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1. CURRENT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY

American Committee for a True
Marxist-Leninist Communist
Party (ACTMLCP)

Approximately 145 copies of the ACTMLCP letter were mailed. Most were sent to organizations but many were sent to individuals. This was the letter that was designed to show the CP's control of the new youth group that has been named the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America.

There are other situations where the ACTMLCP might be put to similar use, but the NYO has no current plans for such action.

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On 6/29/64, the NYO mailed an anonymous letter to the President of Cornell University which pointed out the fact that the new publication "American Dialog" is a Communist magazine and may have taken its name from the Cornell Publication "Dialogue".

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LEONARD BOUDIN

LEONARD BOUDIN was retained as an attorney by the Kenya Mission to the UN to defend 3 students from Kenya who were involved in a fracas with the police. The Bureau granted authority to mail an anonymous letter to the First Secretary of the Kenya Mission exposing the Communist background of BOUDIN. The letter was mailed on 7/6/64.

NY County Committee of CP

On 1/31/64, the Bureau approved a plan designed to suggest that the FBI has an informant in the NY County CP Committee. This would be done by leaving a list of names of those who attended the previous meeting where it could be found by a member of the County Committee. The NYO has not been able to put this plan into operation because the meetings were being held in private homes. In view of the expulsion of WILLIAM ALBERTSON on charges of being an informant, the NYO will abandon this plan for the present, but will resubmit the plan or a similar plan if deemed advisable in the future.

Camp Webatuck

The NYO has still not determined the identity of the church group that is reportedly interested in buying Camp Webatuck. When this information becomes available appropriate counterintelligence action will be recommended.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

The Bureau has granted Detroit permission to mail an anonymous letter to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN which would be critical of the way Party affairs are being handled in Detroit.

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On 6/16/64, SE 775-S* advised that certain CP youth members in Seattle who received a copy of the ACTMLCP letter were seriously concerned as to the significance of the letters as well as the individual or organization that might have mailed the letter. They intended to make extensive inquiries to determine the question of the mailings.

SE 711-S advised that this matter was discussed at an Executive Committee meeting of the King County Youth Club held in Seattle on 6/16/64. There was much discussion as to the significance and origin of the letter and it was finally decided the letter was probably the work of some splinter group. Those attending this meeting observed in a somewhat guilty manner that their approach to the new youth organization might be considered revisionist. One member thought he might have received the letter because he has been an outspoken critic of the new youth organization. It was decided this matter would be taken up with the Youth Commission of the Northwest District of the Communist Party.

By letter dated 6/26/64, Seattle advised that KAY NORTON, an acting County CP Youth Commission Chairman continued to express concern over receipt by her and several other CP youth of the ACTMLCP letter. NORTON believes the letter came from Progressive Labor and that her name was furnished to Progressive Labor by a former CP youth member who has left Seattle.

Other members of the CP youth clubs in Seattle share NORTON's observations and a great deal of discussion has been had over the contents of the letter.

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SE 711-S advised the letter created a noticeable impact on Seattle CP youth members and served to enhance the confusion which has permeated the CP youth movement in Seattle with the formation of the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America.

Seattle concluded that the ACTMLCP produced excellent disruptive results in Seattle youth circles and suggested as a follow up that Progressive Labor literature be mailed to certain CP youth members in Seattle.

Anonymous Mailings

NY 3953-S* advised that BILL ALBERTSON and HY LUMER recently discussed the problem of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. ALBERTSON said that some of the Jewish comrades have been getting letters on this, are disturbed by them, and that some actually believe this propaganda. ALBERTSON asked LUMER for his opinion as to the best way to combat this propaganda. LUMER said he is working on an article which will set out the truth in this situation. (u) ~~X~~

On 6/17/64, NY 2362-S* furnished information about a conference at CP Headquarters that date where the discussion centered for a time on the various anonymous letters sent under the counterintelligence program in New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago. GUS HALL said at one point he thought the FBI might be involved in this matter.

On 6/24/64, NY 2359-S* advised that the receipt of anonymous letters by CP leaders were discussed at a conference in CP Headquarters that day. JACK STACHEL said he thought there was no doubt there is a centralized agency devoted to making our work as difficult as possible. The possibility was also mentioned by several individuals that the ultra-right may be involved in sending the letters. PHIL BART said the committee would have another discussion on the letters.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON

The expulsion of WILLIAM ALBERTSON has presented the CP with a complex series of problems. There was a great deal of concern over the amount and quality of the information he presumably furnished to the FBI, and they discussed the steps they must take to minimize the damage. The leaders are concerned over the effect this will have on the membership and some members apparently have doubts that the Party chose the best course of action in this matter. It is difficult to overestimate the damage that has been caused. (u)

As of this writing there continues to be new developments. A more comprehensive summary will be made of the ALBERTSON expulsion at the time of the next monthly letter. (u)

5. INFORMANTS PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

NY 384-S and NY 1117-S were not able to participate in the counterintelligence program this past month. NY 2124-S visited CP Headquarters in connection with ALBERTSON's expulsion. Consideration was given to having this informant make certain suggestions that would pass doubt or suspicion on other CP members as regards the ALBERTSON expulsion, but because of the difficulty in predicting how this would work out no recommendations have been submitted to the Bureau.

NY 388-S had been an informant designated to participate in the counterintelligence program. NY 388-S's club became inactive after the CP learned there was a leak somewhere. Since ALBERTSON's mother was also in this club, there may be some chance that NY 388-S can be re-activated after the CP fixes responsibility for the leak on ALBERTSON or his mother. (u)

6. MISCELLANEOUS

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