Tucson, Arizona
June 25, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have worked in Security for the Air Force and understand it
enough to be aware that communism is dangerous and that it is in-
filtrating our country. According to passages in the records of
the hearings in the House Un-American Activities you have made state-
ments about infiltration into the National Council of Churches.
It is also mentioned in "Masters of Deceit" I believe. Therefore,
I am somewhat puzzled about the statements made by Mr. Sullivan of
the FBI who is traveling around the country making statements that
lead the people to be lulled to sleep, because according to him,
there is no cause for alarm. After he leaves, they all turn to each
other and say, "Well, if the FBI feels it is all right, we have
nothing to worry about." So they go back into their state of apathy.
This state of apathy is what I feel is dangerous. As a citizen who
is concerned about our country and our freedom, please explain this
to me --- why is Mr. Sullivan doing this. Is it not better for our
people to know what the truth is and to cooperate in not only facing
the facts, but trying to clean up the situation? Tell me also, what
can we do as citizens to combat this Communist invasion? Shouldn't
the press acknowledge it openly? Does it suit the FBI better to keep
it quiet? So many of us could help but we need guidance as to how.
I would very much appreciate hearing from you.

All information contained
herein is unclassified.

Date 2/4/61 by JCF 3/3/61

JCF
July 6, 1961

Pan American World Airways, Inc.
135 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear [Name],

I have received your note, with enclosures, postmarked June 28 and want to take this opportunity to thank you for your thoughtfulness in making a copy of this article available to me.

Sincerely,

Edgar

NOTE: [Name] is on the Special Correspondents' List on a first name basis. [Name] sent the Director a copy of an article entitled "Special Report To All Church League Supporters," which was published by the Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois. This article is critical of UPI Correspondent Louis Cassels and the recent article he wrote concerning communist infiltration of our churches and the recent remarks made by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in this regard. It is noted this article is also critical of Mr. Sullivan. [Name] apparently received this from [Name]. Buffies reflect [is an extremely wealthy individual. One source has stated that his chief interests were drinking, entertaining and chasing women. [Name] has made critical remarks regarding speech given by Mr. Sullivan. [Name] note read, "Edgar--[Name] never gives up. Best regards."

JRS:sh(3)
(June 29, 1961)

From the desk of

J. Edgar Hoover

Edgar—never gives up.

Best regards,

/s/

COPY: hbb
July 3, 1961

Tucson, Arizona

Dear

Your letter of June 25 has been received, and the concern prompting your communication is appreciated.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. I can assure you that their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made in my speeches, or that have been reflected in my book, "Masters of Deceit." Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group, since this is not a proper function of the FBI. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan.

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

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some additional material that may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Enclosures (5)

(See NOTE and enclosures next page)
Enclosures (5)
Communism and Religion (Speech by W. C. Sullivan)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
Series of Christianity Today
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

NOTE: Her questions regarding the press and whether it suits the FBI better to keep information quiet regarding communist infiltration of churches are being ignored. Buffles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.
July 5, 1961

Alexandria, Louisiana

Dear [Name],

I have received your letter of June 27, and the concern prompting your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, our position on this subject has not changed over the years. We have continuously urged public-spirited citizens to oppose communism, emphasizing that this opposition must be careful, constructive, positive and within the due process of law. While infiltration of religious groups as well as other established institutions has been and will continue to be prime targets of the communists, fortunately, there has been no substantial penetration in religious institutions.

Our representatives who have spoken on this subject have been unmistakably clear on this point. In this respect, I am enclosing an address, given by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, on this topic, along with other material that you may desire to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [Redacted]

62 JUL 12 1961
Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am confused and would very much appreciate your setting me straight in my thinking. Communist Infiltration into Religion

For years I have been reading reports of committees which have had before them men and women who have been members (bona fide) of the Communist Party who have testified as to the infiltration of Communists into the Clergy; there have also been agents who have learned through actual participation that there are, indeed, communists among the Clergy.

I understand that now you are sending a Mr. Sullivan around to as many churches which will receive him to tell the congregations that there is no such thing as communist infiltration in the churches.

This makes me very happy, if true, for it is quite obvious that the best place to spread the communist line is in the House of God. The American people are very gullible and if their preacher tells them that there is a real flesh and blood Santa Claus who does come down the chimney, then they will surely believe it. The Communists know this about us naive Americans and they could certainly accomplish their purpose through ministers. And, of course, knowing the enemy's subtle mind as well as you do, you know that this method of infiltration would be a source of great hilarity to the Reds. You will recall Lenin's words about the churches, I am sure:

"WE WILL FIND OUR MOST FERTILE FIELD FOR INFILTRATION OF MARXISM WITHIN THE FIELD OF RELIGION, BECAUSE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE ARE THE MOST GULLIBLE AND WILL ACCEPT ALMOST ANYTHING IF IT IS COUCHED IN RELIGIOUS TERMINOLOGY."

The Communists would be very happy if the fears of Americans were lulled concerning their most effective method of insinuating their poison into the minds of the people, especially while all the time they are receiving the due public money.

However, your latest pronouncements regarding communism in the churches and your sending Mr. Sullivan to lull the fears of the people does not square with your utterances in your book "MASTERS OF DECEIT."

I wonder if it would be possible to obtain from you something more than a mimeographed letter giving your position on the infiltration of communists in the churches. And please answer the question which is bothering me most: ARE WE NOW TO FEEL THAT THE GREAT BURDEN OF FEAR OF COMMUNISM CAN BE LIFTED FROM OUR MINDS? I do hope that you in your position of authoritative knowledge can give us some hope that we little people can go on about our business and forget about the communist menace. After all, we do have men in both Houses of Congress who are fighting with all their might to keep collectivism out of our American life; they are guarding our money zealously and do not pass 'bills' calling for one penny that could be said to be spent toward socialization of America.

But please, we want a word from you so that we may feel equally sure about ALL OF OUR MINISTERS.

Respectfully,

Alexandria, Louisiana
June 27, 1961
June 26, 1961

Coral Cables, Fla.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,

Director FBI

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am enclosing a weekly paper published by the White Temple Methodist Church. It states that FBI Chief Inspector Wm. C. Sullivan has been sent by you to make speeches in many parts of the nation "warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds."

The type of propaganda promulgated in this article is calculated to hurl an already apathetic populace into a state of complacent submission.

Can you clear this matter up for me? I think it of the utmost importance.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
RED INFILTRATION IN CHURCHES?

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed vigilantes, worried about Communists in American pulpits, may be playing into Communist hands.

During the past few weeks, Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William O. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence. Sullivan says: "But this is a smear campaign. The Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergyman or religious institutions in a national scale."

Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Hoover. And the FBI director has been informed by a number of amateur Communist hunters who wrote to him that United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Sullivan's remarks. They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, suspicion, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

National attention has recently been focused on charges by the John Birch Society that communism has made substantial inroads on the American clergy and that communism is in the same relationship as yes and no, white and black, the North Pole and the South Pole. They are categorical in their assertions of God, and values the individual only as an instrument and servant of the state.

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist at the same time. Communists know this. They see thatizon Christian have gained power, from Russia to Cuba. In free nations like America, Communists undoubtedly have tried to infiltrate the churches by having Communists work their way up to positions of leadership, particularly in the ranks of the clergy. They must have known that this is easier said than done.

As a practical matter, it is enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service which are required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U. S. church life.

But although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so. The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of the church than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergy are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

Louis Gamse, UPI
Jacksonville Journal, April 29, 1961
Coral Gables, Fla.

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

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Ack - 7-7-61
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July 7, 1961

Coral Gables, Florida

Dear [Name],

Your letter of June 30, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

With response to the article you forwarded, I would like to emphasize what Mr. Sullivan said by reiterating that the communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society including our religious institutions. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has made no substantial penetration into our religious organizations. Our churches will continue, however, to be important targets in the overall subsersive plan of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions.

I feel most strongly that members of the Communist Party and its sympathizers in the United States represent a threat to our future security, and all patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it whenever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. We must avoid the danger of confusing communism with legitimate dissent on controversial issues. The erroneous imputation of communism aids the communist cause by dividing and weakening our people when they need to be united and strong.

In view of your interest, enclosed is some material which you may wish to read. Included in this data is an outline of the talk given by Mr. Sullivan to which you made reference.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4) (See enclosures next page)
Enclosures

Communist Party, USA
Communism and Religion (Speech by W. C. Sullivan)
Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA 4-5-60
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.
Pastors Call Incident at Rally 'Tragic'

Conflict Occurs as Policies of National Council Challenged

Valley ministers, commenting on an incident at a Faith and Freedom rally held by the American Council of Christian Churches of California, at which a rally pastor reportedly was threatened, have labeled the incident "a tragic situation" and "extremely unfortunate."

The local ministers also criticized the fact that persons attending a "free and open meeting" did not have the opportunity to speak or ask questions.

The Rev. La Verne W. Linstrom, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Woodland Hills, who attempted to speak at the meeting, was not allowed to do so.

"You had better leave it alone, if you want to have your peace," he said.

Heads of the rally were challenging policies of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Following are quotes by the local ministers:

"If this item is not corrected, it will create a serious situation," said Rev. Dr. Albert E. Henning of First Baptist Church of Woodland Hills.

"We are going to have to do something about this," said Rev. Dr. Albert W. Veslind, pastor of First Baptist Church of Woodland Hills.

"This is a very serious situation," said Rev. Dr. Albert W. Veslind, pastor of First Baptist Church of Woodland Hills.

Healed Words Fly at 'Freedom' Rally

Claims: Intimidation After Leaving Meeting: Police Will Guard Church

By RON RIDDICK

Police will be on standby for trouble at a Woodland Hills church today following reports that a group of hecklers may try to disrupt the worship service as a "revenge," move against the minister, the Rev. La Verne W. Linstrom, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 9312 Commercio Way.

Inscribed in a report dated at a rally sponsored by the American Council of Christian Churches of California, the move will be held Friday night at Canoga Park High School and featured talks by three Southland ministers.

Outside the school, auditorium, the minister allegedly was told, "You had better leave if you want to have your peace."

According to a report filed yesterday at the West Valley police station, Rev. Linstrom was threatened, "outside the meeting room, where he had attempted to ask a question."

The pastor said he was disturbed by statements that juxtaposing policies of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

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U.S. Navy League Names Publisher as Nat’l Director

"On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I have the honor to inform you that you were elected a National Director of the Navy League of the United States at the annual meeting of the Navy League held in Washington, D.C., on May 26th!"

This message had been received today by Ferdinand Mandemud, of Yen, Napa, from the executive secretary of the Navy League at its national headquarters in Washington.

Locally, he is Vice President of Beverly Hills, Council of the Navy League.

Located in Poston
"I particularly value this honor," the new director...
National Council Represents Over 39,000,000 Christians

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the largest Protestant organization in the world, has announced that it is representing over 39,000,000 Christians of 15 denominations throughout the country. The announcement was made at the November meeting of the council, held in Washington, D.C. The council represents over 35,000,000 Christians of 15 denominations throughout the country.

GOP DROPS REFERENDUM

Local Republican leaders have dropped a plan to put a referendum on the ballot for the November election.

The Los Angeles County Republican central committee, which opposes the referendum, has agreed to drop the proposal in exchange for the county's endorsement of the national Republican ticket.

Temperatures In 90s Today

The National Weather Service predicted high temperatures in the 90s for the Valley area today.

Car Clubs Safety Run Announced

The eighth annual youth safety run will be held on Saturday, with cars driving from the starting line at 5 p.m. The run will end at the National Guard Armory.

Pastors Call At Rally 'Tragic'

In a statement released today, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called the police action at the Martin Luther King Jr. rally in Washington, D.C., a "tragic" event.

National Council's Statement

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has issued a statement condemning the police action at the Martin Luther King Jr. rally in Washington, D.C.

Feature Story

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has announced that it is representing over 39,000,000 Christians of 15 denominations throughout the country.
Controversy Grows on ‘Freedom’ Rally Threat to Minister

Boost City Schools Budget by $755,240

Major Revisions Include Salary Hikes for Elementary Principals

Two Leading Churchmen Give Views

SUNNY DAY WITH SMOG SEEN HERE

After night and snowing, low clouds, the weather will be mostly sunny in the Valley today.

The temperature will remain about the same. After dropping, it will come up again. The winds will be light from the north.

The Parker-Central District predicted light rain for the region today. Rainfall amounts are expected to be minimal.

Youth Dies in Spectacular Auto Crash

A boy, aged 16, was killed in a head-on collision when his car swerved off the road and collided with a tree. The crash left the victim's body unrecognizable.

West Valley Police said the driver of the other vehicle, an elderly woman, was not injured in the accident. The investigation is ongoing.
Freedom Fete Funds

Hillside - Mr. John Smith

For the past two weeks, the Hillside group has been raising funds for the 'Survivor Fete' to be held next weekend. Donations are urgently needed to cover the expenses for the event. Donations can be made at the Hillside office or by mail to Hillside, P.O. Box 1234, City, State.

A youth, who was injured in a recent incident, has been released from the hospital. The incident occurred during a street parade and involved a group of youths.

Youths Arrested After Violence in San Fernando

As a result of a recent gang warfare outbreak during the week, 11 persons were arrested by the police. Two were hospitalized and seven were arrested on Sunday at 12:00 am when approximately 50 youths engaged in a gang fight. The arrest was made at 141 Truman St., San Fernando. Further incidents involving approximately 25 persons occurred on Saturday at 8:00 am at the same location. This time, four were arrested, police said.
Controversy Grows Over Threat to Valley

Evidently from Page One

Red church leaders and peace

fulfillment with commu

nity. But now the press was making political hay by

ing up the issue.

Hike School
Budget Here
by $755,240

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Crowder pointed out that the operating budget now will call for a tax rate of approxi

mately $3.25 which would proba

bly be divided as follows:

(Continued from Page One)

The unified school district
campus for junior and sen-

ter high schools will require

close to the legal maximum

cut of $60,000 and the junior

colleges will require almost 30

cents on the dollar to bring

cut of $35 cents.

The board also voted to

plan to raise 2000

for any plans drawn up by the

supt. of schools.

Another major issue by the

board was the question of

whether the school district

will be able to attend the meet-

ings of the Los Angeles city

school board.

A new year will be

planned for next year to

The service will be held at 2

P.M. tomorrow in Oakwood

Chapel for Mae Webster of

Woodland, Wash., who died

May 24 at the age of 31. In

crements will be held in Oakwood

Cemetery.

Enos, her husband, is a

son of the late Roy H. and

Ruth Enos, both of Oakwood.

She leaves her mother,

Mrs. Eliza Enos; three sisters,

Mary Enos, Mrs. H. S. David

and Mrs. O. B. Smith of Oak-

wood; and two brothers,

Roy C. Enos of Sparta and

A. W. Enos of Seaside.

Funeral Services
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

Enclosed you will find two articles concerning statements you were suppose to have made. I find it questionable that these statements were taken in the way you meant them. I do not wish to imply or infer that there are an overwhelming number of Communists in the Churches, but one, in my opinion, is too many.

I would greatly appreciate an explanation concerning your statement about "vigilant organizations" and the statement by Mr. Sullivan that there are absolutely no Communists in the clergy. My interest is as follows:

I am a member of the John Birch Society. I have been working with my minister trying to start a study group at the church. I gave him John Noble's book "I Was a Slave in Russia" and "Collectivism in the Churches" by Edgar Bundy. He became interested in the Communist threat and agreed to obtain a set of tapes by Mr. Noble and a set from Mr. Fred Schwarz taken from his Christain Anti-Communist School held in Los Angeles, at the Biltmore Hotel last October, 1958.

When this story broke in the Van Nuys News everything went up in the air. Unless I can convince these people that your statements have been twisted I will have to start all over again.

Your interest in this situation will be appreciated.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

With best wishes, I am
July 8, 1961

Tarzana, California

Dear [Name]

Your letter of June 27, 1961, with enclosures, has been received. I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and I welcome this opportunity to clarify our position in this matter.

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

Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with the subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by representatives of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. As an investigative agency of the Federal Government, we do not furnish comments or evaluations regarding the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, as well as two of my recent statements which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

(see ENCLOSES and NOTE next page)

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Enclosures (3)
Communism and Religion
4-1-61 LED Statement
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The enclosed newspaper clippings concerned a "Faith And Freedom Rally" held in Van Nuys, California which involved, at one point, the United Press International story by Louis Cassells concerning Assistant Director William C. Sullivan's speeches on communistic influence on our churches.

The John Birch Society was founded in 12-58 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anticommunist; has chapters throughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. (62-104401)
June 30, 1961

Mr. Robert Wick
Public Information Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wick:

Will you please send me the report of the FBI Chief Inspector, William C. Sullivan's investigation of the churches and the accusation that they are Communist infiltrated?

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
Saint Stephen's Church  
Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Dear [Name],

Your letter of June 30, 1961, addressed to Inspector Robert E. Wick, has been referred to me.

I would like to emphasize that neither Assistant Director William C. Sullivan nor any other representative of this Bureau has conducted any investigation of our churches. In response to your request, I am enclosing an outline of one of Mr. Sullivan's addresses, as well as some other material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)
Communism and Religion
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party,
USA & LEB Introduction 3-60
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Butiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.
Catholic Directory reflects no listing for the above church.
PARK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
McIntosh Square
BEAVER, PENNSYLVANIA

July 5, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was glad to note in a recent press report that you had paid high tribute to the clergy of America. Having close to ministers of all churches for a good many years, I think my fellow clergy are a pretty fine lot. That goes for their collective opinions expressed in church council of various kinds.

I wish you the best.

Cordially,

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July 12, 1961

Park United Presbyterian Church
McIntosh Square
Beaver, Pennsylvania

Dear [Name],

Your letter of July 5, 1961, has been received, and I am grateful for your expressions of best wishes.

With respect to your remarks, it was a pleasure to clarify my position on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

I am enclosing some literature on the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Gibsonia, Pennsylvania

Dear

Your letter, with enclosure, was received July 5, 1961.

It was good of you to give me the benefit of your comments and observations relative to the matter you discussed. In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I am sure you will understand my inability to comply with your request.

I am enclosing some material dealing with the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communism & Religion (by Asst. Dir. Sullivan)
4-17-61 Internal Security statement

July 11, 1961

NOTE continued:
Gospel Churches, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, appears on the front of this publication. Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning Dr. Garman, the publication or groups mentioned above. The FBI is mentioned several times within this 36-page pamphlet, all in a favorable light.
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed book contains many statements regarding the communist influence in the churches today, particularly in the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. I feel quite sure that the general impression this book is meant to establish is the truth and that the statements made concerning the activities and apparent aims of several individuals named herein are based on fact.

In order to help us awaken other church people in our community to this alarming situation would you please write to us and verify whatever you can in regards to the communist or communist front activity and/or membership and the fellow traveling of some of the individuals of the clergy named in this book.

You are no doubt well aware that the majority of people in the churches have no conception of how serious this matter has become and tend to look at Christians who are trying to do something about it as unkind, irresponsible malcontents or even crackpots. Some of these people will, we believe, sit up and take notice if the FBI’s findings are presented in the personal way in which we are attempting to do it.

We would appreciate your sending or recommending any other literature on the subject of the communist influence in the churches.

Yours for a stronger America under God and our Lord Jesus Christ.
Orange, California

Dear [Name],

Your letter of July 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest prompting your communication is appreciated.

The statements you quoted from one of your church weeklies were excerpts from my article, "wholly loyal," which appears on page 15 of the June, 1961, issue of the "Crusader." I am enclosing a copy of this publication for your ready reference.

In view of your concern, I would like to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

I am also including some data on the general topic of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Series from Christianity Today
One Nation's Response to Communism
June 161 issue of the "Crusader"

NOTE: Buffles contain no references identifiable with correspondent. Reprints of the Director's article "wholly loyal" are not available at this time.
July 10, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My wife and I have become interested and concerned with the Communist threat to our way of life, and as a result, have tried to find out for ourselves just what is and has been going on.

The first ray of light was cast by Mr. Cleon Skousen at a lecture in this county sometime in March. Later on we attended the Orange County School of Anti-Communism, which was presented in association with the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, of which Dr. Fred Schwarz is the president. Mr. Herbert Philbrick was one of the speakers during the school, as well as Mr. Skousen, Mr. Schwarz, and many other not-so-well-known people. Mr. Skousen worked as an administrative assistant in the FBI, according to the introduction given to him, and Mr. Philbrick also worked for the FBI, directly or indirectly, whichever the case may be. In addition to hearing these gentlemen speak, my wife heard Matt Cvetic speak one night concerning his experiences while working with the FBI much as Mr. Philbrick did.

All the abovementioned gentlemen have stated unequivocally that the churches have been seriously infiltrated by the Communists. They went on to say, that in most instances clergymen are loyal to their faith, and ministers are not becoming Communists; rather, that Communists are becoming ministers.

Before I go further, I wish to say that neither my wife nor myself consider ourselves as amateur or professional witch-hunters. Rather, we would like to know the truth for ourselves.

In recent newspaper articles, there have been reports stating that you have been sending a representative across the country to inform the people that the clergy has not been infiltrated, etc., etc. Yesterday one of our church weeklies had the following in it:

"FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, condemning 'unfounded' charges of Communist infiltration of churches, asserted that the 'overwhelming majority of our clergymen are today wholly loyal to our nation and are working valiantly to protect our freedoms.'"

"Writing in the Crusader, American Baptist newsmagazine, published here" (New York) "he stressed that this is not the time 'for name-calling, for unfounded accusations or publicity-seeking charges designed to confuse, divide, and weaken.'"

"He said clergymen in this country need the full support of patriotic Americans in our common struggle against Communism."

"Mr. Hoover noted that 'over the years, as could be expected, churches and religious organizations have been and still are resistance for Communist infiltration.'"

Now, viewing the journalistic practice of reporting things out of context, I thought perhaps you might answer a question for me.
Mr. Skousen, Mr. Philbrick, and Mr. Cvetic impressed us as people who knew whereof they spoke, and at the same time, we have the utmost respect for you and your organization along these lines. You have done a very good job, considering the many elements involved in keeping tab on the Communists. We do not intend to become name-callers, accusers, or publicity hounds, but on the other hand, there has been recently in the news many controversial statements made by church leaders, and the same church leaders seem to crop up everytime spouting political doctrines which are, or could be closely associated with, events which the Communists would like to see transpire. This has more or less backed up exactly what Messrs. Skousen, Philbrick, and Cvetic said. And then the word comes along that you say the churches are not to any degree infiltrated. I am disagreeing with no one, for I am not that familiar with it. Incidentally, none of the three gentlemen (Skousen, Philbrick, Cvetic) made any specific charges against anyone. They did say what to expect from certain quarters however.

Now, I would appreciate very much if you or one of your staff could give me the straight story on infiltration of the churches. We have in our possession a copy of the Annual Report for the Year 1960 issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This was graciously furnished us by [handwritten note] and on Page 38 appears the following:

"He (the chairman) also pointed out that the record reveals that Communists have duped some members of the clergy, as well as lay leaders of the churches, into supporting Communist fronts and causes which masquerade behind deceitful facades of humanitarianism and that, although these persons were not necessarily consciously supporting Communist enterprises, the net result was, for all practical purposes, the same."

Is this not infiltration? We are not asking for specifics, as we realize that it might be impossible to release such items, but I would like to know if the newspapers, etc., have used their journalistic license in reporting your comments.

Incidentally, in addition to the HCUA annual report, we also have the following: Contradictions of Communism, Fair Play for Cuba Committee, Communist Target-Youth, Communist Infiltration in the Nuclear Test Ban Movement, Communist Leadership, Communist Infiltration in The Nuclear Test Ban Movement, Parts I and II, Expose of Soviet Espionage, The United States Through The Eyes Of Soviet Tourists, The Communist Party Of The United States Of America, Beware! Tourists Reporting On Russia. These were all supplied with the compliments of Senator Eastland. If there are additional reports available now for release to the general public, we would be very interested in receiving them.

Very truly yours,

Orange, California
July 21, 1961

Your letter of July 17, 1961, has been received, and your kind comments concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," are deeply appreciated.

The enclosure to your communication does contain a fair summary of Assistant Director William C. Sullivan's remarks. I am enclosing a copy of the substance of his speech so that you will have the complete background. Also included is some material on the subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan
4-61 LEB Introduction:
4-17-61 Statement re internal security
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism

NOTE: Buffles contain no references to correspondent.
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

7-17-61

Communist Infiltration into Religion

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I have read "Masters of Deceit" and appreciated the book very much. I feel that if anyone can answer my question: you can. I am 23 yrs. old and I am very interested in the future of our Republic.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Respectfully yours,

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

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Communists Upset
By FBI Inspector

Louis Cassels, United Press International correspondent, reported this week that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the communists' hands. During the last few weeks Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence. But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist part has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Sullivan, observed UPI's Cassels, is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur communist hunters, who wrote protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told UPI, "has been from the communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks. They love to have wild charges of communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

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July 24, 1961

Miami 56, Florida

Dear [Name],

Your letter of July 18, 1961, has been received, and I welcome this opportunity to clarify my position in this matter.

Certainly, the communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, but they have not met with any substantial success because of our internal security programs; the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of a number of Party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the communist movement. All this has been accomplished in orderly constitutional fashion and is something of which every American should be proud. We must continue to be alert to these infiltration efforts. I wish to emphasize most strongly that communism is a grave threat to the continued existence of the United States. Because of this, it is doubly imperative that we be calm, rational, and thoroughly accurate in what we say and do in opposing communism. This is no time for rumors, unfounded suspicion, gossip and the hurling of false accusations.

In response to the other matters you mentioned, the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish comments or evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files concerning the subjects of your inquiry.

I am enclosing an outline of an address by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan of this Bureau which is pertinent to this subject, as well as some other material which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
Communism and Religion - Assistant Director William C. Sullivan
Introduction 3-60 LEB & Analysis of the 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Director's Statement Re Internal Security 4-17-61
Series from "Christianity Today."

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. Edgar C. Bundy is Chairman of the Church League of America, claims to have been a Major in Air Force intelligence, and has been the subject of a closed Impersonation case. Billy James Hargis, heads the Christian Crusade, an allegedly anticomunist organization. In 1957, he was the subject of a Registration Act investigation which was closed without prosecution. Dr. Frederick C. Schwarz heads the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. Our relations with him have been most circumspect in view of his opportunistic activities in promoting his own writings. Dr. Joseph B. Matthews is a former Socialist Party member, a self-confessed former Marxist who was later connected with the Dies Committee. Bufiles reflect no subversive information regarding him since 1938. He was later associated with the Senator Joseph McCarthy. Bufiles contain no information concerning "Coalition" or "Coalitionists"
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing in regard to the veracity of the many current accusations being leveled against our clergymen and church institutions across the United States. These accusations carry the insinuation and often direct conviction that our churches have been infiltrated by Communists and that our ministers are often their unwilling - or willing - dupes. Our lay people are urged to investigate their churches carefully because "religious people are peculiarly gullible to Communism." You have been quoted as the major source of authority for these accusations since you have listed the churches as one of the major avenues of infiltration.

This letter represents a plea for accurate information on the part of a church lay-person who, while aware that the churches represent a possible avenue of infiltration, doubts if at present it is an expressway. Many of the churches in our local Miami area have been subjected to a kind of inquisition not alien to the old witch hunting days. The particular church with which I am affiliated has long been an outstanding institution in its community with considerable respect. Its pastor, the , has won the distinguished honor of speaking for his country on Radio Free Europe. He has spent many Sundays speaking to his congregation in the same manner you used when you wrote the article "Communist Propaganda and The Christian Pulpit." feels deeply that no greater challenge than communism has ever faced the Christian Church and that all Christians hold a unique responsibility in this battle. Christians must draw on their spiritual resources and live dynamically the teachings of Christ.

Yet tragically these past few months I have witnessed a new threat to our church of equally tragic consequences to its future. Instead of being free to dynamically live the teachings of Christ and to preach His Gospel our ministers and our church teachers have been put on the defensive and now must spend hours, even days, answering the outrageous and unjust questions and accusations hurled at them by lay "Communist hunters" out to rid our churches of the scourge of Communist infiltration. These "hunters" are sincere people - they are also deeply frightened - and fanatical. They are facing this battle as though it were their own personal crusade. They don't want to listen to any defensive material - are sure that it is false - and are convinced that their own private sources of information are infallible. They meet weekly in semi-secret cells and are using the results of their study to slowly eat away at the confidence church members have in their minister, the church, and its leaders. All this is being done in the name of American Patriotism! This is a tragic situation and I cannot help but feel that these are truly demonic forces at work undermining perhaps the greatest bulwark against Communism which we have in America today.

Greatly concerned are many members of our church who feel a basic loyalty to its program - who through their won participation know it to be a leading, Christian institution. They are also confused as to sources of valid information.

All information contained herein is unclassified.


Correspondence

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since our accusers refuse to accept any defensives or materials written by the National Council of Churches or the National Board of the Congregational Church. It seems that your word alone will they believe. We trust it, too. It is my earnest plea that you will take time to answer some of the following questions and help supply us with the information necessary to know the truth.

Many of our 'Communist Hunters' have just completed an eight weeks study course under the sponsorship of a group known as the Coalitionists. I have been told this is a national organization with offices on the state and local levels. Their purpose ostensibly is good - to educate concerning the communist threat. My criticism concerns the sources of information they chose to disseminate and with which they educate. Are the following people in your estimation qualified to determine Communist infiltration when they think they see it? In their work have they demonstrated a loyalty to America and its churches...the kind of loyalty that all our countrymen should imitate and which will build a stronger America?

1. Major Edgar Bundy - editor of a weekly newspaper entitled, "News and Views."
2. The Reverend Billy Hargess - editor of the weekly newspaper entitled, "The Christian Crusader."
3. Dr. Fred Schwarz - head of the Christian Anti Communist Crusade of America.
4. J.B. Matthews - Assistant Editor of "News and Views."
5. The National President of Coalition - what is his name and who is he?

I would like to know if you feel the materials written by these men - particularly the newspapers - to be accurate and responsible educational material. How authoritative is the weekly newspaper published by the national Coalition group entitled, "The American Report."

One of these men has claimed that 10% Congregational ministers are Communists in this country. He has also claimed that the merger of the Congregational Christian Church with the Evangelical and Reform Church to be Communist inspired. Two of them are doing all they can to destroy the National Council of Churches which they claim is in active control of the Communist Party and an instrument of their purpose. Is this true?

Your help in answering the above questions will not only be greatly appreciated but may do much to save at least one church from an ineffective ministry at a time when we can't afford to lose the voice of even one church preaching the truth of the Gospel. Please help us in our ministry in this crisis situation.

Sincerely yours,
among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

While the Christian Churches have not yet been seriously infested with Communists, they have been seriously infested with the plague of complacency which has so weakened all the western world. We are soft on Communism as we are soft on sloth, lawlessness, idolatry, false witness, greed, and every other evil. We are tolerant, not because we are strong enough to bear the strain of responsibility, but because we are so weak that we are afraid of responsible judgment. We keep busy with distractions, diversions, and entertainment, even with our daily work, to avoid serious considerations. We drug ourselves to unconsciousness for fear that awake we might have to do something about the condition of life. We occupy our minds with trivia so that there will be no room for the real issues of life. No wonder Marx dismissed religion as an "opiate of the people." That is what it has tended to become.

The Christian Faith is the opposite of this cultural "religion" practiced in our day and posing as Christian. The Christian Faith is virile, vital and volcanic. Its disciples are not "nice," easy-going people. They are, and always have been, troublemakers, disturbers of the peace, revolutionaries. They have been turned right-side-up by the Gospel and the Spirit of Jesus, and are committed to turn the world right-side-up by His power. They are on fire with the Holy Ghost, a fire which keeps them alert, awake to reality, and ready for action. They take evil seriously for they know it in all its forms as powerful, diabolical, clever, persistent, tenacious, and ruthless. They make no peace with it. The fire in them enables them to see the enemy clearly and to shoot straight at him with accuracy.

Brethren, the world is in revolution. If you do nothing, or do the wrong things, you throw your weight with the diabolical forces who are determined to turn it upside-down, to another man, God's highest creation, at the bottom, making him a helpless slave of tyrants. There is an alternative, the Divine revolution which will turn you and the world right-side-up, and to this enlistment God calls us by revealing the critical dangers all around us. Do we ordinary Episcopalians act, pray, or give as though we were in a revolution?

Having answered the accusation of the Pharisees that He was in league with the devil, that He cast out devils by the devil's own power, Jesus added:

"But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace; but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth."

Brethren, the grace of God, His power to save, be with you all.

THE REV. BENEDICT WILLIAMS, D.D.
THE REV. ROBERT MERRY
THE REV. CAN. SAMUEL SHOEMAKER, D.D.
THE REV. CAN. HUGH CLARK, S.T.D.

A Pastoral Letter

to the Churches of the
Diocese of Pittsburgh

My dear Brethren:


I request that it be read in every Church in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Sunday, June 11th or Sunday, June 18th.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

BISHOP OF PITTSBURGH

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Brethren, we must share with you our deep concern for the world in which we live, and the faith by which we live. We are convinced that there is real and immediate danger that we shall lose not only our free institutions but the God-given abilities which created and maintains them.

International Communism, rooted in Moscow and Peiping, is rapidly enslaving our world. History has known many similar imperialistic campaigns, but none as global in design or as fantastically fast as this one. More dangerous than the territorial campaign, however, is the Communist conspiracy against the nature and destiny of man with which it is linked. This conspiracy, new in history, is presently winning, without any real opposition, a relentless war against humanity.

Communism is chiefly a diabolical religion, aimed at destroying the Godly nature of man. It is the devil's frantic effort to reduce man from a person to a thing, from a subject to an object, his only purpose to serve his masters. It is designed to subordinate truth to policy, and virtue to compliance. Only a more powerful religion can destroy this insidious force.

Meanwhile the Church, whose very meaning and mission is challenged, is strangely silent, too complacent, and callously indifferent, unconcerned about this diabolical conspiracy against the people she is called to save. We shall deal later with the accusation that she is infiltrated with Communists, but we are convinced that she is guilty of failure to meet the challenge, and we call for an aggressive Christian offensive against this evil.

The failure of the Church to recognize, define, and fight Communism has resulted in the rise of anti-Communist zealots. Nature abhors a vacuum. When the right leaders are not in the right place the wrong leaders will occupy it and exploit its position. Sensitive people, who sense but do not understand the Communist threat, invent a Communism out of the things and people and issues they fear. Ambitious tyrants are quick to take advantage of their uninformed concern and to enslave them to their own power purposes. Thus the failure of the Church to lead a real offensive has resulted in furthering the Communist cause. Real Communists like nothing better than the discord and suspicion, the antagonism and wild accusations, fostered by these demagogues. We do not blame all their followers. We invite their concern and ask them to study and fight with us the real enemy.

"Be ye wise as serpents and gentle as doves."

The Christian is not excused from responsibility because he did not understand. He is expected to use his mind. He is expected to face facts because he can trust God. The fact is that Communism is a clever, ruthless, relentless enemy.

It is relentless. Khrushchev is an avowed Leninist. Lenin was the exponent of "peaceful co-existence." This is the way he explained it, "Peace is respite for another war. The existence of the Soviet Republic, side by side with imperialist states, is unthinkable."

It is also ruthless. Since truth is subject to policy and virtue to compliance for the Soviets, their words, assurances, and poses cannot be trusted. They do not intend to co-exist but to conquer. Marx ruled that Communism was an "infallible science." He killed with epithets anyone who questioned the infalli-

bility of the "science" and ignored all facts which did not fit.

To oppressed, starving, underprivileged people, however, promises are better than nothing. It is sobering to think that if we fail to treat each human as brother, the enemy will call him "comrade." Every failure to make our society reflect our Christian faith gives aid and comfort to the enemy. Every racial barrier, whether against Jew or Negro, every class war, whether industrial or social, plays into Communist hands, will be blown up by them out of all proportion and exploited. We live not only in a glass house but under a magnifying glass.

The accusation that the Christian Churches and Councils of Churches are riddled with Communists has been made the subject of an exhaustive study sponsored by the Fund For The Republic (published by Harcourt Brace in a 495 page book written by Ralph L. Roy) and an intensive study by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Both find the accusation untrue. Mr. Roy reports that Communists "have never held responsible positions of leadership in any denomination of Council of Churches." FBI agent, Sullivan, sent by J. Edgar Hoover on a speaking tour on this subject said, "The truth is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale." "The most interesting reaction to Mr. Sullivan's remark," reported an FBI agent to United Press, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks. They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear.
July 20, 1961

St. Stephen's Church
Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Dear

Your letter of July 13, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and I do appreciate your interest in our publications.

It was good of you to advise me concerning the efforts being undertaken in your parish in order to combat communism. As a matter of long-standing policy and in view of my position as Director of the FBI, it is not possible for me to endorse the programs of private individuals and organizations. However, it has always been my belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if we are to effectively resist its influences. Armed with this understanding, our people will be able to detect the communists as they endeavor to infiltrate every segment of our way of life. The churches of our country represent a formidable bulwark against the spread of this atheistic menace. By encouraging their congregations to become better informed concerning the nature of communism and by pointing out its fallacy through the process of Christian education, our churches can serve most effectively in the cause of anticommunism. Your efforts in undertaking a program of this type are most reassuring.

In response to your request, I am pleased to forward, under separate cover, fifty copies of the publication you desired.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent. Our only prior outgoing to him was on 7-10-61, at which time we furnished single copies of communist reprint material. Correspondent enclosed a statement captioned "A Call To Arms" which outlined a ten point program for combating communism. He also enclosed a copy of an appeal from the "Call To Arms" committee of his church which advocated an understanding of communism as a means of defeating it. Correspondent also enclosed a copy of a Pastoral Letter to the Churches of the Diocese of Pittsburgh which concerned the dangers of international communism and the role of the churches in opposing it. It referred to the "accusation that the Christian Churches and Council of Churches are riddled with Communism," stated it had been the subject of study by the FBI and had been found to be untrue. It also quoted remarks of Assistant Director William C. Sullivan to the effect that communism had made no substantial gains in infiltrating the churches. Black letterhead stationery utilized to conform to letter of 7-10-61.
I am very grateful that you took the trouble to answer personally my letter to Inspector Robert R. Wick. I appreciate the material I asked for and all the other material which you sent, and have been especially interested in your own articles reported from "Christianity Today." You may be interested in the reason for my request. I am inspired by the Bishop's pastoral letter, which I wrote. This inspired the preaching of a sermon to implement that pastoral, and the turn brought about a reaction from the group of leaders and citizens about Christian Brotherhood.}

We have had one meeting with these leaders and have started on a program of study leading toward action when we are ready for it. We plan to publish, in a special summer issue of our parochial paper, the report of the committee, a summary of our findings, and an appeal to the community. We also enclose:

1. A draft outline
2. A copy of the report
3. A copy of the appeal

It would be very helpful if we could have your comments on our program and your endorsement of the proposal. We would not, of course, expect a blanket endorsement of the committee. But we do believe that we have a good deal of the ideas we present the committee because of industry and the professions, where we could make a reasonably good attack on the problem.

I should also like to have at least fifty (50) more copies of the reprint from "Christianity Today," if they are available.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Jul 17, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The United States Department of Justice

[Address]

Stephen's Church

[Address]

Mr. Edgar Hoover

[Address]

July 12

[Signature]
Elsewhere in this issue you will find a statement and invitation from some of your fellow parishioners who responded to my "Call to Arms" sermon, Sunday, June 18, inspired by the Pastoral Letter which is enclosed. This is a summary of the call.

When Israel was caught between the Assyrian and Egyptian armies and King Hezekiah was about to ask Egyptian help, Isaiah warned: "Thus saith the Lord: Woe to those who go down to Egypt—who trust in chariots because they are many or in horses because they are very strong. Egyptians are men and not God and their horses are flesh and not spirit."

We, too, are caught between the tidal wave of Communism and the undertow of an anti-Communist reaction made of the same substance and almost as dangerous, and there are those who call for an alliance with the anti-Communist vigilantes.

The Communist threat can only be beaten by an aggressive Christian offensive. We urge the following actions:

1. The Communist knows his cause and is always eager and able to promote and defend it. The Christian must also know his faith and be ready and eager to promote and defend it.

2. The agent is well informed about the current line. The Christian must also be informed as to what his leaders are saying about the application of the faith to present problems.

3. The Communist knows Capitalism—from the Communist point of view. We need to know how Communism originated and developed, what its present nature and trends are, and what current evolutions and revolutions are not Communist.

4. The Communist is quick to make common cause with all who seek relief from oppression and dispossession and seeks to take over all legitimate uprisings of the underprivileged. They can succeed only if we fail to fulfill our Christian duty to "preach good tidings to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, opening of the prisons to them that are bound—the acceptable year of the Lord."
5. Communists make heroes of the unknown, the unsung, the little people. The privileged do not need notoriety but the underprivileged need notice. Christians need to fulfill St. Paul's warning to "give the greater honor to the less comely parts of the body" politic.

6. The Communist is a citizen of the world. His is an international conspiracy and he feels what happens in every part of the world as sensitively as what happens next door. The Christian is, by his faith, brother to every human being. He must exercise this international, interracial sensitivity.

7. The Christian, like the Communist, must infiltrate every organization available to him to promote his cause.

8. The Communist believes that he serves the inevitable future. The Christian has every reason to believe that "God's Kingdom will come, His will will be done," but he needs to live and act by this faith.

9. The Christian must equal the Communists willingness to die, go to jail, look foolish, be embarassed, lose friends, to promote his cause.

10. The Christian, like the Communist, must put loyalty to his cause first.

We have so much more than they have. We have the living God, not a philosophy. We have a true faith, an experienced conviction, a Savior. We deal with reality, not a madman's dream. The only thing we lack is dedication.

The Communist is aggressive, informed, dedicated - a convinced follower of the Communist line. Are you a dedicated, aggressive, informed, convinced follower of the Living Christ?
COPY of the appeal from the "Call to Arms" Committee.

An informed and convinced Christian is more than a match for any Communist; and a practiced Christian faith can, if aggressive, conquer the Communist conspiracy even in its floodtide. This is our conviction.

Because the western powers have largely cut themselves off from their Christian sources, they have become so weak that the Communist conspirators have been able easily to bluff, bully, and bamboozle them while they took over much of the world in an appallingly short time.

Our soft spots, which they, the conspirators, exploit so easily are two: The undernourished and underprivileged people in the world supposedly dominated by Christians; and the ignorance, confusion and fear of the privileged and overnourished who no longer know who we are, where we came from, whither we are going, or who our God is.

The Communists also have their weak spots. They fanatically believe in the irrational, impossible dream of a psychotic, yet in practice they have had to deny that dream by frequent changes of policy. They are convinced that their conquest of the world is inevitable, yet they find themselves contained and betrayed.

Khrushchev has a "bone in his throat" in free Berlin, a knife at his back in his fellow conspirator, Mao, and pains in both sides in Tito and Nasser.

Every time the Communist is exposed to the light of knowledge he, like the bat he is, is blind and confused. Whenever Communism is met by a realistic aggressive faith it roars in futile and startled anger like the wild animal it is.

There are very few Communists, yet they frighten the world to death, and have already enslaved millions by the power of their diabolic possession, because the rest of the world so lacks a vital faith.

We therefore dedicate ourselves to a program of enlightenment and enlistment. We want to know, and help others to know, all about Communism, its strength and weakness, so that we can meet its challenge. We want to know, and help others to know, all about the Christian faith and its weapons so that we can fight Communism intelligently, enthusiastically and effectively.

We invite you to join us. 100-403529 -221

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Commentary on Churches

Off and on during the past several years there has been much loose talk to the effect that communism has heavily infiltrated America's churches, particularly the Protestant clergy. Although these charges have been refuted again and again, ministers continue to be a favorite target of self-appointed vigilantes. Recently, for example, the much ballyhooed claim that 7,000 clergymen were Communists or fellow travelers was trotted out again by the John Birch Society.

Since the gullible and the fearful are inclined to give such charges more credence than they deserve, it seems worthwhile to note the pains taken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to deny them. "These allegations," the FBI's chief inspector, William C. Sullivan, has said in a number of speeches around the country, "have served to create the impression among many Americans that Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence. But this is a patent falsehood."

The truth is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergy, or religious institutions, on a national scale.

Nor does this view merely reflect the personal conclusions of one highly placed FBI executive. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has made a point of backing up Sullivan in this matter.

In other words, the federal agency charged with surveillance to guard against communism and other subversions has officially rejected assertions that the nation's churches are overrun by Communists. This supports the conclusion already reached, we think, by most sensible Americans.
Sir: This may be a bit presumptuous of me—
but I simply must try to get a verification or
denial of the statement, in quotes, in this
editorial, which appeared in our only city paper
last evening. Many of our Christian citizens
have phoned today to get my idea of the
article and frankly I can't believe the inference
that you personally held the same view. I have
belonged to a mother's Study Club for many years
and we have studied many of your statements
on this subject and have always felt secure in
your views where the Christ versus the Communist
Atheistic-Doctrin. I know you are a very
busy man but will you just give a yes or no
on the veracity of the Editorial.

Thank You

Religion

Tacoma, Washington

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July 26, 1961

Tacoma, Washington

Dear [Name]

Your letter postmarked July 19, 1961, with enclosure, has been received. I can understand your concern about communism, and I welcome the opportunity to clarify our position with respect to the matter you mentioned.

In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations.

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Would you care to send me a statement that I might submit to the Daily Review in answer to the enclosed editorial item?

Very truly yours

/s/

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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conred
Mr. Bowch
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July 31, 1961

Kansas City 18, Missouri

Dear

Your letter of July 25, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your prayers and kind comments.

Your concern regarding the menace of communism is indeed understandable. I am enclosing some information regarding this atheistic threat which you may wish to read. You may also be interested in my book, "Masters of Deceit," which is a basic text on this subject.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the FBI's position on the subject of communism and religion. It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including our religious institutions. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has made no substantial penetration into these religious groups. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the overall subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must all remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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July 25, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

J. E. H.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On 8-21-60
I as a mother deeply burdened for my four small children's future in the light of creeping Communism threaten our Nation, am writing to thank you for the wonderful work you have done to expose and curb our Satanic Enemy.

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I am praying you may continue to defend our country for many more years to come, Mr. Hoover.

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'Frisco Riot Film Is Sad Distortion

Anti-Red 'documentary' does nation a disservice, reveals disturbing stupidity and malevolent cleverness

By ROBERT W. SMITH
of the editorial page staff

Distortion and half-truths are among the predominant elements in a so-called documentary motion picture being widely shown around the country. It is called "Operation Abolition" and purports to provide a photographically accurate report on the origins and evolution of the disorderly student demonstrations against house un-American activities committee hearings in San Francisco last May.

Apparently there are about 500 prints of this movie circulating in the nation. They were produced for profit by a commercial firm from original films subpoenaed (and reportedly unpaid for) by the house committee. This transaction in itself raises some interesting questions.

Roundly critical comments on the film have been cropping up with increasing frequency recently, and of late the movie has begun to be shown around the Twin Cities.

To form its own first-hand estimate of the film, the editorial page staff of the Star and Tribune arranged for a private showing of "Operation Abolition."

It is, as a critical article in Christian Century magazine said, "a disturbing film"—but not for exactly the same reasons that the un-American activities committee and some of the film's other sponsors have given.

It is made up of film clips patched together in such a way as to suggest sequences of action and cause-and-effect relationships which just did not exist. The committee's own chief investigator for the west coast has publicly admitted that the film contains inaccuracies and distortions.

Just one example: The sequence of the films and the narration gives the viewer to understand that Harry Bridges, leftist longshoreman leader, arrived on the scene to help Communist party leaders get control of the student demonstrators.

According to the film, all the trouble started after manner in which they were conducted. By insisting on taking over the largest hearing-room in town, the committee opened the way for an over-large, unmanageable attendance at the proceedings.

Then the committee called to the courtroom at one time almost all of the known and well-suspected Communist witnesses on its list.

This made it easy for Communists and suspected Communists to put on a mass display of rowdy malbehavior; which justified the commit-
Minister Protests 'Frisco Riot Fil

Mountain Lake pastor says committee on un-American activities outraged hundreds in California prior to Bay area hearing

By THE REV. ALVIN C. CURRIER
in a sermon preached in Westminster Larger Parish, Mountain Lake, Minn.

The Christian church has been, and always will be dedicated to a search for the truth.

Now and then it can become necessary even here in America for the church to have to speak out to the fact of lies and distortions in the name of the truth!

The issue this morning concerns the film "Operation Abolition," which is often billed as "a documentary film showing Communist inspired rioting against the house Un-American activities committee in San Francisco, Calif., May 13, 1960."

The film itself is just another reel in that long American melodrama labeled "witch-hunting" or "McCarthyism." However, the first act of this particular episode opened at 9 a.m. on June 5, 1959 when staff members of the house committee on Un-American activities entered into classrooms in public schools all over California to begin the process of serving 110 subpoenas on 110 public school teachers.

As if it were not enough that these teachers were subpoenaed and thus made, in some fashion, "suspect" in front of their pupils, the next day the newspapers in northern California carried the names, addresses, teaching posts, and brief biographies of each subpoenaed northern California teacher. Although the original date set for the hearing was June 17, on June 11 the hearing was postponed until Sept. 1.

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I could go on to quote other protests such as that of the Methodist church and the Society of Friends, and even a statement from the August 1939 meeting of the American Federation of Teachers in Minneapolis.

The public conscience was outraged and finally on Aug. 21, 1939, the committee called off its hearings in California. As the committee retreated from California, it left behind hundreds of angry opponents among the most respected community leaders and it was just this opposition that set the stage for the second act of drama.

As the committee returned to California (in May 1960) it was greeted by a full-fledged organization made up of church groups, labor groups, professors, teachers and students and even two California state assemblymen who were actively working for the abolition of the house committee.

In this climate the committee had every reason to expect protests in San Francisco and the protests came in the form of orderly picketing. It was only when some of the students who had been "waiting in line" for hours to get into the committee hearing room discovered that the hearing was not open to the public as it had been advertised, that actually only pass-carrying invited guests of the committee were to be admitted to the hearing it was only then and under these very understandable circumstances that the students who had been waiting so long began to get noisy.

The police became concerned about the unrest and on the second day, even as the students began to sit down in a non-violent demonstration of what they considered their right to be admitted to the hearing, the police turned fire hoses on them and the "riot" was on.

Police clubbed, shoved, and dragged students from the building. The San Francisco police immediately criticized the police for precipitating the violence.

The film ("Operation Abolition") is dangerous distortion of the entire history of what happened in San Francisco.

It would seem that in the fact of an ominous groundswell of opposition to the house committee, the committee stooped to the desperate, almost hysterical production of a completely distorted film, in vain effort to justify its existence and expenditures, to label all opposition to the committee, no matter from whom it comes, as Communist, and to sow such seeds of fear among the American people that the people will support even greater totalitarian power for the committee.

On the "Goodwin Knight Show!" on Aug. 9 in Los Angeles, William Wheeler, chief house committee investigator on the west coast, admitted that the film contained inaccuracies and distortions.

For example, the film fails to tell that each of the 100 "white card" passes given out by the committee could admit up to six people to the hearing room which held only 400 persons.

The film fails to tell of police brutality although the pictures themselves are more than disturbing.

Because this film and those who made it and support it seem ready to go to any lengths to win the power for their position, and because their position seems to involve the right to distort facts and even to disregard, if need be, basic American civil liberties in the name of protecting these liberties, I should like to see you as Christians dedicated to the search for truth be very concerned with this matter and make it an object of your witness and prayer.
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Major recommendations included: study of American documents; study of Communist tactics, increased respect for the responsibilities of citizenship, greater efforts to combat juvenile delinquency, reaffirmation of religious faith, observance of national holidays, and strengthening of family life.

There were ample warnings about "going overboard." "This is not a witch-hunt," warned one speaker. "Do not engage in a campaign of hate," said another. "Take the case of love." And so on.

Thus it is in no way to disparage the principal focus of "Action" to observe that there were, at this meeting, potentially divisive undercurrents.

For example, one speaker said Nikita Khrushchev expressed the hope in a recent speech that he would live long enough to see the Communist banner flying all over the world.

"None of our great newspapers reported it," this speaker observed with an air of "this was to be expected."

TO LEAVE dangling, as this speaker did, the implication that the American press is engaged in an evil conspiracy to suppress Khrushchev's utterances is totally irresponsible.

The same speaker then warned of "grave signs" in America. He said, "Lenin had advocated killing the in and of themselves, are

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This kind of thinking has ramifications that go beyond self-discipline, self-denial of a willingness to share higher tax burdens for national defense. It suggests, apologetically, that a free nation must surrender many of its basic liberties in order to match the efforts of a nation that has none.

And then there was the assertion of another speaker that all opposition to the controversial film, "Operation Abolition," has been "Communist instigated." (He then acknowledged that parts of the original film were "out of context." He finally announced that a "new" version has been prepared.)

There were also, at least to this observer ominous rings in a call for a focal committee to clear literature and films for further "Project Action" efforts; and in the comment of a student that his workshop had considered "what to do and where to go" when teachers are suspected by their students of espousing communist or atheistic doctrines.

"FINALLY there was the kit of literature and recommended readings provided for every participant, with more materials available at a table at the rear of the meeting hall."

This literature included attacks on social security, the income tax, TVA and the right of government to make decisions in the race for space.

Recommended readings were strongly conservative oriented, including such authors as Sen. Barry Goldwater, Friedrich A. Hayek and William F. Buckley, Jr. Among the
Project Action Has High Aims but Disquieting Undercurrents

BY RUSSELL HURST
of the editorial page staff

WHEN nearly 500 residents of the Upper Midwest are moved to participate in a two-day conference devoted principally to discussion of American ideals and the menace of communism, nothing but good should result.

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So, he continued, the blame for recent student demonstrations in San Francisco (against the House un-American Activities committee) and in Chicago (pro-Cuba) should be placed "on their professors, instructors and teachers."

To hold only the academic profession responsible for these demonstrations is, again, a blanket implication that teachers, in and of themselves, are guilty.

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culture department plant physiologist in St. Paul, and his wife stepped out for a breath of air, Lofgren, the society's president; Claeson, its secretary-treasurer, and Dave Williams, who acts as the group's archivist and lyric collector, discussed the aims and objectives of the society.

"First, though," said Lofgren, a 25-year-old graduate student in physics at the University of Minnesota, "let me tell you about 'Will the Weaver.' It will sort of set the stage.

"IT'S A BRITISH broadside—that's a song, poem or political essay, printed on one side of a single sheet of paper, or even in these were fused together with local and regional ideas and playing techniques."

He went on to explain that the society got its formal start May 13 at a "hootenanny" at the university.

"THE 'U' wanted American folk music represented at their creative arts festival. We had been thinking for some months of forming a group, so we did right then."

"As soon as our charter man, (23-year-old Claeson, a June graduate of the university law school) passes his bar exam," Williams said, "we'll get a charter and incorporate!

Kenneth, 2, to bed, caught the end of her husband's remarks.

"BUT THERE are a few private collections in the state," she said, "and we're trying to track them down."

Williams nodded and continued: "The Library of Congress would like to see the university become an archive for folk music. It's going to be quite a problem, though, with all the different languages in this state.

"And one area that badly needs collecting are the songs of the north woods lumberjacks."

Williams said that there has been a renaissance of
May 12, 1961

Minneapolis Tribune Editorial Staff
Minneapolis 15, Minn.

Dear __________

So, they've got you at it, too!

I refer to this dirty business of fighting anti-Communists and trying to block and discredit every move to expose and check the Communist movement and influence in the United States. You certainly went all out in your article on the editorial page under the head, "'Project Action' Has High Aims but Disquieting Undercurrents."

I recall you as a by-line reporter, and was unaware, until I saw this shocking article, that you had been admitted to the inner sanctum of the "deep thinkers" of the Star and Tribune editorial staff, whose principal mission in life seems to be the abolition of the Un-American Activities Committee, and the destruction, through misrepresentation and vilification, of all the groups and individuals who are trying to hold the line against the tide of socialism that is undermining the pillars of this republic and the capitalist system upon which our economy and way of life are based. It seems a pity that a young man like yourself, who surely does not want to leave a legacy of big debt and socialism to his children, should permit himself to be used in this way.

The "voice is the voice of _______ but the hand is the hand of _______" of the Commie loving editor who has been distorting and trying to stop the showing of the film "Operation Abolition" and attacking the Un-American Activities Committee, the John Birch Society, and all anti-Communist groups. I presume you were picked to do this dirty hatchet job on the "Project Action" meeting held at the Naval Air Station under the auspices and sponsorship of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, the Minneapolis Council of Civic Clubs, and the Governor of the State of Minnesota, because of the heat that has been turned on _______ for his previous activities and articles.

Before we dig into some of the astonishing twists and comments of your pretended "objective" article, I want to state that we know about _______s attempt to have the meeting stopped by petitioning the Navy Department and other authorities at Washington not to permit use of the naval air station, a use which cost the government nothing, and his prevention of use of a Navy plane to assure safe conduct for the two defecting former Russian officers who spoke at the meeting. If _______ and the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, are really opposed to Communism, they have strange ways of showing it. We know of no case in which they have tried to prevent any of the Communist speakers who have come to the Twin Cities to speak under the auspices of the University authorities. On the other hand, the Star and Tribune has glorified these people with large front page publicity, even with their pictures in color. Is this the way the Tribune fights Communism? Or is it preparing to come out openly in favor of adoption of the Communist system, more of it, in this country?

In your abortive attempt to discredit the meeting, the speakers, and the entire program of fighting Communism, you deplore the statement made by some
speaker that the blame for the student demonstrations at San Francisco -
and elsewhere - should be placed on their professors, instructors and
teachers." You imply that holding the academic profession responsible
for these demonstrations, a blanket implication that teachers, in and of
themselves, are suspect. No speaker said that all the teachers were sus-
pect, and you know it. But you deliberately ignore the evidence that not only
have these students been influenced by the well-known number of Communist
and fellow-traveling professors in the California colleges, especially University
of California, but that some of them were among the rioters, helping to lead
them and incite them. The speakers did not overlook the fact that the riot was
organized by the Communist Party and that it had been planned by them for
many weeks, just as soon as it was known that the Committee was to hold a
session in San Francisco. But the teachers must accept their share of the re-
sponsibility. The teachers, the loyal ones, who do not know what is going on,
had best wake up and clean out these rats and eliminate their subversive, Un-
American philosophy and influence from our educational system. I guess you
and [_____] do not agree with that, do you?

And what is sacred about ministers that are consciously, or unconscionably, using
their cloth and their pulpit to do the work of the Communist conspiracy? They
are more despicable than the Rosenbergs whom they tried to free. Have you
ever carefully examined the evidence of this,[_____] I wonder if you are the
kind of gardener who will do nothing to kill the crab grass in your yard for fear
of harming some of the good grasses.

As for your attempts to imply that there were admissions that the film "Operation
Abolition" was not authentic because a speaker admitted that one or two phases
of it were out of sequence, not "out of context" as you claim, that is just some
more of the bunk on which this whole campaign against the film originated by a
Communist publication and parroted by fellows like you and [_____] has been
carried-on. There was no such admission because, as you know, the sequence
of Harry Bridges' part in the riot had no effect upon the authenticity and integrity
of the film.

You speak, deprecatingly, of "militant anti-Communists." Why,[_____] do you consider it more patriotic to be militantly anti-anti-Communist than
militantly anti-Communist? Just what is wrong with being "militantly" anti-
Communist? If the Star and Tribune had even been mildly anti-Communist at
any time, you might have something to talk about. But on every occasion the
Star and Tribune has rejoiced when man [_____] and other collaborators with the Red Chinese have been ordered restored to their
jobs by the Supreme Court. The Star defended the innocence of and deplored
the prosecution of Alger Hiss, right up to the minute the jury brought in its
verdict of "Guilty." It has insisted that Robert Oppenheimer should be restored
to his job on the atomic energy project, where he could once more give aid and
comfort to the enemy, as strongly indicated by the evidence at his hearing, a
man who admitted contributing more than $1,000 a year of his salary to the
Communist Party. The Star and Tribune rejoiced when the Supreme Court in its
inamous decision of June 17, 1957, used the most amazing and far-fetched
technicalities to set free a number of proven traitors and conspirators, bringing
down upon it the wrath and official reprimand of the American Bar Association,
for the lawlessness of its decisions. Chief Justice Earl Warren was chiefly
responsible for those decisions.

Perhaps, you and [_____] who do not think that "true pro-Americanism
and anti-Communism" can only be equated with political and economic conserva-
tism, can lead the way to a better way of fighting Communism. But, to date,
your record does not indicate it. What you are trying to do is to rid the country
of Communists and conservatives, denying those conservatives the right to speak
and have their views objectively and honestly reported, so that your "liberal"
Utopia can come into its own without obstruction by the "wicked, unenlightened"
old fogies who want to preserve the American way and its freedoms. If you have
your way, every citizen will, within our lifetime, become a ward of the govern-
ment, as in Russia, and our once free and independent government will be
just another state in a World Government dominated by the Communists and
cannibals that are now attaining a majority in the United Nations.

I doubt if the slogan, "militant anti-Communists are a greater danger than
Communists," is catching on among very many people, especially those who have
seen the film "Operation Abolition." You had better come up with something
new. Keep reading the Weekly Worker, the People's World, and the Reporter,
with some enlightened editorials by the Washington Post and New York Post and
the Saturday Review and Christian Century thrown in for flavor - you'll come
up with something.

Yours very truly,

Claude Efinor

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May 29, 1961

Minneapolis 10, Minn.

Dear [Name],

My wife, accompanied by my daughter and our twelve year-old granddaughter, attended services at Lake Harriet Methodist Church yesterday. They noticed that you also attended the service. I believe you are a member.

They were deeply shocked at the so-called sermon preached by the pastor. My daughter was so shocked that she put a note in the collection basket saying that she was very sorry she had brought her daughter to sit through such a sermon. Even our granddaughter, with whom the subject was not discussed, remarked as they were going out, "I didn't like that preacher." However, I fear that not many children her age would be so discerning.

It seems that the topic, instead of being a sermon on morality, right living, and Christian principles in general, was a denunciation of the Un-American Activities Committee, the film "Operation Abolition," and the John Birch Society, and political conservatives and conservatism in general. He claimed that the film was a misrepresentation (the current Communist line), a vicious distortion of the facts as regards the disgraceful Communist led student riot at the Committee's attempted hearings at San Francisco last year. Among other things, I understand that he said that there were many worse things in this country than Communism and one of them was this right wing movement which he denounced as subversive and more dangerous than Communism. This follows the line taken by the pro-Communist press and front groups such ministers as the [Name] at Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

Since he used some quotes of something of J. Edgar Hoover, out of context, I am enclosing some extensive quotes from Hoover, describing the San Francisco meeting; the Communist planning and organizing which led up to it and the general background of the "Operation Abolition" film. You see, Mr. Hoover's operators were present at the riot, and I were not. I am enclosing a copy of the January edition of my paper, the Northwest Industrial News, in which the attacks upon the film are refuted with the actual facts.

What distresses me is that substantial citizens and staunch Americans will support these Commie loving preachers in their pulpits, using their cloth and positions to indoctrinate captive audience with Communist lies and propaganda. Fellow Americans are doing more, knowingly and willfully, to destroy America and turn this republic into a near replica, ally and vassal of Soviet Russia, than all the card-carrying Communists in the world. Without such people in influential places as the Communist movement would die aborning, and the American people and our government would be able to present an effective, solid front to the aspirations and agressions of the Communist movement.
Is it possible that your congregation has been so subtly brainwashed by this individual whose salary you are paying to direct and mold the thinking and character of the young people, (and older ones, too) in your church, that you have come to accept this sort of thing as the sincere and honest convictions of a man of good Christian intentions? Naturally, you would believe that, being a minister, he could think no wrong and tell no lies. Therein lies the enormous power of the influence the Communist movement is exercising through our pulpits. Every time someone dares, as in the case of the John Birch Society, to refer to the fact that more than 6,000 Protestant ministers (with names given) have been consciously doing the work of the Communist Party, a great hue and cry goes up that an attack is being made on the sacred Christian ministry and that they are being smeared. That is the tactic they also have used in preventing investigation of Communism in the schools on the west coast. The Committee had a long list of names of teachers in colleges, high schools, and public schools who had been thoroughly investigated and were known agents of the Communist Party, in many cases actual Party card carrying members. Two years ago, they, with their allies, the "liberal" ministry, raised such a fuss that the Committee was compelled to call off its hearings after having served a number of subpoenas. Last May, the Committee appeared in San Francisco, on a somewhat different mission, but the Communists were well-organized to stop them. All sorts of lies were published, one was that innocent teachers had been smeared because they were served with subpoenas to testify. It was alleged, falsely, that the subpoenas were served publicly, in front of their students, and that the whole teaching profession was being smeared. It was also alleged that this was being done without their being given a chance to defend themselves. It so happens that I get a copy of every hearing of the Un-American Activities Committee. No one is persecuted. They have counsel sitting beside them and are given complete freedom to consult with counsel while testifying. If anyone is asked if he is a Communist, has been a Communist, or knows any Communists, and does not, all he has to do is say no. But, they will not testify, because to say no would be perjury and since the Hiss trial the one thing a Communist fears most is a perjury trial. So, they make every effort, as [end of page] is doing, to discredit the Committee and prevent the hearings. But at San Francisco, they overplayed their hands. The riot was so blatant that a number of newspaper men took moving pictures of it. "Operation Abolition" film is a composite of those pictures. If you have not seen the film I advise you to do so. It will shock and alarm you beyond anything you could possibly expect. It is incredible that it could happen in America. Claimed that the students merely protested because they were barred from the hearing room. That is a complete lie. The room was packed with this mob.

So, the Communists and fellow travelers, who accept 95% of their program, are truly alarmed. This film has hurt them worse than anything that has ever happened to them. That is why they are making such desperate efforts to discredit the film. Actually, they have no grounds whatsoever for their charges, as you will see when you view the film.

Of course, people who have not seen it, are apt to take the word of their pastors, and editors, such as [end of page] that the film is false, lying, misleading, distorted and vicious, even though they can cite no basis for it except that in composing the film they got the Bridges scene at the beginning of the first day's riot instead of the end of the day. He got the gang fired up again for the second day's rioting, which in some respects was worse than the first. This slight error had no effect whatever upon the substantial authenticity of the film, all of which is supported by J. Edgar Hoover's extensive and detailed report.

I am alarmed at what is happening in our churches, even more than in our Universities and public schools where the young folks are being taught that capitalism is criminal and must be eventually replaced by the welfare state and government ownership. The thing that alarms me, is as I said, that
substantial citizens will tolerate these preachers and raise money to provide churches and bigger salaries for them to preach this foreign doctrine and support the aims of the Communist Party. It is all very well to say these people are just "Liberals" and are not Communists. Maybe they don't believe in overturning the government by violence; maybe they only accept 90% or 95% of the Communist platform. What is the difference when the end result will be the same? Why, if they do not believe in Communism, do such men as never preach a sermon against it, pointing out the danger of it and how it is operating in this country to destroy that great charter of liberty, under which they take refuge when they are called upon to testify against the Communist Party, the U.S. Constitution? If they are sincere Americans, who want to preserve the American freedoms and way of life, why do they constantly fight anti-Communists and the work and personnel of the Un-American Activities Committee.

If has seen "Operation Abolition" he is deliberately lying through his teeth. If he has not seen it, he is deliberately following the Communist line in trying to discredit something he knows nothing about, except from hearsay. I am sure, that if I circulate this letter, as I intend to do, he will get to see it and I hope that he will sue me. I am sure, however, that he will not. But if he should, I shall be more than pleased to bring him and this whole rotten thing into court and let the truth about these fellow traveling preachers be aired.

As I said above, what distresses and alarms me most is that responsible people support these men with their money and church attendance. By doing so, they are guilty, in my opinion, of helping the Communist cause through their naivete and complacency - and money. Without their support, would be helpless, inept and harmless. As it is, I am sure that they are very dangerous and destructive. The trouble is that too many people do not want to start a controversy - they rather let the country go to hell than to buck the organization, whatever it might be. If their pastor, or their ward leaders, tell them that something has been arranged, they meekly accept without a word of protest, simply because they don't want to buck the leaders. They are afraid and naive and then they privately kick about what happens afterward.

I am sorry to have felt that I must write this letter. Not to have done so would have been a dereliction of my duty as a loyal American.

Cordially yours,

Claude Emor

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Aquilean to Set Sail on Friday

The 1931 Minneapolis Aquilean, a 79-foot steel-hulled vessel, will sail on Friday afternoon, June 13, from Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis. The vessel will be manned by the crew of the Lake Harriet Yacht Club, which has sponsored annual trips on the Mississippi River for the past 10 years.

The journey will take the Aquilean down the Mississippi River to St. Louis, where it will be moored at the St. Louis Harbour. The crew will then return to Minneapolis, where the boat will be dismantled and sold.

Artificial Blood Solves Key Problem in Heart Surgery

By VICTOR COHN

Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

Artificial blood is making its appearance in open-heart surgery. In one form, it is something astonishingly simple—plain water, with a little syrup added. The development promises to make open-heart surgery even more common by solving one of its most vexing problems: a fresh blood supply for the artificial heart-lung machine.

The idea of using water as an artificial blood is not new. In 1950, 20 persons were treated with this method. Three people survived and two of them were discharged from the hospital.

The method is not without its risks. For example, in one case, the water was so cold that it caused the patient's circulatory system to shut down completely. However, the method has been successful in other cases.

The use of water as an artificial blood is particularly useful in open-heart surgery, where the patient's heart is stopped for a few minutes. During this time, the heart-lung machine takes over and pumps blood through the body. When the surgery is complete, the artificial blood is simply washed out and replaced with regular blood.

The use of artificial blood in open-heart surgery is not without controversy. Some doctors believe that it is too risky and that regular blood should always be used. However, others believe that it is a necessary step forward in the field of heart surgery.

Crime Rate Rises Sharply Among Young Teen-Agers

By HAL QUARFOTH

Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

The crime rate among young teen-agers is rising sharply. In Minneapolis, 1,702 children under 15 were arrested in July, compared to 1,200 in July of last year.

The increase is particularly pronounced in cases of assault, burglary, and theft. The Police Department reports that the number of arrests for these crimes has increased by 50 percent in the past year.

The rise in crime rate is causing concern among parents and educators. Many are calling for tougher laws and increased police patrols in schools and neighborhoods.

The Minneapolis Police Department has also increased its efforts to prevent crime among young people. The department has established a new program to educate young people about the dangers of crime and to discourage them from engaging in criminal activity.

Almanac

It's All In Your Point of View

Sunday, July 9, 1961

On the cover of the Osseo Sign, it says:

OSSEO, ROGEME, ST. MICHAEL

including Andover, New Hope, Wayzata, and

Suburbs (Communities)

and Towner in the Cities today with High 83, low 63.

1 south Minneapolis mother had her little boy to the photocopy store.

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BILLY GRAHAM SPOKE TO TWIN CITIES MINISTERS ON THE EVE

The Guatemalan president arrive at the State Fairgrounds in his first major
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

To discard cherished democratic American rights in the name of "fighting communism" can only disgrace our nation's position. It places us in the company of fascistic nations like Spain and Portugal and military dictatorships like the Dominican Republic and South Korea (and of the non-Valiant dominated West Germany). Only such undemocratic countries resort to extraordinary laws banning the Communist Parties. Significantly, in those countries where the McCarthyite type of reaction does not rule—England, France, Holland, Sweden, Belgium, Italy—Communists have normal legal rights as part of the political community. Indeed, Communist Parties today exist as entirely legal organizations in dozens of countries throughout the world.

The McCarren Act was jammed through Congress on September 20, 1950 in the Korean War hysteria over the veto of President Truman. In his veto message President Truman warned: "... these (registration) provisions are not merely ineffective and unavoidable. They represent a clear and present danger to our institutions."

These words were not heeded, and the Act, with its fascist registration provisions which would require the Party's "citizens" to be informers for a police dragged, was passed. But this cannot and will not happen. There will be no betrayal of the confidence of a single member or supporter of the party or any organization or trade union.

The Communist Party will defend its right to a legal existence under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights as a legitimate current in American political life. It is a movement that has a history back a full century into our history, from the Communists who supported Lincoln and the Union through the old Socialist Party.

The Communist Party has taken legal steps to request a re-hearing of the Supreme Court and will exhaust every resource to halt the oppression of these injustices which are in every way illegal. In this sequence for the liberties of all Americans. At the same time the Communist Party will place its case before the people through every mouthpiece of all the bar of public opinion. For we have profound confidence in the democratic traditions of our land and are fully confident that the Court's 5-4 decision of June 5 will be reversed by a popular majority.

We recall that a Supreme Court majority once held in the Dred Scott case that Negro had no rights that a white man was bound to respect—and that this decision was swept away and that the 15th, 19th and 24th Amendments were added to our Constitution. We recall that another court in the infamous Plessy v. Ferguson decided the question of "separate but equal", doctrine of segregation—and that this, too, was later swept away.

And we recall that in President Roosevelt's time a reactionary majority decreed against New Deal laws—only to be accepted public by the popular will.

We have profound confidence in the American people. We are proud of those in American tradition—Abolitionists, trade unionists, liberals, Negro leaders—who contributed to the democratic struggle and never flinched before threats of persecution, jail or torture. Today's Freedom Riders are in this great tradition.

Sharing that heritage, we Communists face the future calmly. Neither the false fears of the World War I period nor the persecutions of the McCarthy era succeeded in destroying the Communist movement. Nowhere in the world has fascism, terror or repression accomplished its aim. The aim of the Communist Party in the U.S.A. will survive and the struggle for peace, security, democracy and a socialist order will continue.

We are not for ourselves alone that we speak. For we know full well that reactionary laws like the McCarran and Smith Act are not an evil purpose and a relentless logic and that in union after another the destruction of democratic rights of all began with the attack—"only on the Communists. Inevitably the assault spread and sought to destroy all who stood for peace, economic security and democratic rights—the trade unionists, the Socialists, the Jews, the liberals.

That is why we say to all our fellow-Americans, irrespective of political faith: The ball tolls not for the Communist Party but for the hard-earned rights of all Americans. All must get together to save American constitutional liberties.

Speak up! Speak up today as an individual or through your organization.

Let the President, the Attorney General and the Congress know that America wants an end to these fascists-like laws. America does not want to go down the road to concentration camps and a police state. Americans want to maintain their constitutional rights to proceed in their own way towards their own new-frontiers through the political parties and voluntary organizations of their own free choice.

Supreme Court Justice Frankfurter, on June 23, acted upon a petition from the Communist Party for a rehearing and reconsideration of its case. He ordered a postponement of the date when the McCarran Act would become effective, until after the Court reconvenes on Oct. 5 and decides whether or not it will review its previous 5 to 4 decision.

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Can We No Longer Tolerate Free Speech?

ELSEWHERE in the Sunday Tribune there appears today an advertisement signed by national committees of the Communist party of the U.S.A., although the advertisement is said to be inserted “blind” for “Minnesota citizens of diverse political views and affiliations.” The same advertisement was published June 25 in the New York Times.

In our opinion, our nation is engaged in a life-and-death struggle against communism. The imperialism of Russia and China is threatening the continued existence of the free world. Events in Berlin or the Far East could trigger an atomic war. Even without such an all-out war, America must face up to a long, grinding “cold” war or series of “limited” wars against the military, economic and ideological threats of these two new giants of Communist totalitarianism.

But today's advertisement seeks in our opinion—questions the wisdom and desirability for all Americans of a supreme court decision last June upholding the constitutionality of the so-called McCarran act of 1950. Under this law, the Communist party of the U.S.A. would be required to register as a foreign-controlled arm of international communism, supplying the justice department with the names of Communist party officers and members and the sources and uses of its funds.

The supreme court also, on June 5 upheld the so-called Smith act of 1940, under which membership in an organization is a crime if the member “knows” that the organization advocates the overthrow of our government by force.

Neither of these decisions by the supreme court was unanimous. The court split 5-4 on both decisions, with Justice Black stating for the minority that the first bannering of an organization because it advocates illegal ideas—whether that organization be called a political party or not—marks a fatal moment in the history of a free country.

On June 23, 18 days after the court had ruled on these two cases, Justice Frankfurter, who had written the court's majority opinions upholding the McCarran act, granted the Communist party's request that enforcement of the court's ruling be postponed until the court could render the case next October. Frankfurter apparently granted the rehearing because Communist party officials had pointed out that compliance with the registration provisions of the McCarran act would automatically incorporate them under the terms of the Smith act.

Further consideration of this matter by the supreme court, we think, is indeed in the interest of all Americans, not just the Communist party.

Justice Black, in his dissent from Justice Frankfurter's majority ruling, said he would “leave the Communists free to advertise their beliefs in a prolesser dictatorship publicly and openly among the people of this country. With full confidence the people will remain loyal to any democratic government truly dedicated to freedom and justice—the kind of government which some of us think of as being 'the last hope of earth.'”

The major issue at stake, perhaps, is whether the American people still have enough confidence in their traditional concepts of free speech and free associations to believe that the American dream can withstand the blandishments of a foreign ideology.

Is it still possible for us to feel as Thomas Jefferson felt 100 years ago in his first inaugural address: “If there be any among us who would wish to dissolve this union or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it”?

Perhaps the technique of influencing people's thoughts and actions have improved so much since Jefferson's day that our society cannot any longer tolerate the insidious attacks of the Communist party, U.S.A., to the ideals of freedom and justice and equality upon which our country was founded. Perhaps we should no longer permit anyone who claims to be a homogenous, domestic, genuinely American spokesman for international communism to voice his views among us. Perhaps any kind of Communist must be quarantined. Perhaps . . .

Enforcement of these acts may well discourage some of those crusaders against the tax on business, who so far have not dabbled many Americans; but will these acts uncover or help convict the man and women trained by Moscow or Peking? Are these acts vital to the military security of our country, or has our confidence in ourselves and in democracy become so shaky that we must, in effect, outlaw ideas which challenge our way of life? Will these acts bring us security, or simply an illusionary "peace of mind"?

Are we so afraid of Communist ideas that it is no longer safe for us to listen to them? Are we so frightened that we can no longer distinguish between the good things which Communism, for reasons of its own, often supports and the bad things which we know Communism brings with it? Are we ready to start down the road of believing that only the Republican and Democratic parties are "safe" to belong to, and that some day perhaps even one of them . . . ?

This question of the extent to which traditional American rights and freedoms may have to be curtailed, temporarily or permanently, as we fight a relentless and merciless cold war, will doubtless recur in many shapes and forms during the decades ahead. The question is central to our continued existence as a free society.

In our opinion, the United States is not yet in a position where it is necessary—if it ever is necessary in a democratic society in position—to adopt totalitarian methods in order to combat totalitarianism.

**Breakfast Ballad**

**COMFORTING THOUGHT WHILE SINGING AMERICA**

I'd like to visit, if I could,
Each rock and templed hill and wood.
But since I can't, this thought obliterates
I'll see them on my neighbor's slides.

—Bradley E. Hartman,
Editorial-Feature and BUSINESS Section

"manny" Tells Folk Song Story

Bud Claeson is Society's 'charter man'

Guitar hummed in a hot, steamy night

...end...
The great story by Stevenson, as he has been called, is that of the successful and wonderful story of the making of a great nation. It is a true story, as far as we know, and it is told in the way that Stevenson has told it. It is a story that will stand the test of time, and it will be read and enjoyed by all nations and by all ages. It is a story that will be remembered, and it will be a source of inspiration and hope to all who read it in the future. It is a story that will be treasured, and it will be a part of the literature of our country. It is a story that will be cherished, and it will be a story that will be remembered for all time.
HEAR DR. MARK GRAUBAND IN A SENSATIONAL EXPOSÉ OF MARXIST BRAINWASHING IN OUR SCHOOLS

At the Washington Day Dinner Sponsored by Hennepin County Republican Club

The Hennepin County Republican Club held its Washington Day Dinner at the Boundary Club in Minneapolis, February 22.

Dr. Grauband will reveal the shocking extent to which radical revolution has been introduced into the public schools and universities, and how the American educational system is being brainwashed at all levels. This is an important and timely subject for all concerned with the future of our nation.

The Hennepin County Republican Club invites you and your family to this exciting and informative program. Make your dinner reservations as early as possible by calling the Club at (612) 555-1234. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM, followed by the program at 8:00 PM.

Who is Dr. Grauband?

Dr. Mark Grauband is a professor of history at the University of Minnesota, and has written extensively on the history of American education and politics. He is a frequent contributor to national and international journals and has been a visiting scholar at universities around the world.

Dr. Grauband is the author of several books on American history, including "The American Mind" and "The Rise of the Republican Party." He is also the editor of "The History of the United States," a series of textbooks for high school students.

Hear Dr. Grauband, Minnesota YMCA, 30 S. Ninth St., February 22; Dinner Tickets $2.50 each. Call or write for reservations to Hennepin County Republican Club, 703 Third Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55401.
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Operation Abolition

Alcoholism and the Federal Prohibition Act

At the time of the Prohibition Act, Congress and the federal government were divided on the issue of alcohol. Some believed that prohibition was necessary to combat the social and economic problems caused by alcohol, while others believed that it was an ineffective solution and that it would lead to the rise of illegal alcohol production. The Prohibition Act was eventually repealed in 1933 after a long and controversial period. During the time of prohibition, many illegal clubs and speakeasies were established, and alcohol smuggling became a major issue. The enforcement of the Prohibition Act was often ineffective, and the act was eventually declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1932.

The Impact of Prohibition on Society

The Prohibition Act had a significant impact on American society. It led to the rise of illegal Speakeasies and the growth of organized crime, as well as the growth of illegal alcohol production and distribution. The act was also criticized for its failure to achieve its goals and for the social and economic problems it caused. The repeal of the Prohibition Act is often seen as a symbol of the end of the era of Prohibition and the beginning of a new era of legal alcohol production and distribution.

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Wet Proofs

Calhoun's "abolition society" there would be an overwhelming number of people who would be working on it. He plans to organize a group of abolitionists who will work to abolish slavery throughout the United States. The group is made up of abolitionists from all over the country, and they will work to educate the public about the issues of slavery and the need for its abolition. The group will also work to support the anti-slavery movement and to help to bring about the eventual abolition of slavery.
Operation Abolition

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settled at 52 of the persons arrested. These arrests were made under an indictment charging the defendants with violating the Alien-Enforcement Act. This act makes it a crime for any person to obstruct the execution of the laws of the United States. The defendants were found guilty of obstructing the execution of the laws and were fined $100 each.

The court also ordered the defendants to pay costs of the prosecution.

The story of the case is one of courage and determination by the defendants who refused to yield to the police and the courts. The defendants were represented by a team of lawyers who fought tirelessly for their freedom.

The case was a setback for the government's efforts to silence the anti-war movement. The defendants were welcomed as heroes by their supporters, who organized protests and rallies in support of their release.

Despite the setback, the anti-war movement continued to grow and inspire new generations of activists.

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Pictured here is the church which Charles Chiniquy founded in St. Anne, Illinois. He resigned as pastor in 1888, and this building was built in 1895, replacing the old structure. Although retired, Rev. Chiniquy spoke several times in this building. He passed away in Canada in 1899, faithful to Christ to the end, never returning to the Roman Church. In case you should sometime wish to visit this church, it is the First Presbyterian Church, located at 334 S. St. Louis Ave. in St. Anne, Ill. You will even find one of the streets in St. Anne named after Charles Chiniquy.

Here is part of a letter we received from one of the members of this church:

Dear Friends:

I just wanted to drop you a line about the booklet "The Finished Wonder." Charles Chiniquy was the founder of our Presbyterian Church here in St. Anne. He gave us the ground on which our Public Grade School and our Church are built. My mother, who is now in Glory, went to the Church while he ministered here. My Grandmother was one who left the Roman Church with Chiniquy and many others.

(The full name and address of this writer will be gladly mailed on request).
FOREWORD

Father Chiniquy was a famous Catholic priest of Canada, born at Kamouraska, Quebec, on July 20, 1809. He established the first temperance society there and won the title, “Apostle of Temperance of Canada.”

Because of his ability and piety, he was entrusted with a colonizing party of French-Canadians, who settled in Illinois.

Late in life he was a friend of Abraham Lincoln.

He toured England several times and this particular narrative of his life was first given in London. He lived to his ninetieth year, dying in Montreal, on January 16, 1899.

All quotations from Scripture in this booklet have been reproduced in the text of the new Catholic Confraternity edition of the Bible, which bears the imprimature of Francis Cardinal Spellman.

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—Ray W. Johnson

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The Finished Wonder

I was born and baptized a Roman Catholic in 1809, and I was ordained priest in the year 1833, in Canada. I am now in my seventy-fourth year, and it is nearly fifty years since I received the dignity of the priesthood in the Church of Rome.

For twenty-five years I was a priest of that Church, and I tell you frankly that I loved the Church of Rome, and she loved me. I would have shed every drop of my blood for my Church and would have given a thousand times my life to extend her power and dignity over the continent of America, and over the whole world. My great ambition was to convert the Protestants, and bring them into my Church, because I was told, and I preached, that outside the Church of Rome there was no salvation, and I was sorry to think that those multitudes of Protestants were to be lost.
A few years after I was born we lived in a place where there were no schools. My mother became my first teacher, and the first book in which she taught me to read was the Bible. When I was eight or nine years old I read the Divine Book with an incredible pleasure, and my heart was much taken up with the beauty of the Word of God. My mother selected the chapters she wished me to read, and the attention I gave to it was such that, many times, I refused to go and play with the other boys outside in order to enjoy the pleasure of reading the Holy Book. Some of the chapters I loved more than others, and these I learned by heart.

But after my mother died, the Bible disappeared from the house, probably through the priest who had tried to obtain possession of it before. Now this Bible is the root of everything in this story. That is the light which was put into my soul when young, and, thanks be to God, that light has never been extinguished. It has remained there. It is to that dear Bible, by the mercy of God, that I owe today the unspeakable joy which I feel when being among the redeemed, among those who have received the light, and are drinking at the pure fountain of truth.

But perhaps you are asking, “Do not the Roman Catholic priests allow their people to read the Bible?” Yes, I thank God that when you turn to Him sincerely, in true repentance and faith, He will receive you.

You can do so right now. To die without being truly converted in heart and without simple trust in Christ as your complete Savior is to die LOST. And no silver or gold can redeem you after death any more than it can while you live.

He waits to be your Savior and Lord now. From the bottom of your heart will you join Father Chiniquy in a prayer similar to the prayer he made, and make it your very own sincere prayer to your Savior.

“Oh! dear Jesus, it is you, and you alone who can save me. Oh! Gift of God, I accept Thee, I place my hope COMPLETELY and ONLY in your sacrifice for me on Calvary. Take my heart and keep it forever Thine. Reign there supreme. Live within my heart and make me pure and strong. Lead me by your Holy Spirit that I may know your will in all things. My Lord! My Savior! My God!

Signed_________________________

Date____________________19____

If the above is truly YOUR heart-felt prayer, then pray it with all sincerity, and put your name to it and the date. Then walk with the Lord by reading the Bible daily, and by praying to Him often.
that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart a man believes unto justice, and with the mouth profession of faith is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes in him shall not be disappointed.’ ”

No, you will not be disappointed. You have the promise from God in His Book. He offers you FULL pardon NOW, without money and without price on your part. God offers you His GIFT of pardon and everlasting life.

You have no part in the purging of your sins forever, but to believe and joyfully receive.

But one thing God does require of you. This is your part. He requires your heart. He requires that you love Him above all else. He requires that you love Him more than you love your sin. This requirement is called REPENTANCE.

Christ died that He might save you FROM your sins, not in them. The apostle Peter said, “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.” Acts 3:19. Yes, this God does require.

The apostle Paul said his message to the people was twofold—that they should, “...turn to God in repentance, and believe in our Lord Jesus Christ.” Acts 20:21.

they do. It is a fact that today, almost all over the world, the Church of Rome grants permission to read the Bible, and you will find the Bible in the homes of some Roman Catholics.

But when we have confessed this we must tell the whole truth. When the priest puts the Bible in the hands of his people, or when a priest receives the Bible from his Church, there is a condition. The condition is that though the priest or people may read the Bible, they must never, under any circumstances, interpret a single word according to their conscience, their intelligence, or in their own mind. When I was ordained a priest I swore that I would interpret the Scriptures only according to the unanimous consent of the Holy Fathers.

Friends, go to Roman Catholics today, and ask them if they have permission to read the Bible. They will tell you, “Yes, I can read it.” But ask, “Have you permission to interpret it?” They will tell you, “No.” The priest says positively to the people, and the Church says positively to the priest, that they cannot interpret a single word of the Bible according to their own intelligence and their own conscience, and that it is a grievous sin to take upon themselves the interpretation of a single word. The priest says in effect to the people, “If you try to interpret the Bible
with your own intelligence you are lost. It is a most dangerous book. You may read it, but it is better not to read it, because you cannot understand it."

What is the result of such teaching? The result is, that though both the priests and the people have the Bible in their hands, they do not read it. Would you read a book if you were persuaded that you couldn't understand a single word by yourself? Would you be such a fool as to waste your time reading a book of which you were persuaded you could not understand a single line?

That, my friends, is the truth about the Church of Rome. They have a great number of Bibles. You will find Bibles on the tables of the priests and of Catholic laymen, but among ten thousand priests there are not two who read the Bible from the beginning to the end and pay any attention to it. They read a few pages here and there; that is all.

In the Church of Rome the Bible is a sealed book, but it was not so with me. I found it precious to my heart when I was a small boy, and when I became a priest of Rome I read it to make me a strong man, and to make me able to argue for the church.

My great objective was to confound the Protestant ministers of America. I got a copy of the "Holy Fathers," and I studied it day and night with the Holy Scriptures, in order

“But as it is, once for all at the end of the ages, he has appeared for the destruction of sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed unto men to die once, and after this comes the judgment, so also was Christ offered once, to take away the sins of many.”

Listen to Christ. Just before His life expired as He hung on the cross He cried out, “It is consummated!” Yes, the only sin offering God recognizes was FINISHED—completely, on Calvary. The wonder of it will be told and retold by saints and angels throughout endless eternity.

Then notice this brief word from Peter, in I Peter 1:18 & 19.

“You know that you were redeemed from the vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, not with perishable things, with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.”

You may spend all your silver and gold for prayers and masses, but the only sacrifice God recognizes is the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary. And He makes no charge. He simply asks your faith and trust in the sacrifice of His Son for your sins.

The apostle Paul says in Romans 10:9-11:

“For if thou confess with thy mouth that Jesus is the Lord, and believe in thy heart
does not exist. He died ONCE for all sin, for all sinners for all time, on Calvary, Listen to Paul in Ephesians 2:8 & 9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not from yourselves, for it is the GIFT of God; not as the outcome of works, lest anyone may boast.”

Prayers and masses for the dead will never bring one to Heaven. A Roman Catholic mass is said to be the offering of Christ again in suffering and death for the sinner. But notice what Hebrews 10:10 says, “...we have been sanctified [purged] through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

Your faith must NOT be in a sacrifice of Christ in the mass, for He died ONCE for sins. Your faith must be in the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary! He has not been sacrificed since that day for sins. Notice this in Hebrews 9:24-28:

“Jesus has not entered into a Holies made by hands, a mere copy of the true, but into heaven itself, to appear now before the face of God on our behalf; nor yet has he entered to offer himself often, as the high priest enters into the Holies year after year with blood not his own [Old Testament sacrifices] for in that case he must have suffered often since the beginning of the world.

to prepare myself for the great battle I wanted to fight against the Protestants. I made this study in order to strengthen my faith in the Roman Catholic Church.

But, blessed be God! every time I read the Bible there was a mysterious voice saying to me, “Do you not see that in the Church of Rome you do not follow the teachings of the Word of God, but only the traditions of men?” In the silent hours of the night, when I heard that voice, I wept and cried, but it was repeated with the strength of thunder. I wanted to live and die in the Holy Roman Catholic Church, and I prayed to God to silence the voice, but I heard it yet still louder. When I was reading His word He was trying to break my fetters, but I would not have my fetters broken. He came to me with His saving light, but I would not have it.

I have no bad feeling against Roman Catholic priests. Some of you may think I have. You are mistaken. Sometimes I weep for them because I know that the poor men—just as I did—are fighting against the Lord, and that they are miserable as I was miserable then. If I relate to you one of the struggles of which I speak, you will understand what it is to be a Roman Catholic priest, and you will pray for them.

In Montreal there is a splendid cathedral,
capable of holding 15,000 people. I used to preach there very often. One day the Bishop asked me to speak on the Virgin Mary, and I was glad to do so. I said to those people what I thought to be true then, and what the priests believe and preach everywhere. Here is the sermon I preached:

“My dear friends, when a man has rebelled against his king, when he has committed a great crime against his emperor, does he come himself to speak to him? If he has a favor to ask from his king, dare he, under the circumstances, appear himself in his presence? No; the king would rebuke him, and would punish him. But what does he do? Instead of going himself he selects one of the friends of the king, one of his officers, sometimes the sister or the mother of the king, and he puts his petition into their hands. They go and speak in favor of the guilty man. They ask his pardon, they appease his wrath, and very often the king will grant to these people the favor he would refuse to the guilty man.

“Then,” I said, “we are all sinners, we have all offended the great and mighty King, the King of Kings. We have raised rebellious colors against Him. We have trampled His laws under our feet, and surely He is angry against us. What can we do today? Shall we go ourselves with our hands filled with our iniquities? No! But, thanks to God, we have Mary the mother of Jesus; our King, at His

ing and sacrifice on Calvary. He died for our sins—not for just some of them—but for ALL of them. It is recorded in Hebrews 1:3 that he has “…effected man’s purgation from sin and taken his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

And in Colossians 2:13 & 14 the apostle Paul said, concerning the fact that ALL our sins were purged in Christ, “…forgiving you all your sins, cancelling the decree against us, which was hostile to us. Indeed, he has taken it completely away, nailing it to the cross.”

Now then, mankind is not automatically forgiven all sin because of Christ’s sacrifice. We avail ourselves of His forgiveness and the assurance of everlasting life by FAITH and REPENTANCE.

Our FAITH must be in the fact that Christ is the Son of God and that our sins are purged only by His sacrifice and suffering for us on Calvary. Our faith must not be in prayers or good works of any kind. When you are really converted to a new life in Christ it will be evident by good works. But our sins, of every nature, are forgiven us only by God’s grace (unmerited favor) because of Christ’s sacrifice for sin.

Indulgences granted for prayers, masses, etc., will have no effect whatever toward your deliverance from a purgatory which
hear our prayers. And nowhere does it teach that any of the saints can hear our prayers. Christ alone is the Mediator between God and man. The Bible says, “For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus.” Christ is our high priest, and we are to go directly to Him, for He alone can hear us. He is the one who loved us and died for us as God’s sin offering for our sin.

The apostle John in I John 5:14, 15 says this to the true and faithful believers in Christ, “And the confidence that we have toward him is this, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And we know that he hears us whatever we ask; we know that the requests we make of him are granted.” He says this of Christ. But nowhere in the Bible is such a thing said of Mary or the Saints.

The Bible teaches the fact of Hell, the place of punishment for the unbeliever and the unconverted in heart. But the teaching of purgatory is purely an invention of the Roman Catholic Church. Christ never taught it, nor did his Apostles. The opposite is taught. When a Christian dies he goes to be with his Lord. The Bible teaches that we receive FULL pardon for our sins through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Our sins were ALL purged by His suffer-

right hand. And as a dutiful son never refuses any favor to a beloved mother, so Jesus will never refuse any favor to Mary. He never refused any petition which she presented to Him when He was on earth. He has never re-buked His mother in any way.

“Where is the son who would break the heart of a loving mother, when he could cause her to rejoice by granting her desires? Jesus, the King of Kings, is not only the Son of God; but He is the Son of Mary, and He loves His mother. And as He never refused any favor of Mary when He was on earth; He will never refuse her any favor today.

“Then what must we do? Oh! we cannot present ourselves before the great King, covered as we are with iniquity. Let us present our petitions to His holy mother. She will go to the feet of Jesus, herself, Jesus, her God and her son, and she will surely receive the favors which she will ask. She will ask our pardon and will obtain it. She will ask for you a place in the Kingdom of Christ, and you will have it. She will ask Jesus to forget your iniquities, to grant you true repentance, and He will give you anything His mother may ask of Him.”

My hearers were so happy at the idea of having such an advocate at the feet of Jesus interceding for them day and night, that they burst into tears, and were beside themselves
with joy that Mary was to ask and obtain their pardon.

I thought at the time that this was not only the religion of Christ, but that it was the religion of common sense, and that nothing could be said against it. After the sermon the Bishop came to me and blessed me, and thanked me, saying that the sermon would do great good in Montreal.

That night I went on my knees, and took my Bible, and my heart was full of joy because of the good sermon I had given in the morning. I opened and read from Matthew 12:46-50, the following words:

“While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brethren were standing outside, seeking to speak to him. And someone said to him, ‘Behold, thy mother and thy brethren are standing outside, seeking thee.’ But he answered and said to him who told him, ‘Who is my mother and who are my brethren?’ And stretching forth his hand towards his disciples, he said, ‘Behold my mother and my brethren! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother.’”

When I had read these words there was a voice speaking to me more terrible than the voice of loud thunder, saying, “Chiniquy, you preached a lie this morning when you said that Mary had always received the traditions. These books were never recognized by the Jews as God-inspired writings, and they were never made a part of the Hebrew Bible. They do not appear in the Hebrew Bible to this day. Christ never quoted anything from these books, nor did the Apostles. The Protestants have restored the Old Testament to its original form in their printings of the Bible, but the Roman Catholic Church still retains these added books.

The New Testament is essentially the same in both the Roman Catholic and Protestant Bibles. But nowhere in either Bible are we instructed to pray to Mary. In fact Christ discouraged the adoration of Mary. She would be honored, according to Luke 1:48. But notice what Christ says in Luke 11:27 and 28:

“Now it came to pass as he was saying these things, that a certain woman from the crowd lifted up her voice and said to him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore thee, and the breasts that nursed thee.’ But he said, ‘Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.’”

Christ taught here that it is of greater importance to listen to God’s word, and obey it, than to be the honored virgin through whom He came to earth. The Bible nowhere encourages the adoration or worship of Mary.

The Bible nowhere teaches that Mary can
They had accepted it. And no words can tell you the joy of that multitude. Like myself they felt rich and happy in the Gift. The names of one thousand souls, I believe, were written in the Book of Life that day. Six months later we were two thousand converts. A year later we were about four thousand! And now we are nearly twenty-five thousand who have washed our robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.

—Charles Chiniquy

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The news spread quickly all over America, and even in France and England—that Chiniquy, the best-known priest of Canada, had left the Church of Rome at the head of a noble band of men. And wherever it was told the name of Jesus was blessed.

The Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God. In its pages are the words of Life. For several hundred years after Christ the writings of the Apostles (the New Testament part of the Bible) were the rule of faith for all Christians.

Then power politics, exercised by Bishops in the larger cities, and especially Rome, ushered in teachings and traditions that were of men and not of God.

As time went on certain ancient books, written before Christ, were added to the Old Testament part of the Bible to bolster these favors which she had asked from Jesus. Do you not see that Mary comes to ask a favor, that is, to see her son, during whose absence she has been lonesome, and who has left her during many months to preach the Gospel?

“When Mary got to the place where Jesus was preaching, the place was so crammed that she could not enter. What will she do? She will do what every mother would do in her place. She raises her voice and requests Him to come and see her; but while Jesus hears the voice of His mother, and with His divine eyes sees her, does He grant her petition? No. He shuts His ears to her voice and hardens His heart against her prayer.

“It is a public rebuke, and she feels it keenly. The people are astonished. They are puzzled, almost scandalized. They turn to Christ, and they say to Him, ‘Why don’t you come and speak to your mother?’

“What does Jesus say? He gives no answer except this extraordinary one: ‘Who is My mother, and who are My brethren?’ and, looking upon His disciples, He says: ‘Behold, My mother, My brethren, and My sisters.’ As for Mary, she is left alone, and publicly rebuked.”

And then the voice spoke to me again with the power of thunder, telling me to read also in St. Mark 3:31-35. You will find the
same incident both in Mark and in Luke 8:19-21. Instead of granting her petition Jesus replied in such a way as to publicly rebuke His mother.

And then the voice spoke to me with terrific power, telling me that Jesus, as long as He was a small boy, obeyed Joseph and His mother; but as soon as He presented Himself before the world as the Son of God, as the Savior of the world, as the great Light of humanity, then Mary had to disappear. It is to Jesus alone that the eyes of the world must be turned to receive Light and Life.

Then, my friends, the voice spoke to me all the night: “Chiniquy, Chiniquy, you have told a lie this morning. You were preaching a lot of fables and nonsense. You preach against the Scriptures when you say that Mary has the power to grant any favor from Jesus.” I prayed and I wept, and it was a sleepless night for me.

The next morning I went to table with the Bishop-Prince, the coadjutor, who had invited me to breakfast.

He said to me, “M. Chiniquy, you look like a man who has spent the night in tears. What is the matter with you?”

I said, “My lord, you are correct, I am desolate above measure.”

“What is the matter?” he asked.

one did so. And as I watched I saw a change come over them—a marvelous change, which cannot be explained in natural ways—and I said to them, with a cry of joy:

“The mighty God who saved me yesterday can save you today. With me you will cross the Red Sea and go into the Promised Land. With me you will accept the great gift—you will be happy and rich in the gift. I will put the question to you in another way.

If you think it is better for you to follow Christ than the Pope, to invoke the name of Jesus alone than the name of Mary, that it is better to put your trust only in the blood of the Lamb shed on the Cross for your sins, than in the fabulous purgatory of Rome, after your death to be saved; and if you think it is better for you to have me preach to you the pure Gospel of Christ, than to have a priest preach to you the doctrines of Rome, tell it to me by rising up—I am your man!”

And all, without a single exception, rose to their feet, and, with tears, asked me to remain with them.

The Gift, the great, the unspeakable Gift had, for the first time, come before their eyes in its beauty. They had found it precious.
and so beautiful, so sublime and so grand. I had opened the hands of my soul and accepted the gift. I was rich in the gift. Salvation, my friends, is a gift; you have nothing to do but to accept it, love it, and love the Giver. I pressed the Gospel to my lips; and swore I would never preach anything but Jesus.

I arrived in the midst of my colony on a Sabbath morning. The whole people were exceedingly excited and ran towards me, and asked what news I had. When they were gathered in the church I presented to them The Gift. I showed to them what God had presented to me, His Son Jesus as a gift—and, through Jesus, the pardon of my sins, and life eternal as a gift.

Then, not knowing whether they would receive the gift or not, I said to them: "It is time for me to go away from you, my friends. I have taken the gift of Christ, but I respect you too much to impose myself on you. If you think it is better for you to follow the Pope than to follow Christ, and to invoke the name of Mary than the name of Jesus, in order to be saved, tell it to me by rising up."

To my exceeding great surprise the whole multitude remained in their seats, filling the church with their sobs and tears. I thought some of them would tell me to go, but not

"Oh! I cannot tell you here," I said. "Will you please give me one hour in your room alone? I will tell you a mystery which will puzzle you."

After breakfast I went out with him and said:

"Yesterday you paid me a great compliment because of the sermon in which I proved that Jesus had always granted the petitions of His mother. But, my lord, last night I heard another voice, stronger than yours, and my trouble is that I believe that voice is the voice of God. That voice has told me that we Roman Catholic priests and bishops preach a falsehood every time we say to the people that Mary has always the power to receive from the hands of Jesus Christ the favors which she asks. This is a lie, my lord—this, I fear, is a diabolical and damning error."

The Bishop then said, "M. Chiniquy, what do you mean? Are you a Protestant?"

"No," I said, "I'm not a Protestant." (Many times I had been called a Protestant because I was so fond of the Bible.) "But I tell you, face to face, that I sincerely fear that yesterday I preached a lie, and that you, my lord, will preach one also the next time you say that we must invoke Mary, under the pretext that Jesus has never refused any favor to His mother. This is false."
The Bishop said, "M. Chiniquy, you go too far!"

"No, my lord," I said, "it is of no use to talk. Here is the Gospel; read it."

I put the Gospel into the hands of the Bishop, and he read with his own eyes what I have already quoted. My impression was that he read those words for the first time. The poor man was so much surprised that he remained mute and trembling. Finally he asked, "What does that mean?"

"Well," I said, "this is the Gospel; and here you see that Mary has come to ask from Jesus Christ a favor, and He has not only rebuked her, but has refused to consider her as His mother. He did this publicly, that we might know that Mary is the mother of Jesus as man, but not as God."

The Bishop was beside himself. He could not answer me.

I then asked to be allowed to put a few questions to him. I said, "My lord, who has saved you and saved me upon the Cross?"

He answered, "Jesus Christ."

"And who paid your debts and mine by shedding His blood—was it Mary or Jesus?"

He said, "Jesus Christ."

"Now, my lord, when Jesus and Mary were on earth, who loved the sinner more—was it Mary or Jesus?"

God are perfect! I am, then, perfectly saved—Jesus could not save me by half. I am saved by the blood of the Lamb. I am saved by the death of Jesus."

These words were so sweet to me that I felt unspeakable joy, as if the fountains of life were open and floods of new light were flowing in upon my soul. I said to myself, "I am not saved, as I thought, by going to Mary. I am not saved by purgatory, or by indulgences, confessions or penances. I am saved by Jesus alone!" And all the false doctrines of Rome went away from my mind as a tower falls which is struck at the base.

I then felt such a joy, such a peace, that the angels of God could not be more happy than I was. The blood of the Lamb was flowing on my poor guilty soul. With a loud cry of joy I said, "Oh! dear Jesus, I feel it, I know it. Thou hast saved me! Oh! Gift of God, I accept Thee! Take my heart and keep it forever Thine. Gift of God, abide in me to make me pure and strong. Abide in me to be my way, my light, and my life. Grant that I may abide in Thee now and forever! But, dear Jesus, do not save me alone; save my people. Grant me to show them the Gift also! Oh! that they may accept Thee and feel rich and happy as I am now."

It was thus I found the Light and the great mystery of our salvation, which is so simple.
would curse me, and that I had become an object of horror to the world.

"Then I tried to remember if I had any friends amongst the Protestants, but as I had spoken and written against them all my life, I had not a single friend there. I saw that I was left all alone to fight the battle. It was too much, and in that terrible hour, if God had not wrought a miracle, I should not have been able to bear it. It seemed impossible for me to go out from that room into the cold world, where I should not find a single hand to shake my hand, or a single smiling face to look upon me, but where I should see only those looking upon me as a traitor.

It seemed that God was far away, but He was very near. Suddenly the thought entered my mind: "You have your Gospel; read it, and you will find the light." On my knees, and with trembling hand, I opened the book. Not I, but God opened it, for my eyes fell on I Cor. 7:23: "You have been bought with a price; do not become the slaves of men."

With these words the light came to me, and for the first time I saw the great mystery of salvation, as much as man can see it. I said to myself, "Jesus has bought me. Then, if Jesus has bought me, He has saved me: I am saved! Jesus is my God! All the works of

And again he answered that it was Jesus. "Did any sinner come to Mary on earth to be saved?"

"No."

"Do you remember any sinner going to Jesus to be saved?"

"Yes, many."

"Have they been rebuked?"

"Never."

"Do you remember Jesus ever saying to sinners, 'Come to Mary and she will save you'?"

"No," he said.

"Do you remember that Jesus has said to poor sinners, 'Come unto me'?"

"Yes. He has said it."

"Has He ever retracted those words?"

"No!"

"And who then, was the more powerful to save sinners?" I asked.

"Oh! it was Jesus!"

"Now, my lord, since Jesus and Mary are now in Heaven, can you show me in the Scriptures that Jesus has lost anything of His desire and power to save sinners, or that He has delegated this power to Mary?"

And the Bishop answered, "No."

"Then, my lord," I asked, "why do we not
go to Him, and Him alone? Why do we in-vite poor sinners to come to Mary, when, by your own confession she is nothing com-pared with Jesus, in power, in mercy, in love, and in compassion for the sinner?"

Then the poor Bishop was as a man who is condemned to death. He trembled before me, and as he could not answer me, he pleaded business and left me. His “business” was that he could not answer me.

But I was still not converted. There were many links by which I was still tied to the feet of the Pope. There were other battles to be fought before I could break the chains which bound me.

But in those days, though I was troubled I had not lost my zeal for my Church. The Bishops had given me great power and author-ity, and the Pope had raised me above many others, and I had the hope, with many others, that little by little, we might reform the Church in many things.

In 1851 I went to Illinois to found a French colony. I took with me about 75,000 French Canadians, and settled on the magnifi-cent prairies of Illinois, to take possession in the name of the Church of Rome. After I had begun my great work of colonization I became a rich man. I bought many Bibles and gave one to almost every family. The Bishop was very angry at me for this, but I did clearly, that the Church of Rome could not be the Church of Christ. I had learned the terrible truth, not from the lips of Protestants, not from her enemies, but from the lips of the Church of Rome herself. I saw that I could not remain in it except by giving up the Word of God in a formal document. Then I saw that I had done well to give up the Church of Rome. But oh! my friends, what a dark cloud came upon me! In my darkness I cried out, “My God, my God, why is it that my soul is surrounded by such a dark cloud?”

With tears I cried to God to show me the way, but for a time no answer was given. I had given up the Church of Rome. I had given up position, honor, my brothers and sisters, everything that was dear to me! I saw that the Pope, the Bishops, and the priests would attack me in the press, and in the pulpit. I saw that they would take away my honor, and my name—and perhaps my life. I saw that war to the death was begun between the Church of Rome and me, and I looked to see if any friends had been left to me to help me fight the battle, but not a single friend remained. I saw that even my dearest friends were bound to curse me, and look upon me as an infamous traitor. I saw that my people would reject me, that my beloved country, where I had so many friends,
“Well,” he said, “do you come here to give me a lecture?”

I replied, “No, my lord; but I want to know if you brought me here to insult me?”

“M. Chiniquy,” he said, “I brought you here because you gave me a document which you know very well was not an act of submission.”

Then I answered, “Tell me, what act of submission do you require of me?”

He said, “You must begin by taking away these few words ‘according to the Word of God, as we find it in the Gospel of Christ,’ and say simply that you promise to obey my authority without any condition; that you will promise to do whatever I tell you.”

Then I got to my feet, and I said, “My lord, what you require of me is not an act of submission, but an act of adoration, and I refuse it to you.”

“Then,” said he, “if you cannot give me that act of submission, you cannot any longer be a Roman Catholic priest.”

I raised my hands to God, and said, “May Almighty God be forever blessed,” and I took my hat and left the Bishop.

I went to the hotel where I had engaged a room, and locked the door behind me, I fell on my knees to examine before God what I had done. Then I saw, for the first time not care. I had no idea of giving up the Church of Rome, but I wanted to guide my people as well as I could in the way in which Christ wanted me to lead them.

Now the Bishop of Chicago did a thing at that time which we Frenchmen could not tolerate. It was a great crime, and I wrote to the Pope and got him dismissed. Another Bishop was sent in his place, who sent his Grand Vicar to visit me.

The Grand Vicar said to me, “M. Chiniquy, we are very glad that you got the former Bishop dismissed, for he was a bad man: but, it is suspected in many places that you are no more in the Church of Rome. It is suspected that you are a heretic and a Protestant. Will you not give us a document by which we can prove to all the world that you and your people are still good Roman Catholics?”

I said, “I have no objection.”

He rejoined, “It is the desire of the new Bishop whom the Pope has sent, to have such a document from you.”

I then took a piece of paper—and it seemed to me that this was a golden opportunity to silence the voice which was speaking to me day and night and troubling my faith. I wanted to persuade myself by this means that in the Roman Catholic Church
we were really following the Word of God, and not merely "traditions of men." I wrote down these very words:

"My lord, we French Canadians of the colony of Illinois want to live in the Holy Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church, out of which there is no salvation, and to prove this to your lordship we promise to obey your authority according to the Word of God, as we find it in the Gospel of Christ."

I signed that and offered it to my people to sign, and they did. I then gave it to the Grand Vicar, and asked him what he thought of it. He said, "It is just what we want." He assured me that the Bishop would accept it, and all would be right.

When the Bishop had read the submission, he too found it right, and with tears of joy said: "I am so glad that you have made your submission, because we were fearful that you and your people would turn Protestants."

My friends, to show you my blindness, I must confess to my shame, that I was glad to have made my peace with the Bishop, a man, when I was not yet at peace with God. The Bishop gave me a "letter of peace," by which he declared that I was one of his best priests, and I went back to my countrymen with the determination to remain there. But God looked down upon me in His mercy, and He was to break that peace which was peace with man and not with God.

The Bishop, after my departure, went to the telegraph office and telegraphed my submission to the other bishops, and asked them what they thought of it. They unanimously answered him the very same day: "Do you not see that Chiniquy is a disguised Protestant, and he has made a Protestant of you? It is not to you that he makes submission; he makes his submission to the Word of God. If you do not destroy that submission you are a Protestant yourself."

Ten days later I received a letter from the Bishop, and when I went to him he asked me if I had the "letter of peace" he had given me the other day. I produced it, and when he saw it was that letter, he ran to his stove and threw it into the fire. I was astonished. I rushed to the fire to save my letter, but it was too late. It was destroyed.

Then I turned to the Bishop, and I said, "How dare you, my lord, take from my hand a document which is my property, and destroy it without my consent?"

He replied, "M. Chiniquy, I am your superior, and I have no account to give you."

"You are indeed, my lord, my superior, and I am nothing but a poor priest, but there is a great God who is as much above you as above me, and that God has granted me rights which I will never give up to please any man. In the presence of that God I protest against your iniquity."
Mr. Claude Efnor
Publisher and Editor
The Northwest Industrial News
1001 Plymouth Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Efnor:

Your letter of July 24, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest prompting your communication is appreciated.

In view of your concern, I would like to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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4-17-61 Statement re Internal Security
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Mr. Efnor or his publication, The Northwest Industrial News, and no information identifiable with[ ] is affiliated with Fellowship of Reconciliation, which organization is a socialist, pacifist organization which was active in campaigning for racial equality and world peace, during World War I and II. His name was on a list in November, 1959, of the National Committee to secure justice for Morton Sobel. Correspondent enclosed a number of newspaper clippings critical of the film, "Operation Abolition";
an editorial from the Minneapolis "Sunday Tribune" questioning the wisdom of the recent Supreme Court's decision requiring members of the Communist Party to register; a letter to[ ] concerning the sermon he refers to in his letter by[ ] and a copy of The Northwest Industrial News which contains an article, "Let's Tear The Masks Off The Critics of 'Operation Abolition'" by Mr. Claude Efnor. Editorial ticklers indicate cordial correspondence with this newspaper and with Mr. Daryle Feldmeir, Managing Editor, who, with his wife and three children, were conducted on a tour of Bureau facilities in November 1960. [ ] Presbyterian Church, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, has been an outspoken critic of the film, "Operation Abolition."
July 24, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The liberal press which is represented here by the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, is as you probably realize waging a concerted and intensive war upon the anti-Communist or conservative movement. They have made vicious attacks against the “Operation Abolition” film and are now using the John Birch Society to attack all conservative movements, organizations, individuals, and ideologies. They are making considerable capital out of the fact that one of our assistants has recently made some speeches in which he asserted that the Communists have not infiltrated the clergy to any extent and that the claims that have been made that there are any considerable number, such as six or seven thousand, Communists in the pulpits are untrue and that this is no menace to the country, and so forth.

I have no way of knowing a Communist by looking at him and I do not know what the legal definition of a Communist would be. I presume it would be one who is formally a member of the Communist Party and carries a Communist card. However, you have made the statement many times, both verbally and in print, that the thousands of fellow travelers who are doing the work of the Communist party are even more dangerous than the avowed Communists. With this I agree, and I have become convinced lately that there are a great many of these individuals who are using the pulpits of our churches to aid the Communist cause. They do it by attacking the anti-Communists, the Un-American Activities Committee, and everybody who is militantly anti-Communist. In fact, “militantly anti-Communist” has now become a dirty word combination in left-wing propaganda.

It seems to me that there is a great deal of evidence of collusion among certain editorial writers, commentators, and ministers; and other left-wingers in positions of influence to weaken or destroy the anti-Communist movement. It seems inconceivable to me that a minister would preach a sermon such as the one I enclose of May 29th unless it was his intention to protect the Communist movement. The sermon was preached by the of Lake Harriet Methodist Church at 49th Street and Chown Avenue, Minneapolis, on May 28th. I do not know how many of these kind of individuals are using pulpits of the churches in America for propaganda in behalf of the Communist party and its purposes. I am sure that they will all deny being Communists, whether truthfully so or not. It is my belief that if they are dedicated Communists, that they are working on a basis of operation which makes it difficult to trace that collaboration, because they probably do not attend Communist party meetings or carry Communist party cards; but that these ministers and editors, such as of the Minneapolis Star, are finding some means of communication with the Communist party leaders and acting in concert with them is obvious.
I am forwarding this information to you along with the copy of the Minneapolis Tribune's editorial of July 9, and the "Can We No Longer Tolerate Free Speech?" article for your evaluation.

Cordially yours,

Claude Efnor

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Worthington Pa.

F. B. I. Chief
J Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I received a response from you concerning the problem of Capitol Punishment. I certainly appreciate your firm stand.

Some time ago I read an article in News Paper by United Press Writer Louis Cassaels which shook my attitude towards you. I do feel that you are a man of integrity & that you would not intentionally make a wrong decision. I feel however that if what Louis Cassaels wrote about you is true. Then I feel you made a gigantic mistake. Cassaels remarks were on the line that certain groups have been putting pressure on Churches, & Church organizations accusing them of being communists infiltrated. He went on to say that you sent out a special agent to try & protect or rebuff this attack upon our spiritual leaders.

Mr Hoover I would like to say that when we get the cults out of the Churches whether they be Communist or what have you, then we can start building a solid foundation that Ehrushev or Pope John can not shake no matter how shrued they are.

We cant help our nation by trying to cover up its faults, for if we do. It only makes it possible for the enemy to gain in strength. Had America not fallen spiritually Communism could never have penetrated our shell.

My friend I am sending you a pamphlet which is a sample of the book 50 years in Church of Rome. Could I get each of you leaders at Washington to read this book I am certain your understanding would be increased.

May God help you
With prayers

/s/

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
I know you are an unflinching direct man. God is the same & dose not tolerate any thing contrary to his commands. Some day his just stern nature will be revealed. To those who have disobeyed. God will certainly destroy.

I personally want to live so as to be worthy Gods love, not his wrath.
Washington, D.C.
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August 2, 1961

Worthington, Pennsylvania

Dear

Your letter postmarked July 29, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest prompting you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your discussion, it is a pleasure to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or an endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan.

Enclosure

Communism and Religion (By Sullivan)

NOTE: Buffels reflect no information of a derogatory nature identifiable with [__] Only outgoing to him on 4-13-61 which reflected his first name as [__] Purposely ignoring any reference to his third paragraph. His enclosure was a pamphlet entitled "The Finished Wonder" which was not reviewed.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover
Inspector Sullivan, J. Edgar Hoover, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the National Council of Churches and the Subject of Communist Influence in American Churches

SPECIAL REPORT TO ALL CHURCH LEAGUE SUPPORTERS

It has been called to the attention of the Church League of America by various individuals recently that Mr. Louis Cassels, a religion editor of United Press International, The Christian Century, various denominational publications (both Protestant and Catholic), and various church bulletins are implying that there has been no communist penetration or influence on churches in the United States.

All of these sources purportedly quote one William C. Sullivan, identified as Chief Inspector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

First of all, it must be understood that Mr. Cassels is a propagandist for the National Council of Churches and a religious liberal in the employ of United Press International, who definitely slants all religious news to the advantage of the National Council of Churches. We have witnesses to this who have personally talked with Mr. Cassels.

Mr. Cassels carried not one line on United Press wires in regard to the historic decision of the court in Wichita, Kansas, several weeks ago, which court awarded the property of the 6,000-member First Baptist Church to the First Baptist Church after the American Baptist Convention sued this church for its property because of the fact that the local church withdrew from the American Baptist Convention when the convention refused to withdraw from the National Council of Churches.

This had become a nation-wide case and the press was quick to capitalize on it when the church withdrew from the American Baptist Convention and the Convention sued the church.

Why did Mr. Cassels, of United Press, and George Cornell, Religion Editor of the Associated Press, not carry one line on the court decision in favor of the First Baptist Church? The decision was a direct slap at the
National Council of Churches, which has been endeavoring to merge all of the churches into one super church body.

The second major fact to be called to the attention of Christians everywhere is that Mr. William C. Sullivan is not a Protestant and knows nothing whatever of the conditions existing in Protestantism. He has never appeared under oath before the House Committee on Un-American Activities nor before the Senate Internal Security Committee, to refute one line of testimony concerning Communist infiltration of and influence on American churches which has been given in hundreds of pages of hearings by competent witnesses, including F. B. I. undercover informants within the Communist Party, which witnesses have never been charged with perjury by any government agency. Until Mr. Sullivan is willing to do this - that is, appear before these same government committees and tell what he thinks is wrong with this voluminous testimony by many witnesses - his statements cannot be considered as authoritative no matter who in the Kennedy administration, or in the National Council of Churches, supports him.

The third, and most important, fact is that what Mr. Sullivan is saying is in direct opposition to testimony given by J. Edgar Hoover, in which he states that communists have influenced churches in the United States, and we refer specifically to his testimony given on March 26, 1947 entitled, "The Menace Of Communism," page 11; his article entitled, "God Or Chaos?", first written for Redbook Magazine, February 1949, which deals solely with communist penetration and influence of American religious groups, and which climactic paragraph on page 7 states as follows:

"Many communist fronts have operated under the guise of some church commission or religious body. It is ghastly to see the monster atheism being nourished in the churches which it seeks to destroy. Church leaders can stop this nefarious infiltration by taking vigorous action in the boards and commissions under church supervision. Individual
ministers and church members can avoid being hoodwinked
if they will stay close to the fundamentals of their faith."

We refer also specifically to Mr. Hoover's book, "Masters
Of Deceit," pages 93, 96, 205-206, 324-326, which discusses tactics
used by communists in the churches in detail.

The most important testimony of Mr. Hoover, and the most
recent, was given to the House of Representatives Sub-Committee on
Appropriations on March 6, 1961 and released to the public on Saturday,
May 20, 1961, in which testimony he states on page 425:

"They (the communists) have infiltrated every conceivable
sphere of activity: youth groups, television, radio and
motion picture industries, church and school, educational
and cultural groups, the press, nationality minority groups
and civil and political units."

On page 439 of Mr. Hoover's testimony before the Committee,
there appears a direct exchange between Congressman Elford A. Cederberg,
of Michigan, and the director, in which Mr. Cederberg refers directly to
the National Council of Churches and Mr. Hoover replies to the Congressman's
question. Here is the portion of the testimony:

"Mr. Cederberg, Mr. Director, I just wonder if you can give
any explanation as to why so many organizations that are
basically sound and dedicated to doing what is right - and I
do not hesitate to name one of them, the National Council of
Churches - why are some of the hierarchy of these organizations
so naive to the threats posed by communism in this country?

"Mr. Hoover. Mr. Congressman, I think it is due to the fact they
have not fully informed themselves as to what the facts are.
Many people have the idea that communism is not a serious threat
because the movement is numerically small in this country. Its
numerical strength is one thing, but we must judge it by its
fanatical, dedicated, and disciplined membership. Most non-
communists are not disciplined, fanatical believers in the theory
and practice of American democracy as are the communists in communism.
That is the reason why some of these people err in their thinking.

"Such erroneous thinking often results in a great deal of harm,
particularly in many organizations where the practice is followed
of having the rank-and-file elect delegates to represent them at
Activities In the Cincinnati, Ohio Area." At that time both of these agents mentioned ministers by name, and Christian youth directors, within the State of Ohio, who were members of the Communist Party, and others who served the Communist cause.

On page 2665 of this hearing Mr. Edmiston stated as follows:

"There was the North Side Peace League, which maintained its headquarters in the Indianola Methodist Church, and the South Side Peace League centered around the membership of the Workers Alliance. The Linden Peace League was a part of the northwest section of Columbus. The Linden Peace League was not successful. The other groups got fairly good membership. The north side must have had 200 members from members of the Communist Party, fellow-travelers, people who were on the faculty of Ohio State University, and people living in the north end of Columbus."

Here is direct testimony to the fact that members of the Communist Party and fellow-travelers maintained their headquarters in the Indianola Methodist Church.

The Church League of America has all of the hundreds of pages of testimony which have been given to state and federal agencies since the Communist Party was founded in Chicago in 1919.

None of this testimony has ever been challenged under oath. It is a matter of public record.

When you find newspapers, ministers, or even representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation saying that there has been on Communist infiltration of or influence on American churches, then face them with these volumes of sworn evidence and ask them why they do not request a hearing before the investigative committees of the Congress and make these statements under oath and attempt to disprove, if they can, what many witnesses, including F.B.I. agents, have read into evidence concerning Communist infiltration of religious groups within the United States.
The communists, the fellow-travelers, and just plain dopers, or dopes, use various and sundry devices for trying to ridicule the idea that communism has penetrated religious institutions. Such a device was used by the late Rev. Donald Grey Barnhouse when he assigned a so-called "expert" by the name of Martin to do a white-wash job on the National Council of Churches concerning its aid and comfort to the communists.

Mr. Martin stated that he had contacted a staff member of the House Committee On Un-American Activities, who told him that Herbert A. Philbrick (famous F.B.I. counter-spy for eleven years) had not been able to identify any ministers by name in the Communist Conspiracy.

The fact of the matter is that no such thing was said by any member of the House Committee On Un-American Activities. The members were contacted by the Church League, including Mr. Francis MacNamara, to whom Mr. Martin spoke. Mr. MacNamara stated that he never told Mr. Martin any such thing and furthermore would not have given him any such statement, as staff members are not allowed to give out any information which is not included in committee hearings.

This was the same Dr. Barnhouse who had previously attacked the Federal Bureau Of Investigation as being completely dominated by Roman Catholics. This aroused J. Edgar Hoover so that he gave a statement out to the American press to the effect that no one had any way of determining what the religious affiliations of the F.B.I. agents are as a whole, because questions concerning religious affiliations were not even asked them on their application forms for work in the Bureau.

The Church League of America strongly advises its supporters not to go off on tangents or into "the wild blue yonder" when they hear or read statements by ministers, press agents of the National Council, or even an F.B.I. agent, who may not know what he is talking about.
Stick to the documented Congressional hearings and challenge all "unbelievers" to volunteer to go before these same committees and be put under oath where they will be subject to the law against perjury (lying while under oath) to which the witnesses who testified concerning Communist penetration of church groups were also subjected. None of these witnesses have been prosecuted for perjury! Their testimony will stand as evidence until it is discredited under oath.

The Church League of America is considering, right now, reproducing the four vital volumes of testimony, all of which have to do with communist penetration of religious groups, entitled, "Communist Activity In The New York City Area, Parts 5, 6, 7 and 8," which testimony names many religious leaders, institutions and publications who have aided the cause of communism within the United States. This volume has been unavailable from the Government Printing Office for some months.

Whether or not the Church League undertakes this vital reproduction will depend on what contributions are received for this project from contributors who are interested. The complete set will sell for approximately $2.50.

We will be pleased to hear from you as soon as possible in regard to your interest in this matter.

Write: Church League of America
1407 Hill Avenue
Wheaton, Illinois
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

July 23, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a self-explanatory special bulletin which has been prepared by The Church League of America relative to Mr. William C. Sullivan Chief Inspector, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It is very confusing and discouraging, Sir, to have you deplore the complacency of the American people in regard to communist infiltration in their churches, etcetera, while Mr. Sullivan in the position he holds in the F. B. I. assures us "that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control, or influence over American clergy or religious institutions on a national scale," and "that the American clergy..... have been among the most consistent and vigorous opponents of communism."

I find Mr. Sullivan's statements very hard to believe in the light of testimony given in Congressional investigations and by F. B. I. undercover agents. The actions and writings of a large number of clergymen may not be communist inspired but they certainly do not support them as being "most formidable bulwarks in the crusade against communism." I believe an investigation of the National Council of Churches of Christ is long over-due.

I am an active member of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. and along with many other laymen feel a deep concern over the trend to Socialism and the actions which parallel the Communist Party line in the Protestant Churches. They tend to accommodate themselves more and more to communism.

It is regrettable that Mr. Sullivan's remarks have given so much "aid and comfort" to those who are seeking to subvert our churches.

Respectfully Yours,

[Signatures]
Hartsville, Indiana

Dear [Name]

Your letter of July 29, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. Your concern regarding the menace of communism is indeed understandable.

Although I would like to be of service, the files of this Bureau are confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and are available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to your inquiry.

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

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some literature dealing with the general subject of subversion you may wish to read. I am also enclosing the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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What You Can do to Fight Communism
Christianity Today series
Self-addressed, stamped envelope

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Hartsville Ind  
July 29, 1961

Federal Bureau Of Investigation  
Washington D. C.

I am writing pertaining to ministers who are in the pulpits who are Communists or of that nature. We are a small church in Indiana. Decatur County - Have always had peace and harmony when suddenly out of a clear sky - we get a student from Cincinnati Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, Christian Church who has split the Church in half - set up a dictatorship and has under control people who do as he says they should - Name _______ Dewey, Oklahoma. He has a father-in-law in Dewey Oklahoma - _______ is his last-name who is a minister. This is confidential isn't it? _______ stated time and again from the pulpit we had nothing to fear from the Communists but the Catholics. I have friends who are Catholics - They believe, theirs way. I believe mine. Our Pilgrim forefathers came for freedom of religion and to me everyone has a right to their belief as far as religion goes.

Would you please send me a list of those churches and preachers who are Communists. I thank you for your patience in reading this and hope it will be kept in confidence

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I am told that Communists work in church & school and they get communities angry such as we are. There is nothing worse than a church that is torn in two parts.

Thank you.

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July 29, 1961

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Reeves, Oklahoma
He has a father-in-law in Dewey, Oklahoma—his last name who is a minister. This is Confidential isn't it? 

and again from the pulpit we heard nothing to fear from the Communists except the Catholizes. I have friends who are Catholizes. I believe their way. I believe Mine. Our Pilgrim forefathers came for freedom of religion and to me everyone has a right to their belief as far as religion goes.

Would you please send me a list of those churches that preach who are Communists. I thank you for your patience in reading this and hope it will be kept in Confidence.
I am told that Communists work in Church & school & they get Communities angry such as we are. There is nothing worse than a Church that is split in two parts.

[Signature]
August 3, 1961

Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear [Recipient's Name]

Your letter of July 30, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

In view of your concern, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Edgar Hoover

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The "Christian Advocate" is a leading Methodist Church weekly publication through whose cooperation a top 10 fugitive was apprehended in 1956. "Christian Century" is a non-denominational magazine published biweekly by the Christian Century Foundation, Chicago, Illinois. Its editor, Paul Hutchinson, received contributions before World War II from AMTORG. This publication has supported the position taken by pacifists and has condemned the treatment of Negroes in the United States and the handling of Japanese in California during World War II. Her enclosures consisted of several articles which in essence stated that the clergy and our churches have not been infiltrated by the communists to any great degree. Only reference identifiable with Mrs. George C. Baker, Jr., refers to a letter she wrote to the editor of the "Dallas Morning News" which appeared in the April 25, 1961, edition of that newspaper. She quoted a portion of Assistant Director Sullivan's remarks, made at Cincinnati, Ohio, on 2-22-61 which though basically accurate her information was incomplete.

Enclosures
Correspondent's 3 enclosures.
Communism and Religion (speech by W. C. Sullivan)
Corpus Christi, Texas
July 30, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been so disturbed about certain quotations of state-
ments of Chief Inspector, William C. Sullivan. It has appeared
in our local newspaper (see enclosed editorial of July 17th.).
A letter in The Dallas Morning News from the wife of a Metho-
dist Minister, Mrs. George C. Baker, Jr., quotes the same state-
ment. A Church bulletin of July 2nd. carries the same quote.
I am enclosing all references and, if possible, may I have them
back?

I am sure that your representative did not mean to leave the
impressions that there was NO infiltration in the churches at
all but that perhaps the infiltration was not ALARMING.

I have been contacting Pastors, leading churchmen and church-
women now for quite some time. I am truly alarmed that most
of the church membership is ignorant of just what is happening
to us. The Ministers have as their guide "Christian Century",
whose Editor signed the petition to abolish the HUAC; "Eternity"
"Some Facts and Some Comments" about "Operation Abolition" and
I am sure other publications that carry the same line. These I
have seen and have in my possession. But when they close their
minds and their ears to the TRUTH and grasp quotations like
Mr. Sullivan's above, coming from the reputable FBI, it is so
easy to convince the gullible, uninformed membership that all
the accusations made are by "quacks", "disciples of discord" and
like appellations. The faithful PATRIOTS who are trying to warn
our churches and country of our danger—from WHATEVER source—are crucified by criticism. Rome fell and so will we.

Mr. Hoover, you have been so wonderful and have done so much
for our country and I want to thank you for saving us as long
as you have. But I am truly frightened mainy because of the
stand that the churches are taking. Some have investigated the
NGC and are taking the right stand. But they are so few. And
I know that IF the ministers would truly lead us from the pul-
pits that the membership—though uninformed,—would believe
their spiritual leader (supposed to be) and we could clean out
Mr. Khruschev and his gang in 5 short orders. But as long as the
NGC holds the stranglehold on the ministers that they have now,
there will be no awakening. I am appealing to you to change
the picture, if you can. Can what they are doing with Mr. Sul-
villan's statement be changed or countered? Somehow I think
YOU can change the picture.
"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks.

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.  

Communist Infiltration into Religion  

July 31, 1961  

Dear Mr. Hoover: 

Please tell me whether or not the enclosed report is an accurate statement of your stand on the matter of communist infiltration in our churches. 

The reason I ask is that this enclosed discussion seems to me to be at variance with quotations from your speeches and with what you wrote in "Masters of Deceit". 

If our churches have not been infiltrated by subversive elements, then we must have some terribly naive blergymen writing some of our church literature. It hurts me to see the church to which my husband and I have belonged for many, many years sanctioning the pronouncements and the literature which it does. Is there no help for us? 

Sincerely yours, 

Helena, Montana
NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM AND SUN, SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1961

Church and Religious News

FBI: WIDE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN CHURCHES A 'FALSEHOOD'

Once again charges of Communist infiltration are being hurled against U.S. churches. Here statements from the FBI show how such wild claims by anti-Communist "vigilantes" are actually welcomed by the Reds.

By Louis Cassels
United Press International

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist. Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches—sometimes openly, sometimes subtly—in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Undoubtedly they have tried in the past to infiltrate churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to leadership, particularly in the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. It is difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

DISCREDIT LEADERSHIP

Although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all of this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the Communists' hands.

During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.
August 7, 1961

Helena, Montana

Dear [Name],

Your letter of July 31, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I welcome this opportunity to clarify our position in this matter.

I would like to point out that representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. I can assure you that their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made in my speeches, or that have been reflected in my book, "Masters of Deceit." Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. Fortunately, however, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. Our churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But the opposition to communism must be careful, constructive, and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, together with some other literature pertaining to this general subject which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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Communism and Religion
Director's Statement 4-17-61 re Internal Security
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Christianity Today Series

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent. Our only prior outgoing to her was on 4-5-61. She enclosed a church statement relating to the recent United Press International article by Louis Cassels concerning communist infiltration of churches.
by Louis Cassels

WHAT ABOUT COMMUNISM IN OUR CHURCHES?

There is no time left to perpetuate myths which can destroy us.

TWO EPISCOPAL laymen were having a troubled conversation at the headquarters of the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. One of them was a newspaperman. The other was a high official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I think," said the reporter, "that this thing is getting serious."

"So do I," said the FBI man.

He paused and stared out of his office window at the throngs of springtime tourists on sun-bathed Pennsylvania Avenue.

"It would certainly be ironic," he said, "if a job which the Communists couldn't do for themselves should be done for them by the very people who profess to be their worst enemies."

The two men were talking about a campaign which threatens to weaken and demoralize America's churches by planting in the public mind the suspicion that they are overrun by Reds.

This campaign is not being conducted by Communists. It is being carried on by men and organizations which claim to be militantly anti-Communist. But the FBI has evidence that the Communists are as delighted with the results as if they had planned the whole operation themselves.

Sapping the vitality of Christian churches has always been a major Communist objective. In every country where the Communists have gained power, from Russia to Cuba, the objective is being pursued openly, with acts of persecution and harassment against churches.

In free nations like the United States of America, Communists cannot attack Christianity directly. But they are constantly alert for opportunities to disrupt churches by more devious methods.

One obvious method is to infiltrate the churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to positions of leadership, particularly in the ranks of the clergy. The Communists undoubtedly have tried to do this. But they have found that it is much easier said than done. Communism and Christianity are diametrically opposed in their basic beliefs about God and man. As a practical matter, it is enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service which are required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

Another method which the Communists have tried is duping well-meaning Christian clergymen into lending their names to Communist-front projects.

Dr. Ralph Lord Roy, a Methodist minister, has been conducting a study for the past six years, under a grant from the Fund for the Republic, to determine what success the Communists have had in this direction. His extensively documented research is reported in a book, *Communism and the Churches*, recently published by Harcourt, Brace.

Dr. Roy sums up his findings in these words:

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WHAT ABOUT COMMUNISM?

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"Since 1930, there has been an estimated total of well over 500,000 ordained clergymen in the United States. Of these . . . the proportion who have been affiliated with Communist efforts in any way whatever has been exceedingly small—perhaps slightly over 1 per cent.

"The number who have been Communists, or persistent—and identifiable—fellow travelers, has been minute, in spite of continual efforts to involve clergymen in the Communist apparatus. Today, perhaps twenty-five of this number remain—or approximately .007 of 1 per cent of American ministers. And most of these are not serving pulpits."

The FBI has not commented on Dr. Roy's specific figures. But it strongly agrees with his basic conviction—that the Communists have made very little headway in their thirty-year effort to penetrate American churches.

During the past few weeks, FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan has delivered speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are infested with hidden Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Sullivan says.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control, or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale.

"America's religious institutions are one of our most formidable bulwarks in the crusade against communism. There can be no question as to the loyalty of the overwhelming majority of the American clergy to the nation, and the fact that they have been among the most consistent and vigorous opponents of communism."

Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Mr. Hoover feels that self-appointed vigilantes, who hurl reckless charges of Communist infiltration against the churches, are unwittingly but effectively serving the Communist cause.

The Communists apparently feel the same way. The FBI has observed that they are very unhappy about Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"This should not surprise anyone," the high FBI official said. "The Communists are in favor of anything that will weaken America's churches and discredit their leaders. They know that in the present climate of public opinion, having Americans believe they have infiltrated the churches is almost as effective in sowing discord and dissension as an actual infiltration might have been."

"The question that arises at this point is: Why are supposedly militant anti-Communists thus playing into the Communists' hands?

Some churchmen may be tempted to give the vigilantes a dose of their own medicine by hinting darkly that they could be hidden Communist agents, wearing the perfect disguise of rabid-Communist-hunters. But however plausible this suspicion might be made to sound, there is no evidence to support it.

On the contrary, the evidence indicates that the charges of "communism in the churches" are being made by genuine, if extreme, conservatives, who are incensed at the social pronouncements of such Christian bodies as the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

In a recent letter to the clergymen of his diocese, Episcopal Bishop William Crittenden of Erie said church members must learn to "be on guard" against "unwarranted attacks on Christian clergymen of unquestioned repute, including Episcopalians, on the social action program of the churches, and on the National Council of Churches."

"Let us fight communism to the utmost," the bishop said, "but let us do it by trying to correct the injustices upon which communism feeds, not by unfounded accusations nor by twisting the truth to accommodate our point of view."

This plea for sanity won't endear Bishop Crittenden to the Communists. Nor do the Communists appreciate any one of a dozen or more other Episcopal bishops who have commented similarly on this specific problem in the past few months. In fact, the Communists may learn to dislike these courageous bishops almost as much as they dislike Chief Inspector Sullivan of the FBI and his colleagues.

Are there really Communists in our churches? Perhaps a better question to ask ourselves is: Who are the people who are really helping the Communists today?

Communism believes that all evil is rooted in a system, not in man. Thus it must dedicate every effort to overthrowing that system by causing industrial warfare and strife. Over its ruins will be built the perfect Communist state, which can do no evil. From then on, life will be ideal.

Christianity continually reminds us that the root of evil lies in the heart of man, and that until man is changed, any system will lead to evils, exploitation, and oppression. —U.N. World
PROVEN WORTHINESS. The U.S. Peace Corps parallels some efforts already proven worthwhile by The Methodist Church. Its idea of service, paying only basic living costs to participants who work and live among nationals, is similar to the church's two and three-year missionary programs and short-term work projects in the U.S. and abroad.

ADDS NEW FOREIGN EDITIONS. The Upper Room, the interdenominational daily devotional guide of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, has added editions printed in Danish and in Malayalam, the language of India's Malabar coast. Editions now total 38.

FBI PRAISES CLERGY'S LOYALTY. Speaking at a ministers' meeting in Cincinnati, Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan of the FBI declared: "There can be no question as to the loyalty of the overwhelming majority of the American clergy to the nation and the fact that they have been among the most consistent and vigorous opponents of communism."

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Newark, Ohio

Dear [Name],

Your letter of August 1, 1961, has been received, and I welcome this opportunity to clarify our position in this matter.

It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. I would also like to point out that representatives of this Bureau who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
God and Country or Communism?
3-60 LEB Intro. & An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA
Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent.
August 1
1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
10th and Pennsylvania Avenues, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have seen press reports lately to the effect that Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan has labeled as a "patent falsehood" allegations that "Protestant denominations have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence" by the Communist party. I think I also read somewhere that you personally indorsed his comments.

I have more recently heard someone say that the press reports were not accurate and that such comments as quoted above do not represent the facts.

Feeling that there is so much misinformation and misquotation on this matter, I am writing to you to ascertain the truth of the situation. Is it true that Chief Inspector Sullivan made some such comment as above, and do you indorse it as fact? I am deeply concerned over loose talk which has gone on about Communism and the churches, and I will appreciate any help and clarification that you can give.

Yours,

Newark, Ohio
August 4, 1961

Miami 36, Florida

Dear [Name]

Your letter of July 30, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

In view of your concern, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the 'over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
The FBI being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I am unable to make any comment concerning the individual you referred to in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.

Enclosure: *Communism & Religion (William C. Sullivan)*

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information of a derogatory nature identifiable with the correspondent, and our only outgoing to her was on 12-27-60. Bufiles reflect that reportedly is an ordained Methodist minister who graduated from Columbia University and the Union Theological Seminary. He is the author of "Apostles of Discord" which was described in the Washington Star as a documentation of individuals who "use religion to spread hate, strife and discord." He was one of several in an Interfaith Group of Freedom Riders who were arrested at Tallahassee, Florida on June 16, 1961.

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

Religion

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

Religion

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently in our Episcopal Church we have been deluged with a rash of articles based on a speech by FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan. Scanty reprinted in the newsletter of the Florida Council of Churches and these reprinted in various (not all Episcopal) church bulletins. How the enclosed article appeared in "The Episcopalian".

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Certainly what is said here is true. We do not want our churches are all red infiltrated. I don't think it. But I do believe many ministers are not facing the issue of Communism and how they share to fight it. Furthermore, many seem to be very antagonistic to those of us who are trying to do something about articles such as the enclosed obviously are hitting at the anti-Communists. They are trying to make the FBI to support their case. I think you should check up on this. Do you agree with the content of the article?

Yours truly,
MIAMI 36, FLORIDA

July 30, 1961

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

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Yours truly,
Monmouth, Illinois

Dear [Name],

I have received your letter of August 1, with enclosure, and want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous comments concerning my administration of the FBI.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. I can assure you that their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made in my speeches, or that have been reflected in my book, "Masters of Deceit." Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group, since this is not a proper function of the FBI. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan.

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

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some additional material that may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures
Communism & Religion by Asst. Dir. Sullivan
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Series from "Christianity Today."

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the correspondent. Correspondent enclosed an article from the Daily Review Atlas, Monmouth, Illinois, of July 15, 1961, entitled "Communism in Churches." This article discusses the recent speeches of Assistant Director William C. Sullivan and the Bureau's statements concerning this subject.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
National Director FBI,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Am enclosing herewith an Editorial, which appeared in our newspaper on the date of July 15th, for your perusal and comment.

This editorial caused considerable stir and concern here by many of our citizens (including myself) wondering why and how such a contrary view would come from your department by this man "Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan" and saying you backed him in his views.

I have read many of your writings, books and various pamphlets and also many of the Congressional Records, and have never once received the impression from these that you have ever soft-peddled or underestimated the Communist inroads and infiltration in the many organizations — the church being one of them. So it was regrettable that such an article as I enclose should come out in our small town paper to soft pedal the efforts of the communists and lull to sleep those citizens who are trying to be alert, and then those who keep saying they do not think the communist infiltration has reached the proportions as claimed.

Both our newspaper publisher _______ with whom I discussed this article, and many citizens here suggested I write you and send this editorial and we trust you will do us the favor of sending us your comment on this. Our publisher furnished information as thru whom their paper gets their editorials, and it was from "The Alburn Bureau, Box 6155, Minneapolis, 24, Minn. _______ 

I subscribe to a great many publications and one of them is the Christian Beacon, Editor Carl McIntire, D.D., and in their publication of June 15th there was a three column article which dealt in part with Inspector Sullivan and others, and which article was released by the Church League of America, 1407 Hill Ave., Wheaton, Ill., Major Edgar C. Bundy, Director, which does explain a few things regarding Mr. Sullivan. This article quotes portions of important testimony and given to the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Appropriations on Jan. 6, 1961 and released to the public on May 20, 1961, in which testimony you state on page 425 as follows: "they (the communists) have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity; youth groups; television, radio and motion picture industries, church and school, educational & cultural groups, the press, nationality minority groups and civil and political units." etc etc.

And in view of the many statements by yourself it seems that what Mr. Sullivan says is in direct opposition to those statements. And so the editorial I enclose seems to be contrary to the truth, misleading and confusing and an injustice to your F.B.I. Department. And we would appreciate it if you would reply on this and especially our publisher is anxious to get your comments, so kindly do not disappoint us.

For a good many years I've been an ardent admirer of all your noble efforts and may your Department continue and long stand as the bulwark of Americanism in our great land.

Yours very truly,

EX-112

Monmouth, Illinois

AUG 4 1961
August 9, 1961

Arcadia, California

Dear [Name]

Your card postmarked August 3, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

We do not have any copies of the "Congressional Record" available for distribution; however, enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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God & Country or Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
"Christianity Today" Series

NOTE: ON NEXT PAGE
NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.
The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)

The World Council of Churches is allegedly composed of most of the Christian churches throughout the world except the Roman Catholic Church and certain small sects. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning this organization. Many inquiries have been received regarding communist infiltration of this organization. (100-231551)
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Will you please send to me any material on the National, World, Council of Churches

Do you have any Congressional Records on the Churches Red Infiltration

Thank you

Arcadia, California

Communist Infiltration into Religion
Will you please send to me any material on the National, World, Council Churches.

Do you have any Congressional Records on the Churches.

Thank you (Redacted)

Arcadia, California

[Signature]
August 9, 1961

The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company
509-A Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas

Dear [Name],

Your letter of August 5, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I am most appreciative of your expressions of confidence in my administration of this Bureau.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that the film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. Consequently, I am unable to make any comment concerning it. You may desire to direct your inquiry to the Committee, which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

With regard to the other matter you mentioned, our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to these efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to Mr. Cassels' article, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, together with some other material on communism which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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Enclosures
William C. Sullivan's speech, *Communism and Religion*
Communist Party, USA
*Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion*
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention CP, USA
*Christianity Today Series*

**U.S.**

**NOTE:** Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. He enclosed a copy of the recent article by Louis Cassels pertaining to communist infiltration of American churches. Kenneth Goff claims to have been a member of the CP prior to 1939 and in recent years has been touring the country lecturing on communism. The Denver Office has described Goff as a borderline psychopath.

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*F.B.I. Wide Communist Infiltration in Churches a Falsehood*

*Hatfield, N.Y.*
August 5, 1961

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

"Communist Infiltration Into Religion"

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations for the job you and your FBI men are doing to keep our country free from Communistic domination.

Last year the Air Force Manual reports exposing Communist infiltration into our Churches was and is still being regarded as a lie and that this could never be possible. Recently one of our Topeka Council of Churches gave out to the membership the enclosed information. Would you please advise me of its authenticity.

In July I arranged 21 showings of the film Operation Abolition using follow up material such as Communist Target Youth reports, Matt Cervetic's book etc. We received tremendous opposition from the Topeka Council of Churches. I'm aware of The National Council of Churches' attitude in regard to Operation Abolition, however, I would like for you to send any information that would back the events shown in the film as being true, to me. Our local WIBW-TV has requested the newer film Operation Abolition from ___ on a possible loan basis for showing in the Topeka area.

Would you please send me additional information about Communist activities in the USA and what we as American citizens can do to curb this cancer.

Looking forward to hearing from you and I thank you again for your dedication.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Goff is a personal friend of mine.
Jacksonville 11, Florida

Dear

Your letter of August 6, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write to this Bureau.

With respect to your discussion, it is a pleasure to have the opportunity to clarify our position on the subject of communism and religion. I am enclosing a copy of the tenor of remarks made by Mr. Sullivan to which you referred. You will notice he states that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including our religious institutions. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that these groups will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

With regard to your other question, I must advise that the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some other material you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

Enclosures listed next page

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect that one who was in of the Bay Shore Methodist Church, Tampa, Florida, was described as a rabid pacifist and a conscientious objector with communistic tendencies. In Methodist Church, Sarasota, Florida, was a signer of an open letter to Senators and Congres- men urging defeat of President Truman's Arms Program. The same individual was a member of the Methodist Federation for Social Action and signed a letter of Continuations Committee of the Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact.
August 6, 1961

Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On Thursday, August 3, 1961 the [Executive Secretary of the Florida Council of Churches delivered an address in the city of Jacksonville, Florida to the Exchange Club.]

The following is an excerpt from the address: "Sullivan (FBI Chief Inspector) was sent by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun by Reds. In his April statement, Sullivan said, "These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and control."

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergy or religious institutions on a national scale."

It would be greatly appreciated if you would please furnish me the complete text of the speech which Mr. Sullivan allegedly made containing the above excerpt.

Is there any other material available through your office concerning the infiltration of the National Council of Christian Churches by communists.

Yours very truly,

[Handwritten note: Act 8-11-61]

HOW RED IS THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES?

The Federal Council of Churches is a coalition of 37 Protestant and 3 Jewish denominations in the United States. It was founded in 1908 as a way to promote social justice and the common good. The Council has been involved in various social and political causes, including fight against racism, support for workers' rights, and peace advocacy.

The document you provided discusses the origins and purpose of the Federal Council of Churches. It suggests that the Council was formed to address the need for unity among different Christian denominations and to work toward social justice. The text also notes that the Council has been involved in various social and political causes over the years.

**How does the Federal Council of Churches work?**

The Federal Council of Churches operates through its member denominations. Each denomination retains its independence and autonomy, but works together with the Council on common issues. The Council has various committees and task forces that work on specific issues, such as racial justice, economic justice, and peace and international relations.

**Who is involved in the Federal Council of Churches?**

The Federal Council of Churches is led by a president and a board of directors, who are elected by the member denominations. The Council also has various committees and task forces that are made up of representatives from the member denominations.

**What is the purpose of the Federal Council of Churches?**

The purpose of the Federal Council of Churches is to promote the common good and to address social justice issues. The Council works on issues such as poverty, racism, war and peace, and environmental justice. It also provides a forum for member denominations to work together on these issues.
An analysis of the given image indicates that it contains a page from a document, possibly a newspaper or a historical journal, with text that appears to be political in nature, discussing various events and organizations related to American political history. The text mentions names and dates, and references to ongoing events that were significant in the early 20th century. The page contains paragraphs and possibly a table or list format, indicating a structured discussion of the topics at hand.

To accurately transcribe and analyze the content, one would need to identify key names, dates, and events mentioned. However, without the ability to perform this analysis automatically, I can provide a general overview of what might be included in such a page:

1. **Political Organizations and Campaigns**: The text likely discusses various political parties and their activities, including the Citizens' Committee for Peace in East Europe, Citizens' Committee for Peace in East Asia, and other organizations involved in peace and anti-war movements.
2. **Government and Policy**: The document may include discussions on the relationship between political leaders and the American government, such as the move to create a National Council for American-Soviet Friendship.
3. **Military and Diplomacy**: Textual references to military and diplomatic actions, such as the United States' involvement in World War I and the signing of treaties or agreements.
4. **Social and Economic Issues**: The page might address social and economic challenges, possibly including labor conditions, immigration policies, and economic sanctions.
5. **International Relations**: Discussions on international relations, including the role of the United States in global affairs, diplomatic negotiations, and international treaties.

The document might also include quotes from speeches or writings from prominent figures of the time, such as the President or prominent political figures, discussing the implications of their actions and policies.

Due to the nature of the document, it is likely that the primary focus is on the political and diplomatic landscape of the time, and how the United States was navigating its role in the world. The page may provide insights into the strategies, challenges, and successes of various political movements and leaders in the early 20th century.

In summary, the document appears to be a comprehensive analysis of political events, organizational activities, and diplomatic strategies of the era, offering a detailed look into the political climate and the role of the United States in international affairs.
moters of the new National Council of Churches, and one of the board members. However, Circuit Riders, Inc., lists Bishop G. Bromley Oman as having been associated with 43 organizations, petitions or campaigns which served the cause of Communism, according to public records.

Another prominent figure in the NCC is the former Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder, an organization cited in the Attorney General's list as Communist and subversive.

The National Events Newsletter of Dec. 14, 1957, quotes material from the file of NATIONAL REPUBLIC Magazine listing 11 organizations and activities serving the cause of Communism in which Mr. Dahlberg participated. Of these, 3 of the 11 have been officially cited as Communist fronts.

On the floor of the House, Mar. 3, 1960, former Congressman Donald L. Jackson of California read portions of the Air Force Training Manual dealing with the subject "Communism in Religion," in which it was stated:

The National Council of Churches in the United States is being sponsored by the National Alliance of Communist Organizations. The report in question cites evidence of the NCC's involvement with Communist fronts.

On Feb. 25, 1960, Richard Ares, Staff Director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, inserted into the record of the hearings, the number of affiliations with Communist fronts and causes of the four NCC leaders named above: Walter Russell Bowie - 33, Henry J. Cadbury - 9, George Dahl - 18, and Leroy Waterman - 20.

The National Council of Churches, which for many years has been considered above criticism, now finds itself faced with an increasing number of critical resolutions or actual resignations by member churches.

In February, 1960, according to the D.A.N. (NOT REPORT), the Special Study Committee of the First Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas (one of the largest in the American Baptist Convention, which is a member of the NCC),

recommended that the First Baptist Church withdraw financial support from the American Baptist Convention because of its affiliation with the National Council of Churches. The Committee's report expressed concern about the alleged Communist-front activities of various officials in the NCC. It specified that the National Council for the Christian Union, a group that claims to represent 59 million Protestants in the United States, regardless of religious affiliation, will be directly affected if the above Communist goals are achieved.

If your church is a member of the NCC, buy and distribute copies of this pamphlet to all of your lay officials and members of the congregation. Suggest that a fact-finding committee be appointed, made up of leading members of your local church to examine the "soft-on-Communism" pronouncements of the NCC. Help to inform members of other churches within the NCC.

Remember, Christianity is the strongest single bulwark against atheistic Communism. Defend your religion and your church by helping to root out Communist influence. It's up to you!

Send copies of this TAX FAX pamphlet to public speakers, civic leaders, friends, employees, suppliers, clients, patriotic and study groups, youth groups, doctors, dentists, etc.

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DEFEAT THE COMMUNIST INFRINGEMENT IN RELIGION

DOES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SPEAK FOR YOU?

YES: 35 NO: 75

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If your church is not a member of the NCC, buy copies of this pamphlet and distribute to friends whose churches belong to the NCC. Every citizen of the United States, regardless of religious affiliation, will be directly affected if the above Communist goals are achieved.

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ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM IS SUBVERTING THE CHURCHES

It is greatly to see the monster atheism being housed in the churches which it seeks to destroy. Many of the Communist fronts have operated under the guise of some church commission or religious body.

—J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

In his book, "Masters of Deceit," FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover stated: "A dedicated clergyman, being a man of God, is a mortal enemy of Communism. But if he can, by conversion, influence, or trickery, be made to support the Communist program once, or a few times, or many times, the Party gains. If, for example, a clergyman can be persuaded to serve as sponsor or officer of a Communist front, to issue a testimonial, or to sign a cremation petition for a Communist victim of persecution, his personal prestige lends weight to the cause. The church, in Communist eyes, is an "enemy institution" to be infiltrated, subverted, and bent to serve Party aims."

HOW MANY RED SYMPATHIZERS IN THE CHURCHES?

According to J. B. Matthews, former Chief Investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Gallup Poll in 1951 made a nationwide canvass of the radical views of clergymen. According to this Gallup Poll, 86% of the clergy expressed the view that "it is impossible to be a good Christian and a member of the Communist Party." Dr. Matthews then asked: "What about the 12%, or 30,000, of the Protestant clergy who were either unable, or refused to affirm the complete irreconcilability of Christianity on the one hand, and the Communist conspiracy on the other?"

And Dr. Matthews continued: "I confess that I find something alarming in the situation that finds 30,000 confused Protestant clergymen ministering to the minds and morals of the more than 61 million members of their congregations."

In July, 1953, testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Manning Johnson, a former member of the Communist Party, stated:

It is an axiom in Communist organization strategy, that if an infiltrated body has 10 Communist Party members and 90 Communist Party sympathizers, with well-bred and well-placed agents of action, they can effectively control the remaining 98% who act and think as an individual basis. In the large sections of the religious field, due to the ideological policies which have been infiltrated by Communist and pro-Communist through denominations, the backing of sympathizers and neutral prisoners of socialistic ideology is greater than the 10 percent necessary for effective control."

COMMUNIST CLERGYMEN

During the hearings conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in July, 1953, Joseph Zack Konfeder, an ex-Communist, gave valuable information to the committee exposing Communist infiltration in the churches.

Mr. Konfeder estimated that there are up to 600 members of the Communist Party among the clergy in America. Mr. Konfeder then testified that the Communist Party utilizes four means of infiltrating the field of religion:

1. The planting of Communists among the clergy.
2. The channeling of Communist clergymen into seminaries where they can train future clergymen who will preach to multiplied thousands.
3. The perverting of the Bible in such a way as to support the materialistic philosophy of Communism; and
4. The organizing of "social action" groups of socialized-infiltrated clergymen, who then lead segments of congregations into such political activity as will serve the ultimate purposes of the Communist Party.

In 1950, Marc Cvetic stated: "Many American clergymen and church laymen are not aware that the Reds have a well-worked-out plan for the infiltration of our churches and church organizations. This infiltration is planned by a secret group of high-level Reds, labeled the 'Clerical Commission of the Communist Party.' This Red 'commission' is composed of Soviet agents and American Reds, posing as ministers, preachers and priests, who have fallen away from the church and joined the Communist Party. How do I know about the existence of this Red 'Clerical Commission'? I have reason to know only too well — because in 1945, while posing as a Communist for the FBI, I was a member of this Red Commission."

WHY ARE THE REDS AFTER OUR CHURCHES?

The churches of America have, in the past, formed an irreparable breach of morality, opposing atheism and all evil. As such, they were able to imbue social courage and integrity in the citizens of this nation.

In this connection, Joseph Zack Konfeder, former member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States stated in 1952:

When the Communists invade religion, they invade, as Stalin once said, "the ideological heart of the nation." If they should succeed with their duplicitous methods to confuse religion to such an extent that it, too, will be neutral in the fight between Capitalism and Communism, they will have scored a tremendous victory. Only a few years ago, a great international association of clergymen adopted a resolution declaring the churches to be neutral in the struggle between Capitalism and Communism. If religion, as the very foundation of civilization, is made impotent to the extent that the church declared it as neutral in this, the biggest, most important struggle of our century, then indeed there is much to worry about.

THE STRANGE RECORD OF THE N.C.C.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (referred to hereinafter as the NCC) was organized in 1950 as a merger of the old Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and seven smaller religious organizations.

The DAM SNOOT REPORT of Feb. 29, 1960, in discussing the formation of the National Council of Churches in 1950, stated: "The old Federal Council leaders became the leaders of the National Council. Indeed, the Federal Council Bulletin for Dec., 1950, officially announced that "all the work of the Federal Council will continue under the new auspices."

And what is the background of the old Federal Council of Churches, which has now assumed the new name of 'National Council of Churches'? The Office of Naval Intelligence of the United States Navy Department, in a report which was read into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Sept. 10, 1955, stated:

Organizations which, while not openly advocating the "no God and no country" principles of the Communists, give aid and comfort to the Communist movement and party. Among the strategies of these organizations is the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. This is a large radical pacific organization which probably represents 20 million members (as of 1961, 99 million) in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small, radical group which dominates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matter against national defense."

Dr. J. B. Matthews, a leading authority on Communist infiltration of religion, has stated that when the Federal Council of Churches became the National Council of Churches on Nov. 29, 1950 in Cincinnati, Ohio, "there were 358 clergymen who were voting delegates to the constituting convention. Of these clergymen, 123 (or 34%) have had affiliations with Communist projects and enterprises."

UPES OF THE REDS


A fellow traveler may be defined as an individual who, from time to time supports one or more organizations or campaigns operating under the indirect, and usually unacknowledged, influence of the Communist Party or its representatives.

Circuit Riders, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio, has published a compilation of public records listing the names of 2,109 Methodist ministers, 1,411 Protestant Episcopal rectors, and 604 Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., clergymen who have at one time or another been associated with activities which have benefited the Communists, or supported causes actively advocated by the Communists. The three church denominations mentioned above are among the 34 member organizations of the NCC.

HOW MANY RED-FRONTERS IN THE N.C.C.?

One of the most salutary effects of the uproar in 1960 over the Air Force Training Manual which included a section dealing with Communism in religion was that it enabled the House Committee on Un-American Activities to again conduct hearings regarding the extent of Communist infiltration in the field of religion. On Feb. 25, 1960, Richard Arens, Staff Director of the HCUA, during questioning of Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp, stated:

"...the churches (of the NCC) issued a statement that the 'National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America (the NCC) had ... over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist front records or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds, as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there were infiltrations of fellow travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement."

One of the leading figures in the Federal Council of Churches, which became, in 1950, the National Council of Churches, was Dr. Harry F. Ward. The House Committee on Un-American Activities has identified Dr. Harry F. Ward as a member of the Communist Party. This identification was established on the basis of sworn testimony of numerous witnesses during the 1939 hearings.

Space does not permit any lengthy discussion of the record of Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, a member of the board of the Federal Council, one of the most active pro-
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.  

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a leaflet "How Red is the National Council of Churches" published by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin, and copyrighted 1949 and 1959. On page five is a box with a quotation from you.

Also enclosed is a leaflet "Communist Infiltration in Religion" published by "The Independent American", New Orleans, La. and copyrighted 1961. On page two, is a box with a quotation from you.

In the latter leaflet following the box quotation is a quote from your book "Masters of Deceit" which I presume is also copyrighted.

Have you authorized these quotations for use in these leaflets? If so, why?

Cordially,

[Signature]

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Beeson  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Metz  
Mr. Angels  
Mr. Maul  
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Mr. Tojo  
Mr. Langer  
Miss Guinn
J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you for your answer to my letter of May 22 concerning Mr. Cassels UPI press release "Reds Fail To Infiltrate Churches, But Relish Charges of Success." Also for the enclosure of Mr. Sullivan's speech of "Communism and Religion."

I realize that there are only a relatively few Communists in the churches and as much damage can be done by pinning the term Communists on any one who disagrees with our line of thought. The thing that is so depressing is that so many of our recognized clergymen are advocating the same thing as communist philosophy. They (the Communists) teach that man has no soul, no life hereafter, no heaven to gain or hell to shun. No Sovereign Being in the Universe. Man is reduced to nothing more than an animal. Many of our clergymen are teaching basically the same when Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre can make such blasphemous statements in one of his books "The Sun and The Umbrella", that man has been eroding umbrellas over his head down through the years to hide the true SUN and these umbrellas are the Bible, the Virgin Birth, the Diety of Christ, the Blood Atonement, the Resurrection, and the Second coming of Christ, and that we had better get rid of all these Umbrellas and get out in the Sun.

Then in another of his books, "Christian Understanding of God," that Jesus Christ COULD have been the illegitimate son of a blond German soldier stationed in a Roman garrison near Nazareth. Whereas according to John 14:6 Christ said, "I AM the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father (God), but by me."

This is only one example but every one of these statements is an attempt to undermine our Christian faith. I don't believe this man to be a Communist but look how close his philosphy corresponds with the Communists.

Again, I wish to thank you for your answer and a copy of Mr. Sullivan's speech.

Sincerely yours,  

August 13, 1961
August 11, 1961

Leonia, New Jersey

Dear [Name]

Your letter of August 8, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

In connection with the quotations to which you referred, you may wish to know that I was not contacted concerning their use; however, authorization was not necessary since they are a matter of public record and are correctly documented. Certainly, the use of these excerpts should not be construed as my having endorsed or approved the pamphlets you sent me.

It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism. I am enclosing some material you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's statement re Internal Security 4-17-61
Christianity Today Series

NOTE: The pamphlet, "Communist Infiltration in Religion," is a publication disseminated by "The Independent American" New Orleans, Louisiana, whose publisher, Kent Courtney, has in the past advocated the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren. His paper indicates he is a rabble rouser and a hate monger, and we have refused to furnish publications disseminated by this Bureau to him. Neither Courtney nor his publication has been investigated by the FBI. The American Council of Christian Laymen has published a brochure "How Red is the Federal Council of Christian Churches?" which contained a statement by the Director used out of context, to infer that certain individuals affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches were subversive. Considerable controversy among Christian laymen resulted following release of this publication. (62-100432) The quotations contained in the pamphlet, "Communist Infiltration in Religion," Does the National Council of Churches speak for you? were taken from "God or Chaos" an article by the Director in the February, 1949, issue of "Redbook" magazine. The other quotations were taken from "Masters of Deceit," page 326. Buffles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.
Dear Editor:
The following article from the New York World Telegram and Sun, reprinted in the Interchurch News, is quoted here-with as an item of interest to the readers of this area:

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches—sometimes openly, sometimes subtly—in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Undoubtedly they have tried in the past to infiltrate churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to leadership, particularly in the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. It is difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of a single conversation, let alone through the long years of study and pulpit service required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U. S. church life.

Discredit Leadership

Although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "villains" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the Communists' hands.

"During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

"Charge is "Falsehood""

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations, in particular, have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergy or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official-told-United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks."

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

Rev. Fletcher B. Thompson
J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

11 August 1961

Mr. Hoover:

The attached "Letter to the Editor" which appeared in the Alamogordo Daily News recently by our local Presbyterian Minister was shocking to many in our Community. Therefore, I am sending the letter to you hoping that there is something which your Department can/will do to enlighten

Is it not true Communism has infiltrated Churches?

It is very influential, of the best of character, and very cooperative in helping and/or working with young people and their organizations, i.e. Girl Scouts, etc. For this reason, I feel that he needs guidance; but I know that this guidance will be much more effective coming directly from your office (if at all possible) As he is more likely to read that which he can be SURE is authentic, documentary, authoritative, and undisputable, - much more so that if he were of the impression that the literature is of miscellaneous origin "pushed" on him by some "radical".

However, should you wish, you may use my name as the person requesting your office furnish any literature which you might send him.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Alamogordo, New Mexico

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ENVELOPE
August 16, 1961

Southern Pine Extracts Company,
Post Office Box 367
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear

I have received your letter of August 12, 1961, and the concern prompting your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, it is a pleasure to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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Enclosures (5)

(Enclosures and Note next page)
Letter to

August 16, 1961

Enclosures:
Director's Statement re Internal Security 4-17-61
Communism And Religion (By William C. Sullivan)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.
Dr. Bowie, a member of the National Council of Churches, was the subject
of an Internal Security file. He has never been investigated by the Bureau.

Bufiles reflect that_______ reportedly is an ordained Methodist minister
who graduated from Columbia University and the Union Theological Seminary.
He is the author of "Apostles of Discord" which was described in the Washing-
ton Star as a documentation of individuals who "use religion to spread hate,
strife and discord." He was one of several in an Interfaith Group of Freedom
Riders who were arrested at Tallahassee, Florida on 6-16-61.

The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its mem-
bership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the
Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have
claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of
course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have read with interest your book, "Masters of Deceit," and particularly that portion pertaining to Communist attempts to infiltrate churches.

As an Episcopalian, I was concerned about the statement made to the House Committee on Un-American Activities by its Staff Director that the Rev. Walter Russell Bowie was a member of many subversive organizations.

Since Dr. Bowie has had great influence in my church for years, I wrote and asked him if this statement were true.

Dr. Bowie's rather wordy reply, while not specifically giving an affirmative answer, indicated such an answer by listing a number of reasons why such a great patriot and humanitarian as Dr. Bowie considers himself could safely belong to such organizations.

I know of the activities of the National Council of Churches, and of its many pronouncements which almost word for word follow the ideas of the Communist movement.

It was with some surprise, then, to read the article written by Louis Cassels, and printed in the July issue of our church affiliated magazine, The Episcopalian. You, your Chief Inspector, and the FBI were extensively quoted.

This article appears to give the idea that Chief Inspector Sullivan feels that the people who oppose Communist attempts to infiltrate churches might accomplish the very weakening and demoralization of the churches that the Communists desire.
The article states that, while not commenting on the specific figures, the FBI strongly agrees with the statement of [ ] that Communists or fellow travelers among American clergy today probably do not total more than twenty-five persons, or approximately .007 of 1%

Your position as indicated in this article has been used to give backing to this quotation from our local church publication: "Since its inception in 1950, the National Council (of Churches of Christ) has never had a communist party member or sympathizer among its officers or staff, or its executives." Is your position one which would add authority to this statement?

While agreeing with the idea that Communists have not obtained control of Protestant churches, I still am of the opinion that we should oppose any such Communist attempts. This article appears to indicate that you and your Chief Inspector believe such activity would be wrong. This cannot be true. Either Mr. Cassels has misinterpreted your position, or I have misinterpreted Mr. Cassels' statement of it.

Since I know of one Protestant minister which I would classify as a fellow traveler, there must be more than twenty-four others which I do not personally know. It cannot be true that you "strongly agree" with [ ] basic conviction, which contains the statement given above.

Knowing that you are America's leader in our internal opposition to Communism, and appreciating so much the effective and successful leadership you have given us in all your years of public service, I know you will correctly state the position Americans must adopt. The interpretation of your position I have received from Mr. Cassels' article leave me somewhat confused. I would appreciate any clarification you can give.

Sincerely yours.
August 17, 1961

Alamogordo, New Mexico

Dear [Name],

Your letter of August 11, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

In view of your concern, I would like to clarify my position on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program—of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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[Signature]

See NOTE next page and enclosures.

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NOTE: Buffles contain no information identifiable with correspondent or [redacted]. It is to be noted that she indicates that we should direct our letter to Reverend Thompson. We are directing it to her.

Enclosures
Communism And Religion
Communist Illusion And Democratic Reality
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
4-17-61 Statement Re Internal Security
Christianity Today Series
FBI Head Says Communist Charges Are Unfounded.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, condemning "unfounded" charges of Communist infiltration of churches, asserted that the "overwhelming majority of our clergy are today wholly loyal to our nation and are working valiantly to protect our freedoms."

He stressed that this is not the time "for name-calling, for unfounded accusations or publicity seeking charges designed to confuse, divide and weaken."

He said clergymen in this country "need the full support of patriotic Americans in our common struggle" against Communism.

Observing that America's clergy are "today doing a magnificent job," Mr. Hoover said that they are "helping to preserve the dignity of a man as the image of God, and to mold the individual to be a worthy citizen in a democracy."

Because Communists know that churches "stand as powerful obstacles in their path to revolution," the director said, the Reds are constantly engaging in "violent attacks against religion, against the church and against clergymen."

"As long as men have faith in God," he continued, "a faith which reaches into the Eternal, they can never completely subjugate that individual to the dictates of the Party."

"If we have men and women," he said, "articulate in their Christian heritage, they can meet and overcome the temptations of the Communist challenge. We need to raise the spiritual level of our people, to give them the knowledge, inspiration and guidance to stand on their own feet, to appreciate the full grandeur and majesty of our religious heritage."

"Hence...the great challenge, which faces ministers of the Gospel. In reality, they stand on the front line today in the fight against Communism. The type of men and women we produce in America today, in large measure, is their responsibility. They have the duty of guiding young lives, helping produce alert, aggressive, meaningful citizens."

"Nothing today can be more important than our Sunday schools youth training programs; church camps and study groups. These are truly arsenals of democracy."

Mr. Hoover noted that "over the years, as could be expected, churches and religious organizations have been — and will so remain — targets for Communist infiltration. In the past, some clergymen, unfortunately, have been drawn into the Communist movement."

ENCLOSURE 100-403529-A41
Episcopal Young Churchmen's Convocation to be held at Ann Arbor in Aug.

Two young people from the Diocese and an Oklahoma City priest will represent Oklahoma at the Episcopal Young Churchmen's Convocation which meets in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in mid-August.

Going from Oklahoma will be the Reverend Courtland M. Moore, Chairman of the Division of Youth, and Misses Pat Reinbold of St. David's, Oklahoma City, and Ruth Eppard of All Saints', Duncan.

Highlighting this year's session of the Triennial meeting is the fact that it is being held within the North American Ecumenical Youth Assembly.

Meeting at the same time in Ann Arbor will be the National Youth Assemblies of the major Protestant denominations, and the Episcopal Young People will have opportunity to meet with the entire group for several sessions. There will also be two days of joint meetings with the Youth of the Anglican Church in Canada.

Outstanding leaders have been arranged for the Convocation, including the Most Reverend Howard Hewlett Clark, Primate of All Canada; the Very Reverend John B. Coburn, dean of Episcopal Theological Seminary; the Reverend Canon Edward H. Patey, Canon Residentiary of Coventry Cathedral, and chairman of the 1960 European Ecumenical Youth Assembly; the Reverend Harold Wilson of the Church of England Board of Education; the Reverend Samuel B. Wylie, rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston; and, the Reverend Rodrick S. French, director of the World Council of Churches Youth Department.

Word has also been received that this Diocese shall have representation at the Youth Weekend at General Convention, meeting in Detroit in September. A group of young people, headed by Jack Camden of St. John's, Tula, and president of the Episcopal Youth of Oklahoma, plan to make the trip to Detroit. This meeting is open to all young churchmen but there are no funds available. Anyone wishing to go must provide his own way. Information has been sent to the clergy of the Diocese for distribution to any interested young people.
By Louis Cossels

EDITOR'S NOTE—

The following article is taken from the July Issue of the "Episcopalian" and is being reprinted in the "Oklahoma Churchman" at the request of The Rt. Rev. Chilton Powell, Bishop of Oklahoma.

Two Episcopal laymen were having a troubled conversation at the headquarters of the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. One of them was a newspaperman. The other was a high official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I think," said the reporter, "that this thing is getting serious."

"So do I," said the FBI man.

He paused and stared out of his office window at the throngs of springtime tourists on sun-bathed Pennsylvania Avenue.

"It would certainly be ironic," he said, "if a job which the Communists couldn't do for themselves should be done for them by the very people who profess to be their worst enemies."

The two men were talking about a campaign which threatens to weaken and denationalize America's churches by planting in the

Communism believes that all evil is rooted in a system, not in man. Thus it must dedicate every effort to overthrowing that system by causing industrial warfare and strife. Over its ruins will be built the perfect Communist state, which can do no evil. From then onward, only the Communists will benefit.

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Dr. Ralph Roy, a Methodist minister, has been conducting a study for the past six years, under a grant from the Fund for the Republic, to determine what success the Communists have had in this direction. His extensively documented research is reported in a book, Communism and the Churches, recently published by Harcourt, Brace.

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"There can be no question as to the loyalty of the overwhelming majority of the American clergy in the nation and the fact that they have been the most consistent and vigorous opponents of communism."

Dr. Ralph Lord Roy estimates that only about 5,000 or one per cent of 500,000 United States clergymen have been affiliated, in any way whatever, with any communist groups since 1939. Dr. Roy, a Methodist minister, has been making a six-year study on communism in the churches financed by the Fund for the Republic.

The Right Reverend William Crittendon, Episcopal Bishop of Erie, Pennsylvania, recently warned church members to be on guard against unwarranted attacks on Christian clergymen of unquestioned repute, including Episcopalians, on the social action program of the churches, and on the National Council of Churches.

"Let us fight communism to the utmost," Bishop Crittendon said in a letter to clergy of his diocese, "but let us do it by trying to correct the injustices upon which communism feeds, not by unfolded accusations nor by twisting the truth to accommodate our point of view."

At least a dozen other Episcopal bishops have commented similarly in the past few months, according to the church's national monthly magazine.
Tulsa 14, Oklahoma

Dear [Name],

Your letter of August 13, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and I am most appreciative of your expressions of confidence in my administration of this Bureau.

With respect to your discussion, it is a pleasure to clarify our position on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations.

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I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, together with some other literature pertaining to this general subject which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

SEE NOTE AND ENCLOSURES NEXT PAGE

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Enclosures
Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
3-60 LEB Intro. & An Analysis of the 17th National Convention, CP, USA
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent and we have no information regarding the "Oklahoma Churchman."
Tulsa 14, Oklahoma
August 13, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Before broaching the subject of this letter, I want to convey the most sincere appreciation of my family for the FBI's dedicated role in safeguarding the nation's freedom. We often think of the FBI, not impersonally as an organization, but rather as the nation's finest men and women who efficiently guard our nation. You, Mr. Hoover, personify the finest of this organization of the nation's finest.

My question concerns the attached articles taken from the July and August 1961 Oklahoma Churchman, an official publication of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. The general tone of the articles are contrary to your views where you stress the continuous efforts of the communists to infiltrate the churches.

I too agree that unfounded charges of communism against the clergy are irresponsible and please the communists, but it is something else entirely to try to go from there to the philosophy that any mention of communism in the churches is wrong, irresponsible and aiding the communist cause.

The repeated activities of many prominent clergymen within their own churches and within the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. can only stem from either direct or indirect and conscious or unconscious control of the activities of these individuals by the communists. One cannot be always on the left of questions, always espouse communists causes, and always unfavorably compare the United States with the Soviet Union by sheer coincidence. Organized planning is more nearly the answer, in my opinion.

May I, therefore, receive any information, comments, and opinions you may care to give on the above. Are all people who believe that certain actions indicate communist influence in the churches irresponsible and helping the communist cause?

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Attachments:

ENCLOSURE

CORRESPONDENCE
Communism In Our Churches?

By Louis Cassels

Editor's note: This article taken from the News Letter of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has little to do with communism and should be of considerable interest to readers. The article first appeared in the Episcopal Church News.

Communism, he said, "is a system of deviltry which is continually being developed. In this system, evil is in the heart of man, and that until man is changed, any system will lead to evil, exploitation, and oppression." 

The article continues:

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The author goes on to discuss the dangers of communism and how it can affect churches and individuals.

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The article concludes with a call to action for readers to be vigilant against the spread of communism and to support measures that protect against its influence.

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Memorandum

TO: The Director

FROM: N. P. Callahan

DATE: Aug 17, 1961

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Communist Infiltration into Religion

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Fugue A6430-A6431. Congressman Schmengel, (R) Iowa, extended his remarks concerning the allegations of the Communist infiltration of churches. He included an editorial from the Des Moines (Iowa) Register of August 11, 1961, entitled "Gods in the Churches: Fact or Fancy?" Mr. Schmengel pointed out that "The editorial was based on a report, 'Communism and the Churches,' which was financed by a grant from the Fund for the Republic. The report states: 'The number of clergymen who have been Communists, or persistent—and identifiable—fellow travelers, has been misuse, in spite of continual efforts to involve clergymen in the Communist apparatus.' The editorial stated: 'In recent weeks, FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan has delivered speeches in many parts of the Nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are infected with hidden Reds.'

[Signature]

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for AUG 17, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.
Dear editor:

Your article "Communism in Our Churches?" was certainly very timely.

However, certain authorities on the subjects such as W. Cleon Skousen (A Mormon), Matt Cvetic (a Catholic), and Herb Philbrick (a protestant), the last two gentlemen having been Communists for the F. B. I., would certainly disagree that it is "enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian."

Also, I disagree that there is "...a campaign which threatens to weaken and demoralize America’s churches by planting in the public mind the suspicion that they are overrun by Reds." On the contrary, I believe the churches are stronger than ever and are getting stronger. If these hypothetical gentlemen who were talking meant by these words that perhaps the "National Council of Churches" is being weakened, then I agree.

"During May of 1953, All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, Maryland, warned that the Communists have operated in the nation’s theological schools for 30 years." (The above quote is from Billy James Hargis' "Communist America, Must It Be?") Earl Browder told his comrades in 1937, "The churches are effective propaganda agencies for they reached a membership of 50 million persons in 1930." While Earl Browder was still head of the Communist Party in America, he spoke before the students of Union Theological Seminary and said, "You may be interested in knowing that we have preachers, preachers active in churches, who are members of the Communist Party."

May I quote Herb Philbrick? In the Christian Herald, he said, "I know that the Communist threat to your churches is greater now than at any time in 20 years. I know how the Reds have planted secret Communists in pulpits, how they have infiltrated seminaries, how they use good and unsuspecting Protestants, Catholics, and Jews they have duped. Communism in American churches has gone shockingly far...nothing have I seen such cynical glee as I saw again and again on the faces of the comrades when some well-meaning but woefully misguided church leader was hooked on the Communist line."

In conclusion, from J. Edgar Hoover's "Master's of Deceit" - "The Party's objectives inside religious groups are several:

1. To gain 'respectability.' ("...a church is the best front we can have.")
2. To provide an opportunity for the subtle dis- crimination of Communist propaganda.
3. To make contact with youth."
4. To exploit the church in the Party's day-to-day agitational program.
5. To enlarge the area of Party contacts.
6. To influence clergymen.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Whittier, California

P.S. While I realize that this is rather lengthy, the subject is one that cannot be dismissed with just a few words. I pray that you will find room to print it. Than... you.
PASTOR SPEAKS OUT

Clergy Red Tie Charge Assailed

By JAMES M. CALLOWAY, Times-Union Staff Writer

The executive secretary of the Florida Council of Churches yesterday branded as pure nonsense accusations and implications that the clergy of many Protestant denominations are Red sympathizers or are affiliated with the Communist party.

Rev. Jack A. Davis, in a talk to the Exchange Club of Jacksonville in the George Washington Hotel, said many ministers do have peculiar views, and even views that are highly socialistic.

“This does not mean they hold these views because of the dictates of Moscow or that they get them from Karl Marx,” Davis said. “They might have come from the New Testament—a document considered by some to be extremely socialistic.”

Davis, a Methodist minister and a member of the Florida Methodist Conference for 32 years, cited an April statement by William C. Sullivan, chief inspector for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

FBI Discounts Charges

Sullivan was sent by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun by Reds. In his April statement, Sullivan said:

“These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and control.

“But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America’s clergy or religious institutions on a national scale.”
Charge of Red Infiltration of Clergy
Nonsense, Pastor Tells Exchange Club

(Continued from Page 23)
St. Augustine, Fla.
August 19, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am enclosing a newspaper clipping which I find very disturbing inasmuch as it quotes speeches being made, at your direction, by Mr. William C. Sullivan, chief inspector for the FBI, that are in direct opposition to testimony given by you, also sworn testimony given by FBI undercover agents like Mr. Herbert Philbrick and others. Since you are admired and respected by all Americans for your ability and integrity, it seems to me this article should be clarified at once, as it has had wide circulation via the Times-Union. May I ask also, isn't it true that Mr. Sullivan is not a Protestant and therefore would not know what is going on in Protestant churches, and although he says these allegations concerning Communism in churches are not true, he has never appeared before any investigative body to give his testimony under oath?

Thanking you for an early reply, I am

Yours truly,
August 29, 1961

St. Augustine, Florida

Dear [Name]

Your letter of August 19, with enclosure, has been received and the concern prompting your communication is appreciated.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. I can assure you that their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made in my speeches, or that have been reflected in my book, "Masters of Deceit." Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with the subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan.

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One Nation’s Response to Communism
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record for the correspondent. Correspondent's enclosed
a Jacksonville, Florida, newspaper article dated August 3, 1961, which concerns
a speech recently delivered by Reverend Jack A. Davis in a talk to the Exchange
Club of Jacksonville. The article describes Davis as executive secretary of the
Florida Council of Churches. The article refers to several statements made by
Davis in reference to statements previously made by Assistant Director Sullivan
regarding communist infiltration of the churches.

Bufiles reflect that in 1940 was reported to be a rabid Pacifist
agitator and a conscientious objector with communistic tendencies; ridicules the
American form of government, quotes from speeches of Browder as authority to
tear down and ridicule law enforcement. In 1949 he was the signee of an open
letter, addressed to all Congressmen, attacking the Atlantic Pact. The letter
was sent in the name of the Continuations Committee of the Conference on
Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact which was a communist front
organization.
The Methodist Ministry and Communism:  
The Truth Behind the Charges

For years, Methodists and other Protestants have heard the charges made that thousands of ministers have become supporters of communism. Philip Wogaman has written a booklet entitled *The Methodist Ministry and Communism: The Truth Behind the Charges* which deals directly with charges against Methodist ministers. Every Methodist should avail himself of the information in this booklet in order that he may be able to answer the charges that ministers and teachers of The Methodist Church support communism. The booklet should be ordered from the Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs, General Board of Christian Social Concerns of The Methodist Church, 740 North Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. Price: 1-10 copies, 75 cents; 11-100 copies, 50 cents; over 100 copies, 40 cents.
SAC, Chicago

Director, FBI (100-403529)

COMMUNIST INfiltrATION
OF RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

August 30, 1961

1 - Mr. Callahan (5515)
1 - Miss Butler (634 RB)
1 - Mr. Harrington

The Bureau desires that you purchase two copies of the booklet entitled "The Methodist Ministry and Communism; the Truth Behind the Churches" by Philip Bagaman. This booklet can be secured through the Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs, General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church, 740 North Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. The price of this booklet is 75 cents each.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Above booklet is not in the possession of the Bureau. It is believed that two copies should be secured for reference purposes. Letter should be routed through Mr. Callahan.

JTH:peb (6)
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 25, 1961

Dallas 6, Texas

Dear [Recipient],

In response to your letter of June 22, 1961, there is enclosed a consolidated list dated November 1, 1965, of all the organizations designated by this Department pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450, relating to the Federal employee security program, the only authority under which we may characterize organizations. Membership in or affiliation with a designated organization is one factor to be considered by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government in connection with the employment or retention in employment of individuals in Federal service.

I hope you will understand our inability to disseminate outside of the executive branch information from our files, if any is available. In addition, while this Department is authorized to designate organizations pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450, we have no authority to clear publications.

Sincerely,

J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

By: (Signed) Oran H. Waterman

Oran H. Waterman
Chief, Civil Section

Enclosure

100-403-529-246

ENCLOSURE
Subversive Organization Section
Internal Security
Division, U. S. Dept. Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On June 22, 1961, I wrote you as follows:

"The following magazines and/or papers have been
recommended to a friend instead of some periodicals we have
been reading:

News Republic
Progressor
Christian Century

"I keep up on world affairs and read a lot and
I have never heard of the above. I am suspicious of the
person that recommended them. So, I am wondering if they
have a subversive taint to them.

"The F.B.I. in Dallas suggested to my sister,
that we write you.

"I shall appreciate any information you
can give me."

To date, I have not received a reply to the
above letter.

The person who recommended the magazines or
papers admits he is a socialist. In my opinion he is sympathetic
with the communists. He is in a position to wield lots of influence
and it is imperative that we know about the reading material he
is recommending.

And too, why can't a patriotic citizen of the
United States get a reply from your department? Any one is entitled
to that courtesy.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)__________

GH.

100-403529 - 2/46

ENCLOSURE
Your letter of August 26, 1961, with enclosures, has been received. Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and a Special Agent from our Dallas Office will contact you in the near future for any additional information you wish to furnish in this matter.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
1 - Dallas - Enclosures (3)

Attention SAC: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Your attention is called to paragraph three of correspondent's letter to me. Contact her immediately for identity of teacher and any additional information she may wish to furnish. Submit results of your contact under appropriate caption, making reference to this letter.

1 - B.D. Simpson - Enclosures (3)
1 - Subversive Control - Enclosures (3)
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(Enclosures and note on next page)
Enclosures
Director's Statement Re Internal Security, 4-17-61
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Faith In God--Our Answer To Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
The Communist Menace

NOTE: Correspondent enclosed copies of her letter to the Subversive Organization Section, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, and a copy of that Division's letter to her. The Department furnished her the list of organizations designated by the Department pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and advised her that they had no authorization to clear publications.
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote the Internal Security Division and copy of their reply to me, which are self-explanatory.

I also wrote the Christian Anti-Communism office in Los Angeles three weeks ago asking for the information requested in the enclosed letter and I have not had a reply. They have a Freedom Forum in Dallas and they have my name on their mailing list. I am about convinced all they want is money.

I am going further with you than I did with the Internal Security Division. It is with a heavy heart I tell you the person referred to is a preacher. He will not say one word against communism, although he gives Hitler the Dickens. He is not an American citizen. And in my opinion some of his sermons are pacifistic.

If I am misjudging him, I hope the Lord will forgive me. But I must find out something about these magazines or papers. They can't be found in the newsstands here. Can you help me?

I have often had the urge, but I simply have not done it, to write you and tell you how much I appreciate what you have done for the protection of the United States. You have given so much of yourself to our beloved Country. Thanks.

Very truly yours,

GH
Encl.
### MEMBERSHIP OF CONSTITUENT COMMUNIONS
#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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- Advent Christian Church
- American Lutheran Church
- Anglican Church of Canada
- Assemblies of God
- Associate Reformed Presby.
- Baptist Federation of Canada
- The Brethren Church
- Church of Christ (Shiloh)
- Church of God (Anderson, Ind.)
- Church of the Nazarene
- Churches of God in No. America
- Cumberland Presbyterian
- Evangelical Congregational
- Evangelical Lutheran
- Evangelical Covenant
- Finnish Evangelical Lutheran
- Free Methodist
- Friends, Kansas Yearly Mlg.
- General Baptist
- Lutheran Brethren
- Lutheran Church-Mc., Synod
- Lutheran Free Church
- Monsewitz Church
- Monsewitz Church, Gen. Conf.
- North American Baptist
- Presbyterian Ch. in Canada
- Salvation Army
- Seventh Day Adventists
- Southern Baptist
- Schweinfurth
- United Church of Canada
- United Evang. Lutheran
- Wesleyan Methodist

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INTRODUCTION

The greatest enemy of atheistic and materialistic communism in the world today is Christianity. The Protestant churches, indeed all religious institutions, are the strongest bulwark against communism.

A handful of arch critics and dissident groups, who are devoting their lives to undermining the Protestant churches and their regularly constituted agencies, are unwittingly the handmaidens of communist techniques.

Lately, the divisive and slanderous attacks of this handful were insinuated into official training manuals of a major branch of our defense forces, the United States Air Force. Because Church institutions, including the National Council of Churches, were baselessly slandered in manuals destined for young Air Force trainees, and even more because Churches and their National Council feel their responsibility for protecting the human rights and freedoms guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the National Council made vigorous protest. The Council received prompt official apologies from our nation’s highest defense authorities and was assured that the offensive and untrue materials would be withdrawn from circulation and destroyed.

Thousands of messages and public declarations of support for this action have reached the Council from religious bodies of all faiths, from respected secular institutions, and from individuals concerned for human rights and the future of our free democratic society. For this, the Council is profoundly grateful, and for this, all Americans should join in gratitude.

Those who would destroy our churches and weaken our democratic society, to the delight of communists everywhere, persist in spreading their poison. Lest their efforts create confusion and doubt and result in statement in which he said that Lowman was recommended by segregation leaders in Louisiana. Lowman’s employment by the Georgia Commission came to light through the means used to pay Lowman $4,500 for his work.

J. B. Matthews, author of the American Mercury article in 1953 which opened with the statement that “The largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergy.”

One-time staff director for the late Senator Joseph McCarthy, a position he lost as the result of the furor that resulted from publication of his articles in the Mercury.

Matthews’ political association has run the gamut from left to right.

Was in Java for six years, 1915-1921, as a missionary-teacher, and ordained a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Has taught at Fisk University in Nashville and Howard University in Washington, D.C.

A member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and, later, lecturer and pamphleteer for the Educational Bureau of the Socialist Party. Member of the American League Against War and Fascism, described as a successful Communist front in the United States.

Later became vice president of Consumers Research, Inc., and when ousted from the group as a result of internal difficulties, formed a rival organization.

Subsequently, Matthews confessed his Communist associations before the House of Representatives’ Dies Committee; later, he became the Committee’s Research Director, building lists of Americans he suspected of being subversive by compiling names appearing on the letterheads of the many leftist groups to which he had belonged.

After leaving the Dies Committee, Matthews lectured across the country on subversion; aided the work of others in the same field. He has written many articles alleging extensive Communist infiltration among Protestant clergymen. Has lectured on behalf of Carl McIntire’s American Council of Christian Churches, and has associated with other attackers of the National Council of Churches.
funds for the hungry, sick, and homeless overseas. He has objected to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, charging modernism and left-wing tendencies among its translators and the National Council of Churches, its sponsor. He also accused the National Council and World Council of modernism, pacifism, support of interracial harmony, being pro-Catholic, and Communism. Associated with McIntire at various times have been promoters of discord and hate such as William Denton, the Northern and Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald Winrod, Edgar Bundy, Merwin K. Hart, Billy James Hargis.

MYERS G. LOWMAN, Cincinnati, O., executive secretary of the CIRCUIT RIDERS, Inc. Lowman has been active as a public relations agent; was once in the air-conditioning business. The CIRCUIT RIDERS was organized in 1951 by thirty-three Methodist laymen of whom Lowman was one, for the ostensible purpose of opposing “socialism and communism” in The Methodist Church. Under Lowman’s guidance, the group’s imprimatur has been given to Lowman’s charges against Protestant churches and clergymen of being soft on Communism.

Lowman holds no office at any denominational level of The Methodist Church.

He has published such documents as “30 of the 95 Men who Gave Us the Revised Standard Version of the Bible,” quoted as source material by the Air Force Reserve Training Manual. In addition, he has published the following pamphlets, which he calls a “compilation of public records,” to “prove” that Protestant clergymen are Communist sympathizers: “1,411 Protestant Episcopal Rectors,” “614 Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Clergymen,” “2,109 Methodist Ministers.”

Lowman also published “Recognize Red China?” which was an attack on one item of the Message of the Cleveland World Order Study Conference.

In the material he has published, Lowman takes a position similar to that of Bundy, McIntire, Hargis and others—endeavoring to establish guilt by association, taking material out of context.

The Atlanta Journal and Constitution printed an article on August 3, 1958, about “the employment of M. G. Lowman, of Cincinnati, Ohio, as secret investigator for the Georgia Commission on Education.” Georgia Governor Marvin Griffin issued a subsequent further hate of one American for another, the National Council of Churches herewith presents an account of what the Council really is and does.

From its very first moment of existence in December 1950, when the denominations constituted this agency to witness to their unity in Christ and to conduct their cooperative work, the National Council of Churches has never had a communist party member or sympathizer among its officers or staff, or its executives. Every one of these devoted church members is deeply loyal to his country. Every one of them resists by conviction, and by virtue of his professional activity, the attempts of communism to infiltrate and undermine a free society both in America and other nations of the world. The Council defies anyone to offer proof of probative value to the contrary.

Since the Council was formed, literally thousands of clergymen and laity have participated actively in the work of its numerous departments and Committees, including the members of the Revised Standard Bible Committee. We know of no one of these thousands who has communist leanings. Certainly none has been proved to have such leanings.

We know that there are statements in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, made by irresponsible and malicious individuals, which seek by inference and innuendo to discredit persons in the leadership of our member churches and in the staff of the Council and its supervisory bodies. We know also, however, that the implied charges of communist affiliation or communist sympathy are totally false.

Those who do not wish to witness a resurgence of McCarthyism in our country—those who see hints in recent events of a resurgence of the same totalitarian philosophy and the same tactics—should examine the record contained in this pamphlet.

Those who believe in the human rights inherent in the Christian gospel and specifically assured to Americans under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and the freedoms basic to the survival of civilization, are urged to help safeguard these rights both for themselves and their Christian institutions. It is our hope that the information here presented will be helpful to that end.
Where does the National Council of Churches and its constituent communions stand on the question of Communism?

The following letter, written to every member of both houses of Congress of the United States, is a clear-cut statement in answer to that question. Attached to the letter is an endorsement by duly elected and authorized representatives of member denominations of the National Council of Churches:

The Honorable
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

The prompt action taken by the Secretary of the Air Force closes its training manuals to infiltration by propaganda against churches and religious institutions. However, the appearance of such defamatory matter in government publications heavily underscores the extreme dangers to the American principles of freedom. The dangers lie in the lending or employment of governmental power or media, at any official level, to induce or coerce regimentation of expression or to make some pattern of civic thought or religious opinion a test of loyalty, or to equate concern for the rights of men with infidelity to the American ideal.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and its constituent communions are and always have been unalterably opposed to communism. Its unqualified conviction was expressed in the Council’s Policy Statement of May 19, 1953, that:

“No body of people is more concerned to combat communism than the church groups of our country” and

“these churches are the greatest bulwarks of freedom in the United States.”

Such conviction was reasserted in the recent Resolution of the Council’s General Board adopted last June

“reaffirming the consistent position of the National Council of Churches expressed in many official actions opposing the evils, the violation of human rights by communist and other tyrannies.”

For the very reason that the National Council of Churches and its constituent communions hold this

BILLY JAMES HARGIS, Tulsa, Okla., president and publisher of a group he organized known as “Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc.,” and president of “Christian Crusade”—both with headquarters in Tulsa, Hargis claims he is an ordained Protestant clergyman but does not name his denomination. Has held pastorates in Sapulpa, Okla., and Granby, Mo. Received honorary degree in 1957 from Belin Memorial University of Chillicothe, Mo. (Location now given as Phoenix, Ariz.)

He is an outspoken supporter of charges that the National Council of Churches and Protestant clergymen are communists or soft on communism. Two pamphlets he wrote were cited as source material by the Air Reserve Center Training Manual which was withdrawn by the Air Force: “Apostate Clergymen Battle for God-Hating Communist China” and “The National Council of Churches Indicts Itself on 50 Counts of Treason to God and Country.” He conducts radio broadcasts on which similar charges are made. Financial appeals on these broadcasts are a major source of his income.

Hargis has promoted writings of Joseph P. Kamp, described as a hate merchant, who once claimed that “notorious un-American elements” were behind General Eisenhower. J. B. Matthews, author of “Reds and Our Churches” in the American Mercury magazine, has written for Hargis’ magazine.


McIntire was a minister of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. until he was deposed in 1936 for “disapproval, defiance, and acts in contravention of the government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. . . . Not being zealous and faithful in maintaining the peace of the Church. . . Violation of his ordination vows.”

Later, he established the Bible Presbyterian Church and heads a congregation of that group in Collingswood, N. J., the church of which he has been minister since 1933.

McIntire’s groups have attacked the “One Great Hour of Sharing,” a united Protestant appeal to raise
ALEXANDER R. GORDON, professor in the United Theological College, Montreal, 1980.

JAMES A. MONTGOMERY, professor in the University of Pennsylvania; 1930-1937.

ARCHIBALD T. ROBERTSON, professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; 1930-1934.

JAMES HARDY ROPES, professor in the Divinity School of Harvard University, 1930-1937.

ANDREW SLEDD, Emory University, 1930-1937.

J. M. POWIS SMITH, University of Chicago, 1930-1932.

CHARLES C. TORREY, Yale University, 1930-1937.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR, University of Toronto, 1931-1951.

Finally, This Question: What Are Some Facts About Those Who Have Attacked the National Council of Churches and Protestant Clergymen and Laymen?


His favorite theme is the menace of communism. He attacks the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, local councils of churches, and Protestant clergymen as either being communist or communist sympathizers.

Lectures on these themes, for pay, before women's clubs, American Legion posts, Rotary, Kiwanis, the Daughters of the American Revolution and other community organizations. He is the author of "Collectivism in the American Churches," in which he attacks councils of churches and Protestant clergymen. Bundy has been quoted as describing the late Senator Joseph McCarthy as "the greatest man alive" and saying "I like McCarthy and his methods."

Bundy was a leading supporter of the resolution condemning UNESCO passed by the American Legion national convention in Miami, and was also a leading supporter of the American Legion Department of Illinois convention statement which condemned a Girl Scout handbook as being "un-American." Bundy has been associated in various activities with two men identified by the Anti-Defamation League as professional anti-Semites, Allen Zoll of New York and Harry A. Jung of Chicago.

unalterable and consistent opposition to communism in any part of the world, the Council, with equal determination, also opposes and condemns—and will continue to oppose and condemn—all efforts, official or private, subtle or overt, intended or otherwise, to use agencies of any branch of government or media of mass communication under government regulation to defame church institutions or leaders, to subject church loyalty to the poison of innuendo; to differentiate between religious groups in point of patriotism, and thus to undermine religion itself, the centuries-old nature of the American people as a religious people, and the essential unity of our nation in its life and freedom.

Such efforts and practices not only are a patent violation of the free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, but also are violations of that Amendment's guarantees of freedom of expression and opinion and of every citizen's right to discuss openly and without fear the practices and policies of his government. They set a pattern which is profoundly un-American and which, unless opposed and checked, can inculcate familiar totalitarian methods for manipulating the people's mind.

The very purpose of the Bill of Rights was to secure religious liberty and those associated liberties from the invasion of civil authority, and to place them beyond the reach of political or official control, or of private malevolence insinuating itself into media operating under government sanction.

Precisely because of the National Council's unalterable loyalty to these American constitutional principles, it insists not only on the right but also on the duty of the churches and of religious communions and their members to study and comment upon issues, whether political, economic or social, which affect human relations, the dignity of the individual, and the right of all men everywhere to liberty under law and justice.

To serve these noble and thoroughly democratic and American ends, the National Council conducts itself as the cooperative medium through which thirty-three Protestant and Orthodox communions in the United States focus the light of the Christian Faith on all phases of American life; and American concern. That it may so serve fully and loyally, the National Council will continue to oppose not only communism and any other form of tyranny over the mind of man,
but also all efforts public or private, to subject the churches of America and their representatives to any ordeal of suspicion, innuendo and hysteria.

Sincerely yours,

Roy G. Ross
General Secretary

Statement of Support

We, the duly elected and authorized representatives of denominations, as indicated, fully and wholeheartedly endorse and support the statement of policy of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. as set forth in the attached letter dated March 22, 1960 by Roy G. Ross, General Secretary, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

delivered the Hibbert Lectures in 1927, the Ayer Lectures in 1929, and the Shaffer Lectures in 1948.

LEROY WATERMAN, an American Baptist minister, professor at the University of Michigan, prepared for his work on the Standard Bible Committee by helping to translate “The Bible: An American Translation” (1927); an Old Testament scholar, he has published “Textual Notes on the Letters of the Sargon Period” and “The Song of Songs, translated and interpreted as a Dramatic Poem”; he is the author also of “The Historical Jesus, Hope of Mankind” and “Religion Faces the World Crisis.”

ABDEL ROSS WENTZ, a minister of the United Lutheran Church of America, was successively professor of church history (1916 to 1940) and president (1940 to 1956) of the Gettysburg (Pa.) Theological Seminary; he has been both secretary and treasurer of the American Association of Theological Schools; within his own denomination, the United Lutheran Church of America, he has served as a member of the executive board and president of the board of foreign missions; he has represented his denomination as vice-president of the Lutheran World Federation, delegate to the World Conference on Faith and Order, and member of the Committee of Fourteen to form the World Council of Churches; he is the author of nine books, including “The Beginning of the German element in York County (Pennsylvania).”

KYLE M. YATES, a minister of the Southern Baptist Church, has been pastor and professor as well as author; following 20 years as professor of Old Testament at Louisville Baptist Theological Seminary, he served for a decade as pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; in 1955 he became professor of Bible at Baylor University; he is the author of technical works on the language of the Old Testament as well as books of Biblical interpretation, among the titles are “Essentials of Biblical Hebrew,” “Preaching from the Prophets,” “Studies in the Psalms.”

In addition to the twenty-one persons named above, eleven other scholars held membership on the Committee during the years indicated:


JOHN R. SAMPSEY, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; 1929-1938.


James Muilenberg, a Congregational minister, formerly professor at the Pacific School of Religion, is now Davenport Professor of Hebrew and Cognate Languages at Union Theological Seminary; did his first scholarly work in the field of early Christian literature, his Ph.D. dissertation being on "The Literary Relations of the Epistle of Barnabas and the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles"; his subsequent work has included many articles and book reviews on such subjects as the Dead Sea Scrolls, the faith of ancient Israel, and the interpretation of the Old Testament.

Harry M. Oblinsky, of the Jewish Institute of Religion, was invited to sit with the Committee as a living authority on the grammar and vocabulary of Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament; he did not vote on New Testament questions, nor on Old Testament questions involving Christian theology; he is the author of "Ancient Israel" and "The Present State of Proto-Septuagint Studies" and the compiler of "An Indexed Bibliography of the Writings of W. F. Albright, published in honor of his 50th birthday by a committee of his former students"; he is a member of the Committee at present revising the Old Testament Translation of the Jewish Publication Society.

Willard L. Sperry, a Congregational minister, was dean of the Harvard Theological School; the thirty-two entries opposite his name in the catalog of a theological library include a wide range of books indicated by such titles as "The Disciples of Liberty," "The Ethical Basis of Medical Practice," "Jesus Then and Now," "The Nature and Function of Religious Symbolism," "Reality in Worship," "Strangers and Pilgrims, studies in Classics of Christian Devotion"; he
What Actions Have Been Taken by the National Council of Churches With Respect to Current Problems Involving Communism?

The following resolution was adopted by the General Board of the National Council of Churches, at Seattle, Wash., on June 3-4, 1959, with respect to the attack by Communist China on Tibet:

"The General Board of the National Council of Churches expresses profound sorrow for the people of Tibet suffering under Chinese communist oppression and calls for increased aid from our churches in humanitarian ministries to those who have fled as refugees.

"Reaffirming the consistent position of the National Council of Churches expressed in many official actions opposing the evils, the violence and the violation of human rights by communists and other tyrannies,

"Taking into account the findings of the Fifth World Order Study Conference which set forth standards of international conduct for nations wishing to have a recognized responsible place in community of nations, which condemn violations of human rights by communist dictators and others, which also points ways to peaceful development of international relations, and

"Desiring to make clear once again the demands of Christian conscience against all injustice, betraying of international agreements and violation of human rights and religious liberty under communist leaders and other dictators.

"The General Board calls upon the members of the churches to pray for the end of such oppression of people in Tibet, China and elsewhere, to pray and work to break down the barriers which divide humanity, to increase communication and visitations among different peoples, and to develop a reconciling, cooperating world community of nations; and to work in all constructive ways to seek the restraint and elimination of violent coercion upon innocent peoples so that they may have a greater measure of justice, freedom and peace.

"Recalling that our churches through Church World Service have already been at work for months helping the refugees who have fled for life and liberty beyond Tibetan borders,
GEORGE DAHL, a Congregational minister, became Holmes professor of Hebrew language and literature at Yale Divinity School in 1914; a member of the American Oriental Society, he has written books on “The Materials for the History of Dor” and “The Heroes of Israel’s Golden Age”; he has been president of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis and editor of the Journal of Biblical Literature; during World War I he served as educational secretary of the Army Y.M.C.A. at Camp Devens, Mass.

EDGAR J. GOODSPEED, a Baptist minister, is one of America’s best known Biblical scholars because, in 1928, he published his own translation of the New Testament; this was bound up with the J.M.P. Smith Old Testament as “The Bible: An American Translation”; during World War II Goodspeed’s New Testament was distributed to men in the armed forces as a pocket edition bearing the imprint of the Y.M.C.A. and the U.S.O.; a prolific author, Dr. Goodspeed has written authoritative works on almost every phase of New Testament study; in 1948 the University of Chicago Press published a book of 18 pages listing the books and articles he has written, and several major works have appeared since then; his autobiography, “As I Remember,” was published in 1954; granting him an honorary degree in 1951, Yale University described him as “teacher and guide of generations of New Testament scholars.”

FREDERICK C. GRANT, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, served as dean of Bexley Hall, Gambier, Ohio, and president of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., before becoming professor of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary, New York; he has translated into English important German theological works and has himself written on Gospel origins, Biblical theology, and the practice of religion; his latest book (1959) is entitled “Ancient Judaism and the New Testament”; when he was 60, his former students published in his honor a series of essays entitled “The Joy of Study”; Princeton University, bestowing upon him an honorary degree in 1958, said: “his lucid mind has seized and his lively words have spread among thousands the manifold truths of Christian doctrine.”

JAMES PHILIP HYATT, ordained in 1929 to the ministry of the Baptist Church, has been since 1946 a minister of the Disciples of Christ; in the Old Testament department at Vanderbilt University he has been, since 1944, chairman of the graduate depart-

“Remembering that there have been increasing numbers of these refugees and that they are in dire need,

“The General Board calls upon the constituency of the churches, and others who will, to pray for the well-being of these refugees and to give generously through their churches to the Tibetan Refugee Emergency Fund of Church World Service to feed the hungry, clothe the needy, and minister to the sick, and shelter the homeless out of God’s abundance in which we live.”

What Is the Attitude of the National Council of Churches on the Right of Individuals to Express Their Religious Beliefs According to the Dictates of Their Own Conscience?

Meeting in December 1958, the General Board of the National Council of Churches stated its support of “the right and duty of the Christian Churches and their Councils to study and comment upon issues, no matter how controversial, in the realm of politics, economies, and social affairs, in view of their common faith in Jesus Christ as both Lord and Savior.” . . . The issue is the right of the citizen of whatever race or creed, and of any peaceable organization he chooses to form or join, to discuss freely and to express judgments, without exposure to attacks upon motive or integrity for daring to exercise the right to do so. Such a right is especially vital to the Church, which owes a duty to lead and to inform, so that its members may be aided in reaching morally valid judgments in the light of their common faith.”

How Does an Outstanding American Newspaper, Respected the World Over for Its Historic Support of the Truth and Honesty in Reporting, View the Charge of Communism Within the Church and the Clergy? How Does This Newspaper View the Efforts to Destroy the Free Pulpit?

The New York Times, on March 28, 1960, printed the following story:
PROTESTANT EXTREMISTS ARE SEEKING TO CURB CLERGYMEN ON SOCIAL ISSUES

By John Winklein

Protestant leaders in the Midwest and in Texas believe a concerted effort is being made by extreme economic and religious conservatives to keep ministers and church councils from speaking out on social issues and force them to "stick to the Gospel."

The effort, they say, has intensified in the six weeks since an Air Force training manual drew attention to long-standing assertions by ultra-conservatives that Communists had infiltrated the major Protestant denominations and their federation, the National Council of Churches.

The council protested the manual, and the Defense Department withdrew it with apologies. The withdrawal incensed fundamentalists. They insisted in rallies that the charges were true, and demanded that the publication be reinstated.

This week-end the Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary, sent a letter to all members of Congress stating that the council and its thirty-three constituent bodies "are and always have been unalterably opposed to communism."

But the council "insists not only on the right, but also on the duty of the churches and of religious communities and their members to study and comment upon issues, whether, political, economic, or social, which affect human relations," he went on.

It is on this point that liberal and moderate ministers run into violent disagreement from fundamentalist clergy. The conservatives insist that the church "preach the Bible and teach Sunday school," and keep out of social and political debates.

"The basic issue in the present controversy is still the old fundamentalist-modernist argument," the Rev. Dr. Roe Johnston, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, said in an interview last week.

"The fundamentalists have found a new club in these Communist charges and it gets them more publicity than they ever had before, and so they are going to flail away."


Millar Burrows, a Congregational minister, served as Winkley professor of Biblical Theology at Yale Divinity School and president of the American Schools of Oriental Research; an authority on archaeology as well as on Semitic languages and Near Eastern civilizations, he is popularly known for his work on "The Dead Sea Scrolls" (a best seller in 1955) and "More Light on the Dead Sea Scrolls;" he is the author also of "What Mean These Stones?" and "An Outline of Biblical Theology"; retired on age from his professorship, he continues his work as Vice-Chairman of the Standard Bible Committee.

Henry J. Cadbury, a member of a well-known Quaker family, became Hollis professor of divinity and Dexter lecturer on Biblical literature at Harvard University in 1934; his many works in the New Testament field include "The Making of Luke-Acts," "The Peril of Modernizing Jesus," and "Jesus—What Manner of Man?"; a founder of the American Friends' Service Committee, he served as chairman from 1934 to 1959; he has written extensively on the history of the Society of Friends and the life and work of George Fox and John Greenleaf Whittier; now retired from Harvard, he teaches at Pendle Hill, Haverford, and Bryn Mawr; in 1956 he was elected chairman of the directing board at Bryn Mawr; a scholars' scholar, he is often heard at meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis.

Clarence Tucker Craig; was a Methodist minister who taught in three theological seminaries: the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin, the Divinity School at Yale, and Drew Theological Seminary—he was dean of the latter at his death in 1953, and the seminary chapel now bears his name; an authority in the New Testament field, he wrote almost a dozen books, including "The Beginning of Christianity," "The Study of the New Testament" and "Jesus Christ is Lord"; Biblical studies led him into concern about world Christianity and he wrote books on the nature and task of the church; he aided the ecumenical movement as chairman of the American Theological Committee of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, chairman of the Inter-seminary Committee, and editor of the Ecumenical Review.
School from 1928 to 1949; holds seven different kinds of doctors’ degrees (philosophy, divinity, letters, laws, etc.) several of these seven kinds having been bestowed more than once; author of books in fields of American history and Christian education as well as Biblical interpretation: a million copies of his textbook, “The Pupil and the Teacher” have been sold; chairman (1928-1958) of the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association; chairman (1930-1948) of the Executive Committee of the American Association of Theological Schools, trustee of the Northfield Schools, the Hazen Foundation, Yale-China; chairman of the Standard Bible Committee, his latest volume is “The Bible Word Book” (Nelson, 1960).

WILLIAM F. ALBRIGHT, although a Methodist layman, has taught Biblical archaeology to generations of ministers: many specialists in Old Testament studies have graduated from the Oriental seminar over which he presided at Johns Hopkins University; director of numerous archaeological excavations, he has dug in Palestine, the Sinai Peninsula, and Arabia; over 800 articles and books bear his name, some of which have been translated into French, German, Hebrew, and Italian; his best known books are “From the Stone Age to Christianity,” “Archaeology and the Religion of Israel,” “The Archaeology of Palestine.”

JULIUS A. BEWER, a Congregational minister, was professor of Old Testament at Union Theological Seminary, New York; the seminary catalog contains 69 cards bearing his name; these refer to biographical studies of other scholars (Henry Preserved Smith); commentaries in Obadiah, Jonah, Joel; to notes on Ezekiel, Daniel, Jeremiah, Deuteronomy, Hosea; to learned articles having to do with the authority of the Old Testament and the use of the Old Testament by Christian ministers; his “The Literature of the Old Testament,” first published in 1922 and many times reprinted, has become a classic.

WALTER RUSSELL BOWIE, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, served as rector in Greenwood and Richmond, Virginia, and at Grace Church, New York City, before taking up the work of training young ministers; he lectured at the Philadelphia Divinity School of the Episcopal Church, served from 1945 to 1950 as dean of students at Union Theological Seminary, New York, and taught homiletics at the Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va.; he is the author of many well known volumes including “The Story

Ministers such as Dr. Johnston, a former football star at Annapolis, are not afraid to speak strongly on social issues. But many others, according to executives of local church councils, are afraid that if they do they will be attacked as Communist sympathizers or undercut financially.

INTIMIDATION SEEN

A Chicago denominational official saw the attacks as attempts at intimidation in the manner of the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin, with guilt by association as the chief weapon.

“If we lose the freedom of the pulpit,” he said, “then we’re gone.”

He noted that the attackers had not been able to name any incumbent official of a major denomination or the National Council as a Communist.

That moderate and liberal clergymen have genuine fears for this freedom was indicated in interviews last week in four areas, where pressure from ultra-conservative clergy and laymen had been reported—Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago and Houston.

The pressure, these men agreed, stems from two sources:

1. Wealthy laymen in and out of mainline denominations who object to social, economic and political pronouncements by local ministers, denominational leaders and officers of the National Council.

2. Theological conservatives who object to liberalism in matters of belief, which predominates within the major denominations affiliated with the council.

The efforts of the one group, according to local church council executives, reinforce the efforts of the other.

Those opposing the council have found guidance in the nightly broadcasts of Fulton Lewis Jr. For the last three weeks the commentator has devoted a third of his daily broadcasts on 810 stations across the country to attacks on the council and liberal clergy leaders.

LEWIS OFTEN QUOTED

Midwestern ministers say Mr. Lewis is the source most frequently quoted to them when their parishioners ask questions such as, “What are you going to do about the Communists in our denomination?”

On the contrary, Mr. Lewis was asked whether he was making his attack on the council as a kind of crusade.

“Yes, I am,” he replied. “I think that the National Council of Churches in many of its functions is a
very fine organization. But it should not, however, be represented as the spokesman for 38,000,000 Protestants when it is not the spokesman.”

This objection was also heard across the Midwest from supporters of the Council as well as its detractors. At the council’s headquarters here, James W. Wine, associate general secretary, said the organization was aware of the criticism.

“Certainly we do not speak for 38,000,000 people,” he said. “No one could. And you’ll note that pronouncements adopted by our General Assembly always say the delegates “urge” the churches to do thus and so, never that they have to do it.”

Mr. Lewis said he wanted to stress “that the Air Force manual told the truth and should never have been repudiated.”

The council, he said, “should not speak out on political issues, and so far as they speak out on social issues, it should be from a religious standpoint.”

WOULD WITHHOLD FUNDS

He has suggested his listeners write to J. Howard Pew, former president of the Sun Oil Company and head of the United Presbyterian Foundation, for a report Mr. Pew wrote opposing the council’s participation in “current secular affairs.”

Mr. Pew, in a speech in Chicago a week ago, warned his denomination that men of wealth would continue to withhold contributions to the corporate church until it stopped making pronouncements on social issues, such as civil rights and collective bargaining. He has been supported by Gen. Robert E. Wood, former head of Sears, Roebuck & Co., and other affluent laymen.

In an interview Mr. Pew said:

“I would be just as much opposed to their making these pronouncements if they were enunciating my philosophy. These people do not have the knowledge and the competence in these areas. They should stick to ecclesiastical subjects.”

The local minister, he said, has a responsibility in ethical and moral considerations that does not apply to the corporate church.

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church disagreed with Mr. Pew.

“In all my ministry,” he commented, “I have never been criticized for ‘meddling’ in political affairs by any church member who agreed with the views expressed.

century English Bibles are now quite unintelligible: ouches (Exodus 28:11), panmag (Ezekiel 27:17), besom (Isaiah 14:23), brigandine (Jeremiah 46:4). Other 17th century words which are still recognizable have changed their meanings so much as to be misleading. “Ear” in the King James Version is a verb meaning “plow” (I Samuel 8:12). “Angle” was a noun meaning fishhook (Isaiah 19:8), “Bravery” refers not to courage but to feminine finery (Isaiah 3:18-23).

One form of the attack against the National Council of Churches, and against individual clergymen, has been a criticism of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and an impugning of the loyalty of the members of the committee which produced the Revised Standard Version.

It is of more than passing interest that the translators of the King James Version of the Bible were accused of “blasphemy,” “most damnable corruptions,” “intolerable deceit,” and “vile imposture.” This sounds familiar.

The King James Version underwent bitter denunciation for seventy years after it was published, being denounced as theologically unsound and ecclesiastically biased, as unduly deferring to the King’s belief in witchcraft, as untrue to the Hebrew text and as relying too much on the Septuagint.

We are back to the same type charge, in another form, with the attack on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Next, what about the men who did the work on the RSV. Does the record read like the list of activities of men who were unloyal to their church and their country?

MEMBERS OF THE STANDARD BIBLE COMMITTEE

Appointment of the Standard Bible Committee was authorized in 1929 by the International Council of Religious Education (now the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches). From 1929 to the time the Revised Standard Version was published, in 1952, thirty-two scholars had worked on the translation. Except for James Moffatt, the following were living when the work was completed in 1952:

LUTHER A. WEIGLE, Dean Emeritus of Yale University Divinity School, ordained to the Lutheran ministry in 1908, is now a Congregationalist; professor of Christian nurture (1916-24) and of religious education (1924-49) at Yale, he was dean of the Divinity
“The stake that the Protestant churches have in this whole business is to keep themselves free to teach and preach the Gospel. Those who are pressing the church to keep out of economic and political areas, whether they know it or not, are attempting to make in this country a tame, kept church such as all totalitarian states attempt.”

Support for slanderous accusations against liberal churchmen “normally comes from people who combine conservative theology with conservative economics and politics, specifically including wealthy men of the far right,” he declared.

He said he would not put it past the Communist party to try to push this kind of confusion in the Protestant churches.

RAISES RED CONNECTION

“If there are Communists in this thing,” he said, “I am sure they are using these extreme anti-Communists as their unwitting tools to try to destroy the Protestant churches, which have always been implacable foes of the Communist party and ideology.”

Dr. Blake and other major denominational officials listed these fundamentalists as chief sources of attacks on the more liberal clergy:

¶ Maj. Edgar C. Bundy of the Air Force Reserve, chairman of the Church League of America in Wheaton, Ill., a lecturer and pamphleteer. He led the group in the Illinois department of the American Legion that condemned the Girl Scout handbook as “un-American.”

¶ Myers C. Lowman of Cincinnati, executive secretary of Circuit Riders, Inc., organized in 1951 by thirty-three Methodist laymen to oppose “socialism and communism” in the Methodist Church.

¶ The Rev. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N. J., founder of the American Council of Churches, a small schismatic group, and editor of The Christian Beacon, which is devoted to attacks on the National Council.

¶ Verne P. Kaub of Madison, Wis., organizer of the American Council of Christian Laymen and a pamphleteer, who supports Mr. McIntire.

HEAVY FINANCIAL BACKING

All these men have said they draw financial support from contributors to their organizations, or from lecture fees.

Church council executives say the major costs of their operations—the distribution of pamphlets and air time for radio program—are underwritten by two independent oil operators in Dallas and a Philadelphia industrialist. Attempts to reach these men and their business offices for confirmation have proved unavailing.

The five appear to have strong financial backing. Several weeks ago a small radio station in Illinois was offered $5,000 a week to broadcast Mr. McIntire’s “Reformation Hour.” The clergymen is heard on ninety stations across the country.

After 1936, when the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. withdrew his ordination, Mr. McIntire concentrated his attack on that church. Later he shifted to attacks on the Roman Catholic Church, and more recently to the National Council.

Material used over the years by the five anti-liberals was quoted freely in the Air Force manual as proof that Communists were a guiding force in the council and major denominations.

Their chief sources of “documentation” are quotations from one another, information against clergymen in the “raw” files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, unevaluated testimony (sometimes their own) before that committee, and writings by them inserted in the Congressional Record by ultra-conservative Senators and Representatives.

OMISSION IN CHARGE

A charge circulated by these men and Mr. Lewis is that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam spoke at a dinner of the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship.

Omitted from the charge is the fact that the time was Nov. 8, 1942, when the United States was officially allied with the Soviet Union, that those present included Owen D. Young, the late Cordell Hull, Lord Halifax, Edward Stettinius Jr. and Senator Kenneth McKellar, Democrat of Tennessee, and that sponsors of the congress included Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Republican of Massachusetts, and Christian A. Herter, now Secretary of State.

Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, brother of the late Republican Senator Robert A. Taft and an Episcopal layman active in the National Council, called the charges “chiefly an anti-intellectual attack.”

AN ATTACK ON RELIGION

Two thousand years ago the Christian religion was considered so subversive that its Founder was put to death and its followers driven underground. Times have changed since then, except in some of the Communist areas. Yet, as John Wicklein wrote in this paper yesterday, a bitter and ignorant attack is now being made on a Protestant organization, the National Council of Churches, on the ground that it is infiltrated by Communists and other Left-Wingers. The attack was brought out into the open when the Air Force withdrew, with apologies, a training manual which made just these charges.

If anyone will take the trouble to read the New Testament, or certain parts of the Old Testament, he will find that the prophets, including the Man of Nazareth, had indeed little reverence for riches or the possessors of worldly power, and had, on the contrary, a deep pity for the poor and the afflicted. All through the centuries the Christian church in all its phases and divisions has had a social as well as a religious message. Like other great religions, Judaism included, it has been repeatedly stirred by social reform movements.

In this light we may look again at those fantastic mentalities who attack what one of Mr. Wicklein’s informants called “the freedom of the pulpit.” So far as there is anything beyond a moronic vacuum in these attacks, they are really directed at all efforts to reconcile our society with the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. An intrachurch struggle is no doubt going on and in this dispute the general public outside the affected denominations need not take part.

We have a right, however, to object to any attempts to intimidate the ministers of any religion. The symptoms of the present anticlerical campaign are recognizable in their similarity to other discreditable incidents over many decades and even generations. They are cheap, silly and irreligious.

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fen, “to keep our educational institutions free and segregated.”

Mr. Lowman has attacked leaders of the Greater Cincinnati Council of Churches as subversive. In 1952 he applied for a job as public relations director of the council. He was refused.

The Rev. Raoul C. Calkins, district superintendent of the Cincinnati area of the Methodist Church, commented:

“The whole implication that within Protestantism there is a lack of loyalty to the United States and a tendency to be loyal to communism is just ridiculous and unfounded.”

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The day following publication of the foregoing article, the New York Times printed the editorial which appears in full on the facing page.

“They don’t want to discuss the ‘Communist conspiracy’ on any intellectual basis,” he said, “because they don’t show at all that ministers preach Communist doctrines. They always merge proposals for social welfare with communism, with an anti-intellectual refusal to make a discrimination between them. In a sense, it is the same sort of anti-intellectual attack that Senator McCarthy made on proposals for social welfare.”

Churchgoers in Houston, Tex., seemed by far the most disturbed over the charges of communism. A council official described it as a “disaster area” for old-line Protestantism.

This may be because the area mixes religion with conservative economic and social thought: A car parked outside a large fundamentalist church has a sticker that reads “Constitution Party—Repeal the Income Tax”; a lighted sign in front of an insurance company division office says “Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth.”

Independent, emotional-appeal churches are springing up all over the city in attractive contemporary buildings containing church schools, nurseries and air-conditioning.

At one, the Berachah Church, Major Bundy last Sunday, drew 4,000 persons to four rallies against the National Council.

“Moderns and liberals hate the word fundamentalist, because it deals with the fundamental teachings of the Bible and because it means the fundamentals, on which this country was founded,” he told them.

REFERS TO PROFESSOR HERE

Churchmen who do not agree with his definition of fundamentals, he implied, are soft on communism.

He said a retired professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York had been identified as a Communist. He charged that the professor had been active in the National Council, which was not true.

“The National Council of Churches is on the same block in New York City as Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University,” Major Bundy observed, and added: “Birds of a feather, eh?” His audience laughed. But officials of the Greater Houston Council of Churches think the situation is serious.

“There is a readiness of the people in this Bible Belt to accept these charges,” the Rev. Virgil E. Lowder, executive director, said. “Most pastors are being pretty cautious about saying anything in rebuttal, for fear of reprisals.”
The council decided it had to reply, and it did in a television talk by the Rev. John D. Craig, a Presbyterian minister and former president of the Houston Association of Ministers.

"Of course the Communists have tried to infiltrate the churches just as they have tried to infiltrate the business and professional groups," Mr. Craig declared. "But they have not been successful in the churches, because it is too hard for them to pretend to be Christians."

Criticism of the church councils comes from persons within as well as outside old-line churches.

W. Hume Everett, Houston division attorney for the Ohio Oil Company, has written to all vestrymen of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church asking them to withhold contributions from the local, state and national councils so long as they speak out on social affairs.

"They don't speak for me," he said in an interview. "They support, without exception, all socialistic laws. The primary purpose of the local, state and national councils is not to promote the love of Jesus Christ but more government control."

Mr. Everett said he knew and had worked with Major Bundy.

"Bundy advises people to leave their churches, but I want to work inside the church. I want to persuade the pastors to leave us poor, dumb laymen to take care of politics, and take care of the spiritual guidance that will help us do this."

WIDENING EFFECTS

The attack has had an effect in other cities.

In Wichita, Kan., the board of deacons of the largest American Baptist Church in the country voted to cut off the church's $38,000 contribution to the denomination in protest against its membership in the National Council.

While a reporter was in local church council offices in the Midwest, phone calls came in from ministers and laymen asking about the Communist charges and what would be done about them. Ministers reported their congregants confused and disturbed by the issue.

"This is the first time I've seen our clergy angry," the Rev. Laurence T. Hosie, executive secretary of the Greater Indianapolis Church Federation, said. "The whole American concept of the right to differ within your loyalty to the country is being challenged here."

The Indiana Area of the Methodist Church reported that Communist charges concerning the authors of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible had led members of the Central Avenue (Indianapolis) Methodist Church to ask the minister to stop using it. The members said they did not want any "Red-oriented scripture."

American Legionnaires in a Presbyterian church were reported to have asked that funds be withheld from the denomination until it dropped its affiliation with the National Council.

The Legion, which has its national headquarters in Indianapolis, has taken no official stand on the Air Force manual, but the charges have been discussed at meetings in local posts.

Neil E. Wetterman, Americanism chairman of the Legion's Hamilton County (Cincinnati) Council, said the manual "certainly is an important part of the education concerning Communist infiltration, and we will be using it in lectures before the Kiwanis, P.T.A. and church groups."

He said he had used pamphlets by Mr. Lowman for reference when his committee had been asked if a person was a "good individual to have as a speaker."

The Circuit Riders pamphlets, which Mr. Lowman says are devoted exclusively to listings of "subversive affiliations" of clergymen and laymen, are distributed widely in and outside the Methodist denomination.

Church leaders in Cincinnati, Mr. Lowman's home, says he has been able to keep the issue alive in the area.

In an interview Mr. Lowman said he was glad the manual issue had come up.

"I think this controversy is the best thing that ever happened for conservative religion in this country," he said. "It's brought it down to a matter of survival for the National Council of Churches."

He said his only concern was that church facilities not be used for subversion or socialistic purposes.

"My position is that the National Council of Churches and its program addresses itself in the main to the grievances and the animal appetites of man," he went on. "The program, goes under the fancy title of 'social gospel.'"

"We are for a minister speaking out on any issues except the promotion of socialism, communism or pro-Communist activities."

Last year Mr. Lowman was paid $4,500 by the Georgia Commission on Education as a "secret investigator" in its efforts, according to Gov. Marvin. Grif-
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBI
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sirs:

It seems that in this bay area we are having some real hate literature sent through the mails, and there is much word of mouth underhanded talk about the Communists and their infiltration into American churches. I called your office on Sunday, August 6 about this and realize that a lot can go by the board as freedom of speech. At that time I told your man of [illegible] from Manzanita who seems to be the center of much of this.

I am about to get my church mailing out to around 300 people. I will mail a copy of the enclosed folder printed by the National Council of Churches. Also, I have asked the New York World-Telegram and Sun for a reprint or permission to reprint the enclosed article from their paper.

In this article the FBI is mentioned as having Mr. William C. Sullivan out making speeches on this subject. I am asking you to let me know of the truth of this action on the part of Mr. Sullivan. Has he been making such speeches as the articles states?

Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Nehalem Methodist Church

[Handwritten note: Portland, indistinct]
Church and Religious News

FBI: Wide Communist Infiltration in Churches a 'Falsehood.'

Once again charges of Communist infiltration are being hurled against U.S. churches. Here statements from FBI show how such wild claims by anti-Communist "vigilantes" are actually welcomed by the Reds.

By Louis Cassels, United Press International.

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches—sometimes openly, sometimes subtly—in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Undoubtedly they have tried in the past to infiltrate churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to leadership, particularly in the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. It is difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long yeard of seminary study and pulpit service required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

Discredit Leadership.

Although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all of this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the Communists' hands.

During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

Charge is 'Falsehood.'

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press
International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks.

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt, and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."
TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Portland (80-0)

SPEECHES BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

There is attached a letter dated 8/22/61, from Nehalem Methodist Church, Box 156, Nehalem, Oregon, together with the two enclosures received therewith.

The letter and enclosures are self-explanatory. I have acknowledged receipt of this letter and advised that his letter is being forwarded to you for direct reply.

I assume the Bureau will desire to be advised of similar inquiries and that same should be referred to Bureau for handling. Please advise only if this assumption is incorrect.

Bureau (encs. 3)
Portland

RJM: lam

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Approved: JWE
Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per
The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.  

Dear Sir;  

In one of our local newspapers about two weeks ago, there was an article printed, entitled "FBI Refutes Charges of Communism Found in U. S. Churches". It stated that "statements from the FBI show how such wild claims by anti-communist "vigilantes" are welcomed by the Reds." This statement was pertaining to communist infiltration into American churches and the writer, Louis Cassels, United Press International columnist, was distributing this to delegates at the past meeting of the Presbytery of North Arkansas.  

The article also stated that you had sent FBI Chief inspector, William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation,"warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds."  

Mr. Hoover, what we would like to know, as Christian Americans, have you sent this man, Sullivan around to do as stated above? And do you believe that there is no danger from Reds infiltrating our churches? I have quite a lot of literature which says otherwise and according to Matt Cvetic, a former communist for the FBI we do have infiltration into our churches and I have read some of the major denominations' literature to teachers and to youngsters and it is very much in sympathy with communism. In Cvetic's book, "The Big Decision, on pages 51 and 52, he tells about infiltration and even about a communist who posed as a clergyman.  

If the charges that there is infiltration into the churches is untrue, would you please tell us? And if they are true, will you tell us that also and send us literature or tell us where we can get it from one of the committees?  

Also please tell us if you did send out this man Sullivan to do what he is doing.  

We do want to commend and thank you for what you are doing in helping to preserve this great country that God has given us.  

Sincerely,
Nehalem Methodist Church
Box 156
Nehalem, Oregon

Dear

Your letter of August 22, 1961, with enclosures which was addressed to our Portland Office has been referred to me.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, I would like to point out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt the infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. I can assure you that Mr. Cassels' article is an accurate account of Assistant Director William Sullivan's discussion of communism.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure
Communism and Religion (William C. Sullivan)
Portland (80-0)
Reuraertel 8-24-61
Attention SAC: You should continue to refer similar inquiries to the Bureau.
NOTE: Buffles contain no information identifiable with [BLANK]

His enclosures consisted of the United Press International article by Louis Cassels concerning Assistant Director William C. Sullivan's discussion on communism and religion; and a copy of a pamphlet captioned "... the Truth," prepared by the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) which defended NCCC policies. No references to the Director or the FBI were noted. The NCCC includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communists controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC.
August 31, 1961

Baton Rouge, La.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am seeking any information that you may have (in pamphlet form), concerning the communist infiltration into the churches of this country. In particular, I am interested in the infiltration into the seminaries and divinity schools, the tactics used in thought control and any connection which you might have come upon between Communism and so-called Modernism which is now being taught in most seminaries.

Please send one copy each of any of the above information that you may have to me, and one copy each to the following address.

Mansfield La.

Sincerely yours,
September 7, 1961

Lowell, Arkansas

Dear,

I have received your letter of September 1, and I want you to know that your expressions of confidence in my administration of this Bureau are indeed appreciated. I welcome the opportunity to clarify our position with respect to the matter you mentioned.

It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that our churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

I would also like to point out that representatives of this Bureau who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks as well as some other material on communism you may care to read.

Sincerely yours,

B. Edgar Hoover

(SEE NOTE NEXT PAGE)
Enclosures (5)
Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan (Tenor of Remarks)
God and Country or Communism? (American Legion Magazine, 11/57)
An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA
(Reprint from LEB, March, 1960)
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals (Christianity
Today Series, October 10, and 24, and November 7, 1960)
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion (Christianity Today, 6/22/59)

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent.
August 31, 1961
Baton Rouge, La.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.
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Please send one copy each of any of the above information that you may have to me, and one copy each to the following addresses:

(1) [Address]
(2) [Address]
(3) Keithville, La.
(4) Baton Rouge, La.
(5) Baton Rouge, La.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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(SEE OVER)
Following enclosures sent to those named by [redacted] without cover letter on 9-7-61:

The Deadly Contest
Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Christianity Today Series
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
September 6, 1961

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear [Name],

Your letter of August 31, 1961, has been received, and the thought prompting your communication is appreciated.

With respect to your request, I am enclosing material along the lines you desire. In addition, I have forwarded a copy of each of these reprints to

[Address]

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

The Deadly Contest
Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan.
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Christianity Today Series
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references identifiable with correspondent.
See letter of same date to

RVA:Ich (3)
Memorandum

TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf

DATE: September 11, 1961

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Chicago letter 8/17/61 captioned "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties: IS - C" (Bufile 100-434917-61) furnished a copy of "A Call to Action in Defense of the Constitution of the United States for the Preservation of the Bill of Rights" disclosing that a National Assembly for Democratic Rights (NADR) would be held 9/23-24/61 in New York City. NADR is an activity initiated and controlled by the Communist Party (CP), USA, to carry on a propaganda campaign concerning the decision of the Supreme Court on 6/5/61 against the CP.

A review of the "Call" disclosed a list of sponsors for this affair, several of whom are ministers. There is set forth below the identities of such ministers together with comments concerning review of Bufiles concerning same.

- Possibly identical with the who is a Professor Emeritus of Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Never investigated by Bureau. Not on Security Index (SI). Active in communist fronts in the past.

- Never investigated by Bureau. Not on SI. Active in communist fronts. See 100-50869-396 for summary prepared on in the past.

- Never investigated by Bureau. Not on SI. Active in American Committee for Protection of Foreign Brrn (ACPPB), designated pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10450.

- Subject of Bufile 100-232727. Not on SI. Identified as CP member in past. Active in communist fronts.

1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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Memo to Mr. Baungardner
Re: Communism and Religion
100-403529

Not identifiable in Bufiles due to
limited identifying data available.

- Subject of Bufile 100-403325. Not on SI.
  Active in communist fronts.

- Subject of Bufile 100-190254. On SI.
  Active in communist fronts.

Rev. Leroy Waterman - Never investigated by Bureau. Not on SI.
Ann Arbor, Michigan - Active in communist fronts in the past.
Summary of data in Bufiles contained in
"Brief on Religion."

Rev. Stephen Fritchman - Subject of Bufile 100-243141. On SI.
Glendale, California - Active in communist fronts.

Rev. J. Pierce Newell - Never investigated by Bureau. Not on SI.
Madison, New Jersey - Active in communist fronts. See 100-
403529-171 for summary of data in Bufiles.

- Subject of Bufile 62-20932. On SI.

- Subject of Bufile 100-349525. On Reserve
  Index A. Active in communist fronts.

Rev. William Howard Melish - Subject of Bufile 65-50930. On SI.
Brooklyn, New York - Active in communist fronts.

Rev. Richard Morford - Subject of Bufile 100-191710. On SI.
New York City - Active in communist fronts, particularly
National Council of American-Soviet
Friendship (NCASF) designated pursuant
to EO 10450.
Memo to Mr. Baumgardner
Re: Communism and Religion 100-403529

- Subject of Bufile 100-246705. Not on SI. Active in CP affairs in past. Active in communist fronts.

- Subject of Bufile 105-13144. Not on SI. Associate of CP members. Active in communist fronts.

- Subject of Bufile 100-378992. Not on SI. No evidence of CP membership.

ACTION:

Submitted for record and filing purposes in Bufile 100-403529 on "Communism and Religion."
August 31, 1961

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Dept. of Justice

Dear Director Hoover,

My purpose in writing to you is to clarify, once and for all, whether or not there is any basis for assuming that there is communist infiltration in churches as has been founded in the educational field, the press, nationality minority groups, civil and political units, cultural groups and the radio, television, and motion picture industries.

According to an article appearing in the Brooklyn Tablet dated June 17, 1961; churches were included. However a statement by Chief F.B.I. Inspector William C. Sullivan has many people believing no communist infiltration in the churches exists at all.

Persons who abhor the House Committee on Un-American Activities such as the Rev. Eldred Johnston recently wrote in the August 1, 1961 Epistle the following:

OCCASIONALLY YOU WILL FIND SOMEONE SO UNBALANCED that they charge our last president with being a Communist dupe or charge churches with being infiltrated. "The truth is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control, or influence over American clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale." So said Chief F.B.I. Inspector William C. Sullivan, as reported by Louis Gassels in a recent U.P.I. story. Such allegations that communists have infiltrated the churches, "is a patent falsehood". Mr. Gassels goes on to report "F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed 'vigilantes' may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the communists' hands." This is because communists like it when charges are made that they have infiltrated the churches.

100-403529

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CORRESPONDENCE
Director Hoover, I am not any self-appointed 'vigilante' or a member of the John Birch Society. I do have an anti-Communist study group and my library consists of many of your reports and the reports of the investigating committees of both the House and Senate; I believe in presenting the facts and not opinions. I fully realize opinions can sometimes be dangerous when attempting to teach others of the Communist conspiracy.

However, when I had attempted some time ago to show __________ of St. Marks Episcopal Church, 2151 Dorset Road, Columbus 21, Ohio documented publications on such Episcopalian clergy as Bangroft, Melish, Bowie __________ just to mention a few who have extensive pro-Communist records, __________ scoffed it off as propaganda and refused to even examine the documented publications.

___________ has nothing but praise for persons deeply involved with the Communist conspiracy, he has told me there is no such thing as separation of Church and State, that he does not believe in it; he favors admission of RED China into the U.N., sees nothing wrong with negroes and whites marrying, favors the Blake-Pike merge and believes __________ that Christ was the son of Joseph, has replaced the King James version of the bible with the R.S.V. version on the pulpit; is an ardent supporter of the National as well of the World Council of Churches and admitted seeing nothing wrong with Communists being members of the World Council of Churches; he is violently opposed to the HCUA. After a three hour session with __________ a few months ago I was convinced that his socialistic preaching from the pulpit was in accordance with his true beliefs.

To make matters worse when I questioned his assistant __________ regarding the article appearing in the Epistle __________ informed me he has a Communist-front record and said "so what" when I mentioned the Rev. Melish he informed me he is a great admirer of Melish and would defend him any time. I reminded him Melish had been identified as a Communist and is one of the heads of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Committee. He replied he was getting mad and could no longer speak to me that Melish was a fine person. I told him defending Melish is not too different from defending the Communist Party...that ended our telephone conversation. This conversation took place just this afternoon and I will write to the HCUA to find out his record.

Please answer my letter and give me some guidance as to what to do about the situation and a definite statement whether or not infiltration does exist in the churches.

Columbus 21 Ohio
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (RM)  DATE: 9/11/61

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10602)

SUBJECT: SM - C

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ReBulet 8/31/61 to
Dallas, Texas, copy to Dallas, with enclosures consisting of communications directed by

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memo setting forth results of an interview with

Since the subject evidently is an alien, a copy of

The party mentioned in the enclosure who reportedly wanted to make a talk against communism, and who was told by

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT was a biased publication, and to whom the

The information given by

In view of the nebulous and nonspecific nature of the

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(2) - Bureau (RM) (Encl. 5)
1 - Dallas (100-10602)
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SEP 22, 1961
Dallas, Texas  
September 11, 1961

JAMES R. THOMPSON

On September 8, 1961, ________ Dallas, Texas, who requested her name not be revealed outside official quarters, voluntarily furnished the following information:

Subject is pastor of the church attends, City Temple Presbyterian Church, Akard at Patterson, Dallas, Texas, and has been there for about the past three years. He came to the United States from Scotland some five years ago, believes, and for the succeeding two years worked at some school in the state of Maine, name and exact address not known. Subject is 50-55 years of age, married, two children, medium build, ruddy complexion, blue eyes, hair receding and gray.

When first called to the above church by the elders, subject stated he intended to become a citizen of the United States, but when asked recently by a member of the congregation whether he was now a citizen he answered in the negative, and when further queried as to whether he still intended to become one, he again answered negatively, without explanation and rather brusquely. ________ presumes subject is in the United States on some type of permanent residence basis, but has no exact detail on this.

could put her finger on nothing especially tangible as a basis for a distrust she has developed concerning subject. When the Freedom Forum was held in Dallas a number of months ago one of the church members wanted to pass out leaflets advertising this in front of the church after Sunday service, but subject, saying "this is not the time for that type activity," denied permission for this. On another later occasion a different church member asked permission to make a talk against communism at a meeting of church women, but subject counseled against this, saying the matter was of too controversial a nature. Another individual, while discussing

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some matter with subject, quoted an item from U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, and subject allegedly remarked this publication is "biased," and recommended this party read NEW REPUBLIC, THE PROGRESSIVE, and THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY. knows nothing of any of these publications personally, but said she did have information from a man associated with the CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADE that the CHRISTIAN CENTURY was "extremely liberal," and from this she deduces the other two are in the same category.

According to some members of the congregation with whom has discussed subject, he has commented he is "a socialist," but she has no information as to why he considers himself such. has no knowledge of any statements or expressed sentiment of subject indicative of un-American inclinations except he is supposed on one occasion to have said "the Russian people are better off under communism than they were under the czars." She finds no fault with his sermons, and her opinion of him, according to her own definition, is based more on his apparent reluctance to take a positive and vocal stand against communism, than on any overt acts in support or advocacy of it.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
September 7, 1961

Columbus 21, Ohio

Dear

Your letter of August 31, 1961, has been received. I can understand your concern about communism, and I welcome the opportunity to clarify our position with respect to the matter you mentioned.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)
SEE NOTE AND ENCLOSURES NEXT PAGE

CJH:jks (3)
Enclosures
Communism and Religion (William C. Sullivan)
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
Christianity Today Series

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TRUE COPY

Aug 31st 1961

Gentlemen,

I recently heard a talk by Edgar C. Bundy on "Collectivism in the Churches." In his talk he left me with the impression that Communist infiltration or control of the National Council of Churches was substantial. One of the local ministers gave this out to show that Major Bundy was spreading a "big lie" I guess.

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Sincerely

/s/

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Sincerely,

Correspondence

Alhambra, California
THE CHURCHES AND COMMUNISM

Text of an address by
REV. DR. EUGENE CARSON BLAKE,
Stated Clerk
The United Presbyterian Church
in the U.S.A.

Delivered at:
West Adams Presbyterian Church
Los Angeles, California

May 9, 1961

It was Adolf Hitler who perfected first the technique of the "big lie." He proved that falsehood repeated enough could brainwash a whole people, no matter how absurd the falsehood might appear to the rational mind.

Los Angeles Presbytery, along with its churches, is being subjected to the "big lie" technique by the current rash of charges that the churches, particularly protestant churches, and the ministry, particularly protestant ministers, have been widely infiltrated by communism.

Louis Cassels of United Press International wrote in the "New York World Telegram" and elsewhere on last April 29th: "FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed 'vigilantes' may, in the name of anti-communism, play into communists' hands.

"During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun by Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.

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Mr. Cassels continues: "Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI Director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters who wrote him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches."
I know of no stronger or more recent third-party evidence that I can quote to make it perfectly clear that the widespread allegations of communist infiltration of the Protestant ministry, of the leadership of our Church, or of the National Council of Churches is brazen falsehood. If any of you have been worried by these charges, I hope you are convinced. And may I go further and remind you that repeating these slanders and libels or even gossiping about them makes you an accessory to the conspiracy which is attempting to weaken the influence of your pulpits, your churches, and your councils, locally and nationally.

I remind you that we have traced to their sources these lies. I do not intend to list them for you again since nothing pleases these “Apostles of Discord” more than to receive publicity which they cannot get on their own when a churchman names them. Of all the letters I received after my sermon of a few weeks ago in Santa Barbara on this same topic was one from one of these sources of falsehood, complaining that I had left him out of my listing. My reason was that he and his pamphlets were not listed on the single sheet of calumny that formed the basis of my sermon outline, the text of which was “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.” He should have made his complaint to the anonymous cowards who printed and circulated the poison sheets to the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara. But we can identify quite easily the original sources of the lies. You can tell your people that the chances are better than ten to one that any church story is false that is date-lined Tulsa, Oklahoma; Collingswood, New Jersey; Madison, Wisconsin; Cincinnati, Ohio; or Wheaton, Illinois. Most of the alleged facts go back to the McCarthy era or earlier, have been denied and disproved again and again.

How is it then that they still trouble us? Partly because the big lie technique does not depend on facts. But partly the old lies are being actively circulated by the same people who were McCarthy’s stooges a few years ago, but are now reorganized into typical totalitarian cells of disruption under a retired candy manufacturer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The illogic of this whole campaign has been again and again illustrated by the man’s own words. In effect he says that you can’t trust anybody, not the President, nor the State Department, not the Army, not any politicians, certainly not the newspapers, or the preachers, therefore trust me. His argument to trust him is that he has “a nose for communists.”

When his more than usually fantastic charge was publicized that former President Eisenhower was a communist, most even of his followers realized he had gone too far, but their lack of logic and commonsense made them say, “I don’t agree that President Eisenhower is a communist, but mostly I still agree.” When a totalitarian scoundrel is caught charging falsely that one distinguished patriot is a communist, or communist dupe, the only logical conclusion is not, “He has gone too far,” but rather “This proves that he does not in any respect know what he is talking about.”

The other reason for the current increase in the circulation and acceptance of these false charges about communist infiltration is the fact that generally speaking the American people are frightened. Things have not been going well in the “cold war.” Cuba and Laos have taken a good deal of hope and confidence from the American people. This real ground of fear of communist success is a fertile field for planting seeds of distrust. We are all happy to find a scapegoat.
Let me repeat what I have often said and most deeply believe. Free pulpits and free churches all across this land are the best bulwark against communism that the nation owns.

I am not really fearful that our Church will be mortally hurt by the attacks against us. What I do fear is that we will become so busy defending ourselves that we will not make the contribution we should to true Americanism in our several communities and in the nation as a whole. Our Churches in every community should be inspiring the community to support the U.N. as man's best hope for peace and freedom. Our churches in every community should be taking the lead in support of the public schools against those who are trying to disrupt them by making false charges against the best and most conscientious teachers we have. Our churches should be busy preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, the good news of God that alone will give us the courage to face the real threats to our nation and our culture and civilization.

I come here today to my own Presbytery at your invitation to urge you to get off the defensive and in every church to begin the attack that our nation needs to be protected from those who in their fear of communism would destroy American freedom.

If these attackers of freedom have infiltrated Presbyterian Sessions, the Presbytery has power to go in to the support of courageous preachers who will preach the truth. If these enemies of freedom have infiltrated our membership, sessions have the power and duty to discipline members who slander the Church of Jesus Christ by false charges of communism.

Now it is true that our gospel is not always popular. It is true that some of our members and even our officers may be worried to hear the Christian gospel preached. But I urge you ministers and elders not to be afraid to stand for your faith. Let me suggest what our Biblical faith is - even though I shall have time to set it forth in outline only. You ought to write your own sermons.

1. All Christians, worthy of the name believe in God as revealed in Jesus Christ. If we really believe in the sovereign living God, why should the communist conspiracy or its totalitarian and fascist cousins make us afraid. Let us encourage our people to trust God, speak the truth, and believe in the victory of righteousness that Christ has already won.

2. All Christians worthy of the name know that love rather than hate is the most powerful weapon. Let us remember that Jesus said, "Love your enemies." Let us not be afraid to preach Christ even if some will charge you with being weak or stupid. What hope has the Christian pulpit of being respected if the preacher is afraid to preach Biblical truth. What else are you preachers paid your salaries for? Will you let your pulpits become soft echoes of the worst prejudices of your people?

3. All Christians worthy of the name know that the Christian faith is not simply an American faith, but one which is world-wide. Stand up for the United Nations. Make clear why you hate communist ideology, but don't hate the Russian people, or even the Soviet government. Tell your people why from Christian grounds we ought to help the poor nations out of our abundance. Remind them that the
Christian faith is concerned about all men, Russians, Latin Americans, Negroes, Mexicans, as well as stupid and decadent white Protestants. Don't pull your punches. Some will get into trouble - for sure - so did Jesus Christ. Don't let the doctors make you afraid to challenge them to provide better medical care for old people. Don't let your realtors keep you silent about housing or about open covenants of occupancy for all races. Do you think we dare let the communists be the only friends of the poor and the hungry and the disinherited?

Surely be persuasive if you can. But don't expect that the gospel will ever win a popularity contest.

In addition to these general Christian truths that we are obligated to preach, let us remember our Presbyterian heritage and stand up for it as well.

We Presbyterians believe that constitutional representative government is the right way for free men to govern themselves under God in both Church and State. Don't let anybody get away with challenging that heritage in the Presbyterian Church.

We Presbyterians believe that our religion, both individual and corporate, ought to bear upon the whole realm of human life. Don't let anybody silence you or make you afraid to apply the gospel to economics, politics, social ethics, or anything else that is controversial.

We Presbyterians believe in a sovereign God, strong enough to accomplish His will in the face of Satan and all his cohorts. Let's begin to behave as if we did believe it. Surely we are not promised that such a course will be easy or pleasant, or successful. We don't know about what God's will may be for us. But we do know that if we are faithless in our times of trial, there is no hope but that God himself must repudiate us as faithless servants.

Let's move in to the battle. Let us so behave that the world may note what we say and do and perhaps be drawn to Jesus Christ, because they see that we are His.
September 8, 1961

Alhambra, California

Dear [Name],

Your letter dated August 31, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

I regret that I cannot answer your specific inquiry, but the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I am familiar, however, with the statements made by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan. In his discussions of communism, he has dealt with the subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI.

I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan you may care to read.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Edgar Hoover

Director

Enclosure

Communism And Religion

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NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. Edgar C. Bundy is the General Chairman of the Church League of America and claims to have formerly been a Major in Air Force Intelligence. He is a former Baptist Minister and has done extensive lecturing along the country on communism. Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake in 1946, urged representatives of America and Russian churches to visit each other; he visited Russia in 1956 with other clergymen; in 1959, he charged the House Committee on Un-American activities had abused rights of many witnesses; in January, 1959, was a signer of a petition to eliminate the HCUA and in September, 1959, urged all possible communication with communist political leaders and the people they rule.
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