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The relationship, biographical data, and CP activity of Jessica Smith Abt were set forth in the serials of the main file on her husband, John Jacob Abt, as follows:

FILE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-236194-266	(2, 6, 15, 23)
-280	(2, 7, 15, 23)
-301	(5, 15)

^(S) [NSA] provided information in which reference was made to a Bureau report dated 11/24/54, relating to Louis Fisher, a writer and lecturer. The report indicated that Fisher stated that Jessica Smith had been a friend of his in Europe in the 1920's at which time she was a correspondent for Reuter's News Service. Fisher considered Smith to have been a CP member although he had no definite information to that effect.

65-67766-5 ep.257
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Worthington B. Houghton, Secretary, E. Quincy Smith Real Estate Company, WDC, provided copies of the active indices or mailing lists of the United American Spanish Aid Committee (100-7061). Among the names listed was that of Mrs. John H. Abt, WDC, who was also listed as a donor to the committee. (Bureau report 6/19/42.)

100-7061-124 p.6, 28
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NY 2009-S made available a letter from the "New World Review," (NWR) 34 West 15th St., NYC, dated October, 1961, over the signature of Jessica Smith. The letter asked for subscriptions to the NWR and noted that Bernard Koten (100-245228) would answer questions to a new feature, "The Question Box."

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100-245228-81 p.1, 3
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NY letter dated 4/30/63, indicated that a funds transaction dated 3/11/63, the payee of which was "New World Review, 34 West 15th St., New York, N.Y., B/O Sovetskaia Zhenschina for Jessica Smith, author's fees," occurred involving funds maintained at the Chase Manhattan Bank, NYC, by the A-2 Bank for Foreign Trade, Moscow, USSR.

65-28939-2921 p.3
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On 5/21/63, LA 3932-S furnished a mimeographed letter addressed to "Dear Reader" and signed "Jessica Smith, Editor," which was printed on the letterhead of NWR, 34 West 15th St., NYC. The letter requested funds for NWR and referred to planned new features. It also indicated that Martin Hall (65-11750) would write for the publication.

65-11750-142 ep.1
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Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko, a former Soviet Intelligence officer, advised that in the summer of 1963, Jessica Smith, NYC, and the CPUSA intervened in behalf of Bernard Louis Koten who had been arrested by authorities in the USSR during a visit to that country. He was subsequently released.

65-67568-386 p.4
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SI 100-245228-109 p.B, 20
~~(23)~~ (Add. info.)

Correlator's Note: Koten was Director of the Library of Intercultural Studies, successor to the American-Russian Institute.

In July 1963, the US Customs Service, San Francisco, Calif., made available a list of individuals who had been receiving pro-communist propaganda. Among those listed were John and Jessie Abt, 444 Central Park West, NYC. The publication they received was entitled "Let Us Unite On the Basis of the Moscow Declaration and the Moscow Statement."

100-394984-10232 p.14
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AQ51-S advised on 7/2/63, that Patricia Julia Blawis (100-345444) was working for Jessica Smith at the NWR in NYC.

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100-345444-153 p.2,3

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On 10/15/63, a Souvenir Journal issued by the Harry F. Ward 90th Birthday Committee (100-440969) was distributed at a meeting held at Carnegie Hall, NYC, to honor Dr. Harry F. Ward, a founder of the Methodist Federation for Social Action. The Journal contained written tributes to Ward from Jessica Smith, NYC, and others. (Source not given.)

100-440969-4 p.26

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The following references in the file captioned "Scott Nearing 80th Birthday Committee (SNBC)" set forth the activities of Jessica Smith during the period 9/29/63 through 11/7/63, in NYC. Smith was an initiator of the SNBC and a member of the committee. The letters of invitation to the Scott Nearing 80th Anniversary Meeting were issued over Smith's name and she was a speaker and the chairwoman of the celebration which was held on 11/7/63. The SNBC had its address at 34 West 15th St., NYC, the address of NWR, of which Smith was editor. She and others intended to use the Nearing meeting to urge the lifting of the US economic blockade of Cuba and to collect funds for Cuban relief. However, they failed to consult Nearing and when he was apprised of their intention he opposed it. Smith was described as a trusted communist who had attended sub-committee meetings of the Politburo of the CPUSA, held at CP headquarters.

REFERENCE

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100-441122-1
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-7 p.3,4,11

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On 2/2/64, an SA delivered a pair of trousers which had belonged to Lee Harvey Oswald (105-82555) to the FBI Laboratory. Found in a pocket of the trousers was a list of telephone numbers which included AC 2-4611.

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NY 694-S* advised on 7/23/68, that \$30,000 of \$530,000 furnished by foreign sources to the CP, USA during June, 1968, was for an advanced payment made by Gus Hall, General Secretary, CP, USA, to Jessica Smith (no locality) for NWR.

100-3-102-478 p.2

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[The RCMP advised that Holland Roberts, President of the American Russian Institute, San Francisco, Calif., in a letter dated 9/3/68, to Edward Sloan, recommended that several Americans including Jessica Smith, N.Y., receive literature of the Hemispheric Conference to End the Vietnam War (105-179625).]

This serial indicated that [Sloan was the initiator of the conference.]

105-179625-36 ep.2

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Material extracted from Communications Intercept Service received from US Army Operations and Research Detachment, Frankfurt/Main, West Germany, included a letter dated 10/23/68, from Jessica Smith writing as Editor of the "New World Review," Suite 308 156 Fifth Avenue, NYC, and addressed to the Information Service of the Socialist Unity Party, 102 Berlin, Marx Engels Platz, German Democratic Republic. Smith requested that the NWR be placed on the addressee's mailing list. (S)

Letter Enclosed

61-7374-1317

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The following references in the file captioned "Aleksey N. Stepunin" pertain to the activities of Jessica Smith in NYC during the period early 1966 through 10/24/68. Smith, a known CP member and long an important figure in the operations of publications sponsoring the CP line in NYC, was in contact with Stepunin on a number of occasions. They discussed and decided on a group of persons, including Smith, to be invited to the 50th Anniversary of the USSR celebration to be held on 11/7/68 at the Soviet Embassy. Stepunin informed Smith that the Soviets had agreed to give her \$30,000 annually for maintenance of the "New World Review." He advised Smith that money had been sent from the Soviet Union to the CPUSA for distribution to her.

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105-137671-231 p.7	(37)
-241 p.3	(37)
-249 p.7	(37)
-308 p.2	(37)
-363 p.1,2	(37)
-437 p.1,2	(37)
-465 p.2,3	(37)

On 1/20/69, CG 5824-S* advised that Gus Hall (61-8077) stated that it was decided that Jessica Smith (no locality) would be replaced as editor of "New World Review" because of ideological problems between the CP, USA and Smith.

61-8077-2966 p.0
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WFO advised that from 7/19-20/69, Valerian S. Nesterov (105-191522) and his wife traveled to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and Ocean City, Md. On 7/23-27/69, Nesterov accompanied by his wife planned travel to NYC. Prior to travel, he contacted Jessica Smith, a well-known CP figure in NYC and arranged to see Smith at Smith's residence for dinner.

105-191522-61 p.6,13
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[MI-5] ^(S) advised on [8/11/69] ^(S) that Jessica Smith (no locality) [was an acquaintance of] ^(S) David Laibman (100-436381) [and that she was apparently known to the CP of Great Britain.] ^(S)

100-436381-58 ep.1
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Material extracted from Communications Intercept Service received from US Army Operations and Research Detachment, Frankfurt/Main, West Germany, included a letter dated 10/17/69, from Jessica Smith, Editor, NWR, NYC, and addressed to Victor Grossman (100-359527), Karl-Marx-Allee 49, 102 Berlin, German Democratic Republic (GDR). The letter indicated that the NWR had no need at that time for a correspondent in the GDR but invited the addressee to submit trial articles. ^(S)

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Bureau Informant 200 advised that during December, 1969, Jessica Smith Abt, NYC, was in contact with Dorothy Keen, Moscow, Russia. Smith expressed her sympathy about the "sad news about Arthur" and hoped she and Keen would be able to see one another again.

It was noted that Arthur was Arthur Adams (100-331280), husband of Keen and that it appeared he had died.

100-331280-938

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On 12/2/69, NY 6019=S furnished a list of persons, which included Jessica Smith Abt, NWR, NYC, who had contributed to The Conspiracy (100-453851) to help defray expenses of the Chicago Eight, who were indicted on charges of conspiracy to violate Federal Anti-Riot statutes in connection with activities during the 1968 Democratic National Convention. Abt contributed ten dollars.

Add. info.

100-453851-11 p.2,5

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[WF 279-S*] advised that Valerian S. Nesterov (105-191522) made an appointment to see Jessica Smith on 10/14/70, in New York. Smith was undoubtedly the well-known CP figure in NY.

105-191522-205 p.2

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[New York letter] dated 12/9/70, advised in regard to a contact made by Georgiy I. Isachenko (105-143204) with Jessica Meade, Apt. 10D, 444 Central Park West, NYC, telephone, Academy 2-4611, that the telephone number was listed to John H. Abt and Jessica Smith Abt, at 444 Central Park West.

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105-143204-374

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The following references in the main files of the individuals listed below indicate that members of the anniversary committee and others attended an affair held on 2/28/71, at the Hotel Roosevelt, NYC, in tribute to Jessica Smith, on the occasion of her 75th birthday and her 35th year as editor of NWR. The NWR, successor to the communist front publication "Soviet Russia Today," was a regular propaganda organ of the Soviet Union for over 35 years under the editorship of Smith, a long time CP member and sympathizer.

NAME	FILE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Bernard L. Koten	100-245228-171 p.1,3	(23)
Florence Roberts Forer	100-417269-22 ep.1	(24)
Murial Neuburger	100-430680-13 ep.2	(2,7,11,26)
Goldie Suchovich Levenson	101-1534-28 p.1,11	(38)
Joseph Forer	101-1765-145 p.1,3	((2,7,11,38))

On 11/30/71, ^(S)WF [800-S] learned that Valerian S. Nesterov (105-191522) contacted Jessica Smith in NYC and advised her that he was traveling to NYC. Smith invited Nesterov to dinner but indicated that she and apparently her husband, had to go somewhere soon after dinner. In their conversation Smith indicated that she wanted Nesterov to talk on the five-year plan, peace and disarmament.

Smith was undoubtedly the well known CP figure in NYC. (WFO memo 12/3/71).

105-191522-363 p.2
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Bureau Source 300 provided information dated 3/9/72, which listed Jessica Smith (no locality) as one of many sponsors of the National Conference on US Policy Toward the Two German States. ^(S)

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