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**SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

**HQ FILE: 100-50869**

**SECTION 5**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Mar 29-51

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Sir:- I would like some information  
on the Federal Council of Churches, Inc.,  
now known as the National Council of  
Churches. NATIONAL Council of Churches  
There seems to be some kind of ferment in  
many of our churches out here.

Are any of the leaders in this organization  
now members in any Communist  
organization, or a fellow traveler of  
same?

Can you give me any information  
concerning the following names  
and their affiliation with Communist  
or any other un-American organization?

W. Russell Bowie

George A. Gutthick

Winifred Chappell

Harry Emerson

E. Stanley Jones

Edward C. Lindbergh

Halford E. Lemcock

Francis J. McConnell

Reinhold Niebuhr

S. Bronley Oxman

Guy Emory Shipley

Ralph W. Sockman

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{ 9. American you for political  
action a Communist organization? }

Rev. Robert Lemmer of Indianapolis Ind is  
the National Chairman

Is the Methodist Federation for  
Social Service  
connected with Communist groups?

Is the Federal or National Council of  
Churches regarded as subversive?

How do you regard The Youth for  
Christ, organization?

I would like any information on  
this subject, you can give me,  
that I can make public.

Sincerely

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[Redacted signature block]

April 6, 1951

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter dated March 29, 1951, has been received.

With regard to your inquiries, I must advise that according to a 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 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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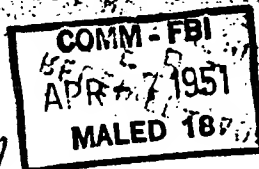
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Bureau files reflect no identifiable information concerning correspondent.

This is furnished for your information

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, San Antonio

DATE: March 28, 1951

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RESEARCH/

ReBulet 3-13-51.

Inquiry at [REDACTED] revealed that the [REDACTED]  
 is presently holding a revival meeting in West Texas and will not  
 return to [REDACTED] until about April 4 or 5, 1951.

An effort will be made to locate the [REDACTED] as soon as  
 possible after he returns to [REDACTED] and the Bureau will be  
 promptly advised concerning the interview with him.

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SAC, New York

April 9, 1951

Director, FBI

~~CHURCH STATISTICS~~

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated April 8, 1949.

It is requested that an Agent of your office contact the Federal Council of Churches, 297 - 4th Avenue, New York 10, New York, for the purpose of ascertaining the following information:

OF CHRIST IN AMERICA  
The total church membership in the United States. (This figure should include all denominations, sects, etc. It is not desired that it be broken down by denomination.)

The total number of children attending Sunday School in the United States.

Total church expenditures and total church contributions.

It is desired that the above data be the latest available. The information should be forwarded to the Bureau indicating the date represented in each instance and should also show the source of the information. The Agent making this contact should also ascertain if possible when similar, more up-to-date information will be available.

This matter should be expedited.

This data needed to bring up-to-date a speech material memorandum for Mr. Nichols.

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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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April 10, 1951

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

No 4-1  
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Dear Sir:

I have a very serious question that I would like you to help me out of. My question is: "Just how 'Red' or near-Communist is the Federal Council of Churches or now known as the National Council of Churches?"

We believe in the Old Time Religion and are Luther, but, the Church we go to belong to this Council. Now, we have been told that any Church that belongs to the Council is pro-  
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Our prayer is that you will answer this question for us to the best of your ability and we know the Lord will reward you for

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Yours truly, Christ

[Redacted]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated April 10, 1951, also signed by your wife, has been received and I very much 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.

Enclosed is some material I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Director's Statement before the Kefauver Committee

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April 16, 1951

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Throughout the past several years some of my ministerial friends have been leveling accusations at the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, with headquarters at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City. This organization until recently was called the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Among other things that are said regarding this organization is that it is "a communistic group", and that many of its leaders are branded by the F. B. I. as communists.

Naturally, I do not like to hear such things, especially about this organization. I would very greatly appreciate a communication from you telling me just how much truth there is or isn't in the accusations I have mentioned. My own tendency has been to support the organization and to try to counteract such remarks. If my position in this has been correct I would greatly appreciate your letting me know together with the privilege of using your reply to support my contentions. On the other hand, if these accusations are correct, I personally would like to know about it for I see nothing but extreme evil in the menace of communism.

Thanking you most sincerely for your helpful attention to this, I am

Sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]  
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April 26, 1951

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Dear [REDACTED]

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For your information the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and at no time has it "branded" any organization or individual as subversive.

I also want to advise that a long-standing policy established by this Bureau holds our files confidential and available for official use only. No inference should be drawn that we do, or do not, have data concerning the organization mentioned because of my inability to be of assistance.

Enclosed is some material I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Hoover's Ten Questions on FBI  
Unmasking Communist Masquerader  
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April 24, 1951

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

b7C I am the minister at the [redacted] in [redacted]. I am writing to you for a bit of information concerning one Captain Edgar Bundy, who claims to have had seven years service with the Intelligence Department of the United States Army, and who also claims to have documentary evidence against the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, taken from the F.B.I files in Washington.

~~EXPEDITE PROCESSING.~~

I heard this man speak before a large group of church people the other evening, and if the things that he claims to know are really true, our condition as a church in America today is truly appalling. He even dared to say that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States was responsible for the firing of Douglas MacArthur.

All I want to know is whether this man is what he claims to be, and whether or not his messages are reliable. Would you be so kind as to give me this information. If so, I will appreciate it very, very much. 100-50861-157

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Very sincerely yours, [Signature]

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P.S. Enclosed is an envelope for your reply.

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ONE NITE ONLY **HEAR** ONE NITE ONLY

# Capt. Edgar Bundy

MINISTER -- LECTURER  
WORLD TRAVELER  
SOLDIER -- JOURNALIST

FRIDAY NIGHT **April 20** 7:30 P. M.

IN THE  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

3rd and Lexington



Subject: -- "The Drive For A Totalitarian Church"

- He warned congress one year in advance of the Korean war.
- He wrote part of the defense plan for Alaska.
- Awarded China's highest aviation decoration by Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek.
- He has traveled on every continent.

**YOU OWE IT TO  
YOURSELF  
YOUR CHILDREN  
YOUR CHURCH  
YOUR CITY**

**TO HEAR THIS MAN**

SPONSORED BY

**Riverside Christian Church**  
Harlow Guiley, Pastor

**First Baptist Church**  
Hugh Hall, Pastor

RBC



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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated April 24, 1951, has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance to you in connection with your request for information I must advise that the files of this Bureau are 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 because of my inability to be of assistance.

I am enclosing some material which I thought you might like to have and am returning the stamped envelope you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosure

Threats of Red Subversion; US News and World Report  
Director's Statement 3-26-51; Secularism, Breeder of Crime  
" " 2-26-51; Statement before HUAC, 1947

CC - Indianapolis with copy of incoming  
ATTENTION SAC: Bufiles reflect that several inquiries have  
been received concerning Captain Edgar C. Bundy, result  
of his anti-communist lecture tour [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

April 30, 1951

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

Dear Sir:

As a group of church women we are deeply concerned over the reports we read concerning un-American activities in the National Council of Churches of Christ. We are informed that a number of the leaders in this organization are propagandizing for Socialism and that some of them belong to subversive organizations.

Will you favor us with information on this matter?

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is desirous of doing anything in its power to fight against all that is contrary to our American way of life and to labor for that which pertains to righteousness.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated April 30, 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 files of the FBI are confidential and available for official use only.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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b7C [REDACTED]  
May 22, 1951.

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

Dear Sir;

b7C I am a member of the [REDACTED] member of the Board of Deacons and treasurer of the Church. Our Church was organized Sept. 12, 1835 and is one of the oldest churches in this part of the state. We belong to the West Virginia Baptist Convention which is a member of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Mr Hoover, we are wanting to know if the statements found in the inclosed folder are true or not. Has the Federal Council Of Churches ever been investigated by our government and if so were any of its leaders found to be communist or have given their assistance in helping to spread communism in our country.

Our Church desires this information so that if the Federal Council is in any way connected with communism we will at once cease to give it our support.

Sincerely Yours;  
b7C [REDACTED]

P. S.

Can you give us any information about the ~~Phelps Stokes~~ Fund if it is subversive and communist.

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# **HOW RED IS THE NATIONAL 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.



**READ THE FACTS INSIDE AND  
DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS**



May 28, 1951

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 28, 1951, has been received, together with the enclosure you forwarded.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, it will not be possible to furnish information concerning the organization which you mentioned because information in our files is strictly confidential and available for official use only.

It is a pleasure, however, to enclose some material available for distribution which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

Unmasking the Communist Masquerader  
The Underground Tactics of the Communists  
U. S. News and World Report

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 6/13/51

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : *[Signature]* Attention: Statistical Section  
 SAC, New York  
 SUBJECT: *X* CHURCH STATISTICS

Reurlet 4/9/51.

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DR. BENSON Y. LANDES, Director of the Department of Research of Education of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, 279 Fourth Avenue, New York City, advised as follows:

1. The grand total of membership in all religious bodies in the United States was 81,862,329 in 1949, the source of which is the "Christian Herald".

2. Concerning the total number of children attending Sunday Schools, the latest information for 1949 as released by the Department of Education Program and Research, International Council of Religious Education in their Religious Education Statistics are as follows:

Pupils (enrolled)	26,438,849
Officers and Teachers	2,454,940
Number of Schools	243,454

3. As to total church expenditures and total church contributions

Dr. LANDES stated there is no complete report available. He pointed out that generally the expenditures and the contributions are about the same as they tend to balance. He noted that in the book "Philanthropic Giving" by F. EMERSON ANDREWS the 1949 contributions were given as \$1,894,000,000. This book is published by the Russell Sage Foundation.

DR. LANDES explained that he did not expect that any more up to date information would be available until about December 1951. The enclosed list of church membership was furnished by DR. LANDES.

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## Trends of Church Membership in the Larger Religious Bodies

The total membership of the 54 religious bodies having over 50,000 members in 1949 was 51.6 per cent higher than that of the bodies reporting over 50,000 members in the year 1926, the year of the last adequate census of religious bodies made by the Bureau of the Census. During recent years the bodies having over 50,000 members have had about 97 per cent of the members of all the churches in the nation. During the same period, the estimated population of Continental United States increased almost 30 per cent.

The details are given in the table below. A brief inspection of it will show that with few exceptions the churches having a conspicuously rapid rate of growth are the small Protestant "sects." These are predominantly of an intensely evangelistic type, strongly Bible-centered, and to a considerable degree apocalyptic—teaching the Second Coming of Christ. Once thought of as appealing especially to the socially disadvantaged, they are now bringing into their ranks large numbers of the "comfortable" portion of the population.

The sources for the study were: *Census of Religious Bodies*, 1926, Bureau of the Census, Washington; *The Christian Herald*, New York, July, 1950; unpublished data from the *Christian Herald*; data from denominational statisticians available for the year 1949 since the publication of the *Christian Herald's* compilation, July, 1950. In a few instances, the bodies reporting over 50,000 members were organized since the year 1926. The Church of Christ, Scientist, is not reported because its manual forbids the reporting of statistics for publication.

It is planned to make further studies of trends in church membership, by denominations and groups of denominations, as soon as data for 1950 for both church membership and population become available.

### MEMBERSHIP OF RELIGIOUS BODIES WITH OVER 50,000 MEMBERS<sup>1</sup> IN 1926, OR IN 1949, OR BOTH

	1926	1949	Per Cent of Increase or Decrease
Seventh Day Adventists .....	110,998	229,945	107.1
Assemblies of God .....	47,950	275,000	473.5
Baptist Bodies:			
Northern Baptist Convention	1,289,966	1,583,360	22.7
Southern Baptist Convention	3,524,378	6,761,265	91.8
National Baptist Convention			
U.S.A., Inc. ....	3,196,623	4,385,206	118.3
National Baptist Convention of America .....		2,594,521	
American Baptist Association	117,858	313,817	166.2
Free Will Baptists .....	79,592	255,127	220.5
Primitive Baptists .....	81,374	69,157	15.0 Dec.

	1926	1949	Per Cent of Increase or Decrease
United American Free Will Baptist Church .....	13,396	75,000 <sup>b</sup>	459.9
Church of the Brethren .....	128,392	185,088	44.2
Churches of God:			
Church of God .....	23,247	106,490	359.1
Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) .....	38,249	105,022	174.6
Church of God in Christ .....	30,263	340,530	1025.2
Church of the Nazarene .....	63,558	220,042	246.2
Churches of Christ .....	433,714	814,200	87.7
*Congregational Christian Churches .....	994,491	1,184,661	19.1
Disciples of Christ .....	1,377,595	1,738,605	26.2
Eastern Orthodox Churches:			
Greek Orthodox Church, Hellenic .....	119,495	300,000	151.1
Russian Orthodox Church .....	95,154	300,000	215.3
*Evangelical and Reformed Church .....	675,804	726,361	7.5
*Evangelical United Brethren .....	583,516	711,537	21.9
Federated Churches .....	59,977	88,411 <sup>c</sup>	47.4
Friends, Five Years Meeting .....	91,326	69,595	23.8 Dec.
*Independent Fundamental Churches .....		65,000	
*International Church of the Four Square Gospel .....		59,897	
Jewish Congregations .....	4,081,242	5,000,000	22.5
Latter Day Saints:			
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints .....	542,194	980,347	80.8
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints .....	64,367	121,745	89.1
Lutherans:			
American Lutheran Conference:			
Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of N.A. ....	311,425	444,727	42.8
American Lutheran Church .....	474,923	714,556	50.5
*Evangelical Lutheran .....	496,707	813,837	63.8
Lutheran Free Church .....	46,366	59,860	29.1
Lutheran Synodical Conference of N.A.:			
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States .....	1,040,275	1,677,841	61.3
Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States .....	229,242	300,308	31.0
United Lutheran Church in America .....	1,214,340	1,952,569	60.8
Mennonite Church .....	34,039	56,746	66.7
Methodist Bodies:			
African Methodist Episcopal Church .....	545,814	1,066,301	95.4
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church .....	456,813	520,175	13.9

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	1926	1949	Per Cent of Increase or Decrease
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church .....	202,713	381,000 <sup>a</sup>	88.0
*The Methodist Church.....	6,760,642	8,792,569	30.1
<sup>10</sup> Pentecostal Church of God in America .....		60,000	
Polish National Catholic Church.....	61,574	250,000 <sup>b</sup>	306.0
Presbyterian Bodies:			
Cumberland Presbyterian Church .....	67,938	80,236	18.1
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.....	451,043	653,594	44.9
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.....	1,894,030	2,401,849	26.8
United Presbyterian Church of N.A.....	171,571	213,810	24.6
The Protestant Episcopal Church .....	1,859,086	2,297,989	23.6
Reformed Bodies:			
Christian Reformed Church... ..	98,534	142,818	44.9
Reformed Church in America .....	153,739	179,085	16.5
Roman Catholic Church.....	18,605,003	27,610,308	48.4
The Salvation Army.....	74,768	215,094	187.7
Unitarian Churches .....	60,152	74,447	23.8
Universalist Church .....	54,957	62,927	14.5
Total: 54 Bodies.....	53,230,413	80,682,575	51.6

<sup>1</sup> Negro Baptists in 1926 include both Incorporated and Unincorporated Bodies.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Congregational and General Convention of the Christian Church, merged in 1931.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Reformed in the U.S. and Evangelical Synod of N.A., merged in 1934.

<sup>4</sup> Organized 1930.

<sup>5</sup> Includes the Evangelical Church and the United Brethren in Christ, merged in 1946.

<sup>6</sup> Organized in 1927.

<sup>7</sup> A merger of three bodies in 1930; 1926 figures include the three bodies.

<sup>8</sup> Name changed from Norwegian Lutheran Church of America in 1946.

<sup>9</sup> The figures for 1926 are a total of those reported for the M.E. Church, the M.E. Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church.

<sup>10</sup> Not reported in 1926 Census of Religious Bodies.

<sup>a</sup> 1947. <sup>b</sup> 1944. <sup>c</sup> 1936. <sup>d</sup> 1946.

## Academic Freedom and the Loyalty Oath

The struggle at the University of California over the proposal to require an oath from all university employees stating (in its revised form) "that I am not a member of the Communist Party, or under any oath, or a party to any agreement, or under any commitment that is in conflict with my obligations under this oath," is described by George R. Stewart of that University in *Year of the Oath*.<sup>1</sup> The state constitution already required an oath to "support the Constitution of the United States" and of the State of California to discharge "faithfully . . . the duties of my office, according to the best of my ability." Those who objected to the new oath argued that nothing further was needed.

The author recounts, simply but effectively, the main steps in the loyalty drive and the response by the faculty. After a long controversy lasting from March, 1949, to April, 1950, the Regents voted to rescind the requirement of the oath but to transfer its essentials to the annual contract. Failure to sign would not be "cause for summary dismissal" since there was a provision for a hearing before

<sup>1</sup> *Year of the Oath; The Fight for Academic Freedom at the University of California*. By George R. Stewart in collaboration with other professors at the University of California. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday and Company, 1950.

the Faculty Committee on Privilege and Tenure and review by the president and the Regents.

"The one great irony" in all the bitter controversy, Professor Stewart comments, is the fact that the only charges of communism in the University since 1940 were made in 1949-1950 against a part-time teaching assistant in the department of physics and a pianist in the department of physical education. Both were dismissed, but the reasons given had nothing to do with communism.

The extent to which faculty members were prepared to resign if the Regents had continued to insist on the oath, and the effect of the whole controversy both on the university as a whole and on individual faculty members are discussed. Dr. Stewart comments that "the danger to which they reacted" was "the menace to the ideal of the University, as a threat to free teaching and learning, as an undermining of that independence of thought so vital, not only to the academic way of life, but also, especially in this time of universal stress, to the whole world."

The University Board of Regents is, in part, composed of ex officio representatives and, in part, of persons appointed by the governor. During the last thirty years a large proportion of the latter have been lawyers, business executives, or bankers. "Men of broad intellectual attainments in the letters, arts, and sciences" have been "strikingly deficient." Dr. Stewart makes some forthright suggestions for improving their work.

In June, 1950, it was announced that 157 persons were no longer employed by the University. "No claim was made that any of these were Communists," but none of them had signed the new contract. Very few were academic employees. In July the case of 39 non-signing Senate members (the higher faculty ranks) came before the Board of Regents. By a ten to nine vote the Regents upheld the president's recommendation to retain them. Twenty-six who had not satisfied the committee were dismissed. No charges of communism were "even levelled" at them; only "lack of cooperation." In view of the narrow margin of the final vote by the Regents the author feels that "the whole struggle may not yet be ended."

Dr. Stewart feels that in this controversy "everybody lost." The University is, he believes, "a less well functioning, a less happy and creative place," than it was before the controversy. "The whole state has suffered in that the University is weaker" and people have lost confidence in it "unnecessarily."

"At least 110 scholars . . . have been lost to the University of California because of the loyalty oath controversy," according to a compilation by the faculty committee on academic freedom which was reported in a feature article in the *New York Times* for March 11. This includes 26 who were dismissed, 37 who resigned in protest, and 47 who refused appointments offered to them.

Eighteen of the 26 dismissed have sued the University to regain their posts. The case will probably be heard by the California District Court of Appeals sometime this month.

## "Church Lobbying in the Nation's Capital"

The first adequate study of the Washington offices of churches, and of agencies in which church people are interested, has been published. It is Luke Ebersole's account, under the title above, both of the recently established offices in the capital, and of historic efforts to

influence legislation. (New York, Macmillan Company, 1951. \$2.75.) Dr. Ebersole is a professor of sociology at the University of Maryland. He has observed certain activities on the spot, and has also drawn upon documentary sources.

During World War II and its aftermath, a number of new Washington offices were started, mainly by Protestant agencies. These were variously motivated. The era stimulated the historic peace churches to engage in more systematic legislative activities than in previous times. Protestants felt that Roman Catholics had been more thorough in the legislative business, and hence became active. Church officials were confused by a growing number of government bureaus; these men felt they were not getting the information they needed when they needed it; they moved to establish their own centers of information. The social action agencies of several Protestant denominations expanded their activities to include work by agents who registered as lobbyists under the federal act of 1946. The Supreme Court decision in the *Everson* case, popularly known as the New Jersey bus case, was followed by the organization of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. The Roman Catholics have operated, according to Dr. Ebersole, to influence legislation largely through the National Catholic Welfare Conference, including strong affiliated organizations, and the older National Conference of Catholic Charities.

The church lobbies of the past described by Dr. Ebersole include those against slavery, for prohibition, and on behalf of conscientious objectors in the early years of World War II. One of the oldest lobbies in Washington is that on behalf of the Christian Amendment proposed by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Synod of North America, which since 1844 has petitioned Congress to revise the Constitution to include reference to the "authority and law of Jesus Christ." The W.C.T.U. has had a Washington office since 1895.

Dr. Ebersole interprets lobbying in the broadest sense, even describing the work of several persons under instructions not to engage in lobbying, but who report to constituencies interested in influencing legislation in one way or another. He interrogated the various agencies with respect to their methods, inquiring about pressures exerted on the White House, as well as about efforts to influence the voting of members of Congress. His inquiries elicited both vague and specific replies.

Dr. Ebersole gives an account of the work of the office established in 1945 by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and Cooperating Bodies. He reports that the staff carried out the aim of the sponsors to avoid lobbying. He notes appearances of representatives of the Federal Council before congressional committees to present resolutions.

A relatively popular subject for Protestants, judged by attendance at hearings, has been the attempt to secure legislation "to prohibit the transportation in interstate commerce of advertisements of alcoholic beverages." To Dr. Ebersole it appears "that the strength of Catholic lobbying efforts centering in Washington derives from long, continuous, and intimate acquaintance with legislation and law-makers; from the loyalty of some Catholic government officials; and from an active interest in the administration of the law." Protestant and Roman Catholic spokesmen have been lining up in opposite camps on federal aid to education, the former generally asking for no benefits, direct or indirect, to pupils of private schools.

Church lobbies have usually spoken as one on civil rights, housing, displaced persons, the Marshall plan, social security. They almost always opposed compulsory military training. They were divided on the North Atlantic Treaty. They have not always appeared on behalf of proposals regarded as in the public interest. A "minor phase" is defensive or protective lobbying for church interests, thinks Dr. Ebersole. Church groups appear to have had an eye to their own interests, "especially in connection with legislation on health, displaced persons, social security, postal rates, compulsory military training, and federal aid to education." (Dr. Ebersole might have noted the impressive support by church agencies given to Point Four.)

Spokesmen for fundamentalist agencies have often taken the opportunity to oppose the Federal Council at congressional hearings. The lobbying effort is but one form of competition among churches, the author observes.

Among Dr. Ebersole's conclusions are the following paragraphs:

"Do church lobbyists represent the views and interests of their constituents? The question is beyond the scope of this research, since this study deals only with the legislative interests around which church lobbying has centered, and not with the political views and interests of the church public. However, from this study has developed the untested hypothesis that in many cases, as agents of the churches rather than representatives, church lobbyists promote the causes in which groups of church leaders are interested rather than the views of church members in general. . . .

"There is no indication of an imminent decline of church-related special cause lobbies. They come and they go, the new replacing the old. Nor is there any reason to anticipate a decrease in the extent or the vigor of Catholic lobbying. The place of the new Protestant denominational lobbies is less firmly established. Nearly all of the lobbies in this group still feel the need for justifying and explaining their activities to their constituents. Some consider their programs to be experimental. Others have only placed their feet in the door and may still step back without actually getting inside. Thus, while the Washington stay of some denominational lobbies appears to be permanent, the position of others is precarious enough so that curtailed budgets, public opinion, and changes in church leadership, could result in their recall. Nevertheless, of the expansion of church lobbying, probably 'the end is not yet.'"

## The Bible in the Roman Catholic Church

In the last half-century "a real Bible renaissance and movement has begun in the Roman Catholic Church," said Dr. Pius Parsch, an Austrian Roman Catholic monk, speaking before the conference of the United Bible Societies in Vienna last September. The text of his address appears in the *Bulletin* of the United Bible Societies, First Quarter, 1951.<sup>1</sup> From the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries the distribution of the Bible to the people was limited in our church," though the use of translations in the vernacular was not generally prohibited. Father Parsch summarized the situation toward the end of the nineteenth century as follows:

"(1) Anyone may read translations of the Bible in the vernacular, provided the translation has been approved by

<sup>1</sup> 146 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. 4.

the Papal See or has notes and the approval of a Bishop ;  
“(2) Bible editions by non-Catholics may be used by theologians for study purposes ;

“(3) Permission to use any forbidden Bible editions can be obtained in the same way as permission to read forbidden books.”

Since then “a completely new situation” has been developing. In 1893 Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical recommending “the fostering of exegesis.” Pius X founded the Papal Bible Institute and restored “a curriculum for biblical studies in seminaries.” Benedict XV issued an encyclical in 1920 which began to “treat the Bible . . . as something that serves for the edification of the common people.” In 1942 Pius XII issued the encyclical *Divino Afflante Spiritus* in which he encouraged “the setting up of the critical text,” laid it “on the heart of the priests to draw upon the treasures of Holy Scripture in their sermons and to make them of use to the people,” and urged the bishops to “encourage the study” of the Bible. “The standard of Catholic Bible scholarship has been raised considerably during the last decades.” “A real Bible movement for the people has begun.”

Dr. Parsch began his own intensive Bible study as a chaplain during World War I. When he returned to his monastery at the end of the war he began to hold Bible classes with the novices. He found that “these Bible studies gave more pleasure to the novices than anything else which we did with them.” Then he began to hold Bible classes for the people of the community. “Everybody was to come,” he commented, “irrespective of whether they were servants, workmen or academics. They all came, brought their Bibles with them, and together we searched the Scriptures.”

In Germany certain bishops ordered such Bible studies in their dioceses. Cardinal Faulhaber, for instance, first taught his priests, and “they had to go and teach what they had learned in their parishes. . . .”

Dr. Parsch thinks that “a Bible alone is very little help.” In Austria, at least, he finds that people do not get much from the Bible unless they also have Bible studies and sermons, and “an introduction to the reading of the Bible.” The most important thing is to make people realize that “the Bible is the Word, and revelation of God. . . . But because our people are so indifferent in religious things they have no reverence for the revelation of God, and thus little notice is taken of the Bible.”

He comments in conclusion that they are only “at the beginning,” for “the priests have as yet no real Bible education and for that reason they do not preach the Bible or hold Bible studies.”

### “Policy for the West”

Is “containment” of Russia possible, or must the attempt result in war? Barbara Ward, former foreign editor of the London *Economist*, insists that the first is possible, and that it is the one way to prevent war.<sup>1</sup> But this requires both military power and a “social strength and cohesion” that will discourage the Communists from using “their favorite contemporary weapon—fomenting civil war.” The aim of containment is to secure a “firm” settlement with Russia. If, says Miss Ward, “there were halfway houses between containment and surrender, the men and women of Eastern Europe would already have found them.” “Far from fighting a losing fight, the Western powers are

engaged . . . in an absorbing contest of spiritual vitality.”

The Marshall Plan “can be taken as a supreme example of successful, positive and creative containment.” But many of the most serious problems cannot be solved in its framework. In Asia supporting local nationalism and giving economic aid are not enough though they are “starting points for any future policy.” The only criteria to apply in determining the aid to be given to Asia today are those of political warfare.

The great danger is that of inflation. Miss Ward believes that it can be avoided, if adequate measures are taken. What is really needed in the West is to “expand wealth and supply and capacity so that high civilian standards and a defense effort can be secured simultaneously.”

The great risk is not in government intervention to keep the economic system steady, but in allowing “the alternation of boom and slump to return unchecked.” Government intervention then may be “ruthless and irrational.” She suggests ways in which the problem might be solved.

The difficulties involved in uniting the free nations of the world are enormous: grave differences between the West and the oriental countries, and the “natural isolationism” of the West. There is need for an Atlantic Council which would be, in effect, “a Cabinet to the entire Atlantic world,” a Combined Chiefs of Staffs, a Joint Production and Resources Board, and an Economic and Development Board to aid the “less fortunate areas of the world.” Only the last of these would be “a new departure.” With these functioning there could be a continuous development of intergovernmental responsibility.

The question of state versus private ownership, the author believes, is not so important as it sometimes seems. Rather, it is the fundamental problems common to both state and private ownership of “how to be both stable and prosperous . . . that constitute the real challenge to democratic ownership.”

The only real solution for the world's problems is “an international system covering the whole world.” The “crucial question,” according to the author, is “whether the Atlantic powers really wish to transform” the United Nations into “an instrument of practical internationalism.” Adequate help to Asia “without raising the specter of imperialism” can only be given through the United Nations. There is, however, opportunity for intergovernmental co-operation on a regional scale for certain functional tasks, and indeed for institutions without political power. “The great task” of the Council of Europe “is to recreate the cultural and moral unity of Europe. There can be no profounder responsibility.”

Finally Miss Ward stresses the vital importance of “faith for freedom.” The West has not lost the initiative “because the Marxist vision is more potent than ours or because communism offers a more attractive version of society. . . . It is still true of communism today that wherever it is not imposed by force, it owes its strength . . . to the weakening of the Western way of life. . . . Unconsciously at first, . . . a vast mass of Western men and women sloughed off their society's traditional idealism and became in practice . . . materialists as convinced as any on the other side of the Iron Curtain.” The Communists have a “religious materialism” and the West a “practical” one. “An idea has never yet in human history been defeated by no idea at all.” Communism is, in a real sense, “the conscience of the West.” “If there is a doubt at all” about the power of the West to meet the Communist challenge, “it can only be a doubt of the necessary vision and will.”

<sup>1</sup> *Policy for the West*. New York, W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1951. \$3.75.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:  
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I am a member of an Evangelical United Brethren Church which is a member of the Federal Council of Churches. I have been told that the leadership of the Federal Council of Churches is to some extent B communistic. Communism is atheism, and if this is true, then by supporting the E. U. B. church we are supporting the enemies of both God and the United States of America. I don't intend to do either, knowingly or please send me information about

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter dated July 9, 1951, has been received, and I appreciate the thoughts which prompted your writing me.

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request for information, I wish to advise that files of the FBI are 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  
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Charlotte, N. C.

July 2, 1951

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At a meeting which I attended here yesterday a statement was made that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has been blacklisted by the F.B.I.

Would you please inform me if this is correct?

Has the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America ever been suspected of fostering or furthering any ideas, movements, proposals or aims inimical to the best interests of the United States?

Is the Federal Council at the present time under <sup>investigation</sup> ~~investigation~~ by the F.B.I., or under suspicion?

Any answers which you may give will not be used for publication.

With best wishes to you, and for your agency's continuing success, I am

Very truly yours,

*Randolph Norton*  
Randolph Norton  
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Mr. Randolph Norton  
Editorial Department  
The Charlotte Observer  
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Dear Mr. Norton:

Your letter dated July 2, 1951, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted your writing me.

In response to your inquiry, I thought you might like to know that at no time has this Bureau ever "blacklisted" or in any way made any public statement against the organization to which you make reference nor have we investigated it.

I am certain you will understand that the FBI is an investigative arm of the Department of Justice and, as such, it is charged with the duty of investigating certain specific criminal and security matters. At no time do we draw any conclusions from the facts developed during the course of an investigation and it is not within the province of this Bureau to issue a list of subversive individuals or organizations.

With regard to the questions you set forth concerning this organization, the FBI is precluded from revealing data in its files except to duly authorized representatives of the Federal Government who are entitled to receive them. No inference should, of course, be drawn that we do, or do not, have the desired information in view of my inability to be of assistance.

Your good wishes are deeply appreciated and I hope that my associates and I can continue to discharge our responsibilities to the American people in a manner which will always merit your esteem.

Sincerely yours,

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IN A GRADUATE EDUCATION CLASS ON HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM  
REVISION AT THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY THIS SUMMER WE  
HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE NATIONAL  
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CONVENTION LAST MONTH IN SAN FRANCISCO  
CONCERNING THE TEACHING OF MORAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES IN OUR  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS. TODAY SPECIFIC CHARGES OF COMMUNISM WERE MADE  
AGAINST THE METHODIST CHURCH LEADERS BISHOP OXNAM AND E STANLEY  
JONES ALSO AGAINST THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

I VOLUNTEERED AS A COMMITTEE OF ONE TO ASCERTAIN THROUGH YOUR  
OFFICE THE VALIDITY OF THESE ASSERTIONS. WERE THESE TWO  
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Now I do not think that the Methodist  
Church has been investigated. But I do not  
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the (Meth.) Committee for Social Action which  
is quite liberal + not really a bona fide  
part of the church. Having known some  
its members however I have a great deal  
of faith in this group. I have attended  
national + jurisdictional meetings of the Methodist  
church. know many officers and workers and  
so am not personally concerned about the  
church nor its influence.

I am concerned about public statements  
of this kind, and I do know that people  
who have not had the privileges I have had  
seem ready to believe the worst.

Is there nothing that can be done?  
Or am I wrong? Surely the truth can  
be known. Is there any other source  
of <sup>the</sup> information which your organization can  
not divulge?

Very truly yours,  
[REDACTED]

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August 22, 1951

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter dated August 12, 1951, has been received.

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May I take this occasion to point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and at no time have we classified any individual or organization along the lines suggested in your communication.

Furthermore, as I pointed out in my communication to you on August 4, 1949, a policy established for this Bureau holds our files confidential and available for official use only. No inference, of course, should be drawn that we do, or do not, have data concerning the organizations you mentioned because of 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

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Enclosure

How Communists Operate  
Foe to Freedom

NOTE: In July, 1949, [REDACTED] communicated with the Director concerning Federal Council of Churches and a routine reply was sent to her explaining the Bureau's role as an investigative agency. (100-50869-98)

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Aug. 28-'51

Dear Sir: National Council of Churches of  
Christ in the U.S.A.

I would like some in-  
formation concerning the National  
Council of Churches of Christ in  
the U.S.A.

156 Fifth Ave, New York 10, N.Y.

A report has come to our  
attention that this organization  
has communistic contacts - <sup>EXPEDITE PROCESSING</sup>  
actually a communistic group. <sup>SEP 1 1951</sup>  
Would you have any knowledge  
which would disprove or verify  
this report? <sup>100-50869-164X</sup>  
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Thank you.

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September 5, 1951

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated August 30, 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 files of the FBI are 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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September 7, 1951

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
F. B. I., Washington, D. C.

Dear Hon. Sir,

I would like to know: is the National Council of  
Churches Communistic, or a Front Organization?

Constantly a group called The American Council of  
Church, headed by Carl McIntire, Collinswood, New  
Jersey, is harping that the National Council is a  
communistic group, or front organization.

My own denomination is part of the National Council.

Many people are losing confidence in this great bulwark  
of American Christianity because of the continued harp-  
ing of the American Council of Churches.

I really would like to know if the National Council is  
or is not communistic. Do you have any reason to think  
they are? I hope your policies will not prevent your  
answering these questions.

Perhaps the continued attacks by the American Council  
indicate a willingness by them to serve the Communist  
Party by destroying confidence in the American Churches?

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YOUR CORDIAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP WITH THE

# EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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"Thou art welcome, whosoever thou art that interest this Church.  
It is the House of God: be reverent, thoughtful and cheerful; and  
leave it not without a prayer to God for thyself, for those who  
minister, for those who worship here and for all men everywhere."

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated September 7, 1951, has been received and I appreciate the concern which prompted your writing me.

While I would like very much to be of service in connection with your inquiry, I thought you might like to know that a policy of long standing holds information in the files of the FBI confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference as to whether we do, or do not, have the desired data in view of my inability to be of assistance.

Because of your interest, I am enclosing some material which you may want to review.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

The Underground Tactics Of The Communists  
U.S. News & World Report  
Menace of Communism

cc - Omaha, with copy of incoming

cc - Newark, with copy of incoming

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September 8, 1951

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 141

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Dear Sir:

I am a loyal American citizen and wish to remain as such. I have no desire to have anything whatsoever to do with any communistic organization. To the above end I am writing to you asking for an answer to the question that will follow.

I am a Christian minister in the Evangelical United Brethren denomination. The denomination is one of the members of the recently formed National Council of Churches and thus of the World Council. A part of which was once the Federal Council of Churches.

The charges are made that your office lists the Federal Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches as subversive or communistic organizations.

The questions are these: Are those charges true now or have they been? If true is our denomination as a participating member of these organizations so listed? Are any of the leaders of our de-

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nomination listed as communists?

Then I would like to know how is the Fundamentalist Association of America rated by the F.B.I.? Then how is Cast Bundy, who is making the above charges rated by the F.B.I.? Is he, himself, a communist or suspected communist?

This is of vital importance to me, my people, our community and our area. There are over six thousand people involved that I know of, most of whom do not know the truth of the matter and won't investigate.

Please give me a speedy, straight forward answer to these questions.

Thanking you in advance I am  
Yours truly

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G.I.R.-5

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated September 8, 1951, has been received and I appreciate the thoughts which prompted your writing me.

Although I would like to be of service in connection with your request, a policy of long standing holds information in the files of this Bureau confidential and available for official use only. I am certain you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference as to whether we do, or do not, have the desired data in view of my inability to be of assistance.

For your information it is not within the province of this Bureau to label any individual or organization as subversive. The FBI is solely a fact-finding agency. At no time do we draw any conclusions from the information developed during the course of an investigation.

You may want to obtain a publication entitled "Guide To Subversive Organizations And Publications" prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives. It can be obtained for thirty-five cents through the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Corner of North Capitol and B Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

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

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington  
D.C.

Dear Sir:

Our Evangelical United Brethren  
~~Federal Council of~~  
Church belongs to the Federal Council of  
~~Churches~~ Churches. There has been trouble in the  
church. Some members say that the  
Federal Council of Churches is a commu-  
nistic group and that the Federal  
Government won't recognize it.

I would like to know if it is  
a communistic order and why the  
government won't recognize it.

Yours respectfully,  
[Redacted Signature]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated September 19, 1951, with enclosure, 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 files of the FBI are 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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Mr. J Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D C

Oct. 6, 1951

Dear Sir:

Our community has recently been torn with dissension concerning Bishop (Bromley Oxnam) of the Methodist Church. He has been accused by innuendo by the local post of the American Legion of belonging to subversive organizations. The enclosed newspaper copy of the resolution passed by the Legion will explain the extent of what seems to me to be an attempt to tie Bishop Oxnam with Communist front organizations, and to Communism. A few of us are of the opposite opinion concerning him. We feel that he is a true Christian and humanitarian, preaching the social gospel of Jesus Christ and attempting to bring His gospel to the workings of every day life.

*Federal Council of Churches*

Bishop Oxnam addressed the Kansas Methodist Conference on Thursday evening, October 4, devoting his entire period to answering the critics of both himself and the National and World Council of Churches. This was the first time that the Bishop dignified his opposition by a direct answer and he did so because there were so few of us who actively attempted to persuade our Legion Post from embarking on this unamerican procedure.

Our community is divided now--some torn between their church and legion loyalties--many suspicious, and generally confused. Can your good office through our paper, the Salina Journal, Whitley Austin editor report to the people of Salina before October 16th? We should want to know whether Bishop Oxnam is or is not a member of Subversive Organizations listed by the pamphlet "HOW RED IS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, printed by American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison Wisconsin. Bishop Oxnam refuted the allegations concerning him point by point on Thursday Oct.

4, but the Legion has at the same time a speaker named Captain Edgar Bundy. We want our community divided, and you can help bring us to our senses.

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# Bishop Oxnam, Bundy

## 'Church Is Real Barrier To Reds'—Oxnam

The real barrier to Communism is the Protestant churches, Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist bishop of New York, told 2500 persons in Memorial hall Thursday night.

Why, then, he demanded, are the great Protestant churches, fighting Communism "under the banner of Jesus Christ as their God and saviour", under attack by "fly-by-night, peripatetic evangelists"?

"No Communist would want anything better," the bishop declared, "than to split American Protestantism into little vigilante groups."

Oxnam told delegates to the Central Kansas Methodist conference that their church should be in the forefront against Communism and subversive action.

"But these enemies should be brought to justice in the American way," he said. "The way to handle these problems is to turn them over to the FBI."

The bishop's address which brought frequent applause from the crowd filling the main floor and the first balcony of the hall, was a defense of the National and World Councils of churches, to which the major Protestant churches belong, and of his own record.

Oxnam said perhaps he should not dignify his critics by a defense but he feared the "lies" might continue to spread if he didn't.

"This happens to be my country," he said. "When these people cast doubts upon the patriotism of my church and its leaders it becomes my duty to the church to reply."

Referring to a resolution passed by the Salina American Legion post, Oxnam said: "I regret they took action without so much as writing me a letter to find out the facts."

He claimed the action had been instigated by a "person" going about stirring up trouble for mon-

The Legion accused Bishop Oxnam of belonging to the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

The bishop told his audience he did attend a meeting of that council "during the war when the Soviets were our allies." He said he attended the meeting along with such men as Cordell Hull, Paul McNutt, Senator McKellar, William Green, William Allen White, Owen D. Young and others.

"But," Oxnam said, "following the war I concluded that organization was too much interested in following the Russian government's policy and I resigned."

After his address, the bishop was asked by The Journal if he belonged to the National Federation For Constitutional Liberties, the second organization mentioned in the Legion resolution.

The bishop declared "I do not now and I never have belonged to that outfit nor have I ever had anything to do with it."

In his speech, Bishop Oxnam cited his war record when he visited Protestant chaplains in Europe at the invitation of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He told the audience he had two sons in the war, both of whom saw combat and one of whom was wounded.

"I have seen our men under fire," he said, "I have visited our wounded in the hospitals. You can't do that, you can't have your own sons in the service without having a great respect for servicemen."

That, the bishop declared, was why he thought the Salina Legionnaires "ought to be men enough to say they have made a mistake and, later on, to apologize."

Oxnam said he believed in a strong national defense and that he was opposed to absolute pacifism, although he realized some of the churchmen might disagree with him.

Discussing his critics, the bishop told the crowd that "J. Edgar Hoover has been warning the United States against this vigilante stuff."

Much of the speech concerned the federal and world councils of churches.

In a passing reference to Capt. Edgar Bundy, who addressed the Legion at the same time, Dr. Oxnam told his audience "this man Bundy has been going into community after community attacking just such organizations."

The bishop declared that his opposition to the church group was sponsored by "a few scoundrels," including an unfrocked Presbyterian minister and an ex-press agent from Wisconsin.

Much of their material, he said, was obtained from books by John T. Flynn, entitled "The Road Ahead."

The bishop said he endorsed Flynn's criticisms of Communism and collectivism but denounced Flynn's attack on the Protestant churches.

The Methodist said prominent Roman Catholic leaders also had criticized Flynn's work.

Referring to an advertisement in The Journal by the Leslie Kreps Legion post in which the Legionnaires referred to the "American Civil Liberties Union" as a "Communist front," Bishop Oxnam declared: "The local post will be very sorry they put that in the paper. The American Civil Liberties Union is not now nor never has been Communist, and the Union has never allowed such an article to appear in a paper without taking action."

Taking up reports by the un-American committee, the bishop said the committee had never talked to him or investigated him.

Some persons had sent the committee material about him, the bishop said, but most of it was palpably untrue and meant nothing. It was not checked or verified.

He declared there was good reason for having the un-American committee and that many of its members had rendered valuable service. But, he declared, some of the methods were unfair, the committee had followed some un-American practices and "condemned people falsely."

He said he believed the communists "ought to be ferreted out but they should be brought to justice in the American way." He recommended FBI investigations and proper trial in the courts.

The bishop pointed out he had written numerous articles against communism and had written the Methodist bishop's report denouncing communism in all its aspects.

He offered refutation against a number of other charges and concluded that he regretted having to take the time from a church conference to "deal with this sort of thing."

"It makes you feel like you need a bath."

The Rev. W. H. Jenkin, Russell, presided at the meeting and the Rev. D. E. Gleason, Marion, offered the prayer. The Grand Avenue Methodist choir sang.

## Says Some Pastors Preach 'Party' Line

Capt. Edgar C. Bundy Thursday night vehemently denounced a handful of like clergymen who, he said, were attempting to undermine the capitalistic system with subtle bloodless revolution. The speaker, a former Force officer, said so clergymen in high places were preaching the "socialist gospel party line."

Sponsored by Leslie Kreps, Bundy spoke to an overflowed audience of nearly 750 persons at Legion hall.

From Wheaton, Ill., he introduced himself as a Republican and a Baptist and declared he was not a member of any versive organization "which more than some persons speak nearby can say."

He declared he was not pointing his attack at any church and asserted he has "no time for preaching anti-semitism."

"I'm concerned with Communist sympathizers," he went on, "don't care how a bishop dresses or how he parts his hair. I'm concerned with his official conditions and his books."

Midway in his two-hour speech he hurled a challenge at Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam to meet in public debate.

"I would be very happy," said, "to meet Dr. Oxnam on an open platform, not in some room."

Armed with an array of papers, Capt. Bundy read excerpts from the Congressional Record, a report of the House un-American activities committee, Methodist church literature, and several Bishop Oxnam's books.

He said Bishop Oxnam was cited in a House un-American activities document as belonging to organizations held to be versive.

"Dr. Oxnam," said the speaker, "has admitted membership in nine of these."

Bundy asserted the United States was the last citadel of freedom in the world and cried the forces who are attacking from without and from within to break down the capital-

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nature."

He warned the audience, which the most part sat quietly, to or themselves away from the stereotyped picture of the Communist the typical wild-eyed, bewhiskered individual waving his arms in a soap box.

"The ones to fear," he said, are those high-salaried persons sitting offices of trust in the state department and churches.

He warned that Communist infiltration into religion was a subtle one.

"Those who want control don't want a revolution, but a change of consent — a bloodless revolution."

He compared these individuals to termites boring silently from within.

He asserted that some bishops were teaching that Communism and religion have elements in common.

The audience appeared shocked when he quoted from what he said was Methodist Sunday school literature which portrayed Joe Stalin in a favorable light.

He made repeated references to a book by John T. Flynn, "The Road Ahead," in which Bishop Oxnham is quoted as advocating the position of the House un-American activities committee. Bundy quoted the Bishop as saying "mean and low things" about the author.

Bundy quoted Bishop Oxnham as calling Flynn "un-American."

"Oxnham hasn't got the courage to call a spade a spade," declared the speaker.

"Dr. Oxnham has no tolerance for anyone who disagrees with Dr. Oxnham," Capt. Bundy continued. He referred to Bishop Oxnham as one of the most dangerous men in the country today — a man traveling around in a cloak of the ecclesiastic.

"I'm not impressed by titles," he went on.

Capt. Bundy picked up a pamphlet authored by Bishop Oxnham and waved it before the audience.

It was entitled "How Protestantism Fights Communism."

"He doesn't even answer the question," Capt. Bundy declared.

He then turned to the inside of the front page and pointed to a picture of Bishop Oxnham.

"He tries to impress people with his picture in his ecclesiastical garb."

He then lashed out at the Bishop

for allegedly once having sent copies of a purportedly pro-Soviet book by Dr. Jerome Smith to 22,000 ministers free of charge.

Capt. Bundy described the book as "filthy and blasphemous."

Quoting from the flyleaf of one of Bishop Oxnham's books, Capt. Bundy pointed out to the audience that the clergyman says "change is inevitable."

"Fundamental truths don't change," Bundy shouted, waving a pointed finger up and down.

"Our forefathers fought and died for our economic way of life," he said in part.

At the conclusion of his talk, which was received with modest applause, Capt. Bundy asked for questions from the floor.

He got two.

A man who said he was a ministerial student from Miltonvale asked: What do leaders of these various religious groups expect to gain by going over to the Communist party?

Capt. Bundy said that "some persons just don't like to go along with stated principles, they like to run counter to established laws. The idea appeals to idealistic persons — especially young students who don't have their feet on the ground, and who haven't seen how the other half of the world lives."

Another man asked why the government hasn't done anything about persons listed as belonging to subversive organizations.

Capt. Bundy replied that it had and that those listed had an opportunity to come before the committee and repudiate the accusations.

Capt. Bundy's speech went off without incident, except at the close when several well-wishers crowded around to congratulate him.

A young Methodist minister, who said he had come in late and didn't hear the whole speech, pointedly asked Capt. Bundy his religion.

"I told the audience my religion," said Bundy.

The clergyman explained he had arrived late.

He repeated the question. An argument followed and Bundy walked away.

Meanwhile, several of the audience apparently unhappy because he had words with Bundy, surrounded the minister.

"I only asked him what his religion was," explained the minister, somewhat futilely.

"What are you doing here?" asked a man nearby, eyeing the young clergyman with suspicion.

Unnerved by the commotion, the

minister remained silent.

"Are you a Communist?" shouted one of the group.

Seemingly dazed by the turn of events, the minister left the room.

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## Liberties Union Asks Correction From Legion

The following demand for a correction of an advertisement was telegraphed to The Journal Thursday night:

"Below is statement of Patrick Murphy Malin, Executive Director American Civil Liberties Union, to Capt. Vernon Higgs, American Legion commander, regarding reference to ACLU as 'Communist or Communist-front organization' in advertisement in Salina Journal. 'Strongly urge that you bring these facts to the attention of your readers so that a fair and accurate picture of the ACLU can be presented.'"

The telegraphed statement follows:

"Our attention drawn to statement in advertisement in Salina Journal publicizing address by Capt. Edgar Bundy that 'American Civil Liberties Union is Communist or Communist-front organization.'"

"We urge you inform members of your post and community that this characterization is not correct. Since 1940 ACLU has faithfully adhered to its resolution barring Communists and other totalitarians from serving on staff or governing councils.

"President Truman, on occasion of ACLU 25th anniversary in 1945, said 'Integrity of ACLU and of its workers in field has never been, and I feel, never will be questioned. Officers, directors, and members of union have performed outstanding service to cause of true freedom.'"

"Similarly, Governor Thomas E. Dewey on same occasion said ACLU is essential part of American life. Essential to the self-respect of the community and of all citizens who appreciate our priceless heritage of personal, political and religious liberty and regard for dignity of individual."

"If further proof of non-Communist status required refer you to transcript of proceedings of House un-American activities committee, Oct. 23, 1939. In that Rep. Martin Dies, then chairman of House Committee, states 'this committee found last year in its reports that there was not any evidence that the ACLU was a Communist organization.'"

"Nor is ACLU listed in guide to

subversive organizations and publications issued May 24, 1941, by Senate House committee. Nor is it on attorney general's list of subversive organizations.

"You should also be especially interested in the enthusiastic endorsement of Roger Baldwin, who retired as ACLU director in 1940, by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. He stated on Dec. 29, 1940, of Baldwin: 'Baldwin's crusade for civil liberties has had profound and beneficial influence upon the course of American progress. He stands out as one of the architects of our cherished American way of life.'"

"Similarly, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, former U. S. commander in Germany who invited Baldwin to review civil liberties there, stated on Nov. 27, 1949, Baldwin 'has helped all of us who had associated with him, just as through the years he had helped our country to a better understanding of tolerance and dignity of man. We shall miss his constructive influence.'"

"Bishop Oxnham has been loyal member of ACLU national committee since 1940. In this capacity he has served the cause of civil liberties admirably.

"Irresponsible attacks, unsupported accusations, only tend to divide and weaken our nation at time when we need all our strength.

"Such attacks only offer ammunition to Communist propagandists who constantly seek to demonstrate how weak and divided our democracy is. Only by active faith in and practice of the principles of democracy, which is the core of national tradition and strength, can we emerge victorious over Communist tyranny."

Signed: "Alan Reitman, Assistant Director, American Civil Liberties Union, 170 Fifth Avenue, New York 10 New York."

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## Legion Opposes Bishop; Brings Speaker Here

"How Far Has Communism In-  
filtrated Religion?" will be the  
subject of a speech sponsored by  
the Leslie Kreps post in the Ameri-  
can Legion hall at 8 pm Thursday.  
Speaker will be Capt. Edgar  
Bundy, a former Air Force intel-  
ligence officer from Wheaton, Ill.  
Vernon Higgs, post commander,  
said Bundy probably would  
discuss Bishop G. Bromley Ox-  
nam, Methodist Bishop of the New  
York area.

The Salina Legion post Sept. 18  
passed a resolution opposing  
Bishop Oxnam. In announcing the  
Bundy speech, Higgs released the  
anti-Oxnam resolution for pub-  
lication.

Paul Adrian, former post com-  
mander and publicity chairman,  
said the captain's speech would  
be open to the public and recalled  
that Bundy in June, 1949, predict-  
ed the Korean invasion.

Bishop Oxnam also will speak in  
Salina Thursday night, addressing  
the Central Kansas Conference of  
the Methodist church in Memorial  
hall. He is president of the World  
Council of Churches, secretary of  
the Council of Bishops of the Meth-  
odist church, vice chairman of the  
Methodist commission on chap-  
lains and the general commission  
on Army and Navy chaplains.  
Legion commander Higgs issued  
the following statement: "In a regu-  
larly convened meeting of the  
Leslie Kreps post during the  
month of September, Legionnaires  
discussed and examined the affil-  
iation of Bishop G. Bromley Ox-  
nam as related to government-  
cited communist front or subver-  
sive organizations.

"On Sept. 18th by resolution  
passed by nearly an unanimous  
vote from the floor, the Leslie

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areps post went on record as op-  
posed to any and all subversive or  
communist front organizations as  
well as being opposed to any or  
all individuals associated with  
these organizations, including G.  
Bromley Oxnam.

"On Sept. 20 Capt. Edgar Bundy  
contacted me offering to give a  
lecture on communism and its  
methods of operation in the United  
States if the Salina post would of-  
fer its facilities as a meeting  
place.

"As an information service to  
the 1638 Legion members of Salina  
as well as any other interested  
persons, the executive committee  
by unanimous vote, on Sept. 27, de-  
cided to accept Captain Bundy's  
offer.

"As a good Methodist I am very  
pleased to note that five members  
of the executive committee of the  
seven voting were Methodists."

Higgs also released the follow-  
ing resolutions, signed by Adrian,  
then post commander, and by  
Higgs, then post adjutant. In the  
released copy the bishop's name  
was spelled "Oxman."

"Whereas, the Guide to Subversive Or-  
ganizations and Publications (Appendix)  
prepared and released by the Commu-  
tee on Un-American Activities, House  
of Representatives, Washington, D. C.  
lists on Pages 22 and 23 as subversive  
and communists the National Council of  
American-Soviet Friendship and National  
Federation for Constitutional Liberties, as  
cited by Attorney General Tom Clark  
Special Committee on Un-American Ac-  
tivities, California Committee on Un-  
American Activities and Attorney Gen-  
eral Francis Biddle, and

"Whereas, the Fourth Report Un-Ameri-  
can Activities on communist front or-  
ganizations lists on Pages 222 and 223 as  
belonging to or sponsoring or being affil-  
iated with the above organizations a Bishop  
G. Bromley Oxnam and

"Whereas, an information available  
reveals that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam  
has not repudiated or denied his affilia-  
tions with the above cited organizations  
and

"Whereas, the American Legion is dia-  
metrically opposed to the principles and  
ideals of the above cited organizations,

"Be it therefore resolved, by Leslie  
Kreps Post No. 62, The American Le-  
gion, Department of Kansas, at regularly  
convened meeting this 18th day of Sep-  
tember, 1951, that this Post go on record  
as opposed to the principles and ideals of  
the above mentioned organizations, and  
"Be it further resolved, that Leslie  
Kreps Post No. 62, The American Legion,  
Department of Kansas, is opposed to any  
and all individuals belonging to or sup-  
porting the aforesaid organizations, in-  
cluding Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

"Be it further resolved, that a copy of  
this resolution be made a permanent part  
of the records of the minutes of this  
meeting and that a copy of this resolu-  
tion be submitted to Department Head-  
quarters, Kansas American Legion, 220  
Memorial Building, Topeka, Kansas, for  
action by the State Executive Commis-  
tee."



October 12, 1951

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated October 6, 1951, together with enclosures, has been received, and I appreciate your interest in making this information available to me.

With respect to your inquiry, however, I must advise that according to a Departmental regulation data contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and for official use only. No inference, however, should be drawn that we do or do not have in our files the information which you have requested due to my inability to be of assistance.

In the event you obtain additional data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Kansas City Office located at 707 U. S. Court House Building, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Sincerely yours,

G.I.R.-5

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc: Kansas City (with copies of incoming)  
cc: New York (with copies of incoming)

Enclosure to the correspondent's letter consisted of a page from "The Salina Journal," October 5, 1951, edition where appears an article captioned "Bishop Ornam, Bundy Hit At Reds, Each Other." The article concerned a meeting of the Central Kansas Methodist Conference, at which time Bishop Ornam told the delegates that their church should be in the forefront against Communism and said, "The way to handle these problems is to turn them over to the FBI." The article also concerns a speech by Captain Edgar C. Bundy sponsored by the Leslie Kreppe Post of the American Legion. During the course of the speech,

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Bundy criticized Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam as having been a member of a number of organizations held to be subversive.

Another enclosure was an item from "The Salina Journal," dated September 30, 1951, concerning the speeches to be made by Bundy and Oxnam.

Bureau files fail to reflect any information concerning the correspondent.

Bureau files reflect several allegations over the past several years that "The Federal Council of Churches" is a Communist front or subject to Communist infiltration or influence. An investigation confined to contacts with confidential informants was conducted by the New York Office in 1950 concerning the Federal Council of Churches. The informants advised that they had no knowledge of any Communist or subversive activities on the part of this organization. The Federal Council of Churches has issued a publication condemning Communism. New York file 100-84875.

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The pamphlet "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches" published by the American Council of Christian Laymen has been brought to the Bureau's attention on previous occasions and copies have been furnished to the New York Office. No investigation has been conducted concerning this organization which appears to be anti-Communist in nature.

In connection with Bishop Oxnam, Bureau files reflect extensive correspondence between the Bureau and Bishop Oxnam and indicate that cordial relations exist with the Bishop.

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A review of the files reflects that several inquiries have been received at the Bureau concerning Captain Edgar G. Bundy as a result of his anti-Communist lecture tour.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently a leaflet came to my attention, which intimates strongly that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ is a pro-communist organization. It is printed in red ink with the characteristic hammer and sickle displayed, and asks the question, "How Red is the Federal Council?" This leaflet seems to be distributed by an organization known as the Christian Laymen's Council with an address in Washington, D. C.

I would like to state that I am not connected in any way with the Federal Council of Churches, or with the distributors of the leaflet. I am merely seeking information regarding these charges, both for my own benefit, and for the benefit of the church which I serve.

I would greatly appreciate answers to the following questions, if it is possible for you to do so.

1. Has the Federal Council of Churches of Christ ever been considered as a subversive organization?
2. Has the Federal Council of Churches of Christ ever been considered as a pro-communist organization?
3. Has the International Convention of Disciples of Christ ever been considered as pro-communist at any time?  
(Practically all of the major communions were listed in connection with the Federal Council; therefore I ask this third question because it represents the Disciples of Christ with which I am connected.)

As a Minister of the Gospel, I feel that I should be awake to any communist activity within the church universal, or within my own communion. I therefore respectfully request this information.

Cordially yours,  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your communication dated October 5, 1951, has been received. Although I would like very much to be of service, a policy of long standing holds information in the files of this Bureau confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference that we do, or do not, have the desired data in view of my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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October 11, 1951

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have acquired a pamphlet which was issued by the "A. C. L." copyright 1949 and titled, "How Red is the Federal (National) Council of Churches". The pastor of the church (Baptist), where I am a member, says this pamphlet is false propaganda. Our church is a constituent of the N.C.C.C. If the pamphlet is true I feel that the people have a right to know it, and I feel that every real American and born again Christian must know and the sooner the better. I wouldn't support Communism for a second and I know other "believers" who would be shocked if this is true. Anything Anti-God or Anti-Christ must be exposed now.

I am Child Evangelist and must be sure before I make any statement.

I would appreciate a statement from J. Edgar Hoover, if possible about the authenticity of the pamphlet.

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and if changes have been made in the offices, what about the men now in office? What tie in does the "N.C.C." have with the "World C.C.C."?

Any material which you have that I might give to others to enlighten Americans - I would appreciate, "if this pamphlet is true".

Please answer quickly.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your communication dated October 11, 1951, with enclosure, has been received. Although I would like very much to be of service, a policy of long standing holds information in the files of this Bureau confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference that we do, or do not, have the desired data in view of my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: Enclosure was a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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To The Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C.

b7c From [REDACTED]

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Gentlemen:

Can you advise whether or not any of the leaders or officers of the National Council or Federal Council of Churches are Communists or lean toward Communism?

Thanks for an early reply. I am,  
Yours very truly,

b7c [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated October 10, 1951, has been received.

While a policy of long standing holds information in the files of this Bureau confidential and available for official use only, I thought for your personal and confidential information that you might like to know the FBI has never conducted an investigation concerning the Federal Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: The Bureau has never conducted an investigation concerning the Federal Council of Churches. Bufiles reflect certain derogatory information concerning the Council but a good deal of this has come from rival church groups.

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

Oct. 7, 1951

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In the world Herald of Oct. 7, 1951  
I noticed that you endorsed Dr. Ralph  
W. Sockman to speak to the District  
Teachers Convention at Atlantic, Iowa.

I'm inclosing a "How Red" and  
please do look through it in regard  
to Dr. Sockman. Federal Council of Church

According to this paper, "How Red"  
in the National Council of Churches"  
Sockman belongs to 4 Communist Front  
organizations which I have marked  
to make it easy for you to find.

[REDACTED] and I do appreciate  
you are doing and consider  
the honest agencies of our  
Government.

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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.



**READ THE FACTS INSIDE AND  
DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS**

TRUE COPY

Oct. 7, 1951

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

Dear Mr Hoover,

In the world Herald of Oct. 7, 1951 I noticed that you indorsed Dr Ralph W. Sockman to speak to the District Teachers Convention at Atlahitic, Iowa.

I'm inclosing a "How Red" and please do look through it in regard to Dr Sockman.

According to this paper, "How Red is the National Council of Churches" Dr. Sockman belongs to 4 Communist Front organizations which I have marked to make it easy for you to find.

and I do appreciate the work you are doing and consider it the F.B.I. one of the honest agencies of our Government.

Respectfully

/s/

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked October 9, 1951, with enclosure, has been received in the absence of Mr. Hoover from the city and I am taking the liberty of acknowledging its receipt.

Upon Mr. Hoover's return I will bring your communication to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

CC-Omaha, with photostatic copy of incoming.

ATTENTION SAC: Please forward under the caption RESEARCH by air mail immediately a copy of the item in the World Herald of October 7, 1951, to which correspondent makes reference.

NOTE ON YELLOW: The Director has on several occasions commented favorably concerning Dr. Sockman. In this instance it is believed desirable to obtain the article to which correspondent makes reference before setting forth the Director's views concerning Dr. Sockman. (62-37869-27)

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6 Federal Council of Churches of Christ

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October 7, 1951

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Today at church I obtained literature opposing the Federal Council, now called the National Council of the Churches of Christ, and its dilapidated ways. Not only are they discrediting this word but endangering our country's welfare. How can they be stopped? Can't the United States Government oppose them so that the public won't be drawn into this pro-communist party? I've been reading where they tried, and met with partial success, to dis-persue our defense preparations to completely stop. Right now, today an official of the N.C.C. advocated (Dr. J. J. author, of "Mahatma Gandhi: An Interpretation") and advocates extreme non-resistance to communism. Have you ever read "Our Legacy" published by the American Council of Christian Churches, or "What is Wrong with the Federal Council"? Please read these! Respectfully

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your communication dated October 7, 1951, has been received.

It was thoughtful of you to communicate with me and to bring the publications you mentioned to my attention. I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material issued by this Bureau which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

U.S. News & World Report  
Director's AP Statement  
How To Fight Communism  
Unmasking The Communist Masquerader

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J. B. D., Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen: National Council of Churches

The church I have been going to since we moved here has been giving me literature to prove the National Council of Churches of United States America

"Communist". I can not believe this, but do not know how to prove it.

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Can you give me any information concerning this? I am enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked October 26, 1951, has been received and I deeply appreciate your concern in communicating with me.

I thought you might like to know that a policy of long standing holds the files of this Bureau confidential and for official use only. You will understand the reason for such a rule, I am sure, and will draw no inference whatsoever that we do, or do not, have the information on the organization you mentioned, in view of my inability to be of service.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material of possible interest to you, and your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

Unmasking the Communist Wasquerader  
How to Fight Comm.  
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U.S. News and World Report

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NOTE: Enclosure being returned is a self-addressed, stamped envelope which is too small to be used.

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10:28 "The grandest message in the world!"

October 25, 1951

Mr. J. E. Hoover  
Director of  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir:

I received your letter today and  
in reply to my correspondence to the  
F. B. I. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Untill receiving this literature I  
did not know how extensively Communism has  
spread in the United States.

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Being a young man of twenty-one and  
attending Bible school here in Portland all this  
world wide business of Communism is fairly new to  
me, but since planning on going out into the  
foreign mission field for this work this is all  
very important to me.

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I may be out of order to mention this,  
but I should say ask this, in view of the  
awful persecution that protestant missionaries  
are receiving in countries that are dominated  
by Catholicism, but is there any connection  
between Communism and Catholicism? I know

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personally that according to his word that  
Catholicism will rule the earth or most of it some  
day. I believe this with all my heart since it  
is from his word, in Revelation and elsewhere, on  
this subject I could write for scores of pages.

Find enclosed literature of modernistic/  
communistic nature, no doubt you already have  
this but I do not <sup>know</sup> if you do, so will satisfy  
my doubts. One piece of literature I would  
like to send you is the pamphlet entitled:

"What is wrong with the Federal Council" put out by  
the American Council of Christian Churches,  
15 Park Row, New York 7, N.Y. of assurity you  
must have this one since a presentation from  
you is on the title page.

I again insist on asking, in a friendly  
way, why is not the people of this country told  
about this sordid business that is in their churches  
where their children are being promoted by  
communists? Only the government would ex-  
pose this thing! <sup>People</sup> <sup>don't</sup> listen to us  
Christians who <sup>show</sup> <sup>them</sup> these things because  
they believe we are prejudice. Can and will the  
government do this? I pray on this much, know-  
ing that this will be done. Romans 8:28

II Corinthians 8: 5 to 11

Respectfully,

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ing the presidency of the Federal Council, he enumerated the doctrines of man's total depravity, the new birth, the vicarious atonement of Christ, justification by faith alone and verbal inspiration of the Bible. Then he declares of churches loyally subscribing to these clear teachings of the Bible, "at which we are accustomed to look a little down our noses."

It is not, therefore, surprising that a great Chicago daily newspaper speaks out against the "hypocrisy and treachery of these attacks upon Christianity . . . condemning infidels masquerading as men of God." Will Christians be less incensed than the editors of a secular newspaper when it is *their Saviour* who is dishonored; when the poison of such unbelief threatens to engulf our land and the world?

When, Oh, when, will Christians realize that in joining a congregation, they simultaneously join the denomination to which that congregation belongs, and all the other agencies to which that denomination is giving its name and assistance? An informed, discerning and faithful Christian should prefer death to membership in either the National Council or the World Council of Churches.

By membership in either of these councils, one is aiding modernist unbelief in its attack upon Christ and the Gospel.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL—A FOE TO FREEDOM

By membership in the National Council, one is aiding those who will destroy freedom in our land if their pro-Socialist plans succeed. For, what they term "the new social order," or "The Kingdom of God" is nothing more nor less than Socialism's tyranny which, were they strictly honest, they would call by its right name. Many of the National Council's leaders have been cited repeatedly for association with communist-front organizations. The "privileged sanctuary" of the clergy is what saves no few of them from public investigation. In allowing yourself to remain in membership with such a Council which is constantly sniping at free enterprise, trampling freedom under foot and urging our nation towards Socialism, you are forcing upon your children a poor *legacy*. It is hardly one for which they will rise up and call you blessed.

A suicidal pacifism in our country would become an open invitation to any aggressor nation to come and seize our treasure, and do as it might wish with the lives of our non-resisting citizens. Could anyone imagine a platform more pleasing to Stalin, or more cruel to the innocent people of our land who by it would be slaughtered or enslaved. Yet, Dr. Jones is the National Council's favorite "Evangelist." In his book, "Mahatma Gandhi: An Interpretation", he writes, "No individual group or nation need submit to any wrong, nor need they go to war to right that wrong. There is a third way—non-violent resistance. If non-violent resistance were organized in a thorough disciplined way in the

individual, group or nation, then that individual, group, or nation will be invulnerable and invincible. By taking the way of Truth and Non-violence nine-tenths of the possibilities of being invaded and conquered would be warded off by that very spirit. But suppose on the one-tenth it should break down and in spite of that spirit that nation should be invaded and conquered. Is all lost? Not at all! If that nation would organize its men, women and children into non-violent resistance, it would make occupancy permanently impossible. Let them simply withdraw all co-operation with the conqueror and take the consequences. Some would be butchered, but you cannot go on butchering non-violent people forever. It turns your stomach. They would be the martyrs in the movement. . . . Suppose, for instance, that Russia, to take the extreme case, should invade and conquer the United States. Would we be lost? NO! We could organize every man, woman and child in America in a non-violent resistance. We would withdraw all co-operation with the conqueror. You cannot rule over a people if they won't let you. We could break the will of the conqueror in five years. He would throw up the sponge—defeated."

Those who consent to remain in denominations within the National Council are, by doing so, casting their vote in favor of such dangerous nonsense as that just quoted from Dr. Jones. They thereby invite the same Russian slavery for our land as that under which millions groan in many countries today.

There are twenty-nine bodies in membership with the National Council, four of which are not Protestant at all. (Listed in Literature Item 101)

### "... FREELY GIVE"

What kind of a spiritual *legacy* are you building day after day? What kind are you encouraging your friends and neighbors to leave? The U. S. A., with its approximate 47 millions of Protestants, is the focal point of the most vital battle this world has seen since Luther's day. This message must be given to all these millions—the majority of them Bible-believing people—that the battle shall be won for the glory of Christ, our Saviour. The citadel of Protestantism the world over today is right here in the United States. The destiny of other lands will depend upon the outcome of the contest in our country.

Are you in the enemy's camp? What can you do about it? The American Council of (genuinely) Christian Churches will be glad to answer this question and others you may have. Write for additional literature. Help us awaken from lethargy and indifference uninformed Christians in the camp of the foe. Remember this Council's work in daily prayer. Would you not like to help financially to the extent of your ability? This, too, can be a part of YOUR LEGACY you pass on to unborn generations. Do it for the sake of the Christ who died for our sins, who triumphed over death, and who has promised to come again.

## YOUR Legacy



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## LEGACY—A THREE-DIRECTIONAL WORD

*Legacy* is one of the pleasantest words in the English vocabulary when one is on the receiving end. We have read of a man who objected so seriously to the inheritance of wealth that he forthwith disposed of it. This is so unusual that it makes newspaper headlines. More than a few persons have had the experience of retiring for the night quite poor, only to awaken the following morning decidedly rich in earthly possessions. What made the difference? A *legacy*. *Legacy*, then, assuredly compels the recipient to look **backward**—often upon years of another's drudgery and struggle; of sacrifice, and more than a few failures and discouragements; but of a pluck and perseverance which were ultimately rewarded.

But backward is not the only direction in which *legacy* looks. The backward glance of us their **children and beneficiaries** was a **forward look** by fathers who slaved and toiled, and who found more satisfaction in what they would pass on to us than had they indulged in luxuries for themselves. Even so, our forward look today (as we frankly and seriously ponder the searching and humbling question, "What *legacy* will I leave my children and the world?") will become a gaze in retrospect by the generation into whose hands we shall shortly surrender the helm as we depart the earthly scene.

*Legacy* does not point us backward and forward, and then stop. Actually, it is a many-directional word; for with all the need crying on every hand, surely the **Christian** with a *legacy* of any kind will ever look about him to minister in the name of his Saviour to those in distress. Was not Peter doing this very thing with his rich *legacy* when he said to the lame man at the Gate Beautiful, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." And walk he did that day forth! Peter was rich in the knowledge of Christ and His almighty power. As the recipient of a great *legacy*, he must look about him to the needy multitudes. So must we who know and love this great Saviour. This illustration from Peter's life brings us to the third direction in which *legacy* looks. Most important of all, *legacy* looks—**upward**: straight into the face of God, the Benefactor of benefactors. Were it not for the goodness of God, there would be no earthly benefactors. Let it be an upward look deeply conscious of our utter unworthiness of the least of God's kindnesses, mindful of the immeasurable merit of Christ in whom and in whose atoning blood we have come to trust. Let it be a look of loving gratitude for all which our God means to us. We do well to recall God's words to His people in Deuteronomy, chapter 8. After reminding them how He had delivered them from slavery, and bestowed upon them a rich Promised Land, how solemnly He warns them that they are not to forget Him and become boastful by claiming, "My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But

thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore unto thy fathers." (Deut. 8:17,18)

### "FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED . . ."

God has lavishly endowed all of us. It is doubtful that we reflect sufficiently upon this fact. Thus, think-**less-ness** becomes thank-**less-ness**. God has ordained that the majority of us should inherit sound minds in bodies of normal health and strength. Our gratitude to God might be improved by an occasional visit to institutions in which are thousands of people diseased, helpless, their bodies wracked with pain; or, to other institutions for the mentally distressed, some of them tortured by the worst of imagined disasters, as frightening to them as tho they were reality itself. In material blessing, our *legacy* is princely. The "poverty" of many Americans would be undreamed-of-wealth to a countless pitiable throng who would like nothing better than to exchange places with them.

Valuable though this *legacy*, which should be thankfully employed to God's glory, the jewel of priceless worth in our *legacy* has not yet been mentioned. Our spiritual *legacy* is the rarest gem. This may be said by all of us who have been born free in a land of freedom; in a land of an open Bible and whose foundations were established by men and women who revered the living and true God. This may be said by each of us who has been delivered from the tyranny of superstition and idolatry and brought into the full and glorious light of Biblical Christianity. Through fearless Reformers of the sixteenth century and the blood of many martyrs this *legacy* has come down to us. Salvation by grace through faith alone in the finished work of Christ upon the cross—this, indeed, is life's greatest *legacy*. It is a *legacy* which must be preserved inviolate, which must be passed on to all succeeding generations. Many are the adversaries which strive to keep us from leaving such a *legacy*. Satan is the schoolmaster for all such foes of the pure Gospel of God's Son.

### WHAT KIND OF A BENEFICIARY ARE YOU?

Some build nothing—but ruin and decay. Their genius is only in squandering what better men have laboriously and honorably acquired. Witness some of the notorious scions of American wealth; men and women known only for their idleness and pleasure-madness. They would have had no treasure to dissipate had their forebears not been made of "nobler stuff." Yet, are we not worse than these unworthy heirs, if, receiving a rich spiritual *legacy*, we fail to pass it on to our children?

The worthiest beneficiary is he in whose soul burns intensely the desire to be a great benefactor. Such a fire should consume every Christian today, for the spiritual perils in the days of Luther, Calvin and Knox were no more alarming than those of our day. Christians would never entrust the bodies of their children to wild beasts, yet millions of them unwittingly are surrendering

the souls of their families to the carbon monoxide of modernist unbelief, which has disguised itself as "Christianity" when in reality it is its deadliest foe.

Similar perils in Spurgeon's day demanded that he and other stalwarts of the faith rally to the defense of God's people against wolves in sheep's clothing. Then, as now, the differences were not on insignificant matters, but on the very vitals of the Christian faith. Among other things, Spurgeon in that battle of his day said, "These destroyers (unbelieving ministers) of our churches appear to be as content with their work as monkeys with their mischief. . . . These gentlemen desire to be let alone. They want no noise raised. Of course thieves hate watch-dogs, and love darkness. It is time that somebody . . . call attention to the way in which God is being robbed of His glory, and man of his hope."

Do you know that thousands of churches erected by our God-fearing parents are numbered in Satan's camp today; lined up with forces actively opposing those who preach the blood-atoning message which all the prophets and apostles proclaimed? Do you know that presidents and professors who control many seminary faculties today have launched such attacks upon the cardinal facts of Christianity that membership in the church would have been denied them during the earlier days when acceptance of the Bible was required for admission? Can any man believe that he is leaving a good *legacy* to his children if he entrusts them to any congregation belonging to a denomination largely dominated by those who are infidels, or at best agnostics?

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL—SATAN'S INSTRUMENT

One of Satan's most effective weapons among Protestants is the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., formerly called the Federal Council. Consider these as samples of the blasphemous unbelief found in those who control the National Council:

"We should shake ourselves loose from mystical, theological, sentimental notions that come out of the easy acceptance of the death of Christ as the guaranty of our own salvation without effort on our part. . . . Jesus paid the cost of his salvation on the cross." (From the Methodist Sunday School quarterly, *Bible Lessons for Adults*, April, May, June, 1949. This is the largest body in the National Council, 8,900,000 members. Such unbelief is not the exception but the rule in the literatures of that denomination. Ponder the blasphemy of declaring that the sinless Christ paid for his **salvation** on the cross!)

"We shall hardly bandy words about the finality of Christ. The field is open for anyone at any time to mean more to men than Jesus has meant." (Dr. J. W. Nixon, in the chair of theology at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and a prominent leader in the National Council.)

Mr. Charles P. Taft is very prominent in the National Council. In his address in 1946 accept-



# Official Methodist Literature Praises Stalin Advocates Communist Economic Principles

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## Classmate

### JOSEPH STALIN

BY JEROME DAVIS



**JOSEPH VASSARIANOVITCH DJUGASHVILI** was born in 1879 in the village of Gori in the heart of the Caucasian Mountains. His parents were poor, struggling peasants. Today, known to the world as Stalin, he is a ruler of one-sixth of the earth's surface and a powerful international leader. What is the personality of this man who plays such a significant role in the world? And how did he achieve such importance?

Stalin's father, Vassarian Djughashvili, was a peasant who worked ten to twelve hours a day in a small shoe factory. The family lived in a room about five yards square with one window. When Vassarian died suddenly, they were left penniless. Stalin's mother worked far into the night and sacrificed herself unceasingly to support herself and her ten-year-old son, and to save enough money to send him to

mother said to me in an interview: "This was the greatest blow that ever happened to me. Soeo was expelled and became a full-fledged revolutionist. Later I came to realize that my prayers for his leadership of Russia were answered in a way that far surpassed my fondest dreams."

Stalin was fearless in helping the workers. One day in Batumi he led a demonstration demanding the release of those arrested unjustly by the Tsar's officers. The police retaliated by arresting three hundred of the demonstrators. The next day Stalin marched at the head of a still larger demonstration. The police fired on the crowd. Stalin escaped, but within a month was found, arrested, and sentenced to three years. But he refused to stay put. He was able to contrive ingenious and daring means of escape so that he could continue his work in freeing the op-

Everything he does reflects the desires and hopes of the masses to a large degree. He makes it his business to find out what people are thinking, and is very responsive to the state of mind of the people. This does not, however, prevent him from initiating policies he considers necessary although the populace has not asked or is not ready for them. He both leads and follows public opinion.

Contrary to general Western conception, Stalin is frugal in his habits. He does not care for money. He lives and dresses simply and modestly. He has a small, four-room apartment in the Kremlin. When his children were small, one of them slept on a sofa in the dining room. Except for the worst part of the winter, Stalin lives in Gorki in the little house where Lenin lived before his death.

His associates say that he is quite

love in reading was and is poetry. When he was young, he wrote poetry and at the age of sixteen, he had a few poems published in the newspaper *Iberia*. Regardless of their quality as literature, they reveal that even at that age he possessed great social feeling as is evidenced by these lines:

"Whose back was bent with toil unending,  
Who knelt but yesterday in thrall,  
Will rise, I say, the mountain's envy,  
On wings of hope, high over all."

THESE are some of the aspects of Stalin's life which we should understand. Here is a man who was born under the Tsar's tyranny, without any money, coming from the poorest of the poor in the Caucasian Mountains, speaking a foreign dialect. Yet he studied desperately hard to win honors at graduation. Then he went out to fight for justice for the people, and

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JANET GRAHAM and  
eyes closed. Outside  
the school village at  
with the pale copper of a  
in the distance were the  
the children came about  
to a little while the street  
began to hum. Getting  
subliminal and carrying  
no pulse across their  
remains hanging in a  
price of their wages. Still  
would start drifting  
Coming in—going out—  
I went to look at  
has as they passed—  
of these impossible days at the office—  
same day.

the theological seminary in 1918. His  
heart's desire was that he should be-  
come the greatest religious leader that  
Russia ever had. With that determina-  
tion she managed to scrape together  
enough money to enroll him in the  
seminary. Joseph, or Soos as his mother  
called him, rebelled against the ex-  
treme discipline and constant super-  
vision of the school authorities. He  
often read books which were forbidden  
because of their political implications,  
and finally after repeated punishments  
and warnings, he was expelled. His

pressed. During the 1910 and was re-  
leased seven times and escaped six.  
The last time he was released by the  
Revolution.

But above all, Stalin is a superb  
political strategist, with an almost un-  
canny knack for selecting the right  
man for the right job. He studies those  
who work with him until he knows  
their strong points and weaknesses bet-  
ter than they themselves do.

It would be an error to consider the  
Soviet leader a willful man who be-  
lieves in forcing his ideas upon others.

puritanical in his personal habits. He  
never permits amatty stories to be told  
in his presence. He smokes a pipe, never  
gambles, and does not drink to excess.

Stalin likes both hunting and fish-  
ing and occasionally will play chess.  
His favorite relaxation, however, is  
reading, of which he does as much as  
demands upon his time permit. He  
has read the works of many Americans  
in translation, including James Fen-  
imore Cooper, Upton Sinclair, Mark  
Twain, and Sinclair Lewis. But his first

he finally became dictator of a country  
embracing one-sixth of the earth's  
land surface. No doubt he has serious  
faults. He loves power; he may have  
been ruthless in getting it. But can we  
go out to serve God and the common  
people of America as sincerely and  
courageously as Stalin did for what  
he believed was best for his people?  
Let us devote our lives to the un-  
finished task of making America a  
country with a serving church, a serv-  
ing state, and a serving economic order

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It is almost equally clear that a system  
in which the main motive of work is com-  
petition for selfish gain, regardless of pub-  
lic service rendered, is likewise less than  
Christian.

This competitive individualism has al-  
ready undergone drastic modification in  
all lands where it has existed. Indeed, an  
increasing number of informed observers  
is convinced that it is now impossible to  
return to the old ways or even to retain  
permanently what is left of capitalism.

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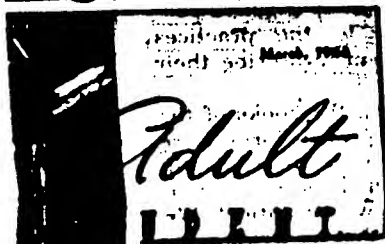
### Government Ownership and Control

We have long believed, in America,  
that some natural resources and some  
public services ought to be under govern-  
mental ownership and control. Water-  
ways, schools, and the postal service are  
important examples. There are many  
others.

It may be wise to extend the list into  
new fields where private monopolies or  
vast competing corporations have failed  
to serve the public good. Our government  
has long possessed huge holdings of lum-  
ber and oil lands. The history of relations  
between governmental control and pri-  
vate ownership suggests that the extension  
of such control over resources needed by  
the whole nation will become increasingly  
imperatively to protect the future well-  
being of all.

In confronting all such problems the  
man of faith will not be concerned about  
labels of "capitalist" or "communist,"  
"reactionary" or "liberal." He will be con-  
cerned with creating an economic order in  
which all may share in the goods which  
all work to produce. With this principle  
in mind he will study through each prob-  
lem as it arises and take his stand accord-  
ingly.

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## 9 My Task Now

I must think long and earnestly of the  
meaning of human brotherhood in eco-  
nomics and before the law. When I do  
so, I can hardly fail to see that a system  
in which some children are born to such  
wealth and ease as to soften and degrade  
them, while others, however intelligent  
and ambitious, must early leave school to  
help support their families and never  
thereafter escape the round of toll in  
hopeless poverty is not a Christian system.



# Modernism in the Methodist Church

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## God and the Lawmakers

### LESSON 3 FOR NOVEMBER 23

**C**AN YOU NAME the first five books of the Bible? That's pretty easy, isn't it? But did you know that these first five books are called the Pentateuch (Pen-ta-tuk), and that

Moses, the  
Lawgiver

they are considered to be the law books of the Old Testament? The very first writings of the

Bible to be brought together in their present form and recognized as the word of God was the Hebrew "Law." These books we call Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. This was the first Hebrew Bible.

Folks used to think that Moses wrote all these books, but the best Bible scholars now tell us this is not so. There were several reasons for this earlier belief. The authors of the books

*compare this with; Matthew 19:18  
Mark 7:10*

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**JESUS SAID:** "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

Two chaplains, one Protestant and one Jewish, discuss inter-faith co-operation with Mohammedan leaders on a South Pacific island. All followers of these three faiths worship the same God who wants all men to be free

said they were written by Moses, for one thing.

Ancient people always ascribed their sacred writings to great personalities. The Babylonians ascribed all their laws to a man named Hammurabi, and the Greeks to Solon, just as the Hebrews made all their laws stem from Moses. These old authors weren't trying to deceive anyone or put over a fraud. Moses was the great pioneer lawgiver, and they knew that their laws were written in his spirit, if not in his actual words. It was perfectly permissible, according to the practices of their day, for them to ascribe their writings to Moses.

As a matter of fact, the books of the Pentateuch, in their present form, were written many years after Moses' death, but that great hero laid the foundation for all early Hebrew legislation. We don't know for sure that he wrote anything, or that he knew how to write! But we do know that he was such a great and good man, and that the laws he made were so wise and so advanced for his day that his people considered him the father of all their law.

**JESUS SAID:** "Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me" (John 5:46).

**"HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE UNFRUITFUL WORKS OF DARKNESS, BUT RATHER REPROVE THEM" (Eph. 5:11).**

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"The modernists . . . have already largely won the battle we started out to win . . . fundamentalism is still with us, but mostly in the backwaters. The future of the churches, if we will have it so, is in the hands of modernism."—Rev. H. E. Froedick.

From a report of American Association for the Advancement of Atheism: "No better proof of the contention that the Church is losing control of all the larger Protestant denominations and working from inside, discredit the basic teaching of Christianity in the name of Christianity."

The Bible is the Word of God.  
 Jesus Christ is the Son of God in the sense in which all men are.  
 The birth of Jesus was NATURAL.  
 The death of Jesus was EXPIATORY.  
 Man is the product of special CREATION.  
 Man is a SINNER, fallen from original righteousness, and apart from God's redeeming grace is hopelessly lost.  
 Man is justified by FAITH in the atoning blood of Christ; result—supernatural regeneration from ABOVE.  
 Brotherhood of God and Brotherhood of all men.

The BIBLE is itself the infallible and inerrant Word of God, the divine authority for our faith and life.

GOD is one God in three persons, Father, Son, Holy Spirit; infinite, eternal, unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

JESUS CHRIST is God incarnate, by His virgin birth and sinless humanity, so that His substitutionary death satisfied divine justice as provided for man's redemption. He will personally return to reign on the earth.

MAN is under condemnation of sin, subject to the power of physical death, and spiritual death which is eternal punishment.

SAVATION is by faith, without works; pardon of sin solely on the ground of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, freely offered to all men.  
 The CHURCH is the duty and privilege of born again Christians to meet regularly in fellowship for edification and spiritual growth, according to the Word of God.

# TAKE HEED

If unfaithfulness to the Word of God affected only the leaders of the denominations there might be less need for action. But it soon affects the individual churches, Sunday school literature aims to be more socially helpful with human devices for betterment rather than offering true Bible teaching. Much false teaching can only result in lives which may have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof (2 Tim. 3:5).

## SEPARATE UNTO THE GOSPEL

When men and women have belonged to a church for many years, and served God in it with His blessing, and when outwardly things seem much the same as before, it is hard for them to realize it has gone over to unbelief. But it is always right to obey God, "Be ye separate." Nothing else matters for the true Christian. No man can serve two masters. We cannot stand with those who deny Christ and yet be counted on His side.

There remains nothing else to do, for the sake of a pure testimony of the true Gospel of God our Savior, but to form a "new lump" entirely separate from alliance with those who deny it. That, by God's gracious working, is the testimony of the Bible Presbyterian Church. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good" Num. 10:29.

The Bible Presbyterian Church continues the testimony once held in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. It was organized in 1938 after that church assembly deplored many of its true Bible preachers. They were refused to stop sending out, independent, many others who love the pure Gospel have joined in the new church fellowship because it is free from unbelieving modernism now controlling the old denomination.

Since 1938 the Church has grown as an organization now (1946) having 148 ministers, with churches in 17 states across the country.  
 The Bible Presbyterian Church offers a true and most precious fellowship to those who believe and desire to be a part of a body that maintains such a testimony.

## WHY A BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

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 Should Know

### SHOULD A CHRISTIAN SUPPORT A MODERNIST CHURCH?

"Modernism" denies the Bible is fully true, that it is the Word of God as spoken and preserved for man. Like Satan in Eden, it says "Yes, hath God said . . . ?" Today men are trusting their own "philosophy and vain deceit" rather than "the Scripture" which the Lord Jesus said "cannot be broken."

This "modernism" in the denominations is undermining the foundations of faith and fostering worldliness in the churches.

### WHY SHOULD MODERNISTS BE CONDEMNED?

First—They deny that Jesus is the "Lord God" and that He "bought" with His life blood those who trust His payment for their sins.

Second—Rejecting this grace of God, they preach instead social reformation. They substitute joining a church for personal regeneration. Church attendance, organizational and social activities are stressed rather than consecration and faith. They no longer have prayer and testimony meetings. Their sermons are not Bible preaching but book reviews of human wisdom.

### THE BIBLE WARNS THAT SUCH APOSTASY IS TO COME

"There shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies even denying the Lord that bought them . . . And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of"—2 Pet. 2:1, 2.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves . . . Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" 2 Tim. 3:1, 5.

See also: Matt. 24:10-12; Acts 20:28-30; Col. 3:8, 9; 1 John 2:18-26.

### WHO IS TO BLAME FOR THE PRESENT CONDITION?

These modernists have covertly read new meanings into scriptural phrases. They have gained the places of leadership in the churches and pulpits. To support such traitors to God and His Word is to take one's stand against God. There can be no neutral ground. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me."

If we give of our means to support such men we are in a very real sense bidding them "God speed" (3 John 11).

### GOD COMMANDS US TO BE SEPARATE

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? . . . or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? . . . Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord"—2 Cor. 6:14-17.

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness . . . from such withdraw thyself"—1 Tim. 6:3, 5.

"Ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"—Jude 3.

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA is a body composed of leaders in various denominations. It is a super church organization, claiming to speak for American Protestantism. Its modernistic publications and radio broadcasts plainly show it rejects the witness of Scripture to the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Rather it preaches a new social gospel which is untrue to the Bible and seeks to bring in a new social order of communism that is not only unscriptural but contrary to the very

foundations of our United States Government. Some of the denominations it represents are Presbyterian Church (U.S. and U.S.A.), The Methodist Church, Northern Baptist Convention, Protestant Episcopal Church, Reformed Church in America. Yet many of the people in these denominations which subscribe to it, are not aware that it represents them.

Quoted below are statements of some of the prominent religious leaders, which show their denial of God's Word:

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor-emeritus, Riverside Church, New York City, is not only a leading modernist but continues an avowed pacifist. Yet he preached to the nation weekly on free radio time given through the "Federal Council."

"As preached in our Protestant churches the Trinity has often been little more than a mathematical formula . . . arithmetical absurdity." (The Modern Use of the Bible, p. 188.) (But read Mark 1:10, 11).

"I do not believe in the resurrection of the flesh." (The Modern Use of the Bible, p. 98.) (But read Luke 24:36-39).

"Of course, I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the Atonement; and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does." Letter written January 31, 1945. (But read Matt. 1:20, 21; 26:28).

Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, past president Union Theological Seminary, New York; elected Moderator in 1943 of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.—

"A father who had to be reconciled to his children, whose wrath had to be appeased or whose forgiveness could be purchased, is not the Father of Jesus Christ. . . . Certain widely used hymns still perpetuate the theory that God pardons sinners because Christ purchased that pardon by His obedience and suffering." ("The Meaning of the Cross"—Pages 110-118.) (But read Romans 5:8-10.)

Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Bishop of the Methodist Church

"Is not this tendency to deify Jesus more heathen than Christian? Are we not most truly Christian when we cut loose from a heathen propensity and take Jesus simply for the Character that He was and for the Ideal that He is?" ("The Christlike God" p. 15.) (But read John 20:28, 29.)

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Methodist Missionary Leader

"We are now discovering that the Kingdom of God is written not merely in the pages of some book, but written in the constitution of our own beings. . . . The Kingdom of God and life are one; therefore it is sheer realism." (Phila. speech, Jan. 12, 1941.) (But read John 3:3-6.)

Dr. George A. Bettelheim, pastor, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City

"Literal infallibility of Scripture is a fortress impossible to defend. . . . Probably few people who claim to 'believe every word of the Bible' really mean it. Meanwhile, we should frankly admit the bankruptcy of 'literal infallibility' and, under guidance of the facts, set out on the long hard quest for truth." (The Christian Fact and Modern Doubt, p. 162.) (But read Matt. 6:18; 2 Peter 1:20, 21.)

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, Presbyterian President, Union Theological Seminary, New York City

"Unless God is in some measure incarnate in the life of every man, he cannot have become fully incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth." (p. 215, "Liberal Theology.") (But read Psalm 10:4; 188:6; John 3:3)

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Nov. 17-1951,

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir:-

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Could I by any means  
obtain a copy of the F. B. I. record  
of the "Federal Council of Churches".  
altho now it is under another name.  
If so please advise me.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated November 17, 1951, has been received.

I thought you might like to know that the files of this Bureau are confidential and for official use only. I know you will understand the reason for such a rule and will draw no inference whatsoever that we do or do not possess information on the organization you mention.

For your confidential information, however, this Bureau has not conducted an investigation of the Federal Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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December 3, 1951

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

Dear Sir:

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

I received this pamphlet from one of the members of my church yesterday and he wanted to know what it was all about. I know there are always other groups trying to darken the character of other groups, but I would like very much to find out whether this pamphlet has anything to it or not.

Realizing you are certainly a busy person it will take some of your time to answer my request. I will appreciate more than I can tell you any clarification you can give me on this.

Sincerely Yours  
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P.S. Please return the pamphlet if possible.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated December 9, 1951, with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI is required to be maintained as strictly 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 in our files information concerning the organization in which you are interested because of my inability to be of assistance.

I thought you might like to know that the quotation attributed to me in your enclosure is in fact a brief quotation of an excerpt from my statement given before the Committee on Un-American Activities in the House of Representatives on March 26, 1947. On that occasion my remarks included the statement, "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." In this connection I am enclosing copy of my statement, and you will note that the partial quotation is based on my remarks appearing on page 11.

I am returning the enclosure as you requested together with other material which may be of interest to you.

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**ATTENTION SAC:** Pamphlet referred to was issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Avenue, Madison 1, Wisconsin, under the title "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?"

*Enclosure*

How Communists Operate  
God or Chaos  
Don't Be Duped by the Communists  
How to Fight Communism  
Menace of Communism

**NOTE:** Pamphlet referred to was issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Avenue, Madison 1, Wisconsin, under the title "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?". Information regarding the Director's statement mentioned in the pamphlet is contained in 62-87760-23. 100-5086 reflected that many allegations have been received that the Federal Council of Churches is Communist infiltrated and a main investigation file has been opened on the Council.

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December 28, 1951

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been called to be  
a missionary and wanting to  
get information about the  
Mission Boards that send  
missionaries to South America,  
I wrote to the U. S. Capitol.  
I received a reply from  
the "Federal Security Agency,  
Office of Education, Washington,  
25, D.C.", dated 1/18/52  
and signed by *W. H. Kretz*

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Specialist, International Educational Programs, which stated that the office did not have the names of various Mission Boards which send missionaries to S. A. and referred me to: Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 156 Fifth Ave. New York 10, New York. I, unsuspectingly, wrote to this address and received literature from the National Council of the Churches of Christ which is a modernistic organization and have no right to delude sincere Christians by associating themselves

with the name of Christ. You know as well as I do that a Christian is a born-again believer in Jesus Christ as his Savior, not someone who denies the virgin birth of Jesus. This organization was exposed years ago by devout Christians and many people now know them for what they are - skunks. What is so shocking is that our government, which is supposed to represent the

people, whose national religion is Christianity, is openly putting their endorsement on this organization. WHY is this?

Should I refer this incident to Mr. Kefauver or does your department take care of such things?

I will be expecting an answer shortly.

Sincerely yours,

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December 28, 1951

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been called to be a missionary and wanting to get information about the Mission Boards that send missionaries to South America, I wrote to the U. S. Capitol. I received a reply from the "Federal Security Agency, Office of Education, Washington 25, D. C.," dated Dec. 7, 1951 and signed by Delia Goetz, Specialist, International Educational Programs, which stated that the office did not have the names of various Mission Boards which send missionaries to S.A. and referred me to: Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, New York. I, unsuspectingly, wrote to this address and received literature from the National Council of the Churches of Christ which is a modernistic organization and have no right to delude sincere Christians by associating themselves with the name of Christ. You know as well as I do that a Christian is a born-again believer in Jesus Christ as his Savior, not some one who denies the virgin birth of Jesus. This organization was exposed years ago by devout Christians and many people now know them for what they are - skunks. What is so shocking is that our government which is supposed to represent the people, whose national religion is Christianity, is openly putting their endorsement on this organization. WHY is this?

Should I refer this incident to Mr. Kefauver or does your department take care of such things?

I will be expecting an answer shortly.

Sincerely yours,

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/s/ [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated December 28, 1951, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted your writing me.

Whenever in the future you obtain any data which you believe may be of value to the FBI please feel free to communicate with our office located at 3915 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami 32, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC - Miami, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Address per directories.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: Thank for your  
letter of Oct 22. I failed to inquire  
about the National Council of  
Churches or the United Council of  
Churches.

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Are you in a position to  
advise whether either of these  
organizations have officers or  
leaders who lean toward Communism?

Thank you.  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated November 7, 1951, has been received.

For your confidential information, this Bureau has not conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches or the United Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: Correspondent in a letter dated 10-10-51 inquired as to the status of the Federal Council of Churches from a subversive standpoint. He was advised that no investigation of this organization has been made by this Bureau and it is deemed advisable to keep the current letter brief to avoid encouraging him to make further inquiries in this regard. Bufiles reflect certain derogatory information concerning the Federal Council of Churches which was later incorporated into the National Council of Churches of Christ in America; however, much of this data has come from rival church groups. (100-50869) The United Council of Churches is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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

December 3, 1951

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am coming to you for some information or opinion from you which is vital to me. I hope that you or your department can give me this information as soon as possible.

First I suppose that I should identify myself. I am a native of [redacted] On Nov. 28, 1931 the Beech Grove Church of the Brethren Called me to the Ministry after their regular procedure of calling ministers. After that I attend College, then taught school for 8 years and also served some churches as their minister. After this we attended Seminary and since then have been in full time Rural Church work. This past August, The Church of the Brethren of the District of [redacted] elected me to be their moderator for this coming year. In the [redacted] "Convention Dates" for October, 1951, [redacted] you will find my name. Also I serve on our District Mission Board.

I have always been concerned with trying to be a good Christian and trying to help others to do the same. One doesn't stand for right and try to follow the Christian ways very long until he finds people or groups of them finding fault. I have always felt that the Church of the Brethren, although a small denomination, was one of the finest churches that there was. It is only natural that the church you love and work for makes one feel that way, that is if he or she is sincere. In times of stress, unrest, war, and difficult times, one is always accused, or finds someone else who is accused of being a sympathizer or helper of who ever is deemed to be our enemy.

Now what I would like to give you a brief statement or opinion on, based on the best of information that you have, first about the Church of the Brethren:

1. The General Brotherhood Program (which is world wide in its total program) and the General Brotherhood Board which consists of 25 elected members by our General Annual Conference, do you find that it or its workers are "Red Communists" or tend to be?

As I said above, I believe in this denomination and thus far I have never had any proof of its "Red" tendencies as some few general disturbers try to accuse them of. I want to know the truth.

2. My next inquiry is about the former Federal Council of Churches. I have here beside me a paper that one of my members gave me which is entitled "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches". In it they make a quotation from you and quote many others. Of course we know that the Federal Council is merged with other organizations now and is under the National Council of Churches of United States of America. Is this Council and the Former Federal Council pro "Red"? I would greatly appreciate a brief statement about the above two issues for my enlightenment and so that I might know the truth as your bureau finds it.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked December 4, 1951, has been received and I appreciate the concern which prompted your writing me.

While I would like very much to be of service, a policy of long standing holds information in the files of the FBI confidential and available for official use only. I am certain you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference as to whether we do, or do not, have the desired data in view of my inability to be of service.

In connection with your request for my comments pertaining to your group, I know you will understand that it is not within my province to express myself in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc - Cincinnati

ATTENTION SAC: Correspondent requested that I endorse his denomination known as The Church of the Brethren and to give him information pertaining to the Communist activities in the Federal Council of Churches. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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Dear Sirs: Please send me some

JAN 10 1952

information about the following - ~~Is~~ Is it true that the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. is a subversive or communist organization?

Is it true that the F.B.I. has the names of 10,000 clergymen on its subversive list? Is it true that many religious organizations are communist?

I am a Sunday School teacher and these statements have been made in my class. I would like very much to be able to present the truth to this class.

Thanking you I am

Very truly  
[Redacted Signature]

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Jan, 9, 1952

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs: Please send me some information about the following - Is it true that the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. is a subversive or communist organization?

Is it true that the F.B.I. has the names of 10,000 clergymen on its subversive list? Is it true that many religious organizations are communistic?

I am a Sunday School teacher and these statements have been made in my class I would like very much to be able to present the truth to this class.

Thanking you I am

Very truly

/s/ [REDACTED]  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated January 9, 1952, has been received and I understand the concern which prompted your writing me.

While I would like very much to be of service in answering your questions, I thought you might like to know that a policy of long standing holds information in FBI files confidential and for official use only. I am certain you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference that we do, or do not, have the desired data.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc - Minneapolis, with copy of [REDACTED].

NOTE: Numerous inquiries are made concerning the Federal Council of Churches and the National Council. A memorandum dated 3-9-51 states that the latter name is that of the so-called Federal Council. (100-50869-150) An investigation confined to contacts with informants was conducted by the New York Office in 1950. (Continued on next page.)

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No data was developed concerning any Communist or subversive activities on the part of this organization (100-50869-168). Files confidential replies have been sent in the past when inquiries were made. It is not believed desirable to go into any discussion of the several questions set forth by correspondent.

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

I am aware of the fact that your office is kept busy without answering inquiries from 150 million people but it is very important to me whether or not the Federal Council of Churches is listed as subversive by your office.

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Enclosing Envelope for reply if possible can please.

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Yours

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated January 30, 1952, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, a long-standing policy holds information in the files of the FBI confidential and available for official use only. I am sure that you will appreciate the necessity for this rule and will draw no inference as to whether we do, or do not, have the desired data in view of my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identification reference to correspondent. Files reflect that the Federal Council of Churches has never been investigated; however, some derogatory data has come from rival church groups. (100-50869) Stamped self-addressed envelope forwarded by correspondent utilized in reply.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

as a citizen of the United States, I would like to have information on how the Communist Party works with or through the <sup>NATIONAL COUNCIL</sup> National Council of Churches or (Federal Council of Churches) and who are their leaders.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 13, 1952, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the necessity for our policy in this regard and will not draw any inference that we do, or do not, have the information you request.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

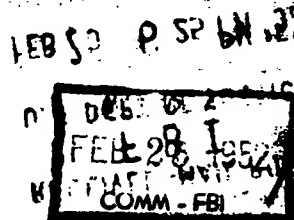
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NOTE: Bufiles negative re correspondent who inquires how the C.P. works with or through the National Council of Churches. The Bureau has never conducted an active investigation of this Council; however, certain derogatory information has been received re its activities. Bufiles 100-50869.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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EDGAR HOOVER

A SMALL GROUP IN OUR CHURCH IS TRYING TO DISRUPT OUR  
RELATION WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES BY ACCUSING  
THEM OF COMMUNISM. DO YOU CONSIDER THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
CHURCHES SUBVERSIVE PLEASE WIRE ME COLLECT OR WRITE ME  
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March 22, 1952

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you and enclosing a folder, which was sent to me by a member of a local sectarian faction unfriendly to the major denominations and bitterly opposed to the entire oecumenical movement, because at the bottom of column 1, page 5 the folder contains a quotation of a statement made by you. I am in complete accord with your statement. But do not believe you had in mind a wholesale condemnation of the National Council of Churches when you made it, but a comparatively small number of ministers, whose efforts to promote Communism are both regrettable and hard to understand.

It seems to me the folder "How Red Is the Federal (National) Council of Churches" is a gross misrepresentation. The paragraph on page 1 telling that the Federal Council "went underground" by merging with other interdenominational agencies is certainly not a correct idea of the purpose back of the formation of the National Council. Then there is the attempt on page 3 to defame great leaders of Protestantism with the taint of Communism. From what I know of those on list the few with Communistic leanings have not been particularly active nor influential in the former Federal or present National Council. With a number of them I am not very familiar. But I feel sure that men like George A. Buttrick, Harry Emmerson Fosdick, E. Stanley Jones, Henry Smith Lieper and Henry P. VanDusen are as much opposed to Communism as you and I are.

I personally believe that the oecumenical movement represented by the World and National Councils of Churches is one of our strongest defenses against Communism and that these sectarian groups responsible for splits in congregations are doing a great deal of harm. I believe if there ever was a time that the Churches needed to work together that time is now.

I would appreciate a statement from you which could be used in defense of the World and National Councils of Churches and any comment you might care to make about the enclosed folder and the organization which has published it.

Sincerely yours,  
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# HOW RED IS THE NATIONAL 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 inter-denominational agencies under the name National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The Federal Council will not relinquish its legal charter and its own programs and leadership are unchanged although it is operating under a new name.



**READ THE FACTS INSIDE AND  
DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS**

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated March 22, 1952, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted your writing me.

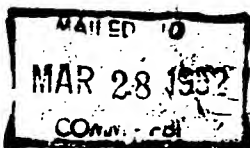
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I know you will understand the necessity for our policy in this regard and will not infer either that we do, or do not, have information on the organization you mentioned.

You may be interested in the fact that the statement attributed to me in the pamphlet you enclosed is an excerpt from a statement I made on March 26, 1947, before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives. I am enclosing a copy of this statement for what interest it may be to you. The excerpt quoted appears on page twelve.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



Enclosure  
Statement J. Edgar Hoover 3-26-47.

NOTE: [REDACTED] contain no record of correspondent.  
Enclosure to incoming was a pamphlet entitled "How Red Is The Federal Council of Churches?" issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin.

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The Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning this pamphlet as well as the Federal Council of Churches. An investigation confined to contact with informants was conducted by the New York Office in 1950; however, no data was developed indicating any Communist or subversive activities on the part of this organization. The pamphlet attempts to show that the Federal Council is Communistic and includes a statement of the Director which is accurate, although, incomplete, and is taken from his statement before the Un-American Activities Committee. (100-50869)

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May 12, 1952

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In order to settle a question which has arisen in our church, will you please give us your opinion of an organization.

Is the National Council of Churches a communistic group? We feel that we need to know the truth. We do not want to support a group which is in any way associated with Communism.

Would you also tell us whether or not Mr. E. Stanley Jones is a supporter or in any way connected with Communism.

We would appreciate learning either yes or no in regard to these questions as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 12, 1952, with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character and integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the necessity for our policy in this regard and will not infer either that we do, or that we do not, have the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Enclosure was self-addressed stamped envelope which is being used for the reply. Bufile 100-50869 reflects numerous inquiries have been received concerning the National Council of Churches (also known as the Federal Council of Churches). A limited investigation was conducted by the New York Office in 1950 but no data was developed indicating any Communist or subversive activities on the part of the organization. A pamphlet entitled, "How Red is the Federal (National) Council of Churches," has been widely distributed claiming the organization is Communist.

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March 26, 1952

Dear [REDACTED]

Your telegram of March 24, 1952, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-finding agency and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the necessity for our policies in this regard and will not infer either that we do or we do not have the information you request.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles; however, two letters were located from one [REDACTED] which contained suggestions for the protection of the President of the United States. Copies of these communications were furnished the Secret Service. (100-0-8964 and 100-0-8634)

The Bureau has received frequent inquiries concerning the Federal Council of Churches. An investigation confined to contacts with informants of the New York Office in 1950 was conducted, but no data was developed indicating any Communistic or subversive activities on the part of any persons affiliated with this organization (100-0-8964). It would appear that no inquiries concerning this Church group are based on secular arguments.

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Date: July 25, 1952  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Chief, Security Division  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA.  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to your letter captioned "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, National Council of Churches of Christ in America" dated July 5, 1952, requesting information concerning this organization. (S)(u)

Enclosed herewith for your information is one copy of a report entitled "Communist Infiltration into Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, aka., Federal Council of Churches" by Special Agent [redacted] dated July 7, 1950, at New York.

It is noted that no investigation of the subject organization has been conducted by this Bureau and that the enclosed report contains a summary of the information contained in the files of our New York Division.

In addition, the files of this Bureau reflect the following data concerning subject organization.

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A news item appearing in the "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist 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."

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."

An Associated Press news item dated 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.

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..."

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

"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 illusion of security."

"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."

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 split 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."

**SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~**

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 Wilkesburg, 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..."

The Associated Press in a news item dated 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 it denied this; that the Ten Commandments formed the basis of our social, political and economic order in a free society.

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July 12, 1952

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Because there are leaders in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., who have been cited with socialistic and communistic leanings, the women of our Church are making a study of the Federal Council of Churches. We are greatly concerned about our Churches affiliation with the Federal Council (now the National Council of Churches).

I am enclosing leaflets which quote you as making the following statement:

"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."

This statement was made before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, on March 26, 1947.

A few of our members doubt that you actually made this statement but attribute it to the writers of the articles. Since it has been published we would like to know if it has your sanction. This would certainly clarify one matter for us.

We would appreciate it if you will be generous enough to examine the leaflet "How Red is the Federal (now National) Council of Churches" and let us know if these facts could be used in a program, or campaign, in our Church to combat the activity of the subversives.

Thanking you for your kindness and for any suggestions of assistance you might give us, I am

b7C Sincerely yours,

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# MENACE OF COMMUNISM

## STATEMENT

OF

J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

BEFORE THE

COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 1947

RELATIVE TO MENACE OF COMMUNISM



PRESENTED BY MR. WILEY

APRIL 1 (legislative day, MARCH 24), 1947.—Ordered to be printed

UNITED STATES

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**STATEMENT OF J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 26, 1947**

The aims and responsibilities of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are the same—the protection of the internal security of this Nation. The methods whereby this goal may be accomplished differ, however.

I have always felt that the greatest contribution this committee could make is the public disclosure of the forces that menace America—Communist and Fascist. That is why the venom of the American Communist and the now defunct German-American Bund has been directed at this committee as it has also been directed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This committee renders a distinct service when it publicly reveals the diabolic machinations of sinister figures engaged in un-American activities.

**THE ROLE OF THE FBI**

The FBI has great responsibilities to the Nation. In addition to being charged—

with the duty of investigating violations of the laws of the United States, collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest and performing other duties imposed \* \* \* by law—

the FBI has been charged by Presidential directive dated September 6, 1939—

to take charge of investigative work in matters relating to espionage, sabotage \* \* \*

In implementing this charge the President called upon all law-enforcement officers to promptly—

turn over to the nearest representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation any information obtained by them relating to espionage, counterespionage, sabotage, subversive activities \* \* \*

The FBI is essentially an investigative agency. It is our duty to get the facts. We do not establish policies—that is the responsibility of higher authority. We do not make decisions as to prosecutions—that is the responsibility of the Attorney General, his assistants, and the various United States attorneys.

To the end that our responsibilities may be discharged, it is necessary not to lose sight of the fact that our chief responsibility is the duty to obtain information and to protect confidence. Thus, when a citizen furnishes information on a confidential basis his confidence must be respected. In any intelligence operation, security of information is of primary concern. I recall in the prewar years that the FBI was criticized on the ill-founded premise that nothing was being done to meet the Nazi-Fasist-Japanism threat to our internal security.

The real facts are now a matter of record. What was being done, and done successfully, could not then be discussed and publicized. When the time came to act the FBI was fully prepared to carry out its responsibilities. There was not one successful enemy-directed act of sabotage during the war, and enemy espionage was kept under complete control.

In one of our espionage cases, a spy ring was kept under close surveillance for over 18 months. The arrests when made broke the backbone of the Nazi spy system in America. I shudder at what might have happened had there been a disclosure of our operations and our sources of information in the initial days of that investigation. That was the very time we were most criticized for inaction. I hope this committee will understand our situation and I know you will readily agree that there are many questions that you might like to raise which I would for obvious reasons be unable to answer in a public hearing.

#### THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Feelings concerning the Communist Party of the United States are well known. I have not hesitated over the years to express my concern and apprehension. As a consequence, its professional smear brigades have conducted a relentless assault against the FBI. You who have been members of this committee also know the fury with which the party, its sympathizers and fellow travelers can launch an assault. I do not mind such attacks. What has been disillusioning is the manner in which they have been able to enlist support often from apparently well-meaning but thoroughly duped persons.

Anyone who opposes the American Communist is at once branded as a "disrupter," a "Fascist," a "Red baiter," or a "Hitlerite," and becomes the object of a systematic campaign of character assassination. This is easily understood because the basic tactics of the Communist Party are deceit and trickery.

The great god of the American Communists, Comrade Lenin—whose writings are their Bible—in various speeches and writings urged the use of deceit and trickery and his converts live by his injunction:

The strictest loyalty to the ideas of Communism must be combined with the ability to make all necessary practical compromises, to maneuver, to make agreements, zig-zags, retreats and so on, so as to accelerate the coming to power \* \* \* (Left-Wing Communism, An Infantile Disorder, pp. 75-76. V. I. Lenin, International Publishers Co., Inc., 1940).

Lenin's views were incorporated in the Thesis on the Fundamental Tasks of the Second Congress of the Communist International, and the following provision is familiar to all American Communists:

In all countries, even the freest, "legal and peaceful" in the sense that the class struggle is less acute in them, the time has fully matured when it is absolutely necessary for every Communist Party systematically to combine legal with illegal work, legal with illegal organization. \* \* \* It is necessary, immediately for all legal Communist Parties to form illegal organizations. \* \* \* Illegal work is particularly necessary in the Army, the Navy, and police. \* \* \*

Continuing, the thesis states:

The absolute necessity in principle of combining illegal with legal work is determined, not only by the sum total of the specific features of the present period, the period of the eve of the proletarian dictatorship, but also by the necessity of proving to the bourgeoisie that there is not, nor can there be, a sphere or field of work that cannot be won by the Communists (vol. X, Selected Works of Lenin, pp. 172-173; International Publishers Co., Inc., 1943).

The Communist movement in the United States began to manifest itself in 1919. Since then it has changed its name and its party line whenever expedient and tactical. But always it comes back to fundamentals and bills itself as the party of "Marxism-Leninism." As such, it stands for the destruction of our American form of government; it stands for the destruction of American Democracy; it stands for the destruction of free enterprise; and it stands for the creation of a "Soviet of the United States" and ultimate world revolution.

#### THE HISTORIC MISSION

The preamble of the latest constitution of the Communist Party of the United States, filled with Marxian "double talk," proclaims that the party—

educates the working class, in the course of its day-to-day struggles, for its historic mission, the establishment of socialism.

The phrase "historic mission" has a sinister meaning. To the uninformed person it bespeaks tradition, but to the Communist, using his own words, it is—

achieving the dictatorship of the proletariat; \* \* \* to throw off the yoke of imperialism and establish the proletarian dictatorship; \* \* \* to raise these revolutionary forces to the surface and hurl them like a devastating avalanche upon the united forces of bourgeois reaction, frenzied at the presentiment of their rapidly approaching doom.

In recent years, the Communists have been very cautious about using such phrases as "force and violence," nevertheless, it is the subject of much discussion in their schools and in party caucus where they readily admit that the only way in which they can defeat the present ruling class is by world revolution.

The Communist, once he is fully trained and indoctrinated, realizes that he can create his order in the United States only by "bloody revolution."

Their chief textbook, The History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, is used as a basis for planning their revolution. Their tactics require that to be successful they must have—

1. The will and sympathy of the people.
2. Military aid and assistance.
3. Plenty of guns and ammunition.
4. A program of extermination of the police, as they are the most important enemy and are termed trained Fascists.
5. Seizure of all communications, busses, railroads, radio stations, and other forms of communications and transportation.

They evade the question of force and violence publicly. They hold that when Marxists speak of force and violence they will not be responsible—that force and violence will be the responsibility of their enemies. They adopt the novel premise that they do not advocate force and violence publicly but that when their class needs to defend themselves then they are thus accused of using force and violence.

#### PARTY FOUND ILLEGAL

On May 28, 1942, Hon. Francis Biddle, then Attorney General, in reviewing the deportation proceedings of Harry Bridges, found that the Communist Party from the time of its inception in 1919 believes



in, advises, advocates, and teaches the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States.

Since then much has happened. In 1944 the party dissolved and became the Communist Political Association. The constitution of the new CPA in 1944 omitted references to "Leninism" and the "Historic Mission." That was the era when Browder was preaching a second front and all-out production. But, even then, they secretly held to their historic mission, for in an injunction to party members, Eugene Dennis, now general secretary of the party, said:

Irrespective of name, we are and shall continue to be an American working class political organization, guided by the science of Marxism-Leninism.

But that era was short-lived. Immediately after Jacques Duclos, the French Communist leader, blasted the American Communists as deserting the Marxian cause, Browder was repudiated, the CPA was relegated to oblivion and the present Communist Party of the United States was reborn. A new constitution adopted in July 1945, as I have already indicated, referred to the party as basing itself "upon the principles of scientific socialism, Marxism-Leninism" and reincorporated the reference to the party's "historic mission."

In establishing the party's illegal character in 1942, the then Attorney General Biddle based his findings on the contents of the same Communist publications which today are being sold and circulated in party circles. The American Communist, like the leopard, cannot change his spots.

#### THE PARTY LINE

The Communist Party line changes from day to day. The one cardinal rule that can always be applied to what the party line is or will be is found in the fundamental principle of Communist teachings that the support of Soviet Russia is the duty of Communists of all countries.

One thing is certain. The American progress which all good citizens seek, such as old-age security, houses for veterans, child assistance, and a host of others, is being adopted as window dressing by the Communists to conceal their true aims and entrap gullible followers.

The record of the American Communists conclusively proves their true feelings. In the prewar days, when they were allied with Hitler, they marched on Washington, protesting selective service, lend-lease, and saying "The Yanks are not coming." The American Peace Mobilization picketed the White House until the day before the Nazis marched into Russia, and then within less than a month reconverted it into the American People's Mobilization, demanded all-out production, and started the chant for the second front.

We are witnessing the same tactics today. Since Secretary Schwelmbach advocated outlawing the Communist Party, and President Truman called for aid to Greece and Turkey, the Communists have been mobilizing, promoting mass meetings, sending telegrams and letters to exert pressure on Congress. The American Communists fail to realize that already they have outlawed themselves in the minds and hearts of loyal Americans.

The mad march of Red fascism is a cause for concern in America. But the deceit, the trickery, and the lies of the American Communists are catching up with them. Whenever the spotlight of truth is focused upon them they cry, "Red baiting." Now that their aims

and objectives are being exposed they are creating a Committee for the Constitutional Rights of Communists, and are feverishly working to build up what they term a quarter-million-dollar defense fund to place ads in papers, to publish pamphlets, to buy radio time. They know that today it is a fight to the finish and that their backs will soon be to the wall.

#### STRENGTH OF THE PARTY

A few days ago word leaked out that the annual Communists convention scheduled to be held in Chicago had been shifted from July to September in order that they might carry on their campaign of obstruction to American foreign policy and increase their membership. They have been conducting an active membership campaign as the leadership is concerned over the manner in which membership has slipped.

The numerical strength of the party's enrolled membership is insignificant. But it is well known that there are many actual members who because of their position are not carried on party rolls.

New York leads in the number of enrolled party members (30,000), followed by California (8,553), Illinois (6,500), Ohio (3,838), Oregon (3,654), Washington (2,752), New Jersey (2,487), and Michigan (2,135). The Daily Worker boasts of 74,000 members on the rolls.

What is important is the claim of the Communists themselves that for every party member there are 10 others ready, willing, and able to do the party's work. Herein lies the greatest menace of communism. For these are the people who infiltrate and corrupt various spheres of American life. So rather than the size of the Communist Party the way to weigh its true importance is by testing its influence, its ability to infiltrate.

The size of the party is relatively unimportant because of the enthusiasm and iron-clad discipline under which they operate. In this connection, it might be of interest to observe that in 1917 when the Communists overthrew the Russian Government there was 1 Communist for every 2,277 persons in Russia. In the United States today there is 1 Communist for every 1,814 persons in the country.

One who accepts the aims, principles, and program of the party, who attends meetings, who reads the party press and literature, who pays dues and who is active on behalf of the party "shall be considered a member." The open, avowed Communist who carries a card and pays dues is no different from a security standpoint than the person who does the party's work but pays no dues, carries no card, and is not on the party rolls. In fact, the latter is a greater menace because of his opportunity to work in stealth.

#### IDENTIFYING UNDERCOVER COMMUNISTS, FELLOW TRAVELERS AND SYMPATHIZERS

The burden of proof should be placed upon those who consistently follow the ever-changing, twisting party line. Fellow travelers and sympathizers can deny party membership but they can never escape the undeniable fact that they have played into the Communist hands, thus furthering the Communist cause by playing the role of innocent, gullible, or willful allies.



## PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

The Communists have developed one of the greatest propaganda machines the world has ever known. They have been able to penetrate and infiltrate many respectable and reputable public-opinion mediums.

They capitalize upon ill-founded charges, associating known honest progressive liberals with left-wing causes. I have always entertained the view that there are few appellations more degrading than "Communist" and hence it should be reserved for those justly deserving the degradation.

The Communist-propaganda technique is designed to promote emotional response with the hope that the victim will be attracted by what he is told the Communist way of life holds in store for him. The objective, of course, is to develop discontent and hasten the day when the Communists can gather sufficient support and following to overthrow the American way of life.

Communist propaganda is always slanted in the hope that the honest liberal and progressive should be alert to this, and I believe the Communists' most effective foes can be the real liberals and progressives who understand their devious machinations.

The deceptiveness of Communist "double talk" fulfills the useful propaganda technique of confusion. In fact, Lenin referred to their peculiar brand of phraseology as—

\* \* \* that cursed Aesopian language \* \* \* which \* \* \* compelled all revolutionaries to have recourse, whenever they took up their pens to write a "legal" work.

Lenin used it for the purpose of avoiding "censorship."

Communists today use it to mislead the public.

The use of the term "democracy" by the Communists, we have learned to our sorrow, does not have the meaning to them that it does to us. To them it means communism and totalitarianism and our understanding of the term is regarded by them as imperialistic and Fascist.

The Daily Worker on Independence Day last year, for example, proclaimed:

... a dramatic fact that on July 4, 1946, the independence of other countries was secured by the United States in the grip of trusts and tories.

## CORRESPONDENCE CAMPAIGNS

Communists and their followers are prolific letter writers, and some of the more energetic ones follow the practice of directing numerous letters of protest to editors but signing a different name to each.

Members of Congress are well aware of Communists starting their pressure campaigns by an avalanche of mail which follows the party line.

## RADIO

The party has departed from depending upon the printed word as its medium of propaganda and has taken to the air. Its members and sympathizers have not only infiltrated the airways but they are now persistently seeking radio channels.

## MOTION PICTURES

The American Communists launched a furtive attack on Hollywood in 1935 by the issuance of a directive calling for a concentration in Hollywood. The orders called for action on two fronts: (1) An effort to infiltrate the labor unions; (2) to infiltrate the so-called intellectual and creative fields.

In movie circles, Communists developed an effective defense a few years ago in meeting criticism. They would counter with the question, "After all, what is the matter with Communism?" It was effective because many persons did not possess adequate knowledge of the subject to give an intelligent answer.

Some producers and studio heads realize the possibility that the entire industry faces serious embarrassment because it could become a springboard for Communist activities. Communist activity in Hollywood is effective and is furthered by Communists and sympathizers using the prestige of prominent persons to serve, often unwittingly, the Communist cause.

The party is content and highly pleased if it is possible to have inserted in a picture a line, a scene, a sequence, conveying the Communist lesson and, more particularly, if they can keep out anti-Communist lessons.

## INFILTRATION

The Communist tactic of infiltrating labor unions stems from the earliest teachings of Marx, which have been reiterated by party spokesmen down through the years. They resort to all means to gain their point and often succeed in penetrating and literally taking over labor unions before the rank and file of members are aware of what has occurred.

With few exceptions the following admonitions of Lenin have been followed:

It is necessary to be able to withstand all this, to agree to any and every sacrifice, and even—if need be—to resort to all sorts of devices, maneuvers, and illegal methods, to evasion and subterfuge, in order to penetrate into the trade unions, to remain in them, and to carry on Communist work in them at all costs (p. 38, *Left-Wing Communism, An Infantile Disorder*, V. I. Lenin, 1934, International Publishers Co., Inc.).

I am convinced that the great masses of union men and women are patriotic American citizens interested chiefly in security for their families and themselves. They have no use for the American Communists, but in those instances where Communists have taken control of unions, it has been because too many union men and women have been outwitted, outmaneuvered, and outwaited by Communists.

The Communists have never relied on numerical strength to dominate a labor organization. Through infiltration tactics they have in too many instances captured positions of authority. Communists have boasted that with 5 percent of the membership the Communists, with their militancy, superior organizational ability and discipline, could control the union.

They regard as political every movement of the working class which seeks to gain concessions by exerting pressure from without as a political movement. Thus, as Lenin puts it:

The economic strike develops into a political strike and the latter develops into insurrection (p. 12, *Left-Wing Communism* \* \* \*, V. I. Lenin, 1934, International Publishers Co., Inc.).

That the Communists feel themselves ordained for a special mission in penetrating labor is revealed by the statement made by Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party of the United States of America, at a recent party meeting:

No trade union or people's organization—  
he said—

not even the great CIO, could long remain progressive if it were to exclude or to attack Communists.

The Communists have long viewed with envy the A. F. of L. They admit they play a very small role with only a handful of Communists active in the A. F. of L. locals. Recently there has been agitation in the party to reorganize to influence the A. F. of L.

A few months ago a party functionary said it was imperative that 3,000 party members be infiltrated into the A. F. of L. without publicizing this fact. They say this action is necessary because of the danger of a Third World War and the need to fulfill the Communist plan of creating a third party.

More union members took a more active role and asserted themselves. It would become increasingly difficult for Communists to gain control. Patriotic union members can easily spot sympathizers and party members in conventions and union meetings because invariably the latter strive to establish the party line instead of serving the best interests of the union and the country.

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE GROUPS

The party for the past 18 months has been giving special attention to foreign-language groups, and has called for a sweeping self-critical examination of its work in this field. As long ago as 1945, in urging the importance of penetrating these groups, party leaders said:

We need only mention the Polish, Italian, Yugoslav, and Greek questions—and in characteristic party double talk observed that they occupied an important relationship—

to the entire democratic camp and to the broader peoples' movements.

In other words, the Communists now seek strength from foreign groups who may have relatives in countries which Russia seeks to influence.

#### GOVERNMENT

The recent Canadian spy trials revealed the necessity of alertness in keeping Communists and sympathizers out of Government services. In fact, the high command of the Communist Party regards such assignments of sufficient importance to demand that party members not contact fellow members in the Government, and if such Government employees are carried on party rolls at all they are assigned an alias. Last fall a high-ranking party leader instructed that all party membership cards of Government employees be destroyed and that party organizational meetings in Government circles be discontinued although informal social or union gatherings which could not be identified as Communist meetings could be continued. The dangers of permitting Communists or sympathizers to work in Government circles are too obvious to mention.

There has developed, however, as a result of Communist propaganda, some fanciful feeling among Communists that no distinction should be drawn and that Communists have a right to Government jobs.

Since July 1, 1941, the FBI has investigated 6,193 cases under the Hatch Act, which forbids membership upon the part of any Government employee in any organization advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States.

For the purposes of investigation the Attorney General has ruled that a number of organizations in addition to the Communist Party are subversive under the Hatch Act because of Communist influence.

One hundred and one Federal employees were discharged as a result of our investigation, 21 resigned during the investigation, and in 75 cases administrative action was taken by the departments. A total of 1,906 individuals are no longer employed in the Government, while 122 cases are presently pending consideration in the various Government agencies.

The FBI does not make recommendations; it merely reports facts and it is up to the interested Government department to make a decision. Almost invariably, of course, subjects of investigations deny affiliation with subversive groups, often despite strong evidence to the contrary.

The following is a case in point:

The FBI submitted a 57-page report to the Federal Security Agency on March 7, 1942, on Doxey Wilkerson. The investigation recorded interviews with persons who stated he was a member of the Communist Party. Following the submission of the report we were advised by the Federal Security Agency that further investigation failed to show that Wilkerson was subversive or "disloyal to our Government." Wilkerson subsequently transferred to OPA and resigned on June 19, 1943. Within less than 24 hours he announced his new job as "a Communist Party organizer." He was subsequently appointed a member of the national committee of the Communist Party. To be eligible for service in the national committee one "must have been a member of the party in continuous good standing for at least 4 years."

#### MASS AND FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

The united-front program of the Communist Party was launched at the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International in 1935. The Communist Party in the United States immediately took up the program and a systematic plan was worked out of infiltrating existing organizations with Communists.

For the most part, front organizations assumed the character of either a mass or membership organization or a paper organization. Both solicited and used names of prominent persons. Literally hundreds of groups and organizations have either been infiltrated or organized primarily to accomplish the purposes of promoting the interests of the Soviet Union in the United States, the promotion of Soviet war and peace aims, the exploitation of Negroes in the United States, work among foreign-language groups, and to secure a favorable viewpoint toward the Communists in domestic, political, social, and economic issues.

The first requisite for a front organization is an idealistic sounding title. Hundreds of such organizations have come into being and have gone out of existence when their true purposes have become known or exposed while others with high-sounding names are continually springing up.

#### THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY

Illustrative of how the Communists bury one organization and conceive another is the Young Communist League. In convention assembled in New York City, the Young Communist League was dissolved on October 16, 1943, and the next day the American Youth for Democracy was born.

At first the Communists denied paternity for the AYD, but in April of 1946 the party's national board indicated that the AYD was the successor to the YCL. William Z. Foster, the Communist Party head, at the AYD national intercollegiate conference in New York City in 1945, told the delegates in the concluding session that—

The atomic age is the age of socialism, of communism. This is the greatest in that the youth of America has to learn.

This new front set up youth centers ostensibly to combat juvenile delinquency. More properly, these centers could be termed Communist-youth-recruiting centers.

#### THE TEST OF A FRONT ORGANIZATION

I feel that this committee could render a great service to the Nation through its power of exposure in quickly spotlighting existing front organizations and those which will be created in the future.

There are easy tests to establish the real character of such organizations:

1. Does the group espouse the cause of Americanism or the cause of Soviet Russia?
2. Does the organization feature as speakers at its meetings known Communists, sympathizers or fellow travelers?
3. Does the organization shift when the party line shifts?
4. Does the organization sponsor causes, campaigns, literature, petitions, or other activities sponsored by the party or other front organizations?
5. Is the organization used as a sounding board by or is it endorsed by Communist-controlled labor unions?
6. Does its literature follow the Communist line or is it printed by the Communist press?
7. Does the organization receive consistent favorable mention in Communist publications?
8. Does the organization represent itself to the nonpartisan yet engage in political activities and consistently advocate causes favored by the Communists?
9. Does the organization denounce American and British foreign policy while always lauding Soviet policy?
10. Does the organization utilize Communist "double talk" by referring to Soviet-dominated countries as democracies, complaining that the United States is imperialistic and constantly denouncing monopoly capital?

11. Have outstanding leaders in public life openly renounced affiliation with the organization?

12. Does the organization, if espousing liberal progressive causes, attract well-known honest patriotic liberals or does it denounce well-known liberals?

13. Does the organization have a consistent record of support ing the American viewpoint over the years?

14. Does the organization consider matters not directly related to its avowed purposes and objectives?

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE

The Communist Party of the United States is a fifth column if there ever was one. It is far better organized than were the Nazis in occupied countries prior to their capitulation.

They are seeking to weaken America just as they did in their era of obstruction when they were alined with the Nazis. Their goal is the overthrow of our Government.

There is no doubt as to where a real Communist's loyalty rests. Their allegiance is to Russia, not the United States.

A top functionary of the Communist Party recently said:

A war by the United States against the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics would be an unjust war, which is why it must be fought against, but that if it should come the Communist Party in the United States would be with Russia. and make no mistake about that.

In another section of the country another Communist leader made the following statement:

I believe that everyone should know that we are for Russia and if need be we die for the cause. I don't mean that war with Russia is coming soon: I hope not, so that Russia will be better prepared.

#### WHAT TO DO

What can we do? And what should be our course of action? The best antidote to communism is vigorous, intelligent, old-fashioned Americanism with eternal vigilance. I do not favor any course of action which would give the Communists cause to portray and pity themselves as martyrs. I do favor unrelenting prosecution wherever they are found to be violating our country's laws.

As Americans, our most effective defense is a workable democracy that guarantees and preserves our cherished freedoms.

I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists. 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. I do fear so long as school boards and parents tolerate conditions whereby Communists and fellow travelers under the guise of academic freedom can teach our youth a way of life that eventually will destroy the sanctity of the home, that undermines faith in God, that causes them to scorn respect for constituted authority, and sabotage our revered Constitution.

I do fear so long as American labor groups are infiltrated, dominated, or saturated with the virus of communism. I do fear the palliation and weasel-worded gestures against communism indulged in by some of our labor leaders who should know better, but who have become pawns in the hands of sinister but astute manipulators for the Communist cause.

I fear for ignorance on the part of all our people who may take the poisonous pills of Communist propaganda.

I am deeply concerned whenever I think of the words of an old-time Communist. Disillusioned, disgusted, and frightened he came to us with his story and concluded:

God help America or any other country if the Communist Party ever gets strong enough to control labor and politics. God help us all!

The Communists have been, still are, and always will be, a menace to freedom, to democratic ideals, to the worship of God, and to America's way of life.

I feel that once public opinion is thoroughly aroused as it is today, the fight against communism is well on its way. Victory will be assured once Communists are identified and exposed, because the public will take the first step of quarantining them so they can do no harm. Communism, in reality, is not a political party. It is a way of life—an evil and malignant way of life. It reveals a condition akin to disease that spreads like an epidemic and like an epidemic a quarantine is necessary to keep it from infecting the Nation.

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Our forefathers' brand of representative democracy, the only kind that's worth saving, first began to see the light of day 331 years ago in the Mayflower Compact, which was drafted "in the name of God", and the colony which it founded was founded "for the glory of God".

These brave forefathers of ours, whose lives were God-centered and who applied the Bible in a practical way to their everyday lives, did not look for social security in spite of their almost indescribable sufferings and hardships. These Pilgrims and Puritans were pioneers of true Americanism. They left England because of the planned economy, regimentation, bureaucracy, dictatorship, government interference with religious worship, and all those "isms" which had destroyed their liberties and freedom.

A few weeks ago I stood close to Plymouth Rock, the landing place of our Pilgrim Fathers — the stepping-stone of this great nation. The Rock bears the date of 1620. It is "fenced in" to protect it from souvenir hunters, who, prior to the building of the fence, had "chipped away" one-third of the rock. As I stood close to the stepping-stone of our nation and learned of how one-third of this stepping-stone had been "chipped away" by souvenir hunters, I thought of how the foundation stones of our republic — the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the American Bill of Rights, and the faith of our forefathers — are being "chipped away" by those who believe in planned economy and who would substitute some form of national

socialism for our individual competitive enterprise system.

James F. Byrnes, former United States Supreme Court Justice, later Secretary of State under Truman and now Governor of South Carolina, made a very true statement a few years ago when he stated: "We are going down the road to Socialism — where we will wind up, no one can tell."

Yes, we are "blissfully" traveling down the road to collectivism and socialism. Some of the socialistic ideologies along this road are F.E.P.C. Legislation, Federal aid to education, socialized medicine, all kinds of governmental subsidies, governmental extravagance and waste, excessive taxation which discourages thrift and individual initiative, and the centralization of governmental authority and power in the hands of bureaucrats in Washington.

In an address which General Douglas MacArthur delivered in Cleveland the early part of September he stated, and I quote: "There is a steady drift toward totalitarian rule in the United States. . . This tendency, if continued, could lead to dictatorship."

General MacArthur stated that since his return from the Orient he had noted, and I quote, "our steady drift toward totalitarian rule with the suppression of those personal liberties which have formed the foundation stones to our political, economic and social advance to national greatness."

General MacArthur asked these two questions: "Are we going to maintain our present course toward state socialism, with Communism just beyond, or reverse the present trend and regain our hold upon our heritage of

liberty and freedom?" "Are we going to permit a continuing decline in public and private morality or reestablish high ethical standards as the means of regaining a diminishing faith in the integrity of our public and private institutions?"

Every American citizen interested in reestablishing and preserving the ideas of our forefathers — every freedom-loving citizen who is willing to make any personal sacrifice necessary in helping to stop our present course toward collectivism and socialism — should secure a copy of a pamphlet prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives. The title of this pamphlet is "100 Things You Should Know About Communism in the U. S. A."

I quote Question 49 from the pamphlet: "What kind of people become Communists?"

I quote the answer: "The real center of power in Communism is within the professional classes. Of course, a few poor people respond to the Communist claim that it is a 'working class movement'. But taken as a whole the Party depends for its strength on the support it gets from teachers, preachers, actors, writers, union officials, doctors, lawyers, editors, businessmen, and even from millionaires."

I quote Question 52: "What are some types of Communist activities within the law?"

The following is the answer to this question: "Working their way into key positions in the schools, the churches, the labor unions, and farm organizations. Inserting Communist propaganda into art, literature, and entertainment. Nominating or seeking control of candidates

for public office. The immediate objective of the Communist Party is to confuse and divide the majority so that in a time of chaos they can seize control."

In his testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities, Eightieth Congress, First Session, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F. B. I., declared: "I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red facism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who have been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the communists. 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. I do fear so long as school boards and parents tolerate conditions whereby communists and fellow travelers, under the guise of academic freedom, can teach our youth a way of life that eventually will destroy the sancity of the home, that undermines faith in God, that causes them to scorn respect for constituted authority, and sabotage our revered Constitution."

May I urge each of you to read the article in the October issue of the Reader's Digest entitled "Who Owns Your Child's Mind?" by John T. Flynn. Mr. Flynn quotes Dr. George S. Counts, Professor of Education at Teachers College, Columbia University. In Dr. Counts' book, "Dare the Schools Build a New Social Order?" he stated that we are in an era which has shifted from considerations affecting human liberty to considerations that "have to do with the production, distribution and consumption of

wealth". Dr. Counts declared that "Capitalism no longer works".

Mr. Flynn stated that one of Dr. Counts' colleagues was Dr. Harold Rugg. Dr. Rugg also argued that "the schools must be used to create a new social order". He stated that the job was not to be done by preaching "socialism"; the way to do it was to condition the child's mind to accept socialism by planting in his mind a few root ideas. Then Dr. Rugg stated that to correct our economic system we must have a "designed economic system"; that is, a planned economy. He stated that the Government must take over the big industries; the rest must be operated under State plans.

Mr. Flynn stated in his article that Dr. Rugg wrote 14 textbooks, 14 student workbooks and 14 teacher guides, and that all are charged with socialistic propaganda, and that at least five million copies of these books have been circulated in the schools of the nation.

One of the most effective promoters of socialism in this country is a group of men, former leaders of the Federal Council of Churches and now leaders of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. If I had the time, I could furnish plenty of documentary evidence showing that many of the men who are now leaders of the National Council of Churches do not believe in our present economic system.

Let me cite a few cases of very prominent leaders of the National Council of Churches who do not believe in our present economic system. Dr. E. G. Homrighausen, Professor at Princeton Seminary and Chairman of the National Council's Joint Department of Evangelism, has been quoted as saying, in an ad-

dress at Indianapolis on April 1, 1947: "Every European country now has or will have a socialistic form of government...The United States should use its influence to promote the development of moderate socialism, rather than Russian socialism...The democratic form of government is a luxury which can be afforded only by people who are prosperous."

Another prominent leader of the Federal Council of Churches, now the National Council of Churches, is Dr. E. Stanley Jones. On page 224 of his book, "Christ's Alternative to Communism" — a very misleading title — Dr. Jones makes this eye-opening statement: "When the Western World was floundering in the unjust and competitive order...God reached out and put His hand on the Russian Communists to produce a juster order and to show a recumbent church what it has missed in its own gospel."

The Federal Council's Biennial Report of 1948 shows that Alger Hiss was chairman of a special committee appointed by the Council to prepare background data on the United Nations. This is the same Alger Hiss who was convicted as a purger and betrayer of his nation and passer of secret information to Russian hands. You will remember that the President lightly brushed off the Alger Hiss case as a "red herring". Hiss continued to fill important State Department assignments at Yalta and elsewhere throughout the war, although the facts about his Communist affiliations had been disclosed to State Department security officials before America became involved in the war.

In the October 6, 1951, issue of INFORMATION SERVICE, a weekly publication of the

National Council of Churches, there is an article under the subheading "The Federal Council of Churches", whose economic and industrial program has been incorporated by the National Council of Churches. As further proof of the fact that many of the leaders of the National Council of Churches do not believe in our free enterprise system, let me read a few excerpts taken from the article:

"The point of view of the council's professional staff members is strongly influenced by the basic conceptions of the Christian religion. As they interpret it, the profit motive may perhaps be incompatible with Christian ethics. Moreover, it is suggested or implied that the profit motive is not essential.

"An underlying assumption appears to be that there is something spiritually debasing or ignoble about working for profits rather than salaries or wages, and that the profit seeker is essentially selfish and not interested in service to his fellow men. Carried to its logical conclusion, this conception implies that any top business executive who works for a salary is operating in conformity with Christian principles but that any business manager whose income is received chiefly, if not wholly, in the form of profits is anti-social, if not un-Christian. Similarly, it appears to be assumed that cooperative institutions and public agencies are inherently more in keeping with the Christian Outlook than are individual enterprises. The implication seems to be that the former render more service to society than private enterprises, even though they do not pay comparable taxes."



INFORMATION SERVICE of October 13, 1951, is devoted entirely to "An Inventory of Civil Rights in America". Under this heading we read the following: "We present this week important data on civil liberties gathered from a variety of sources. The picture has both bright and sombre features." One of the sources from which INFORMATION SERVICE received its important data on civil liberties is the American Civil Liberties Union Reports. On page 2 of INFORMATION SERVICE there are excerpts from the annual report of the American Civil Liberties Union for the period from mid-1949 through 1950.

The Congressional Committee to Investigate Communism (Fish Committee) made the following report regarding the American Civil Liberties Union: "The A. C. L. U. is closely affiliated with the communist movement in the United States, and fully 90% of its efforts are on behalf of Communists who have come into conflict with the law. It *claims* to stand for free speech, free press, and free assembly, but it is quite apparent that the main function of the A. C. L. U. is to attempt to protect the Communists in their advocacy of force and violence to overthrow the government."

The New York State Joint Legislative Committee Investigating Seditious Activities (the Lusk Committee) made the following statement regarding the American Civil Liberties Union: "...is a supporter of all subversive movements; its propaganda is detrimental to the State. It attempts not only to protect crime but to encourage attacks upon our institutions in every form."

The California Committee on Un-American Activities made this statement: "The American

Civil Liberties Union may be definitely classed as a Communist front or 'transmission belt' organization."

May I also urge each of you to read an article in the November, 1951, issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, entitled "Do Colleges HAVE To Hire Red Professors?" by Louis F. Budenz. Mr. Budenz states that we must all recognize the fact that the overwhelming majority of our educators are patriotic and desirous of serving America, but that sometimes in their educational organizations they are too easily buffaloeed by the communists with the cry of "academic freedom", not realizing fully that all reds are under direct instructions and serve as soldiers in an invading army. Mr. Budenz is well qualified to speak regarding the tactics of the communists, because he once participated in the communist conspiracy. In his article Mr. Budenz gives the names of professors and colleges that have been singled out for praise in the printed proceedings of the Fifteenth National Convention of the Communist Party. He also gives the names of some of the leaders of the Federal Council of Churches, now the National Council of Churches. He states that Dr. Harry F. Ward, Methodist minister, who for a great number of years was Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York, "turned out a number of communist-minded students". Mr. Budenz further states: "One of Dr. Ward's products is now national legislative representative of the communist party, a post charged with the most secret and conspiratorial work of the Soviet fifth column." Dr. Ward has been listed as having been affiliated with twenty-seven communist-front organizations.



Continuing, Mr. Budenz says, and I quote: "Another acquaintance of mine who worked with the religious and educational fields extensively is Jerome Davis, member of fifty communist fronts, and well-known for his propaganda on behalf of the Soviet dictatorship in all sorts of schools and religious groups."

Governor James F. Byrnes, Senator Harry F. Byrd, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and many others have warned us of the dangers that confront the very life of this republic of ours.

Our form of government can be destroyed by governmental extravagance and taxation. A prominent New Dealer once stated: "We will tax and tax; spend and spend; elect and elect." This policy kept the New Dealers in power a long time. The Fair Dealers have adopted the same policy, only on a much larger scale. In fact, their policy regarding spending and taxing has made "pikers" out of the New Dealers.

The public debt of the United States now exceeds 257 billion dollars. If you earn as much as \$3500 a year, the government takes over a fourth of your income now, and next year it wants more — including a lot for things we can easily do without.

And if you are the head of a small family, you and your family now owe Uncle Sam, who is playing the part of Santa Claus to so many people both here and abroad, \$6800, and your debt to Uncle Sam is going to continue to grow. The National debt is three billion dollars more than it was last year. Government waste and extravagance robs everyone. As I have stated, it can bring socialism and then communism to the United States, and this is

just what Stalin hopes will happen. Stalin's plan is to wreck our economic system.

Last June Senator Harry F. Byrd, in an address he made at the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in Atlanta, stated that the competitive enterprise system can be destroyed by excessive and unreasonable taxation, by excessive regimentation, by government competition and by national insolvency. Senator Byrd stated that at the time he delivered his address there were 2,400,000 civilians on the Federal payroll in the executive branch and, furthermore, that the number of employees now being added to the public payroll is little less than a national scandal. He stated that this new employment had been averaging nearly 1,500 additional employees a day for a year and this had resulted in an addition to the payroll cost of more than a half million dollars a day. Senator Byrd stated that plans are already made to increase the number of Federal employees to nearly 3,000,000, as compared to 1,946,000 in April a year ago. The Senator stated that at least 500,000 Federal employees can be laid off, saving nearly \$2,000,000,000 annually.

At a recent meeting of anti-Truman Southern Democrats in Selma, Alabama, Senator Byrd predicted that government spending will exceed federal income by at least \$18 billion in the fiscal year starting next July 1. The Senator stated that we shall be piling up federal debt at this rate "despite \$15 billion in new taxes piled upon us in three tax bills enacted during one year." If the Senator's forecast proves true, it will mean a 1952-53 budget deficit of over three times what is expected for the fiscal year ending next June 30.

All Presidents from George Washington through Franklin Roosevelt, in 156 years, took from the public in taxes 248 billion dollars, and in this period there were two world wars. Harry Truman, in six years, took from the public 260 billion dollars. In other words, during this single Administration there was taken from the public in taxes 12 billion dollars more than in all previous Administrations of the past. By next June 30 the tax "take" will be up to 320 billion dollars, or about one-third of a trillion dollars.

No one can deny the fact that morality in public office is absolutely necessary if we are to have good government. The American people, as Herbert Hoover rightly reminded us a few months ago, have a right to complain bitterly of disclosure of dishonor in high places. Washington, in his Farewell Address, stated: "Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens. The mere Politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them."

There are many signs pointing to the fact that moral indignation is on the march. Every good citizen should join in this march and help create the most powerful material force in our form of government—an aroused public opinion. If we are to continue to be free men and women, we must exert every ounce of energy in our power to help re-establish the ideas of our forefathers.

In the October issue of the Kiwanis Magazine there is a splendid editorial by Ben Dean, Past President of Kiwanis International. The subject of the editorial is "Can Kiwanians Get Mad—And Stay Mad?" In his timely message Kiwanian Dean states, and I quote: "These are times that cry out for nation-wide public indignation at the low state of morals in public office. What is needed is a new organization called PUBLIC INDIGNATION, INC., and every Kiwanian should be a charter member."

Not only should every Kiwanian be a charter member of the new organization suggested by Mr. Dean, but every Lion, every Optimist, every member of all other civic clubs and all other freedom-loving citizens with patriotic enthusiasm should become charter members of an organization that would create an aroused nation-wide public opinion against the low state of morals in public office and against the present trend toward totalitarianism and socialism.

James Russell Lowell was once asked this question: "How long will the American republic endure?" Lowell replied, "As long as the ideas of the men who founded it continue dominant."

Let's call to the witness stand some of the men who founded this great republic of ours and have them tell us of their ideas.

After the adoption of the Constitution George Washington, who presided over the Constitutional Convention, stated: "We have raised a standard to which the good and wise can repair; the event is in the hands of God."

Thomas Jefferson once stated: "Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers

of the people alone. The people themselves are the only safe depositories."

Jefferson also stated: "If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people on the pretense of caring for them, they must be happy."

Daniel Webster once stated: "God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to defend it."

We find the following in the Tenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively or to the people."

The following quotations are taken from the Federalist Paper: "Power over a man's support, is power over his will." "The accumulation of all powers—legislative, executive and judicial—in some hands—may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."

President Woodrow Wilson once said: "Very few men are unequal to a danger which they see and understand." Surely at long last freedom-loving citizens are beginning to "see and understand" that the central political and economic issue of our times is Collectivism — Socialism and Communism — Vs. the freedom bequeathed to us by our God-fearing forefathers as set forth in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Some may ask: What can we as patriotic freedom-loving citizens do to stop the present course of our nation down the road to socialism and collectivism?

In my humble opinion there are many things that we can do, many things that we should do in an effort to help preserve our present economic system and our republican form of government. The two are inseparable. If we lose one we shall lose the other.

First, we must not forget that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty". Someone has rightly stated: "Freedom isn't free. It's a hard-won heritage which had to be fought for and, unless we are willing to fight for its preservation, we shall surely lose it."

If we really believe in re-establishing and preserving the ideas and faith of our founding fathers, then, we as individuals should do everything in our power to help put back those **two indispensable supports** that Washington mentioned in his Farewell Address. Religion and Morality are just as indispensable today for human happiness and as the "firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens". Without these two indispensable supports, which we all should respect and cherish, we cannot even hope for a victory over those who would lead us down the socialistic path to poverty under the pretense of taking care of everyone from the cradle to the grave.

Every freedom-loving citizen should take an active part in his government. We should advise and counsel, regarding pending public questions, with our elected representatives. Have you written your two Senators and your Congressman recently, vigorously protesting against the reckless spending of our money and reminding our representatives in Washington that our form of government can be destroyed by governmental extravagance and taxation?

Are you helping to mold public opinion, realizing that public opinion is the most powerful material force in our form of government?

The running to Washington for all kinds of Federal aid on the part of committees representing Chambers of Commerce, civic clubs and other organizations should also be stopped. This practice can rightly be considered as a contribution to many of the dangers that now confront the very life of our republic. "He who pays the piper, calls the tune." Federal aid to this, that and the other project makes a large contribution toward the concentration of power in Washington and undermines that individual and local self-reliance on which our freedom depends.

Bit by bit the two indispensable supports of our country — Religion and Morality — are being "chipped away", not by souvenir hunters as was the case with the Plymouth Rock, but by those who believe in planned economy — just another name for National Socialism — and those who do not realize that they are being used as tools to further a socialistic program that is incompatible with all religious faiths.

We, as freedom-loving citizens, must have the courage to "speak out" for the Americanism of our forefathers' brand. We must have the courage to "speak out" in favor of re-establishing and preserving the two indispensable supports of this great nation of ours — Religion and Morality. It could be that if we wait too long the time may come when the freedom which permits us to "speak out" will be gone.

Benjamin F. Fairless, President of the United States Steel Corporation, in a recent address stated:

"For nearly twenty years we have been told that the laws which were made by our forefathers, and the principles which they established 175 years ago, have become obsolete. We were told that those fundamental laws cannot be expected to apply to the complex and difficult problems which we face in this modern industrial age. We were told that the time had come when we had to adopt new ideas and new principles."

Continuing, Mr. Fairless stated:

"Ever since Moses came down from the mountain, the Ten Commandments have been the basic laws of civilized men. They are the laws upon which this nation was founded; and they are as inexorable today as they were in the days of the Pharaohs. But that never occurred to us. We had to have change for the sake of change—so we set up new laws and new principles.

"We began to repeal the Ten Commandments starting with the one which says: 'Thou shalt not covet.' And—since we had no legal right to steal from our neighbor the things that we coveted—we empowered the Government to do it for us. That we could not legally confer upon the Government a power which we did not morally possess never bothered us a bit.

"We merely laid aside the laws of God and created a welfare state in the image of Robin Hood. We ordered it to plunder the 'haves' and to distribute the booty among the 'have-nots'—minus certain un-



avoidable deductions, of course, for the benefit of our bureaucrats and their friends."

Unless this great nation of ours can re-assert the faith that made it great, unless we can return to the standard mentioned by Washington when he said, "we have raised a standard to which the good and wise can repair; the event is in the hands of God", our present course toward totalitarianism will not be stopped. If we are to reverse our present trend toward totalitarianism and socialism, we must place first things first as our forefathers did, recognizing that the greatest security of all is spiritual security—an unfailing faith in the King of the Universe, the God of our forefathers.

L. E. FAULKNER.

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NOTE: Additional copies of this address will be furnished upon request to:

Mr. John Morgan, Secretary  
Kiwanis Club of Hattiesburg  
P. O. Box 1247  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Mr. Kirk Silvey, Secretary  
Hattiesburg Lions Club  
805 West Pine Street  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Mr. R. M. Holcomb, Secretary  
Hattiesburg Optimist Club  
P. O. Box 655  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi



THOU SHALT NOT STEAL

The subject for our Sunday School Lesson On June 8, 1952, is the Eighth Commandment, God's law to safeguard a man's property. No one can disprove the fact that those who either knowingly or unknowingly advocate any form of national socialism are breaking the Eighth Commandment. Very often those who believe in some form of national socialism dignify their socialistic philosophy by the name "social gospel". Many of those who preach this "social gospel" denounce as sinful any attempt of any businessman to make a profit. They believe in planned economy, just another name for national socialism. Such an economic system as advocated by the social planners makes necessary a monster bureaucratic government that would eventually control the operation of all property, making the government master instead of servant of the people and destroying our present individual competitive enterprise system and our republican form of government. Even the most radical social planner does not expect such a drastic change to take place all at once. Their plan is for the government to take control of private business a little at a time. Such a thing has already happened in Great Britain and is now happening in the United States.

The socializers are counting on the gullibility of the Christian church to help bring their scheme about in the United States. (Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in a statement he made before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, on March 26, 1947, 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.")

There is plenty of documentary proof that shows that the leaders of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches have committed the Southern Presbyterian Church, with very few of our church officers knowing much about it, to a "social gospel" that breaks the Eighth Commandment and that is contrary to the constitution of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Many of the leaders of the Council are advocating an economic system which has in it the philosophy of Karl Marx who once said: "You reproach us with intending to do away with your property. Precisely so; that is just what we intend." Many of the leaders of the National Council have been affiliated with Communist-front organizations, and that is a violation of the Eighth Commandment.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Past President of the Federal Council of Churches and now President of the World Council of Churches, has stated and I quote: "The common faith must come to live in the practices that make for brotherhood; the co-operative spirit must supplant competitive struggle; the objective of social endeavor must shift from profit making to personality making."

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, another prominent leader in the Council, has stated: "A combination of individualism and collectivism will give us what we need—unless spiritual unity is founded on an economic and social unity, it will go to pieces."

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, who serves as Associate Executive Director of the Research and Survey Department of the National Council of Churches, has stated: "The corporate form of business institution is itself inherently un-Christian." He has branded the modern corporation as "socially irresponsible".

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Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, another prominent leader of the Council who speaks for you and me without our knowing it, in speaking of the Council has stated: "It would seek an overthrow of the present capitalistic system. There are those who feel that the profit motive is wrong and that there can never be happiness for human kind until the present economic system gives way to some co-operative scheme."

The leaders of the National Council have endorsed FEPC legislation, President Truman's so-called "Civil Rights" Program, socialized medicine, socialized insurance, social planning and control of the credit and monetary systems, full employment guaranteed by the government, and distribution of wealth by taxation--all of which are in violation of the Eighth Commandment.

The commissioners to the Ninety-second General Assembly of our church will have an opportunity that every Christian should covet. By voting in favor of the Southern Presbyterian Church's withdrawing from the National Council of Churches our commissioners will bring to an end our membership in a super-organization that is committing the Southern Presbyterian Church to a "social gospel" that breaks the Eighth Commandment--the subject of our Sunday School Lesson on June 8, one of the days that our General Assembly is meeting at Charleston, West Virginia.

L. E. FAULKNER  
P. O. Box 751  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
June 2, 1952

Additional copies will be furnished upon request.

# **HOW RED IS THE NATIONAL 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.



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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 12, 1952, with enclosures, has been received.

In answer to your inquiry, the statement you quoted was made by me before the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, on March 26, 1947. I am enclosing a copy of the full text of my remarks on that occasion, and you will note that this quotation appears on page eleven therein. I would like to point out that, in making these remarks, I was not referring to any particular group or organization.

While I would like to be of service, I am precluded, as a matter of policy, from commenting on the leaflet enclosed with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosure

Menace of Communism

cc - Norfolk, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Quotation attributed to Director appears on page 11 of the reprint of his statement before HCUA on 3-26-47 which was reprinted under title "Menace of Communism". The Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning the leaflet "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" as well as the Federal Council of Churches.

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**NOTE:** This leaflet attempts to prove that the Federal Council of Churches is Communistic and includes an incomplete, although accurate, copy of the statement of the Director which is quoted in correspondent's letter.



July 19, 1952

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you concerning a situation which has risen within the Church, the Disciples of Christ, of which I am a member.

Recently, the Church Board hired a new Minister by the name of [REDACTED] a former Minister of the Church of Christ at [REDACTED] -- near [REDACTED] was well liked by everyone of the Church and everything went smoothly until it was noticed that he denounced other denominations and organizations.

You probably know the rest of the story. Briefly, literature was distributed to back-up his beliefs. Here are some of the circulars: "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches" issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen 122 W. Washington Avenue Madison, Wisconsin., "Christianity or Communism" by Capt. Edgar C. Bundy, an address delivered at the Pan-American Evangelical Conference Sao Paulo, Brazil, July 20, 1951, issued by the Committee for Constitutional Government, Inc., 205 East 42nd St., New York 17, New York. As you undoubtedly know these attacks are against the established organizations of the Disciples of Christ as set forth in their International Convention at Chicago, Ill., May 19-23, 1952.

Since the International <sup>Council</sup> Convention of the Disciples of Christ are a member of the Federal Council of Churches it behooves me to ask what is the truth concerning these statements? Does or do many of the men most powerful in directing the affairs of the Federal Council of Churches use its machinery to promote the interest of a Socialist revolution in America? How about it are Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and E. Stanley Jones (leaders in the Federal Council of Churches) proponents of "Red Christianity"? I am using the word "Red Christianity" in the sense it has been use on page 110 of the book "The Road Ahead" by John T. Flynn. On page 10 of the pamphlet entitled Christianity or Communism by Capt. Edgar C. Bundy, a direct quotation is made of your testimony before the

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Committee on Un-American activities, Eightieth Congress, First Session. Do you believe that the Federal Council of Churches or World Council of Churches is connected with this in any way? On page 12 of the same publication a report of the Un-American Activities which was handed the author by Mr. John Carrington, Clerk of the Committee, stated the affiliation of Bishop Oxnam with red activities. Is this true?

Your kind consideration in these matters would be greatly appreciated. If we have Communism or socialise within the Church, I would like to know it. If not, I would like authentic information on these issues in order to refute their claims.

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Very truly yours

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Statement of J. Edgar Hoover before the Committee  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 19, 1952, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character and integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for the rules in this regard and will not infer either that we do, or that we do not, have the information you requested.

I thought you might like to have a copy of the full text of my remarks before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, on March 26, 1947. You will note that the quotation by me to which you refer is set forth on page eleven of the enclosed material. In making these remarks, I was not, of course, referring to any particular group or organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: The Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning the Federal Council of Churches, as well as the pamphlet entitled "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" An investigation confined to contacts with informants was conducted by the New York Office in 1950; however, no data was developed indicating any Communist or subversive activities on the part of this organization. The above-mentioned pamphlet attempts to show that the Federal Council of Churches is Communist and includes a statement of the Director which is accurate, although incomplete, and is taken from his statement before the HCUA on 3-26-47.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date August 15, 19 52 Time 3:40PM

Mr. Jameson Jones, Director of  
National Council of Churches,  
79 East Adams, Chicago, Ill., tele  
Phone No. thru operator

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## REMARKS

When advised of the Director's  
absence from the city he consented  
to speak with an assistant. After checking,  
he was referred to Mr. Nagel in Mr. Nichols'  
Division.

Mr. Nagel advised that Mr. Jones was calling  
to extend an invitation to the Director to  
speak at the National Conference of the  
National Council of Churches on August 26, 1952,  
at Purdue University.

Mr. Nagel advised Mr. Jones that due to the  
Director's heavy schedule and pressure of  
official business that he has been forced to  
adopt the policy of declining all speaking  
invitations. Mr. Nagel advised Mr. Jones that  
the Director certainly appreciated the  
invitation and that it was regretted that  
he had to decline. Mr. Jones stated that he  
understood, however, he would like for his  
invitation to be brought to Mr. Hoover's  
attention as it might be a chance that he would  
reconsider the invitation. Mr. Nagel assured  
Mr. Jones that it would be.

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Director  
National Council of Churches  
730 West Adams Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear [redacted]

I have been advised of your kind invitation for me to speak on the evening of August 26, 1952, at the annual conference of the National Council of Churches to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

Although I would enjoy being with you on this occasion, I regret that a prior commitment will preclude my accepting your invitation. You have my best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely yours,

(S) J. Edgar Hoover  
Mailed by the Director

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TO : Mr. Nichols  
 FROM : M. A. Jones  
 SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

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By reference from the Director's office, Agent Nagel took a long distance telephone call on 8-15-52 from Mr. Jameson Jones, Director of the National Council of Churches, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Jones wanted to extend an invitation to the Director to address the annual conference of the National Council of Churches which will be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. The invitation was for Mr. Hoover to speak on the evening of August 26, 1952. The conference will be attended by 2,000 young people from all over the United States

It was explained to Mr. Jones that because of his extremely heavy schedule, it has been necessary for Mr. Hoover to decline many of the invitations which have been extended to him to speak but that his invitation would be brought to the Director's attention immediately.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter be sent to Mr. Jones.

Attachment

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F. B. I.

Washington D.C. (9) Sept 17/52.

Gentlemen:—

I have informed (rightly or wrongly) that a number of men prominent in the leadership of the National Council of Churches of America have been associated with or at least have been fellow travelers or have used their influence in favour of this diabolical Communism. I do not have any official record of this and if so how & where can I get any authoritative information on it? As I am an evangelist & am having quite a time with people who swear by the National Council but I feel its ignorance & feel I can help them more effectively to deliver themselves from demonism. My prayer is that America will never be delivered into Communism.

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Sincerely yours

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Your letter postmarked September 29, 1952, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or to make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the necessity for these rules and will not infer either that we do or do not have the information you request.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Bufiles reflect certain derogatory information concerning Federal Council of Churches, later incorporated into National Council of Churches of Christ in America; however, much of this data came from rival church groups. An investigation confined to contacts with informants of the New York Office in 1950 reflected that no data was developed indicating any participation in subversive activities on the part of any persons associated with this organization. (100-50869)

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