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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CLAUDIA JONES apprehended 1/19/48 by representatives of INS and an agent of the FBI at her home, 504 West 143rd St., Apt. 6A, NYC. Subject did not sign waiver of search of premises or give statement concerning her Communist activities. She admitted membership on the National Committee of the CP and admitted her status as an alien. Subject remanded to the custody of the INS officials at Ellis Island. Released on \$1,000 bond, 1/20/48. IRA GOLLOBIN appointed attorney for the subject by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. Subject active in speaking at rallies protesting deportation of Communists held in NY, Newark, Boston, New Haven, and Detroit. She appeared in the picket line in front of INS Headquarters on 2/2/48. A "Claudia Jones Defense Committee" has been formed by leaders of the Harlem Section of the CP.

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DETAILS:

The following is a summary of the activities of CLAUDIA JONES set forth in chronological order from the time of her arrest on January 19, 1948 to March 15, 1948:

As set forth in reference teletype to the Bureau dated January 20, 1948, CLAUDIA JONES was apprehended at 8:40 P.M. on January 19, 1948 at her home, 504 West 143rd Street, New York City, Apartment 6A. The warrant of arrest was served by Immigration & Naturalization Inspectors JAMES P. CAREY and HAROLD W. RAMSEY. Special Agent [redacted] accompanied the Immigration & Naturalization Service officials and aided in the apprehension.

The warrant for the arrest of CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, with aliases, Mrs. NICK SCHOLNICK, CLAUDIA JONES, CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH, charged that subject "entered this country at New York on the ninth day of February, 1924, and has been found in the United States in violation of the immigration laws thereof and is subject to be taken in custody and deported pursuant to the provisions of the Act of October 16, 1918 as amended, in that she is found to have been, after entry, a member of the following class, set forth in section one of said act: An alien who believes in, advocates and teaches the overthrow, by force or violence, of the Government of the United States, and the Act of October 16, 1918, as admitted in that she is found to have been, after entry, a member of the following class, set forth in section one of said act: An alien who writes and publishes and causes to be written and published any written or published matter advising, advocating or teaching the overthrow, by force or violence, of the Government of the United States".

The warrant was dated October 27th, 1947 and signed by A. R. MACKAY, Chief, Exclusion and Expulsion Section. In accord with a stipulation in the warrant, authority was granted to release the subject under \$1,000 bond.

A log of activities was made by Agent [redacted] and signed by Inspector RAMSEY and CAREY of Immigration & Naturalization Service. This log is being maintained in the files of this office. The contents of the log is set forth below:

Log of activities, January 19th, 1948. Re: CLAUDIA JONES.

8:40 P.M. At apartment 6A, 504 West 143rd Street, New York, warrant served by Inspector HOWARD W. RAMSEY and JAMES P. CAREY, accompanied by SA [redacted] Agents identified.

8:45 P.M. CLAUDIA JONES asked to call HENRY WINSTON. Permission granted. No answer. She next called BEN DAVIS, New York Councilman.

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- 8:55 P.M. CLAUDIA JONES accompanied by Inspectors CAREY and RAMSEY and Agent [REDACTED] departed by car for Ellis Island.
- 9:30 P.M. Arrived at Barge Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, to await Ellis Island boat.
- 10:00 P.M. CLAUDIA JONES turned over to HARVEY VAN NOSTRAND, Security Officer and SADIE HAINE, Matron of the Detention Station, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Ellis Island. She was placed in the private cabin aboard the boat in the custody of VAN NOSTRAND and HAINE.
- 10:45 P.M. Boat departed for Ellis Island.

H.W. RAMSEY, Immigration Inspector
J.P. CAREY, Immigration Inspector
[REDACTED] Special Agent, F.B.I.,
New York.

As outlined in the above Log of Activities, CLAUDIA JONES was served the warrant of arrest by Inspector RAMSEY. She was asked to state her full name and citizenship. She refused to do this and advised that she would answer no questions without first having an attorney. She was then asked if she would sign a waiver of search of the premises. She stated that she would permit no search without a search warrant.

CLAUDIA JONES then asked to make a telephone call and was granted permission to call HENRY WINSTON and New York City Councilman BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., both members of the National Committee of the Communist Party. WINSTON was not at home. She told DAVIS that the Immigration authorities were present and were going to take her to Ellis Island. She was overheard stating, "I am getting the BITTELMAN treatment".

DAVIS asked to talk to one of the agents. Inspector RAMSEY spoke to DAVIS and when asked by him to withhold taking CLAUDIA JONES into custody until such time as he might talk to her, he was advised that Miss JONES would be given sufficient time to prepare to be taken into custody and then would be immediately taken to Ellis Island.

Before leaving the premises, YVONNE and SYLVIA CUMBERBATCH, adult sisters of the subject were advised that she was being taken directly to the Detention Station at Ellis Island. Miss JONES would not talk while in her home, but enroute to the Barge Office in the course of conversation with Agent [REDACTED] she admitted the following concerning her background and her activities in the Communist Party:

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She said she was born in Trinidad, British West Indies, February 25, 1916. She came to this country in 1924 with her aunt and three sisters. She admitted that she took preliminary steps to become a citizen of this country, but to this date has never been naturalized. She advised that she was still an alien. She admitted that she joined the Communist Party approximately ten years ago. She was first active with the youth groups of the Communist Party and later, because of her work in the Party, was elected to the National Committee of the Communist Party.

She said that the elections to the National Committee were made at a meeting attended by delegates representing the Party from all parts of the United States. She attributed her election to the fact that she worked diligently for the Party, writing numerous articles under her own name and by preparing Communist Party literature, distributed in the name of the Party. She informed that she has been on several speaking tours for the Party. She did not elaborate on any of the above information, but stated that the "FBI knew of all of her activities and that everything she had revealed was already known to this Bureau".

She mentioned that she was the Secretary of the National Womens Commission of the Communist Party and as such was active in the womens work in the Party and on several occasions CLAUDIA JONES referred to the Party with pride and stated that she wholeheartedly believed in the principles and doctrines of the Communist Party. She charged that being arrested because she was a Communist was preposterous because the Communist Party was a legally constituted Party in the United States.

During the course of the conversation CLAUDIA JONES on several occasions acknowledged that she was active in the Communist Party and expressed her complete confidence in the Communist Party. She stated that if the leaders in this country would only listen to the wisdom given out by the Party there would be an end to the class struggle and discrimination practiced in this country.

In referring to her education, CLAUDIA JONES revealed one of the reasons why she became a Communist. She stated that she was graduated from high school in New York and at first had ambitions to become a doctor and then a social worker. She changed her mind about this, however, when she was confronted with the fact that "certain quotas were set up in New York City on the number of negroes that might enter the medical profession and social field".

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She admitted attendance at New York University night school for approximately two years. She said that the depression and the uneven distribution of wealth in this country had caused her to search for an escape from the existing struggle that she was going through. She admitted that it was at this time that she at first became interested in Communism.

The following is a review of the statements made by various members of the National Committee of the Communist Party and members of the Editorial Staff of the "Daily Worker" concerning the arrest of CLAUDIA JONES.

In the "Daily Worker", January 21, 1948, Page 2, Column 1, the following statement was made:

"The Communist Party National Board in a signed statement by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman, EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary and HENRY WINSTON, Organizational Director, called for the removal of Attorney General TOM CLARK." The article continued by stating that the arrest was part of a drive by the Government against all progressives in the United States. The article continued by quoting Councilman BENJAMIN DAVIS, as stating: "The arrest of the Negro womens leader is a foul attack against the militant Negro women of America, against the West Indian population and against the civil rights which your committee claimed to uphold."

Other statements were made by ROBERT THOMPSON, State Chairman of the New York Communist Party, and HOWARD STRETCH JOHNSON, Educational Director, New York County Communist Party.

In an article in the "Daily Worker", January 23, 1948, Page 11, Column 3, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, stated, "Justice Department hits all time low on the attack on CLAUDIA JONES". In reviewing the work of CLAUDIA JONES, Miss Flynn stated the following: "Beautiful, eloquent as a speaker, gifted as a writer, she became a leader of the Young Communist League before she was twenty, and its Educational Director in 1940. She wrote under the pen name of CLAUDIA JONES in the "Daily Worker" and other publications. She ably aided "Spotlight", an excellent AYD magazine."

In the "Worker", January 25, 1948, Section 1, Page 9, Column 1, City Councilman BENJAMIN DAVIS in commenting on the arrest for deportation of CLAUDIA JONES, stated the following:

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"CLAUDIA JONES is a worthy daughter of the militant and enterprising Negro West Indian Citizen League of the country. The attempts of the subversive, poll tax TOM CLARK to deport this outstanding Negro leader, one of the most beloved Communist figures in America, will be defeated and will backfire with the detonation of an atom bomb." He continued by stating: "Comrades HITTELMAN and JONES were both framed in a technical immigration charge."

In the "Daily Worker", February 6, 1948, Page 4, Column 1, in the column by ART SHIELDS, entitled "Foster Recalls Past Frame-ups", it was mentioned that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Communist Party had recently commented on the "amazing support that labor defense committees had given persecuted workers and political leaders in America".

On January 20, 1948 Inspector HAROLD W. RAMSEY, of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised that CLAUDIA JONES was released on that date with the posting of \$1,000.00 bail at the Immigration Service Office by Attorney IRA GOLLOHM of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

On January 22, 1948 CLAUDIA JONES headed a "mass mobilized and defense rally for ALEXANDER HITTELMAN, held at Webster Hall, New York City, under the sponsorship of the Morning Freiheit Association, Incorporated. Approximately twelve hundred people attended this rally. [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attended this rally.

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(c) [REDACTED] and agents reported that CLAUDIA JONES addressed the group and related in story form the incidents of her arrest. She admitted that she was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party. Other speakers at this rally were ABNER GREEN, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, all members of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and JOSEPH WINOGRADSKY, Assistant Manager of the Fur and Leather Workers Union, PAUL NOVICK, Editor and Chief of the "Morning Freiheit", HERT ALVES, Head of the Harlem Section of Civil Rights Congress and GEDALIA SANDLER, Executive Secretary of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order.

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On January 23, 1948 "Emergency Conference" to protest the arrest of CLAUDIA JONES was held at the Trade and Commerce building, 2370 Seventh Avenue, Harlem, New York, sponsored by a group headed by DR. CHARLES A. PETIONI, Chairman of the West Indian Negro Congress and member of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, ROSE GAULDEN, members of the National Committee of the Communist Party and AUDLEY MOORE, CYRIL PHILLIPS, members of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party.

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In the "Daily Worker", January 23, 1948, Page 4, Column 1, there appeared an article announcing the Harlem Conference for CLAUDIA JONES. In this article it was stated that the conference was called by DR. CHARLES PETIONI, Chairman of the West Indian Council and ESTELLE MASSEY RIDDLE of the National Council of Negro Nurses.

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On January 27, 1948, the neighbors in the vicinity of 504 West 143 Street, the residence of CLAUDIA JONES, held a meeting at the apartment of HOWARD "STRETCH" JOHNSON who also resides at this address.

The "Daily Worker" for January 29, 1948, Page 3, Column 1, reported that approximately thirty neighbors attended this meeting. The following was noted in this article: "Fifty tickets to the big HENRY WALLACE meeting at the Golden Gate Auditorium, Lenox Avenue and 140th Street, on February 15, 1948, were sold before the party was over." A neighborhood defense committee for CLAUDIA JONES was formed with Mrs. MERCEDES OWEN elected as Chairman and Mrs. KIND as Secretary.

HENRY WALLACE

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On February 2nd, 1948, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party sponsored a picket line in front of the headquarters at Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City. WILLIAM NORMAN, New York State Organizational Secretary and a member of the National Committee, headed the activities of this affair. Approximately one hundred pickets were present and paraded back and forth in front of Immigration and Naturalization Service Headquarters from 11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. The announced purpose of this picket line was to protest the deportation proceedings being carried out by the Department of Justice against CLAUDIA JONES and ALEXANDER BITTELMAN.

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The picket line carried placards calling for the end of the deportation and discrimination against the minority groups. Special Agent [redacted] observed the picketing and noted that the inscriptions on some of the placards were:

"End Department of Justice Attacks On Minorities";

"Tom Clark, Don't Tread On Me"

Under this inscription was a large sketch of the Statue of Liberty;

"Halt U.S. Department of Justice Deportation of Jones and Bittelmar";

"Stop Deportation of Jones, Negro Woman Leader";

"Stop Deportation of Alexander Bittelmar, New York Jewish Leader";

"Remove Poll Tax Attorney Tom Clark";

"Stop Minority Persecution of Jones and Bittelmar".

It was noted that at the bottom of each of the placards was the statement that picketing was sponsored by the New York State Committee of the Communist Party.

From time to time during the period of the picket the members chanted various slogans. Some of the slogans recalled were:

"Let's get rid of Clark and Hoover--Free JONES & BITTELMAN".

"Tom Clark, you can't deport Democracy".

"Mr. TRUMAN, Wall Street Middleman".

At each end of the block members of the Party passed out leaflets issued by the New York State Committee of the Communist Party. Copies of two of these leaflets were obtained. One called for an immediate removal of "Poll Taxer Attorney General Tom Clark from office" and the immediate dismissal of the charges against CLAUDIA JONES and ALEXANDER BITTELMAN. In this pamphlet charges were made that the government is using HITLER's plan to keep the people quiet. The description of the arrest of CLAUDIA is briefly set forth on this pamphlet.

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A second pamphlet distributed to members of the press who attended the picket was a statement of the New York Communist Party. In this statement a review of the arrests of BITTELMAN and JONES was given. The following is quoted from this pamphlet:

"This deportation drive is part of the larger blitz to set up a 'police state' in the United States. The witch hunts, Taft-Hartley Law, the unconstitutional activities of the House Un-American Committee, 'loyalty' tests, make up one big campaign which seeks to overthrow the traditional and Constitutional democratic rights of the people."

These two pamphlets are being retained in instant file as exhibits.

A committee of four headed by WILLIAM NORMAN, Organizational Secretary of the New York State Committee and including AUDLEY MOORE, IRVING FREED and GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, the latter being members of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party were elected as a delegation to see the District Director of Immigration. At about 12:30 P.M. members of this delegation attempted to enter the building at 70 Columbus Avenue, but were denied entrance by the police when it was made known that the District Director WATKINS was not in the building. At this time the members in the picket line chanted that the delegation should be permitted to see someone in the INS, and they called for democracy to be displayed.

CLAUDIA JONES was observed marching in the picket line from about 12:45 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. She was also seen leaving the picket line with AUDLEY MOORE and ROSE GAULDEN.

In the "Daily Worker", February 3, 1948, Page 7, Column 5, there appeared an announcement that a mass rally "to demand an end to the State Department embargo on arms to Palestine", sponsored by the East Side Sections of the Communist Party will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 1948, at the Grand Central Palace, 90 Clinton Street, New York City. CLAUDIA JONES was listed as one of the principal speakers at this rally.

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On February 9, 1948, the Communist Party sponsored a "Rally for the Defense of Claudia Jones". The rally was held at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street. The principal speakers were WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and CLAUDIA JONES.

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In the "Daily Worker" of February 18th, 1948, Page 10, Column 2, it was announced that CLAUDIA JONES would appear as the principal speaker at a Negro History Week meeting, sponsored by the New Haven Section of the Communist Party on February 18, 1948 at the Ukrainian Hall, 222 Lafayette Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

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On February 21st, 1948, the "Claudia Jones Defense Committee" held a meeting at the Elks Lodge, 160 West 129th Street, New York City. Approximately 150 persons were present at this meeting. RICHARD B. MOORE was Chairman of the meeting. He briefly again related the events surrounding the arrest of CLAUDIA JONES and attempted to point out that this arrest was a political move on the part of the Government to confuse a Third Party move in this country.

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Several pieces of literature were distributed at this meeting consisting of a statement of the proposed plans of action by the "Claudia Jones Defense Committee". In this statement, the following was noted:

"Sunday, February 22, 1948 is to be designated as Claudia Jones Day and is to be celebrated by a tea sponsored by the Women's Committee for Claudia Jones. Beginning the week of February 22, 1948, and extending throughout the week, a drive will be conducted to obtain a minimum of five thousand signatures on a petition to President Truman protesting the arrest of CLAUDIA JONES for deportation."

"On Friday, February 27, 1948, a delegation will take the signed petitions to the Attorney General, TOM CLARK, and Immigration Authorities in Washington." It was also announced that a mass meeting would be held on Sunday, February 29, 1948. The second piece of literature carried a picture of CLAUDIA JONES and was addressed to all organizations, clubs, lodges, churches, societies, and so forth. This pamphlet called for the immediate dismissal of the deportation charges against CLAUDIA JONES and listed the officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Claudia Jones Defense Committee. These officers are listed below:
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Vice Chairman	BERTRAM ALVES *
	ADA B. JACKSON *
Executive Secretary	ROSE GAULDEN *
Financial Secretary	HALOIS MOOREHEAD *
Recording Secretary	ELSIE DRAYTON *
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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HELEN WORTIS

COUNSEL

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On February 22nd, 1948, the New York County Communist Party in the name of the Claudia Jones Defense Committee held a reception in honor of CLAUDIA JONES at the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City.

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From February 23, 1948 to February 29, 1948 was known as CLAUDIA JONES WEEK in Harlem.

The "Daily Worker" of February 23rd, 1948, Page 4, Column 3, reported that the "days of picketing and street corner meetings" were preceding the rally for CLAUDIA JONES on February 29th, 1948 at the Golden Gate Auditorium in Harlem.

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In the "Daily Worker" of February 27th, 1948, Page 16, Column 2, it was announced that CLAUDIA JONES appeared at a rally sponsored by the Communist Party of Massachusetts at Boston, Massachusetts on February 26, 1948. The article stated that nearly one thousand dollars was contributed to the defense of CLAUDIA JONES at this meeting.

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On February 29, 1948, a "Claudia Jones Defense Committee Rally" was held at the Golden Gate Ballroom, Harlem, New York. (c)

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RICHARD B. MOORE, Chairman of the Defense Committee spoke and called for a more vigorous fight to save CLAUDIA JONES and for a greater drive to solicit funds for the defense of CLAUDIA JONES. He urged that telegrams and letters be sent to President Truman and Attorney General Clark urging that the deportation against CLAUDIA JONES be dropped. (c)

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At New York, New York

Will follow the events of the Claudia Jones Defense Committee.

Will, through Inspector RAMSEY of Immigration and Naturalization Service, maintain contact with INS officials relative to the pending deportation hearing by the immigration authorities.

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April 22, 1948

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In order to supplement the information which has been
forwarded to you previously concerning the above-named individual, there
is attached hereto a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted]
New York City, dated April 2, 1948. b7c

cc-The Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 4/26/48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/20/48	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, with alias Claudia Jones		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) DATE 12/28/72 [Signature]

Subject appeared for Communist Party rallies at Detroit and Flint, Michigan, on February 27 and 29, 1948. Speeches described arrest by Immigration and FBI authorities and asked help in securing the freedom of other Party leaders through mass action and protest.

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REFERENCE:

New York teletype, January 26, 1948.

DETAILS:

Referenced teletype indicated that CLAUDIA JONES was scheduled by the Communist Party, District 7, for a rally to be held on February 27, 1948, in the Mirror Ballroom, Detroit, Michigan.

The January 25, 1948, issue of the "Michigan Herald", unofficial organ of the Communist Party, District 7, featured a story to the effect that the Federal Building in Detroit, Michigan, was to be the scene of a picket line sponsored by the Communist Party protesting the arrest of ALEXANDER BITTLEMAN and CLAUDIA JONES, described as members of the National Committee of the Communist Party. Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] witnessed this picket line which prominently featured signs requesting the freedom of JONES and BITTLEMAN and the presentation of a resolution to the United States Attorney's Office, located in the Federal Building, demanding the release of JONES from Federal custody.

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The March 6, 1948, issue of the "Michigan Chronicle", a Detroit newspaper, devoted exclusively to activities of Negroes in the State of Michigan, carries an article under the byline of CHARLES W. LOWERY at Flint, Michigan, which related that CLAUDIA JONES, a young woman leader, spoke to a large group at the Mt. Olivet Chapter Church on Sunday, February 29, 1948. It was indicated that JONES spoke of the great struggle against discrimination, segregation, brutal beatings, and lynchings suffered by minority groups and especially the Negro people. Miss JONES advocated an all-out fight against lynch violence and an all-out fight for the Bill of Rights, sighting the case of Mrs. INGRAM, who faces execution for protecting a piece of her land.

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The other speaker on the program was former Michigan State Representative and member of the Flint Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, CASPER KENNY, who has been identified in the past as an active member of the Communist Party, District 7.

It is reported that this particular meeting was under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Flint, Michigan, Chapter.

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Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn
Criminal Division
Director, FBI

May 17, 1948

CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, With alias
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For your information and to supplement that which has been previously forwarded to you, there is attached a copy of a report of Special Agent [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, dated April 26, 1948.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New York
SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLWICK, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau file 100-72390)

DATE: June 12, 1948

Attached hereto is a clipping from the "Daily Worker" June 4, 1948
Page 7, Column 1 to 4.

CLAUDIA JONES, Secretary of the National Womens Commission Communist Party, USA, is quoted as saying that she personally signed up 57 new Communist Party members in her months tour of the West Coast.

The subject who is presently out on bail awaiting a deportation hearing on the charge of being an alien and a member of the Communist Party is quoted as saying that she received the greatest applause of her tour when at a meeting in Phoenix, Arizona she declared that the Communist Party would never register if the Mundt Bill was passed, and that it would continue its struggle to free America from Wall Street.

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Out on Bail, She Signs 57 New CP Membe

By Arnold Sroog

Claudia Jones, out on bail on a deportation charge, personally signed up 57 new Communist Party members in her month's tour of the West Coast, Miss Jones told the Daily Worker yesterday. "This fig-

ure, she stressed, does not include those brought into the Party at her meetings by other people.

On her tour, which coincided with the powerful campaign against the Mundt police state bill, Miss Jones found "deep alarm among all sections of the people and a desire to fight against infringements of civil liberties."

One of the most heartening aspects of the tour, she added, was that "you could literally feel the democratic upsurge of the people."

"People were not afraid—they came right up to the front of the hall and signed up for the Party," she said.

Her tour took her to Seattle and Tacoma, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; San Francisco, Oakland, Contra Costa, Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Salt Lake City, Utah, and Denver, Colo. She

spoke to more than 7,500 people at public meetings in these cities.

In Portland, Miss Jones spoke to a meeting of 300 at Norse Hall, the day after Republican hopeful Harold Stassen called for outlawing the Party. As a result of Stassen's incitements, a rock was thrown through a window of the hall while the meeting was in progress.

At the conclusion of the meeting a middle-aged, stout Negro woman came up to the platform and presented Miss Jones with a souvenir—the rock.

"This is a souvenir from Oregon," she said, "but it is not how the people really feel. Do you know what stopped the rock? It was the American flag."

The rock now rests in an honored place on the mantle of Miss Jones' home.

In Phoenix, an unprecedented

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free America from Wall Street.

NEGRO SENTIMENT

The main current moving among
the Negro people, she found, was
a desire to smash Jimcrow in the
Army and to win real civil rights
legislation. Around these two is-
sues, she found, was a deep desire
for unity among all groups of the
Negro people.

A new feature in politics in the
southwest was the emergence of
the Mexican people as an active
force. In Los Angeles the Mexican
community was deeply stirred by a
recent fight by progressives which
forced the arrest of a trigger-happy
cop in Salcido, Calif.

Side by side with the upsurge of
the people, however, Miss Jones
found that the oppression of the
Negro people is increasing, with
Ingram cases prevalent in almost
every community she visited. In
Tacoma, for example, where Jim-
crow is totally alien to all tradition,
a move was started recently to
initiate segregated transportation.

But the big thing that came
through on the tour was the peo-
ple's courage in the face of the un-



CLAUDIA JONES
Undaunted

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cc: [redacted] b7c

SAC, New York

July 7, 1948

Director, FBI

CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau File No. 100-72390
New York File No. 100-18676

On July 26, 1943, you were advised by the Bureau of the preparation of a Custodial Detention card. That letter, you will recall, revealed that the subject was a native-born citizen. Subsequent investigation has developed, however, that she was born on February 23, 1916, at Trinidad, British West Indies, and is an alien. In view of this, you should correct the Security Index card in your office to show that the subject is an alien rather than a native-born citizen.

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Inasmuch as the subject has been designated as a top functionary together with the fact that the last report was submitted in this case on April 2, 1948, the Bureau desires that you submit another report bringing her activities up to date.

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CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, WAS, INTERNAL SECURITY, C. INS HEADQUARTERS
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION SEPTEMBER 9, 1948

Transmit the following message SAC, NEW YORK

CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK WA CLAUDIA JONES, INTERNAL SECURITY C, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED ONE SEVEN TWO THREE NINE NAUGHT. REURLETS DATED NOVEMBER TWELVE FORTYSEVEN AND JANUARY TWELVE FORTYEIGHT. THE BUREAU DESIRES THAT YOU CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY AND ASCERTAIN IF HE IS WILLING TO TESTIFY AGAINST THIS SUBJECT ON BEHALF OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AT A HEARING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN FORTYEIGHT. THIS MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED AND A REPLY DIRECTED TO THE BUREAU NO LATER THAN FIVE PM SEPTEMBER TEN.

THIS REQUEST IS BEING MADE ON BEHALF OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE WHO HAS REQUESTED THAT [REDACTED] BE CONTACTED AT THIS TIME TO ASCERTAIN IF HE IS WILLING TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE SUBJECT.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HRF*
FROM : F. J. BAUMGARDNER *FJB*
SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, WA
Claudia Jones
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Reference is made to the attached memorandum dated September 8, 1948, from Mr. Keay to you and to the memorandum dated September 7, 1948, from you to Mr. Ladd, a copy of which is attached.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *AFK*

DATE: September 8, 1948

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK
With Alias, CLAUDIA JONES
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Mr. Mario T. Noto, of the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, 19th and East Capitol Streets, N.E., Washington, D. C., contacted Supervisor [redacted] regarding the above-named individual. He advised that she is scheduled to appear at 70 Columbus Avenue in New York City on September 13, 1948, for a hearing on charges of deportation - a hearing similar to that recently held there in the case of Alexander Stevens.

If you will recall, Claudia Vera Scholnick, a negro, is a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and is engaged full time in Communist Party work.

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In response to a similar request from Immigration and Naturalization Service, this Bureau under date of January 26, 1948, advised the Commissioner that it was not advisable to divulge the identity of [redacted]. Mr. Noto stressed the need for an expeditious reply to his request in view of the nearness of the scheduled hearing date of September 13, 1948.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: It is suggested and recommended that this memorandum be routed to the Internal Security Section for the attention of Supervisor [redacted] for appropriate action.

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CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, AKA. CLAUDIA JONES, INTERNAL SECURITY C. INS
 AUTHORITIES ADVISE DEPORTATION HEARING FOR CLAUDIA JONES STARTED THIS
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 INSPECTOR RAMSEY ADVISED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT POSTPONEMENT WAS DUE TO
 FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT WITNESSES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO APPEAR AT HEARING. CLAUDIA JONES APPEARED AT HEARING
 WITH ATTORNEY CAROL KING AND ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN. NEITHER JONES
 NOR KING WOULD TAKE THE STAND TO TESTIFY. [REDACTED]

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CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was.;

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CLAUDIA JONES, representing the CP as the Secretary of the National Women's Commission in June, 1948, completed a six weeks' party building speaking tour of the West Coast covering cities in Arizona, California, Colorado, Oregon and Utah. In the August, 1948 issue of "POLITICAL AFFAIRS" the subject wrote an article entitled, "FOR NEW APPROACHES TO OUR WORK AMONG WOMEN," relating to the work of the party and matters to be discussed at the National Convention. Subject appeared as a speaker at "GIANT RALLY" to protest the arrest of the members of the National Board of the CP.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] advised that CLAUDIA JONES appeared as the principal speaker of the May Day Rally sponsored by the Communist Party of Los Angeles on May 5, 1948, at the Embassy Auditorium, 847 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California. [REDACTED] reported that approximately 1,700 people were present at this rally of which about 90% were white.

The chairman of the mass meeting was NED SPARKS, Chairman of the Los Angeles County Communist Party. The informant reported that CLAUDIA JONES was the honored guest and principal speaker. According to [REDACTED] she covered in her speech the present day features of the Communist Party line. Her speech centered around the alleged mistreatment of "Negroes, Mexicans, Jews and the foreign born in the United States."

The following is quoted from [REDACTED] concerning the subject speech. "She always referred to the Attorney General of the United States as 'Tom Clark of Texas' and pointed out that Negroes are under the Jim Crow Rule. Jones spoke favorably of the plan of civil disobedience by Negroes in the next draft for military service. Jones quoted William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, as saying 'The Communist Party will refuse to comply with this measure.' " [REDACTED] further stated that CLAUDIA JONES reviewed the incidents surrounding her arrest for deportation and ridiculed the fact that she was being charged by the government with advocating the overthrow of the government by force and violence. She referred to the Immigration Station at Ellis Island as a concentration camp. [REDACTED] said that she completed her speech by briefly referring to the "valiant, democratic freedom loving people of Greece, China and other countries," whom she stated were fighting for their independence. She referred several times very favorably to Russia and stated that the Czechoslovakian people finally were able to overcome the reactionaries and gain their freedom.

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In the "DAILY WORKER" on June 4, 1948, Page 7, Column 1, there appeared an article by ARNOLD SROOG entitled, "OUT ON BAIL, SHE SIGNS 57 NEW CP MEMBERS". The following is quoted from this article:

"CLAUDIA JONES, out on bail on a deportation charge, personally signed up 57 new Communist Party members in her month's tour of the West Coast, Miss Jones told the "DAILY WORKER" yesterday. This figure, she stressed, does not include those brought into the Party at her meetings by other people.

"On her tour, which coincided with the powerful campaign against the Mundt police state bill, Miss Jones found 'deep alarm among all sections of the people and a desire to fight against infringements of civil liberties.'

"One of the most heartening aspects of the tour, she added, was that 'you could literally feel the democratic upsurge of the people.'

" 'People were not afraid—they came right up to the front of the hall and signed up for the Party,' she said.

"Her tour took her to Seattle and Tacoma, Washington; Portland, Oregon; San Francisco, Oakland, Contra Costa, Los Angeles and San Diego, California; Phoenix, Arizona; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Denver, Colorado. She spoke to more than 7,500 people at public meetings in these cities."

The following is also quoted from this article:

"In Phoenix, an unprecedented meeting of 1,000 people jammed her rally, the climax of a long campaign which recently won an FEPC ordinance for the state. The greatest applause at this meeting, as at all the others, came when Miss Jones declared that the Communist Party would never register if the Mundt Bill was passed, and that it would continue its struggle to free America from Wall Street."

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In the "DAILY WORKER" of June 30, 1948, Page 10, Column 1, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated that the National Women's Commission of the Communist Party recently heard a report from their secretary, CLAUDIA JONES on her trip to the Pacific Coast. Miss FLYNN stated, "She spoke at a whole series of May Day celebrations along the coast, at women's conferences, at meetings of the Negro Commission of the Party, and for the Civil Rights Congress—in fact she reorganized one chapter of C.R.C. in San Francisco, and set up three new ones in San Diego, Salt Lake City and Denver. She recruited nearly 60 new members to the Party and undoubtedly many more who listened to her have joined since.

"She reorganized the Women's Commission in Seattle, and had large conferences with women's committees in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles and in San Mateo County. Altogether, since the National Women's Commission of the Party has been reconstituted and especially since February, 1947 when CLAUDIA JONES became our efficient and capable Secretary, we have set up 12 commissions in various districts, to work among women."

Miss FLYNN concluded the article by stating the following concerning CLAUDIA JONES: "She is one of the finest assets that our party possesses today. It is a privilege and a pleasure to work with her and a satisfaction to see the splendid example she sets for Communists and other women."

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In the magazine "POLITICAL AFFAIRS", which is published by the New Century Publishers, Inc., 832 Broadway, New York City, for August, 1948, under the Section "PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSSION" there appeared an article entitled, "FOR NEW APPROACHES TO OUR WORK AMONG WOMEN" by CLAUDIA JONES.

The following is quoted from this article:

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"The Draft Resolution places as the central task before our Party the building of the people's anti-monopoly and peace coalition against American imperialism. It likewise stresses the imperative need for the people's coalition, and particularly the working class, to fight aggressively on those issues which can win the support of every section of the population that can add solidity, numbers, and strength to the battle against American imperialism."

CLAUDIA JONES stressed the importance of winning the American women in the working class and Negro communities to the "militant resistance to Wall Street's program of Fascism and war." She said that there are over forty-seven million women eligible to vote in the United States, and that this represented over one-half of the nation. She criticized the attempts by industry and various organizations in this country to put women back in the home. She stated that the mass of American women should be at work either in industry or working for the progressive struggle of the working people in this country.

CLAUDIA JONES said, "In February, 1947, our party established a National Women's Commission. Its establishment marked a significant reaffirmation of the importance of Communist work among women. Our commission has functioned rather regularly, and we were able in the course of the year to establish twelve similar commissions on a state scale.

"These exist in the following districts and cities; Ohio, Michigan, New York, Chicago, Eastern Pennsylvania, Western Pennsylvania, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Washington, New Jersey and Houston.

"These commissions were established in most cases as a result of special women's conferences called by our Party districts and sections. This has proved a healthy means of assessing their needs, concrete problems and ties in the community and of raising Party sensitivity as a whole to the needs of women in general."

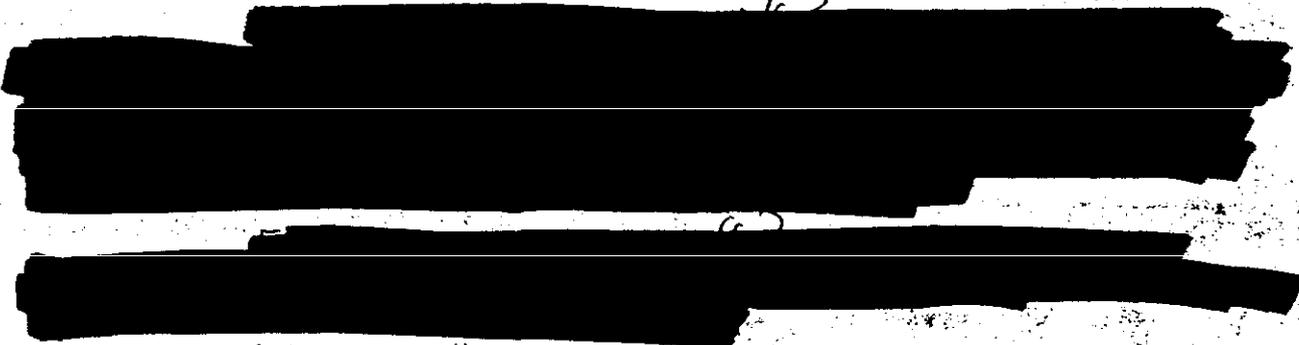
CLAUDIA JONES continued to reflect on the various problems which face the members of the women's commissions of the Party. She concluded her article by stating the following:

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"Time is short. We are still in the process of catching up with our past weaknesses in this phase of work when, under Browder revisionism, work among women was liquidated as part of the whole liquidationist policy which then prevailed in our Party. But, since its national emergency convention, our Party has chalked up a proud record of militant struggle for the needs of the people, women and men, who must mutually join in a fight against the war-mongers and pro-fascists as a necessary prerequisite for the attainment of our ultimate goal of socialism. The working class women of America will respond to the message of our Party if we but organize our work in such a way as to speak out, and give leadership in struggle, on the needs and issues facing them."



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TO : J. E. Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
FROM : Watson B. Miller, Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
SUBJECT: Deportable Aliens

DATE: September 21, 1948

Supplementing my memorandum to you of August 13, 1948, relative to the above-named subject and file number, you are advised that this Service has under consideration the case of the following-named alien in whose case a warrant of arrest has been issued looking to deportation under the Act of October 16, 1918, as amended, but in whose case a hearing has not been completed.

NAME: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK alias CLAUDIA JONES nee CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH

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The Commissioner
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October 20, 1948

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For your information and in order to supplement that which has
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
 Deportation proceedings against **CLAUDIA JONES** postponed indefinitely. Subject active in CP campaign to get negro vote for Progressive candidates in recent election. Subject attended convention of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born December 11 and 12, 1948, at Chicago, Illinois. Summary of subject's activities at CP National Convention and general CP activities in behalf of indicted Communist leaders set forth.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-72390. Report of SA [REDACTED] New York.

DETAILS:

I. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF CLAUDIA JONES AT THE COMMUNIST PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN NEW YORK AUGUST 2 TO 6, 1948

[REDACTED] advised that CLAUDIA JONES attended the National Convention of the Communist Party held August 2 to 6, 1948, at New York City.

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II. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING
DEPORTATION OF CLAUDIA JONES

The "Daily Worker" of September 14, 1948, page two, column four, reported that the deportation hearing on CLAUDIA JONES was adjourned without decision on the preceding date after Miss JONES and her attorney, Mrs. CAROL KING, had appeared and charged that the hearing was illegal and refused to participate. The article quotes F. W. WATKINS, Regional Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, as stating that the proceedings against CLAUDIA JONES were adjourned because "one of the Government witnesses did not appear". It was reported in the article that Mrs. KING told reporters that she had applied in the U. S. District Court in Washington last week for a preliminary injunction to stay the proceedings on the grounds that they were illegal under the Administrative Procedures Act. Judge JENNINGS BAILEY denied this, although on May 5 Judge ALLEN T. GOLDSBOROUGH granted a similar injunction on behalf of GERHART EISLER, JOHN WILLIAMSON, IRVING POTASH, FERDINAND C. SMITH and CHARLES A. DOYLE.

In the "Daily Worker" on September 30, 1948, page four, column five, it was announced that a picket line would be placed around the Immigration and Naturalization Service building at 70 Columbus Avenue on Thursday, October 7, 1948, at which time CLAUDIA JONES will appear in connection with her deportation hearing.

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Mr. T. AVERY, Inspector in Charge of Investigations, Nationality Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised that the deportation proceedings against CLAUDIA JONES by the Immigration and Naturalization Service has been indefinitely postponed. The reason for the postponement was the unavailability of Government witnesses to testify against the subject at this time.

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The "Daily Worker" of October 28, 1948, reported that CLAUDIA JONES and SI GERSON were to be the principal speakers at a Brooklyn Communist election rally Thursday, October 28, 1948, at 1124 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The rally was held under the auspices of the Rugby Section of the Communist Party.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

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CLAUDIA JONES was observed on November 1, 1948, by the writer at the U. S. Court House on the occasion of a hearing in connection with the trial of the indicted leaders of the Communist Party. On this date, the subject was accompanied by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and GERHART EISLER. The subject was observed leaving the Court House and it was noted that she remained in front of the Court House for approximately ten or fifteen minutes. On this occasion a group of approximately one thousand demonstrators from the Civil Rights Congress and the Communist Party were at the U. S. Court House to protest the indictments of the Communist Party leaders. With the appearance of CLAUDIA JONES, the demonstrators recognized her and greeted her with approval. She did not participate in the demonstration but remained there apparently in an attempt to review the participants of the demonstration. CLAUDIA JONES was again observed in the U. S. Court House on January 17, 1949 at the beginning of the trial of the indicted leaders of the Communist Party. Again on this occasion there was a large demonstration sponsored by the Communist Party. CLAUDIA JONES did not take part in the demonstration but merely waved to the participants as she left the Court House.

The "Daily Worker" of December 8, 1948, page six, column one, reported that CLAUDIA JONES was to be one of the honored guests at a Bill of Rights dinner to be given December 11, 1948, at Chicago, Illinois,

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in conjunction with the Fifteenth Anniversary of the National Conference of the Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born. Other honored guests include JOHN SANTOS, FERDINAND C. SMITH, CHARLES DOYLE, GERHART EISLER, MICHAEL OBERMEIER, PETER HARISSADES, and REFUGIO ROMAN MARTINEZ. The dinner was to be held at the Congress Hotel at Chicago, Illinois.

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At New York, New York:

Will follow and report the deportation proceedings against CLAUDIA JONES through Inspector T. AVERY of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, who will report a summary of information concerning the subject's activities in connection with the trial of the indicted leaders of the Communist Party.

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The above-captioned subject, as CLAUDIA JONES, was originally designated as a top functionary in the New York Division on the basis of her election to the National Committee of the CPUSA in July, 1945. She was not, however, re-elected to this body at the National C.P. Convention in August, 1948.

In the last two years JONES has devoted virtually all her time to her position as Secretary of the National Women's Commission, CPUSA, but it is not believed that in this capacity she is of sufficient importance or influence to warrant the continued designation as a top functionary. Accordingly, she is no longer being considered as such in this Division, although she will continue to be regarded as a key figure.

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