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"Glosz Ludowy"

T-45 has described this publication as a Polish-English language paper published at Detroit, Michigan, which closely follows the Communist Party line.

International Conference of Aid to Democratic Greece

The New York Greek language daily "National Herald" in its April 22, 1948 issue described this conference as a Communist conference designed to provide aid to "Markos' bandits".

"Jewish Life"

Prior to August 1951 this magazine was self-identified in its masthead as the organ of the Morning Freiheit Association. T-4 on November 15, 1949 advised that the Morning Freiheit Association was the "central organ of Jewish-Communist activity in the United States". Since July 1951 this publication identifies itself as being published by the Progressive Jewish Life, Incorporated. In its issue of April 22, 1952, page 22, the magazine sent thirtieth birthday greetings to the "Morning Freiheit" stating, ". . . We of Jewish Life owe a special debt to the Morning Freiheit for we are its English speaking offspring."

"Masses and Mainstream"

This is a monthly publication which first appeared in the issue of March 1948. It was self-identified in this issue as a merged publication from "New Masses" and "Mainstream" which would be Marxist in editorial policy. An advertisement appearing in "The Worker" February 8, 1948 stated that "Masses and Mainstream" would "provide Marxist initiative and leadership at the cultural front".

"Telepress"

T-6 advised on March 9, 1951 that "Telepress" was a Communist controlled news agency with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and correspondents in many parts of the globe. (S)

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The records of the New York City Board of Health, Borough of Manhattan, were reviewed by SE GERARD M. LENAHAN on December 7, 1951, such records reflecting birth certificate number 14747 (1951) reported the birth of CAROLE PITTMAN on April 13, 1951 at the French Hospital, New York City. This certificate listed the father, JOHN, as having been born at Atlanta, Georgia, age 45, and occupied as a newspaper journalist. The following background information appeared concerning the mother, MARGRIT ADLER: She was 31 years of age and was born in Germany. The residence was reflected for the couple as 60 West 101st Street, New York City.

2. Residence

It was ascertained by the writer on September 28, 1953 that PITTMAN continues to reside at apartment 5-B, 60 West 101st Street, New York, New York.

3. Employment

The "Daily Worker", July 29, 1953, page 3, column 1-2, described PITTMAN as Foreign Editor of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker".

III. SUBVERSIVE CONNECTIONS

1. Communist Party, USA

T-8, on September 12, 1951, stated PITTMAN was personally known to him as a member of the CP for several years prior to 1942.

On January 4, 1947 T-9 reported that several Communists from different countries had held conferences with the French Communist leader, JACQUES DUCLOS, indicating these meetings to have been held in the latter part of 1946. According to T-9, one such meeting was held at the headquarters (S)

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Fr. of the Central Committee of the French CP, 44 rue Le Pelitier, Paris, and had been attended in part by the following Communists: WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, TIM BUCK, DOLORES IBARRURI, MAURICE THOREZ, ANDRY MARTY, and one GEORGE WILLIAMS, alias MICHAÏLOV, a Comintern delegate, as well as DUCLOS. According to T-9, PITTMAN attended this meeting and acted as the interpreter. (S)

The informant also pointed out that one of the main items discussed at this meeting was methods that could be used by the CP, USA to effect a merger of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) and the American Federation of Labor (AFL), and how such a merger would benefit the CP, USA. (S)

T-10 advised on August 9, 1950 that PITTMAN had forwarded a report on "Our Press" to BETTY GANNETT on June 12, 1947. At that time PITTMAN, according to T-10, was in San Francisco on a trip and expected to return to New York on June 26, 1947. PITTMAN asked GANNETT to secure approval for him to attend a plenum (of the CP, USA) to be held on or subsequent to June 26, 1947.

On February 17, 1948, T-10 made available a two page copy of a report entitled: "Memo on Educational Apparatus", which in part was self-identified as to purpose, as a guarantee that the ideological work of the county organization would be given the proper leadership and the day-to-day attention from the Education Department, as well as to insure the proper functioning of the county Education Department through the assignment of necessary personnel and establishment of collective work in all phases of educational work. Under the organization for the educational apparatus, PITTMAN was listed as one of the persons proposed for agitation and propaganda work.

On July 20, 1948, T-10 advised that PITTMAN wrote EUGENE DENNIS concerning reassignment of "comrade" WILLIAM PATTERSON to the "New Defense Organization". PITTMAN pointed out that PATTERSON might be best assigned in writing a book setting forth the experience and viewpoint of a Negro Communist. He recommended PATTERSON to DENNIS as the best Negro Communist to write such a book.

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T-23 advised on February 5, 1951 that an open meeting of the Friends of the "Philadelphia Worker" was held at Garvey Memorial Hall, 1611 West Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 28, 1951. PITTMAN was the featured speaker and spoke on the subject: "What Korea Means to the Negro People". In his speech, according to T-23, he criticized the alleged intervention of the United States in Korea, speaking bitterly against the United States' use of Negro troops in Korea as "shock troops" to cover the escape of "lily white G.I.'S." PITTMAN continued by criticizing the Negroes who supported the Korean war, referring to them as fools and traitors to their own people. He tied in the alleged prosecution of Negroes like FLETCHER MILLS, BAYARD JENKINS, and Lieutenant GILBERT and others as part of a plan to destroy the American Negro just as the American Indian has been destroyed. PITTMAN attacked universal military training and stated that although he is bitterly opposed to war the fight against Negro segregation in the Armed Forces should not be forgotten.

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 On February 29, 1951, T-24 advised that ~~PETTIS PERRY~~ had directed PITTMAN to "play up" an article which appeared in the "California Eagle" on March 15, 1951, entitled "Labor on the March".

It is to be noted that PERRY was described in the "Daily Worker", June 22, 1950, page 8, column 1, as secretary of the National Negro Commission, CP, USA. In January 1953 PERRY was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act.

On March 9, 1951, T-6 advised that PITTMAN had visited in Europe in 1947. According to T-6, PITTMAN, a correspondent of the New York "Daily Worker", contacted "Telepress" correspondents while in Europe. (S)

An article which appeared in the "Daily Worker", April 24, 1951, page 2, column 5, contained an announcement by JOHN GATES, editor of the "Daily Worker"

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6. Miscellaneous

PITTMAN wrote a series of eleven articles on "The National Question in Europe", which appeared in the publication "People's Voice", from the April 19, 1947 issue through the issue of July 5, 1947.

On February 6, 1948, T-34 advised he had seen PITTMAN in the company of a woman whom he believed to be CLAIRE GRAHAM in the offices of the "Daily Worker" that date.

Concerning ~~CLAIRE GRAHAM~~, T-35 advised on March 15, 1946 that GRAHAM was a member of the Richmond Club, CP, San Francisco, California. NY

T-36 advised on July 21, 1948 that PITTMAN had been a delegate to the International Conference of Aid to Democratic Greece held in Paris, France, April 10 and 11, 1948. (5)

PITTMAN, according to T-10, was in communication with SAMUEL SILLEN, editor of the publication "Masses and Mainstream" in 1949. According to the informant, SILLEN approached PITTMAN about the publication of a story in "The Worker."

Concerning SAMUEL SILLEN, it is to be noted that T-3 has identified him as a member of the CP.

On February 12, 1950, the "Daily Worker" carried an advertisement which announced on February 14, 1950 PITTMAN would address a forum at 1301 Boston Road, Bronx, New York, on the subject: "The Struggle for National and Colonial Freedom".

T-10, on August 16, 1950, furnished a throwaway which announced PITTMAN was to be chairman of a meeting in the Oak Room, Hotel Capitol, New York City, at which DAVID PLATT, film editor of the "Daily Worker", who had just returned from the Film Festival at Karlovij Vary, Czechoslovakia, and SAMUEL SILLEN, editor of "Masses and Mainstream", who had returned from the Writers Congress in Poland, were to speak. This announcement also appeared in the "Daily Worker", August 18, 1950, page 11, column 4.

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T-2 Former ND 609*	Used in characterization of "Freedom"			
T-3 CSNY 588	Used in characterization of "German-American". Used in characterization of MARGRIT ADLER. Identification of PITTMAN as CP member. Used in characterization of GEORGE MORRIS. and SAMUEL SILLEN.	10/14/52	ARBOR W. GRAY	134-66-1B109 p. 47
T-4 NY 384-S	Used in characterization of Morning Freiheit Assn.			
T-5 DENTON J. BROOKS, former Editor "People's Voice"	Used in characterization of "People's Voice"			
T-6 (S) A confidential source abroad mentioned in Bulet to NY 3/19/51, captioned "Telepress; IS-C"	Contact of "Telepress" correspondents by PITTMAN. (S)	3/20/51	SAC, NY (Bureau mail)	100-97703-13
T-7 Pretext telephone call to SIMON ADLER, 1781 Riverside Dr., NYC.	Marriage of PITTMAN to MARGRIT ADLER	11/50	HEINRICH VON ECKARDT (oral)	100-64016-332

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T-8 PAUL CROUCH Washington, D.C.	CP affiliation of PITTMAN prior to 1942.	9/12&17/51	CRAWFORD W. WILLIAMS (WFO)	Photostatic copy 100-4931-1B483 (original unavailable)
T-9 (S) [MI-6] mentioned in Bulet to NY 6/2/47 captioned WILLIAM ZEBULON FOSTER, was; IS-C"	[PITTMAN'S attendance at CP meeting, Paris, with FOSTER, DUCLOS, et al. (S)]	6/3/47	SAC, NY (Bureau mail)	100-4931-6631
T-10 [CSNY 426] (S)(u)	Letter to BETTY GANNETT, 6/12/47	8/9/50	DAMON W. PITCHER	100-88368-80
	Two page report "Memo on Educational Apparatus"	2/13/48	EVERETT K. DEANE	100-26603-1A 3708
	Letter to EUGENE DENNIS.	7/20/48	HERBERT P. LARSON	100-88368-1a12
	List of CP speakers.	10/31/49	HERBERT P. LARSON	100-81752-1B 3263
	NY County CP Section Convention Schedule	11/21/50	HERBERT P. LARSON	100-26603-C42- 1298
	Notes of 1948 NY County CP Convention	8/6/51	HERBERT P. LARSON	100-26603-1A618
	Employment of PITTMAN, 1947. List of "Daily Worker" speakers.	1947	Unknown	Original unavailable) 97-169-1033p.8
	List of "Daily Worker" personnel	1/26/49	HERBERT P. LARSON	97-169-1a378
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	Letter to PITTMAN from SAM SILLEN.	9/13/49	HERBERT P. LARSON	100-99571-1a22
	Throwaway for 8/18/50	8/16/50	EVERETT K. DEANE	100-52724-145
	Memo dated 3/21/51	4/6/51	HERBERT P. LARSON	100-101520-26
	Jefferson School Catalog Fall 1949 Term.	9/19/49	EVERETT K. DEANE	NYO Library
	Jefferson School Catalog Spring 1950 Term	4/11/50	DAMON W. PITCHER	NYO Library
	PITTMAN UN correspondent of "Daily Worker"	6/17/53	EVERETT K. DEANE	Unavailable
T-11 Pittsburgh PI25	Meeting of Nat'l. Press Committee, CP, USA, 3/13/49	Awaiting Documentation from Pittsburgh		
T-12 Former ND 591* T	11/10/50	11/10/50		
T-13 Former ND 610* M	12/28/50	12/28/50		
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T-15 NY 388-S E	Queens County-Wide CP meeting 2/23/51	2/28/51	EDWARD W. BUCKLEY	66-8400-1816
	Queens County Press Directors Meeting 6/14/52	6/24/52	RICHARD H. BLASSER (oral)	100-88368-183
T-16 Former CSNY 408 L	Negro History Week Program 2/14/51	9/4/51	RICHARD H. BLASSER	100-26603-C40 814
T-17 FRANK LOVELAND Asst. Dir. Bureau of Prisons	Proposed visitors & correspondents of JOHN GATES	9/18/51	SAC, NY (Bureau Mail)	100-88368-130
T-18 SJ 239-S* L	2/12/53	2/12/53		
T-19 LA 3249-S L	5/1/53	4/20/53	W. NATHAN PROVINCE (Los Angeles)	Awaiting documentation from LA.
T-20 [NY 779-S*] (S)	Travel of PITTMAN 1953	5/12/53		
	Duties of PITTMAN Reorganization of "Daily Worker" Staff/ Staff meeting 1/8/53	10/13/52 12/29/52		
	"Daily Worker" Staff meeting 1/53	1/2/53 1/30/53		
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T-21 FRANK DOYLE Secretary NYCPD (request)	1949 Police Press Card of PITTMAN	1949	MAURICE E. MURPHY (oral)	97-169-2160 p. 26 (original not available)
T-22 CS EDWARD J. MALLIN, Albany Div., NY State, Div. of Placement & Unemployment Insurance, Albany, NY.	Salary of PITTMAN 1st Quarter, 1950	7/50	Agents, Albany Division	97-169-1a907
T-23 PH [61] S (C)	Friends of The Worker Meeting 1/28/51 Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., 3/1/52 Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., 11/6/53	2/5/51 3/4/52 1/19/53	JAMES E. HELMER (Philadelphia) " JAMES E. HELMER (Philadelphia)	PH 66-2137A PH 66-2137-3- 611 PH 134-29-A- 108
T-25 SF 1050 T	PITTMAN'S activities in San Francisco 9/51		Awaiting documentation from San Francisco	
T-26 FRANK T. MC LOUGHLIN, clerk, WM. BECKER, Travel Agency, 145 Fourth Ave., NYC (request)	Travel of PITTMAN 1/52 Travel of PITTMAN 8/30/51	1/24/52 9/7/51	THORNTON M. WOOD (oral) JOHN J. KEARNEY (oral)	100-88368-154 100-56579-360

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	Lecture at Jefferson School 2/16/52	2/7/52	JOHN J. KLEINKAUF	66-3809-639
T-28 NY 507-S	Manhattan Center Meeting 1/17/52	2/8/52	ROBERT K. STONER	66-6668-768
T-29 CG 5730-S	Meeting Chicago, Ill., 1/27/52.	1/31/52	M.R. CARRANO (Chicago)	CG A)66-2573- 1a3
T-30 CG 5735-S	Chicago, Ill., meeting 1/27/52	1/29/52	CHARLES BOLZ (Chicago)	CG A)66-2599- 1B110
T-31 MP 2227-S	Minneapolis, Minn., meeting 1/26/52	1/29/52	WILLIAM P. KITTEL (Minneapolis)	MP 66-2388
T-32 CSNY 301	Jefferson School Catalog, Winter 1950 Term	12/27/49	RICHARD H. BLASSER	NYO Library
	Invitation to Queens-Nassau Freedom of the Press Conference 6/14/52	8/20/52	RICHARD H. BLASSER	100-26603- C41-1548
T-33 CS ALFRED FARROW Philadelphia, Pa.	Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., 1/16/53	1/28/53	J.C. OUSLEY (Philadelphia)	PH 134-9-A-18

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T-36 Confidential British Source	(S) International Conference of Aid to Democratic Greece, Paris, 4/10-11/48	7/21/48	SAC, NY (Bureau Mail)	100-65601-345
T-37 NY 482-S L	Book "We Charge Genocide"	12/10/51	JOSEPH F. DIFFLEY	100-80675-1B970
T-38 ANDREW STEFAN, Sec. to the Warden, US Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa.	1951 Christmas card to JOHN WILLIAMSON	12/28/51	W. JAMES WOOD	100-23774-1414 (Original not available)
T-39 Unnamed officials, US Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn.	1951 Christmas card to JACOB STACHEL	1/52	Agents, New Haven Division	100-18065-594 (Original not available)
T-40 GORDON KOBERNOT, Associate Warden, US Penitentiary Lewisburg, Pa.	1951 Christmas card to CARL WINTER	1/7/52	W. JAMES WOOD	100-27539-416 (Original not available)
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T-44 ALEX BRADLEY Deputy Sheriff Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Correspondence of STEVE NELSON with PITTMAN	11/12/52	PAUL L. SCOTT (Pittsburgh)	100-47211-973 (Original not available)
T-45 [DE 265-S] (U)	Used in characterization of "Glos Ludowy"			
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T-47 LA 3011-S	Used in characterization of Los Angeles, Calif., May Day Committee			
T-48 CS LA 3582-S	PITTMAN'S speech May Day Rally, Los Angeles, 5/1/53	5/1/53	ROMNEY STEWART W. NATHAN PROVINSE (Los Angeles)	LA 100-1763-1A Transcription in NY 100-88368-230
T-49 [LA 3647] (U)	Banquet, Hugh Gordon Bookshop LA, 5/9/53	5/15/53	THOMASE DYAR (Los Angeles)	Awaiting documentation from LA.
T-50 CGO 5425	Used in characterization of FRED FINE			
T-51 SA PETER J. LEIGHTON, NYO	Freedom of the Press Rally, 1/17/52	1/17/52	SAC, NY	100-106495-62 p. 35,37

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