laymen," he said. "This is a campaign to restore sanity on the communist problem." (UPI)

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Priest Derides Charge Of Reds in Ministry

A Roman Catholic priest in an 80-page treatise published today says Communist influence among Protestant clergy is "virtually non-existent."

The Rev. John F. Cronin said a charge that 7,000 Protestant ministers are either members of the Communist Party or sympathizers with the party is based largely on lists of clergy "who were duped into joining concealed Communist fronts."

Father Cronin, who is assistant director of the Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference, said:

"If the disseminators of such charges were asked to list 50 living Protestant ordained ministers who at any time belonged to the Communist Party, they could not do so without committing libel."

"They would be hard pressed to name 200 living clergy who are or have been Communist sympathizers in the correct use of the term."

Accusations Made

The charge that 7,000 Protestant ministers are either Communists or Communist sympathizers was made early last year by Robert H. Welch, Jr., founder and president of the Church Society. A virtually identical charge was made nine years ago by the staff director of the late Senator McCarthy's subcommittee.

Although entitled, "Communism: Threat to Freedom," Father Cronin's pamphlet speaks at length of the threat to "our democracy" from the extremists, and diversion of attention from what the author considers the primary Communist threat, that from within rather than from without.

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The extremists are not named, but from the context of pointed remarks in the text it is obvious the author has the John Birch Society and other right-wing groups in mind.

The study was motivated by a desire to "restore sanity" in regard to the Communist threat, Father Cronin said in a press conference here yesterday.

Father Cronin emphasized that the pamphlet did not represent official Catholic doctrine, but said it would, nonetheless, be sent to all bishops in the country to promote in the diocese. It is intended to serve as a study guide in parish schools and use by members of mass Catholic organizations for men, women and youth, he said.

Distortions Charged

In general the extremists, in Father Cronin's view, distort the Communist threat by "wild exaggeration" of their numbers and influence in the United States; charges that a Communist take-over here is a current threat, making communism with "unpopular social philosophies" and using anti-communism as a means of attacking groups not favored by extremists.

"The danger from Communist subversion in the United States itself is small compared with the external threat," he writes. "It is a pathetic misdirection of energy when citizens study communism only in terms of internal subversion.... The spotting and exposure of Communist individuals is a work for experts, not for amateurs."

Father Cronin cautions, however, against "name-calling" against "millions of Americans" who "have been misled by false prophets" but "nonetheless want to do something about communism."

"These ordinary Americans are not extremists or crackpots," he adds, but "their basic problem is frustration and even fear." These have been caused by the feeling that the country has been "fighting a losing

battle in the cold war" and "moving toward moral decay."

Suggests Action

Although "there is very little the average citizen can do" about the internal Communist threat, Father Cronin says, he offers, among others, the following suggestions for individual action:

Helping raise funds for scholarship for students in mission schools in Africa or poor students from Latin America or Asia, areas threatened by communism.

"Vigorous action to restore the moral tone of American life can also help a great deal in (the) struggle for men's minds." Complaining to sponsoring firms about the quality of films and television programs is one example offered.

Making sure local government is honest and that "we make public office attractive to citizens of high ideals." The view that "politics is an ugly business" confesses "our failure to make democracy work."

Practicing religion, but in "dealing with moral evils, concentrate less on denunciation and more on giving leadership and example."

Father Cronin concludes:

"If our efforts against this evil (communism) are poisoning us with hatred and widespread distrust... if we believe every charge against individuals and organizations without giving the accused the right to be heard in self-defense... then we have suffered spiritually... In defending our freedoms, we have ceased to be free men."

Father Cronin's pamphlet is being published jointly by the conference and the Paulist (Fathers) Press.

'Rabid Right' Hurts War On Reds - Presbyterians

By Jo-Ann Price

Targets Named

The Presbytery of New York yesterday assailed "right wing extremism" and said that the John Birch Society and other groups are hampering this country's "resistance to the Communist tyranny."

It unanimously urged its sixty-two churches in Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond counties to examine the " dangers to our nation" seen in the activities of "self-appointed" members of the "rabid right" who have caused a "rift in our free society."

Approval was given to the fifteen-page detailed document by more than 100 ministers and laymen after they debated it at their annual meeting in Central Presbyterian Church, 64th St. and Park Ave.

Alert Sounded

It was prepared, according to the Rev. Graydon E. McClellan, chief administrative officer, to alert church members in advance of a Madison Square Garden rally scheduled by Dr. Fred D. Schwarz's Christian Anti-Communist Crusade for May or June. Mr. McClellan was its chief author.

However, the statement was edited over a two-month period by a twenty-member committee which included the Rev. Dan M. Potter, executive director of the New York City Protestant Council, and Domestic Relations Judge Philip B. Thurston. It was presented by the Rev. Robert J. Stone, chairman of the Presbyterian Committee on Social Education and Action.

The statement attacked "unofficial security specialists" who "dare to sort a free citizenry into fantastic categories of patriotism and subversion" that bear little relationship "to anything other than their own inordinate fears, unethical opportunism, shocking anti-intellectualism, or nostalgic discommodiment from today's world." Their charges of disloyalty are "creating an anxiety neurosis in the nation," the Presbytery said.

Named in the document were Robert Welch Jr., leader of the John Birch Society; Myers G. Lowman, Methodist layman leader of the Circuit Riders; Dr. Schwarz, Edgar C. Bundy, of the Church League of America; Malcolm M. Champlin, chairman of Dr. Schwarz's Christian Anti-Communism Crusade in Oakland, Calif.; the Rev. Billy James Hargis, Tulsa, Okla., radio evangelist; the Cinema Educational Guild of Hollywood, which lists 200 movie "Reds"; Carl McIntire, of Col. N.J., foe of the 1962, in Los Angeles, Welch and National and World Councils of his followers must share the blame.

Churches, and Robert P. DePugh's "Minutemen."

"Their charges get downright silly," the statement said. The extremists, it asserted, "fire their Gatling-gun-like charges into startled crowds and then with alarming naivete announce that they are bringing down Communists."

"When objections are raised that most of their 'Communists' are loyal Americans who are only relatively more liberal in social outlook, the extremists begin an on-the-spot 'loyalty check' into the patriotism of their detractors."

Of Mr. Welch, the Presbytery said: "Welch may not advocate violence but he is like a man tossing buckets of gasoline indiscriminately through

a neighborhood. If social firebugs strike the matches, as they did when two ministers' homes were bombed Feb. 1, 1962, in Los Angeles, Welch and his followers must share the blame."

Dr. Schwarz and his Crusade "avoid the extremes" of Mr. Welch and the Birchites. But "he cannot escape involvement in a certain unity of disruption that characterizes the whole far right," the document went on.

"Welch and Hargis, extremists to the core, serve one another's causes. Welch praises Schwarz and reaps bountifully where the latter has sown so effectively."

Protesting the "impertinence of these Johnny-come latellies" among American free institutions, the Presbytery affirmed the stand of the General Council of the United Presbyterian Church on Mar. 8, which

warned church members not to be "duped" by extremists. Clergy members of the Presbytery, citing campaigns against colleagues in the West, said many of them had received recently a book by Dr. Schwarz entitled "You Can Trust the Communists (to be Communists)." It was mailed by a West Coast industrialist, the said

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By DANIEL MASON

MORE THAN 500 ministers and lay church leaders last Sunday dissociated themselves from President Kennedy's recent threat to use the H-bomb, and called on the government to cease testing and producing nuclear weapons.

In a statement presenting a Christian position on nuclear war, the leading churchmen declared:

"As Christians we affirm that we cannot under any circumstances sanction the use of nuclear and other mass-destruction weapons, nor can we sanction using the threat of massive retaliation by these weapons for so-called deterrence."

This is a direct repudiation of the position taken by President Kennedy in a recent interview with Stewart Alsop, as reported in the Saturday Evening Post, March 31. According to Alsop, a close friend of the President, Kennedy, after declaring "I don't think most Americans realize the way the situation has changed," went on to announce:

"... In some circumstances we must be prepared to use the nuclear weapon at the start, come what may."

To make clear that he meant that he intended to order the use of nuclear weapons in a preventive war, the President is quoted later in the Alsop article as saying:

"In some circumstances we might have to take the initiative."

The more than 500 church leaders called on the government to press unrelentingly for controlled multilateral disarmament. And they urged the nation to disengage itself at once from the arms race.

They called on the Christian Church to warn the American people that it is un-Christian to seek the "extermination of Communists."

They also urged negotiations for disengagement of troops of West and East in Europe and Asia. And they called on the government to get out of military alliances "with imperialist and reactionary regimes."

Their statement, which was entitled "A Christian Approach to Nuclear War," was issued by the Church Peace Mission, 476 Riverside Drive, which has among its affiliates the Lutheran Peace Fellowship, the American Friends (Quakers) Service Committee, the Baptist Pa-

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COVER OF THE PAMPHLET presenting a Christian approach to nuclear war which has been endorsed by 500 churchmen. Superimposed on it is President Kennedy's approach as presented in a headline from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette of March 28.

cifist Fellowship, the Fellowship of Methodist Pacifists, the Disciples Peace Fellowship, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Peace Fellowship of the United Presbyterians, and the Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship.

After warning "that a Christian rationale for war is no longer tenable," the churchmen charged:

"Since no theoretical limits can be placed upon the invoking of destructive atomic power, those who employ or plan to employ such power come dangerously close to usurping the sole prerogative of the Creator, even to the point of upsetting the balance of nature which makes human life possible."

Their statement further asserted:

"Christians who take the stand, as an in-

creasing number do, that the use of nuclear weapons in an all-out or general war is forbidden as irreconcilable with Christian faith and the precepts of the Gospel, cannot consistently support the manufacturing and stockpiling of nuclear weapons for purposes of deterrence. Weapons which may be intended to deter also create suspicion and fear. Moreover, the continuance of the arms race daily heightens the risk that through accident or otherwise the precarious 'balance of terror' will collapse into war."

DISARMAMENT

In addition to its repudiation of the "first nuclear strike" position taken recently President Kennedy, the church leaders' statement proposed:

"Christians should advocate that our government commit itself immediately to the most serious and unremitting efforts to achieve controlled multilateral disarmament among nations. The actual dismantling of military establishments and demobilization of armed forces necessarily requires considerable time but it is unlikely that there will even be any significant reduction of armed forces unless there is a clear decision that total and general disarmament down to the police level is the basis of policy and that security is henceforth to be sought in international agencies and not military establishments."

"We plead with the leaders of our government not to persist in piling up nuclear arms even if other nations are not prepared to agree on the same course, but to formulate and call on our people to support a program of unilateral withdrawal from the nuclear arms race. In the absence of agreement to disarm, and faced with increasing danger that a nuclear holocaust may be accidentally precipitated as more nations take steps to equip themselves with nuclear weapons, rendering agreement still more precarious, such unilateral action may be the only way to break the terrible circle of armament and counter-armament in which the world is trapped. As an initial step we advocate that the U.S. cease the testing and further production of atomic weapons and of chemical, biological and radiological weapons."

"We call upon the Christian Church to disabuse the American people of the notion widely held that Christian values can be defended and our Lord and his teaching somehow vindicated by the extermination of Communists. We plead with our fellow Christians to help in carrying out our primary Christian task of winning adherents of Communism to Christ by the preaching of His gospel and the daily practice of the ministry of reconciliation which he has entrusted to us."

Among those signing the statement were:

The Rev. Clarence E. Fickert, secretary emeritus of the American Friends Service Committee; Rev. Martin Luther King, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Rev. John Haynes Holmes; Walter G. Muelder, Dean, Boston University School of Theology; Herbert Ozerk, President, Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, and John R. Hick, Princeton Theological Seminary.

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Communism In The Churches

The current issue of Look magazine carries an excellent article on the attacks which have been launched in recent years on the Protestant and Catholic Churches of the nation. The magazine goes to great lengths to look into the situation and to give an interpretation of the problem the churches face.

The churches have been the target of several groups who are identified strongly with the fight against international communism. The churches are most often attack through the National Council of Churches.

The Look article spells out the attacks and identifies the attackers.

And then it goes to the experts to learn what, if any, truth is attached to the charges.

Everyone must surely agree that J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is the nation's number one authority on communism and on its infiltration into our society.

Look quotes Mr. Hoover as debunking the theory that communism has made any real inroads into the nation's pastorate. Mr. Hoover's right hand man has made many speeches refuting the allegations launched against the churches.

Nevertheless, the attacks on the churches continue with demoralizing force in many communities and areas. Ministers' homes have been bombed and their congregations scattered by ill-founded charges.

The Look article tells of the tragic results that such organized campaigns of hate can bring to a community and its religious congregations.

This is an article that every American could well read and digest.

It is one thing to expose traitors and protect the nation.

It is quite another thing to attack the cherished institutions of the country and eventually wreck the strong spiritual force which has made the country strong.

Our enemy, international communism, is all the danger we can afford. Ill-founded, reckless and distorted charges of un-Americanism against whole groups, such as the clergy, can only but play into the hands of those true hate-mongers, the Communists.

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Presbyterian Defeat National Council Rift

By CASPAR NANNES
Star Staff Writer

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., May 15 — Commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern) yesterday turned down a determined attempt to have the denomination withdraw from the National Council of Churches.

Following a debate that consumed nearly four hours, the commissioners approved a minority report, 294 to 91, calling for the church to stay in the council.

The majority report had approved the overtures (resolutions) of three Presbyteries advocating withdrawal from the National Council. But 10 members of the committee presented a dissenting minority report that finally prevailed.

For more than a decade there has been a strong group within the Presbyterian Church, U. S., (Southern) seeking to take that body out of the council. The latter, organized in 1950 at Cleveland, now has 33 Protestant and

Eastern Orth churches with about 40 members. The Southern Presbyterian Church is a founding member of the council.

Those against continuing in the council charged that many of its pronouncements were "political" and did not represent their views or that of their church. Proponents insisted that in these crucial days, withdrawal from council would be tragic when the need for unity among Christian churches is so urgent.

Record Left Unplayed

Dr. Edward D. Grant of Baton Rouge, La., who was elected moderator of the nearly 1-million-member denomination last week, disqualified himself as chairman during the debate. He is a vice president of the National Council of Churches. He turned the gravel over to Dr. Wallace M. Alston of Decatur, Ga., immediate past moderator and president of Agnes Scott College.

An elder (lay) commissioner, E. Claude Sanders, jr., of Huntsville, Ala., wanted to play a record of a devotional message that was presented to a youth meeting last September at Ann Arbor, Mich. He charged that the message, prepared for the meeting by the National Council of Churches, used "profanity... in the name of promoting Christ. When a person talks about our Lord as a 'flop' at 33 I cannot agree with it. The issue here is whether the national council is doing the job for which we joined it."

Socialist Trend Seen

Randolph B. Lee of Patric, S. C., warned that the council "has gone far afield. A little hard core of leaders who are socialist in philosophy are leading the national council and our church, which is going along with them. Socialism is the gateway to communism."

Earlier yesterday an overture to censure editors of the Layman's Bible Commentary, published by the denomination's John Knox Press, was defeated.

Those supporting the move contended the commentary "consistently disparages the historical accuracy and editorial integrity of the Scriptures, assigning to them legends, fabrications, falsehoods, theological embellishments by later editors, epic sagas, prophecies composed after the events prophesied, and erroneous teachings concerning God."

The 102d General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., whose nearly 1 million members are mainly in Southern States and the District of Columbia, will close today.

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Challenge to Catholics Cited by Former Red

A one-time Communist and former news editor of the London Daily Worker, yesterday spoke of a "modern challenge" to the Catholic Church that could reduce it to "the Church of Silence," unless it brings its methods for combating communism up to date.

Speaking before a meeting of Catholic missionaries at the Shoreham Hotel, Douglas Hyde challenged the preparedness of missionaries and laymen to deal with their adversary.

The largest threat lies in the newly developing countries, he said, where there is a large peasant population. Also, he said, the indiscriminate attaching of the Communist label to outspoken nationalists of neutral countries is not helping the cause.

"The Communists produce men and women in these countries prepared to give everything in the cause of communism," Mr. Hyde said. "They are made to feel a part of an

heroic world movement," he said, and are sent into it "not with one hand tied behind their backs, as I believe many Catholic missionaries are."

"Our human material is just as good—often identical—as the Communists," he said. "A frightening number of Communists throughout the world are baptised Catholics . . . fallen away from the religion," he said.

Mr. Hyde, who renounced his Communist beliefs in 1948 and later entered the Catholic Church, urged missionaries to step up the education of the layman and to begin to better educate themselves.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHARITIES

Calls Christians 'Inexpensive'

To the Editor:

If you would permit me a few words to our fellow human beings of the Civil Liberties group, a thought has entered my mind.

It occurs to me that Christians are a rather inexpensive segment of society. We probably do not get back our fair share of the tax money spent on penal institutions, divorce

courts, community family services, etc.

We're not complaining, mind you. A good many of our needy are helped by fellow Christians and never bother community welfare funds. In addition, those Christians who tithe often include in their charities, gifts to secular organizations. Church world welfare groups supple-

ment federal tax money spent for overseas needy, not to mention keeping unfortunate skid row men from your back doors begging.

We might contend then that the non-believers would appear in a more favorable light if they were to be very quiet about the small amount of money spent to keep our Christ in their most profitable Christmas.

While I do not have a single statistic to back up these remarks, I dare say one certain highly respected man would agree with me — J. Edgar Hoover. (Signed) Mrs. B. W. Plumb, Box 397, Route 1, Hickory Corners.

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Does the NCC Speak for You?

Many people became aware for the first time that the National Council of Churches is not just a church organization in the usual sense of the word when, several years ago, one of its study groups came out in favor of diplomatic recognition of the bloody-handed Chinese Communist regime that has enslaved China, slaughtered thousands including Americans in Korea, subjugated Tibet and invaded India.

Since that time, observes the Chattanooga News-Free Press, there have been many other reasons for the American people to look askance at what the National Council and its agencies stand for. Some of these things include UN membership for the Chinese Red aggressors, disarmament, nuclear test ban, increased American foreign aid handouts (including those to Reds), abolition of congressional investigations of Communist subversion, exchange visits of U.S. churchmen and Russians who are robed as members of a captive Russian church whose leaders include members of the Soviet secret police, and even support of a political and unconstitutional medical care program.

As bad as are these unsound and alarming views of the National Council, they are made worse by the fact that the church group tends to give the impression that its statements are representative of the 31 Protestant and Orthodox denominations that are connected with it—these including many of the most respected and largest Christian denominations in America, perhaps your own church.

Most of these churches never have and never will take positions on these political and foreign policy issues on a national level or local congregation level. And certainly they have not delegated to the National Council of Churches any

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specific or honest right to speak for them on controversial issues.

But the National Council continues to speak out in promotion of the radical

views of those who have gained positions of leadership in the organization.

Within just the last few days, the National Council's general board has been at it again.

It has issued an endorsement of the Supreme Court's usurpation in its dictatorial ruling against prayer in public educational institutions. The National Council proposed an even stronger resolution against prayer, but this was tempered a little after complaints by the Greek Orthodox Church that the statement of the National Council organization as originally worded might seem to be a repudiation of God.

The National Council went on from there, getting into a field peculiar for a church group when it called for federal regulation (the National Council seems to lean toward federal regulations in general) of radio and television networks.

Then the National Council's general board made itself a partisan of the NAACP, CORE and Martin Luther King's so-called Southern Christian Leadership Conference by endorsing many racial demonstrations such as those that have developed into mob action and rioting. Coupled with this, the "church" organization endorsed economic boycotts for the application of pressure on private business operators to coerce them in adoption of their own private policies. In its most recent stand the NCC has announced it will attempt to dictate employment practices in the construction of Protestant churches.

Those who look over the National Council of Churches' activities will see a broad spectrum of pro-Communist, left-wing and radical political involvement being carried on under the false impression that this church group represents

31 denominations and some 40 million Americans.

Does the National Council of Churches speak for you on these issues ranging from recognition of Communist China to the encouragement of mobs?

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Council of Churches Urges 40,000 Join The March on Aug. 28

AN APPEAL to the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches across the nation to send 40,000 members to participate in the Aug. 28 Freedom March was made by the Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches last Friday in Washington.

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, acting commission chairman and chief executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church, urged the

council to take the action. Members of the Roman Catholic Church were also urged to participate in the Aug. 28 Washington demonstration by the National Catholic Conference for Racial Justice.

In a resolution passed by the conference Sunday in Chicago, Catholics were urged to take part also in other demonstrations and picketing where negotiations fail to achieve equal opportunities for Negroes.

The conference resolved to send an official delegation to the Aug. 28 demonstration.

MORAL CRUSADE

Mathew Ahmann, executive director of the conference, opened the meeting last Saturday with an appeal to all religious groups to conduct "a great moral crusade" in behalf of President Kennedy's civil rights proposals.

A Protestant leader, Dr. Robert Spoke, director of the Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches, spoke after Ahmann and said that "we are committed to go all the way with our brethren."

"We must get thousands of white Christians to Washington in the march," he said.

Some 225 leaders in Catholic Interracial Councils attended the conference. There was also a delegation of 10 Protestant and Jewish leaders.

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that "those who... that the rights of property would be abused by this legislation, mostly misinterpret their responsibility and the duty of property owners to contribute to the common good."

"No one has a moral right to discriminate on the basis of race."

The resolution on support of the demonstration urges regional and local meetings of Clergymen and lay Catholics to be set up to arouse support for the President's program.

It also calls on Catholics to make telephone calls and send telegrams, letters and petitions to members of Congress.

URBAN LEAGUE

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Early
in Los Angeles, Whitney M. Young Jr., executive director of the National Urban League, said at the start of the league's 53rd annual convention last Saturday that the American Negro should be compensated for past injustices.

Referring to the compensation given servicemen at the end of World War II, Young said, "they

were compensated for being removed from the mainstream of American life for four years. We have been outside for a hundred years."

Young said that the convention spelled out terms for what the league has called "a Marshall plan for Negroes."

He said that the league envisions this plan as being federally and locally financed. It would include provisions for employment, education and housing.

Negro Rights: The Backlash Of Nazi Type

CHURCHMEN

By Jo-ann Price

Of The Herald Tribune (NY)

Top churchmen of the National Council of Churches yesterday heard a stern warning that in certain parts of the United States "white supremacists have stepped up their hard-core resistance to Negro civil rights."

The statement was contained in a report received with little criticism at a special meeting at the Riverside Church. It was accepted by the General Board of the National Council, which numbers 33 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations having a total of 40 million believers.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., a leader in the direct action movement against segregation, said yesterday in Detroit that the summer's demonstrations had produced some resentment among white Northerners and had brought a temporary setback to his movement.

The Church Council's group, the Commission on Religion and Race, appointed last June, compared the current racial situation to conditions which prevailed in Germany when the Nazis took over and said the parallel was "frightening in the extreme."

The Commission said:

"There exists now clear evidence that these 'master race' believers control state governments and employ both a Gestapo and extralegal mob action to enforce their will.

"What is more shocking, in some cities they are able to compel churches and ministers to preach an heretical doctrine of man, which condones segregation and distorts the Christian faith."

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"Both Negroes and whites who do not submit to this view are subject to harassment and threats to their lives."

The statement called the race crisis "a complicated web of problems—social, economic, political, psychological, theological—which is tied to the 'very lore of our society.'"

It cautioned against expecting any "Utopian solution." But it said, "Unless we begin to make some changes in the structure of our common practices, we are inviting disaster."

Christian churches, the document went on, "have been long on the pronouncement of moral ideals and very short on experiment and risk" in this field.

To make its work more effective the 32-member commission, set up on an emergency basis last June 7, recommended several measures:

¶ Greater facility to move swiftly into tension areas.

¶ Better "in depth" interpretation of the grievances which the Negro bears to the white community.

¶ Separation of the churches for the "fullest confrontation" with the consequences of the "sin" of racial hatred.

¶ Recognition by the churches that the racial crisis is a "priority concern."

The report was presented to the 270-member policy-making General Board by the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Spike, executive director of the commission in behalf of Episcopal Bishop Arthur Lichtenberger, commission chairman.

Bishop Lichtenberger, who is Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Greenwich (Conn.) Hospital suffering from phlebitis. The report was prefaced by a message from the Bishop:

The document recorded little progress in public accommodations, voting rights or housing. Reviewing its own activity, the commission said that besides recruiting 40,000 marchers to Washington last Aug. 28, it provided \$50,000 in bail bonds for over 90 church demonstrators who ranged in age from teenagers to one person over 70.

It undertook consultations, fact-finding trips and dem-

onstrations in several parts of the South, one of the most notable being the July 4th protest at Gwyn Oaks Park, Baltimore, during which the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, a prominent Presbyterian leader and the commission's acting chairman, was arrested.

Dr. King said, "the Negro revolution has revealed to many persons in the North that they had more deep-seated prejudices than they realized. And we can never have meaningful integration until these prejudices are realized and discarded."

Dr. King was asked if this negative reaction outside the South portended the throttling of his eight-year fight against segregation. He replied:

"This is a kind of temporary setback necessary to make the journey ahead. If it had not come now, it would have come at some other time. Our only reaction is to move steadily forward."

He said he was not discouraged with the overall civil rights movement.

"I am encouraged by the fact that we are moving issues out in the open," he said. "It may well be that we are now in that darkest moment before the dawn. I think ultimately we will achieve our goal."

He said these factors were working in favor of his efforts:

¶ "The growing industrialization of the South, and a recognition by young Southern white businessmen of the adverse effect of bigotry on the economy."

¶ "The rolling tide of public opinion which will force the Federal government to take a strong stand."

¶ "And the new determination of the Negro himself."

He added there also had been a good reaction generally from churches.

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PHILADELPHIA--ABOUT 50 PROTESTANT CHURCH LEADERS REPRESENTING 20 DENOMINATIONS WENT TO WASHINGTON TODAY TO BUTTONHOLE CONGRESSMEN AND URGE THEIR SUPPORT OF A PETITION TO DISCHARGE THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL FROM THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE.

THE WHITE AND NEGRO CHURCH LEADERS FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY WERE IN THE GROUP WHICH LEFT FROM THE TRIENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

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Church Group Deplores Red Tag on Council

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (AP). A Protestant Episcopal commission yesterday denounced as false the charges that have been made that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America is a "tool of communism."

The joint commission on ecumenical relations of the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. A. based its finding on a two-year study of all aspects of the national council.

"The commission feels that increased participation in the work of the NCC is a means whereby the Protestant Episcopal Church can strengthen Christian influences in American and world society," the report said.

"We recognize that some of the criticism of the NCC comes from political extremists who, in their desire to discredit the NCC, do not weigh their charges carefully.

"Nevertheless, we have tried honestly to investigate their accusations to the effect that the NCC is a Communist conspiracy or that it harbors Communist sympathizers and allies.

"In their examination, therefore, the members of our study committee met with personnel of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but were not able to discover any fact or record that would support such charges. We conclude that they are false."

Without naming the accusers, the report said:

"The allegation that the NCC has given intellectual comfort to the Communists by following certain economic and social lines is based on the erroneous assumption that people who attack the same economic and social problems must share the same principles."

Declaring that the council's record shows that its forces are enlisted in the fight for free men in a free world, the report said:

"The NCC does and should resent attacks that call it a 'tool of communism.'"

The report said the National Council never has taken action on the matter of recognition of Red China, although the Fifth World Order Study Conference at Cleveland in 1958 recommended that the United Nations admit and the United States recognize Red China.

The council, the report said, has stated that "the status of the findings of this conference has the standing only of a study document and does not represent an official view of the NCC."

The Right Rev. J. Brooke Mosley, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Delaware, was chairman of the commission.

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Clerical Error

By George Clifford and Tom Kelly

THE Church League of America is opening another attack on the National Council of Churches.

This time the League's target is the Council's support of the Civil Rights Bill.

The other day, Sen. Strom Thurmond (D., S. C.) told the Senate about a letter he had received from Maj. Edward C. Bundy, executive secretary of the League.

Maj. Bundy accused the National Council of Churches of violating its tax exempt status by lobbying for Civil Rights. He asked for an Internal Revenue investigation.

He said his League is "a tax exempt organization which always has scrupulously observed the requirements imposed by law."

Maj. Bundy's appraisal differs a bit from his form chart.

In fact, the Church League of America has been a constant advocate of far right wing causes since its formation in 1937.

A good bit of the League's energies have gone to shrill warnings of communist encroachment in the nation in general and in the National Council of Churches in particular.

Four years ago, Maj. Bundy defended the discredited Air Force Training Manual that claimed evidence of communist activity in the churches.

The leaders of the National Council of Churches, he said then, are "the chief offenders when it comes to promoting commu-

nism in the churches." The Rocky Mountain News quoted him as saying he was willing to testify under oath that the "National Council of Churches is one of the greatest enemies in regard to national security."

Maj. Bundy has devoted years to rooting out evil wherever he sees it. He sponsored the American Legion's condemnation of the Girl Scout Handbook as "un-American."

He was president of the old Abraham Lincoln National Republican Club in Illinois, where his aim was "to wrest control of the Republican Party from the New Dealers and internationalists."

Most of this wrestling consisted of seminars in Chicago, with speakers like the late Senators Joe McCarthy and Bill Jenner and income tax opponent J. Bracken Lee.

Over the years, his offensive has not varied, nor has the League's.

Sen. Thurmond said he wanted to call attention to Maj. Bundy's letter "so that the members of the U. S. Senate will have a better understanding of the types of pressures being used to railroad this legislation thru the Senate — even in violation of the internal revenue laws of this country."

It would be good for the Senate to know about the Church League of America, too.

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(CHURCHES)

WASHINGTON--THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TODAY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO COUNTER THE SOUTHERN CIVIL RIGHTS DEBATE IN THE SENATE WITH A SERIES OF DAILY SERVICES A FEW BLOCKS AWAY.

JAMES HAMILTON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL'S OFFICE HERE, SAID THE MONDAY-THROUGH-SATURDAY SERVICES WOULD BEGIN APRIL 29 AND CONTINUE UNTIL THE DEBATE ENDS.

HAMILTON SAID EACH SERVICE WOULD OPEN AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION AN HOUR BEFORE THE SENATE CONVENES. HE SAID THE SERVICES WOULD FEATURE SERMONS BY LEADING CLERGYMEN AND LAYMEN FROM THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

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(CIVIL RIGHTS)

WASHINGTON (PROTESTANT CHURCHMEN FROM 41 STATES MOVED ON THE CAPITOL TODAY TO URGE THEIR SENATORS TO ACT AT ONCE ON THE EMBATTLED CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

REPRESENTING THE COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, A 200-MEMBER DELEGATION ARRIVED ON THE CAPITOL STEPS SHORTLY BEFORE NOON. THEY WERE GREETED THERE BY SEN. HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, D-MINN., FLOOR MANAGER FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL, AND SEN. KENNETH B. KEATING, R-N.Y.

DR. ROBERT W. SPIKE, THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTOR, INTRODUCING THE TWO SENATORS TO THE GROUP, SAID THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS STATES HAD COME TO URGE THE SENATE TO VOTE NOW, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL DELAY ON THE BILL.

THE TWO SENATORS PLEDGED THAT A "MEANINGFUL" CIVIL RIGHTS BILL WILL BE APPROVED. KEATING URGED THE VISITING GROUP TO BRING ITS PRESSURES ON SENATORS WHO ARE UNDECIDED ON HOW TO VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF CURBING THE CIVIL RIGHTS DEBATE.

IN DEFERENCE TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING ASSEMBLIES AT THE CAPITOL, A SMALL CROSS DISPLAYED AT AN EARLIER GATHERING OF THE GROUP AT THE SUPREME COURT, WAS NOT DISPLAYED AT THE CAPITOL. SPIKE ASKED THE GROUP TO OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE, RATHER THAN OFFERING A PRAYER, BEFORE MOVING INTO THE CAPITOL BUILDING.

SENATE LEADERS, MEANWHILE, WERE PREPARING TO CIRCULATE THE "PACKAGE" OF AMENDMENTS DESIGNED TO WIN ENOUGH SUPPORT TO CARRY A CLOTURE VOTE. CONFERENCES OF BOTH PARTIES WERE TO DISCUSS THE PACKAGE PLAN TOMORROW MORNING, AND LEADERS PUSHED BACK THE SENATE SESSION UNTIL NOON TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE SESSIONS.

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SEES RED PENETRATION

Scarsdale: The recent report of the Air Force manual—which noted that some Protestant clergy aided and abetted the Communist cause; that some leaders of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America have parroted the Communist Party line; that 30 of the 95 revisors of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have records of Communist front affiliations—is true. The documentary evidence is clear and unimpeachable. That Secretary of Defense Gates—and THE NEWS, which generally is delightfully anti-Communist—should hastily make a retreat, is unfortunate. Let's bring the facts out into the open for the sake of God and country.

Rev. AUGUST W. BRUSTAT,
Pastor Trinity Lutheran Church.

Manhattan: The shocking thing about the Air Force pamphlet's exposure of the National Council of Churches is that the charges of Communist infiltration and influence are obviously true, and further that high Government officials are ignorant of these facts or afraid to face them.

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Northern Students' Reputation At Training Base Not Good

The Northern students who tried to run over Greenwood police instructions and landed in jail for their trouble, have had some thought-provoking reading available to them in the Greenwood Commonwealth, if they have had the gumption to peruse the newspaper.

The Oxford Ohio, Press, published in the town where the Northern invaders were "trained" for their Mississippi adventure, received the complaint of a Mobile woman, who didn't like the students who came to her town.

Well, it turns out the Oxford, Ohio, editor didn't like the students either, and numbers of Oxford, Ohio, residents didn't either. And the editor of the Ohio paper ups and disclaims responsibility for them.

The Ohio writer says his home town is an educational community, and the community believes in freedom of speech and action.—BUT!

Here is a portion of the Oxford, Ohio, Press' editorial, reprinted in the Greenwood Commonwealth:

"The residents of Oxford, we sincerely believe are to be commended for their dispassionate tolerance, their respectful lack of curiosity and their reasonable forbearance with these recent visitors. On Saturday when a wedding had been scheduled for Kumler Chapel, guests were all but directly challenged by a "beatnik" element attending the National Council of Churches training session.

"Youths who appeared never to have seen the inside of a church themselves, actually swore at wedding guests who balked at taking an unreasonable "detour" enroute to the Chapel. On at least one occasion, a car was rocked by boys who jumped on the bumpers, and when, on Sunday, guests for another wedding party passed Edith Clawson Hall, they found the yard littered with whisky and beer bottles.

"It would be unfair to condemn all trainees and "faculty" for the bad manners of a few, but to the extent which this chip-on-the-shoulder, ill-kempt element's typical of those attending the conference session here. Lord help Mississippi!

"When Dick Gregory spoke on the Miami campus last spring and a member of the audience inquired how to "explain" civil rights and the demands of integration to one solidly opposed to such measures, the Negro comedian answered wisely when he said, "Perhaps you can't. Some people are not fitted for the task and shouldn't try."

"This, we feel, may hold true of a number of those young men and women whom we saw on the Western campus and in uptown Oxford during the past two weeks. They may have the most sincere intentions in the world, but they aren't up to the task.

"In their search for adventurous personal service many have confused equality with emulating the lowest common denominator; in their quest for independence some have championed the right to grow a beard or to go barefoot to the neglect of the adult responsibility inherent in any form of leadership; in their adulation of the Negro, others have equated freedom with folksinging.

"To blame must be placed, we think the National Council of Churches must shoulder the lion's share, for it is their training sessions. True (and obvious!), the Council did not recruit delegates from among their church youth leaders.

"Instead, they sought to prepare boys and girls whose previous avowals had indicated they were headed South anyway, somewhat in the manner of a well-intentioned pastor who spots a barefisted youth heading toward the canvas ring and buys him boxing gloves rather than see him get his head bashed in for lack of preparation. Is the encouragement which spells success for such a "Golden Boy" well-placed? Or should he have been sent home to practice some more on the violin?

"Each will answer as his own conscience dictates. Insofar as these young people can be constructively engaged and effectively supervised, they merit our attention and support. But church leaders should not allow youthful exuberance or immediate needs to keep them from separating the wheat from the chaff."

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LOUISVILLE, KY.--A BOSTON MINISTER WHO PRACTICED "INTEGRATION-IN-REVERSE" SAID LAST NIGHT THAT EVERY WHITE PERSON SHOULD BELONG TO BOTH A WHITE AND NEGRO CHURCH.

DR. HARVEY COX, OF ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL, MADE THE STATEMENT IN AN ADDRESS TO THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEETING HERE.

COX SAID HE AND HIS FAMILY MOVED INTO A NEGRO NEIGHBORHOOD IN BOSTON TWO YEARS AGO AND IS NOW THE ONLY WHITE FAMILY ON THE BLOCK.

"I DON'T THINK INTEGRATION IS SIMPLY MOVING NICE NEGRO FAMILIES INTO WHITE SUBURBS," HE SAID.

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Pick City For NCC Rights Plan

BY HILEY H. WARD
 Free Press Religion Writer

Detroit was selected Friday by an agency of the National Council of Churches for a concentrated program to achieve equal rights in housing.

The plan was revealed in a press conference at the Detroit Council of Churches, by the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chairman of the NCC commission on religion and race, and the Rev. Dr. Robert Spike, the commission's executive secretary.

Dr. Spike said Detroit, along with Cleveland, was selected for a number of reasons. A prime reason, he said, was the degree of co-operation that exists already between Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and other groups in striving for equal rights in buying and selling property.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Hoppe, who heads the local Council of Churches Commission on Race and Religion, and who is expected to co-ordinate the new program, said five or six full-time workers would be added to bolster the staff of the Greater Detroit Housing Practices Committee and to work with the Fitzgerald and other community councils to achieve neighborhood integration and stabilization.

~~THE PLANS~~ were announced following a two-day



meeting of the NCC's Commission on Religion and Race at Solidarity House. About possible demonstrations in Detroit and elsewhere, Dr. Blake said demonstrations are 'only a tool when it is the only means by which a group can be heard. If a job like this program is really done, it means fewer demonstrations in Detroit and elsewhere. Demonstrations are only for those who think there is no problem.'

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"BLACK POWER"

BY NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF NEGRO CHURCHMEN

Negro churchmen in America are deeply hurt upon our country by historic distortions in the controversy about "black power." The variety of rhetoric is not anything new over and over and race which has faced our beloved

the term "power" nor the term "Christian talk about, and especially in the context of fundamental distortion facing us in the is rooted in a gross imbalance of power and white Americans. It is this distortion for the widespread, though often the people are justified in getting what they but that Negro Americans must, either by the their appeal only through conscience. men and the conscience of black men have of white men is corrupted because it see from Negroes to temper it and keep the conscience of black men is corrupted nplement the demands of conscience, the d into a distorted form of love, which, in es chaotic self-surrender. Powerlessness es faced now with a situation where con- less conscience, threatening the very

l by conscience to address at least four clarification of the controversy is of the ot claim to present the final word. It is ate meanings from our experience regard- ts of conscience to help interpret more we are all involved.

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that the leaders of this nation listen also incipal source of the threat to our nation pting in our big cities, nor from the dis- the civil rights movement, nor even from ck power." These events, we believe, are nt of God upon our nation for its failure o serve the real well-being of people, at

all civil rights leaders as they seek for are not convinced that their mutual rein- past is bound to end in the future. We of our nation will be used to strengthen ot to manipulate or further fracture it. e of riots, but we believe it is more im- es of these eruptions. These sources may e their basic causes lie in the silent and lde-class America inflicts upon the vic- n, smooth and often smiling decisions of lite noose of suburbia around the necks, masses of Negroes against the steaming booming economy; with dilapidated and the full view of unenforced laws against rican leaders to use American power to well as in law—this is the real problem black power."

the Christian faith, there is nothing for power. At the heart of the Protes- at ultimate power belongs to God alone an when concentrations of power lead to -that any nation, race or organization sene in the relations between whites and lem of inequality of power. Out of this white men for the Negro personality and Negroes for themselves. This is a fun- in America. In one sense, the concept the need for and the possibility of any who say that we must cease expressing er lest we endanger the "gains" already t. The fact of the matter is, there have about 1950 in this area. The gap has incomes of non-whites relative to the lecision of 1954, de facto segregation is increased rather than decreased. Since sent among Negroes has gone up rather as decreased in the white community. rogress in some areas for equality for limited mainly to middle-class Negroes ity of the larger Negro community. t we must all face together. Therefore, we can continue in the same old path. is to serve the real welfare of people when American leaders are forced to first priority on the nation's agenda: l by the American people to quit mis- r; then will the cry for "black power" rk in which all power in America open- xperience of black men as well as those

context of American history. Especially must we understand the irony involved in the pride of Americans regarding their ability to act as individuals on the one hand, and their tendency to act as members of ethnic groups on the other hand. In the tensions of this part of our history is revealed both the tragedy and the hope of human redemption in America.

America has asked its Negro citizens to fight for opportunity as individuals whereas at certain points in our history what we have needed most has been opportunity for the whole group, not just for selected and approved Negroes. Thus in 1863, the slaves were made legally free, as individuals, but the real question regarding personal and group power to maintain that freedom was pushed aside. Power at that time for a mainly rural people meant land and tools to work the land. In the words of Thaddeus Stevens, power meant "40 acres and a mule." But this power was not made available to the slaves and we see the results today in the pushing of a landless peasantry off the farms into big cities where they come in search mainly of the power to be free. What they find are only the formalities of unenforced legal freedom. So we must ask, "what is the nature of the power which we seek and need today?" Power today is essentially organizational power. It is not a thing lying about in the streets to be fought over. It is a thing which, in some measure, already belongs to Negroes and which must be developed by Negroes in relationship with the great resources of this nation.

Getting power necessarily involves reconciliation. We must first be reconciled to ourselves lest we fail to recognize the resources we already have and upon which we can build. We must be reconciled to ourselves as persons and to ourselves as an historical group. This means we must find our way to a new self image in which we can feel a normal sense of pride in self, including our variety of skin color and the manifold textures of our hair. As long as we are filled with hatred for ourselves we will be unable to respect others.

At the same time, if we are seriously concerned about power then we must build upon that which we already have. "Black power" is already present to some extent in the Negro church, in Negro fraternities and sororities, in our professional associations, and in the opportunities afforded to Negroes who make decisions in some of the integrated organizations of our society.

We understand the reasons by which these limited forms of "black power" have been rejected by some of our people. Too often the Negro church has stirred its members away from the reign of God in this world to a distorted and complacent view of an other worldly conception of God's power. We commit ourselves as churchmen to make more meaningful in the life of our institution our conviction that Jesus Christ reigns in the "here" and "now" as well as in the future he brings in upon us. We shall, therefore, use more of the resources of our churches in working for human justice in the places of social change and upheaval where our Master is already at work.

At the same time, we would urge that Negro social and professional organizations develop new roles for engaging the problem of equal opportunity and put less time into the frivolity of idle chatter and social waste.

We must not apologize for the existence of this form of group power, for we have been oppressed as a group, not as individuals. We will not find our way out of that oppression until both we and America accept the need for Negro Americans as well as for Jews, Italians, Poles and white Anglo-Saxon Protestants, among others, to have and to wield group power.

However, if power is sought merely as an end in itself, it tends to turn upon those who seek it. Negroes need power in order to participate more effectively at all levels of the life of our nation. We are glad that none of those civil rights leaders who have asked for "black power" have suggested that it means a new form of isolationism or a foolish effort at domination. But we must be clear about why we need to be reconciled with the white majority. It is not because we are only one-tenth of the population in America; for we do not need to be reminded of the awesome power wielded by the 90% majority. We see and feel that power every day in the destructions heaped upon our families and upon the nation's cities. We do not need to be threatened by such cold and heartless statements. For we are men, not children, and we are growing out of our fear of that power, which can hardly hurt us any more in the future than it does in the present or has in the past. Moreover, those bare figures conceal the potential political strength which is ours if we organize properly in the big cities and establish effective alliances.

Neither must we rest our concern for reconciliation with our white brothers on the fear that failure to do so would damage gains already made by the civil rights movement. If those gains are in fact real, they will withstand the claims of our people for power and justice, not just for a few select Negroes here and there, but for the masses of our citizens. We must rather rest our concern for reconciliation on the firm ground that we and all other Americans are one. Our history and destiny are indissolubly linked. If the future is to belong to any of us, it must be prepared for all of us whatever our racial or religious background. For in the final analysis, we are persons and the power of all groups must be wielded to make visible our common humanity.

The future of America will belong to neither white nor black unless all Americans work together at the task of rebuilding our cities. We must organize not only among ourselves but with other groups in order that we can, together, gain power sufficient to change this nation's sense of what is now important and what must be done now. We must work with the remainder of the nation to organize whole cities for the task of making the rebuilding of our cities first priority in the use of our resources. This is more important than who gets to the moon first or the war in Vietnam. To accomplish this task we cannot expend our energies

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The power to support you in this endeavor must be searched out. We desire to use our relation to you to the variety of experience in the limited controversies are not blown up into the fate of this country is, to no small extent, dependent upon us, so that human truth is at stake.

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Methodist Conference Tense Over Dissidents

Activists Worry Officials as Sessions Open

By Betty Medsger

Washington Post Staff Writer

ST. LOUIS April 20

United Methodists convened today what probably will be remembered as their most uptight national conference.

Many of the 100 bishops and 970 delegates of the 11-million-member denomination expect a takeover every time someone with longish hair or unusual clothing steps into the conference hall at Kiel Auditorium.

On the other hand, the numerous activists and renewalists see an FBI agent under every crewcut and on every hotel telephone that clicks more than it should.

John Wesley Lord, resident bishop of the Baltimore-Washington area of the denominations and president of the church's National Council of Bishops, had this gloomy outlook as the convention began:

"We may see some bad accidents here this week... we're going to try to keep a strong umbilical cord between the dissident groups and those of us who represent the so-called establishment."

He was reflecting on a

weekend event that scared the bishops. At a meeting on Saturday, the bishops were "locked up" by about 40 young Methodists who are seeking \$2 million for "projects and programs relating to the needs of black young people." The youths, who wanted to address the bishops, surrounded the room to prevent the bishops from leaving. The bishops barged through the line, according to Bishop Lord, and two of them fell down. No one was injured.

This Conference, like several other major religious gatherings in the past year, promises to be peppered with a portion of renewalists, a portion of outside dissidents, a portion of backlash, and a portion of paranoia.

Hardly had the opening prayer been concluded at the first session today when the Rev. Robert W. Moon of Sacramento, Calif., moved that the conference declare that it "did not request the presence here of representa-

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lives of the FBI or any other agents of the Justice Department, that we do not desire their presence among us, and that we do not need them here for any of our purposes."

But John C. Satterfield of Yazoo City, Miss., a delegate to the conference and a former president of the American Bar Association, insisted that "such assistance has been needed and desired." Heeding Satterfield, the delegates referred the motion for later action.

J. Wallace La Prade, agent in charge of FBI operations here, said there had been no request from Methodist officials for assistance and that his office was making "no investigation of the Methodist church."

A unique aspect of this conference, which has a \$650,000 price tag, is that officials saw no reason for holding it. In fact, the bishops of the church a year ago tried to cancel the special conference. But their judicial committee told them it was impossible for anyone except the conference delegates to call off a national conference of the church. The conference continues through Friday.

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Welcome, NCC

Members of the policy-making board of the National Council of Churches are in Phoenix today for the last of the NCC's three annual business sessions. We trust that the delegates enjoy their stay and will return often to Arizona.

But we would be remiss if we passed up the opportunity to ask NCC members if they didn't believe their organization would be more esteemed and more effective, in this increasingly secular age, if it refrained from its periodic departures from religion into political pursuits.

It is no doubt true that most of the efforts of the NCC are devoted to carrying out God's mission on earth. Unfortunately, however, the general public's awareness of the NCC is more apt to relate to its non-religious efforts: Its study groups which have advocated admission of Red China into the U.N., which have cautioned Americans to prepare themselves for the subordination of U.S. will to that of the U.N., which opposed the Bricker amendment aimed at limiting presidential treaty-making powers, which opposed state right-to-work laws, etc.

Just last year a study committee of the NCC sanctioned violence as an acceptable tool for use by "victims of injustice." We can now see how that sanction is being used by extremists, malcontents, dissidents, radicals, and cranks to justify arson, vandalism, even murder.

It is understandable why some people mistakenly equate God's law with liberal politics, couched as the latter is in a veneer of moral righteousness. But it must be remembered that moral men can and do disagree with those politics. Therefore religion is ill served by attempts to link it to one narrow political ideology.

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Church Unit Warns on Aiding CIA

ATLANTA, March 2 (AP) — American missionaries and foreign clergy should cease giving any intelligence information to the central intelligence agency, the governing board of the National Council of Churches said today.

"We adopt a clear policy of repudiating any contacts whatsoever with the CIA" Robert A. Thomas, vice president for Overseas Ministries, told 140 delegates on the opening day of a three-day session.

Such a policy already has been adopted by the executive committee, which has the authority to act in place of the governing board of the National Council of Churches.

Thomas told the delegates, who represent 31 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations, that published reports last summer had revealed contacts between the CIA and American missionaries.

The executive committee then issued a policy stating any such contacts "tend to taint the activities of the missionaries and clergy" and "undermine the trust and confidence that should be maintained with church bodies overseas."

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