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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**[REDACTED]**

*No discussion  
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The FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA will be referred to as the FCCCA for the purpose of brevity in this report.

The Manhattan Telephone Directory of the New York Telephone Company for January, 1950 reflects that the headquarters of the FCCCA is located at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

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**I. GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

**[REDACTED]** furnished a copy of a pamphlet entitled, "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?", which was published by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin. This pamphlet stated: "In many official pronouncements the Federal Council has attacked free enterprise, capitalism and the American way of life, and has baldly advocated Socialism."

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *Edward J. [Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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"In an official report in 1932, the Federal Council stated: 'The Christian ideal calls for hearty support of a planned economic system... It demands that cooperation shall replace competition as a fundamental method'...


"The Federal Council has not changed since then. This anti-free enterprise, anti-profit attitude is still its fundamental policy...

"These are just a few illustrations which prove that the Federal Council believes in, preaches and advocates Socialism, and is completely opposed to the American (and Christian) system of Individual Freedom...

"A large number of the clergy affiliated with the Federal Council repeatedly preach that Communism is an advanced form of democracy; that it is the desirable next step in the forward progress of our society; that Communism and Socialism are the 'new social order' and express more nearly than capitalism the true brotherhood of man; that they bring us closer to the realization of the ideals expressed by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount; that Russia is the land where all social and economic problems have been solved, where inequality, poverty and want have been abolished."

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b1 [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the "Christian Beacon", dated March 2, 1950, which contained a constituent membership breakdown of the FCCCA, which was listed as follows:

**Baptist**

National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. ....	4,122,315
Northern Baptist Convention .....	1,541,991
Seventh Day Baptists, General Conferences .....	6,462
Brethren, Church of the .....	184,584
Congregational Christian Churches, General Council .....	1,157,764
Disciples of Christ, International Convention .....	1,703,010

**Eastern Orthodox**

Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America .....	34,457
Russian Orthodox Church in America .....	300,000
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church .....	20,300
Ukranian Orthodox Church of America .....	39,700
Evangelical and Reformed Church .....	708,382
Evangelical United Brethren Church .....	712,616

**Friends**

Religious Society of Friends, Five Years Meeting .....	69,595
Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity ..	5,215

**Methodist**

Methodist Church .....	8,567,772
African Methodist Episcopal Church .....	868,735
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church .....	527,050
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church .....	381,000

**Moravian**

Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum) .....	43,809
Evangelical Unity of Czech Moravian Brethren .....	4,920

**Presbyterian**

Presbyterian Church in the U.S. ....	613,701
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. ....	2,234,798
United Presbyterian Church of North America .....	203,605
Protestant Episcopal Church .....	2,160,207
Reformed Church in America .....	178,318
United Church of Canada .....	780,234
United Lutheran Church in America (consultative) .....	1,778,943
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June 15, 1950

① Federal Council of Churches of America

Federal Bureau Of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I think we are all aware of the fact that Communism is sweeping our country from ocean to ocean. I am trying to investigate and to be informed of all known organizations promoting Communism. I have heard recently that your office has definite information that The Federal Council Of Church<sup>es</sup> In America is helping to promote Communism. And that some of it's leaders are rank Communists.

For the past several years I have objected to our Baptist Churches belonging to this organization.

If you will give me the desired information, I will appreciate it very much.

May the Lord guide you in all your work.

Sincerely yours,  
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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 15, 1950.

While I would like to be of assistance concerning the organization mentioned in your communication, it has been a long-standing policy of the FBI that its files are confidential and available for official use only. No inference should be drawn that we do or do not have information in our files concerning this organization.

Enclosed is some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Director's Statement of March 27, 1950  
" " " May 2, 1950

4 lists of subversive organizations  
should know about Communism

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July 17, 1950

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am a Bible student and for use as reference material in sermons and other related messages I shall be glad to receive available statistics on such social and moral evils as drinking, gambling, divorce, murder, theft and other facts of a pertinent nature.

I would also like to receive unprejudiced, and factual information regarding the activities and influence of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America in our national government.

Thank you for your vital assistance.

Yours truly,  
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I firmly believe that the enclosed points to the only lasting solution or remedy for crime.

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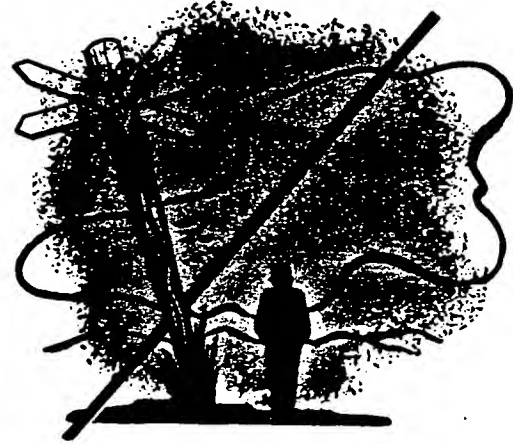
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### **Christ Received**

■ "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth [trusts] in Him [as personal Saviour] should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

■ "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2,3).

### **Christ Rejected**

■ "He that believeth [trusts] not the Son [as personal Saviour] shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36b).

■ "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

■ "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" [hell] (Revelation 20:15).

WHAT WILL *You* DO WITH JESUS WHICH IS CALLED CHRIST?

July 20, 1950

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 17, 1950, with enclosure, has been received.

I am sure you will understand that since information contained in the files of this Bureau is restricted for official use only I am unable to be of assistance. No inference should be drawn, of course, that our files do or do not contain information in connection with the organization in which you are interested.

In response to your other inquiry it is a pleasure to enclose some material which may be of interest and assistance and it is also suggested that you may wish to write to the Director, Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce, 14th Street between Constitution Avenue and E Street, Northwest, Washington 25, D. C., which agency may be able to furnish additional data.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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August 8, 1950

Hon. Paul H. Griffith  
Assistant Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.,

Dear Mr. Secretary:-

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Last week I was in Washington attending a meeting in the Pentagon called by Major General Roy H. Parker and other Chiefs of Service for the purpose of assisting in the procurement of chaplains.

I would have liked very much to have seen you but refrained from calling because I was certain you were already overburdened with war duties. But even though I didn't call, you know that my friendly feelings remain the same, and that if I or the organization I represent can be of service we are at your command.

Thanks much for the interest you took in one of our men, Captain Edgar C. Bundy, who had been attacked by leaders of the Federal Council of Churches. Captain Bundy is one of our foremost advocates of national preparedness. Before many thousands of people all over the land he has espoused such a position and also mercilessly flayed communism and pacifism in particular as it exists in the Federal Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. By so doing he naturally aroused the ire of leaders in the Federal Council.

Isn't there something that can be done to check the subversive activity within the Federal Council? Our home defense leaders told us last week that we were in greater danger from sabotage than we were from the atomic bomb. President Truman and the F.B.I. are anxious that all saboteurs be exposed. Isn't the military aware that the Federal Council is sabotaging our war effort and our foreign policy? If not, then I feel it my duty to call this matter to your attention.

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches meeting in Atlanta December 6, 1949 advocated the recognition of communist China, disapproved of any attempt to stop the "advance of communism in China and Asia" - "by military action", and further went on record as being in opposition to any phase of our foreign policy which opposed the spread of communism abroad. They portrayed communism in Asia as "a general effort to further economic betterment and growing independence of the Asiatic people". In other words, the

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Hon. Paul H. Griffith

August 8, 1950

Federal Council is in opposition right now to the heroic fight our military is staging in Korea in the interest of freedom, and is also opposed to any act of our military in defending Formosa from communist attack.

They put this information in a booklet which they are distributing, entitled, "The Churches and American Policy in the Far East." I only have one copy. I am having my secretary write their New York office, 297 Fourth Avenue, for additional copies, instructing her to send you several, one for your own use and several for Army G 2 and anyone else you may care to give one to.

Then in addition to the above, Dr. John A. Mackay, President of Princeton Seminary, who, by the way, has been cited several times by the House Un-American Activities Committee, and who is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, and recently back from a tour of China, Korea and the Far East, is telling the people of America that the communists in Asia are "liberators", praises them in glowing terms and would have us believe that they are good communists, and has openly appealed to the United States to recognize communist China.

Dr. T. C. Chao of China, one of the six presidents of the World Council, is telling the entire world the same thing. He has had a pro-Red record that goes back many years. When the communists invaded China he received them with open arms, declaring that they were "liberators". In reward for his past years of faithful service to the cause the communists put Dr. Chao on an advisory committee assisting in the setting up of the communist government of China. Right now he is trying to induce the Christian element in China to come into the communist fold.

Then too, the Methodist Church is circularizing its constituency with a pamphlet entitled, "Toward One World", wherein they take current U.S. Military appropriations for a ride, and attack the Atlantic Pact making it appear that we are giving Russia cause to fear "imperialistic aggression" on the part of the U.S.A. and intimating that the Pact will "serve to precipitate rather than to avert war."

At Wilberforce, Ohio, July 20, 21, of this year, the Methodist Federation for Social Action, which numbers seventeen Methodist Bishops in its membership, urged that the eleven convicted communist leaders be freed, and its Executive Secretary, Jack McMichael, declared in a public session that he "could not approve America's current Far Eastern policy". Bishop Francis J. McConnell was elected President of the Federation. Three other bishops were elected Vice-Presidents.

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Hon. Paul H. Gr

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The Presbyterian Mission Board has also been cited because of its support of pro-communist missionaries in China, who, by the way, are connected with Yenching University where Dr. T. C. Chao, mentioned above, is Dean of the School of Religion. These missionaries have declared to the world that they "have reasons to rejoice in the success of the revolutionary forces- ". I can't help but wonder if they may not be rejoicing because of the temporary reverses of our forces in Korea.

We maintain that such acts as are mentioned above aid and abet our communist foes and sabotages the magnificent effort of our military to preserve a free world, and is treasonable not only to the nation but to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Christian faith. We content that such a thing as a "good communist" is an utter impossibility and what more, that no man can be a thorough-going Christian and a communist at the same time.

The Federal Council of Churches likes to leave the impression that it speaks for all Protestants in this country. We wish to go on record as declaring that it does not speak for the American Council of Christian Churches, and that we do not share its views, especially as set forth in their "The Churches and American Policy in the Far East."

I am sending you two carbon copies of this letter, thinking that perhaps you may care to pass the information contained therein over to the proper parties who are making a study of subversive and treasonable acts.

That God may richly bless, strengthen and guide you and our leaders in these trying days and lead us to speedy victory and a return to the faith of our fathers in our constant prayer.

With warm personal regards,

Yours most sincerely,

W.O.H.Garman  
President.

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Hon. Paul H. Griffith

August 8, 1950

P. S. Thursday, August 10th, God willing, I'll be on the third plane flying to Geneva to attend the Second Plenary Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches. If all goes according to plan, from there we will fly to Rome, Athens, Damascus, Palestine, Egypt and back home.

Will be thinking about you and the profitable time we had together on the Fourth Orientation Conference.

W.O.H.G.

Aug. 11

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

Dear Sir. FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

I am writing you because I feel, from certain statements that you are reported to have made, that you are a Christian. And also from the position that you have that you can give me the information that I am seeking.

I have been very much troubled lately about reports that the Federal Council of Churches is communicating or

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has in it men that are communists  
I am a born-again Christian and  
of course it is well known  
what Communism stands for as  
far as Christianity is concerned.  
The Church of which I am a  
member belongs to the Fed.  
Council and of course the money  
that I put into that Church  
helps support the Fed. Council.  
So you can see my concern.

Would you please advise me on  
this question and tell me what  
we as Christians can do if this is  
true.

Sincerely,

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ALL HIS GOOD PROMISE.\* 1-KINGS 8:56

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Your letter dated August 11, 1950, has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request for information, I wish to advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only.

I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have data in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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August 1, 1950

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

Dear Sir:

I am a member of a Church which belongs to the Northern Baptist Association. We have a Fundamentalist Baptist Minister which comes before the Church with an argument similar to this: The Northern Baptist Association supports the Federal Council of Churches--- This Organization has members which must be Communist; therefore, our Church should not support this Northern Baptist Association, but should join the Southern Baptist Association, since they are not a member of the Federal Council of Churches.

Now, I don't doubt but there may be a few that are "Reds", but I do believe the Southern Baptist Association may have a few also. I am under the conception myself, that if this thing is realistic, our Church would not be solving the problem fairly, simply by joining another Association. I believe the "Reds" are very happy to see these Fundamentalists going from Church to Church and breaking them up in many cases. If they are sincere, they should start Churches of their own, instead of causing confusion in other Churches. The war is here on us, and I do not believe we will win anything if our Churches suddenly start breaking up, as they are now all over West Virginia. Now is a time for the Men of God to stick together and get the "Reds" out of our organizations, if they are there.

Is there any information you can give of the possibilities of there probably being Communist in Southern as well as Fundamentalist Associations? I know your files cannot be opened to the public, but any information you might be permitted to give will be greatly appreciated, and may save our Church from breaking up.

I am writing this letter because I love America, but most of all, because I love the Church and want to see the Church go forward, especially when our Country needs Her so badly.

Yours very truly,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 1, 1950, has been received and I do appreciate the thoughts which prompted you to write and the position in which you find yourself.

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No inference should be drawn, of course, because of my inability to be of assistance that our files do or do not contain information in connection with the matter you mentioned.

I am enclosing some material which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours, [Signature]

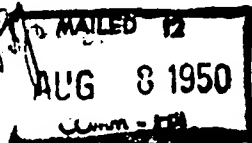
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Director's Statement of July 26, 1950  
Unmasking the Communist Masquerader  
How to Fight Communism

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
Director  
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August 16, 1950

Bureau of Federal Investigation  
Washington  
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Gentlemen:

Our church has been broken up by this literature. A representative said the Federal Council of Churches was Communist, and other sources say this literature and organizations is Communist dominated.

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I am sure you have accurate information and would you kindly tell me what to believe. X

Very truly yours,

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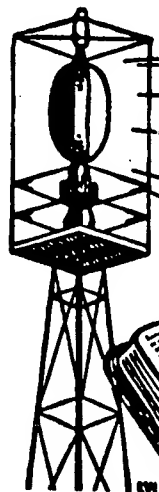
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# CHRISTIAN BEACON

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## Bangkok Conference Refused to Permit ICCC Men to Observe Any Meetings: Every Entrance Roped: China Delegation Not Present: Separate Conference Organized: Officers Elected: Issues Raised

### LETTER NO. 11

Bangkok, Siam  
December 7, 1949

Dear Friends in Christ:

So many things are happening that it is almost impossible to write. The Lord is with us! Things have opened in a marvelous way.

We had no idea that we, as observers, would be totally excluded from all meetings of every kind. This is beyond anything experienced. To-

day one reporter, a Buddhist, said he was also a "guest" there. We asked him about his card. "Oh," he said, "I don't need one. I get in on my face."

The publicity in the AP report from New York of our departure for Bangkok set this place to talking. We had not been here one hour before the reporters began to come to the hotel. The thing which seemed to stir was the assertion that a president of the World Council of Churches was favorable to the new communist China. The fear of communism is everywhere!

Mr. Kok met the Dutch Ambassador, and when he gave him the evidence he was most interested. He saw some top Siamese officials, too, and they were concerned.

### PRESS RELEASE

The Bangkok Regional Conference of the International Council of Christian Churches was organized December 6, 1949 at 10 a.m. in the Trocadero Hotel.

The following officers were elected: president — Dr. Santiago G. Crusperio, Manila, Philippines, Secretary of the Association of Baptist Churches on Luzon; vice-president — Rev. Boon Mark Gitisarn, Bangkok, Thailand, pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church; vice-president — Rev. Ernesto S. Singson, Vigan, Philippines, pastor of Bible Protestant Church; vice-president — Mr. Bakht Singh, Madras, India, Independent Evangelist; secretary-treasurer — Rev. Melquiades Galila, Iloilo City, Philippines, faculty member of the Doane's Evangelistic Institute of Iloilo

## The Battle of Bangkok

### AN EDITORIAL

What happened in Bangkok, December 3 to 11, is most simple of understanding.

The representatives of the International Council of Christian Churches had certain facts in their possession which the leaders of the World Council of Churches cannot answer. These facts had to be kept away from the national church leaders, who do not know and have not been informed. The idea that the I.C.C.C. men came to "break up" the conference was the idea of the World Council of Churches' leaders of the conference, not of the I.C.C.C. men. Could it be that they themselves believed that if the facts the I.C.C.C. men had should reach the nationals that the conference would have "broken up" and not accomplished their purpose for it?

To keep the facts away the following procedures were employed:

1. The I.C.C.C. men were kept from attending any meeting. Even the sight by the nationals of the I.C.C.C. men would harm the conference. Men with "facts" could not be permitted to mingle with the nationals for fear questions would arise.

2. The I.C.C.C. men were attacked in their persons. If the facts cannot be answered, the men bearing them have to be discredited, or people will not listen to their facts, should some of them "get through". It was said this was a personal fight between Mackay and Melquies.



**WORLD TEMPTATION  
FROM BEHIND  
THE  
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**AN ALLEGORY  
IN  
CHINESE STYLE**

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Many Bible-believing Christians think that simply by joining the National Association of Evangelicals they are free from the onus of the Federal Council. Nothing could be further from the truth. Belonging to the N. A. E., whether as an individual, or as a local congregation, does not take your name from the Federal Council. The National Association of Evangelicals is not a parallel body to the Federal Council, and it is perfectly possible to belong to both. If your congregation is a member of a Federal Council denomination, you may show that your convictions are with the American Council by becoming an auxiliary member. However, the only way that you can remove yourself from the Federal Council's constituency is by working to have your denomination withdraw from Federal Council membership, by having your congregation leave the denomination if it persists in its Federal Council affiliation, or by yourself withdrawing from your denomination to seek membership in a church which is loyal to the Word of God. Secure from the American Council forms which, when executed, will give the American Council the right to represent you, and which indicates that your group is against the Federal Council.

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# What Should The Church Say About

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Free Enterprise?

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## The International Council of Christian Churches

### A Testimony

The International Congress of Christian Churches, meeting in Amsterdam, August 11-19, 1948, having established The International Council of Christian Churches, desires to set forth unequivocally why it has come into existence, where it stands, and what it seeks to accomplish.

It owes its origin basically to profound convictions concerning the Christian faith and calling which are grounded in Holy Scripture. Contemporary conditions, both secular and religious, add urgency to our tasks. Most basic of all these convictions is our faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, the only head of the church. Full allegiance to Him carries with it a humble and joyful submission to the Bible as the inspired Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and life. It is our unshakeable conviction that, as Christ is not known to man except through and in the Scriptures by the power of the Holy Spirit, there is also no adequate acknowledgment of Him except as the church recognizes the rule of the divine Lord by His Word, the Holy Scriptures. The church is not a law unto itself; it may not presume, as a "living" church, to reveal the will of God to this generation. The church is the pillar and ground of the

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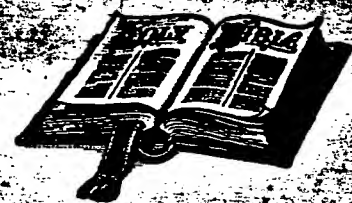
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## Historic Christianity's Defense of Freedom

The American Council of Christian Churches in annual session, Philadelphia, October 29th, addresses itself, in the light of the historic Christian faith, to the recent action of the World Council of Churches in rejecting the ideology of capitalism: "Capitalism puts the emphasis upon freedom and promises that justice will follow as a by-product of free enterprise. That, too, is an ideology which has proved false." This pronouncement indicates how far astray modernism and rationalism have led the churches and the need for a twentieth century reformation to preserve not only the historic Gospel but our free society. In view of the confusion produced by such a pronouncement, there are certain basic, Biblical teachings our people should recall in order to realize that our free system of private enterprise, under which God has prospered us as no other nation, is based upon God-given, Christian principles.

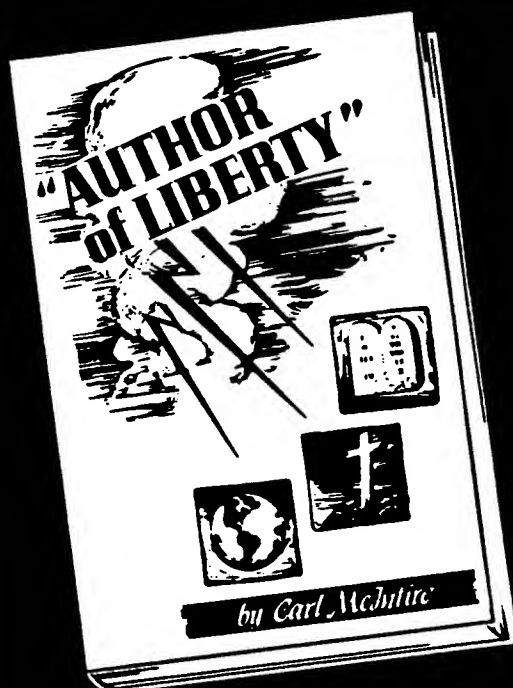
### I. THE INDIVIDUAL

Our people should remember that the individual is responsible to God in all that he is, has, and does. "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12). This emphasis upon the individual demands that he be free to serve his God



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**THE CASE FOR SEPARATION AS SEEN, BELIEVED AND  
PRACTISED BY CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON**

"I have taken a deep interest in the struggles of the orthodox brethren, but I have never advised those struggles, nor entertained the slightest hope of their success. My course has been of another kind.

"As soon as I saw, or thought I saw, that error had become firmly established, I did not deliberate, but quitted the body at once. Since then my counsel has been 'come out from among them.' I have felt that no protest could be equal to that of distinct separation."

—From the writings of Chas. H. Spurgeon

This issue is as alive now as in Spurgeon's day. No Christian should support apostasy which attacks Christ and the Bible — millions do! Do you?

"Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord?" (2 Chron. 19:2)

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 My Prayer for the Day  
 Go Thou with me,  
 Lord, to-day,  
 Keep me in Thy  
 perfect way.  
 Serving Jesus  
 all the while,  
 Let no sin my  
 life defile.

Nourish'd by Thy  
 Word and prayer,  
 Spirit-filled as Christ's  
 joint-heir,  
 Lead me, Lord, to  
 some lost soul;  
 Help me bless those  
 in Thy fold.



The AMERICAN COUNCIL OF  
 CHRISTIAN CHURCHES will  
 appreciate your prayer-remem-  
 brance of the following . . .

1. This testimony  
 which is endeavoring to withstand  
 the Bible-denying errors of: mod-  
 ernism. Romanism, materialism,  
 Marxist communism and social-  
 ism, etc.

2. Efforts being  
 exerted to keep the channels open  
 to all lands for Bible-loyal mission-  
 aries who will not compromise  
 with unbelief. The modernist-con-  
 trolled World Council of Churches  
 is striving for monopolistic con-  
 trol. The outcome of this struggle  
 will largely determine the destiny  
 of millions of lost souls to whom  
 the pure gospel must be sent.

3. Advantages the  
 Council seeks for the true Chris-  
 tian faith. Many privileges ac-  
 corded a God-dishonoring modern-  
 ism are denied those of a Christ-  
 honoring message.

4. Ask that God  
 may abundantly and constantly  
 supply spiritual power; for pas-  
 tors and congregations as well as  
 the Council.

5. Ask that out-  
 standing support may be given  
 the Council's Radio and Record-  
 ing Commission which seeks to  
 supply gospel transcriptions each  
 week to hundreds of radio sta-  
 tions. Not less than \$5,000.  
 monthly should be available for  
 this work.

6. Give thanks for  
 those congregations which sup-  
 port the Council's many Chris-  
 tian services through prayer and  
 a monthly donation. Ask that  
 hundreds of others may do like-  
 wise.

7. Give thanks for  
 individuals who regularly pray  
 for and systematically contribute  
 to this work. Ask that this num-  
 ber may be greatly increased.

"—PRAYING ALWAYS—"  
 (Ephesians 6:18)

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: The enclosures consist of numerous pamphlets and booklets issued by the American Council of Christian Churches, 15 Park Row, New York 7, New York and the Christian Beacon Press, Box 218 S, Collingswood, New Jersey.

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Dear Sir,

I'm writing you for information about Federal Council of Churches churches I have material from Dr. Harvey H. Prinsner Mr. Harvey Springer of Englewood Colorado speaking against Federal Council and that it is a council in sympathy with Communism I believe what Mr. Springer tells us as I've read some of A. name books and also some of E. Stanley Jones books but some of the people and also the minister of our church feel like I am speaking out against Federal Council ~~which is false~~ He have a very small group attending a Methodist county church and I hoped they might separate from I recorded 32 32

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group are a communist group  
I have a paper edited by Mr.  
Springer printing the names of  
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a member of and says it is  
on record in the 79th Congress  
so I'm hoping you may have  
time to tell me how to be  
able to help others know of  
this in whatever way you feel  
might be best. Thanking  
you very much.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated September 11, 1950, has been received, and I appreciate the thoughts which prompted you to write as you did.

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Sincerely yours,

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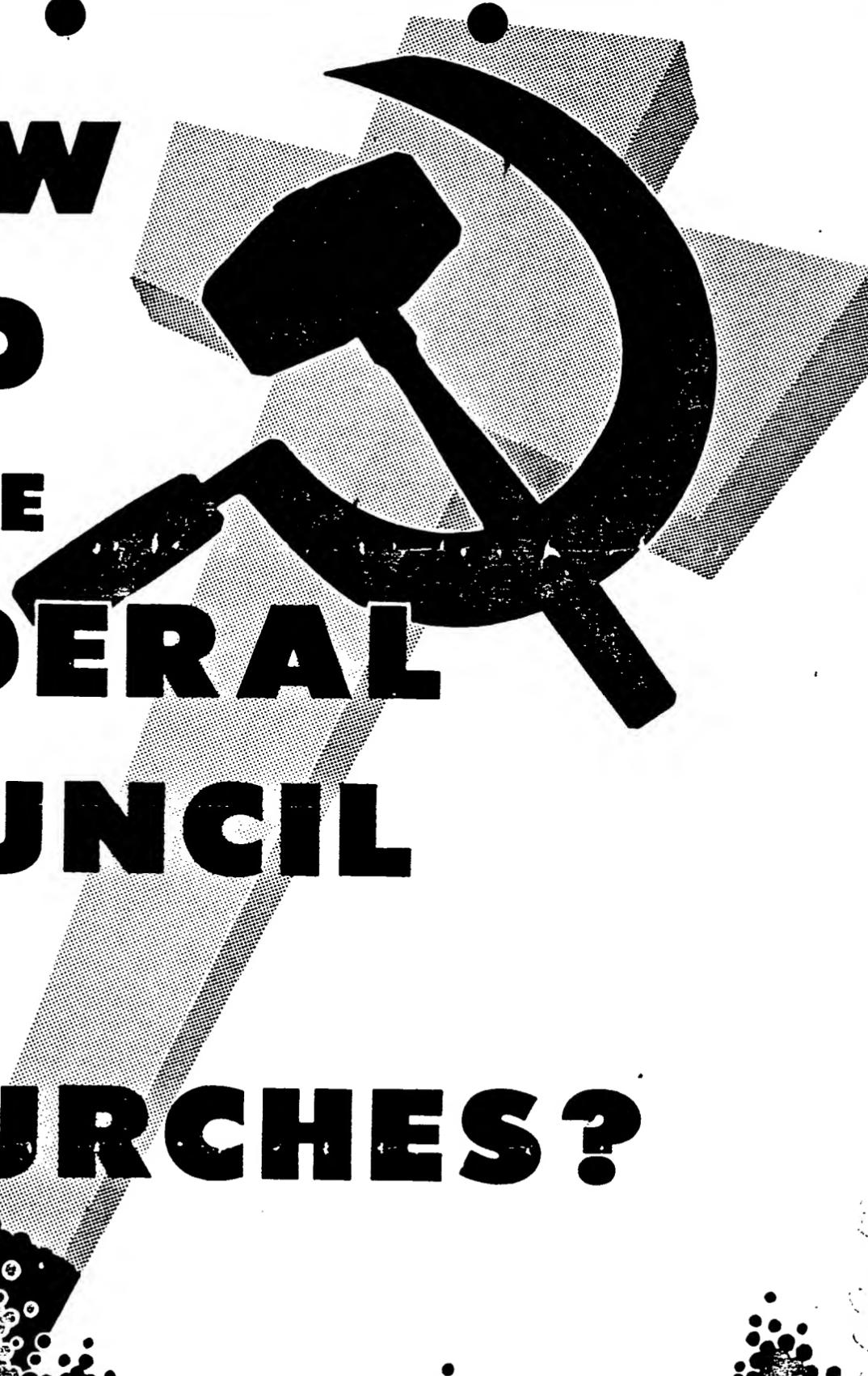
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**READ THE FACTS INSIDE AND  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked October 5, 1950, has been received, and I appreciate the thoughts which prompted you to write as you did.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
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The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee. - Psa. 134:3



John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Dept. of Justice.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I cannot refrain from  
writing you for information  
I feel I so badly need, and  
was told I could receive  
it from you. That I would  
like to know is "that churches  
or synods are connected with  
communism or help to sup-  
port communism" <sup>World Council</sup>  
That is the "World Council  
of Churches", and the "Federal  
Council of Churches of Christ in  
America". Just so far as they  
are <sup>other things</sup>  
contrary to the <sup>things</sup>  
Also if I may I would like  
the two papers by you  
"How to Fight Communism"

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and "Unmasking the Communist  
Masquerader."

More and more I can see  
the danger our beloved country  
is in, and I feel we need  
to be enlightened on some  
of these things we do not  
understand.

Thanking you, I am  
Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated October 9, 1950, has been received, and I appreciate the thoughts which prompted you to write as you did.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover.

FOEDERAL COUNCIL / CHURCHES

I am enclosing a folder that has been widely distributed in San Bernardino - and asking you to please verify the truth of the statements contained in it.

Dr. Stanley E. James is coming soon to San Bernardino, and is the reason for articles in our daily paper accusing him of belonging to subversive organizations.

as patriotic citizens, Elder in Presbyterian Church, and past president of its Board of Trustees member of masonic lodge - I feel that we cannot take matters such as this for granted and hope for the best, but in the present day times we should endeavor to find out the facts.

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This has been my home for a quarter of a century and my wife for 50 years - also she is teacher and principal in the same school for 26 years - and it has been shocking to both of us to realize the inroads the Communist have made in the schools. Now to feel that they have so invaded our churches is hard to realize.

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privileges previously enjoyed in Washington, D.C. in 1940.

documents sets of the people who founded  
our nation, (I know their principles and  
ideals, has made us realize the respon-  
sibilities that rest upon all true American  
Congressman Harry Shepherd is a very  
good friend of ours. We also met & visited  
in her office, the treasurer - Georgia Reese  
Clark, and Mr. Shindler for more than an hour.

Please excuse these details, but I felt  
that it would help you to see why we  
are vitally concerned with events that  
threaten the foundations that have made  
the United States great. We had 2 sons  
in the world war 2 - one almost gave  
his life on the Pensacola - Harry Cruise -  
is not able to go in again. The other in  
the air force - is back in again -

I have written to you because I feel  
that you are the best able to give the  
facts on this matter; also, if there is any  
literature or facts that is permissible for you  
to send, we will appreciate it greatly.

Sincerely yours.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your letter of November 27, 1950. I appreciate the thoughts which prompted your writing me as you did, and I am glad to have the benefit of your observations. G. I. R. - 1

I am not free to comment about the literature you forwarded. I want you to know, however, that I am glad you brought it to my attention.

In accordance with your request, it is a pleasure to enclose some material.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Hoover's Address Before Grand Lodge of N.  
Unmasking The Communist Masquerader  
Secularism - A Breeder of Crime  
God or Chaos?  
How to Fight Communism  
Foe to Freedom  
Red Fascism in U. S. Today  
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National Council of the Churches

Dear Sir: by hand

National Council of Churches

Inclosed is an article on the National Council of the Churches, taken from Pathfinder Magazine. I have been told that this is a communist organization. I am wondering if this is true. If so does that make all members of the churches that belong to it communists? I hope that you can give me this information. Thanking you in advance for your trouble I am,

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## RELIGION

### Protestant unity comes closer

Christ's prayer that his followers "all may be one" (John 17:21) came a step nearer fulfillment this week. In Cleveland some 6,000 delegates, representing 31 million U.S. church members, marched quietly into the block-long Public Auditorium to launch the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA.

The new Council will absorb eight national interdenominational service agencies, including the 42-year-old Federal Council of Churches. It has the potent backing of 25 Protestant and four Eastern Orthodox denominations. (Biggest: the Methodist Church with 8,792,569 members. Smallest: the Evangelical Unity of Czech Moravian Brethren in N.A. with 5,136 communicants.)

Out of the East? Delegates will name a president, vice-president and other officers. They will also decide where to locate Council headquarters, which will spend nearly \$3 million next year. *Christian Century*, church journal published in Chicago, had some blunt advice on this last fortnight. Move the headquarters of co-operative Protestantism away from New York, where many of the denominational and interdenominational boards are now located, into some "suitable place near the psychological center of evangelical church life" (i.e., the Midwest).

Formation of the Council climaxes nine years of arduous study and compromise. But while the eight agencies will be merged, the sponsoring church bodies themselves still won't be united. The National Council will have no authority or administrative control over member churches. It can't prescribe a common creed, a form of church government or of worship, nor can it limit the autonomy of the churches.

Where It Works. Council members will work together, however, in social welfare, evangelism, religious education of youth, friendship among races and peoples, and missionary responsibility at home and abroad. And the Council's governing body will be a general assembly of representatives, elected on a pro rata basis from the 29 sponsoring communions.

This Sunday congregations throughout the U.S. prayed "to sustain our representatives in the convention with devout prayer."

Many religious leaders this week hailed the National Council as an inclusive Protestant forum to consider the moral issues of the day. Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean emeritus of the Yale Divinity School and head of the planning committee which produced the National Council, said last week:

"There should be general rejoicing at this critical time in the world's history

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### How to be for years



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Toast when you want it!



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that their oneness in Christ is leading many churches to closer fellowship and co-operation in Christian tasks."

## Why one minister rejects new dogma

A sermon from one of the best-known pulpits in the U.S. last week rejected the new Roman Catholic dogma. The bodily assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven (PATHFINDER, Nov. 15), said 46-year-old Robert J. McCracken of Manhattan's Riverside Church,\* is without "a shred of Biblical evidence to support it."

The Assumption dogma, Scottish-born Dr. McCracken told his 2,200 listeners, "involves defiance of all the canons of historical scholarship." Protestants, he said, disavow the elevating of Mary above the plane of humanity, holding that there is "no warrant for it in Scripture or in the ascertainable facts of history and experience."

Idolatry? McCracken recalled that at the International Marian Congress in Ottawa in June 1947 a plaster image of Mary was kissed on the foot so often by kneeling nuns that the paint was worn off before the five-day Congress ended.

"This is the sort of thing," he said, "that provides ammunition for Communists who attack religion as an outmoded superstition."

Soft-spoken Pastor McCracken, who succeeded Harry Emerson Fosdick at Riverside in 1946 after a distinguished preaching and teaching career in Scotland and Canada, prefaced his sermon by saying he had no desire to stimulate a controversy between Protestant and Catholic. But the dogma, he thinks, will accentuate the cleavage between Roman Catholics and Protestants on matters of faith.

\*Interdenominational, but affiliated with the American Baptist Convention.



Dr. McCracken. Scriptures don't warrant the new dogma. (SEE: Minister)

## EDUCATION

### Pasadena goes back to the three Rs

"No co-operation," snapped 51-year-old Willard E. Goslin two years ago when he resigned as superintendent of Minneapolis schools. He did not stay jobless long; Pasadena, Calif., hired him for the same job at a salary of \$18,000. He promised then to make the schools "part of the fabric of the community."

By last week he had succeeded in making them so controversial a part of the community's fabric that the school board demanded his resignation. What angered the board, which had backed his advocacy of "progressive" education despite mounting criticism, was:

1. A petition from an organized clique of teachers to pressure the board into renewing Goslin's contract. Some teachers protested they had been coerced into signing.

2. A bill submitted to the board for a "teachers' workshop" project without previous authorization.

3. Repeated out-of-city visits by Goslin to conventions, meetings, etc. (The demand for his resignation was wired to him in New York, where he was attending a United Nations committee session.)

Goslin, former president of the American Association of School Administrators, was the chief target of the Pasadena School Development Council, a citizens' group of 1,000 members. The Council was organized to combat the "abuses" of progressive education.

What's the Use? Last May the Los Angeles Times quoted Goslin as saying that the primary aim of education is to "underwrite a free world."

Asked Goslin: "What point is there in teaching a child to read and write and add 2 and 2 if 10 years from now a series of atom bombs are to fall on this nation?"

In New York Goslin said he would bow to the school board's demand, despite the "embarrassment" he would suffer, but would insist on a financial settlement. (His contract has another two years to run.)

Board chairman Milton Wopschall promised Pasadena citizens: "We will have a more conservative teaching regime."

### A German student speaks on communism

From the day he was born Wolfgang Bernhardt, 15, has lived in the shadow of totalitarian terror. First it was the Nazis, then the Russians. His home in Berlin is near the Soviet sector.

Last week, in Texas, Wolfgang told American students what that terror was like. Brought to the U.S. by Freedoms Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to "a better understand-

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated November 28, 1950, together with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, a long-standing policy holds the files of the FBI confidential and available for official use only. No inference, of course, should be drawn that we do or do not have data on the organization mentioned in your communication due to my inability to be of aid.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

President's Directive & Director's Statement  
Foe to Freedom  
Unmasking the Communist Masquerader  
How Communist Operate

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January 15, 1951

Mr. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover,

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I have just returned from a church service during which the preacher referred to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ as being on the list of the FBI as a subversive organization.

I belong to a church which is a member of the American Baptist Convention (formerly the Northern Baptist Convention). Our Convention is a member of the Federal Council of Churches. If it is in anyway subversive I should like to know about it for I have no desire to belong to any such organization.

I feel that the reason for this preacher's statement and similar ones made by other preachers is due to a grievance because of theological differences. I think it is most unChristian to be casting doubt and suspicion upon fellow Christians when we should all be standing together to combat the common foe, communism.

Please tell me whether or not the Federal Council is on your list.

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Respectfully yours,

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January 19, 1951

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated January 15, 1951, has been received, and I appreciate the thoughts which prompted you to write as you did.

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request for information, I wish to advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only.

I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule. No inference, of course, should be drawn that we do, or do not, have the desired data in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

I wish to point out that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding, investigative agency and does not issue a list of subversive organizations. At no time do we draw any conclusions from the facts developed during the course of an investigation. The Attorney General has issued a list of the type you mentioned, and I am enclosing a copy together with some additional material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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How Communists Operate

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## NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE PASSENGER TRAFFIC MANAGER

E. L. REPASS  
PASSENGER TRAFFIC MANAGER

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA January 26 1951

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Ladd ☐  
Mr. Clegg ☐  
Mr. Glavin ☐  
Mr. Nichols ☒  
Mr. Rosen ☐  
Mr. Tracy ☐  
Mr. Harbo ☐  
Mr. Belmont ☐  
Mr. Mohr ☐  
Tele. Room ☐  
Mr. Nease ☐  
Miss Gandy ☐

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The matter has probably been brought to your attention before, but my attention has just been called to pamphlet "HOW RED IS THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES" issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 West Washington Avenue, Madison, Wis., and also to a pamphlet issued by a Mr. L. E. Faulkner, P. O. Drawer 751, Hattiesburg, Miss., in each of which the following statement is made: "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I., has stated: 'I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism'".

The implication which these pamphlets make is that you are criticising the Federal Council of Churches which has now been absorbed into the National Council of Churches, as a communist front organization.

Would you mind advising me whether the quotation which is being used in these folders was made by you with reference to the Federal Council, and if you have any feeling that the Federal Council was, or that the National Council of Churches is in any way a communist or communist front organization. I am a Presbyterian Elder and am concerned because these pamphlets are being distributed to members of our congregation.

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Repass

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director of the FBI,  
Washington, D.C.

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February 3, 1951

Mr. E. L. Repass  
Passenger Traffic Manager  
Norfolk and Western Railway  
Company  
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mr. Repass:

Your letter dated January 26, 1951, has been received.

The quotation which you set forth was taken out of context from remarks I made before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives on March 26, 1947, at Washington, D. C. I am enclosing a reprint of these remarks. You will note in paragraph 4, on page 12, the statement to which you make reference.

I want you to know that neither on this occasion nor at any time have I ever made any statements criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches.

I am enclosing some material which I thought you might like to have.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

(See next page)

cc - Richmond, with copy of incoming

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**Enclosure**

**Director's Statement Before Committee on Un-American  
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Subversive List 11-16-50  
Golden Rule-Against Juvenile Crime  
Crime Challenges the Churches  
Unmasking the Communist Masquerader  
God or Chaos?  
Foe to Freedom**

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Jan. 31, 1951

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

Dear Sir, General Council of Churches

Lately I have been hearing a great deal about the Federal Council of Churches being a socialist or slightly communistic organization. Do you have any literature or information about this, that is available? If so, I should appreciate having it or knowing where I can obtain it.

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Thanking you sincerely and praising the work of the F. B. I., I am -  
Just another citizen,  
Yours Truly

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated January 31, 1951, has been received.

With regard to your inquiry, I must advise that according to Departmental regulation, the files of this Bureau are confidential and for official use only. I am sure that upon reflection you will realize the necessity for such a regulation and that no inference will be drawn from my inability to be of assistance that we do, or do not, have in our files the information you have requested.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material which I thought would be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc New York with copies of the incoming Bureau files reflect that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America was the subject of an IS-C investigation which was closed in 1950. (NY file 100-184875) (100-50869-124)

Bureau files reflect no identifiable information concerning correspondent.

This is furnished for your information.

WCT:bjc (Encl: "100 Things You Should Know")

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February 9, 1951

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

My dear sirs:

Recently I have heard that certain high officials of the Federal Council of Churches were listed with your department as being communistic or subversive. I also was told from supposedly reliable sources, that certain individual denominations were listed subversive, because of these leaders.

The purpose for this letter is to ask for any information along this line which is available to Ministers of The Gospel.

I am a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene, and have had some dealings with the above mentioned Council although I have never belonged to it.

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I would appreciate an answer to this inquiry as I am tremendously interested.

Very sincerely yours,

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Your letter dated February 9, 1951, has been received, and I appreciate the thoughts which prompted you to write.

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request for information, I wish to advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only.

I am certain you will understand the reason for this rule. No inference, of course, should be drawn that we do, or do not, have the desired data in view of my inability to be of assistance.

The FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency and it is not within the province of this bureau to issue a list of subversive individuals or organizations. At no time do we draw any conclusions from the facts developed during the course of an investigation. Pursuant to Executive Order Number 9835, the Attorney General has issued a list of the type you mentioned and it has been published by the Civil Service Commission. I am enclosing a copy of this list together with some additional material which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

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Subversive List No. 57 dated 11-16-50.

Presidential Directive

Director's Statement

Unmasking the Communist Masquerader

The FBI Wants You

100 Things You should Know about Communism in USA.

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**NOTE:** 100-50869 is a main file containing numerous requests of a similar nature. Replies similar to the above have been sent out in the past.

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Feb. 3, 1951.

Dear F. B. I. - According to  
 report you bandied the  
 National Council of Churches  
 of Christ In America as  
 "Red" and it was published  
 in some magazine.

I have absolute faith in  
 you and want to keep my  
 faith in the churches; so  
 the matter is vital to me.

Knowing this, perhaps  
 you will reply, please. I  
 shall be grateful.

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 to our nation.

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## March on, March on, America

March on, march on, America  
But not with sword and gun,  
For never by the force of arms  
Does a true conquest come.  
In our beloved America  
May strife and tumult cease,  
And may the Stars and Stripes swing  
out  
In the morning light of peace.

March on, march on, America  
With manhood clean and strong,  
With courage to defend the right  
And faith to conquer wrong.  
And our beloved America  
God's forces shall release  
And the Stars and Stripes will gently  
wave

In ~~our~~ a glad world crowned with peace.

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## My Part Toward Peace



To give the world the very best I can  
To keep my faith in God and fellow man.  
To pass along the joy-light of a smile  
To count the smallest courtesies worth while.  
To keep control of heart and mind and know  
That my own selfishness is my worst foe.  
To grow a little kinder every day  
To do with cheer each task that comes my way.  
To keep my sympathies alive and warm  
To be a rock for others in the storm.  
To trust, and bid all strain and worry cease  
In this way shall I do my part toward peace.

b7C [REDACTED]

February 12, 1951

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of February 3, 1951, and sincerely appreciate your interest in forwarding your poems, "My Part Toward Peace" and "March on, March On, America."

In regard to the matter you mentioned, I wish to advise that the functions of the FBI are strictly investigative in nature and under no circumstances whatsoever does this Bureau label any organization or individual as subversive. You might like to know that the Attorney General has issued a list of organizations declared to be subversive, and I am enclosing a copy for you.

A long-standing policy holds the files of the FBI confidential and available for official use only. No inference, of course, should be drawn that we do or do not have data in our files concerning the organization you mentioned because of my inability to be of aid.

I am returning the three-cent stamp you enclosed together with some additional material I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Presidential Directive and Director's Statement  
How Communists Operate  
10 Questions and Answers

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9. GENERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF  
CHRIST IN AMERICA

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Feb. 16, 51.

Dear Mr. Hoover - Many  
thanks for your kind  
letter and the enclosed  
data. I am greatly re-  
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deny that vicious re-  
port. We owe so  
much to our F. B. I.  
and to you. Your  
radio program is very  
interesting and informa-  
tive.

May God keep you  
and bless you richly  
for all you are doing.  
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February 17, 1951

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I realize the volume of work that your organization is confronted with is great; however, I would appreciate very much if either you or one of your representatives would answer a few questions for my wife and me.

We are members and laymen of the [redacted] (Baptist) located near [redacted]. This church is a member of the Northern Baptist Convention and the Curry's Prairie Association which is represented by the National Council of Churches with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Pastor of the [redacted] Church has recently informed the members that the National Council of Churches is a communist ruled organization. Also, at a recent business meeting literature from the American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Avenue, Madison 1, Wisconsin, was presented and read which stated in part that the FBI knew of this communist regime in the National Council of Churches and that they (FBI), of course, was strictly against this organization.

Therefore, I would appreciate it very much if you would give us what information you can regarding the National Council of Churches as to who is at the head of the organization, some of its executive members and if any of them are communists, also, any other pertinent information you may care to give us.

If our church should sever its relationship with the National Council of Churches, which recommendation has been made by our pastor and some members, it would mean that it would no longer be recognized as a Baptist Church. This would cause quite a change in the Church and that is the main reason for seeking this requested information in order that we may know better how to cope with the situation before making a definite decision. Also, if the National Council of Churches is communist ruled we would like to help in anyway we can to combat its activities.

Thanking you for any information you can give us, also, apologizing for any undue inconvenience this may cause you or some member or members of your staff, we are

Very truly yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated February 17, 1951, also signed by your wife, has been received, and I appreciate the thoughts which prompted you to write as you did.

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request for information, I wish to advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only.

I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule. No inference, of course, should be drawn that we do, or do not, have the desired data in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Mr. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D.C.

Feb. 20, 1951.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

① It has been reported that you made a statement claiming that, "The Federal Council Of The Churches Of Christ In America," is communistic. Or that at least some of its leaders and departments are Communistic. I cannot believe that a man of your intelligence would make a statement like that. Please inform me whether or not such a claim has been made by you. If not, I can answer those who have accused you of that; and if so, I have something more to say to you.

I hope you will honor me with a speedy reply. Of course, I am just a small preacher in a small rural church, but one in your position cannot afford to be indifferent to even the most feeble voice in America.

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Very sincerely,

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[Signature]

I never made any such statement to anyone as a source of his information.

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February 28, 1951

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated February 20, 1951, has been received. In connection with your inquiry, I thought you might like to know that I have never made a statement such as the one to which you make reference.

In the interest of accuracy I would appreciate your advising me the source of your information so that the entire matter can be clarified.

You may be interested in reviewing the enclosed material.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure  
Presidential Directive of 7-24-50  
Director's Statement of 7-26-50  
Demanding the Communist Masquerader  
To Freedom  
The FBI Wants You  
Crime Challenges the Churches  
Secularists as Breeder of Crime

CC - San Antonio, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Bureau indices are negative as to [REDACTED]

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March 5, 1951.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I deeply appreciate your reply to my recent inquiry. You asked for the source of this rumor. Well, I think it is no more serious than coming from the local Baptist preacher. When he made that statement, I told him that he would have to prove that before I would accept it; then he said he could not produce a written statement, but he had been told that. Well, I could not deny it, nor answer him until I had this conformation from you.

I think this matter could rest right here, but if you deem it necessary to run down this rumor, I got my information from [REDACTED] pastor of the local Baptist church.

Thank you for the inclosed material. I can make answer now to those who make such unfounded statements.

Very Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your letter dated March 5, 1951.

I appreciate the courtesy and promptness with which you advised me concerning the source of this material.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - San Antonio (with cover letter)

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March, 26, 51. *per*


Dear Mr. Hoover;

Would you please answer the following question?

Has the United States Government or any of its departments, or the army or the navy ever listed the following as subversive (communistic) in action or in belief; The National Council of Churches that was formed last November in Cleveland Ohio of which organization Bishop Henry K. Sherrill is the President and Dr Samuel M. Cavert is general secretary; The old Federal Council of Churches out of which the National Council was formed; or the World Council of Churches. Have any of these groups ever been listed by any government agency as subversive? In your opinion do you believe either of them to be against the present processes of Government in any way?

Please answer me as soon as possible. I need this information as there has been criticism concerning these bodies from certain sources.

Very Sincerely,

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April 4, 1951

**Dear**

received. Your letter dated March 26, 1951, has been

With regard to your inquiries, I must advise that the files of this Bureau are confidential and for official use only. I am sure that upon reflection you will realize the necessity for such a regulation and that no inference will be drawn from my inability to be of assistance to you that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

*Sincerely yours,*

**John Edgar Hoover**  
**Director**

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SAC, San Antonio

March 13, 1951

Director, FBI

RESEARCH.

Re my letter to [redacted] dated February 28, 1951, with cc your office.

I am enclosing a copy of a second letter from [redacted] dated March 5, 1951. Please direct a mature Agent to interview [redacted] pastor of the Baptist Church at [redacted] for complete details concerning his allegation that I made a statement claiming that "The Federal Council of the Church of Christ of America" is communistic. It should be effectively pointed out to [redacted] that at no time have I ever made any such statement as he attributed to me and that I would most certainly appreciate his desisting from quoting me either erroneously or out of context.

At the conclusion of the interview with [redacted] make available to him the enclosed copy of a booklet entitled "The Threat of Red Sabotage" prepared by Fendall Yerxa and Ogden B. Reid which consists of a series of articles published in the New York Herald Tribune. It is to be noted that on page 25 and subsequent pages is an article entitled "Infiltration of Church Community Groups Ordered."

Submit no later than March 30, 1951, indicating that this has been done and set forth the background of the matter.

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Follow-up made for April 3, 1951

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

DATE: April 6, 1951

AIR MAIL

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RESEARCH

ReBulet 3/13/51 and mylet 3/28/51.

The [REDACTED] Pastor of the First Baptist Church [REDACTED] was interviewed by S [REDACTED] on April 4, 1951, at which time he related the information set out below.

When the word Council is used in this memo, it refers to "The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America."

There are only two churches in [REDACTED] the First Methodist Church, which is a member of the Council, and the First Baptist Church, which is not a member of the Council.

About January 1951 a committee consisting of two women from the First Methodist Church, [REDACTED] called on the [REDACTED] asking that he approve the cooperation of the Baptist Church with the Methodist Church in a day of Prayer which was to be sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

[REDACTED] explained to the Committee that he had no objection to members of the Baptist Church cooperating in the "Day of Prayer" but told them that he could not, as Pastor of the Baptist Church officially approve the cooperation of the Baptist Church with the Methodist Church.

He also told the committee that he could not place his official approval on such a cooperative measure because he would be misunderstood by leaders of the Baptist denomination since the Baptist Church is not a member of the Council.

[REDACTED] also stated that he understood a collection was to be taken at the time the "Day of Prayer" was held, and that at least part of the collection was to be sent to the Council.

[REDACTED] therefore told the committee the second reason for his not placing official approval on the cooperation of the Baptist Church with the Methodist church in the "Day of Prayer" was because he did not approve of cooperating with anything which would result in funds going to support the Council.

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Thereafter [redacted] related that he recalled about fifteen years ago he obtained information indicating that some of the leaders of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America were Communists. He stated that this information came to his attention from literature published by the council, and that some of the publications indicated that the Council promoted many of the same things which were promoted by the Communist Party at that time. [redacted] could not recall any specific things promoted by both the Communist Party and the Council. He also related that he recalled that approximately 15 years ago a book published by J. FRANK NORRIS, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, contained information written by NORRIS concerning the "Political Alignment" of some of the leaders of the Council which revealed some of these leaders were Communists or at least Communist sympathizers. [redacted] could not recall the name of the book written by NORRIS.

[redacted] readily acknowledged that he also related to the Committee that he understood Mr. HOOVER, (Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation) had stated that certain divisions of the Council were subversive in their attitudes. [redacted] could not remember the exact words he used in indicating remarks he thought had been made by Mr. HOOVER.

[redacted] stated that he thought information concerning the Council attributed to the Director had been contained in one of the Baptist denominational publications but he stated that he had made a search of his files and was unable to find any publication containing any information related by Mr. HOOVER.

[redacted] stated that after the discussion he had with the two Methodist women, whose names he does not remember, he discussed the same matter with [redacted] Pastor of the Methodist Church, [redacted]. He explained that he had the discussion with [redacted] as a courtesy to the Methodist Pastor in order to explain to [redacted] why he had not officially approved of the Baptist church cooperating with the Methodist Church in the "Day of Prayer."

[redacted] related that his discussion with [redacted] was very similar to the discussion he had with the two Methodist women.

[redacted] emphasized the fact that he made no public statement quoting the Director, and that he discussed instant matter only with the committee of two women from the Methodist Church and with the Methodist Pastor. He also stated that he refrained from quoting anyone in a public address without being sure of the exact quotation as well as the source of the material from which he is quoting.

Director, FBI

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The Agent pointed out to [REDACTED] that the Director had at no time made a statement that "The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America was Communistic or that its leaders or departments are Communistic."

[REDACTED] was also told that Mr. HOOVER would certainly appreciate his never quoting the Director erroneously or out of context.

[REDACTED] politely and firmly stated he would certainly refrain from erroneously quoting the Director, and stated that he appreciated instant matter being called to his attention.

At the conclusion of the interview the booklet entitled, "The Threat of Red Sabotage" prepared by FENDALL YERXA and OGDEN R. REID was made available to [REDACTED] and he expressed his appreciation for this booklet.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: March 9, 1951

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS ✓

SUBJECT: FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN  
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I called SAC Auerbach of Richmond and told him we were returning the originals of the communications furnished him by [REDACTED]

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I told Auerbach we had never investigated the Federal Council of Churches nor had we investigated the American Council of Christian Laymen or Verne P. Kaub. I told Auerbach the papers were to be returned to [REDACTED] and we were to make no comment on the matter.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 28, 1951

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FB*SUBJECT: ~~FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES~~  
~~AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN~~  
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PURPOSE:

To advise you concerning comments relating to the FBI and the Director contained in correspondence between Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Minister of Christ Church, New York City, and Verne P. Kaub, President of the American Council of Christian Laymen.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Minister of Christ Church, New York City, on March 2, 1949, in a letter to the Director, advised that he had been referred to as "pink" by Lt. Colonel William E. Warner of Ohio State University in Portsmouth, Ohio, shortly prior to the time he, Dr. Sockman, had gone to Portsmouth, Ohio, to deliver a lecture before the Town Hall. In this letter he also referred to a document which had been copyrighted in 1940 and had referred to his association with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Emergency Peace Campaign and the American Youth Congress. On March 7, 1949, the Lt. Colonel William E. Warner, referred to above, addressed a letter to the Director referring to this document which alleged certain affiliations of Dr. Sockman and also enclosed clippings from a local newspaper to the effect that Dr. Sockman, in speaking before the Town Hall forum, had stated he did not belong to the several organizations which had been branded with a Communist tinge and added that "I'd welcome your checking me in Washington. The best source is John Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI. He knows me well. He invited me to deliver the commencement address at the FBI Academy last year." The Director, on March 16, 1949, in a letter to Dr. Sockman, advised him that his letter concerning his explanation for the reported associations with said organizations would be made a matter of record and would be furnished to the Office of Naval Intelligence if he so desired. On this same date a letter was sent to

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Memo to Mr. Tolson  
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Lt. Colonel William E. Warner, a copy of which was furnished to Dr. Sockman, which stated in part, "While no doubt there are elements which have attempted to use Dr. Sockman's name, I am sure he would never knowingly be a party to the furtherance of any organization which had for its purpose the overthrow of the Government of the United States ... I am sure you will readily agree that had I had any question about Dr. Sockman I certainly would not have invited him to be our guest on that occasion."

DETAILS:

The Richmond Office by letter dated February 7, 1951, furnished copies of correspondence between Reverend Ralph W. Sockman, Minister of Christ Church, and Verne P. Kaub, President of the American Council of Christian Laymen. This correspondence was furnished to the Richmond Office by

b7C [redacted] received copies of this correspondence from Kaub as a result of a request made by [redacted] of Kaub for copies of the pamphlet entitled, "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" In a letter of December 12, 1949, from Dr. Ralph W. Sockman to the American Council of Christian Laymen, Dr. Sockman referred to the publication disseminated by that group entitled, "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" and to the charges that he, Dr. Sockman, had been connected with certain questionable groups. Dr. Sockman stated in part, "I called the matter to the attention of my friend, John Edgar Hoover, who is a radio listener of mine and knows my messages across the years. I feel a bit disposed to have him investigate this charge. If you continue to spread this literature, I shall do so." In reply, Kaub, on December 19, 1949, wrote Dr. Sockman concerning the listings relating to Dr. Sockman contained in the pamphlet, "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" and stated in part, "He would welcome investigation by the FBI, and if you do indeed write to Mr. John Edgar Hoover, I would be pleased to have a copy of the letter so I may know about when to expect a visit from the representatives of the FBI." On January 12, 1951, Dr. Sockman, in a letter to Kaub concerning the attacks set out by the American Council of Christian Laymen on the Federal Council of Churches, stated in part that "my friend, John Edgar Hoover, wrote a stern answer to some who had been circulating

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these reports and as I wrote you some months ago, I was tempted to take the matter up again with him. However, I do not feel like bothering him with a matter which will fall of its own falsity." In reply Kaub wrote Dr. Sockman on January 15, 1951, and stated in part that "We continue to be disappointed that you have not made good your threat to report us to J. Edgar Hoover." A photostatic copy of the letters referred to above, the letter from Kaub to [REDACTED] a photostatic copy of a letter from Kaub to Dr. Merrill B. Abbey, Minister of the First University Methodist Church, Madison, Wisconsin, a copy of which was furnished to Dr. Sockman, and a photostatic copy of the pamphlet disseminated by the American Council of Christian Laymen, "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum and enclosures be furnished to Assistant Director L. B. Nichols for his information.

*No action*  
*OK*

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# American Council of Christian Laymen

122 West Washington Avenue

Madison 1, Wisconsin

January 18, 1951

Dear

We have your letter of January 15, and greatly appreciate your order for copies of "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches?" and the expressions of interest therewith.

Your order catches us "between printings". Following the Constituting Convention of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the remainder of the seventh printing was sent to the printer for the addition of the "legend" which appears under the handle of the hammer, in the copy sent you herewith. At the same time, a new printing was ordered; for this printing, a new plate was made for the first page, showing the "legend" and also overprinting the word "Federal" with the word "National" in such a manner that both words will be legible. Some stocks on hand in offices of other organizations and some odd lots around this office were revised by adding the "legend" with a gummed sticker.

This remainder stock went faster than we had anticipated, and we are "out" as the new printing goes to press today. The printer tells us that the other color will be printed tomorrow, so that on Saturday we may be able to get a few copies, though if the folder is busy with another job, we will have to accept these flat and fold by hand. Therefore I am planning to ship your 200 copies on Saturday.

Meantime, since your need seems to be immediate, I am sending you 50 copies from the fifth printing, with the gummed sticker "legend." There will be no charge for these.

Now in regard to Dr. Ralph Sockman. He was the second, and one of four (only) of the men listed in "How Red...?" to protest directly to us. He wrote under date of Dec. 12, 1949, and we replied under date of Dec. 19. I am able to send you herewith copies of those letters.

On January 2, 1951, Dr. Sockman and Dr. Billy Graham were on Town Hall Radio program, discussing the subject, "Do We Need the Old Time Religion?" There were many repercussions all over the country. One small "outburst" was here in Madison. It came to my ears that Dr. Merrill R. Abbey had told one of his parishioners that he knew that Dr. Sockman believed in the fundamentals of Christianity. This prompted a letter from me to Dr. Abbey, with copy to Dr. Sockman and others. I did not hear from Dr. Abbey, but did get a letter from Dr. Sockman. Copies of these letters, with my reply to Dr. Sockman, under date of January 15, also are herewith.

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January 13, 1951

In addition to the information about Dr. Sockman which is available in this file of correspondence, we also have in our files here, photostatic copy of a circular letter sent out July 30, 1947, by the Inter-Church Committee of The American Russian Institute. This letterhead uses the name of Dr. Ralph W. Sockman as chairman of the committee.

The American Russian Institute is a well known front, closely tied in with Soviet Russia Today and other pro-Soviet organizations.

We will be happy to hear from you further about the Preaching Mission in                      and other developments.

We certainly are happy to learn that there is a loyal Christian group in                      and we hope that they are well organized, or if not, that this present emergency will draw them together into a "fighting unit" of some kind.

With all best wishes,

Yours in His work,



Verne P. Kaub  
President ACCL

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Enc.

## The Paradoxes of Jesus

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The Church of Christ dispatches its missionary enterprise to the non-Christian peoples and in the process finds out which elements are empty ecclesiasticism and which are spiritual dynamics. The experienced foreign missionaries are better able to say what are the saving fundamentals of our Christian faith than are the "fundamentalists" at home. In fact, an E. Stanley Jones, fresh from the spiritual laboratory of India, is at this writing leading a National Preaching Mission to revive American Christianity. Thus by spending ourselves for others we find out which elements of our own lives are worth keeping.

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Jesus was a pioneer with no earthly precedent to guide him. He was the leader of a revolution without historical pattern. He held before the prospectus of the kingdom of heaven. He lured his followers with the promise of perfection. He was the pursuer of a flying goal. By being more spiritually radical than the social revolutionist of his day he lost his own life, but he kept alive "the law and the prophets." He was the Conservative Revolutionary.

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For Jesus was more a creator of questions than a quietener of minds. Or rather, it might be said that his way of quieting minds was by creating questions. This paradoxical principle was basic to his general program of helping and healing. He was the Burden-Bearer who offered tired men a yoke. He was the physician who healed sick spirits with a cross. He was the Saviour who rescued the tempted by leading them into new temptations.

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Just as the electric energy was in the world before the day on which Franklin caught it on his key for the use of man, so the Logos was in the universe from the beginning, lighting every man coming into the world, and glimpsed in flashes by the founders of various religious faiths. But Jesus of Nazareth was that perfect personality which served as the Franklin Key to bring the cosmic Christ to earth, where he could give men power to become the sons of God.

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Jesus showed a spirit of sportsmanship in passing through his own narrow gates. Aware of the meagerness of his materials, the shortness of his time, the obstacles placed by his enemies, and the immensity of his task, he exclaimed, "How am I straitened till it be accomplished!" (Luke 12. 50.) Yet he endured the limitations of circumstance as if they were the rules of the game rather than the restrictions of a prison. There was no bemoaning of his hardships, no beating against the bars of cruel fate. For a brief hour in Gethsemane, he prayed that the cup of sacrifice might pass from him. Yet he came forth to face the cross, not with the broken spirit of a beaten contestant, but after the manner of a gallant sportsman.

The Paradoxes of Jesus -- #2

And, finally, the implications of Jesus' principle of the narrow gate apply to the life hereafter as well as here. His intimations of immortality suggest not a state of being which we put on at death but a quality of being which we carry on through death. Jesus leads us to think that the entrance to eternal life is by way of earthly discipline rather than heavenly fiat. The Gospels picture Earth as a schoolroom which prepares us for heavenly living, rather than Heaven as a courtroom which passes judgment on our earthly doing. The test is whether we have learned the life that can be independent of material things which moth and rust corrupt.

C O P Y

Stationery of

American Council of Christian Laymen  
122 West Washington Ave.  
Madison 1, Wis.

January 4, 1951

Dr. Merrill F. Abbey, Minister  
First University Methodist Church  
802 Wisconsin Avenue  
Madison 2, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Abbey:

During the lunch hour at the YMCA yesterday noon, a topic at the "conference" table was the radio program of Town Hall the preceding evening, when Dr. Billy Graham and Dr. Ralph Sockman discussed the question, "Do we Need the Old-Fashioned Religion?"

I expressed considerable disappointment. As I understood what I heard, it was apparent to me that Dr. Sockman had engaged in the usual double talk, evasion and omission, thereby concealing his true position. As a result, I believe, a large percentage of the radio audience was led to believe that there is little, if any, difference between the positions of the "Bible-believing" Christians and the so-called "liberals."

You were brought into the discussion when one of the men present stated that he had asked you whether you believe that Dr. Sockman believes in the fundamentals of Christianity, and reported that you had declared emphatically in the affirmative.

I believe I expressed myself rather strongly on this also. "I have not listened to you enough to know whether you engage in this double-talk technique, but I am sure you must understand how it is done, and I find it impossible to believe that you are deceived by this technique."

For example, when a "liberal" is asked whether he believed in the divinity of Christ, he replies in the affirmative, but with the mental reservation, not made clear to the inquirer, that he believed in the divinity of Christ just as he believes that all men are divine, in that each has within himself a spark of divinity.

Now as to Dr. Sockman's position: as I understand it, Dr. Sockman is a "liberal of the liberals," and surely the men who arrange the Town Hall programs must have had a similar understanding, or they would not have chosen Dr. Sockman to present the "liberal" viewpoint on this program.

Records in my office show that Dr. Sockman is an elected member-at-large of the Methodist Federation for Social Action which is an organization devoted to support of revolutionary ideology and measures, a fact which must be understood by him.

But for further confirmation of Dr. Sockman's "ultra-liberal" position, I turned to one of his best-known books, "The Paradoxes of Jesus", published by Abingdon Press, a division of the Methodist Publishing House.

January 4, 1961

According to the foreword of this book, it is a by-product of the "lectures given at Yale University on the Kent Shaffer Memorial Foundation." With the possible exception of Union Theological Seminary, probably Yale Divinity School is the most favorable place for the presentation of such doctrines as appear in this book.

At the outset, Dr. Sockman rejects "The Simple Gospel," on the ground that it is not simple at all, but actually extremely complicated and difficult to understand. I take it that "the simple gospel" is identical with the "old-fashioned religion," because Dr. Sockman writes that it is "what the man on the street says he would go to hear if the pulpit would only preach it; it is what the layman in the pew asserts that he would prefer to the political and social discourses now passing for sermons; it is the restorative which would revive Christianity, according to those magazine medicine men who write so many obituaries of dead churches."

To my (simple?) mind, Christianity is the least complicated and least obscured of all the religions of the world. I know that a great many agree with me in my position that the heart and essence of the Christian gospel is contained in John 3: 16, which I believe is not beyond the comprehension of a child of ten.

My belief that I am correct in this seems to be confirmed by the fact that Dr. Sockman uses hundreds of scriptural quotations in his book but since he is trying to prove that Christianity is an obscure and complicated religion, he never gets around to quoting this verse.

Never have I read a book in which Our Lord is designated in so many different ways. Here are a few of the "titles" which Our Lord receives as He is mentioned in the book, with page numbers noted for each: Palestinian Figure, 13; Son of the Synagogue, 14; Up-Country Leader, Carpenter, 18; Man of Sorrows, Physician, 21; Gardener of God, 52; Burden Bearer, 57; Educator, 58; The Master, 60, Galilean, 61; Divine Photographer, 91; Great Physician, 99; Galilean Teacher, 99; Master Teacher, Great Elder Brother, 101; Nazarene Carpenter, 101; The Man of Nazareth, 103, and the Nazarene, 238.

With all these titles and designations, Dr. Sockman never gets around to referring to Our Lord as the Son of God, nor do I find anything in the text to indicate that he would have used this designation if only he had happened to think of it.

On Page 16, Dr. Sockman writes that "perhaps the outstanding uniquely paradoxical feature in the character of Jesus is that his saintliness is unaccompanied by any sense of his own sin....in himself, he never reveals the haunting consciousness of sin which inheres in genuine saint-hood."

From this it is clear that to Dr. Sockman, Our Lord is not, and was not while on earth, the Son of God, but a saint.

C O P Y

Dr. Merrill R. Abbey -- #3

January 3, 1961

Also it is clear that to Dr. Sockman a sinner is human and must have sinned, though we know from the New Testament teachings that Jesus did not sin.

In this same opening chapter, Dr. Sockman further reveals his belief that Jesus was a man, quite like other men, when he wrote, Page 18, "The gospels give not the picture of an oppressed peasant who turned the tables on his persecutors and defeated them, but they show us One who claimed to be overcoming the world while it was succeeding in crucifying him."

Dr. Sockman had another first-class opportunity to register belief in the deity of Our Saviour when he discussed the differences between Him and John the Baptist, on Pages 177 and 178. How simple and how easy it would have been for him to declare that the difference lay in the fact that John the Baptist was a prophet, but that Jesus was the Son of God. But he did not say it: he declared instead --

"The Baptist knew how to work for God, but he had not learned how to wait for God. He did his duty grimly, but he did not succeed in entering into the joyous confidence and radiant satisfaction of the Jesus way."

The foregoing should be sufficient to show that Dr. Sockman was deceiving his radio audience when he made his declarations, but in further "testimony" I attach other quotations from the Methodist-produced book.

Very sincerely,

Verne P. Kaub  
President ACCL

VPK/E

cc: Encl. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman  
Dr. Wm. Graham  
Dr. Harold John Ockenga  
and others

C O P Y

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January 12, 1951

Dear Mr. Kaub:

I have read your letter of January 4 which is before me and I have read it rather hurriedly because we have received several thousands of them about the Town Meeting of the Air. I must therefore, give them a very cursory attention.

I am quite flattered to know that you have given so much attention to my book but I am sure that you are intelligent enough to agree that you cannot take excerpts out of their context and condemn a man thereby. I am on the air each Sunday morning over the National Radio Pulpit which is carried over some 100 or more stations.

I recall of course that you and Mr. McIntyre have been sending out attacks on the Federal Council of Churches. My friend, J. Edgar Hoover wrote a stern answer to some who had been circulating these reports and as I wrote you some months ago, I was tempted to take the matter up again with him. However I do not feel like bothering him with a matter which will fall of its own falsity. I have not been a member of two or three of the organizations of which you accuse me. I did take part in the Emergency Peace Campaign back in the 1930's along with the most distinguished ministers of our country. I was embarrassed to see that the Methodist Federation for Social Action was carrying me as a member at large. I had this matter cleared up as soon as I heard of it. I never attended a meeting of the official Methodist Federation and have had no part in its program. Now my name came to be carried in it, I do not know. But apparently these days names are bandied about with much unconcern for people.

Very truly yours

(Signed) Ralph H. Sockman

RSW:mn

Mr. Verne P. Kaub  
P.O. Box 7  
Madison 1, Wisconsin

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C O P Y

American Council of Christian Laymen  
Madison 1, Wisconsin

January 12, 1952

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Minister  
Christ Church  
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Sockman:

We have yours of January 12.

We know of no better way to find out what a man is thinking about and what he wants people to know about his thinking, than to read his books. And if taking out complete sentences and paragraphs in which he states his thoughts is wrong, I do not know any way in which an examination can be made of the position of any writer. Certainly I will be happy to have my own thoughts examined by having excerpts taken from my book, "Collectivism Challenges Christianity."

Of course it may be that you know more about the progress of this Council than do we here in the office; it is quite possible, I presume, that this Council may fail, but if this happens, and there is no present indication of anything of the kind, it will be because people refuse to recognize the truth, not because we are promulgating false doctrines.

We note with interest that you deny membership in the Methodist Federation for Social Action; we will make due note of this on our records.

We continue to be disappointed that you have not made good your threat to report us to J. Edgar Hoover.

We note that you do not repudiate any of the quotations from your book nor take note of the fact that we pointed out in comments on your book that at no place within its covers, did you refer to our Lord Jesus Christ as deity. Any time that you wish to make public your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, we will be happy to lend our aid in giving the fact publicity.

Very sincerely,

Verne P. Kaub  
President AACL

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Letterhead of American Council of Christian Laymen  
Madison 1, Wisconsin

December 19, 1949.

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman  
Christ Church  
Park Avenue at 60th Street  
New York 21, New York

Dear Dr. Sockman:

We have yours of December 12 complaining about listings appearing after your name in the brochure, "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches?"

Something between one and two per cent of the letters we have received have been critical, or have made inquiries in a tone which indicated that the writers were critical.

Yours is the second letter which we have received making specific complaint about listings. The first was from Dr. Henry Smith Lieper.

I will tell you as I told Dr. Kieper: The brochure, "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches?" was prepared by associates of the Council in the East, and I do not have the documentations on all the listings. I have every confidence in the men who compiled this information, but, of course, recognize the possibility of error. If I find that any grievous error has been made I will be happy to see that proper correction is made in future printings of the brochure.

In the case of Dr. Lieper, I was able to find his listings almost completely verified in Appendix IX of the Report of the House of Representatives Special Committee on un-American activities. I also found Dr. Lieper listed in Appendix IX as having aided and abetted or having affiliation with two other Communist-front organizations not listed in our brochure.

In your case I find no documentation in Appendix IX for any of the four listings in our brochure, but I do find from Appendix IX that you were one of the signers of the call for a dinner held at the Hotel Roosevelt February 25, 1941, under the auspices of "Protestant Digest" associates, giving you a very definite tie-in with the "poisonous" propaganda of this vicious anti-American publication. The "Protestant", successor to "The Protestant Digest", and under the same management, is on sale at all Communist book stores, and I have found it in no other book store or magazine stand; representatives of the American News Company, which handles practically everything, tell me that the Company would not touch "The Protestant."

Dr. Sockman - 2

December 19, 1949

Personally I never had thought of you as a Communist-fronter or even as particularly pinkish; I was surprised to find you listed. If it develops that any mistake has been made, we will rectify it; personally I would be disposed to let your connection with "Protestant Digest" affairs stand for what they are worth, even if that proves to be the only listing; I have little patience for any persons who allowed themselves to be associated in any way whatever with that "outfit."

In regard to the "World Tomorrow Poll," I think that for the present at least, the nature of that organization is sufficiently clear from the statement No. 45 on the back page (center of the outside spread) of the brochure.

According to Appendix IX, "Emergency Peace Mobilization," about which you inquire, was the meeting in Chicago in 1940 Labor Day week and which marked the launching of the "American Peace Mobilization," which the Special Committee characterizes as "one of the most notorious and blatantly Communist fronts ever organized in this country."

I shall communicate with my eastern associates, requesting documentation on the listings following your name and will advise you as soon as I hear from them.

I have not heard of the folder circulated in Ohio last year, though, of course, I haven't seen everything. The only "chart" which I know of listing Communist-front connections of Federal Council leaders is "The Federal Council of Churches Speaks." This chart was published in 1940; I believe several organizations circulated this chart, now long out of print; the ones I have bear the imprint of "American Women Against Communism," an organization which no longer exists. That chart lists you as affiliated with "The Fellowship of Reconciliation," "The Emergency Peace Campaign," and the "American Youth Congress." I wonder if you ever protested these listings in any correspondence with "The American Women Against Communism."

We would welcome investigation by the FBI, and if you do indeed write to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, I would be pleased to have a copy of the letter so I may know about when to expect a visit from the representatives of the FBI.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed)

Verne P. Kaub  
For ACCL

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Letterhead of Christ Church  
New York 21, New York

December 12, 1949

American Council of Christian Laymen  
Madison 1  
Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

A publication entitled "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches?" put out by your organization has just been sent to me.

Of course the ministry of America understands the motive back of this publication and the leaders which inspire it. Yet it is tragic that in a time when we need a united church to combat Communism and the other evils, there should be such division within the Christian fold. Furthermore, the data in connection with myself is so inaccurate. According to your charges, I am connected with the American Youth Congress with which I never had any connection. Also with the Emergency Peace Mobilization, a movement which I do not identify and on which I would be glad to have light. The third is the Fellowship of Reconciliation of which I am not a member and the fourth the Signer of "World Tomorrow" Poll which I again do not identify and so far as I can recall, have never had any connection with this. I should be glad to be enlightened.


If the two about which I do not know can be proven to me as having had my support, then you are fifty percent correct in your charges. If you cannot prove this, then you are one hundred percent wrong.

This seems to me to be a reproduction of an old folder which I found in circulation in Ohio last year. I called the matter to the attention of my friend, J. Edgar Hoover who is a radio listener of mine and knows my messages across the years. I feel a bit disposed to have him investigate this charge. If you continue to spread this literature, I shall do so.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Ralph W. Jockuan

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# **HOW RED IS THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES?**

At a Constituting Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, 1950, the Federal Council of Churches "went underground" by merging with a dozen other interdenominational agencies under the name National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The Federal Council will not surrender its legal charter, and its aims, programs and leadership are unchanged, although it is operating under a new name.

First Printing, October 1949  
Second Printing, December 1949  
Third Printing, January 1950  
Fourth Printing, February 1950  
Fifth Printing, April 1950

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: March 9, 1951

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America  
(Now National Council)  
Affiliated with World Council of Churches

Pursuant to your request there is attached a memorandum on the captioned organization. We have never actively investigated this group and our files contain only one report from the New York Office dated July 7, 1950, which is a closing report. This report covers only general data concerning the organization.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
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Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
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This is the first time that we have had such a large number of inquiries from the public regarding the activities of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

March 9, 1951

M E M O R A N D U M

Re: Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America  
(Now National Council)  
Affiliated with World Council of Churches

I. BACKGROUND

The "Christian Beacon" in its issue for March 2, 1950, indicated that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America had a membership of 28,948,483 among groups of the Baptist, Eastern Orthodox, Friends, Methodists, Moravian, Presbyterian, Protestant Episcopal, Reformed Church in America, United Church of Canada and United Lutheran Church in America. (100-50869-A)

A pamphlet entitled "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" was published by the American Council of Christian Laymen in Madison, Wisconsin. This pamphlet sets forth a list of Federal Council leaders who have "helped Communist organizations" and describes some of the pronouncements of Federal Council leaders concerning Communism and Socialism. A copy of this leaflet is attached.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

A news item appearing in the Daily Worker, Communist Party newspaper, for June 5, 1947, reports the resolution passed by the Chicago Association of Congregational and Christian Churches calling for the Federal Council of Churches to remove John Foster Dulles from his position of Chairman of the Federal Council's Commission on a Just and Durable Peace. The resolution charged that Dulles had expressed "such positive misgivings of the purposes and good faith of the Soviet Union as to create attitudes in the minds of the American people which this conference feels...are not compatible with the purposes of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace." (100-50869-A)

The Memphis, Tennessee, Commercial Appeal carried a by-line story by Robert Gray in its issue of May 21, 1947, reporting that Horace Hull, President of Hull-Dobbs Company, in a talk before the Rotary Club Luncheon at Peabody, Tennessee, accused spokesmen of Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America of "advocating Communistic and Socialistic ideologies."

Hull referred to excerpts from a story in the Daily Worker of January 7, 1936, attributing a statement to Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, former President of the Federal Council who reportedly stated the "aid of the dictatorship of the proletariat in Russia was the establishment of a better life. The Russian government does not purport to do this through exploiting someone else, but through raising the general level of all." (100-50869-A)

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An Associated Press news item datelined in Detroit on October 17, 1947, reported that the American Council of Christian Churches accused the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America of "peddling" Marxian doctrine. (100-50869-A)

In a leaflet entitled "Information Service" dated November 29, 1947, and issued by the Department of Research and Education of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, an article was set forth entitled "Loyalty, Security, and Civil Rights." The article quoted a resolution passed by the Protestant Episcopal House of Bishops on November 7, 1947, which stated in part that the Bishops should call upon the people to be on their guard lest a hysterical fear of Communism should lead "us to fight that danger with weapons destructive of the treasures we seek to guard. The surest way to fight Communism is to work unceasingly at home and abroad for a society in which justice and the dignity of free men are in truth guaranteed to men of every race and condition. An inquisitorial investigation of men's personal beliefs is a threat to the freedom of conscience..." (100-50869-72)

The Washington Post carried an Associated Press story datelined at Cleveland, Ohio, on March 10, 1949, pointing out that delegates of 35,000,000 American Protestants approved a statement that the United States "must maintain sufficient strength to convince Soviet Russia that attempts to impose an ideology by force cannot succeed." It was pointed out that a minority group dissented. The Conference was sponsored by the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. The news item reported that the most controversial matter in a statement issued by the Conference was, in substance, that war with Soviet Russia was not inevitable; that contradictory ideologies could exist without armed conflict if propagated by the methods of tolerance. To meet the objections of some delegates a statement was carried that some members of the Conference felt under obligation to record their conviction that any war or any resort to military measures would be morally evil and practically self-defeating. These delegates held that the attempt to maintain the huge military force adequate to balance Russian military power and to force "moderation" on the Soviet Union provided only "the elusion of security." (100-50869-A, SECTION 3)

The Washington Post for June 15, 1950, carried a United Press story dated June 13, 1950, from Massanetta Springs, Virginia, to the effect that a minority move to withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches was defeated 243 to 121 by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. At the same time a strongly worded resolution charged that the Federal Council Commissioners "have from time to time expressed opinions, issued statements and advocated policy tending toward political Socialism in this country...contrary to our time-honored principles of free enterprise and representative democracy." The resolution continued that the expressions of the Federal Council Commissioners were "totally at variance with the beliefs of our people. We therefore vigorously dissent and completely disassociated ourselves from any such deliverance or action of the Federal Council." (100-50869-A, SECTION 3)

### III. AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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The American Council of Christian Churches, according to a news item in the Atlanta Constitution of May 7, 1948, claims 2,000,000 members from 15 Protestant denominations and 6000 churches. This group represents an organization which sprang from the Federal Council of Churches in 1941. In the news item W. O. H. Garman of New York City strongly attacked the Federal Council by describing it as "anti-American" and "near Communistic." He charged that the Federal Council hamstrung the nation's attempt at preparedness before World War II and "continues to oppose military preparedness." Garman stated "Not one word of censure of the Russian aggressor is ever heard coming from the Federal Council." (100-50869-A SECTION 2)

Garman on other occasions has attacked the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America as reflected by a news item in the Los Angeles, California, Times dated May 7, 1947, in which Garman called for a thorough investigation of the Federal Council and its leaders by the House Un-American Activities Committee. The news item described Garman as the Pastor of the Callendar Memorial Church at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. He specifically commented on the National Conference on the Church and Economic Life conducted at Pittsburgh by Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, past president of the Federal Council. Garman described the Conference as one of the "most subtle, insidious, satanic attacks ever made on our economy, the American way of life and certain aspects of our faith." Garman commented "the Federal Council always has been pacifistic, in the worst sense of that term. It opposes war, defensive and offensive, and all attempts on the part of America to arm properly..." (100-50869-A SECTION 2)

The Associated Press in a news item datelined in New York City on October 25, 1948, stated that the American Council of Christian Churches disputed a statement of proposed American policy toward Russia offered by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America declaring it was "contrary to the basic principles of the Christian faith. The Council of Christian Churches said that the Federal Council's "formula of tolerance" which was proposed as a means of continuing peace with the Soviet Union "does not represent the position of the historic Christian faith." The news item specifically quoted a portion of the Federal Council's statement; namely, "Communism as an economic program for social reconstruction has points of contact with the social message of Christianity." The American Council of Christian Churches said in its statement that they denied this; that the Ten Commandments formed the basis of our social, political and economic order in a free society. (100-50869-84)

The statement on Soviet-American relations was released by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America after it had been submitted to the Council's Commission on a Just and Durable Peace which was headed by John Foster Dulles.

(100-50869-84)

IV. "THE ROAD AHEAD" BY JOHN T. FLYNN

In Chapter Ten of his book Flynn states that many of the men in charge of directing the affairs of the Federal Council are using its machinery to promote the interests of a Socialist revolution in America. He claimed that the policy committee of the Council is headed by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam who has lent his name to a number of Communist Front organizations. Flynn states that the Federal Council took the lead in uniting a large group of churches in Europe, Asia and Africa and that as a result an organization came into being at Amsterdam in August of 1948 known as the World Council of Churches. (100-340 SIC-13 PAGES 15 AND 16)

V. WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

According to a letter issued by the International Council of Christian Churches on February 23, 1951, the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches meeting at Bievres, near Paris, on February 1, 1951, adopted a letter to all the churches in which they quote the thesis of the Communist Manifesto of 1848, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need." The Committee said that the statement had "its root in the teachings of Jesus." The attached copy of the Christian Beacon for February 22, 1951, presents the full text of the Committee's letter on page two and sets forth on pages four and five photographic reproductions from current religious literature in the United States in which the same thesis is offered and approved.

It is of further interest to note that this issue of the Christian Beacon on page one carries an item alleging that Alger Hiss headed an important committee of the Federal Council of Churches in 1948.

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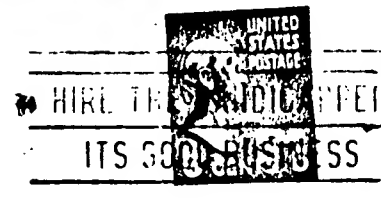
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My dear Senator:

The attack on our private enterprise system continues with increased tempo in the church.

The World Council of Churches, at Amsterdam, in 1948, claiming to speak for eight out of ten Christians on the face of the earth declared that the private enterprise system "had proved false" and urged the seeking of "new creative solutions."

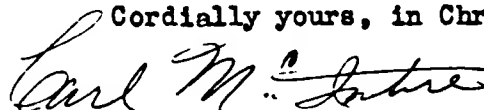
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The enclosed paper presents the full text of this letter on page 2, together with photographic reproductions from current religious literature in the United States in which the same thesis is offered and approved. This propaganda concerns our national welfare.

The International Council of Christian Churches was formed in 1948, held its Second Plenary Congress in Geneva, Switzerland last August, and one of its purposes is to join this issue and to oppose offering the "kingdom of God" as a social order or as socialism.

You have our earnest prayers for these strenuous days. There can be, in our opinion, no compromises whatsoever with the socialist system without great disaster coming to our land and the whole world.

Cordially yours, in Christ



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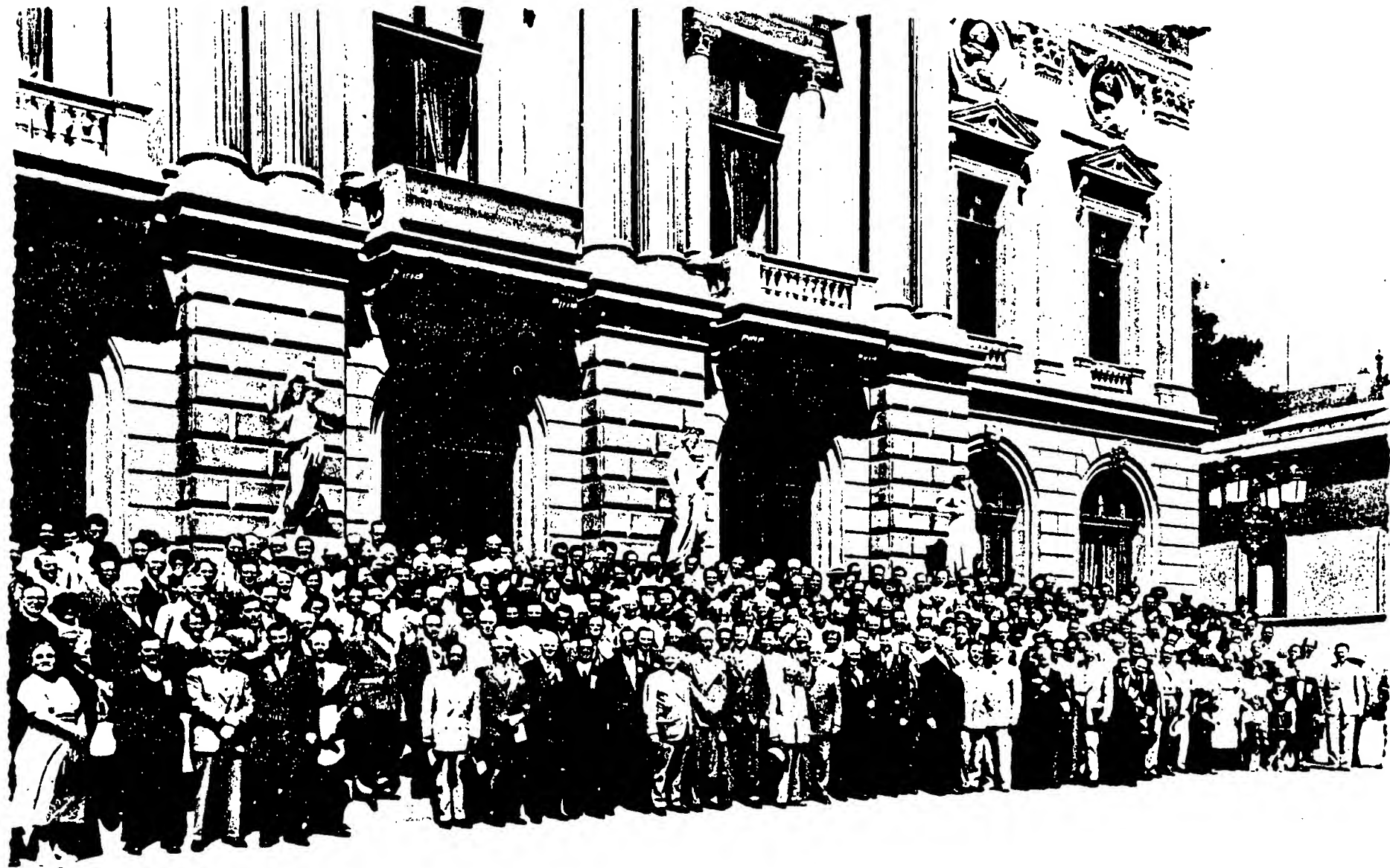
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Second Plenary Congress, International Council of Christian Churches  
Geneva, Switzerland, August 16-23, 1950

J. Edgar Hoover.

The following article is quoted from the daily newspaper, "THE TELEGRAPH FORUM", of Wednesday, May 24, 1950, Bucyrus, Ohio:

OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

EDITOR'S NOTE: In view of the controversy regarding the activities and motives of the Federal Council of Churches, The Telegraph-Forum is publishing what we believe to be a comprehensive and detailed report on the subject compiled by Pearson L. Linn.

Below is Mr. ~~Pearson L. Linn's~~ letter addressed to the Federal Council of Church members, as it appeared in the above mentioned paper.

"Recently I was doing some research on a subject which I had presumed was unrelated to the controversy between the Federal Council of Churches and their critics. However, before I knew it certain information revealed to me caused me to pass up my original research and to start an investigation of my own about the controversy between the Federal Council of Churches and their critics. I decided it was about time that I knew for myself about this Federal Council of Churches which claimed to speak for me and the other 27,000,000 protestants which it claims to represent. I wanted to know whether this Federal Council was using my money, my membership, and thus my name as I would want them to be used."

Since the Social Action Committee of the Bucyrus Ministerial Association has made the rather serious charge that John T. Flynn in his book "The Road Ahead" had twisted statements made by Dr. Stanley Jones in such a way as to present a totally different view from the well-known Christ-centered theology of Dr. Jones, I decided to begin with the ministers' charge against Mr. Flynn.

What are the facts, according to my findings? They follow.

Unfortunately, the ministers do not seem to know or understand what Dr. Jones writes and believes; yet like the blind trying to lead the blind — they defend him. On the other hand, John Flynn, whom the ministers attempt to discredit, understands fully the writings of Dr. Jones.

The thing which the ministers fail to grasp but of which Mr. Flynn is able to perceive because of his superior knowledge of the subject, is that Dr. Jones' whole premise centers on the words 'the co-operative man' — "The world co-operative man."

Obviously, the local ministers are thinking of the term 'co-operative' in the usual ordinary sense. For the reason that the ministers' knowledge of the subject about which they are attempting to explain is, to say the most, very shallow and inadequate, they jump to the wholly false conclusion that Mr. Flynn is guilty of a deliberate perversion of Dr. Jones' writings; whereas nothing could be further from the truth. While Mr. Flynn knows, the local ministers merely think they know wherefore Dr. Jones speaks. Let me prove the point.

In his book 'Victorious Living' (1936), Dr. Jones, after charging that the 'competitive order' is the central cause of sin, he says:

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"If the very center of life could be changed from competition to co-operation, then war would drop off like a dead leaf. But war is almost inevitable in a world based on competition.

"Selfish competition makes men sin the chief of collective sins - war. I therefore want a co-operative world."

On page 170 of this same book, Dr. Jones really gets down to business and in speaking about the competitive order (and do not forget that we do have "the competitive order") and its effect on "low wages and unemployment" says:

"In a competitive order it seems necessary and inevitable, but in a co-operative order it would not be. I therefore stand for a co-operative order, and will give what strength and influence I have to bring it into being - these hot tears that unbidden fall upon the paper as I write being witness."

Is Dr. Jones here writing about the kind of co-operation that the local ministers have in mind? I'm afraid not. Dr. Jones is talking about a "co-operative order" or a co-operative system as a replacement of our present "competitive order". He pledges his whole being to this change in social and economic systems, - and then he seals his vow with his own "hot tears." There is no question about it, you have it from himself, Dr. E. Stanley Jones; and as the date of issue of his book indicates his love and affection for the "co-operative man" - the "co-operative world" - the "co-operative order" is of long standing. Emphatically by his own words does he state his determination to use his whole effort and strength to the task of bringing this "co-operative order" or co-operative system into being.

In view of the facts - facts from Dr. Jones himself - I am amazed, shocked at the local ministers attempt to discredit Mr. John Flynn and the wonderful service he has done through his book "The Road Ahead" with the inference that he deliberately twisted the facts. Presumably the Ministerial group made this error either through almost total ignorance of the subject or through propaganda sent to them from the Federal Council of Churches, itself. To have attempted to discredit Mr. Flynn knowingly with the full knowledge that Dr. Jones advocates the "co-operative order" or the co-operative system would earn for them a charge much worse than a charge of simple ignorance. I do not make a charge of that kind - - I don't want to - - because I want to respect Protestantism and its leaders. I do hope the leaders of Protestantism will allow me room enough to continue that policy.

Indeed, as I shall point out later on by using the Federal Council of Churches leaders own words, the term "co-operative" is not used by the Federal Council Leaders in the simple, ordinary and usual way.

For the information of the Bucyrus Ministerial Ass'n, let me say that I, too, have had some correspondence with the Federal Council of Churches recently; and I, too, found out some things. I found out for one thing that some one besides myself from the Bucyrus vicinity had been in contact with the Federal Council. Of course that does not prove a thing, but in connection with the local ministers' statement to the Telegraph-Forum it does raise the question "How did they come into possession of the alleged data concerning Rev. Carl McIntire, who not only heads the only Protestant group in competition with "Federal Councilism" but also wrote

the book "The Rise of the Tyrant"? One would not expect their group to have this kind of alleged knowledge; unless, of course, they came by it through an organization such as the Federal Council of Churches. If I may be a little "pointed", let me ask -- "Does anything that the Bucyrus ministers may -- or may not have -- "on" the Rev. Carl McIntire have anything to do with the facts or are they trying to create a diversionary effort in order to get the Federal Council of Churches out of focus?" Let me remind them that -- Jesus Christ was crucified, but it did not prove that He was wrong, or that He did not have a mission to fulfill. Let us keep our eye on the ball.

Naturally, the question arises -- "What was I, Pearson Linn, writing to the Federal Council of Churches about?" I will tell you.

On February 22, 1950, I appeared before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means. I testified there on that day that the co-operatives were using the income tax system to change not only the American but the whole world economic system, that is, from "competitive private enterprise" to a "co-operative system" or what Dr. E. Stanley Jones chooses to call "a co-operative order" -- "a world co-operative order." On February 24th, Radio Station WRFD which is owned and operated by the Ohio Farm Bureau co-operative organizations as well as being a propaganda organ of a branch of the world effort seeking a "co-operative system" or "co-operative order," broadcast that my statement carried very little weight with the committee because it was so extreme. Obviously the inference was that my statement had been attacked before the House Committee on the day previous by the agents of the "co-operative order" on the grounds of being ridiculous. So far so good. However, at this late date perhaps Radio Station WRFD ("co-operative world" organ) might be interested to learn that the February 20th Cleveland Plain Dealer was telling all about Jerry Voorhis, executive secretary of the Co-operative League (American agent for the world co-op "movement" or "order") who testified against my statement on February 23rd, being in Detroit over the weekend of Sunday, February 19th, in attendance as a delegate to the Federal Council of Churches sponsored Detroit meeting which endorsed among other things in addition to union labels for church publications, such things as:

"We cannot . . . talk realistically in terms of restoring an unregulated, competitive price system in America."

"We recognize that the extensive use of taxation to reduce inequalities (of income) that now exist is a desirable procedure from an economic and Christian perspective."

Under these circumstances it does seem that it was entirely within the realm of possibility that this spokesman for the "co-operative system" or the "co-operative order" might have been found to have sponsored or endorsed something in Detroit that was at least similar, -- if not identical, to that which he or other representatives from the "co-operative world" were ridiculing several days later before the House Committee. I simply wanted to establish the facts. I aimed to do this through the Federal Council's president, Bishop John S. Stamm, who happens to be a Bishop in my own church. How far did I get? I shall relate it here because it shows how the Federal Council operates and who runs it.

Did Bishop Stamm, to whom my letter was addressed, answer my letter? No. It was intercepted (they used the words "referred to") by a man named Cameron P. Hall. At this point it may be proper that we dismiss Bishop Stamm. His name at the top of the Federal Council, it seems, merely lends the prestige

of his name and the power of all the members of my church to the people who really run the Federal Council of Churches. A little later on I shall reveal who have entrenched themselves in key Federal Council positions, with whom they are connected and for what they stand.

Now, - "Who is this Cameron P. Hall who answered my letter to Bishop Stamm?"

Cameron P. Hall is the executive - secretary of the department of church and economic life of the Federal Council of Churches, the man who perhaps speaks with more influence as a representative of the Federal Council than any one else. What more is there to know about Cameron P. Hall? For your information Cameron P. Hall wrote to the Senate Interstate & Foreign Commerce Committee recommending the appointment of John Carson (Co-op League John Carson) to the powerful and important Federal Trade Commission. John Carson was long connected with the Co-operative League as one of its' chief propagandists. This Co-operative League is the American branch of the International Co-operative Alliance which hopes to set up an "International Co-operative Commonwealth". This is to be done by destroying "the present competitive regime of private enterprise" and replacing it with a "co-operative system" or a "co-operative order" for which Dr. Jones so urgently seeks. Cameron P. Hall made this recommendation to the Senate Committee on Federal Council of Churches stationery and in this manner lent the prestige of the political power of the Federal Council's 27,000,000 members to John Carson that he might get an important key position to regulate "competitive private enterprise" which his previous employer had international commitments to exterminate and supercede with a "co-operative system" or "co-operative order".

Cameron P. Hall, in his letter to the Senate Committee recommending John Carson, recommended Mr. Carson on the grounds that "his experience and outlook would admirably serve the people of this country as a member of the Federal Trade Commission." Now, - what was John Carson's outlook? Was it his statement that - "that world, the world of competitive profit capitalism, began to have its death rattles in 1929, and it has been in convulsions ever since," or was it because of his statement " \* \* \* we must then create a society wholly contrary to our present capitalistic conceptions - what is that society - it is a family society or a 'nonprofit' society"? Was not Mr. Carson's love and affection for a "nonprofit society" or a co-operative order the reason for Mr. Hall lending the prestige of 27,000,000 unsuspecting protestant church members? How gullible are we?

Let us bore in. Who besides Cameron P. Hall from the Federal Council of Churches testified in behalf of John Carson? The Congressional Record informs that Rev. James Myers, emeritus executive secretary of the Federal Council and long time Industrial Secretary recommended the appointment. This is the same Rev. James Myers who is well known for his advocacy of total co-operation as an end in itself.

And Benson Y. Landis, executive secretary of the Committee on Town and Country of the Federal Council of Churches as well as a well-known long time supporter and advocate of the co-operative movement which seeks the "co-operative order" as the title of his book "A Co-operative Economy" indicates.

And Rev. Nelson Cruikshank, director of social-insurance activities for the American Federation of Labor, and member of the Federal Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life, who said in his testimony in behalf

of John Carson that he found that he and Carson found themselves "interested in the same things".

And Jerry Voorhis, member of the Federal Council of Churches' Department of the Church and Economic Life as well as executive secretary of the Co-operative League of the USA which is the American member and agent of the International Cooperative Alliance whose Constitution says in no uncertain terms that it "\*\*\*seeks . . . to substitute for the present competitive regime of private enterprise a co-operative system . . .".

And so it is, that we find Cameron P. Hall, and Rev. James Myers, and Dr. Benson Y. Landis, and Rev. Nelson Cruikshank and Jerry Voorhis - all important "big-wigs" in the Federal Council of Churches - - seeking appointment to a position which could mean life or death to "competitive private enterprise" for a man who had declared as late as 1945 that "the world of competitive profit capitalism" has been dying since 1929, and a man who had said also as late as 1945 that we must " - create a society wholly contrary to our present capitalistic conceptions".

It can, therefore, be said that these prominent persons in the Federal Council of Churches certainly "go to bat" for one of the brethren from the "co-operative world" when he seeks to regulate the "competitive order" which so many of them indicate by their writings that they despise. On the face of the record - - the Congressional Record - - it can be further said that at least some of these Federal Council of Churches leaders do not hesitate to use the offices, the supplies, the prestige and the political power of the Federal Council's 27,000,000 members to get one of their friends into a key position from which he can and will regulate the "competitive private enterprises" of the Federal Council of Churches' 27,000,000 members. This is indeed an odd situation but it's in the record - - the Congressional Record - - for all to see.

Let us go still deeper into the Federal Council of Churches structure to see what makes it tick. Let us consider the Federal Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life from which much of this "co-operative order" or "co-operative system" stuff stems. Who are some of the people who make up the Department and what do they believe? Surely if there were just one of these leaders or believers or spokesmen for the co-operative "movement" or "co-operative order", or "co-operative system" in this key group it would be sufficient if it were a comparatively representative body; but what do we find?

We find not only Cameron P. Hall, Nelson Cruikshank and Jerry Voorhis who I shall again refer to later, but also a great number of others. In addition to these, there is Mr. E. R. Bowen, former executive secretary of the Co-operative League which is the American member, spokesman and agent for the International Cooperative Alliance, which in turn not only wants to co-operatize the world, but also has according to latest official data available most of its members from behind Communistic "iron curtain".

And John H. Davis, executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

And Carl R. Hutchinson, long time Educational Director of the Ohio Farm Bureau cooperative organizations, which organizations furnish the Cooperative

League with its President and the International Cooperative Alliance with its Vice President, namely ~~Murray D. Lincoln~~. At least as early as 1941 the Ohio Farm Bureau announced that its economic program was the co-operative ownership and control from retail to production.

And ~~Raymond W. Miller~~, former head of the ~~American Institute of Co-operation~~. It was ~~Mr. Miller's American Institute of Cooperation~~ which collected the data which enabled the September Ohio Farm Bureau news to report that in one big co-op ~~Only~~ 21 percent of the men members knew how membership was obtained" and "only three percent knew how the board of directors of the central organization was elected,". No doubt but that the same thing could be said about the 27,000,000 members of the Federal Council of Churches.

And ~~Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam~~, former president of the Federal Council of Churches who is well-known for his writings expressing favoritism of a co-operative order over a competitive order, and who according to an Associated Press release from Columbus, Ohio on November 21, 1946, said to the Ohio Farm Bureau's annual meeting that, and the AP release follows in part:

"Power must be brought under democratic control", declared the bishop, who is president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ. 'Justice must be established by democratic process'. 'The first of these steps,' he said, 'will involve fundamental revisions in our concepts of sovereignty. The second will involve similar revisions in our concept of property.'

Do the members of the clergy think that Bishop Oxnam in talking to this Ohio branch of the International Cooperative Alliance was talking about keeping what we have? Let us not be silly.

And ~~Dr. John C. Bennett~~, professor Union Theological Seminary, who John Flynn reports in his book "The Road Ahead" that he writes in his ('Bennett's') book "Christianity and Communism" that "Christianity has no stake in the survival of capitalism".

And ~~Jerry Voorhis~~, present Executive Secretary of the Co-operative League of the U S A which sells a book advancing the "co-operative democracy" or co-operative order as the Co-operative Bible. This "Co-op Bible" speaks disrespectfully and even contemptuously of our competitive private enterprise system and our form of constitutional or parliamentary government. This "Co-op Bible" would abolish the Supreme Court, the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. In their places it would put new co-operative creations which would be manned by the representatives from the Co-operative League, the cooperatives affiliated with the Co-operative League, the American Federation of Labor, the CIO, producer cooperatives and similar associations of all kinds. This "Co-op Bible" which the Cooperative League says "is a 'must' for every cooperative library shelf" concludes its outline of the National Bodies which already exist "which might take the place of the political government" by saying that "In the course of time, it may be possible the relic of the political state would remain as the Bureau of Extrasocial Affairs, having to do largely with the vagrant nonco-operative souls who do not fit into the co-operative society".

"I trust", then says this Co-op Bible, "that existing governments take no offence at this prophecy of their fate. The consolation is offered that worse things than this happen to governments." The author of this "Co-op Bible" is

Jerry Voorhis' own Cooperative League's first president, chief founding father, present board member and highly honored retired president. The official title of this "Co-op Bible" is "Cooperative Democracy" which is the name of the co-operative order which it seeks to establish. It is written by Dr. James P. Warbasse who became interested in the co-operative movement "during his student days in Germany." In the "Co-operative Builder", February 26, 1948, this author of the "Co-op Bible" wrote an article upon request of one of the Co-operative League's affiliated members. In this article, Dr. Warbasse, who the Co-op League claims as the movement's most eloquent philosopher and spokesman", wrote:

### "STRUGGLE WITH DEATH"

The cooperative movement in the United States has now reached a point of development at which it must not only meet the competition of an efficient profit business but its hostility also. The highest degree of efficiency possible must now be practiced by the cooperatives if they are to meet the challenge of the coming struggle.

This struggle will be desperate because the naturally healthy but comparatively small cooperative way of business will come in conflict with a form of business made violent by the fact that it finds itself in a struggle with death itself. The fight for life is the most desperate fight of all. It stops at nothing. This expiring domination of a business system represents the demise of the most colossal giant society has ever produced. It will not be a pleasant adversary in its death throes."

Is this the kind of "co-operation" that members of the clergy and others have in mind when they speak of "co-operation"? I would suggest that the American clergy, as from the altar they look down into the faces of the "competitive, private enterprisers", would take just one more look before they tied the future to the tail of the cooperative or collective kite.

In addition to these members of the Federal Council of Churches' Department of the Church and Economic Life who seem to indicate either by their employment or by their writings, etc., that they are dedicated to the task of bringing about a "cooperative democracy" -- a "cooperative system" -- a "cooperative order" a "cooperative society" to replace our present competitive order, there are a number of other people on this all-important Federal Council Department who would become "important people" under the multi-form democracy as outlined in the "Co-op Bible". These are ~~George M. Harrison~~, president of the ~~Brotherhood of Railway & Steamship Clerks, AFL~~; ~~Walter Reuther~~, president of the ~~CIO~~; ~~Ashley L. Totten~~, International Secretary of the ~~Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL~~; ~~A. Whitehouse~~, District Director of the ~~United Steel Workers, CIO~~. It is not the purpose of the writer to infer that these labor leaders seek the type of society outlined in the "Co-op Bible". The writer merely wishes to point out the fact that they or their successors would fill important positions in government in a form of government such as the "Co-op Bible" presents. However, the fact cannot be overlooked that it was these men or the organizations they represent that were almost wholly responsible for the effort which was supposed to put the President of the Co-operative League and the Vice-president of the International Co-operative Alliance, namely, Murray D. Lincoln, in the United States Senate in 1950. Let us not forget this fact.

From an economic viewpoint - is this a representative group from the American Protestant Churches? Of course this is not all of the members of the Department of the Church and Economic Life of the Federal Council of Churches. As a matter of fact there may be still more of the Department's members who in one manner or the other show a preference for the "co-operative order" or system. The question remains - "Would the reader say that the above group was anyways near a representative group from the economic viewpoint of the American Protestant Church"? What would the reader expect a group "packed", as obviously this group is, to do when it came face to face with an issue which would advance the "co-operative order" - the "co-operative system", - the "co-operative society"? It's in the record for all to see. Suppose we look at it.

Sometime ago the International Cooperative Alliance, which as has been pointed out before wants to destroy the present regime of competitive private enterprise and establish "a cooperative system", placed before the United Nations as a means of developing the world's underdeveloped areas a seven-point program for cooperative development even unto eventual cooperative "ownership and operation of farm-supply and farm-equipment factories".

Does the Federal Council group advance a similar proposal? It does! As might be expected the "co-operative packed" Department of the Church and Economic Life of the Federal Council of Churches came through in good style and "on time" at its recent February 16, 19, 1950 Detroit meeting. By "on time" it is meant that the Federal Council group passed its proposal in time to cause the United States Congress to feel the political pressure of the Federal Council's 27,000,000 members. The Federal Council's proposal which was guided through by the Federal Council's "co-operative packed" Department of the Church and Economic Life reads:

"In implementing the Point 4 program, it is vital that we demonstrate by both words and deeds that our interest in the well-being of the peoples of <sup>under</sup>developed nations, while related to our own well-being, is free from any desire to exploit or oppress them or to seek any special privileges. To this end technical assistance should be given to the people of under-developed countries in developing credit unions, agricultural and other cooperatives, and other types of economic organizations which lend themselves to ownership by the people themselves in underdeveloped areas."

It is no secret that the Federal Government of the United States will have to provide the funds which are to be used to develop "a co-operative order" in the world's underdeveloped areas which the Federal Council's "cooperative packed" Department seeks to "cooperatize." The simple fact is that no funds for any purpose can be, to any great extent, obtained or advanced by the world's nations which have already been "socialized" or "cooperatized". It is indeed the United States Federal Government which will have to furnish the funds for this "world cooperatizing" proposal; and it is known beforehand that U. S. Federal Government funds are obtained for the most part from federal income or profits taxes. Since the co-operatives (pay little or no income tax) while competitive private enterprise does; it is self-evident that competitive private enterprise will be taxed to finance this development of the International "co-operative order" which the "co-operative packed" Federal Council group seeks to develop. Thus it can be seen that in this smooth and innocent appearing maneuver by the International Co-operative Alliance with Federal Council support, our competitive

private enterprise system is subjected to a "two-pronged" attack; namely, (1) the "cooperative order" is extended, and (2) the resources of competitive private enterprise are dissipated through taxation in order to bring the "co-operative order" into being. It is simply a case of spending and taxing ourselves out of the "competitive order" and over into the "cooperative order."

In reference to a situation such as this, the "Co-op Bible" says:

"This is a way by which the great industries of a country may be co-operatized. The technical experts are left in their positions. The control and ownership pass to the people who consume the product or use the service."

Indeed, it is the way by which the whole world is being "co-operatized."

It is particularly interesting to note that while the past exec. secretary, the present executive secretary and a close associate of the president of the Co-operative League were in this key Federal Council group which advanced this proposal to put the "squeeze" on the "competitive order" so as to advance the "co-operative order"; it was the treasurer of the Co-operative league who "carried the ball" for the International Co-operative Alliance's similar proposal before the United Nations group. It seems that the Co-operative League was in "on all the plays" and all that remains for the exploitation of the American people and their "competitive order" to begin is the appropriation of the American funds by the United States Congress.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones has said that "I therefore stand for a cooperative order, and will give what strength and influence I have to bring it into being--these hot tears that unbidden fall upon the paper as I write being witness". Variations of Dr. Jones' beliefs and objectives have, as you have seen, been expressed either by themselves or the organizations which they represent by many another high Federal Council of Churches spokesman; thus the question arises--"What is the World Co-op System?"

The "co-operative order" or "co-operative system" is not a little matter of a couple of farmers getting together to exchange a little work. Far, far from it, as Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, Chairman of the Committee on Church and Co-operatives of the Federal Council of Churches, and believe it or not, Chairman of the Tour Committee of the Co-operative League of USA, explains in his book "Peace through Co-operation". Dr. Carpenter very definitely explains that:

"The word, co-operate, is highly elastic. It is used in a variety of senses", he tell us, "some of which are nearly polar to the use I have in mind. Hence I must labor further to make my own meaning, which I believe to be the true meaning, clear."

After dismissing the ordinary uses of the word "co-operatives", he declares:

"We must be specific, not vague and general. To my mind, we can only find peace through co-operatives ..... Capitalism, as we have known it, is irreconcilable with an organized society motivated by the spirit of love. We cannot co-operate under a competitive and monopolistic capitalism. And we cannot want peace unless we intend to co-operate. Thus by short steps we are face to face with the system of co-operatives."

Dr. Carpenter is definite--and he is not only a high Federal Council of Churches official but also an important person in the Co-operative Alliance which is seeking through its membership with the International Cooperative Alliance to bring into being "a system of cooperatives" about which he speaks. A "co-operative order" or a "co-operative system" is not one, or two, or twenty co-operatives but a "system of co-operatives."

The International organ of this "system of co-operatives" is the International Co-operative Alliance as has been stated before. Its vice-president is Murray D. Lincoln of the Ohio Farm Bureau organizations who while speaking as vice president of the International Co-op at February, 1947, meeting sponsored by the Association for the United Nations said that it "represents 85 million co-operative citizens in 37 nations." In reference to these "85 million co-operative citizens" from "the co-operative world," Mr. Lincoln said further that:

"Nine million in Great Britain--37 million in Russia--two and a half million in France--five million in the United States--twelve million in China--In Poland, Sweden, Holland," etc.

As can be seen, this International Cooperative Alliance has the larger part of its members from behind the Russian "iron curtain." The thing that stands out, of course, is the fact that the All-Russian Central Union of Consumers' Cooperatives, otherwise known as the "Centrosoyus," is by far the International Co-op's largest member. Moreover, Beatrice and Sidney Webb, two English co-operators, in their book "The Truth About Soviet Russia" say that the International Cooperative Alliance has always--that is "from the first to last accepted representatives of the Central Board of the Centrosoyus with its thirty-seven million members."

In spite of the fact that the International Cooperative Alliance has thus shown this comparatively unusual attachment to the Russian cooperative "Centrosoyus," and in spite of the fact that a very high percentage of its present membership reside now in Russia, co-operative leaders in the United States run up and down the country-side loudly proclaiming that their co-operatives are the best "bulwark" against Communism. What do you think?

But that's not all. For some reason these co-operative leaders never bring up the fact at all that in 1933 when Communism was well entrenched and thoroughly in the saddle in Russia that, according to their own figures, of the International Cooperative Alliance's 107,000,000 members, 73,000,000 were from the Russian co-operative itself. In 1933 these 73,000,000 Russian co-operative members represented practically the entire Russian adult population, and yet--Russia was up to her neck in Communism. Russia had a "system of cooperatives; indeed she did--she was thoroughly "cooperatized" --and she had communism too. That fact, standing alone, ought to be convincing enough--even to a fool.

Actually what was--and still is--mistakenly considered by Americans as communism in Russia was, and is, nothing more or less than a "system of co-operatives" or a "cooperative system". This assertion is borne out not only by the International Cooperative Alliance's own figures which reveal that Russia was totally a "co-operative order" in 1933, but also by the very Constitution of Soviet Russia itself. The word "communism" is at no place used in the Russian Constitution. The structure of the Russian society can largely be summarized by presenting here Articles 4 and 5 of the Russian Constitution, which read:

#### Article 4

"The socialist system of economy and the socialist ownership of the means and instruments of production firmly established as a result of the abolition of the capitalist system of economy, the abrogation of private ownership of the means and instruments of production and the abolition of the exploitation of man, constitute the economic foundation of the U.S.S.R."

Is that not plain enough of "how it was done"?

#### Article 5.

"Socialist property in the U.S.S.R. exists either in the form of state property (the possession of the whole people), or in the form of co-operative and collective-farm property (property of a collective farm or property of a cooperative association)."

And is that not plain enough? There is no "competitive order"--no competitive private enterprise--No--None--in Russia. All property--all the "means and instruments of production" are either co-operatively owned by all the people through the state or by part of the people through their co-operatives for collective farming or co-operative associations. Ownership under this cooperative order means no more than would a share of stock in our county courthouse. A share of stock in this system of co-operatives, at the very most, is no more than a ration card permitting the owner to eke out a bare existence in the collective or co-operative order. It means no more simply because it is impossible for it to mean any more.

Let us turn our attention to Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries. These are the countries to which American "co-operative order" enthusiasts are directed by the Tour Committee of the Co-operative League which is chaired by the Chairman of the Federal Council of Churches Committee on Church and Co-operatives, Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, who in turn says as far as he is concerned co-operatives mean a system of co-operatives".

Let us consider Great Britain. Great Britain is now well on the road to the co-operative or collective order. Recently she had an election, but she did not turn back she only took her foot off the gas. It may come as somewhat of a surprise for Americans to learn that the present socialist English government is the product of a coalition of effort by the Co-operative and Labor Parties. As a matter of fact the 1946 Encyclopedia Britannica Year Book reports that:

"Among the new peerages conferred by the Labour government in order to strengthen its representation in the house of lords were those conferred on R. A. Palmer, general secretary of the Cooperative Union, and president of the International Co-operative Alliance, and on R. C. Morrison, Co-operative and Labour M. P. for Tottenham and a leading authority on the utilization of waste products."

This statement from the Encyclopedia Britannica, standing alone, ought to be enough for the clergy and others to see where the "system of co-operatives" is leading us. But that's not all--this report on the "Co-operative Movement" as it appears in the Encyclopedia Britannica Year Book was written by G. D. H. Cole and his wife Margaret, who John T. Flynn quoted in his book "The Road Ahead". If the clergy prefer not to believe Mr. Flynn because he is of a different faith; are they prepared to believe Mr. and Mrs. Cole who admit in the preface of their book "A Guide to Modern Politics" that they are "international Socialists."

"That is to say", continue the Cole's in describing themselves, "they believe that present-day economic conditions are demanding an internationally-planned Society, in which competition as we now understand it, and the exploitation of communities or sections of communities for the benefit of others, will eventually cease. In this belief they are at one with the bulk of the members of Socialist and Communist societies throughout the world."

This sounds good doesn't it? I invite all--including the clergy--to eliminate the words "Socialist" and "Communist" from the above statement by these two admitted "international Socialists" and then compare it with some of the statements coming from the Federal Council of Churches and its leaders.

If the clergy will not believe Mr. Flynn because he is of a different faith, will they believe Mr. and Mrs. Cole when they say:

"But let us not forget that the soil of Russia has been handed over for the most part not to State farming organizations, but to the peasant 'collectives' based upon the idea of group-management by the peasants themselves. 'Socialized' agriculture in Russia is not State but co-operative agriculture; it substitutes for the individual peasant not the State but predominately the peasant group."

Is this the kind of "cooperation" that the local Ministerial group has in mind when it uses the term "the world co-operative man"?

How about the Scandinavian countries? Leaders from the "cooperative world" say this is the "middle way". It is. It is "middle way"--"middle way" to Socialism. For further details consult your daily newspaper--any daily newspaper. The advocates of a cooperative system used to tell about Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, too; but now they are neatly "tucked away" for all time behind the Russian "iron curtain". Suppose we let Walter Duranty, NANA correspondent, tell about it. Under a Moscow dateline of February 4, 1941 he wrote "BALTIC AREA SOVIETIZED EASILY". Why?

In giving the reasons for this, Mr. Duranty, wrote in part:

"One thing which counted much with the farmers whose 'cultural level' was high and whose cooperative systems were well developed was the report they had heard of the benefits which accrued to well-managed collectives and co-operatives in the U.S.S.R., and of profits being distributed instead of being melted by price manipulations."

Presumably, the Baltic area cooperative "price manipulations" had a similar effect as do cooperative "new enterprise manipulations" by the cooperative management in the United States in keeping the "benefits" out of reach of the members.

It is natural that the "management" in seeking to establish the world "co-operative order" should want, by various methods, to keep the "benefits" out of the reach of the co-operative members. The "benefits" thus accumulated by the "system of co-operatives" increasingly makes the "management" powerful overlords in the new "cooperative order." These gentlemen who seek the "co-operative order" from the Federal Council of Churches, which, as you have seen, might well be called "the religious annex to the International Co-operative Alliance," would logically become important people as "managers" or "administrators" of the "world co-operative man."

For example, Jerry Voorhis, from both the Co-operative League and the Federal Council of Churches, might well become due to his previous training the "dispenser" of propaganda; and Dr. J. Henry Carpenter who has not only represented the Federal Council of Churches on its Committee on Co-operatives but also headed the Tour Committee of the Co-operative League would be well qualified to take over the duties and act as "Chief Dispenser" for Travel and Recreation. Bishop Oxnam might well head up a department on "National Sovereignty and Property Rights," that is what would be left of either or both; and Walter Reuther could very logically act as "Dispenser" for needs of the laboring portion of the American segment of the "World cooperative man"; etc., etc. The lesser or "small fry," such as the top men in the

small or local units of the Trade and Farm Associations, Ministerial Associations, etc. could, and probably would, act as the petty dispensers" dispensing to the needs of the local portion of the "world co-operative man" according to the plans of the Chief Dispenser--"The International Dispenser" who would, of course, make the plans.

I trust the above gentlemen will take no offense at my attempt to illustratively take the "planned society," otherwise known as a "collective" or "co-operative order," to its logical end. I offer them the consolations that the book which Jerry Voorhis' Co-operative League has been selling as the "Co-op Bible" seems to quite adequately make provision for those, like myself, who want no part of the planned "cooperative society" in that part of the "cooperative scripture," which reads:

"In the course of time, it may be possible, the relic of the political state would remain as the Bureau of Extrasocial Affairs, having to do largely with the vagrant nonco-operative souls who do not fit into the co-operative society."

I further trust that the advocates of "a co-operative system" will take no offense at my efforts to spare future generations the fate of coming under the jurisdiction of "the Bureau of Extrasocial Affairs, having to do largely with the vagrant nonco-operative souls who do not fit into the cooperative society".

Let us return to the reasons which led Mr. Duranty to say "BALTIC AREA SOVIETIZED EASILY". Mr. Duranty says further:

"First--They took over a going concern and had only to substitute their own control for that of the former owners."

"Second--They found a considerable Russian-speaking population which already had progressed along the lines of collectivism and co-operation the U.S.S.R. is following."

Obviously, the Baltic was ripe--ripe from "collectivism and co-operation". It was simply a case of Russia picking ripe fruit.

Even if the Social Action Committee of the Bucyrus Ministerial Association does not know that Russia has "a cooperative order", it seems to me that Dr. E. Stanley Jones does. Otherwise there seems to be no reasonable explanation for him to be saying as the local Social Action Committee says he says "We will probably give to Russia the first commandment, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God,' And they will give to us the second, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself'". It is self-evident that Dr. Jones believes that Russia has the "cooperative order" which he seeks with his whole being--as a matter of fact it seems that Dr. Jones actually believes that Russia has everything except God. On the other hand it seems equally self-evident that Dr. Jones actually believes that we have nothing God-like but God. He proposes that we interchange and keep both.

But Dr. Jones is wrong--dangerously wrong. Dangerously wrong because of a simple economic fact--the inevitable fact that whoever controls a man's means of livelihood also controls that man. Under a "cooperative" or "collective order" the means of man's livelihood is not controlled by the man but by the "management" of the intimidated and coerced mass. This fact is inescapable, because Joe Stalin has proven it to be inescapable. Uncle Joe Stalin is the "management" of the Russian collective or cooperative order and when he tells the children to pray to God for candy there is no candy but when he tells them to pray to Joe Stalin there is candy.

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