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**CLAUDIA JONES**

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DETAILS:

CLASS. & EXT. BY *SP-4 JPA - New York* 9/10/80  
REASON - *1.2*  
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I. Residence and employment of [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised through the use of a pretext telephone call it was ascertained that CLAUDIA JONES

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continues to reside at 504 West 143rd Street, New York City.

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II. General Communist Party Activity

There is set forth herewith a general summary of the Communist Party activity of the subject, outlined in chronological order:

In the "Daily Worker" of February 16, 1949, page 2, columns 3 and 4, it was reported that CLAUDIA JONES of the National Women's Commission, CP, USA, was a member of a delegation of ten women organized by the Congress of American Women, who petitioned Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on February 15, 1949 to register a protest against exclusion of women from jury service. Dr. GENE WELTFISH, Chairman of the Congress of American Women, was the delegation spokesman.

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In the "Daily Worker" of February 22, 1949, page 2, column 3, it was reported that "CLAUDIA JONES, national leader of the Communist Party," would speak at the Lincoln-Douglas Memorial Meeting on February 23, 1949 at Manhattan Center, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" of February 23, 1949, page 7, column 3, reported that the above-mentioned Memorial Meeting was being sponsored by the New York State Youth Board of the Communist Party. It was stated that the theme of the meeting would be "Youth fights for peace and freedom." The specific points to be considered at the meeting would include:

- (1) Protest against police brutality.
- (2) Fight for jobs for Negro youth.
- (3) Smash the indictments.
- (4) Celebrate Colonial Youth Day.

The principal speakers were listed as HENRY WINSTON, CLAUDIA JONES and LOU DISKIN.

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In the "Daily Worker" for February 25, 1949, page 6, column 1, it was reported that one thousand persons attended the above rally at Manhattan Center. This article briefly reviewed the speeches made by the principal speakers.

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The "Daily Worker" of March 11, 1949, page 5, column 3, reported that "CLAUDIA JONES, National Communist women's leader," would speak at a meeting to celebrate International Women's Day on March 13, 1949 at the Club Obrero Espanol of the CP, 1490 Madison Avenue, New York City.

In the "Daily Worker" of March 16, 1949, page 3, column 1, it was reported that CLAUDIA JONES, Secretary of the National Women's Commission of the Communist Party, would lead a discussion on meaning of International Women's Day, 1949, at the Hank Forbes Auditorium, 35 East 12th Street, New York City. It was reported that the subject would speak under the auspices of the State Committee of the Communist Party; that her discussion would be aimed at preparing discussion leaders on the fight for women's rights for Communist organizations. (c)

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In the "Daily Worker" of April 27, 1949, page 7, column 4, it was reported that CLAUDIA JONES spoke at a "Women Fight Deportation Meeting" called by the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born on April 28, 1949 at the City Center Casino, 135 West 55th Street. Other speakers at this meeting included CAROL KING, ANITA ALVAREZ, ELIZABETH SASULY, FRED WASHINGTON, and Dr. ANNETTE RUBENSTEIN. 4

In the "Daily Worker" of June 3, 1949, page 4, column 1, it was reported that CLAUDIA JONES, representing the Communist Party, was a member of a delegation sent to Washington by the National Committee to Free the INGRAM Family, to protest to the Department of Justice officials against the inactivity in the INGRAM case.

In the "Daily Worker" of May 27, 1949, it was reported that CLAUDIA JONES, of the Women's Commission of the National Committee of the CP, was scheduled to be the principal speaker at an all-day conference on "Marxism and the Woman Question" called by the Jefferson School of Social Science for June 4, 1949.

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[REDACTED] advised that approximately 300 men, women and children appeared at the Federal House of Detention on June 4, 1949, as above reported. The demonstration which followed was directed by CLAUDIA JONES. The demonstrators carried posters which bore inscriptions such as "Jail the Lynchers," "Free the Fighters for Freedom," "Jail the Nazi Murders," "Free American Vets," "Demand Judge MEDINA release WINSTON, GATES and HALL," and "Dismiss the Indictments - Free the 12." It was also observed that copies of the "Worker" were distributed to passers-by announcing that mass picketing

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would take place in front of the United States Court House in Foley Square beginning July 6, 1949, in protest against the CP Trial and the jailing of the defendants. The demonstration reportedly was sponsored by the Jefferson School of Social Science.

In the "New York Times" of June 5, 1949, it was reported that approximately 500 persons picketed in front of the Federal House of Detention on June 4, 1949 in protest against the jailing of the defendants WINSTON, GATES and HALL. It was reported that the demonstration was directed by CLAUDIA JONES, Director of the Institute of Marxism at the Jefferson School of Social Science located at 17th Street and Sixth Avenue, New York City.

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In the "Daily Worker" of June 17, 1949, page 10, column 1, in a column written by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, it was reported that GIL GREEN, member of the National Board of the CP, and indicted CP leader, and CLAUDIA JONES would be the scheduled speakers at a July 4th "All-Nations Press Picnic" to be held in Chicago on July 4, 1949.

In the "Daily Worker" of July 6, 1949, page 2, column 4, it was reported that five thousand persons attended the July 4th picnic sponsored by "The Illinois Worker" and "twelve national progressive newspapers", which was held in Chicago July 4, 1949.

The principal speakers included CLAUDIA JONES and HERBERT MARCH, organizer for the CIO United Packinghouse Workers, and GIL GREEN. With reference to CLAUDIA JONES, it was stated that "A fiery Negro women leader drew loud applause throughout her blistering exposure of the frameup trial of the Communist Party leaders."

In the "Daily Worker" of July 6, 1949, page 5, column 3, it was reported that CLAUDIA JONES was one of the sponsors of a reunion dance for EX-YCL-KRS (Young Communist League members), to be held July 9, 1949 at the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

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In the "Daily Worker" of August 1, 1949, page 7, column 3, there appeared the first article in a series of three articles written by CLAUDIA JONES on the topic "Un-American Committee and the Negro People." In this article the subject accuses the "House Un-American Committee" for calling before it spokesman of the Negro people to impugn all the Negro people in this country. She stated that never before in the history of the nation has the loyalty of a whole people been so attacked. She stated that the hearings were timed at a strategic moment for American imperialist reaction. She stated "To begin with, and primarily, they coincided with the pivotal attack on civil liberties at Foley Square where 12 Communist leaders face a heresy trial for their political ideas because of indictments by the Department of Justice and the Truman administration". She pointed out that three of the defendants were jailed for protesting against "The obvious bias of a judge, who serves monopoly capital and who sought to put in jeopardy the names of thousands of working class men and women by demanding that the defendants become stoolpigeons." She stated that the trial reached a significant highlight in the testimony of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Communist leader and Councilman from the city of New York. CLAUDIA JONES said that DAVIS utilized the "weapon of Marxism-Leninism to throw light

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"on the forces responsible for the national oppression of the Negro people—the capitalist class itself."

In the "Daily Worker" of August 2, 1949, page 7, column 3, the second article in a series of three appeared on "Un-American Committee and the Negro People." In this article the subject stated that "It is more than a passing coincidence that at the Un-American Committee loyalty hearings on 'Communism and the Negro' the Negro reformist leaders—such as LESTER GRANGER, CHARLES S. JOHNSON (to say nothing of the miserable stoolpigeons such as MANNING JOHNSON) were not powerful enough or convincing enough in their views on this subject. This, despite the American bourgeoisie's all out efforts to control the Negro press through ads, or to meagerly give crumbs from its profit-laden tables for the support of such institutions as the reformists may lead."

She stated "The ever-present virus of 'white supremacy,' intensified national oppression, and the second class citizenship, plus intellectual integrity compelled Rev. Sandy Ray, one of the leading Negro religious leaders, the chairman of the Social Service Commission of the National Baptist Convention, to boldly declare, without apology, of the Jimcrow lynch system in the United States: 'We do, however, seek to overthrow an intangible empire which exists within our government and many of our institutions throughout the land. It is that empire which shelters injustice, oppressions, exploitation, segregation, discrimination, illwill and all of the inconsistencies which make for separation, tension and strife. It is against that empire that we wage our war. It is that empire that must be subdued if we are to have domestic peace and give effective leadership in world chaos.'"

In the "Daily Worker" of August 7, 1949 there appeared the third of the series of articles by CLAUDIA JONES. In this article the subject stated that the Un-American Activities Committee hearings were unsuccessful and boomeranged. She said, "They boomeranged, first, because the Negro question is itself 'the Achilles heel of American imperialism' in the words of the national chairman of the Communist Party, William Z. Foster. And because, the more they touch it, the more the imperialists are exposed for what they are: the oppressors of the Negro people, of the working class, the organizers of force and violence against the Negro people, the financiers of exploitation of six million Negroes and four million whites in the South, from which exploitation they wring the profits to stuff their coffers for the financing of an imperialist atomic war and domestic fascism!"

"The hearings boomeranged, for a second reason. And that is because

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"even as they utilized the old 'divide-and-rule' tactic, the eyes of 14,000,000 Negro Americans, the eyes of countless white Americans, the eyes of nationally and colonially oppressed peoples in Africa, the West Indies, and in Liberated China, the eyes of the New European Democracies, the eyes of the leader of the world democratic forces, the Soviet Union, were upon them.

"And thirdly, these hearings boomeranged because even among reformist Negro leaders, intellectual integrity and intensified national oppression pushes many of them to a clearer realization of the profound truth spoken by Frederick Douglass: 'Power concedes nothing without struggle.' "

b1 [REDACTED] advised that CLAUDIA JONES was observed with Mrs. EDNA WINSTON, wife of HENRY WINSTON, in the courtroom at the Communist Party trial, United States Court House, Foley Square, on September 21 and 22, 1949.

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Will [redacted] follow and report on Communist Party activity on the part of subject.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 4, 1950

FROM : SAC, San Juan

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SUBJECT: CLAUDIA JONES;  
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There is enclosed for the information of the Bureau and the New York Division a photostatic copy of a report submitted by the District Intelligence Officer, 10th Naval District, San Juan, pertaining to the forming of a new Communist group in Trinidad, British West Indies.

Because of the references in this report to liaison between Communists in the British West Indies and Communists in the United States, particularly in New York, this report is made available for correlation with information already on file.

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THE "DAILY WORKER" OF FEB. FOURTEEN QUOTES ABNER GREEN, EXEC. SECRETARY, ACPFB, AS STATING THAT INSTANT HEARING AGAINST CLAUDIA JONES, SECRETARY, NATIONAL WOMEN-S COMMISSION, CPUSA, HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY JUSTICE DEPT. WHEN "NEGRO HISTORY MONTH IS BEING CELEBRATED" AND "WE CONSIDER THIS ACTION IN UTTER CONTEMPT OF THE NEGRO PEOPLE AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN LIFE". INS, NY, ADVISED OF ABOVE INFO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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70 Columbus Avenue  
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File No. 0300-214438

Date Feb. 8, 1950

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DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Identification Division

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Please furnish a copy of any criminal record shown in the fingerprint records of your Bureau concerning the following person:

Name SCHOLNICK CLAUDIA VERA, nee CUMBERBATCH  
(Surname) (Given name) (Middle and other names)

Aliases JONES, Claudia

FBI No. 4805565 Alien Registration No. 5826629  
or Visa Application No.

Date of birth February 21 1915 Birthplace Trinidad, British West Indies  
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Town) (Country)

Marital status married Name of spouse Mrs. Nick Scholnick

Race Negro Color black Sex female Occupation-

Complexion Eyes brown Hair black Height 5'9" Weight 140

Visible marks mole on right cheek

Places of residence last 5 years (include street and number):

506 West 143 Street, New York, N Y  
104 W. 115th Street, New York, N Y

Places of employment last 5 years:

Communist Party, U.S.A., New York City

The subject is  An applicant for naturalization.  
 An applicant for a certificate of lawful entry.  
 deportation proceedings

NOTE: PREVIOUS NEGATIVE REPORT RECEIVED SEPTEMBER, 1948

Fingerprints are (not) attached.

Please mail the attached copy of this request with your reply to the address shown below.

*Jacob Auerbach*  
JACOB AUERBACH  
(Name of officer requesting report)

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(In duplicate)

Acting Chief, Expulsion Section  
(Title)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO  
SUBJECT: <sup>6</sup>CLAUDIA JONES, WAS.  
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DATE: March 20, 1950 <sup>6-1</sup>

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[REDACTED] reported no other information regarding the activities of this subject while present in the Chicago area.

For information.

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cc-New York

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II. REVIEW OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

A. Speaking Engagements Outside of New York

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B. Activities in the BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. Election Campaign.

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The "Daily Worker", East Coast Communist Party newspaper, of October 13, 1949, page 2, column 5, reported that CLAUDIA JONES, Secretary

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of the National Women's Commission of the Communist Party, would speak over Radio Station WMCA at New York, October 13, 1949, to urge the re-election of Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr.

The "Daily Worker", October 14, 1949, page 5, column 1, reported that CLAUDIA JONES in her speech over Radio Station WMCA on October 13, 1949, appealed to the women to register and to vote for Communist Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. It was stated that she spoke especially to women and called upon them to register in large numbers to unite to fight for better schools and an end to Jim Crow practices in the Harlem area. She criticized the Government, stating, "Our present armament loaded budget swells the profits of the realty boys, the big trusts who seek world domination, fascism and war".

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C. Summary of Information Regarding Deportation Proceedings

In the "Daily Worker", September 30, 1949, page 2, column 4, the following report concerning CLAUDIA JONES appeared:

"The Justice Department has been enjoined by Federal District Judge Hulbert from compelling Betty Gannett, national assistant organizational secretary of the Communist Party, and Claudia Jones, secretary of the Women's Commission of the Communist Party, to report weekly to Ellis Island, it was announced yesterday by Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born."

(c) [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that the deportation proceedings against CLAUDIA JONES were resumed on February 16, 1950. The informant revealed that following preliminary motions made by the counsel for CLAUDIA JONES, principally objecting to the venue of the court hearing the case, CHARLES BAXTER was presented as the first witness in this hearing. The informant advised that objections were made to testimony given by BAXTER by counsel for the

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defense in that the immediate hearing was adjourned indefinitely, following this, for examination of records.

In the "Daily Worker", February 6, 1950, page 4, column 4, it was reported that "George W. Crockett, Jr., noted Negro attorney of Detroit, has agreed to serve as counsel for Claudia Jones, prominent Communist leader, in the deportation proceedings against her, it was announced yesterday by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Crockett will serve as co-counsel with Carol King. Crockett was one of the defense attorneys in the trial of the 11 Communist leaders."

It was reported in this article that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, members of the National Committee of the Communist Party, were present at the Immigration and Naturalization hearing on February 16, 1950. It was reported that DAVIS and FLYNN denounced the procedure as "a kangaroo court and burlesque on organized justice." The article also stated: "the deportation proceedings against Miss Jones is a direct blow against the whole Negro people, against Negro women in particular and against West Indian Negroes. It is designed to throw a scare into the more than 100,000 West Indians who live in Harlem now."

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In an article in the "Daily Worker", February 4, 1950, page 4, column 2, an announcement of the above mentioned picket line appeared. The following was stated concerning the case of CLAUDIA JONES:

"Claudia Jones was arrested in January, 1948. It is strange that the Justice Department should arrange for her hearings now when Negro History Month is being celebrated, Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, stated. 'We consider this action in utter contempt of the Negro people and their contributions to American life. We consider it an insult to Miss Jones' contribution in the fight against Jimcrow and discrimination, to which she has devoted her life.'"

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D. Summary of Miscellaneous Communist Party Activities

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised CLAUDIA JONES was one of the principal speakers at a mass rally celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Communist Party, U.S.A., held in Madison Square Garden on the evening of September 15, 1949, under the auspices of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party.

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[redacted] advised that CLAUDIA JONES was introduced by ROBERT THOMPSON, Chairman of the rally and a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party. THOMPSON reportedly stated the following concerning CLAUDIA JONES in his introduction:

He introduced her as one of the "most beloved leaders of our Party" and Secretary of the National Women's Commission. The informant reported that CLAUDIA JONES excoriated "Fascists and reactionaries who garbed themselves in white robes or police uniforms." She condemned Governor Dewey for setting his "bear trap" of reaction to smear liberty loving people and true progressives who attended the PAUL ROBESON concert at Peekskill, New York. She stated women constitute a great force for progress in the election campaign and urged outright mobilization for the election of VITO MARCANTONIO and the election of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., to the New York City Council.

The informant reported that the subject spoke of the persecution of the West Indian people and bitterly denounced the Judd Bill which, she stated, would limit the entry of West Indians into the United States. She continued her speech by stating that she would continue to fight with all her strength not only for her American citizenship, but also for the citizenship of all the individuals presently subject to deportation.

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In the "Daily Worker", February 28, 1950, page 8, it was reported that CLAUDIA JONES, Secretary of the National Women's Commission of the Communist Party, was present at a reception given at the Hungarian International Workers' Hall in the Bronx, New York. This reception was given in connection with International Women's Day. It was reported that CLAUDIA JONES briefly spoke and stated that "we, in America, must speak humbly. Our fight is just beginning. But now all our women are speaking out for peace on a new basis. The threat is not only against women of the rest of the world, but also against American women." It will be noted that the International Workers' Order is declared by the Attorney General to come within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Will follow and report subject's activities as a member of the National Women's Commission, Communist Party, U.S.A.

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MEMO:

RE: *Claudia Jones*  
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The attached clipping is from page 175-7 of the book "Men Without Faces" by LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ.

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always the prelude to the renewal of an old line. In this case they forecast a return to the old tactic of stirring up widespread feeling about Negro discrimination. The legitimate hopes of the Negro people for a broadening of their opportunities are thus made the front for the Soviet program of dividing America. The reason for this sudden all-out campaign is stated by John Williamson for the Politburo: it is the comrades' reply to America's determination "to achieve domination of the world . . . and to unleash imperialist war against the Soviet Union, the People's Democracies and the freedom-striving colonial peoples."

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The Negro question showed, as clearly as anything else has done, their utter subservience to Moscow and their complete cynicism toward the colored man. Whenever the Soviet dictatorship's opposition to America was strong, as during the period of the Hitler-Stalin Pact, the Communists' cry for "Negro rights" reached a shrill height. In March of 1940 the party appealed to the Negro people to fight "against the imperialist war," and special men were dispatched into the big industrial areas—Detroit, in particular—to stir up racial differences. When Russia was attacked, the comrades immediately called upon the Negroes to make no demands!

Behind the scenes, the opposition to Negro rights was even more pronounced. I recall one meeting early in 1943 at which Alexander Bittelman sharply reprimanded the Communist Negro leader James Ford for suggesting that the issue of Negro discrimination be raised. Since Bittelman was recognized as the voice of Moscow, Ford humbly reversed himself and wrote an article, in accordance with his instructions, urging that Negroes resign their rights and proclaiming that "the defense of the Soviet Union" was above all other considerations.

It is a sign of the new times that the demand for the Negro republic was revived at the 1948 Communist Convention. There it was agreed, in effect, to return to this objective if and when the time seemed ripe. In a subsequent issue of *Political Affairs*, Claudia Jones, alien Negro Communist, presented a graphic description of the area to be covered by the projected republic. It included most of the southern states.

A new and intense campaign among the Negroes has now been inaugurated. By June, 1949, the party was convulsed with trials charging certain of its members with "white chauvinism"—an incorrect attitude toward the Negroes. This became a major concern, receiving the entire issue of *Political Affairs* for that month, though the offenses for which the comrades were tried, it was admitted, had existed for some time in the party. Trials of this sort are

Communist reports in all committee meetings.

Owing to Stalin's emphasis of the "national question," and to his command to arouse the "colonial peoples" against the United States along with the "workers," the chief of these groups, as far as Communist propaganda goes, is the Negro community. The thunder of revolutionary guns was scarcely stilled in Russia before American Communists were busily trying to sow discord among Negroes. Taking advantage of the Negro's legitimate complaints, the comrades began to raise the issue of "self-determination in the Black Belt."

When I joined the party in 1935, the Reds were still clamoring for the creation of a Negro republic, to be separated from the United States, by force if necessary. Many leading Negroes rightly denounced the proposal as putting them in a false and dangerous position; it was a cruel trick to sacrifice the Negro people to the propaganda needs of the Soviet dictatorship. But in 1936, when the Communists decided it was expedient to support Mr. Roosevelt

New York 7, New York

June 19, 1950

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MEMO:

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Martin Young, alias Leon Platt, whose real name was Leon Plotkin, was another of the valuable Reds in the conspiratorial apparatus. Claudia Jones and Ferdinand Smith, Negroes from Jamaica, have been held for deportation, the one a particularly successful operator among the Negro people and in underground activity; the other for a considerable time national secretary of the National Maritime Union, although an illegal alien. Smith has now left America. George Painsky, alias Nicoloff, whose real name is George Zykoff or Zikoff, has been a Moscow agent for about twenty-five years; he is now executive secretary of the subversive American Slav Congress, and was recently arrested for the second time for deportation. A close associate of Gebert in Detroit, he will be heard from again.

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FROM : SAC, New York

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 27, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was.  
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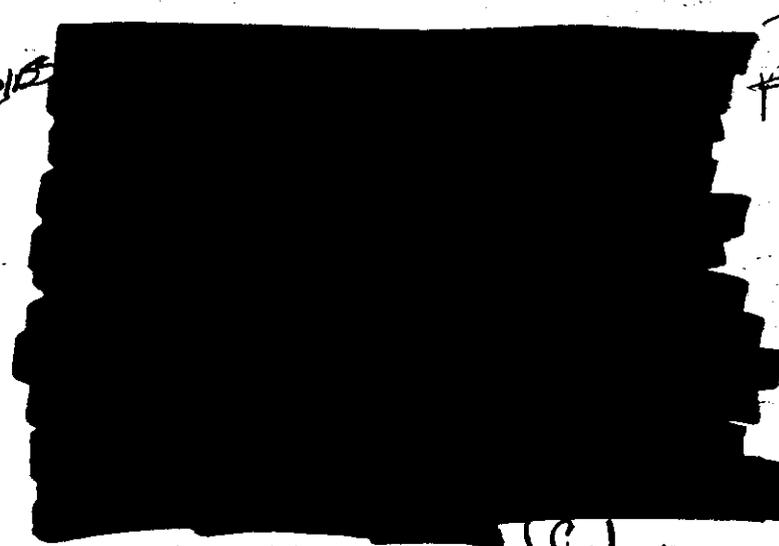
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**DETAILS:**

**I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT**

[REDACTED] advised that **CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, wa. CLAUDIA JONES**, continues to be employed at the National Headquarters of the Communist Party, 35 East 12th Street, New York City. She is the Secretary of the National Women's Commission of the Communist Party, USA. [REDACTED] advised that **CLAUDIA JONES** continues to reside at Apartment 6-A at 504 West 143rd Street, New York City.

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II. REVIEW OF CURRENT COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

A. Evidence of Communist Party Leadership

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B. Information Regarding Deportation Proceedings

Inspector T. AVERY of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, advised that on October 23, 1950, CLAUDIA JONES was arrested by agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service as an alien Communist in violation of Section 20 of the 1917 Act as amended by the Internal Security Act of 1950. The subject was arrested along with other alien Communists and was held without bail and was removed to Ellis Island, New York.

In the "Daily Worker," East Coast Communist newspaper, November 1, 1950, Page 2, Column 1, in an article by HARRY RAYMOND, "Daily Worker" staff correspondent, it was reported that "all non-citizens arrested in the McCarran Law raid were returned from Federal Court to Ellis Island yesterday as Judge JOHN F.X. MC GOHEY reserved decision on an application to continue them on bail until hearings are held on writs of habeas corpus." It also stated that CAROL KING was one of the attorneys for the 11 arrested alien Communists. 2

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Mrs. KING reportedly stated that the 11 had been arrested on exhausted warrants and that there was no provision in the McCarran Law requiring that bail should be lifted. "The Immigration authorities made raids on October 23rd in the wee hours of the morning and arrested persons who were already out on bail." Mrs. KING declared, "I want a single thing. I want bail."

bl [redacted] advised that CLAUDIA JONES was released on bail along with the other arrested alien Communists on a writ of habeas corpus on November 17, 1950.

In the "Daily Worker" November 28, 1950, Column 1, Page 2, it was reported that CLAUDIA JONES, who had just been released from Ellis Island, would be one of the guests at a mass rally against the McCarran Law to be held in Webster Hall, 119 East 11th Street, New York City, on November 28, 1950.

In the "Daily Worker" of November 22, 1950, Page 5, Column 1, there appeared a statement reportedly made by the Communists who were released from Ellis Island. This statement to the "Daily Worker" said, "Our release and those of the entire 16 Ellis Island victims was a victory for the preservation of the Bill of Rights. We take this opportunity to publicly thank the thousands who fought for our release—through protest actions, picketing and letters to the Attorney General. However, the fight against application of the McCarran Law to Americans of foreign birth and in turn to all Americans must continue."

"At this moment four victims are still being held on the West Coast Ellis Island—Terminal Island in Los Angeles; two victims are being held in Seattle, and one in Duluth, Minnesota. The fight for their release is urgent."

"Secondly, the Immigration Department under the Department of Justice is continuing to schedule and hold mass deportation hearings, 'mass production style' as another way to harass Americans of foreign birth who would fight for peace, security and equality."

"We express confidence that the American people, Negro and white, who revere peace, security and equality, will not only defeat this foul deportation hysteria, but will also succeed in the struggle to appeal the unconstitutional, un-American, pro-Fascist McCarran Law."

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b1. [redacted] advised that CLAUDIA JONES appeared at a hearing before the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, on December 21, 1950, and was at that time ordered to be deported to her native country, Trinidad, British West Indies. It was found that as an alien Communist she was in violation of Section 20 of the 1917 Act as amended by the Internal Security Act of 1950, and as such was deportable. Attorney CAROL KING represented CLAUDIA JONES at this hearing. Informant advised that in all probability this ruling will be appealed.

C. Review of Articles in the "Daily Worker"

In the "Worker," East Coast Sunday Communist newspaper, of April 9, 1950, Section 2, Page 11, Column 1, in the column, "Half the World," by CLAUDIA JONES, the subject criticized Superintendent of Public Schools, Dr. WILLIAM JANSEN, for his action in dismissing a Brooklyn school teacher for falsely testifying under oath concerning her political affiliations. The subject in this column stated that there were apparently two standards "for the kind of loyalty" that results in the firing of progressive teachers and the retaining of the fascist-minded, anti-labor, anti-Semitic, anti-Negro teachers." The subject continued in her article by presenting a critical summary of the public school system in New York. She charged that fascist-like teachers are permitted to work in the public school system, and that progressive teachers are fired. She continued that the "Catholic hierarchy and the Wall Street boys put profits above the health and welfare of the nation's schools." At the end of this column there was a notation that CLAUDIA JONES' column, "Half the World," will alternate weekly with a new column of comment, "Comradely Yours" by PEGGY DENNIS (wife of EUGENE DENNIS, Communist Party leader.)

In an article in the "Daily Worker" on April 30, 1950, Page 15, Column 1, CLAUDIA JONES wrote of the Women's Committee for Peace. She stated that American women share the world desire for peace. She reported that 25 peace committees have been organized and that it is anticipated that 100 peace committees will be organized with millions of signatures demanding the outlawing of the atomic bomb.

In her article, "Half the World," in the "Daily Worker" May 21, 1950, Page 11, Column 1, CLAUDIA JONES criticizes a recent statement made by President TRUMAN in which he announced that the United States would produce the hydrogen bomb. She said that billions of dollars are spent for armament in this country to destroy lives and questioned why this money could not be spent on health programs. She charged that the action of the Government was in contempt of the children of this country.

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In her column in the "Worker", Section 2, July 16, 1950, Page 8, Column 1, CLAUDIA JONES commented on the Korean war and the People's Army fighting for freedom in Korea. She said that "it is apparently difficult for reactionaries to grasp the fact that millions of formerly oppressed peoples, ground under their heels for centuries, are willing to fight and die for their convictions, for a fundamental change in their way of life—free of any foreign masters—including Wall Street." She stated that the leaders of the people who are opposing the People's Armies are corrupt and have been placed in their high position by the imperialist forces of the world. She likened this to the "composition of the stacked jury which falsely convicted the leaders of the Communist Party in Foley Square heresy trials for their political beliefs." She charged that the two Negro women jurors on this jury were "built up in the reactionary press with a view to bypassing the issue raised by the Communist defendants of the undemocratic jury system in the Southern District of New York."

She concluded by stating that these reactionary tactics have not been unobserved and that the Negro people are aware of them, and that they will continue to fight for a complete freedom and equality.

In the "Worker" for August 27, 1950, Page 8, Column 1; Section 2, CLAUDIA JONES, in her column "Half the World," reviews the activities of the conference held in Washington, D. C. August 8th, which resulted in the formation of the "American Women for Peace." She charged that approximately 1,000 women from 46 cities and 16 states, representing 80 organizations, convened in Washington "to raise their voices for peaceful mediation of the Korean conflict and for a public declaration by President TRUMAN and all Congressmen that the atomic bomb would not be used by our Government now in Korea or any place anywhere on earth." She charged that this peace delegation was harassed during its entire stay in Washington by Government officials. She said that "greeting the women at Union Station, Washington, D. C., was the largest assembled group of plainclothesmen FBI agents ever to meet a Washington delegation."

In the "Daily Worker" of November 8, 1950, Page 2, Column 1, there appeared a letter reportedly written by CLAUDIA JONES from Ellis Island. A review of this letter reveals that the subject attacked the press and Government officials who, she charged, were seeking to bring Fascism to the United States and to bring atomic warfare abroad. The subject took the occasion in this letter to review the reported work of the Communist Party in the fight for freedom for the American people, and in particular for freedom and equality for the Negro people in this country. She said that she was part of a mass struggle for human freedom. She criticized the delay in deportation proceedings and charged that the

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"the women of America to organize for peace; for the withdrawal of American forces from Korea; for the freedom of the 11 Communist leaders."

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Rebulet 2/12/51 requesting that Immigration and Naturalization Service be contacted to determine when the deportation ordered relative to captioned subject is to be made effective.

Miss HELEN MARGOLIS, Secretary to the Assistant Chief, Expulsion Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, advised that the complete file on subject has been forwarded to the central office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C. for review. The local office has not been advised by the central office of the decision reached in instant case. The local office of INS will advise this office upon receipt of this information from the central office.

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TITLE <b>CHANGED</b> <b>COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF;</b> <b>ISRAEL AMTER, was: Edward Spencer,</b> <b>Mr. Van Veen; MARION ABT BACHRACH;</b> <b>ISIDORE BEGUN, was: Isadore Begun,</b>		INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950; sec 3 - sec 5-1 OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT	
SYNOPSIS <b>ISIDORE BEGUN; ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, was:</b> Ralph V. Barnes, Asher Bittelmacher Uscher Bittelmacher, Alex Bittelman, Alexander Bittelman, Alex Bittleman, Alexander Bittleman, Ralph Nathan William Kweit, Alexander Raphael, Isadore Spilberg, Isidore Spilberg; GEORGE CHARNEY, was: George Blake, George Blake Charney; FRED MORRIS FINE, was: Morris Fein, Fred Koval - FUGITIVE; ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, wa: Mrs. John Archibald Jones; BETTY GANNETT, was: Betty Grayson, Betty McGuire, Betty Thorme, Mrs. James Thorme, Mrs. B. Tormey, Betty Tormey, Mrs. James Tormey, Betty Yaris, Betty Yaroshofsky, Rebecca Yaroshofsky, Rebeka Yaroszewaka, Rebeka Yaroszewska, Rifke Yawschewsky, Rifke Yawschewsky; SIMON WILLIAM GERSON, was: Si Gerson, Simon Gershoesky, Sy Gerson, Simon W. Gilson; Dr. JAMES EDWARD JACKSON, JR., wa: Dr. James R. Jackson - FUGITIVE; VICTOR JEREMY JEROME, was: V. I. Jerome, V. J. Jerome, Jerome Rohman, Jerome Rohrman, Isaac Romain, Jerome Romain, Jerome Isaac Romaine, Jerome Roman, Jerome Isaac Roman; ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON; ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON, was: Al Conway, Jack Conway, A. Freeman, Albert Francis Vatari, Albert Vetere, Francesco Alberto Vetere, Francesco V. Vetere, Albert Francis Vitari; WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON, was: Bill Norman, William Norman - FUGITIVE; Dr. JACOB MINDEL, was: Pop Mindel, A. Mindel, Dr. Jacob Mindell; PETTIS PERRY, was: Pettis Perry Mason, Willis Mason; CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was: Claudia Jones, Claude Cumberbatch, Claudia Vera Cumberbatch, Mrs. Nick Scholnick; SIDNEY STEINBERG, was: Sid Stein, Sidney Stein, Ovsujus Sarfsteinas - FUGITIVE; ALEXANDER LEO TRACHTENBERG; LOUIS WEINSTOCK, was: Louie V. Painter, Lajos Toth, Lajos Weinstock; WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE, was: William Weinstein, William Weiss Randolph			
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Synopsis:

Twenty-one complaints authorized by USA, SDNY, signed by a Special Agent, before US Commissioner, SDNY, on afternoon 6/19/51, charging individual subjects named in title with violation of Title 18, Section 11, (1946 ed.) and Title 18, Section 371, (1948 ed.), U.S. Code (Smith Act). Warrants issued. At approximately 7:30 A.M. 6/20/51, in simultaneous arrests, the following 16 were apprehended at their NY homes by FBI Agents: ISRAEL AMTER, MARION BACHRACH, ISIDORE BEGUN, ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, BETTY GANNETT, SIMON GERSON, VICTOR JEREMY JEROME, CLAUDIA JONES, ALBERT LANNON, JACOB MINDEL, PETTIS PERRY, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, LOUIS WEINSTOCK, WILLIAM WEINSTONE. ARNOLD JOHNSON arrested at Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Pittsburgh, Pa., 7:32 a.m. 6/20/51 by FBI Agents. FRED FINE, JAMES JACKSON, WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON and SIDNEY STEIN were not located at their residences on 6/20/51. Bench warrants issued and immediate fugitive investigation instituted looking towards their apprehension. Grand Jury, SDNY, at 10 a.m., 6/20/51, returned conspiracy indictment naming the 21 listed in title as in violation of Section 3 of the Smith Act, 54 Stat. 671, USC. (1946 ed.) Section 11 and Title 18 USC. (1948 ed.) Section 371. Wording of indictment set out. The 16 arrested in NY were arraigned before USC beginning 11 a.m. 6/20/51. BITTELMAN, JONES and GANNETT held in \$30,000 bail, MINDEL \$7500; AMTER released in custody of his attorney ABRAHAM UNGER. Remainder held in \$15000 bail. The 16 at 2:30 p.m. 6/20/51, brought before Judge

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SAMUEL KAUFMAN, SDNY, who reduced bail, setting it at \$20,000 each for BITTELMAN, JONES and GANNETT, \$5,000 for MINDEL, and \$1,000 for AMTER, who was released in the custody of attorney until 6/22/51. Bail for remaining 11 set at \$10,000. All remanded to US Marshal. 6/29/51 set as date for pleading on indictment. ARNOLD JOHNSON arraigned 10:15 a.m. before USC, Western District Pa., who set bail at \$15,000. Continued hearing until 6/22/51, at which time hearing again continued until 6/25/51 at request JOHNSON'S Pittsburgh attorney. On 6/25/51, Judge OWEN M. BURNS, Western District of Pa., denied application for reduction of JOHNSON'S bail and ordered him removed to SDNY for pleading. On 6/28/51, Judge S. RYAN, SDNY, reduced JOHNSON'S bail to \$10,000 and held him for pleading 6/29/51, at which time Judge RYAN denied defendants' request for an extended continuance but did postpone date for pleading until 7/3/51, and refused application for reduction of bail. All defendants released on bail by 6/29/51.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is marked changed to indicate the addition of the following individual subjects:

ISRAEL AMTER, with aliases: Edward Spencer,  
Mr. Van Veen

MARION ABT BACHRACH

ISIDORE BEGUN, with aliases: Isadore Begun,  
Izzy Begun

ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, with aliases: Ralph V. Barnes, Asher Bittelmacher, Uscher Bittelmacher, Alex Bittelman, Alexander Bittelmann, Alex Bittleman, Alexander Bittleman, Ralph Nathan William Kweit, Alexander Raphael, Isadore Spilberg, Isidore Spilberg

GEORGE CHARNEY, with aliases: George Blake,  
George Blake Charney

FRED MORRIS FINE, with aliases: Morris Foin,  
Fred Koval

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, with alias: Mrs. John Archibald Jones

BETTY GANNETT, with aliases: Betty Grayson, Betty McGuire, Betty Thorne, Mrs. James Thorne, Mrs. B. Tormey, Betty Tormey, Mrs. James Tormey, Betty Yaris, Betty Yaroshofsky, Rebecca Yaroshofsky, Rebeka Yaroszewaka, Rebeka Yaroszewska, Rifke Yawschewsky, Rifke Yawshowsky

SIMON WILLIAM GERSON, with aliases: Si Gerson, Simon Gershoesky, Sy Gerson, Simon W. Gilson

DR. JAMES EDWARD JACKSON, Jr., with alias: Dr. James R. Jackson

VICTOR JEREMY JEROME, with aliases: V. I. Jerome, V. J. Jerome, Jerome Rohman, Jerome Rohrman, Isaac Romain, Jerome Romain, Jerome Isaac Romaino, Jerome Roman, Jerome Isaac Roman

ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON

ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON, with aliases: Al Conway, Jack Conway, A. Freeman, Albert Francis Vatari, Albert Vetere, Francesco Alberto Vetere, Francesco V. Vetere, Albert Francis Vitari

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WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON, with aliases: Bill  
Norman, William Norman  
Dr. JACOB MINDEL, with aliases: Pop Mindol,  
A. Mindel, Dr. Jacob Mindell  
PETTIS PERRY, with aliases: Pottis Perry  
Mason, Willis Mason  
CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, with aliases: Claudia  
Jonas, Claude Cumberbatch, Claudia Vera Cumberbatch,  
Mrs. Nick Scholnick  
SIDNEY STEINBERG, with aliases: Sid Stein,  
Sidney Stein, Ovsujus Sarfsteinas  
ALEXANDER LEO TRACHTENBERG  
LOUIS WEINSTOCK, with aliases: Louie V.  
Painter, Lajos Toth, Lajos Weinstock  
WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE, with aliases:  
William Weinstein, William Weiss Randolph

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PROSECUTIVE ACTION

Assistant United States Attorney ROY M. COHN, Southern District of New York, advised that on May 21, 1951, an Extra Grand Jury began meeting in the Southern District of New York for the purpose of investigating subversive activities and espionage.

Complaints

On June 19, 1951, United States Attorney IRVING H. SAYPOL and Assistant United States Attorney ROY M. COHN, Southern District of New York, authorized the filing of complaints before United States Commissioner EDWARD W. McDONALD, charging violation of Title 18, Section 11 (1946 ed.) and Title 18, Section 371 (1948 ed.), United States Code. Twenty-one complaints were signed June 19, 1950 by SA RUSSELL S. GARNER before Commissioner McDONALD and warrants were issued. Complaints and warrants were sealed by the Commissioner and copies given to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These complaints were against the following subjects:

ISRAEL AMTER  
MARION ABT BACHRACH  
ISIDORE BEGUN  
ALEXANDER BITTELMAN  
GEORGE CHARNEY  
FRED MORRIS FINE  
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN  
BETTY GANNETT  
SIMON WILLIAM GERSON  
DR. JAMES EDWARD JACKSON  
VICTOR JEREMY JEROME  
ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON  
ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON  
WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON  
DR. JACOB MINDEL  
PETTIS PERRY  
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SIDNEY STEINBERG  
ALEXANDER LEO TRACHTENBERG  
LOUIS WEINSTOCK  
WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE

The complaint against ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN  
alleged:

"RUSSELL S. GARNER, being duly sworn deposes and says, that he is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that, on information and belief,

"From on or about April 1, 1945, up to the date of the filing of this complaint, in the Southern District of New York, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, the defendant herein, did unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly conspire with EUGENE DENNIS, a co-conspirator, but not a defendant herein, and with other persons, to violate 18 U.S.C. 10 (1946 ed.) and 18 U.S.C. 2385 (1948 ed.), in that they would, unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly, teach and advocate the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence.

"The sources of deponent's information and the grounds of his belief are investigations made by him in the course of his official duties.

"OVERT ACT

"1. In pursuance of said conspiracy, and to further the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about August 2, 1948, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, the defendant herein, did participate in a meeting at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York, New York (18 U.S.C. 11 (1946 ed.), and 18 U.S.C. 371 (1948 ed.))

"WHEREFORE, deponent prays that a warrant may issue for the apprehension of the above-named defendants and that they may be arrested and imprisoned, or bailed, as the case may be."

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The complaints against the remaining twenty were all worded in the following manner as set out in the complaint against ISRAEL AMTER, with the exception that in each of the others the name of another individual subject was substituted for that of AMTER:

"RUSSELL S. GARNER, being duly sworn deposes and says, that he is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that, on information and belief,

"From on or about April 1, 1945, up to the date of the filing of this complaint, in the Southern District of New York, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and ISRAEL AMTER, defendants herein, did unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly conspire with each other and with other persons, to violate 18 U.S.C. 10 (1946 ed.) and 18 U.S.C. 2385 (1948 ed.), in that they would, unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly, teach and advocate the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence.

"The sources of deponent's information and the grounds of his belief are investigations made by him in the course of his official duties.

"OVERT ACT

"1. In pursuance of said conspiracy, and to further the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about August 2, 1948, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a defendant herein, did participate in a meeting at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York, New York (18 U.S.C. 11 (1946 ed.) and 18 U.S.C. 371 (1948 ed.)).

"WHEREFORE, deponent prays that a warrant may issue for the apprehension of the above-named defendants and that they may be arrested and imprisoned or bailed, as the case may be."

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Arrests

Pursuant to the warrants issued, simultaneous arrests were effected at approximately 7:30 a.m., June 20, 1951, at the New York City residences of the following:

MARION BACHRACH  
ISIDORE BEGUN  
GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY  
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN  
BETTY GANNETT  
SIMON GERSON  
VICTOR J. JEROME  
CLAUDIA JONES  
ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON  
DR. JACOB MINDEL  
PETTIS PERRY  
ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG  
LOUIS WEINSTOCK  
WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE

The arrest of ISRAEL AMTER was effected at his residence at Newburgh, New York, at 7:30 a.m., June 20, 1951.

The arrest of ALEXANDER BITTELMAN was effected at his residence at Croton-on-Hudson, at 7:30 a.m., June 20, 1951.

The arrest of ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON was effected at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at 7:32 a.m., June 20, 1951.

All arrests were made by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Subjects FRED FINE, Dr. JAMES JACKSON, WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON and SIDNEY STEIN were not found at their residences on June 20, 1951, and immediate fugitive investigation was instituted looking toward their apprehension.

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Grand Jury Indictment

Assistant United States Attorney ROY M. COHN, Southern District of New York, advised that at 10 a.m., June 20, 1951, an Extra Grand Jury which began its meetings on May 21, 1951, handed up an indictment in Open Court to United States District Judge SAMUEL KAUFMAN, Southern District of New York, naming the twenty-one listed above as in violation of Section 3 of the Smith Act, 54 Stat. 671, 18 U.S.C. (1946), 11 and Title 18, U.S.C. (1948 ed.) Section 371.

The Grand Jury Charged:

"1. From on or about April 1, 1945, and continuously thereafter up to and including the date of the filing of this indictment, in the Southern District of New York, and elsewhere, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, JAMES E. JACKSON, PETTIS PERRY, SIDNEY STEIN, CLAUDIA JONES, FRED FINE, ALEXANDER BITTELIAN, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, VICTOR JEREMY JEROME, ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON, MARION BACHRACH, LOUIS WEINSTOCK, ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON, BETTY GANNETT, JACOB MINDEL, WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE, ISRAEL AMTER, WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON, ISIDORE BEGUN, SIMON WILLIAM GERSON and GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, the defendants herein, unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly, did conspire with each other and with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, EUGENE DENNIS, also known as Francis X. Waldron, Jr., JOHN B. WILLIAMSON, JACOB STACHEL, ROBERT G. THOMPSON, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., HENRY WINSTON, JOHN GATES, also known as Israel Regenstreif, IRVING POTASH, GILBERG GREEN, CARL WINTER and GUS HALL, also known as Arno Gust Halberg, co-conspirators but no defendants herein, and with divers other persons to the Grand Jurors unknown, to commit offenses against the United States prohibited by Section 2 of the Smith Act, 54 Stat. 671, 18 U.S.C. (1946 ed.) Section 10 and 18 U.S.C. (1948 ed.) Section 2385, by so conspiring (1) unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly, to advocate and teach the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence; and (2) unlawfully, wilfully, and

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"knowingly, to organize and help to organize as the Communist Party of the United States of America a society, group and assembly of persons who teach and advocate the overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States by force and violence.

"2. It was part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would in the spring and summer of 1945, in the Southern District of New York, themselves participate, and induce others to participate, in the dissolution of the Communist Political Association and the organization of the Communist Party of the United States of America as a society, group and assembly of persons to teach and advocate the Marxist-Leninist principles of the overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States by force and violence.

"3. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would become members, officers, and functionaries of said Party, knowing the purposes of the Party, and in such capacities, would assume leadership of said Party and responsibility for carrying out its policies and activities, up to and including the date of the filing of this indictment.

"4. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would cause to be organized Clubs and District and State units of said Party, and would recruit and encourage recruitment of members of said Party, concentrating on recruiting persons employed in key industries and plants.

"5. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would conduct and cause to be conducted schools and classes for indoctrination in the principles of Marxism-Leninism in which would be taught and advocated the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence as speedily as circumstances permit.

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"6. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would publish and circulate and cause to be published and circulated, books, articles, magazines, and newspapers teaching and advocating the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence.

"7. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would write and cause to be written articles and directives in publications of the Communist Party of the United States of America, including but not limited to, 'Political Affairs,' 'Morning Freiheit,' 'Daily Worker,' and 'The Worker,' teaching and advocating the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence.

"8. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would agree upon and carry into effect detailed plans for the vital parts of the Communist Party of the United States of America to go underground in the event of emergency, and from said underground position, to continue in all respects the conspiracy described in Paragraph "1".

"9. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would do other and further things to conceal the existence and operations of said conspiracy.

"OVERT ACTS

"1. In pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about September 16, 1949, BETTY GANNETT, a defendant herein, delivered a report on the 'Organization for Struggle' at a meeting of the National Committee, Communist Party of the United States of America.

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"2. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about October 1, 1949, PETTIS PERRY, a defendant herein, did leave 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York.

"3. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about September, 1949, ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated through 'Political Affairs.'

"4. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about August, 1950, ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated through 'Political Affairs.'

"5. In further pursuance of said conspiracy, and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about August 1, 1948, WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON, a defendant herein, did attend and participate in a meeting held at Lodge 500, International Workers Order Hall, 77 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

"6. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about March 1951, ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated through 'Political Affairs.'

"7. In further pursuance of the said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about September 1, 1949, MARION BACHRACH, a defendant herein, did prepare the contents for and did mail approximately fifty envelopes from 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York.

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"8. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about February, 1951, BETTY GANNETT, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated through 'Political Affairs.'

"9. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, on or about February 26, 1951, in the Southern District of New York, WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON, a defendant herein, did prepare and issue a directive and cause it to be circulated.

"10. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about June 27, 1948, WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE, a defendant herein, did issue a directive concerning teaching of Marxism-Leninism, and cause it to be circulated.

"11. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about July 18, 1948, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, a defendant herein, did attend and participate in a meeting.

"12. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about August 2, 1948, SIDNEY STEIN, a defendant herein, did participate in the demotion and expulsion of MAX BEDACHT from the Communist Party as an anti-Marxist-Leninist.

"13. In further pursuance of the said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about August 15, 1948, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, a defendant herein, did participate in and report on the expulsion of Max Bedacht from the Communist Party as an anti-Marxist-Leninist.

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"14. In further pursuance of the said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about September 1, 1949, ISIDORE BEGUN, a defendant herein, did attend and participate in a meeting.

"15. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about August 2, 1948, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a defendant herein, did participate in a meeting at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York, New York.

"16. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about April, 1951, BETTY GANNETT, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated through 'Political Affairs.'

"17. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in Detroit, Michigan, in or about July, 1949, JAMES E. JACKSON, a defendant herein, did participate in a meeting at the Civic Center, Detroit, Michigan.

"18. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about January, 1949, MARION BACHRACH, a defendant herein, did write and cause to be published a pamphlet.

"19. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about December 27, 1950, SIMON WILLIAM GERSON, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated.

"20. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about April, 1950, LOUIS WEINSTOCK, a defendant herein, did teach at the Jefferson School of Social Science, New York, New York.

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"21. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about July, 1948, ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated through 'Political Affairs.'

"22. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about February, 1951, VICTOR JEREMY JEROME, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated through 'Political Affairs.'

"23. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about January, 1951, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated through 'Political Affairs.'

"24. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about May, 1951, SIDNEY STEIN, a defendant herein, and JOHN WILLIAMSON, a co-conspirator herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated through 'Political Affairs.'

"25. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, on or about May 10, 1950, WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated.

"26. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about March, 1950, CLAUDIA JONES, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated through 'Political Affairs.'

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"27. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Southern District of New York, in or about August, 1948, FRED FINE, a defendant herein, did issue a directive and cause it to be circulated through 'Political Affairs.'

"28. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in Detroit, Michigan, on or about February 16, 1950, JAMES E. JACKSON, a defendant herein, participated in a Communist Party class on revolution at 2419 River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

"29. In further pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in Detroit, Michigan, on or about September 10, 1948, JAMES E. JACKSON, a defendant herein, became section organizer of the Dearborn Auto Section of the Communist Party and assumed responsibility for the Party's auto industry concentration program there.

"In violation of Section 3 of the Smith Act, 54 Stat. 671, 18 U.S.C. (1946 ed.) Section 11 and 18 U.S.C. (1948 ed.) Section 371."

Following the indictment, United States Attorney IRVING H. SAYPOL, on June 20, 1951, obtained from the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on authority of JOHN C. KNOX, Chief Judge, bench warrants against FRED FINE, JAMES JACKSON, WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON and SIDNEY STEIN based on the indictment.

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Arraignment

The sixteen arrested in New York, after being photographed, fingerprinted, given an opportunity to make a statement, and consulted by the attending physician, Dr. MICHAEL HORAN, JR., of 1185 Park Avenue, New York City, were arraigned before United States Commissioner EDWARD W. McDONALD, Southern District of New York, in groups of three, beginning at 11 a.m., June 20, 1951, at the request of the United States Attorney. ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, CLAUDIA JONES, and BETTY GANNETT were held in \$30,000 bail. JACOB MINDEL was held in \$7500 bail, and ISRAEL AMTER was released in the custody of his attorney, ABRAHAM UNGER, 11 Park Place, New York City. The remaining eleven were held in \$15,000 bail. United States Attorney SAYPOL and Assistant United States Attorney COHN were present. Attorney HARRY SACHER represented defendant WEINSTOCK, and ABRAHAM UNGER and DAVID FREEDMAN, of the law firm of Freedman and Unger, represented the remainder.

The same sixteen were brought before United States District Judge SAMUEL KAUFMAN, Southern District of New York, at 2:30 p.m., June 20, 1951. Judge KAUFMAN reduced bail, setting \$20,000 each for BITTELMAN, GANNETT and JONES, \$5,000 for MINDEL, and \$1,000 for AMTER, who was continued paroled in the custody of his attorney until June 22, 1951. Bail for the remaining eleven was set at \$10,000. All were remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal, Southern District of New York.

Judge KAUFMAN, at the above-mentioned sitting, set June 29, 1951, as the date for pleading on the indictment.

Subject ARNOLD JOHNSON was arraigned before United States Commissioner EDWARD SNODGRASS, Jr., Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in proceedings which began at approximately 10:15 a.m., June 20, 1951 and were concluded

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at 11:30 a.m. that morning. United States Attorney EDWARD C. BOYLE, Western District of Pennsylvania, was present. JOHNSON was held in \$15,000 bail and remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal, Pittsburgh, for lodging in the Allegheny County Jail. Commissioner SNODGRASS continued the hearing until 2 p.m., June 22, 1951. JOHNSON was represented by his Pittsburgh attorney, HYMEN SCHLESINGER.

On June 22, 1951, United States Commissioner SNODGRASS again continued the hearing until 2 p.m., June 25, 1951, at the request of JOHNSON'S attorney, HYMEN SCHLESINGER, who stated that his co-counsel, JOHN McTERNAN and BASIL POLLITT, of Pittsburgh, were occupied in another matter and had no opportunity to confer with JOHNSON. JOHNSON was continued in custody.

On June 25, 1951, JOHNSON again appeared before United States Commissioner SNODGRASS at 2:15 p.m. and was ordered by the Commissioner to appear before the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, for removal hearing. Attorney SCHLESINGER stated that JOHNSON would not contest removal but refused to allow JOHNSON to sign waiver of removal. At 2:45 p.m., June 25, 1951, JOHNSON was brought before OWEN M. BURNS, United States District Judge, Western District of Pennsylvania, who signed an order of removal to the Southern District of New York after establishing that there was no question as to JOHNSON'S identity. Judge BURNS denied JOHNSON'S application for a reduction of bail, continuing it at \$15,000.

United States Attorney EDWARD C. BOYLE, Western District of Pennsylvania, requested the United States Marshal at Pittsburgh to remove JOHNSON to the Southern District of New York, by June 29, 1951, the date set for pleading. On June 28, 1951, JOHNSON was brought before United States District Judge SYLVESTER RYAN, Southern District of New York, and upon the recommendation of United States Attorney SAYPOL, was held in \$10,000 bond for pleading on June 29, 1951.

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Bail

On the afternoon of June 20, 1951, FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD, as a Trustee of the Bail Fund of the Civil Rights Congress tendered negotiable Government bonds as bail for ISRAEL AMTER, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, CLAUDIA JONES and JACOB MINDEL. The United States Attorney refused to accept the tender on the grounds that it did not conform with Federal rules and practices requiring justification of surety.

On June 21, 1951, Judge SAMUEL KAUFMAN, Southern District of New York, denied a motion by the firm of Unger and Freedman in the form of an order directed against the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, to show cause why he should not accept the bail bonds tendered by the Civil Rights Congress. The order was accompanied by an affidavit made by Attorney ABRAHAM UNGER, charging that the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, had placed illegal conditions on the acceptance of the bonds tendered and was retaliating against the District Court's action in reducing the bail set by the United States Commissioner.

It is noted that the Civil Rights Congress has been declared by the Attorney General to be an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

Judge KAUFMAN, in denying the motion from the bench, expressed grave doubt as to the ownership of the securities tendered and the validity of the trust agreement between the Civil Rights Congress and the depositors of the bonds in the Bail Fund.

Appeal from this decision was taken to the Circuit Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit Court, and on June 22, 1951, that Court, with Judges LEARNED HAND, A. N. HAND, and JEROME FRANK sitting, heard argument,

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after which United States Attorney SAYPOL agreed provisionally to accept the Government bonds offered as bail by the Civil Rights Congress. It was stipulated by defense counsel MARY KAUFMAN that the United States Government might begin such further action as it saw fit in the matter of the acceptance of the bail offered by the Civil Rights Congress Bail Fund in the District Court, at its discretion. The Court so ordered.

Following this agreement by the United States Attorney, the Trustees of the Bail Fund of the Civil Rights Congress on June 22, 1951, posted bond of \$10,000 for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, \$20,000 for CLAUDIA JONES, and \$1,000 for ISRAEL AMTER, the latter having been released on June 20, 1951, in the custody of his attorney until June 22, 1951. Cash bail in the amount of \$5,000 was previously posted on June 21, 1951 by FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD for JACOB MINDEL.

On June 21, 1951, Judge SIDNEY SUGARMAN, Southern District of New York, signed a writ of habeas corpus, returnable forthwith, before Judge SAMUEL KAUFMAN, Southern District of New York, for the purpose of considering reduction of bail. The writ was obtained by Attorney HAROLD CAMMER, of the law firm of Witt and Cammer, on behalf of defendants BACHRACH, BEGUN, BITTELMAN, CHARNEY, GANNETT, GERSON, JEROME, LANNON, PERRY, TRACHTENBERG, WEINSTOCK and WEINSTONE. Judge KAUFMAN later that day refused to make a further reduction of bail and dismissed the writ.

Appeal from this dismissal was immediately taken to the Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit Court, and on June 22, 1951, Judge JEROME FRANK held that a full Court of the Court of Appeals must hear such an appeal.

On June 27, 1951, the Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, with Judges THOMAS SWAN, LEARNED HAND, and A. N. HAND sitting, denied the appeal.

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Attorney HAROLD CAMMER argued on behalf of ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, VICTOR JEROME, ALBERT LANNON, LOUIS WEINSTOCK and WILLIAM WEINSTONE. Attorney MARY KAUFMAN represented MARION BACHRACH and BETTY GANNETT. Attorney PAUL KERN represented SIMON GERSON and attorney MICHAEL I. BEGUN, who disavowed any Communist sympathies, appeared on behalf on his relative, ISIDORE BEGUN.

On June 25, 1951, subjects PETTIS PERRY and ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG were each released on \$10,000 bond posted by the Trustees of the Bail Fund of the Civil Rights Congress.

On June 28, 1951, subjects SIMON GERSON, ALBERT LANNON and LOUIS WEINSTOCK were released on \$10,000 bond each. On the same day, BETTY GANNETT and ALEXANDER BITTELMAN were released on \$20,000 bond each. Bond in each instance was posted by the Trustees of the Bail Fund of the Civil Rights Congress.

On June 28, 1951, subject MARION BACHRACH was released on \$10,000 bond posted by her mother, MILDRED ABT, 141 East 56th Street, New York City.

On June 29, 1951, Judge SYLVESTER RYAN, Southern District of New York, denied an application by attorney BEGUN on behalf of defendant BEGUN for reduction of the latter's bail to \$2500.

On June 29, 1951, defendants GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, WILLIAM WEINSTONE, ISIDORE BEGUN, VICTOR JEROME and ARNOLD JOHNSON were each released on \$10,000 bond posted by the Bail Fund of the Civil Rights Congress.

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Pleadings

On June 29, 1951, the seventeen defendants who were arrested June 20, 1951, appeared before Judge SYLVESTER RYAN, Southern District of New York, at which time HAROLD CAMMER, attorney, 9 East 40th Street, New York City, represented all while MICHAEL I. BEGUN, attorney, 370 7th Avenue, as co-counsel, represented only ISIDORE BEGUN.

Judge RYAN refused the attorneys' request for an extended postponement of the proceedings on the ground that the defendants had not had an opportunity to obtain counsel.

The Judge did continue the matter for pleading until 10:30 a.m., July 3, 1951, stating that there would be no further postponement. He assigned CAMMER as attorney to represent the seventeen defendants including BEGUN. The Judge assigned attorney BEGUN as co-counsel to represent defendant BEGUN.

He ordered the attorneys to appear before him July 3, 1951 to act as attorneys in the matter unless defendants had secured other attorneys of record prior to that time, in which event he would release CAMMER and BEGUN from their assignment.

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Attached for the Bureau are two copies each of photographs of each of the seventeen Communist Party leaders who were indicted and apprehended on 6/20/51.

Attached to copies of this letter for all Continental Offices are two copies and descriptions of each of the seventeen. The photographs were all taken on 6/20/51 with the exception of that of JOHNSON, which photograph was taken in 1949.

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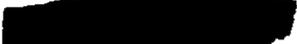
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Enclosed herewith are four copies of a memo containing a brief summary background on captioned subject. There are also enclosed two negatives and four photographs of the subject taken at the time of her apprehension in NYC on 6/20/51.

It is noted that the date of birth has been given in this memo as 2/21/15. This corresponds with the date given in the previous Bureau press release on the subject. The date of birth for CLAUDIA JONES has been given as 2/21/15 and 2/25/16. Officials of INS state they have not determined which date is correct. The date given in 1924 upon her arrival in NY from Trinidad, B.W.I. is 2/25/16. This date was also given when she entered the public schools in NYC in 1924. At subsequent hearings before INS she has stated that she was born on 2/21/15. She gave this date of birth when apprehended in NYC on 6/20/51.

It is also noted that the name, MRS. ABRAHAM SCHOLNICK has been added to the list of names subject has used. ABRAHAM SCHOLNICK is the name given by her husband on the marriage license records. The subject has used the name MRS. NICK SCHOLNICK, NICK being the name her husband commonly uses.

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CLAUDIA JONES, also known as  
Claudia Vera Cumberbatch,  
Claude Cumberbatch, Claudia Vera  
Scholnick, Mrs. Abraham Scholnick,  
Mrs. Nick Scholnick.

CLAUDIA JONES resides at 504 West 143d Street, New York City. She is the Secretary of the National Women's Commission and a member of the Alternate National Committee of the Communist Party, USA. CLAUDIA JONES has been active in the Communist Movement since 1938. She was a member of a National Committee of the Party from 1945 to 1948.

CLAUDIA JONES is a British subject. She was born in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, B. W. I. She claims to have been born on February 21, 1915.

CLAUDIA JONES arrived in New York from Trinidad, B. W. I. on February 9, 1924. She was accompanied by an aunt, ALICE GLASGOW, and three sisters, LINDSAY CUMBERBATCH, IRENE CUMBERBATCH and SYLVIA CUMBERBATCH. Her parents, CHARLES CUMBERBATCH and SYBIL LOGAN CUMBERBATCH, were born in Trinidad, B. W. I.

CLAUDIA JONES attended Public School No. 136 and in 1935 she was graduated from Wadleigh High School, New York City. She married ABRAHAM SCHOLNICK, white, native born New Yorker, on September 15, 1940.

CLAUDIA JONES was arrested by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on October 23, 1950, in New York City, as an alien Communist. She was afforded a deportation hearing and on December 21, 1950, was ordered deported to her native country, Trinidad, B. W. I. Her case at the present time is still pending with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

As Secretary of the National Women's Commission, Communist Party, USA, it has been her duty to coordinate the Party's activities in organizing Communist Party women's activities throughout the United States. CLAUDIA JONES has stated that she attributes her "success" in the Party to her diligent work, speaking and preparing literature for the Party. She contends that "the science of Marxism-Leninism" holds the key to the "ultimate liberation of women in a Socialist society."

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The following is a description of CLAUDIA JONES:

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Sex:	Female
Age:	36
Birth date:	February 21, 1915
Birthplace:	Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, B. W. I.
Citizenship:	Great Britain
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	140 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black, usually wears it in an upsweep
Complexion:	Medium brown
Scars and Marks:	Mole on right cheek
Characteristics:	Well-dressed; presents neat appearance
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I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Birth Data

CLAUDIA JONES has listed two different birthdates; February 25, 1916 at Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies, and February 21, 1915 at Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies. The subject's father's name is CHARLES CUMBERBATCH and her mother's maiden name was SYBIL LOGAN. Both parents were born in Trinidad, British West Indies. The exact date of birth for the subject has not been established.

Exhibit #1: *Cumberbatch*  
 Records of  
 Immigration and  
 Naturalization  
 Service  
 U.S. Department  
 of Justice.

For description of this and all other exhibits see Appendix II.

Witness to  
 Introduce: Commissioner,  
 INS, U.S.  
 Department of  
 Justice

For description of this and all other witnesses see Appendix I.

The subject's date of birth was given as February 25, 1916, Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies, on February 18, 1924.

Exhibit #2: Records of  
 Public School  
 #136, New York  
 City School

Witness to  
 Introduce: Superintendent,  
 New York City  
 Public Schools

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B. Naturalization

According to Manifest #7888, page thirteen, line six, the subject arrived in New York City from Port of Spain, British West Indies, aboard the SS VOLTAIRE on February 9, 1924. She entered the United States under the name of CLAUDE CUMBERBATCH. She was accompanied by an aunt, ALICE GLASGOW, and three sisters; ~~LINDSAY CUMBERBATCH~~, age three; ~~IRENE CUMBERBATCH~~, age five, and ~~SYLVIA CUMBERBATCH~~, age nine. Her last permanent residence was 13 Robert Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies. Her destination in New York was 454 West St. Michael's Avenue, New York City, where she was to reside with her father, CHARLES CUMBERBATCH.

The subject was arrested on January 20, 1948 on a warrant issued by the INS on charges that the 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 subject was arrested a second time by the INS on October 23, 1950 as an Alien Communist in violation of Section 20 of the 1917 Act as amended by the Internal Security Act of 1950.

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The subject was ordered to be deported to her native country, Trinidad, British West Indies, on the completion of hearings held at the INS, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, on December 21, 1950. It was found that as an Alien Communist she was in violation of Section 20 of the 1917 Act as amended by the Internal Security Act of 1950 and as such was deportable.

The deportation of the subject is at the present time pending and she continues to reside at 504 West 143rd Street, Apartment 6-A, New York City.

Exhibit #1: Records of the  
INS, U.S.  
Department of  
Justice

Witness to  
Introduce: Commissioner,  
INS, U.S.  
Department of  
Justice

C. Education

The subject entered New York City public schools on February 18, 1924 in the fourth grade. The school records reflect that she had previously attended school at Trinidad, British West Indies. She was graduated from the Public School #136 on January 31, 1930. She then entered Wadleigh High School in New York City on February 1, 1930. The subject was graduated from Wadleigh High School in June, 1935.

Exhibit #2: Records of  
Public School  
#136, New  
York City  
Schools

Witness to  
Introduce: Superintendent,  
New York City  
Public Schools

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D. Marital Status

The Marriage License Records, Borough of Manhattan, under Certificate #15913 reveals the following:

~~ABRAHAM SCHOLNICK~~, white, age thirty-one, ~~born in New York City~~, residing at 479 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn, employed as a bakery factory worker; parents ~~ADOLPH SCHOLNICK~~, born in Russia and ~~PAULINE KIRSCHNER SCHOLNICK~~, born in Russia.

CLAUDIA CUMBERBATCH, colored, age twenty-five, born in Trinidad, British West Indies, residing at 229 West 122nd Street, New York City, occupation, typist; parents, CHARLES CUMBERBATCH, born in British West Indies and SYBIL LOGAN CUMBERBATCH, born in British West Indies. The Certificate reflected that it was the first marriage for both SCHOLNICK and CUMBERBATCH.

The records reflect that ABRAHAM SCHOLNICK and CLAUDIA CUMBERBATCH were married on September 15, 1940. by Reverend THEOPHILUS J. H. ALCANTARA, 308 Halsey Street, Brooklyn, New York. Witnesses to the marriage were ROBERT A. ~~CAMPBELL~~ and DOROTHY K. ~~FUNN~~.

Exhibit #3: Records of the Marriage License Bureau, Borough of Manhattan, New York City

Witness to Introduce: Chief Clerk, Marriage License Bureau, Borough of Manhattan, New York City

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E. Chronological History  
of Residences

The subject resided at the following addresses from 1924 to 1939:

454 West St. Michael's Avenue  
New York City

267 West 122nd Street  
New York City

2529 Seventh Avenue, Apartment #4,  
New York City

Exhibit #2: Records of  
Public School  
#136, New  
York City  
School

Witness to  
Introduce: Superintendent,  
New York City  
Public Schools

In September, 1940 the subject resided at 229 West 122nd Street, New York City.

Exhibit #3: Records of  
the Marriage  
License Bureau,  
Borough of  
Manhattan, New  
York City

Witness to  
Introduce: Chief Clerk,  
Marriage License  
Bureau, Borough  
of Manhattan,  
New York City

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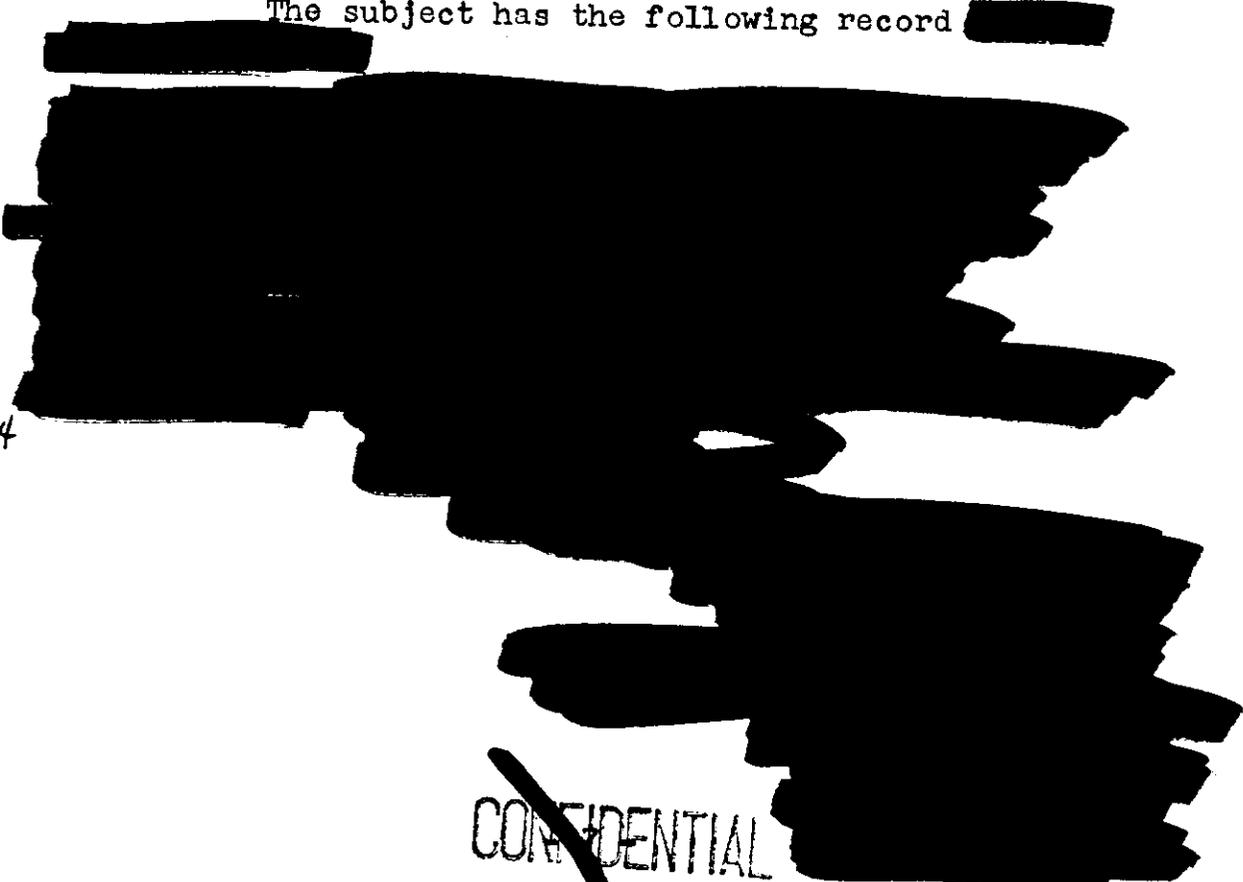
The subject and her husband resided at 1451 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York, in September, 1940. The subject moved from the Pacific Street address in Brooklyn to 504 West 143rd Street, Apartment 6-A, New York City, where she resides at the present time.

Exhibit #1: Records of  
INS, U.S.  
Department of  
Justice

Witness to  
Introduce: Commissioner,  
INS, U.S.  
Department of  
Justice

F. Criminal Record

The subject has the following record 



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