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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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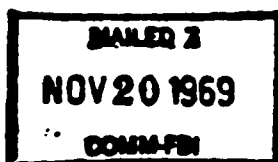
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on November 14th and I want to thank you for your kind remarks and sentiments with regard to my work and the activities of this Bureau. I hope that our future efforts will continue to merit your approval.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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November 8, 1969

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

Dear Sir.

My name is [REDACTED] I am the mother of five children. Three girls and two boys. The youngest is nine and the oldest seventeen. This day and times it is very hard to raise them to know God and to live right. Also what they learn now will be with them the rest of their lives.

The reason I am writing to you. I have been reading some articles by Mr. Tom Anderson about "The National Council of Churches." He said some very disturbing things. I would like to know from you any facts that you might have about "The National Council of Churches" There are so many things going on, and sometimes you really can't believe every thing you read. Unless it is wrote by some one you can trust.

I would appreciate any information you can send me. I know you are very busy and have a very hard job to do.

I want to say this is the first time I have wrote a letter like this. Please forgive me for any mistake's.

I also want to say you are a very wonderful man and I know anyone you have working with you must be fine people. You and your department are doing a fine job. I want to thank you again from the bottom of my heart. May God bless you and be with you always.

Sincerely yours

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Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely Yours



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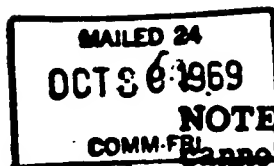
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received the letter of October 25th, with enclosure, from you and your husband and want to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my administration of this Bureau.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: On the basis of available information, [REDACTED] cannot be identified in Bureau files. The National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches are well known to the Bureau. Correspondents' enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope being utilized in reply.

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Oct. 25- 1969

J. Edgar Hoover.

Sir- My husband and I are very concerned about the World Council and National Council of Churches. It would seem they are very infiltrated with communists.

Could you get any literature on this matter- It seems the Bible is a thing of the past. But we are still bible believers and would appreciate so much if you have any matter pretainer to this.

We would appreciate it so much. God bless you in your work and a sincere Thanks for all you have done to keep us advised we certainly do not want to be numbered with the soviet.

Am Enclosing an adressed envelope. Thanks again.

P. S.
Our former pastors
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Sincerely

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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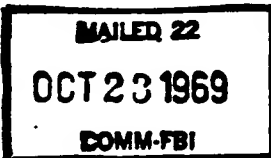
Honorable Harry L. Bickford
29 B Street, S. W.
Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

Dear Mr. Bickford:

In reply to your letter of October 17th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I can assure you, however, that I have not made any statement regarding this organization.

Enclosed is some literature on the general topic of communism which I hope will be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosures (4)

1 - Oklahoma City - Enclosure

An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism
Statement on Communism

Director's Testimony 9/18/68 re Causes and Prevention of Violence

Director's Testimony 4/17/69 re Communist, Racial and Extremist Groups

NOTE: Mr. Bickford is on the mailing list to receive the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin and Bufiles disclose prior correspondence with him.

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HARRY L. BICKFORD
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
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October 17, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is my understanding that your office has issued a public report concerning communism in the National Council of Churches. If there is a published report concerning this I would very like to have a copy of the same. I have received numerous inquiries in regard to this particular problem, and though I have my own opinion, I do not have any source of authority.

I am also interested in receiving any information that is not classified and is for publication on Communist organizations and Communist intrusions into other organizations.

Thank you for your courtesy.

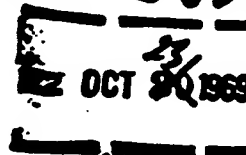
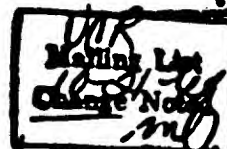
Respectfully yours,

Harry L. Bickford
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October 20, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

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In reply to the inquiry in your letter of October 13th, with enclosure, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches. I can assure you, however, that I have not made any statements regarding either of these organizations.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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October 13, 1969.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C. 20,000.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am preparing a short talk for my church session on the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. I propose to suggest that our denomination ought not to support these institutions as they are now constituted.

It seems that I had a quote or two from you that I could use but I do not find them. Do you have say a paragraph or two that I might quote from you?

Sincerely yours,



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Dear [REDACTED]

In response to the inquiries in your letter of October 6th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches. I can assure you, however, that I have not made any statements regarding either of these organizations.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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October 6, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am chairman of a committee in my church, which is charged with the responsibility of making a study of certain aspects of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., located at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, 10027.

In the course of our studies, we have come across materials which seem to imply that you have in the past made statements questioning the loyalty of persons connected with the National Council of Churches or referring to the National Council of Churches as subversive or dominated or influenced by Communists. Other materials indicate that you have expressly denied making any such statements.

In order to enlighten our committee in its study, I would appreciate your responding to the following questions:

1. Have you made statements questioning the loyalty of persons connected with the National Council of Churches, or implied that the National Council of Churches may be subversive or controlled or influenced by Communists?
2. Do you have any evidence that the National Council of Churches is a "Communist Front" organization, or that it is subversive, or that it is controlled or influenced by Communists?
3. Do you have any evidence that the World Council of Churches is a "Communist Front" organization or that it is subversive or that it is controlled or influenced by Communists?

With kind regards and all good wishes, I am,

Respectfully yours,

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October 9, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of October 5th advising me of conversations you have had with your paperboy, [REDACTED]. I am always pleased to see young people take an active interest in the welfare of our country.

As you requested I am sending him a letter and enclosed is a copy for your information. I am also sending him a copy of my latest book, "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism." I hope this will help him to better understand the communist menace facing us today.

Sincerely yours,

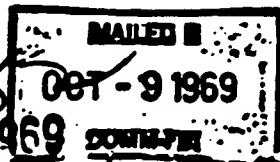
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Enclosure

NOTE: We've had one prior outgoing to [REDACTED] dated 7/18/67 in response to his inquiry regarding the John Birch Society. Proposed letter to [REDACTED] prepared same date.

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Dear Sir

There is a young man who delivers my newspaper [redacted] that is fourteen years old. I have at different times discussed with him the tragic circumstances that are being brought about in this Country as a direct or indirect result of the Communist menace facing our Nation.

Our recent conversation led to the National Council of Churches of which his Church is affiliated, "The United Methodist Church" or known in [redacted] as, "Main St. Methodist." I was telling [redacted] how the N. C. C. is always supporting, & advocating Communist goals, the most recent of which is the petitioning of the President to bring U. N. peace keeping forces to America. Imagine a Communist patrolling the street in front of your house.

Mr. Hoover, I am very interested in helping our young people, because this is a main target of the Communist's in the Church's, School's, etc. I am especially interested in [redacted] because he is a very fine boy. He is a Scout, a paper boy, he does odd jobs for his friends, & saves his money, & he's a leader in his Church.

I thought that if he recieved a personal letter from J. Edgar Hoover, he might start asking questions on his own of some of the leading statesmen in our country that need to be questioned.

I would consider it a great favor if you would send this young man some information concerning the N. C. C. & litting him know how they effect him personally.

Fraternally Yours

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P.S. The young man's name is, [redacted]

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Dear Sir

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Fraternally yours

P.S.

The young man's name is,

October 9, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of October 3rd and want to thank you for your kind remarks concerning my administration of this Bureau. I have no present plans to retire and hope to remain in my current position as long as I can be of service to our Nation.

With regard to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you.

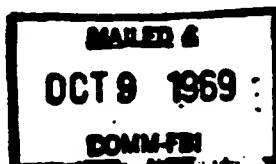
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Oct. 3, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Am so sorry to hear that you are retiring. We will never get anyone your equal. Everybody knows that you are tops. But I can't blame you for wanting to retire.

I would like to ask you a question about the National Council of Churches. Now according to the Religious News Review as of Mar. 21, 1969, they have admitted giving aid to North Vietnam and the Vietcong since 1965 and it was stepped up in 1968. Now aiding the enemy is treason. Now we know that they have communist so called churchmen in the NCC. Now no one knows communism like you do.

They sponsor Civil Disobedience, which is nothing but a nicer name for breaking the law.

The NCC publishes a paper called, New, the latest issue (Vol. 4, no. 3) is on Red China. From what I hear about it, it should be looked into.

Now from all that we read and hear the Council of churches seems to be doing the communists bidding. The question is, why aren't they investigated? I don't think that the majority think that they are pleasing the communists, but they are. I guess that I should say, why aren't they exposed?

May you have a very pleasant retirement.

Sincerely,

Acknowled
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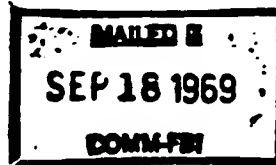
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on September 16th. With respect to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a concerned Christian and an American patriot I would like your opinion regarding the National Council Of Churches.

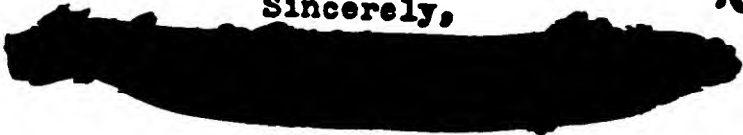
To what extent has the Communist party infiltrated this organization?

Many of us are deeply concerned about the activities and organizations funded by the N.C.C. which is supported by most of the churches in the United States.

Ten percent of our church budget goes to the N. C. C. This amounts to \$7,700 annually.

We feel that millions of people are unknowingly financing Communism through this organization.

Your opinion is highly regarded.

Sincerely,
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Dear [REDACTED]

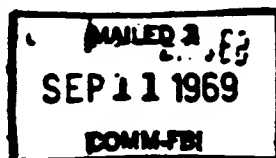
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Sincerely yours,
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September 8, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Headquarters
Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I find it of personal concern to inquire of the political interests of the National Council of Churches. Also, I am very much interested in the history of the origin of the organization. I would hope that in this would be included the background of the main leaders.

The reason of my inquiry is due to the believe of a Christen friend. Through his research, he found that the National Coucil of Churches is, in fact, a communist front. I would like your confirmation of this.

Faithfully yours,


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cc: Mr. [unclear]

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August 22, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiries in your letter of August 18th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the United Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information with correspondent on the basis of available data. United Council of Churches is known in Bufiles as the National Council of Churches, an organization well known FMG:cs (3) to Bureau.

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August 18, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Chief of F. B. I.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to know if the United Council of Churches is lead by communists and is anti-Christian in nature. Do most churches contribute to its support? Any information you have on this will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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August 26, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 20th and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and your offer of help.

While there is no charge for material this Bureau is privileged to disseminate, we do not have literature for distribution relating to the subjects of interest to you. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: [REDACTED] wrote to correspondent on 6-17-69 advising her of the confidential nature of our files in connection with her inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches. She believes there is a "communist conspiracy" within her church, a member of the National Council, and is apparently engaged in a controversy with fellow church members who favor that organization. She wants direction from the Bureau on how to proceed in this controversy in order to avoid becoming a defendant in a civil suit.

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Aug. 20, 1969

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

Dear Sir,

I am a Methodist, and my church belongs to the National Council of Churches. Most Methodists have so much confidence in their church, and do not keep themselves well enough informed about what is taking place that they keep right on being loyal to the church with their presence, their tithes and offerings, and are able apparently to find no fault with the communist conspiracy within the organization.

I must be careful to hold their respect in regard to my character and judgment, and I must not break any laws nor bring down a lawsuit upon my head in trying to make a good fight against this evil.

I need to know the laws concerning the subject Communism, and also the general laws of slander and libel, also concerning my right to send photostatic copies of articles I find in publications in order to accuse folks to the communist danger.

Can you help me? If you have literature to send that would help me and it has a price tag, please let me know.

Yours truly,

/s/ [REDACTED]

P.S. I had 2+ years of college, taught public school 7 years, had a lot of history and government in school, good in history. If I can help you, I hereby volunteer. Have good eye sight, good health, except can't stand or walk too much, 68 yrs. old retired, good car and drive anywhere. We must stop the Communists within our country and there is no time to lose.

If you have any advice, please give it.

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If you have any address, please write it.

August 19, 1969

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100-50869-1673

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 13th and its enclosure. In reply to your first two inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the World Council of Churches or the United Methodist Church.

With respect to your other question, I regret I am unable to furnish the information you are seeking. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The enclosure was a self-addressed, stamped envelope which is being utilized in reply.

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Aug 13 1969.

J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir;

There has been some controversy in our vicinity of late as to the loyalty of the World Council of Christian Churches to our democratic country, the United States of America. I feel the best place to get an honest answer to the Problems that are bothering me is the U. S. Government.

1. Does the "World Council of Christian Churches" donate to, or support Communism in any way?

2. Does any money donated by the United Methodist Church World Service, reach or support Communist causes?

3. Does the 'John Burch' Society lean toward Communism in any way. I know it is supposed to be a far-right society.

I am a concerned citizen of our good U.S.A. and would appreciate an honest answer.

Yours truly,

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F. Edgar (over Jr)
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Yours truly,

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August 14, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 7th and enclosure have been received.

In response to your inquiry regarding Mary Jane Harris, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the person you named.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufile's. He encloses a leaflet disseminated by the Evangel Missionary Fellowship, Inc., Largo, Florida, which is an attack on the National Council of Churches, the article being written by Mary Jane Harris. Neither she nor this Fellowship is identifiable in Bufile.

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Aug. 7, 1969.

To the Office of the F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am a retired Army Chaplain, but I frequently do supply, or substitute preaching throughout Virginia, and nearby areas.

I was greatly impressed by the facts given in the "enclosed." I am all too much afraid what is said is true, and I wish to do all I can to counteract such situation. However, I do not like to go around quoting some one I not know. I have no information on Mary Jane Harris. Any information your office may be able to furnish on this writer well be greatly appreciated, and I will use it to the extent of my ability to lead our people back to our God. *Ch*

I am persuaded the National Council of Churches is now a greater threat to our form of Government than any other single organization in our midst.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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National Council of Churches

By MARY JANE HARRIS

How many people realize they belong through their churches to the National Council of Churches? Very few. How many people would allow their money to be sent to the National Council of Churches if they knew its aims were the same as most of the Communist aims for our country? Fewer still.

The National Council of Churches was formed in 1908 and was then called the Federal Council of Churches. The men chosen to lead this Council together was Dr. Harry F. Ward. He was a Methodist minister who in 1924 and 1929 went to Moscow to discuss with Stalin the two of the Council of America in the Communist state. He wrote the Creed of the Federal Council of Churches. He has belonged to 200 Communist front organizations.

He has been responsible directly and indirectly for bringing hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Communists into the pulpits of America. He was identified, under oath, as a communist in 1953. The Federal Council of Churches lost favor with the American people and churchmen in the 1930's and 1940's because of pressures and restrictions each Church felt and could not escape, and because of the socialist-communistic pronouncements issued publicly by the Federal Council of Churches. In 1959 a name change was made. The F. C. of C. became the National Council of Churches. The people were pacified. They were led to believe the evils of the Federal Council of Churches existed no more. However, the same men who had been aiding and abetting God-hating, Communist organizations were still in control. Space does not allow going into further background

documentation on the National Council of Churches. Instead, we present reading "Communism in the Churches" by Edgar C. Snoddy for a clear and more complete look at the National Council of Churches.

The National Council of Churches is one of the most potent political organizations in our country. It is working openly for the following:

1. U.S. recognition of Red China and that Red China be admitted to the U.N.
2. U.S. abolish universal military training.
3. House Committee on Un-American Activities be abolished. (The Communists would obviously benefit most by this.)
4. U.S. re-establish diplomatic relations with Fidel Castro — and many more Anti-American causes.

The following are papers, plays and events that are current. Remember, as you read, that the NCC is like the Puppeteer and the churchmen are the puppets. This concept will explain much of what will follow. There is in Church libraries "The Negro American" a reading list issued and recommended by the NCC for all ages. Some of the books on the list have passages in them too obscene to be mailed — as said Postal Officials. Also, at least 18 of the authors are known communists. W. E. B. DuBois has a book on the list. His communist wife, Shirley Graham has 6 books on the list. Herbert Aptheker has one on the list. This list has been entering the church minds since 1957. And you helped pay for it.

For a few years ministers have been preaching the ideas of "New Morality." The ideas read as follows — We will no longer rely on the Bible for guidance in determining right from wrong. We will decide what is right or wrong — good or bad at each given situation. A child will not be given that steel barbs called the Bible to help keep him morally straight. More now morality is that no sexual relationship should be

absolutely condemned by the church. Also, engaged couples can and should practice sexual relations. — A transient sex liaison can be better than an relations between two unmarried marriage partners. A small booklet entitled "Called to Responsible Freedom: The Meaning of Sex in the Christian Life" (published by the NCC) is given out to teenagers across America by the churches. It stresses the same idea. Sex before marriage can be beautiful — unless come from yourself not from the Bible or your parents. If you love God you don't need any laws or rules to tell you what to do. There is a booklet that fits in with the same theme called "For Heaven's Sake." One part entitled "Some Cases" depicts Jesus as a boy of 12. "Love in Silence" has a teenage couple deciding whether to go to bed with each other or not. They talk about becoming homosexuals if they do not and other side effects. They decided to go to bed. "In the First Third of Your Life" there is Uncle Sam (Uncle Sam). A boy who has a girl in trouble and he had better get to her at the double. This is a musical shown hundreds of times to teenagers in churches or under the wing of the church. It is supposed to shock children back into their belief of God. Teenagers are to discuss this musical from a Christian viewpoint the following night. A beautiful show up for discussion — few are allowed to voice objections. There are two or three fine parts but they are overshadowed by the anti-religious feeling that runs through the play.

Many of the Church publications for youth promote disarmament, socialism, communism and sex. There are ministers writing in magazines outside the church and promoting the same things.

One example is Mademoiselle Magazine (April '65). William Steane Coffin, Chaplain of Yale University wrote an article closing reading Communist literature and magazines to overturn the lies the girls now believed.

We find the homosexuality man being given in Catholic churches. Just men in Episcopal

churches, ministers dancing in bistrot instead of preaching the Sunday service. Ministers expelling their congregation with guns drawn instead of sermons. Bunches of teenagers are being given by ministers. One such ball was given in San Francisco by Canon Robert Conway, special assistant to Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike. Conway said, "Love like this is silly (for homosexuals). After people are 21 they should be able to have sexual relations with a lump if they want to." He was angry because the police broke up his ball after the participants started bringing in teenagers off the street.

Why do some ministers behave as if they know little of the Bible? Because little is stressed in some seminaries. You find young men in theological seminaries writing about Mary in such a way to show their disbelief in her as the Virgin Mother of Christ. From the San Francisco Presbyterian Theological Seminary a magazine called Challenge is published. A story in one issue written by a student told about a group of bachelors who in 100 A.D. decided to make up some stories about Jesus and put them together in one book. And that is how we have the Bible. There are stacks of magazines from seminaries with such articles as "Vidality" the story of a prostitute's penitence. Or a poem where Jesus is a hero. This does not say all the seminaries have taken this anti-religious lead — but there are enough to be noteworthy.

Our youth are being tortured by something called "Reason for God." It is the God in dead theory in a new wrapping by Prof. J. J. Altmeyer of Emory University in Georgia. The magazine, complete with hotbeds and a screaming chorus, attacks the doctrine with "why is there no death?" "Why do our dead only die?" "God is Dead!" "God is Dead!" Students weep openly and are stunned when the last parental encounter is ended. Then the children (for that is what they are even at 17 and 18) leave the church with nothing but that God is Dead ringing in their ears.

There are churches being built now without

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symbol. Other churches taking their symbols down. A church in Chicago gave a lamp to "God, who is a lamp, symbol, who carried a sign and sits on the ground." Ministers are preaching Mary was not a virgin and Christmas and Easter are a myth. That man should be elevated to the position of God — **Ally of God in deed.**

There is talk of a merger, under the Rt. Rev. James A. Pike and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, between the Episcopal United Brethren Church, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian and the United Church of Christ. The National Council of Churches began the idea in 1948. The men at the head of the merger hope to see its completion within five years. It will mean a watering down of all religions involved. The next plan, in action now, is to have all local churches hand together. One church for services, another for religious education of adults and children — a third of social action — each staffed by interdenominational teams of ministers and laymen. Denominations will be obsolete. You think this is impossible? All over this nation ministers are beginning to condition their congregations for just this proposal.

Our churches are disappearing as the buildings built to glorify God and His Son Jesus Christ. Too many ministers have not the time to see the overall picture of what is happening religious in the U.S. The religious climate has changed so radically that we have the Social Gospel not the Holy Gospel. Social action (or Revolution), instead of the Gospel of Jesus and that one of personal salvation alone. He was not interested in lobbying before Pilate, or Caesar's government for the betterment of economic or political conditions. We find the churches knowingly and unknowingly following the Communist plans to morally bankrupt our country. They follow along breaking the laws — linking themselves with identified communists and perverts and entangling them to the state. What has happened to Christian principles?

What can you do? Talk with your ministers. Move open discussions about the National Coun-

cil of Churches in relation to your church. Realize that through your contributions you are financing a plan to end religion as we know it. In a friendly manner ask to read the Sunday School material. There is in countless Sunday Schools almost a void of true Bible study. The King James version of the Bible is preferred to the Revised Standard Version. Compare the two and see why. Read religious articles in magazines and newspapers. The whole picture will widen for you and the trend more easily followed. There is no reason why we should give up our religious freedom to the World Council of Churches — and the National Council of Churches — two groups who would in return give us no true religion at all.

Editor's Note: We believe that many unsuspecting church members support the National Council of Churches through their denominational program. We know that millions of church members are unaware of the socialistic, communistic trend of the NCC leaders. They are also ignorant of the trend of these same leaders through their youth literature to undermine faith in all that the church has held dear through the centuries viz. belief in Jesus Christ as God's Son and the Virgin-born Saviour who atoned for mankind's sin; the Holy Spirit-inspired inspiration of the Bible through holy men of God; the resurrection from the dead; the ascension to the Father's right hand in heaven; the divine and holy mission of the Church to evangelize the nations of earth with a message of salvation to the individual.

Many of these NCC leaders have thrown overboard the faith of our fathers and now are busily engaged in man-made schemes for the social and moral uplift of men without the Christ of the Bible... their message is one of reformation, not regeneration. Instead of preparing men for a future life, they are bending all efforts to better men's lot in this life.

Their eyes are focused on time, not eternity. It is God's plan to prepare men to meet a holy God... to give the message of salvation and

fulfillment of life here and now.

Those men, apostate, false, blind leaders of the blind, such a Utopia on earth. The true child of God is looking forward to the heavenly Utopia where the Lord Jesus Christ shall reign in righteousness.

If you are sincerely seeking information and light on this apostate organization, the National Council of Churches, write to the following address: The Evangel, P. O. Box 25, Largo, Florida 34640.

COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES

By G. A. Sheppard, Attorney

Inhibit and destroy confidence of Congress and the American people in officials and agencies engaged in anti-Communist activity.

Internationalize the Panama Canal.

Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.

Eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings, substitute cheapism, cultural and meaningless forms.

Gain control of all student newspapers.

Present homo-sexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy."

Grant diplomatic recognition of Red China. Admission of Red China to the U.N.

Do away with loyalty oaths.

Do not let the Communist Party be outlawed. Prohibit development of new weapons systems and anti-missile systems.

When a police officer makes an arrest, cry "police brutality."

Discredit the F.B.I. and J. Edgar Hoover and eventually dismantle the organization.

Support and take over "liberation movements" throughout Latin America.

Mus agitation, carried out among youth, veterans, racial and nationality groups, education, trade unions, etc.

Demoralization — "Better Red than Dead."

Intimidation — Threatenators use threats.

Indifference and gain control of key positions in radio, TV, motion pictures, press, book review assignments, etc.

Use student strike, sit-ins, teach-ins, etc. to ferment unrest and in failing to meet organized legal authority.

Prevent the government from atomic tests because the U.S. has agreed to suspend tests as long as negotiations are in progress. (Lands and Promises are like presents — made to be broken.)

Promote the U.N. as the only hope for mankind and deflect the charges so that it is set up as a one world government with its own independent armed forces.

Inhibit the churches. Replace religion with "social teachings" and discredit the Bible.

Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a world-wide basis.

Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights.

Establish "popular front" governments in France, Italy and Greece.

Neutralize nations belonging to NATO, and thus destroy NATO.

Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use "united force" to solve economic, political and social problems.

Evangel Ministry Fellowship, Inc.

P. O. Box 25, Largo, Florida, U.S.A.

A World-wide Christian Literature Ministry
A Non-Profit Corporation

Aug 7, 1969.

To the office of the F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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on Mary Jane Harris. Any information

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This writer shall be greatly appreciated
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Your cooperation is greatly
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August 13, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 7th, with enclosure.

In reply to your inquiry, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. Please do not infer, however, that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the World Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches.

The Department of Justice has requested the FBI to ascertain whether those implementing the so-called "Black Manifesto" are in violation of any Federal statutes within our jurisdiction. The results of our inquiries are being furnished to the Department of Justice which has the responsibility for determining whether prosecution is warranted. In view of this, I cannot make any further comments regarding this matter.

Enclosed is some material which may be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Director's Testimony 9-18-68 before National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence

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Excerpt from Testimony of John Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI, before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, on April 17, 1969

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August 7, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I fully realize that your time is limited and that a request from an ordinary citizen is an imposition, but in recent months I have become increasingly concerned regarding the apparent infiltration of socialist, Marxist and communist elements into every phase of our society. I am concerned about this infiltration in our churches, particularly the United Methodist Church of which I am a member.

For several years some members of our local church have protested in vain about the literature used in the Sunday School program. This literature is provided at our expense by the central offices of the church and is basically a "must." Some of the material seems to be un-American, if not outright communistically oriented, but efforts to get some improvement have not been effective.

At the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, which met in Texas in 1968, the internal organization of individual churches was revised. I believe these changes reflect a plot to organize to disorganize by destroying the effectiveness of the Sunday School in developing our young people in the true Christian spirit. Further events, such as the participation of the United Methodist Church in sponsoring the National Black Economic Development Conference which led to the "Black Manifesto", lead me to believe that the United Methodist Church, as well as other denominations, have become strongly infiltrated at the top echelon of leadership with people who are out and out communists, socialists, ultra liberals, or just plain stupid. B

An ordinary citizen like myself only knows what he hears and reads in the news media. I have developed a strong feeling, without any proof or personal experience, that something is wrong. We "sheep" are being led to the slaughter unwittingly through the slick use of our churches, schools, and unions by undesirable elements of this society who, if not out and out communists, are certainly not Americans in the traditional sense. Recent activities of the black militants, SDS and other anti-American organizations have strengthened

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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my determination to make some effort through my church affiliation to do something even if only "token" in nature.

Now to my request - I am a member of the Administrative Board (formerly Official Board) of our church. No one places much faith in the words of one individual, particularly if he is without influence. I am attaching an article, photographed from what I am assured is a reliable source. Can you, or will you, comment on this article as to the authenticity of some of the statements and charges made? If you possibly can, I can "use" your influence in getting the word to our church leaders who, up to now, seem to be completely unaware of the dangers to our religious and social freedom.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,



Enclosure

By James R. Taylor, Chairman,
National Committee of Christian
Laymen

Members of America's broadest Protestant denominations whose funds go to support the pro-Communist National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches, should be acquainted with the following facts to know how their money is being used to help support the Communist cause in their efforts to undermine and overthrow the government of the United States of America.

First, let them know that Senator George McGovern (D., S.D.), a Methodist, served as Chairman of a Commission of the World Council of Churches which met in London May 19-24, 1969, to approve the idea of reparations called for by the Black Manifesto, and to urge church denominations in America to allocate a significant portion of their total resources, without control, to the Black militant group's new demand.

Americans should also know that the World Council of Churches, which their funds support, admitted from their International Headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland, on March 21, 1969, according to the "Religious News Service," that:

1) The World Council of Churches has been sending aid to North Vietnam since 1965.

2) The amount of this aid was stepped up in 1968.

3) The World Council of Churches is prepared to help North Vietnam in a postwar rehabilitation program.

On Jan. 19, 1969 UPI stated that Communist leaders in North Vietnam were also "eradicating Christianity, yet in spite of this the 23 denominations affiliated with the National Council of Churches, by membership in the World Council of Churches, continue financial support to World Communism as it spreads across the face of the globe.

American churchgoers should also know that the officials of the WCC and the WCC, which they help to support, have worked openly for years with Walter Rauschenberg and his brother, Victor, in the formation of a political coalition which also includes the political forces of Rauschenberg's United Auto Workers and the radical racial agitators who created the Black Manifesto, which demands "reparations" of \$500 million from U.S. church denominations.

Senator George McGovern is serving as Walter Rauschenberg's

read boy in this UAW - WCC - WCC - Black Manifesto political coalition. Recently Senator McGovern wrote a full-page article for the Communist paper, "The Daily World."

"Hunger - U.S.A." is a political book which is being used by this Rauschenberg coalition to build a political bloc which will be powerful enough to elect the next President of the United States in 1972.

Every church member in America should have the following background information about the channeling of church funds to those who seek to destroy both our country and our faith:

1) On March 14 Police Chief Tom Reddin of Los Angeles disclosed to the press the fact that the churches, along with the Communists, have been helping finance the rioting on high school and college campuses through an interreligious organization called the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, Inc. (IFCO). The Executive Director is a militant Negro (American Baptist), Rev. Louie Walker, Jr., whose prior employment was by a Methodist activist group in Milwaukee.

2) The National Council of Churches sent their Associate General Secretary, Dr. David Hunter, to Los Angeles to appear before the City Council on April 24 to ask for a retraction. Police Chief Reddin's head of the Intelligence Division was able to substantiate all charges. It also developed that the Associate General Secretary himself had quite a personal record. It was anticipated that Dr. Hunter would request a further hearing but the roof fell in too soon.

3) The Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, Inc. (IFCO) paid all expenses, travel, etc. for over 600 Negro militants from all across the U.S.A. to Detroit April 24-27 to attend the National Black Economic Development Conference (held along with funds from other denominations) paid this expense through IFCO. On April 26 James Forman, an official of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, whose previous head was Stokely Carmichael, presented his "Black Manifesto," demanding \$500 million in reparations to the Negroes, the socialization of our country, and similar demands. The National Black Economic Development Conference voted to approve the Black Manifesto. IFCO also approved it.

4) On May 20, 1969, James Forman appeared before the General

REPARATIONS DEMANDED



SEATTLE - James Forman, spokesman for National Black Economic Development Conference, addresses the 1969 annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention. The black militant demanded \$700 million in reparations from the denomination for "complicity" in centuries of racism. Mr. Forman has delivered his Black Manifesto to various church groups in recent weeks.

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Board of the National Council of Churches with its President, Dr. Arthur A. Fleming (a Methodist), in attendance and by a vote of 28 to 14 they approved the Black Manifesto.

5) A Commission of the World Council of Churches met in London May 19-24 under the chairmanship of Senator George McGovern (Democrat) and among other things:

(a) Approved the idea of reparations (called for by the Black Manifesto).

(b) Stated: "We urge religious institutions to divest themselves of their excessive material wealth by immediately allocating a significant portion of their total resources, without employing any mechanism of control, to organizations of the racially oppressed."

(c) The Executive Committee of the United Methodist Church Board of Missions on May 20 voted to give immediately \$500,000 and to ask the church's next annual meeting to appropriate an additional million dollars. James Forman attended the meeting.

The President of the United Methodist Church Board of Missions is Bishop Lloyd C. Wilson, who joined with known Communists in giving an eulogy at the

funeral services for Dr. Harry F. Ward. Bishop Wilson has been President of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church and is an influential man in the denomination.

7) On Sunday, June 22, the well-known, identified Communist Party member, Ann Braden, spoke at Glide Memorial Methodist Church, on whose staff appears the name of another Methodist Bishop, Charles F. Golden.

Although the Communists killed an estimated 90 million people after taking over the countries now under their domination - and even though the leadership of the denominations of the WCC (33 in number) has been exposed as infiltrated by both Socialists and Communists, Christians continue to support these apostate organizations. If the awakening does not take place in time, we cannot avoid the takeover which Khrushchev predicted. FREE INTERPRET

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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The F.B.I.
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Dear Sir:

In a few months I have a talk to give on the National Council of Churches. I need some good sound information before I begin to formulate the body of my talk.

In the past, didn't your department do a study on the Council? It's relationship to different organizations..subversive and otherwise?

Can you recommend any information for my use. I want to be as honest and objectional as possible, so would appreciate any suggestions you might offer. *P*

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FROM CAMPUS TO CHURCH

After its recent victories against the professors Black Power has now laid its gunsights on the pastors and priests. Mr. James Forman's "bill of reparations" of \$500m. against the Christian and Jewish denominations in America shows that he has chosen a potentially productive target. Just as the universities are yielding to the demand for black studies programmes, for segregated black departments, and even for "open admissions"—the acceptance of Negro students without the schooling normally required for any recognizable degree course—so the Churches have already begun to make token or initial payments, and are hurriedly praising the black leaders who have so effectively jogged their consciences.

The black demand against the Churches is rather for hard cash than for opportunities for more black participation—a Negro was recently elected president of the Baptist convention. At the World Council of Churches conference in London last week black churchmen urged white Christians to purge their racism by adopting black Christian forms of expression. In Britain the black challenge may be simply for Christian rejection of "white racism", but in America the call is for compensation, or conscience-money, to be paid for the

alleged connivance of the Churches in past and present oppression of the black race. This demand is backed by threats to disrupt services and to use violence.

The white Churches in America are caught in a dilemma. Many of them are immensely wealthy, and they enjoy extensive tax privileges. They cannot deny that there is want and suffering all round them which makes claims on their charity.

Already in London the Rev. Channing Phillips, a notable Negro moderate reformer, has discovered that Mr. Forman's original demand for \$500m. is too low. This is hardly surprising, as the Churches have started paying up without fully considering whether reparations for Negro slavery and oppression can be quantified at this or any other figure.

Violence on the campus and in church may seem better tactics than riots in the ghettos, which damage black property and economic interests. Even Negro churchmen are now extolling violence as the right method. Tender liberal and Christian consciences may agree to pay danegeld for a time. The danger is that the Black Power attack will strengthen white racism. Police shootings, gasings, and clubbings in university precincts could be followed by similar scenes in sanctified premises.

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Churches told to back revolutions

THE World Council of Churches is to be urged, as a last resort, to support revolutions and resistance movements "which are aimed at the elimination of political or economic tyranny which makes racism possible."

The recommendation was made yesterday in a report at the end of the Council's London conference on racism.

It will be considered by the Central Committee at its meeting in Canterbury in August. Meanwhile the report urges the Council, through its member churches, to begin economic sanctions against bodies practicing blatant racism.

The World Council, the report says, should support and encourage the principle of "resistance" to oppressed people and countries with the aim of creating a more favourable balance of economic power in the world. It should set up a unit to deal with racism.

Rhodesia call

A resolution adopted covered deep concern at new Rhodesian constitutional proposals. It says urgent action is needed and calls for pressure on Britain to reaffirm the principle of majority rule and strengthen sanctions. Britain should be asked to withdraw the assurance that force would not be used.

Mr. George Black, 28, who said he was a member of a revolutionary Black Power organisation, told the conference:

"We shall have our freedom or your Christian society, your Christian banks, your Christian universities, your Christian universities and your free churches will be levelled for ever."

Mr. Ray South, chairman of the British "Black Power" party, who earlier in the week walked out of the conference, returned yesterday to hear the reply to the Black Power demand.

Senator George McGovern, of the United States, who presided, said a judgment on the nature of the revolution would be made.

But I have no doubt that some revolutions are clearly of a constructive nature and in the end, would have no doubt about supporting them.

SUNDAY MORNING WITH **Mandrake**

Church Militant and race militants

IT has been a good cheek-turning week for Anglican potentates, what with Archbishop Ramsey's apology to Black Powerman Roy Sawh and Bishop Huddleston's confrontation with the National Front.

Incidents like these, ending up with the Black Power visitations, were almost predictable, however, given the bizarre assortment assembled for the World Council of Churches' five-day consultation on Race, which ended in Notting Hill yesterday.

Attending members of what is almost the Clerical International (even the Roman Catholics sent observers along) included orthodox politicians like Garfield Todd (Church of Christ), former Premier of Rhodesia; Oliver Tambo (Anglican), leader of the African National Congress (banned in South Africa), and George McGovern (Methodist), United States Democratic Senator, who presided over the conference.

But the non-members, invited for their experience of the world's various racial struggles, included less orthodox activists: like Dr. Nathan Hare (atheist), head of the Black Studies department of San Francisco State College and key figure of a five-month student strike, and Father James Groppi (Roman Catholic), attacked by some white Roman Catholics for his direct action methods in Milwaukee.

Though the militants made a "positive impact," it was not entirely a case of trendy liberal churchmen falling over themselves to appease their Black accusers. Professor Kenneth Little, of Edinburgh, gave a masterly display of keeping your academic cool after his scientific analysis of racialism had provoked furious criticism; and although the Archbishop clearly made a mistake in refusing to let Roy Sawh continue his speech, observers agreed his subsequent apology had a certain impressive dignity.

The militants themselves disagree on the usefulness of the proceedings. Nathan Hare ("I came for the chance to get out of the cesspool, even if only briefly") felt his optimism, little enough to begin with, disappear in the face of the churchmen's "psychological reluctance" to commit themselves to meaningful action. Groppi, however, saw the delegates as wielding real power within their churches, power which could allocate funds in a radical way. He had an idea, too, that they could buy weapons for South African freedom fighters, but that is decidedly not on.

Certainly people like Garfield Todd and his fellow Rhodesian Herbert Chikomo (Presbyterian), very much in the front line of the race war, found the conference worth while. Both run the risk of legal repercussions for attending it: Todd could be deported to his native New Zealand, and Chikomo could be separated from his family and placed under restriction. He goes through a jolly routine

whenever he attends World Council conferences, the British and Rhodesian Governments monotonously confiscating and re-issuing him with rival passports.

The conference achieved something else, though not something the organisers could have expected—a boost for the image of the British police. When these moved in on the National Frontmen heckling Bishop Huddleston and Tambo on Wednesday night, the Americans and Germans froze with horror, expecting tear gas at the least. They saw, instead, the hecklers removed very gently. "We had thought all the reports of the non-violent police at Grosvenor Square were British Press manipulations," said one visiting churchman. Or as Garfield Todd put it: "Without dogs and batons, it didn't seem like home at all."

THE TIMES DIARY

Dr Hare and black nationhood

DR. NATHAN HARE, the embattled chairman of black studies at San Francisco State College, has temporarily deserted the academic battlefield to take part in a World Council of Churches conference on racism in Nottingham (his first trip abroad). Dr. Hare has been dismissed from the college following a four-month student strike there marked by arson, a student-police battle and more arson.

Dr. Hare, who was sacked two years ago from the Negro Howard University (where he taught black behaviour classes), is a pioneer of the black studies movement in the United States. He turned down "token" posts with white universities in 1961 to join Howard. "I wanted to make the students, the

and that society is racist. "And so, to be relevant to black education must be revolutionary." Hare's black studies "revolutionary education" is not racial separatism. "We want to build a sense of nationhood, but it doesn't need political, territorial expression. We want a community with a sense of its cultural and historical identity, with a sense of its collective predicament, and the collective struggle to overcome that predicament."

He grasches not integration or assimilation—which, he feels, is achieved at the cost of disintegration of the black community—but education. "In Washington, in the civil service, they will integrate blacks into better jobs, but they don't advance them into top jobs. The legacy of black families has the same relation to black families now as it had 50 years ago—and it is just one half as much."

Dr. Hare is 33, and talks with engaging humour in a curious, rolling, grating manner. A former boy from Oklahoma, he had a formidable mother who taught her sons on hot evenings to read a study "message" but not just to fight back but to win. "If we lost, we got two choices," he finally abandoned his boyhood ambition to be a boxing champion during his early days at Howard. He was teaching professionally as Nat Harris while he taught as Dr. Hare, but one evening he associates came turned up at the Virginia.

He has been militant since the age of 10 when he started to sit in the front seats (usually reserved for whites only) of buses in Oklahoma.



Nathan Hare

leading Negroes of the future, aware and concerned. But at first they rejected me: they were almost afraid to be in the room where I was teaching. He finally had a campaign to make Howard "black oriented", which culminated in the quad and dean being burned in effigy and burned.

Dr. Hare's educational views are starkly simple: existing education trains students to adjust to society,

Black Power group halts Church talks

By a Staff Reporter

Four Black Power demonstrators intervened at the World Council of Churches conference on racism at Nottingham W. last night, and demanded, among other things, \$50m. for various causes.

They were allowed to make two speeches, lasting 20 minutes in all. They promised to return to the conference at 11 a.m. today for the delegates' reply. The demonstration was allowed in to the conference because they were accompanied by one of the delegates, Dr. Nathan Hare, Director of the Black Studies Institute, San Francisco State College. Dr. Hare later said that he supported the group.

When the session began yesterday a delegate started reading the

working paper. The demonstrators filed behind her and politely took over the microphone. Mr. George Black then demanded that the W.C.C. give massive support to seven liberation movements which he named. He said each movement should be given either £5m. or \$5m. He also told donors further sums for which £25m. was demanded.

Shortly afterwards the conference disintegrated as debate turned from the working papers to the question of what to do about the demands of the demonstrators. Eventually it was resolved that the steering committee of the conference and other interested delegates would stay on to draft a reply to the "young people".

What to do about the demands... (Text continues on page 2)

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Protesters disrupt Church talks on race

By our own Reporter

Jeers and shouts from a large contingent of National Front members interrupted the evening session for 15 minutes while police cleared them from the balcony of Church House during the conference of the World Council on Churches on racialism in London yesterday.

The shouting, amplified by the boom of the assembly hall, forced Bishop Trevor Huddleston to stop his address.

The trouble began when Bishop Huddleston referred scathingly to Mr Enoch Powell. At the mention of his name, deafening applause broke out from the National Front members, who were spread in every sector of the balcony. Shouts of "Integration leads to miscegenation," and "Let's have a referendum on race in Britain" echoed round the hall. One barracker shouted: "The Church is a Communist front. You are the apostates."

Police, who had been warned by the organisers that National Front members might try to break up the public meeting, moved quickly round the balcony ordering the intruders to leave. Most left without any argument, but one man, who had been try-

ing to shout down the bishop, said: "This is a police state. There is no free speech."

As the barrackers left, the audience began to sing. "We shall overcome." A few National Front members remained, but were removed one by one as they continued their barracking. There were still about a dozen left as Mr Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress, began to speak. They greeted him with shouts of "God Save the Queen," and "Britain for the British." They were removed by stewards and police.

Apology

Dr Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury apologised to Mr Roy Sawh, a Black Power leader in Britain, for his "mishandling of a little episode" which caused a walk-out and a spate of criticism.

The gap between white liberalism and black attitudes widened to an abyss after Dr Ramsey, as chairman of the morning session, had refused the floor

to Mr Sawh, member of the Black People's Alliance, who was there as an invited "consultant."

Mr Sawh walked out, after shouting: "That is the trouble with you English. You always want to do things your bloody way." He refused requests to return.

Father James Groppi, a white Roman Catholic priest with a black parish in Milwaukee, criticised Dr Ramsey for not fulfilling the Church's primary rôle in overcoming racialism—readiness to listen to what coloured people had to say. He called for an apology to Mr Sawh.

The Rev. Channing Phillip, a Negro clergyman from Washington, said the tragedy of the incident had not been the confrontation that took place, but that the "same old Christian platitudinous drive" had continued to come "without any kind of sensitivity... that we had grossly insulted that young man."

The incident came after a refreshment break preceded by

a speech by Mr Merlyn Rees, Under-Secretary, Home Office, on the Government's immigration policies. Mr Sawh was asked to put his questions after the break but by that time Mr Rees had left.

Senator George McGovern, South Dakota, permanent chairman of the five-day conference, later said the incident was due to a misunderstanding. He had assured Mr Sawh he could put his questions to Mr Rees after the break, not realising that Mr Rees would be leaving. There had been "no malice and no design." Mr Sawh should be invited back to say whatever he wanted.

Urgency

Dr Ramsey, apologising to the absent Mr Sawh, said that, as the Minister had left, he had thought it right to let discussion continue and let Mr Sawh speak later.

This session of the conference emphasised the urgency, militancy, and sophistication of American advocates of Black Power. They have swept the board rather like the Negro athletes at the Olympics. American scrutiny of racialism—universally relevant or not—takes approaches elsewhere seem rudimentary and conventional.

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Churches given a taste of Black Power

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

The World Council of Churches' consultation on racialism yesterday had its first real brush with aggressive, but closely argued, Black Power.

Dr Nathan Hare, chairman of the department of black studies at San Francisco State College, told the gathering in London that the churches would have to get out of their reformist cocoon and into a revolutionary framework.

If they did not, someone would get around to telling the council "to go to Hell," said Dr Hare, whose remark won loud applause from the delegates meeting under the chairmanship of Senator George McGovern, of South Dakota.

Dr Hare—who began with a dedication to Malcolm X, Stokely Carmichael, Eldridge Cleaver, and all the other brothers who have been killed or jailed or driven away—said race relations were becoming human relations. If we could just love one another we would solve all our problems.

In a series of satiric examples which eventually drew smiles from most delegates, Dr Hare said black mathematics could be related better to the life of a

black alum child by dropping "stocks and bonds" and saying: "If you loot one store and burn two, how many do you have left?" And black science could pay particular attention to the presence of rats.

Earlier Mr Eddie Brown, Negro director of Mississippi Action for Community Education, warned that the die was being cast "in terms of a head-on collision along race lines, and that struggle will not be peculiar to the United States."

One crucial point—emerging paradoxically at an ecumenical gathering—is that a number of delegates believe black Churches should not yet integrate but first help their adherents to a true sense of identity. In essence, no integration before full independent equality.

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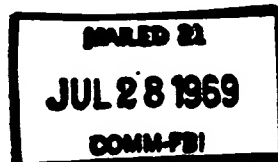
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of July 17th, and for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of "God's Church--Not Ours."

The excerpts from my writings which are quoted in this book do accurately reflect my present views. With respect to your inquiry about the National Council of Churches, I would like to point out that the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character of organizations; hence, I am not in a position to comment on this group.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please forgive my presumptuous oversight in not sending the book or copies of the pages in question.

I am enclosing the entire book in this mailing, and have marked the passages in question. They are on pages 12 and 13. You may feel free to keep this copy of the book if you like. I have another.

Thanking you for your patience, I am,

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job was to study the success of Communist attempts to use clergymen in carrying out their programs.

Following his extensive study, Dr. Roy published a book entitled, *Communism and the Churches*. In it, he says: "Since 1930, there has been an estimated total of well over 900,000 ordained clergymen in the United States. Of these, the proportion who have been affiliated with Communist efforts in any way whatever has been exceedingly small—perhaps slightly over one percent. The number who have been Communists, or persistent fellow travelers, has been minute."

In this latter category, Dr. Roy reports, there have not been more than seventy-five persons over a thirty year period. And of this number, he says, only about twenty-five remain. If this is true, then it is sheer nonsense to suggest that America's ministers have gone soft or that the National Council is a haven for subversives.

But one doesn't have to rely upon Dr. Roy's testimony alone. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, whom the Radical Right delights to quote, has made it indelibly clear that he has complete confidence in the loyalty of the nation's clergymen as well as in the various denominations and church councils.

The Verne Kaub tract against the NCC,⁶ cites a statement Mr. Hoover made in 1947 in an attempt to prove that the Council is red-tinged, even though the FBI director made no allusion whatever to the Council or its leaders! But lest any doubt remain, Mr. Hoover has said: "I want you to know that neither on this occasion nor at any time have I ever made any statement criticizing . . . the National Council of Churches."⁶ Moreover, through his chief assistant, the FBI boss has gone on record as saying:

"We owe a debt of deep gratitude to the clergymen of this nation—men who unflinchingly battle against this conspiracy. The Communists, recognizing religion as the most

potent enemy, are always endeavoring to gain influence within the church. In a few instances, unfortunately, they have succeeded in influencing clergymen. However, the vast majority of our clergy are completely loyal and are resisting the attempts of the Communists to delude them. To my mind, no group in America has a more key role today in fighting communism than our clergy. Very truly they stand on the front line of this giant ideological battle."⁷

Mr. Hoover has gone even a step further and pointed out that people who make wild charges against the clergy and our churches make the very mistake the Communists are so careful to avoid. He has remarked:

"These individuals concentrate on the negative rather than on the positive. They are merely against communism without being for any positive measures to eliminate the social, political and economic frictions which the Communists are so adroit at exploiting. These persons would do well to recall a recent lesson from history. Both Hitler and Mussolini were against communism. However, it was by what they stood for, not against, that history has judged them."⁸

Moreover, the FBI has indicated that it has evidence that the Communists are very happy about attacks from the right which tend to breed suspicion against America's churches and other democratic institutions. That this is indeed the case is reflected in an article which appeared recently in a Soviet journal. The article said:

"Lenin said that the most ardent foes of communism will eventually become frightened and suspicious of anybody who does not agree with them. In this manner, these extremely nationalistic capitalists will actually work for the cause of communism by eliminating some of the largest obstacles on the road toward a world-wide Communist way of life."⁹

It would appear, therefore, that the Radical Right is engaged in a conspiracy, no less than the Communists, to

July 24, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of July 18th, with enclosure, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

July 18, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Hoover:

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

I'm writing to ask for whatever documentation you may have on the subversive actions of the NCC. I am a member of the First Methodist Church in [REDACTED] with a membership of some figure over 9,000 and I'm much disturbed over our churches secret attachment to the NCC.

Enclosed is a copy of our senior minister's viewpoint which I disagree with on every point.

I want to formulate a letter to send to each of our five ministers and to each member of the official board, calmly and accurately stating the 4 or 5 outstanding subversive actions of the NCC.

Whatever help and suggestions you can give to me will be deeply appreciated.

Most sincerely,

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The Pastor's Message

Last Sunday was the best start we have ever had on our JULY REVIVAL. At the 11 A.M. service we filled every seat, including the Fellowship Class room, and then we brought in more than a hundred chairs. Then on Sunday NIGHT it was thrilling to hear the people in the balcony sing. Also, according to the surveys, we have the largest TELEVISION congregation during July.

Give a PERSONAL INVITATION to at least one friend to attend these services. JULY IS OUR MOST EXCITING MONTH.

Because of those in our church who object to any of their money going to the National Council of Churches, we announced that none of the money contributed to our budget would be sent to the council. On the other hand, there are those in our church who feel just as strongly that we should support the council. The fact that in our church we have members of different viewpoints is good. Those who wish to support the Council are welcome to do so, and contributions can be so designated. Our church would certainly not take any "official" position on this, but rather leave it with the individual members. That is the fair way to do this.

DON'T MISS THE JULY REVIVAL—
and TELL A FRIEND ABOUT IT.

Charles W. Allen

July 18, 1969

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RE APPROX 1271-99

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED] July 12, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation -
Washington, D. C.

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Yours truly

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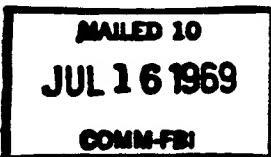
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Sincerely yours,
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July 12, 1968

F.B.I Office
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs;

I have heard so much of the National Council of Churches being Communistic infiltrated and I can't seem to run down the true facts of whether it is or is not. I am a member of a denomination (Church of the Brethern) that belongs to this Council and I'm concerned and I feel that you will be non-partial and will give me the true story on this subject.

Would you please send me all the information that you would have on it. Thanks so much!!

Sincerely,

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July 14, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 7th.

In response to your inquiry, this Bureau does not have a copy of the book to which you referred and it is not readily available. If you will be kind enough to send copies of the pages containing the statements attributed to me, I will be happy to respond to your question.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Little Rock - Enclosure

MAILED 2
JUL 14 1969
COMM-FBI

July 7, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been reluctant to write to you on such a matter, but have decided that if you can find the time to respond, your response will go much farther than anything I could say. I feel that this is true because of the obviously knowledgeable position which you hold.

The problem is this: there are a few individuals in this area who have an honest distrust of the National Council Of Churches. Many of their comments serve only to confuse others. I must honestly state that I am in disagreement with these people. However, instead of disagreeable argument and the like, I would like to approach the matter logically and educationally. Now, here is the meat of my question. In reading Paul Carlson's God's Church, Not Ours (Cincinnati, Forward Movement, 1965) pp. 12-13, I find several statements by you which reflect a positive attitude toward the National Council and the clergy of our country. My question is this: does your thinking still reflect these positive attitudes? Your comments on this and any other related subject which you think might be helpful would be deeply appreciated.

As I indicated above, my interest is in interpreting the truth as I am able to ascertain it. This is to be done in a reconciling, rational, educational manner—a method which I feel our country desperately needs today.

Authentic Letter dated 1/14/69
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July 11, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on July 9th and I want to thank you for your kind remark regarding my administration of the FBI.

In reply to your requests, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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July 2, 1969

Director J. Edgar Hoover
FBI
Ninth & Pennsylvania Avenues
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director Hoover:

As you well know, the Church today is under attack from many sides. One of the most antagonizing forces is in opposition to the National Council of Churches. We hear from many points that you and your office is investigating the presence of communists in the National Council of Churches. This has posed a serious threat and designate dilemma in the Church, causing many members to leave.

May I say that our congregation, as well as our denomination, supports the National Council of Churches. We share in its program, and we are anxious to have accurate information. We believe your office can provide this for us in order that we may make an intelligent appraisal and response to accusations.

Will you please mail to us any statements or studies you have made and released and tell us definitely whether or not your office has found the presence of communism in the National Council of Churches. We greatly respect the work you are doing and will be most appreciative of your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 17th, with enclosure, and certainly appreciate your kind remarks.

With regard to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 17, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C. 20000

Dear Sir:

Knowing that you are not legally responsible for Church affairs - but still wondering if you might be able to answer a question concerning the National Council of Churches organization? We've recently been reading of certain social questions that have become voting issues for the National Council board meetings. For instance: Opposition to U.S. intervention in Cuba, S. Viet Nam and others - Demand U.S. recognition of Red China - Approval of Civil Disobedience - Participation in Freedom Marches and law-breaking to promote Social Revolution - Opposition to prayer and Bible reading in Public Schools - Encouragement of the distribution of pornographic and obscene literature under guise of advocacy of Free Press and Free Speech - Approval of sex freedom - to mention a few but not all.

We read from different sources of so many unethical issues that the National Council of Churches endorse and claim that they are the views of 40 million Protestant Americans. When truthfully, most of those 40 million would do a lot of work to help prevent all of those things - if they only knew what, and how to go about it.

Do you know if it is a fact, that the National Council of Churches does endorse or make those part of their working orders? All the material that is printed by the Methodist Church, on the subject, gives only praise for the good things that the N.C.C. is engaged in. It would be a wonderful relief to those 40 million Protestants if there were a true source whereby we might hear the facts. And find a way that we might get out from among them in a truly Christian way.

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If you have available information to answer our question, will you please do so? Enclosed is a stamped, addressed envelope for same. Thank you so much. Forgive me if I have bothered your working schedule.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]
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P.S.

Thank you for staying on as "Chief" of the F.B.I.. Makes us feel safer.
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June 20, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 16th.

In reply to your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches. I am unable to refer you to a source for the information which you are seeking. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th & Penn. Ave. N.W.
Washington D. C. 20535

File 8-

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Sincerely

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June 25, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of June 22nd, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice, and I cannot provide you with a source where you can obtain the material you are seeking. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I am unable to be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 22 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D C

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Does part of the money collected
by National Council of Churches go to Communist
Countries ?

Does part of their collection go
to further Communism in THIS COUNTRY ?

Where can I purchase a full report
on their activities, intentions and efforts ?

Sincerely,



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June 17, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 9th and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your views. With respect to your comments concerning the National Council of Churches, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this organization.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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TRUE COPY


June 9, 1969

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

Dear Sir:

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It seems that my church, the United Methodist Church, has become tainted with radical and evil social action zeal. We got ourselves joined to the National Council of Churches and people connected with it took active part in the disturbances at the last Democratic convention in Chicago, they used Methodist church funds along with other member church funds in financing the poor people's march on Washington, for twenty years I have thought our Sunday School literature was tainted with communist propoganda. Our rulers, the bishops, have permitted or sanctioned statements defending what I consider acts and words against our U.S. government that ought to subject them to punishment. You probably know more than I do about all of this. According to their pronouncements and resolutions, if we don't like a law made by our government we don't need to obey it, and the end justifies the means, and last, they believe that there should be a re-distribution of the wealth of the country, because the rich people are the cause of poverty. So, according to all this, we may expect the great purge of the capitalists, "the enemy of the people," any time now, and I mean any time. A well planned movement for any specified night could leave the country in the hands of the enemy.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
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I have carefully kept the pages of newspapers and magazines in which this information came to me. I'll send them to you or photostatic copies of the same if you want them.

Under what conditions would you investigate this sordid mess?
mess?

I have protested to my preacher and told him that I shall not pay any more to the N.C.C. nor for Sunday School literature until our officials clean house. Any advice from you as to the best action I can take?

Yours Truly,

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/s/ [REDACTED]

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Couldn't the Methodist Church be publicized by the F.B.I. as engaged in aiding the enemy, thereby arousing the membership as well as all of our citizens against the danger? We ordinary church members could clean up the mess if we'd get sufficiently alarmed about it to stop paying into the church treasury.

Also, I wish we'd have to pay taxes on our Sunday School facilities if our literature can be classed as political propoganda. That is how it appears to me, to be. Of course it, the propoganda, must be carefully wrapped in the things of God to get by.

[REDACTED]

P.S. The resolution to redistribute the wealth of the country in order to wipe out poverty was passed by our recent District Annual conference of the North West Annual Conference, and was held at [REDACTED]

I would send you the originals of all papers I have saved on this question if you insist, or perhaps I can find more originals in this area, otherwise I'd like to keep them to back my word about this. I myself

would distribute appeals to the people, but do not want a libel suit on my hands. The enemy has plenty of money and is ruthless.

Yours Truly,



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June 8 1969

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

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movements and resolutions, if we don't like a law made by our government we don't need to obey it, and the end justifies the means, and last, they believe that there should be a re-distribution of the wealth of the country, because the rich people are the cause of poverty. So, according to all this, we may expect the great purge of the capitalists, "the enemy of the people," any time now, and I mean any time. A well planned movement for any ^{specific} night could leave the country in the hands of the enemy.

I have carefully kept the pages of newspapers and magazines in which this information came to me. I'll send them to you or photostat's copies of the same if you want them.

Under what conditions would you investigate this sordid mess?

I have protested to my president and told him that I shall not pay any more to the N.C.C. nor for Sunday School literature until our officials clean house. Any advice from you as to the best action I can take?

Yours Truly,

Couldn't the Methodist Church be publicized by the F. B. I. as engaged in aiding the enemy, thereby arousing the membership as well as all of our citizens against the danger? We ordinary church members could clean up the mess if we'd get sufficiently alarmed about it to stop paying into the church treasury.

Also, which we'd have to pay taxes on our Sunday school facilities if our literature can be classed as political propaganda. That is how it appears to me, to be. Of course it, the propaganda, must be carefully wrapped in the things of God to get by.

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P.S. The resolution to redistribute the wealth of the country in order to wipe out poverty was passed by our recent District Annual Conference of the North West Annual Conference, and was held at [REDACTED]

I would send you the originals of all papers

I have saved on this question if you insist,
or perhaps I can find some copies originals
in this area, otherwise I'd like to keep them
to back my word about this. I myself
would distribute appeals to the people,
but do not want a libel suit on my
hands. The enemy has plenty of money
and is ruthless.

Yours Truly,

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June 11, 1969.

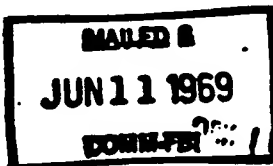
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Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter of June 5th, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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June 5, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth & Pennsylvania
at Northwest
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I need some information from your office. Two or three persons of influence around town here have argued with me that the National Council of Churches of Christ in America is Communistic, at least dominated or influenced by that group.

I have argues that they are not. It was my understanding that this organization was investigated by the FBI several years ago — *yes* and reported no membership or influence toward Communism. Is this corretc?

Do you have any leaflets or statements which I might show or use to fonfirm that the National Council is NOT Communistic or lead by Communists/

For many years I have supported the Texas Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches. I have served for 12 years as a District Superintendent working with several of our Bishops and leaders. I have never attended a National Council meeting but have believed in their work as a whole although have differred with them on certain pronouncements they have made.

Has the F.B.I. ever investigated this organization? When? What // — *yes* were your findings? *pg.*

Thanks for any information you can give me and my church on this matter. We would appreciate any material you might have for us.

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Cordially yours.

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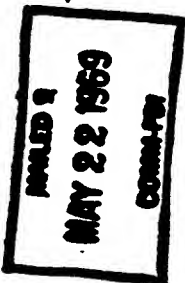
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I have received your letter of May 15th and appreciate your kind remarks concerning my administration of this Bureau.

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May 15, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I realize that you are not running an answering service but I would like to impose a question upon you regarding the National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches. My personal church pays into both of the organizations and frankly I'm concerned about their purpose. These groups have had very bad publicity and I'm not sure that we should be involved with them. Several of the large churches in this area also belong to these groups and I would like your permission to quote you if you do see fit to answer this letter.

I was very happy to hear that you're not retiring. Keep up the good work. Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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May 28, 1969

J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F. B. I.
Washington, D. C. 20935

Dear Sir:

I would like some information on the National Council of Churches. Is it communist backed or at least communist in it.

Did you try to prove this and was not allowed to reveal the information. We heard this and it has us upset. My Husband & I we are Methodist is the reason we are interested. We also heard that a portion of the money from the Council of Churches goes to support the rioting & Black power. Is this true. We would appreciate this information for our own satisfaction and it would be confidential. Thank you.

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May 26, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your communication on May 20th. The concern which prompted you to furnish this material is appreciated.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing information relating to some of the organizations which are involved in fomenting unrest in our society today which I hope will be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

An Analysis of the New Left: A gospel of Nihilism
Director's Testimony 2-23-68 Re Communist, Racial and Hate Groups
Director's Statement 9-18-68 Before National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

NOTE: Based upon available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She encloses a television news report in favor of Los Angeles Chief of Police Thomas Reddin's charge that the National Council of Churches' money ends up in the hands of militant organizations, an editorial regarding Students for a Democratic Society backing of Tom Bradley in the Los Angeles election for mayor and news articles and a cartoon concerning the "Black Manifesto," which has been brought to our attention previously. The Director is quoted in the news report (taken from "Communist Propaganda and the Christian Pulpit") and in the editorial (taken from the Director's message in the 9-1-68 Law Enforcement Bulletin).

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May 20, 1969

The attached material was sent to
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Reference is made to the Director
on page 2 of the KTTV news report,
"Chief Reddin National Council of
Churches."

Reference is also made to the
Director in the editorial from the Citizen News,
May 12, 1969, "Militants Back Bradley."

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Some one better do something to many with yellow streaks down their backs.

CHIEF REDDIN-NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

By George Putnam

March 17, 1969

K.T.V. NEWS REPORT

(Some one better do something.. to many with yellow streaks down their backs.)

At a news conference last Tuesday, Los Angeles Chief of Police Thomas Reddin stated, and I quote, "Much of the money accumulated by the National Council of Churches ends up being given to militant organizations, and these organizations have been active in interfering with the school program in Los Angeles."

What is the National Council of Churches? How did it begin? How large is its membership? What does the National Council of Churches stand for? Who controls it? What movements does it support?

Well, the National Council of Churches represents church organizations with an estimated forty million membership. But this is not to say that forty million American Christians and their churches support the N.C.C. A vast percentage of the forty million polled find many activities of the council to be objectionable and repulsive.

Yet--millions of Americans find that their church donations help support the National Council of Churches. The Federal Council of Churches, organized in 1908, had become so heavily infiltrated with Communists by the middle thirties--that it was branded a subversive group by the Office of Naval Intelligence. The Federal Council of Churches became the National Council of Churches in November of 1950.

And it is interesting to note that at that time, the arbitrary action of a few dozen delegates at a Cleveland convention made denominational churches of twenty-eight million people--made them members of this National Council of Churches.

The National Council of Churches has appeared determined to debunk American patriotism and to support propaganda for a one-world super-socialist state. In 1957, the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches published a pamphlet entitled, THE NEGRO AMERICAN--A READING LIST.

And April twentieth of 1960, California Republican Congressman, Donald Jackson, discussed that National Council reading list. He told Congress--told the House that some books on the list contained passages so filthy that he could not--in good taste--read passages into the Congressional Record--that some of the material was too obscene to mail, according to postal officials.

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And among the books on the National Council's reading list were those by Victor Perlo, an identified Communist; Herbert Aptheker, chief theoretician of the Communist Party in the United States; the late W. E. B. Dubois, the former leading Negro Communist in the United States; Shirley Graham, a leading American Communist; Gene Weltfish, who has an extensive Communist front record; the late Ruth Benedict, with an extensive Communist record; Gunnar Myrdal, a Swedish Socialist, whose son is an official of Sweden's Communist Party; E. Franklin Frazier, a writer for Communist publications; Alan Lomax, associated with many Communist fronts; Benjamin Botkin, associated with fifteen Communist fronts; and Langston Hughes, the leading Communist who wrote the poem, "Goodbye, Christ." Hughes has many books on the National Council of Churches' reading list.

F.B.I. Chief J. Edgar Hoover has stated, "The deadliest Communist ideological and propaganda missiles are being directed against the Christian pulpit to shatter, immobilize, and confuse this powerful forum of idealism, morality, and civic virtue." And the F.B.I. Chief, Hoover, continues, "Because they despise the church, Communists continually attempt to infiltrate unsuspecting religious organizations." And he asks, "What better cloak of legitimacy can be found for Communist programs than to present them as the offerings of clergymen and churches? The strategy of Communists to get others to front for them and to do their dirty work cannot be underestimated."

Hoover cites many instances in which the Communists have flattered and appealed to the brotherhood and humanitarian instincts of churchmen to endorse Communist projects--to take part in front groups--to sign petitions--or keep silent on the dangers of Communism. It has been charged that both the Communist Party and the National Council of Churches approach many subjects, shall I say, on a parallel course, and have many similar objectives.

As example, peaceful coexistence--disarmament--ban nuclear testing--abolish loyalty oaths and security laws--abolish investigative committees on Communism--social revolution--increase foreign aid to Communist countries--recognize Red China--discredit J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I.--destroy immigration and passport laws--and clemency for convicted spies.

Now these are just a few of the objectives shared by the Communist Party and the National Council of Churches. The chairman of the Committee on Interpretation of the National Council of Churches has stated, and I quote, "It is not unreasonable to prophesy that the churches ought to be able to control the whole economy of the nation within the predictable future." End of quote.

Now may I remind you that this National Council of Churches enjoys tax-exempt status. Well, is it any wonder that Los Angeles Police Chief

CHIEF REDDIN-NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Thomas Reddin's charge that much of the money accumulated by the National Council of Churches ends up in the hands of militant organizations--is it any wonder that the Chief's charge has drawn such a violent reaction from the National Council of Churches leadership?

It is this reporter's opinion that the Chief of Police of Los Angeles did not make such a charge frivolously--that he has complete documentation--that he will release such documentation at the proper moment--that it further enlarges upon his charge that a conspiracy exists to destroy our school system--and that if the National Council of Churches is on firm ground, that it immediately bring a lawsuit against the Chief and determine, in a court of law, as Sergeant Friday often puts it, "The facts--just the facts, ma'am."

Four-thirty and ten plm. news reports, KTTV, Channel Eleven

Citizen News May 12 - 1969
Militants Back Bradley

Our columnist Victor Riesel has revealed that Students for a Democratic Society are moving off the college campuses and extending their revolutionary tactics to big industry.

Picketing and threats of destruction already have closed temporarily one Ford plant in the Detroit area, and Riesel charges leaders of the militant force have warned other plants of trouble to come.

As summer approaches, college campuses will become idle for the vacation period, so the SDS is looking for other areas in which to create chaos through bombs and arson in carrying out plans for American-wide revolution.

And why not? These leaders look back on a productive year of causing campus turmoil and naturally turn to the fertile field of labor to instigate more unrest.

No namby-pambies, members of the SDS brag of their successes. Greg Calvert, former SDS national secretary, typifies their fanaticism: "We're actively organizing sedition."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, said this of the SDS: "Educators, public officials and law enforcement officers no longer can ignore or dismiss lightly the revolutionary terrorism invading the

campuses. The anarchists intend to create many Columbias. Their cries for revolution and advocacy of guerrilla warfare evolve out of pathological hatred for our way of life and a determination to destroy it."

Mr. Hoover was referring to Columbia University and the notorious revolt there, where university President Kirk surveyed the destruction and filth and cried out: "My God, how could human beings do a thing like this?"

Huge posters of Karl Marx, Che Guevara and other New Left heroes hung from classroom buildings, red and black flags of communism and anarchy flew defiantly from the rooftops, and in the classrooms were empty beer cans, "pot," human excrement in wastepaper baskets, and vile obscenities chalked on the blackboards.

This is the same SDS revolutionary organization that recently pledged full support to Councilman Tom Bradley in his campaign to oust Mayor Yarty in the Los Angeles election, May 2. Why? Because Mayor Yarty has consistently fought the commies and other militant groups while in public office.

Citizens News
May 12, 1969

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Church Unit Hits 'Revolution' Claim

NEW YORK (AP) — An inter-denominational agency for funding poor people's projects, accused by a Los Angeles police investigator of financing disruption in many communities, Monday termed the charges an unethical "McCarthy-style" travesty.

"We're not supporting revolution, but viable efforts to effect change within existing democratic structures," said the group's executive director. "That's what America is about, and we're a very American organization."

The Rev. Lon Walker, head of the Interfaith Foundation for Community Organization, said charges by a police intelligence specialist were "in the McCarthy style", singling out marginal cases to misrepresent the over-all program.

The charges were made by Robert Thoms of the Los Angeles police department. He said "the issue is whether or not charitable donations should go to groups involved in disruptive tactics," bent on "destroying what Americans believe in."

In Chicago for the International Security Conference, he said the foundation supplied funds to groups "involved in everything from picketing and black power

rallies, disruptive tactics, demands on schools, school boards and unions to Black Panthers."

The foundation, sponsored by 14 national Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish bodies: is composed of: American Baptist Home Missions Society; Board of Homeland Ministries of the Church of Christ; Board of Missions of the Methodist Church; Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church; Executive Council of the Episcopal Church; General Board of Social Concerns of the Methodist Church; American Jewish Committee; Catholic Committee for Urban Ministry; National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice; and Foundation for Voluntary Service.

The organization also found itself under the fire for its sponsorship of the Black Economic Development Conference in Detroit April 25-26.

Although the foundation has emphasized its official disassociation from the results, it was that conference which produced the "black manifesto" demanding \$500 million in reparations to Negroes from religious organizations, a demand pushed by James Forman in New York and others elsewhere.

The foundation since has endorsed the "programmatic aspects" of the manifestos call for black economic development, but refused to condone its suggested disruptive tactics. Blacks in several cities interrupted services Sunday to present the demands, as Forman has done at several church gatherings in New York.

Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, Tuesday, May 12, 1969

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Forman Back, Turns Church's Offer Down

NEW YORK (UPI)—Black militant James Forman attended a service at the Riverside Church Sunday without incident, a week after he disrupted a similar service by reading a "manifesto" demanding \$500 million in "reparation" to blacks.

Forman stood, glowering, leaning on a cane during the sermon Sunday but later appeared at a news conference with the church's pastor and smiled.

Forman had been enjoined from creating a disturbance at services Sunday by a court order obtained by the church after last week's incident.

As the black militant leader strode into the church, the congregation turned and watched him walk to a front pew reserved for reporters and sit down.

Before entering the church, Forman rejected as inadequate a church offer to turn over a fixed percentage of its income for assistance to the poor. But the church said it would not give the money to Forman's organization, the National Black Economic Development Conference.

Forman laughed when the collection plate reached his seat but otherwise was quiet until the sermon by the pastor, Rev. Ernest F. Campbell. He stood, leaned on his cane and murmured "that's right," and "tell it like it is" as Campbell spoke of the need to meet the needs of the poverty-stricken.

Forman's "black manifesto" demands \$500 million from American churches as reparation for damages incurred by Negroes during slavery.

In his appearance at Riverside last Sunday, Forman had demanded 10 per cent of that church's income on top of the \$500 million.

Last week, the church's clergy and most parishioners left when Forman interrupted the service.

In an impromptu news conference after the service this Sunday, Campbell and Forman appeared together, smiling at times.

The minister cited unequal treatment of Negroes in the United States and said "The church can be rightly charged with promoting these inequalities."

Although Forman agreed, he said, "You force us to keep pressure on you" by the church's failure to contribute money to Forman's group.

*L.A. Herald Examiner
Monday May 12 - 1969*



JAMES FORMAN, LEFT, DR. E. F. CAMPBELL TALK

Forman turned down churchman's offer, but thanked him for "consideration"

*L.A. Herald Examiner
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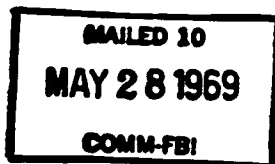
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F.B.I.

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We are writing in regard to information concerning the organization called The National Council of Churches. Could you please send us information and data concerning whether or not this organization has been infiltrated by the Communist Party? Thankyou very much.

Yours truly,
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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have heard so much criticism of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, that I am writing you to ascertain if there is any basis to all the rumors of ties with communism or other subversive organizations.

Any information, you could give me or tell me where to get, would be deeply appreciated.

Yours truly,

/s/ 

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

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter received on May 19th, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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May 12, 1969.

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

Dear Sir:

Good day to you. I need to know if the following statement is true or not. I have been told by a good friend that the National Council of Churches is affiliated with the North Vietnamese Communists.

I think that the Counsel's head office is in Indianapolis for this State. I know that there is a communist party in our country.

I would appreciate any assistance that you could give to me. If this Counsel is helping the V.C. your verification on this should be sent to me in such manner as being official from you.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear [REDACTED]

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F.B.I Director,

Dear Mr Hoover,

I would like some information very much, about the N.C.C. We're very concerned, it has crept into our Church, [REDACTED] and our Pastor has shown us he belives in it, we've read and listened to every thing we can and we think its Communist affiliated. We have every confidence in you, and & know you'll tell us the truth. We're being asked to donate to it, Please if it isn't asking too Much, tell us "straight from the shoulder. Thank You.

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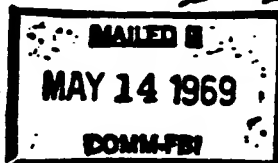
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Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter of May 8th, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The National Council of Churches is well known to the Bureau. Bufiles reveal the Church Federation of Chicago was one of a group of Churches which participated in a peace march sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. Bufiles contain no information concerning the Rock River Conference of Northern Illinois.

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Director of F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

Please send me information on the communist infiltration in the
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Thank you.



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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 2nd and its enclosure.

With respect to your inquiry, the investigation referred to was conducted by the Surveys and Investigations Staff of the House Appropriations Committee. There are investigators from a number of governmental agencies, including the FBI, on loan to that Committee and while in that status function solely under its direction. It is my understanding that the Committee has emphatically denied all allegations of intimidation on the part of Committee investigators.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: On basis of available data, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Our files contain nothing unfavorable regarding the United Church Board [REDACTED]. A memorandum W. S. Hyde to Mr. Mohr 12-9-68 captioned "Surveys and Investigations Staff, House Appropriations Committee" referred to inquiries by FBI Agents attached to the Committee. It pointed out SA [REDACTED] Director of Staff, advised 12-9-68 there was absolutely no truth to allegations that FBI Agents intimidat witnesses. The investigation, under direction of Appropriations Committee, was to determine validity of the report and confirm evidence to public on matter of hunger and activities of the food distribution program. [REDACTED] advised 12-24-68 that Chairman George H. Mahon of Appropriations Committee has emphatically denied all allegations.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
District of Columbia

Dear Sirs:

This is a personal request, and is in no way connected
with the United Church Board [REDACTED]

I am enclosing the statement from the Information Service
of the National Council of Churches in regard to an in-
vestigation by your Bureau of Tallahatchie County, request-
ed by Rep. Jamie Whitten.

Is there any truth in this statement? I would like to
know, and if there is not, I feel that such a statement
by such an influential organization, as the National Coun-
cil of Churches, should be refuted.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
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National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the United States of America
475 Riverside Drive, New York, 10027

Hunger and the FBI

The January issue of *Delta Ministry Reports* includes the following item:

"FBI Called to Investigate HUNGER—The FBI has been called in by Rep. Jamie Whitten (from Tallahatchie County) to investigate the integrity of those individuals and organizations who claim that there is hunger in the United States. Many poor people are now being harassed by this agency of 'Law and Order' in the attempt of Whitten's Committee to discredit the reports of serious hunger problems in the United States.

"THERE IS HUNGER IN MISSISSIPPI. The Delta Ministry is attempting to serve these people with food and money for Food Stamps. Available funds for Food Stamps as of September 31, 1968, were \$13,062 of which \$12,750 was used by the end of 1968."

The Delta Ministry is a field project of the National Council of Churches in Mississippi. Contributions should be addressed to the Commission on the Delta Ministry, Box 457, Greenville, Mississippi 38701.

May 5, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of April 29th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

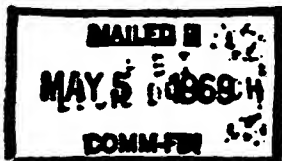
Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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April 29 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

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As a patriotic American and the widow of a war veteran,
I am much concerned about the stand the Council of Churches take on
many political issues, especially on our policy in Viet Nam. I disagree
with them.

Being a member of a church that belongs to the council,
I am very unhappy about their activities and attitudes and am withdrawing
my membership.

Any information concerning the activities of the Council
that you could give me would be greatly appreciated. This information
is important to me.

Sincerely
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April 30, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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April 24, 1969

Dear Sir;

Please send me all the literature and information
you have concerning the National Council of Churches and the
World Council of Churches.

Thank you for this information.

Sincerely,

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*F. B. I. Headquarters
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April 21, 1969

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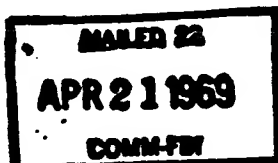
I received your letter on April 17th and appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending the photographs of your art work.

It is always encouraging to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing our country and who desire to prepare themselves to meet the challenge to our freedoms presented by communism. I have repeatedly emphasized that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist movement is essential if the American people are to effectively resist its eroding influence.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material on communism. My books, "Masters of Deceit," "A Study of Communism" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism," may be available at your local library.

This Bureau does not have a list of communist organizations available for distribution; however, you may wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, now known as the House Committee on Internal Security. In it are listed some of the groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. Checks or money orders should be drawn payable to the Superintendent of Documents. C.O.D. orders will not be accepted.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosures (3)

**Director's testimony regarding Communist, Racial and Hate Groups
Protecting Democracy**

**: Director's statement concerning the 18th National Convention, CPUSA,
6/22-26/66.**

**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The National Council
of Churches (NCC) is well known to the Bureau.**

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[REDACTED]
January 25, 1969.

Director of the F. B. I.
F. B. I., Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As treasurer of Christ Episcopal Church, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I am very much concern with our pledge to the
Episcopal Dioceses of Virginia which in turn pledges to
the National Council of Churches.

If you would be so kind as to furnish me with some
information on the National Council of Churches that I
would go our next vestry meeting with, I would be most
appreciative.
My principal interest is what is their budget and from
what source they get their money. Also I would be very
interested in knowing if this organization has ever been
under investigation by your department of the House
Un-American Activities.

With kindest regards, I remain.

Sincerely,
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Mr. J.E. Hoover:

Dear Sir:

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National Council of Churches
I was ordained in 1930 as minister of the Church of God of [REDACTED] I left them in 1960 because of their association with the NCC and their acceptance of the new standard revised addition of their so-called bible.

where can i get some of your books which tell us the truth about communism?

And where can I get a record of all the communistic organizations that are known to be in the U.S.A ?

I am sending you three photos of some art work I did after Christmas of this year. (I will appreciate your information.)

Sincerely yours for service.

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The following appeared in the March 15, 1969 edition of the "Milwaukee Journal," daily Milwaukee newspaper:

Groppi to Go to England

Father James E. Groppi, Milwaukee's civil rights leader, will take part in the World Council of Churches' consultation on racism May 19-24 in London.

Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) will be the chairman.

Other participants will include the Rev. Channing E. Phillips, Washington, D. C., the Negro whose name was placed in nomination for president at the Democratic national convention last year; Nathan Hare, a black militant from San Francisco State college, and the Rev. Arthur Michael Ramsey, the Anglican archbishop of Canterbury.

The World Council of Churches is comprised of 234 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies.

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April 4, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter, with enclosure, received on April 1st, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The enclosure contains quotations from the Director which were taken from "Communist Propaganda and the Christian Pulpit" which are substantially accurate. This article is out of print and we do not have any copies available for distribution.

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March 26, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I am writing this letter to you as one churchman to another. On the evening of March 23, 1969, I heard an editorial over Station KTTV here in Los Angeles that gave me concern. It inferred that the National Council of Churches was supporting the Communist cause in America. It further inferred that you supported his position and that you had cited many instances in which Communists had used churchmen to achieve their objectives. Enclosed is a copy of the editorial.

As a member of the Lutheran Church of American which, in turn, is a member of the National Council of Churches, I ask you, as a member of another Christian church, are these charges realistic and well founded? If so, what steps would you suggest that churchmen initiate to remedy the situation? I believe that there is a need for a National Christian Association for church organizations to work for common strength and unity. But I would like to know what are the elements of the NCC that are using the name of this organization for other than Christ-oriented causes.

I wish to be a Christian witness to the world and community in which I live. It's hard to defend the church against such charges unless one has the facts. If the facts are true, we must correct this situation before it is too late.


 Your friend in Christ


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Encl: Editorial "Chief Reddin - National Council of Churches" by George Putnam, dated March 17, 1969

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CHIEF REDDIN-NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

**By George Putnam
March 17, 1969**

At a news conference last Tuesday, Los Angeles Chief of Police Thomas Reddin stated, and I quote, "Much of the money accumulated by the National Council of Churches ends up being given to militant organizations, and these organizations have been active in interfering with the school program in Los Angeles."

What is the National Council of Churches? How did it begin? How large is its membership? What does the National Council of Churches stand for? Who controls it? What movements does it support?

Well, the National Council of Churches represents church organizations with an estimated forty million membership. But this is not to say that forty million American Christians and their churches support the N.C.C. A vast percentage of the forty million polled find many activities of the council to be objectionable and repulsive.

Yet--millions of Americans find that their church donations help support the National Council of Churches. The Federal Council of Churches, organized in 1908, had become so heavily infiltrated with Communists by the middle thirties--that it was branded a subversive group by the Office of Naval Intelligence. The Federal Council of Churches became the National Council of Churches in November of 1950.

And it is interesting to note that at that time, the arbitrary action of a few dozen delegates at a Cleveland convention made denominational churches of twenty-eight million people--made them members of this National Council of Churches.

The National Council of Churches has appeared determined to debunk American patriotism and to support propaganda for a one-world super-socialist state. In 1957, the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches published a pamphlet entitled, **THE NEGRO AMERICAN--A READING LIST**.

And April twentieth of 1960, California Republican Congressman, Donald Jackson, discussed that National Council reading list. He told Congress--told the House that some books on the list contained passages so filthy that he could not--in good taste--read passages into the Congressional Record--that some of the material was too obscene to mail, according to postal officials.

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And among the books on the National Council's reading list were those by Victor Perlo, an identified Communist; Herbert Aptheker, chief theoretician of the Communist Party in the United States; the late W. E. B. Dubois, the former leading Negro Communist in the United States; Shirley Graham, a leading American Communist; Gene Weltfish, who has an extensive Communist front record; the late Ruth Benedict, with an extensive Communist record; Gunnar Myrdal, a Swedish Socialist, whose son is an official of Sweden's Communist Party; E. Franklin Frazier, a writer for Communist publications; Alan Lomax, associated with many Communist fronts; Benjamin Botkin, associated with fifteen Communist fronts; and Langston Hughes, the leading Communist who wrote the poem, "Goodbye, Christ." Hughes has many books on the National Council of Churches' reading list.

F.B.I. Chief J. Edgar Hoover has stated, "The deadliest Communist ideological and propaganda missiles are being directed against the Christian pulpit to shatter, immobilize, and confuse this powerful forum of idealism, morality, and civic virtue." And the F.B.I. Chief, Hoover, continues, "Because they despise the church, Communists continually attempt to infiltrate unsuspecting religious organizations." And he asks, "What better cloak of legitimacy can be found for Communist programs than to present them as the offerings of clergymen and churches? The strategy of Communists to get others to front for them and to do their dirty work cannot be underestimated."

Hoover cites many instances in which the Communists have flattered and appealed to the brotherhood and humanitarian instincts of churchmen to endorse Communist projects--to take part in front groups--to sign petitions--or keep silent on the dangers of Communism. It has been charged that both the Communist Party and the National Council of Churches approach many subjects, shall I say, on a parallel course, and have many similar objectives.

As example, peaceful coexistence--disarmament--ban nuclear testing--abolish loyalty oaths and security laws--abolish investigative committees on Communism--social revolution--increase foreign aid to Communist countries--recognize Red China--discredit J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I.--destroy immigration and passport laws--and clemency for convicted spies.

Now these are just a few of the objectives shared by the Communist Party and the National Council of Churches. The chairman of the Committee on Interpretation of the National Council of Churches has stated, and I quote, "It is not unreasonable to prophesy that the churches ought to be able to control the whole economy of the nation within the predictable future." End of quote.

Now may I remind you that this National Council of Churches enjoys tax-exempt status. Well, is it any wonder that Los Angeles Police Chief

CHIEF REDDIN-NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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Thomas Reddin's charge that much of the money accumulated by the National Council of Churches ends up in the hands of militant organizations--is it any wonder that the Chief's charge has drawn such a violent reaction from the National Council of Churches leadership?

It is this reporter's opinion that the Chief of Police of Los Angeles did not make such a charge frivolously--that he has complete documentation--that he will release such documentation at the proper moment--that it further enlarges upon his charge that a conspiracy exists to destroy our school system--and that if the National Council of Churches is on firm ground, that it immediately bring a lawsuit against the Chief and determine, in a court of law, as Sergeant Friday often puts it, "The facts--just the facts, ma'am."

Four-thirty and ten p.m. news reports, KTTV, Channel Eleven

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March 31, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of March 24th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. Regret I am not able to be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For some time our church, and for that matter our entire church district, has been in somewhat of a turmoil concerning the activities and possible communist connections of the National Council of Churches. We have tried in vain to find out the truth. It seems that every article or scrap of information we can find was written by someone who had an ax to grind, either for or against the NCC. It is my desire to locate factual and objective information concerning their activities and affiliations. They claim that their files and information are open to the public, but there are too many "miscellaneous" items recorded in their budget and transactions to really nail down what their full and complete program or objective is.

There have been several articles and books written concerning not only the organization but those who head it. Many of these articles have stated that some of the leaders are either card carrying communists or have very strong communistic or socialistic leanings. My sole interest in this pursuit is to bring out in the open the true facts concerning the activities and the leaders of this organization so that our church and others might openly and honestly decide if they wish to continue the backing of this organization or not. Any help or guidance along this line which you or anyone in your organization to whom you might delegate this transaction, could give us would be greatly appreciated.

I realize that this is a small problem for you to take up your time with, but I felt that you could direct our search to the proper department, thereby saving us considerable time. It has been unanimously agreed by those to whom I have talked that any information which would be handed down under your directorship would be honest, factual and could be taken at face value. Let me thank you in advance for your personal and courteous attention to such a seemingly small matter of negligible national value.

Sincerely,

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For a number of years the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches have been criticized for their Communist leanings.

A person told me, yesterday, that he read a statement which was purported to be yours, in which you stated that after all your investigations you could find no Communism or Communist influence in these organizations. Is this true?

Can you give me some documents along this line?

Very truly yours,

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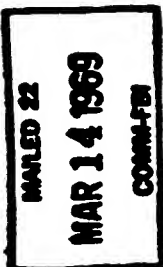
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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your telegram of March 12th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. However, I can assure you that I have never made the statement attributed to me in your telegram.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent. Address for correspondent per [REDACTED] telephone directory.

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ON A RADIO PANEL DEALING WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
SUNDAY MARCH 9TH ACCUSATION WAS MADE THAT YOU HAD ACCUSED THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF BEING EITHER COMMUNISTIC OR
A COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATION THIS CHARGE WAS MADE REPEATEDLY
BY DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS CALLING IN. IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING
THAT YOU HAVE NEVER MADE SUCH A STATEMENT BUT TO SET THE RECORD
STRAIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IS COMMUNISTIC OR A COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATION.
LOOKING FORWARD TO A SWIFT REPLY

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March 10, 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to thank you for your kind comments in your letter which was received on March 4th. Although I appreciate your offer concerning the recording, "The Cross and Sickle," it will not be necessary for you to send one to me.

In reply to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you will note from the letterhead, I am the pastor of the [redacted] United Methodist Churches (formerly Evangelical United Brethren). I am becoming increasingly concerned with reports of infiltration of the National Council of Churches by communists.

Recently a long-play record, entitled, "The Cross and Sickle" has come into my hands. This record is distributed by Christian Crusade, P. O. Box 977 Tulsa, Oklahoma. This record is based on a live recording of a meeting done by Dr. Billy James Hargis in Long Beach, California. Since the United Methodist Church is a participating member church of the National Council of Churches, I feel that I have an obligation to myself and to the people I serve to try to determine if the charges leveled by Dr. Hargis against the N. C. C. are true or false.

Are you acquainted with this record? If you do not have it, and are interested in hearing it, I will gladly order one sent to you.

I would be grateful to you for any information that you might send to me regarding communist infiltration of the N. C. C.

May I add this note, that I am confident of your integrity as a man. I am happy that you have been willing to continue your role past the years when other individuals might have decided to retire.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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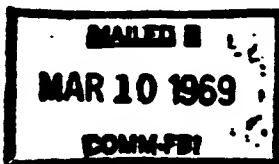

Dear 

I have received your letter of March 3rd.

In reply to your inquiry, I am unable to furnish to you any information about the specific organizations you mentioned since information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice. I am, however, enclosing some material which I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (2)

Let's Fight Communism Sincerely
Director's Testimony 2/23/68 re Communist, Racial and Hate Groups

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March 3, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This might be one of those "much ado about nothing" letters, but I have had my tongue in cheek for two years, and keep having the feeling that I should write you - disregard the entire thing if you prefer, but I am still one of these die-hards that feel something should be done, but what?

Two years ago I was asked to attend a meeting that was being sponsored by some churches to aid, assist, and eliminate poverty. There were approximately 50-60 people in attendance representing our largest churches and from the minute the Chairman opened his mouth something happened that started me to thinking and word ring just what was going on - Even though it was suppose to be strictly a local group, strictly new in its idea, and not in any way government financed - there sat the OEO Community Action Director and calling the shots - I came home and from looking through the Federal Aid Sears catalog I found that this organization was set up by the OEO guidelines - naturally, I started asking questions, and was immediately by-passed - The meetings I attended were all alike in nature, and the more I was there the more they disliked my presence - Finally after some threatening telephone calls, I decided to halt my attending for awhile and then too other things were happening and I certainly didn't want any of the colored folks getting in trouble - nor did I feel any of that Socialist group worth any amount to having harm come to my family - their threats of "hurting" my husband's profession certainly showed up, but then again maybe other factors did that - who knows?

Do you have any information in your files connecting the National Council of Churches, NAACP, League of Women Voters, and other militant groups? Maybe it is just a case of where in this area it is all the same people and they are controlling the liberal church and other organizations. In some instances the poor people are being used and it makes my blood boil to see these so-called christians doing so much damage to tear up and rejoice in their doing.

What can one citizen do to stop all this? I've been on my soap box so much that I had to buy a new box. 100-50869-1635

Any information that you have that could help me further investigate the groups so that I can still talk and warn some of the citizens.

Thank you in advance.

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March 7, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

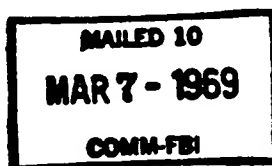
Your letter of February 27th, with enclosure, has been received.

I would like to assure you that neither I nor any of my representatives have made the statement attributed to me in the newsclipping you furnished. I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

In reply to your other inquiry, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to provide the type of evaluation you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (2) ^{FBI} ^{REC'D DEPT. OF JUSTICE}
Faith in God-- Our Answer To Communism
The Faith of Our Fathers, ^{11.5.69}

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with either the correspondent or Robert H. Buffington, the latter of whom is the author of the letter to the Editor, furnished by correspondent.

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February 27, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a typing on which I would like
some information from you.

Is the quotation from J. Edgar Hoover accurate?
Does it represent the feeling of the F.B.I. about the
liberal or social-minded church?

Does the F.B.I. believe that the Birch Society
is merely a super-patriotic organization when it uses
the methods of partial quotes, lifting from context,
guilt by association and damnation of groups without
proof? As an example, I quote the statement that
"the upper echelons of the National Council of Churches
is filled with thousands of known Communists."

Please comment on these questions. Thank you.

Yours truly,
[Redacted]
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Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTER

...to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Due to the prolonged comment in reference to a recent literary effort of mine I have felt compelled to publicly answer a question that has invariably been thrown at me. In essence it follows—How do you recognize the communist role in the subversion of the Church?

To attempt to answer this question one must first have a basic knowledge of the communist strategy employed in this objective. In their early efforts behind the iron curtain the Communist method was a head on confrontation to destroy and "rub out" religion by murdering priests and burning of churches with the congregation inside. As an example of how unsuccessful this method was, a single page of the Bible became one of the most prized possessions of the subjugated terrorized Christians. Re-directing their efforts the communists organized what they called the "living church", the "clergy" were naturally lackeys of their secret police. The point was to use that religious belief which they could not destroy; to use the respect people paid them as "clergymen" in order to manufacture support for their Socialist schemes.

The following statement by one of the founders of the communist party U. S. A., J. Zack Kornfeder shows the adoption of this same scheme in America—"The technique doesn't combat or openly challenge the spiritualism of the church or the concept of the faith-

*Henry and Opinger
Tribune, Editorial Staff
Feb. 20, 1969*

hood of God. It does not challenge it. It even, when necessary, pays lip service to it, but it concentrates on the so called social problems, all the problems that naturally could be exploited to create social strife between classes, races, competing church groups, and so on."

The success of this technique in America prompted J. Edgar Hoover to make the following remark "The goals of the liberal church and the Communist Party are so much alike that you can not tell the difference!!!"

With this brief exposure of the Communist strategy, their role to subvert the church may be recognized two ways: 1. By observing the National Council of Churches. This organization spearheads the communist drive in the church, which includes supporting the Civil Rights Movement, supporting the movement to abolish the HCUA; (House Committee on Un-American Activities); the recent all out support of Cesar Chavez and the California grape boycott and the approval of the General Board of the NCC by a 95 to 1 vote, upholding the Supreme Court decision outlawing both prayer and Bible reading in public schools. 2. By determining if your local church preaches radical social reform, politics and "watered down" religion (typified by the belief in evolution and that the Bible is simply to read not to be followed) rather than the religious doctrines of Jesus Christ and individual salvation.

If I have offended anyone, let me know, and I will forgive you.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Dillingham

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ENCLOSURE

February 24, 1969

REC-105

100-50869-1632

Dear

With respect to the inquiries in your letter of February 17th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential according to the regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely' yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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February 17, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the United Church of Christ and recently I have ^{heard} much criticism of our church, mainly concerning the role our church is taking in social affairs. The most serious being the United Church is affiliated with communist organizations. The United Church is a member of the National Council of Churches and I have been told the eschelon of the National Council are communist or members of communist organizations. I have also been told that the government keeps a list of communist organizations posted on a bulletin board in all of their installations and the United Church of Christ is on such a list. Can you help me to find the answers to these preponderant accusations? Any information you can give me concerning the United Church of Christ and the National Council of Churches will be most appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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February 25, 1969

REC-12 / 100-50869-1631 AIRMAIL

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of February 20th, with enclosure, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I can assure you that Dr. McIntire does not have access to data in our files.

With regard to your inquiries about Dr. McIntire and John A. Stormer, as a strictly investigative agency of the Federal Government, this Bureau neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Further, concerning Mr. Stormer's books, it is contrary to my policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. His enclosure was a stamped, self-addressed, airmail, special delivery envelope which was utilized for this reply.

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Feb. 20, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Sirs:

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Carl McIntyre

Accusations are rampant in this area that Communists have infiltrated the National Council of Churches and have taken over its leadership. Names of many of these leaders and their European background have been given over the radio by Dr. Carl McIntyre. It is his contention that verification for his claims have been secured from your files. He names these men and the offices they hold in the National Council.

THURS, FEB. 27th Are his claims true?

Furthermore, one of the members of my congregation is having [REDACTED] come to her home for an all-day meeting, beginning at 9:00 a.m., whose primary theme is to be: "The Invasion of the Churches by the Communists." She is inviting as many men and women to this meeting as her home will accommodate. My personal invitation was extended to me yesterday morning.

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I would appreciate an early reply from your office to this concern; I would like to have it when I attend this meeting. If it is not out-of-order, could your office give me an evaluation of Dr. Carl McIntyre, his methods and his authenticity? Too, what is your evaluation to the authenticity of John A. Stormer, author of: "Death of a Nation" and "None Can Call It Treason?"

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Sincerely,

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W. J. [unclear]

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February 19, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of February 13th I have made no statement such as attributed to me alleging extensive communist influence within the church leadership.

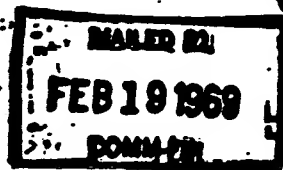
Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it whenever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

Regulations of the Department of Justice concerning the confidential nature of information in our files preclude my commenting any further. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (2)

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Enclosures (2)

What Does the Future Hold?

The Condition of the American Spirit

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

February 13, 1969

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth and Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

Some time ago I read, or heard, a statement that I would like to have verified. I foolishly failed to record the source of the statement except that it was supposed to be a quote attributed to you and your office.

If the statement has any validity to it, it would be of great help in combating an insidious reaction that truly hurts the positive program of the Church. Likewise, if the reaction has validity to it, then we have a moral obligation to truly face up and clean up. The reaction that I am referring to is that within the top leadership of the major Protestant churches, and especially the National Council of Churches, there are many people who are active in Communist fronts. The implication is that these folks are calling the shots on many of the confrontations of today's issues.

The quotation that I recall was a statement to the effect that the number of people within the top leadership of the major denominations of America are surprisingly free of communistic influence, but that within the leadership of sect-type churches that the influence of Communist sympathizers are rather numerous.

Is there any verification to any statement attributed to you, that comes close to any of this? Heresay is so harmful and I don't want to be a party to the misuse of factual evidence, therefore, I have never repeated this in public.

Sincerely,

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February 7, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter on February 5th.

In reply to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

I am enclosing a copy of my statement before the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Please give me any information you can on the
"National Council of Churches," such as Communist membership etc.
Also I would like some information pertaining to your "Report on
Violence & Riots 9/18/68. Thankyou.

Sincerely Yours,

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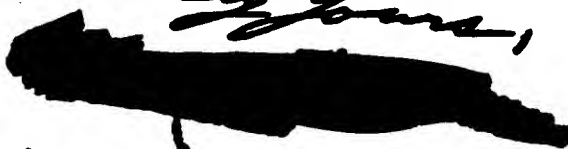
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Sincerely Yours,


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CORRESPONDENCE


January 30, 1969

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of January 25th.

In reply to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

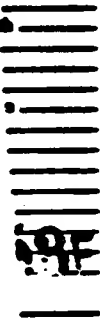
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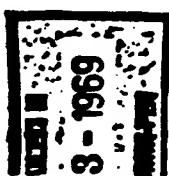
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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of January 27th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches. I regret I am unable to refer you to a source for the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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Jan 27, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of the Methodist Church here in [REDACTED]. Many members of our church are very concerned about the National and the world council of churches.

We feel that they are being infiltrated by the communist. Our church has formed a ten member committee to investigate this charge.

Could you please send us information as to where we can get information about this that would be the truth.

Where should we write to try to get documented information.

We have information that Carson Blake is ^{of} has been associated with the reds; Also Patriarch German who is one of the presidents of the world council.

Any information or any suggestions that you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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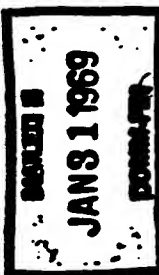
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of January 26th and want to thank you for your kind sentiment expressed. I very much appreciate your remarks regarding my being continued as Director of the FBI by President Nixon. I look forward to serving under his leadership as well as that of Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

In reply to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches. I have not made any statements regarding either of these organizations and I am unable to refer you to a source for the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: We have had prior correspondence with [REDACTED] last outgoing in August, 1965. She has previously requested a subversive organizations list and other data which necessitated our referring to confidential nature of our files.

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January 26, 1969 46350

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am interested in obtaining information on the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. Have you issued statements or brochures on either? Can you refer me to any source?

I am grateful President Nixon asked you to stay on as head of the F. B. I. We know -- many of us -- the dangers of the F. B. I. in the wrong hands.

God be with you in your service to our great Republic.

Very sincerely,

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January 26, 1959

Dear Mr. Hauer:

I am interested in obtaining information on the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. Have you issued statements or brochures on either? Can you refer me to any source?

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God be with you in your service to our great Republic.

Very sincerely,
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