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National Security, which is part of a report delivered at a meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A. in New York on December 9, 1938. It reads as follows:

"We recall the fact that our Party, together with the Young Communist League, has considerably more than 100,000 members."

August 17, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. H. CLEGG

In keeping with your request, the files of the Bureau have been reviewed and the following memoranda have been prepared on the subjects listed:

- National Council for the Prevention of War.
- Young Communist League.
- New York State Committee of the Communist Party.
- Keep America Out of War Congress.
- The California Youth Legislature.
- Lawyers Committee to Keep The United States Out of War.
- World Peaceways, Incorporated
- Committee to Defend America by Keeping Out of War.
- Communist Party of Red Congress.
- American Student Union.
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.
- The Medical Bureau of the North American.
- Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.
- The New York Peace Association.
- Emergency Peace Mobilization Committee.
- New Theatre School.
- Youth Committee Against War.
- New Theatre League.
- The Fellowship of Reconciliation.
- War Resisters League.

Mr. Tolson _____

Mr. Clegg _____

Mr. E. A. Tamm _____

Mr. Foxworth _____

Mr. Nathan _____

Mr. Ladd _____

Mr. Egan _____

Mr. Glavin _____

Mr. Nichols _____

Mr. Hendon _____

Mr. Rosen _____

Mr. Tracy _____

Miss Gandy _____

Respectfully,

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August 20, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. UGO CARUSI
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to telephonic conversation had with you by [redacted] of this Bureau on August 19, 1940, relative to the request of [redacted] for information, as contained in this Bureau's files, concerning the following organizations:

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- Keep America Out of War Congress.
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- Mr. Tolson _____
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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Egan _____
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- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Pursuant to your request, memoranda on the above described organizations are being transmitted herewith for such use in connection with [redacted] request as may be deemed appropriate.

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Incl. Bureau of Investigation
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE

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at once.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Honorable John T. Cahill
United States Attorney
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Cahill:

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I wanted you to have the benefit of this information at once so that you might take any action deemed appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - New York City

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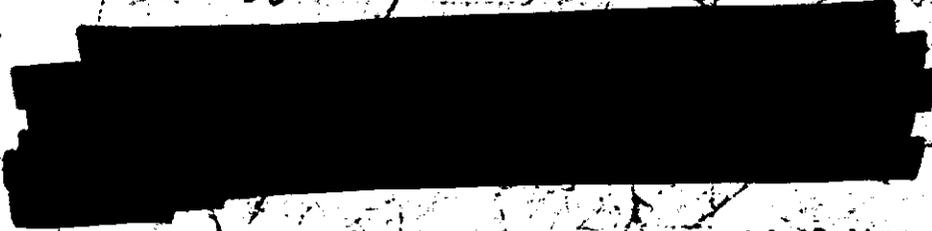
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This information was likewise furnished by letter to Honorable John T. Cahill, United States Attorney, New York City, on October 28, 1940. I have now received a letter from Mr. Cahill stating that the information which was furnished him indicates the possible existence of a conspiracy to violate Section 238, Title 18, United States Code.

Mr. Cahill has requested an investigation to determine whether such a violation has occurred. Accordingly the investigation requested by Mr. Cahill is being undertaken.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Honorable John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Re: United States v. Earl Browder

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of October 28,
1940, and the information contained therein.

It seems to me that the information set
forth in your letter indicates the possible exist-
ence of a conspiracy to violate Section 248, Title
18, United States Code. I should appreciate it
if the Bureau would take appropriate steps to
determine whether or not such a violation has
occurred.

I should like to be kept informed of
the progress of such investigation while it is
being conducted.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN T. GANLEY & [unclear]
United States Attorney

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Honorable John T. Cahill
United States Attorney
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Cahill:

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Please be advised that in keeping with your request an investigation has been authorized and copies of reports will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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December 13, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Sir:

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Please be advised that the confidential informants
of the New York Office have been unable to furnish any informa-
tion concerning this matter.

Very truly yours

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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Honorable John T. Cahill
United States Attorney
New York, New York

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Dear John:

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Please be advised that every effort has been made to develop additional information along this line, but to date the investigations have developed no positive information of value.

If any data pertinent to this matter are received, I shall be glad to forward them to you immediately upon receipt.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

CC - New York City

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January 24, 1941

MEMORANDUM

THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
(Officers)

The Young Communist League, at a special convention held December 21-22, 1940, elected the following officers:

Mac Weiss, re-elected National President
Bob Thompson, Vice President
Henry Winston, Administrative Secretary
Carl Ross, Public Relations Secretary

Other Council members:

John Gates
Claudia Jones
Vicki Mazie
Howard Johnson
Ruby Cooper
Lil Dinkin
Newell Johnson
Pat O'Dea
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January 24, 1941

MEMORANDUM

THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
(Severance of International Affiliations)

According to the publication "The Review" for January 20, 1941, Page 11, the Young Communist League met in a special convention on December 21-22, 1940, for the purpose of adopting its organizational form to meet current legislation.

It is stated that the convention "had to meet the issue posed by the passage of the reactionary Voorhis Bill intended to outlaw the principle of working class internationalism. It was the passage of this bill which compelled the special national convention of the YCL to vote to disaffiliate from the Young Communist International."

Mac Weiss, National President of the Young Communist League in his report to the special convention, stated:

"Nothing and no one can ever quench this hard, burning flame of internationalism which animates all of our life and work, which gives purpose and meaning to our sacrifices and struggle. Nothing, and no one can break asunder the international unity of the working youth of all lands.

"The report of Comrade Browder to the Special Convention of the CPUSA has already analyzed this act and its significance. Our YCL comes within the scope of this act only by virtue of one fact -- that it is affiliated to the Young Communist International, as part of the world wide association of the Communist Youth movement of all lands. Therefore, basing ourselves on the report of Comrade Browder, the National Council submits to you, for your decision, a definite recommendation:

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"That the YCL of the USA in Convention assembled, does hereby cancel and dissolve its organizational affiliation to the YCI as well as any and all other bodies of any kind outside the boundaries of the United States of America, for the specific purpose of removing itself from the terms of the Voorhis Act, which originated in the House of Representatives as H. R. 10094, which has been enacted and goes into effect in January, 1941, which law would otherwise tend to destroy, and would destroy, the position of the YCL as a legal and open mass organization of the American youth.

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'That the Convention denounces the Voorhis Act as harmful and destructive of the democratic rights of the people, as designed to coerce the people into submission to the entry of the United States into the imperialist war and as part of the sweep of fascization over the capitalist world.

'That the Convention pledges the YCL to work untiringly to secure the repeal of this law, to the end that labor and our party YCL shall be secure and unmolested in its sacred rights of international affiliation of all workers, which in the words of Lincoln express "the strongest bond of human sympathy outside of the family relationship."

'That the Convention reaffirms the unshakable adherence of our YCL to the principles of proletarian internationalism, in the spirit of its greatest leaders and teachers, Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin, which offer the only road to the future for suffering humanity.

'That the Convention formally and officially declares that the YCL of the United States is responsible for no political document, policy, book, article or other expression of political opinion, except such as are issued by itself, through its regularly constituted leadership, on the basis of the deliberations and decisions of this present Special Convention.

'That the Convention does now select a sub-committee to consider the Constitution and By-Laws of the YCL of the USA as adopted at the Eighth National Convention, and bring back to this Convention its recommendations for such amendments, changes or deletions, which shall most effectively express these basic decisions in such Constitution and By Laws.'

The recommendations made in the report of Weiss were unanimously adopted and the Convention "pledged even greater efforts to build a brotherhood of the toiling youth of the entire world against the enemies of mankind, imperialism and imperialist war."

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Washington, D.C.

April 23, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Re: International Labor Defense,
National Negro Congress,
Antorg,
Communist Party of the United States,
○ Young Communist League,
American Youth Congress,
International Workers' Order,
Workers' Alliance,
Tass News Agency,
National Federation for Constitutional
Liberties.

We would appreciate your forwarding to this Unit any information you may have in your files, relative to the above-named organizations, all of which may possibly come within the purview of Public No. 870, 76th Congress and were, except for the last three, mentioned in your memorandum of November 29, 1940. We are particularly interested in obtaining the following information as to each:

1. The existing and proposed aims and purposes of the organization;

a. - Does it advocate the establishment of some other form of government in the United States?

b. - Does it advocate the control by force or overthrow of the government of the United States or a political subdivision thereof?

c. - Is one of its purposes the establishment, control, conduct, seizure, or overthrow of the government or a subdivision thereof, by the use of force or violence or by threats of such?

2. The means by which these aims and purposes are being attained, or are to be attained.

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3. Whether or not the members of the organization receive instruction in the use of firearms or other weapons or substitutes therefor, or military or naval science.

4. Whether or not the members of the organization engage in any military or naval maneuvers or activities or drill or parade in a military or naval character (either with or without arms).

5. Whether the organization solicits or accepts financial contributions, loans or support of any kind, directly or indirectly, from, or is affiliated, directly or indirectly, with, a foreign government or a political subdivision thereof, or any agent or instrumentality of a foreign government or political subdivision thereof, or of a political party, a foreign country, or an international political organization.

6. Whether any of its policies are determined by or at the suggestion of, or in collaboration with, a foreign government or political subdivision thereof, or an agent or instrumentality of a foreign country, or an international political organization.

Such data should be included as may be available with reference to the following:

1. Identity of leaders and members.
2. Copies of constitution, charters, by-laws and resolutions.
3. Identification of assets and liabilities.
4. Identification of materials and services accepted and used together with the sources thereof. (Movies, news services, etc.).
5. Identification of persons reached by the organization or to whom it aims to appeal.
6. Samples of newspapers, pamphlets, periodicals, and other printed material emanating from the organization and the identification of the sources of such material, i.e., where the organization procured the material or contents.
7. Reports or oral statements of members of the organization, at meetings, on radio, and elsewhere.

8. Complete description of movies (news reels, shorts, features) shown or distributed by the organization, or report as to where they may be seen.
9. Symbols used by the organization, such as flags, emblems, etc.

At this time we do not desire an investigation of any of the foregoing organizations. We would like first to study the data which is now available in the files of the Bureau.

Lawrence M. C. Smith
Chief, Special Defense Unit

By _____
R. Keith Kane
Assistant Chief

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YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, U. S. A.

Origin

The Young Communist League was formed in New York City, at its First National Convention, on April 22, 1922, and was called the Young Workers League,

"because 'Communist' was illegal."

The delegates attending this convention represented 2,000 members of the new organization. The first constitution adopted asserted the new organization to be

"the American Section of the Young Communist International."

The new organization resolved to accept

"the program of the Communist International and the Communist Party of America as the fundamental basis for its activities. It subordinates itself politically to the Communist Party in accordance with the decisions of the Communist International, and the Young Communist International....."

In the course of its early years the leadership of the League was made up of such well-known individuals as:

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- Sam Darcy
- Sam Don
- Jack Stachel
- Pat Toohy
- John Williamson

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and many others who were later graduated into the ranks and leadership of the Communist Party.

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During its existence the League has held a total of nine National Conventions in the following years:

1922	1931
1923	1934
1925	1938
1927	1939
1929	

Other material concerning the growth of the League will be found under the subheading "Membership."

Aims and Purposes

"Its task is to organize all the toiling youth and lead them to Socialism. Its role is to educate its members and friends to a better understanding of the world in the light of Marxist theory and the experience and example of the Soviet Union."

The aim of the Young Communist League is the

"....unification in genuine class, non-party youth organizations, consisting not only of Communist, but also Socialist, and non-party, national revolutionary, pacifist, religious, and other sections of the youth, organizations which would through their daily attention towards economic, political and cultural interests and rights of the toiling youth, educate their members in the spirit of the class struggle - proletarian internationalism, Marxism-Leninism."

The United Front character of the Young Communist League is disclosed by a resolution of the Sixth World Congress of the Young Communist International, when it declared:

"..... the Y.C.L. organizations must exert every effort to establish fraternal relations with the organizations of the Socialist youth and work especially for bringing about the united front of the youth in practice."

The aims and purposes of the Young Communist League were well stated by George Dimitroff, head of the Communist International, in addressing the Sixth World Congress of the Young Communist International when he declared:

"We expect the Young Communist International to build up its activity in such a manner as to weld and unite all trade union, cultural, educational and sports organizations of the toiling youth, all revolutionary, national-revolutionary, national-liberation and anti-fascist youth organizations, for the struggle against fascism and war, for the rights of the young generation.

"We note with great pleasure that our young comrades in France and the United States have actively joined the mass movement for a united front of the youth which is so successfully developing, and have already achieved in this sphere successes which hold out great promises. All sections of the Young Communist International should profit by this experience of the French and American comrades."

Dimitroff also asserted:

".... you, comrades, must find such ways, such forms and methods of work as will assure the formation, in the capitalist countries, of a new type of mass youth organizations, to which no vital interest of the toiling youth will be alien, organizations which, without copying the (Communist) Party, will fight for all the interests of the youth, will bring up the youth in the spirit of the class struggle, of proletarian internationalism, in the spirit of Marxism-Leninism."

The aims were also established in a resolution of the Sixth World Congress of the Young Communist International when it was resolved:

"The Young Communist League must strive in every way to unite the forces of all the non-fascist mass youth organizations to the point of forming various kinds of joint organizations for the fight against fascism, against the unparalleled oppression and militarization of the youth, for the economic and cultural rights of the young generation, for drawing these young workers to the side of the anti-fascist front, no matter where they are found -- in the factories, the forced labor camps, the labor exchanges, the barracks, the navy, in schools, various sports, cultural and other organizations."

The Communist Party has declared that the special role of the Young Communist League

"presupposes the building of the League as a broader educational youth organization -- a training school for Communism and the Party of Communism."

The aims and purposes of the Young Communist League in the armed forces is explained in its own language as follows:

"We will make it a practice of inviting young workers not to refuse military service, to join the army in order to learn, in the interests of the proletariat, the art of war and to carry on dis-integrating work there in the interests of Communism."

Accomplishments

The Young Communist League has taken an active part in the formation of local peace groups in various parts of the United States, to carry out the Communist campaign of "fighting for peace."

It has affiliated itself to the ~~World~~ World Youth Congress, the ~~United~~ United Student Peace Committee, the ~~American~~ American Youth Congress, the ~~American~~ American Student Union, and was a member of the now defunct ~~American~~ American League for Peace and Democracy.

The Young Communist League has taken a leading part in the formation of the ~~Southern~~ Southern Negro Youth Congress and the ~~National~~ National Negro Congress. It has taken a prominent part in strike activities and aided in obtaining relief for unemployed young people.

It has taken a prominent part in the various Hunger Marches on Washington, D. C., and to the several State capitols. During important strikes, the League has opened recreation centers for the strikers, has furnished strikers with cigarettes and radical literature. It has established travelling soup kitchens, which toured the picket lines. It carried on campaigns on behalf of Loyalist Spain and canvassed the streets with collection boxes.

The League has been a strong sponsor of the ~~American~~ American Youth Act. It has interested itself in the infiltration of the armed forces of the nation and the distribution of literature among the personnel of the armed forces. It has carried on campaigns for removing military control over Civilian Conservation Corps Camps. It induced large numbers of its members to serve in the Loyalist Army of Spain during the recent Spanish Civil War.

The Young Communist League has opposed the extension of the ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) especially on a compulsory basis. It has opposed the increase in the Army and National Guard. It has likewise opposed M-Day plans. Its guiding slogan has been,

"Not a man, not a cent, not a gun for imperialist war preparations!"

During 1938 the Young Communist League reportedly had 200 nuclei in the armed forces of the nation. Due to lack of initiative, however, this number of nuclei had dropped to 67 by March of 1939.

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The League has sought

"to make every school a fortress of Marxist thought and action"

Organization

The basic organization of the Young Communist League is the Branch.

Charters for all Branches are issued by the National Council of the League.

A Branch consists of five or more members which meet regularly at least once a month.

Each Branch selects its own name and elects its own officers.

All Branches conduct such activities as are decided by a majority of the membership.

Any club or organization of young people desiring to participate in any activities of the Young Communist League, U.S.A., shall have the right to affiliate.

All affiliated clubs or organizations shall have the right to preserve their own names, constitutions, and programs so long as these are not contradictory to the constitution of the Young Communist League.

All affiliated clubs or groups shall have the same rights and duties as any Branch of the Young Communist League.

In all cities or counties where there are four or more Branches of affiliates of the Young Communist League there shall be established a delegated body composed of representatives of the Branches in that area, which shall be the leading body of that area. These are known as city or county committees.

A State or regional council shall be constituted in all States or regions designated by the National Council having five or more branches of the Young Communist League. The State or regional committee and its officers shall be elected by a State or regional convention to meet at least once a year, as the leading body of the State or region.

The National Convention shall be the highest body of the organization and shall have the power to decide on all matters of policy.

The National Convention shall be convened biennially at the time and place designated by the National Council.

Each Branch and affiliate of the organization shall be entitled to at least one delegate to the Convention. The number of additional delegates shall be proportionate to the membership of the Branch or affiliate in a ratio to be determined by the National Council.

The National Council shall be elected by the convention and shall consist of six officers and 59 additional members.

The National Council shall meet at least twice a year.

The six National officers shall be:

- (a) The President, who shall be the chief executive officer of the organization
- (b) Two Vice-Presidents, whose functions as National officers shall be determined by the National Council
- (c) An Administrative Secretary, who shall be responsible for administration of organizational affairs, and who shall be in charge of all records and funds. The Administrative Secretary shall have the power to appoint a Treasurer, with the approval of the National Board, who shall be bonded and work under the direction of the Administrative Secretary
- (d) An Educational Secretary, who shall be chiefly responsible for the organization of educational activities.
- (e) A Public Relations Secretary, who shall be responsible for promoting and maintaining friendly and cooperative relations with America's youth, progressive and labor organizations.

The National Council shall be the supreme body of the organization between National Conventions. It shall carry out decisions of the Convention and make such decisions and formulate such policies as it may deem necessary within the framework of the Constitution of the Young Communist League, U.S.A.

The National Council shall elect from its members a National Board which shall transact the business of the National Council between its sessions. The National Board shall be authorized to appoint all necessary staff officers subject to the approval of the following meeting of the National Council.

The Young Communist League, U.S.A., is affiliated with the Young Communist Leagues of other lands through the Young Communist International. Resolutions and decisions of the Young Communist International, or of Young Communist Leagues of other lands, shall be considered and acted upon by the National Council, or the National Convention, in such manner as may seem applicable or suited to conditions in the United States of America.

Membership

The increase in membership of the Young Communist League has been rather gradual during the course of its existence. The following is the membership of the League for the years indicated:

1922	2,000
1923	2,000
1925	2,000
1927	2,000
1929	2,000
1931	3,000
1934	6,000
1938	13,000
1939	22,000

Membership in the Young Communist League is accorded to

"all young people regardless of color, nationality or religious beliefs between the ages of 15 and 30 who are interested in any of the aims or activities of the Young Communist League and in promoting its welfare....."

Officers

The following are the officers of the Young Communist League:

Mae Weiss	President
Bob Thompson	First Vice President
Josephine Sassano	Second Vice President
<u>Henry Winston</u>	Administrative Secretary
Carl Ross	Public Relations Secretary
John Gates	Educational Secretary

Official Organ

The official organ of the Young Communist League is a magazine called "Review".

"Review" is published bi-weekly by the New Age Publishers, for the Young Communist League, U.S.A.

The officers of this publication are the following:

Joseph Clark	Editor
Mickey Milton	Managing Editor
May Timoff	Business Manager

National Headquarters

National Headquarters of the Young Communist League are located at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, which is also the headquarters of the Communist Party, U.S.A.

Connection with the Communist Party

"The Communist Party can well be proud of the work that its members are doing in the Young Communist League. The growth and prospects of the Young Communist League are a marvelous aid to the Party. Members of the Party can do much to help the Young Communist League in its work."

The duty of the Young Communist League to support the Soviet Union is shown in a resolution adopted at the Sixth and last World Congress of the Young Communist International in 1935:

"It is the duty of the young workers of the whole world to support and strengthen the U. S. S. R."

International Affiliation

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"The report of Comrade Browder to the Special Convention of the CPUSA has already analyzed this act and its significance. Our YCL comes within the scope of this act only by virtue of one fact — that it is affiliated to the Young Communist International, as part of the world wide association of the Communist Youth movement of all lands. Therefore, basing ourselves on the report of Comrade Browder, the National Council submits to you, for your decision, a definite recommendation:

'That the YCL of the USA in Convention assembled, does hereby cancel and dissolve its organizational affiliation to the YCL as well as any and all other bodies of any kind outside the boundaries of the United States of America, for the specific purpose of removing itself from the terms of the Voorhis Act, which originated in the House of Representatives as H.R. 10094, which has been enacted and goes into effect in January, 1941, which law would otherwise tend to destroy, and would destroy, the position of the YCL as a legal and open mass organization of the American youth.

'That the Convention denounces the Voorhis Act as harmful and destructive of the democratic rights of the people as designed to coerce the people into submission to the entry of the United States into the imperialist war and as part of the sweep of fascistisation over the capitalist world.

'That the Convention pledges the YCL to work untiringly to secure the repeal of this law, to the end that labor and our party YCL shall be secure and unmolested in its sacred rights of international affiliation of all workers, which in the words of Lincoln express "the strongest bond of human sympathy outside of the family relationship."

'That the Convention reaffirms the unshakable adherence of our YCL to the principles of proletarian internationalism, in the spirit of its greatest leaders and teachers, Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin, which offer the only road to the future for suffering humanity.

'That the Convention formally and officially declares that the YCL of the United States is responsible for no political document, policy, book, article or other expression of political opinion, except such as are issued by itself, through its regularly constituted leadership, on the basis of the deliberations and decisions of this present Special Convention.

'That the Convention does now select a subcommittee to consider the Constitution and By-Laws of the YCL of the USA as adopted at the Eighth National Convention, and bring back to this Convention its recommendations for such amendments, changes or deletions, which shall most effectively express these basic decisions in such Constitution and By-Laws.'"

The recommendations made in the report of Weiss were unanimously adopted and the Convention "pledged even greater efforts to build a brotherhood of the telling youth of the entire world against the enemies of mankind, imperialism and imperialist war."

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Director
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Dear Sir: RE: ⁰ YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE and
INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE
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There is transmitted herewith one roll of undeveloped film used in the photographing of one copy of the proceedings of the third biennial national conference of the International Labor Defense held in New York City, April 5th and 6th, 1941. On this same roll of film there was also photographed a copy of the proceedings of the California State Convention of the Young Communists League held at San Francisco, February 24, 25, 26, 1939.

It is requested that the Bureau's Technical Laboratory develop this roll of film and that two prints of the documents photographed thereon be furnished the Bureau, the New York Field Division and the Los Angeles Field Division and that one print of these documents be furnished the San Diego and San Francisco Field Divisions.

It is suggested that it may be the desire of the Bureau to furnish other field divisions with copies of these photographs.

Very truly yours,

B. B. Hood

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Special Agent in Charge
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Dear Sir:

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In accordance with your request, two enlarged prints of each exposure are being forwarded to your office under separate registered cover, two enlargements are being forwarded by registered mail to the New York Field Division, and two enlarged prints of each exposure are being retained for the Bureau files. One enlarged print of each exposure is being forwarded by registered mail to the San Diego and San Francisco Field Divisions.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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The following information is taken from an article entitled "The Open Letter and Tasks of the Y.C.L.," by Gil Green, appearing in "The Communist," for August, 1933, page 823:

"It is only under the political leadership of the Communist Party that the Y.C.L. can root itself among the decisive sections of the youth and in this way becomes a force for the transformation of our Party into the Mass Party of the American proletariat."

There is submitted below a quotation taken from an article entitled "The National Congress for Unemployment and Social Insurance—And After," by I. Amter, appearing in "The Communist" for January, 1935, page 44:

"Every force must be thrown into the fight, in the course of which we must build the mass organizations, and above all the Party and Y.C.L. We must not leave one single organization untouched. The masses, despite their lingering illusions as regards Roosevelt's promises, are ready to fight. Our job is, on the basis of the united front, to present them with a program that will involve them and lead them into militant battle."

The following quotation is taken from an article entitled "Achievements and Tasks of the New York District," by Max Steinberg, appearing in "The Communist" for May, 1935, page 456:

"In the achievements of the Y.C.L., the Party helped considerably. We can state that because of the good leadership of the Y.C.L. in the New York District, and its proved quality of work, the Y.C.L. is on the road to becoming a real mass league."

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"Our task at this conference is to continue even more than in the past, to assist the comrades in the Y.C.L. in their every-day activities. We must undertake at this conference to set an example to the Party in the rest of the country, as well as to some of our brother Parties in our International, to help the Y.C.L. become a larger organization than the Party itself. This can be accomplished if all of us undertake very earnestly to mobilize the Party to help the comrades in their daily work, carry out the decision of assigning forces to work among the youth, and arouse the whole Party to the necessity of building a mass Y.C.L., enabling it to lead the struggles of the young workers and students."

The following quotation is taken from an article entitled "The Schools and the People's Front," by Richard Frank, appearing in "The Communist" for May, 1937, page 438:

"The Y.C.L. must endeavor to raise the spirit of rebellion found among school children to a level of higher consciousness by educating the students, on the basis of their own experience, to a realization of the class basis for the oppressive nature of the schools and to a realization of how the school system under a workers' and farmers' government would deal with the immediate problems of the majority of students, imparting to them with the utmost solicitude for their own interests that warm and friendly culture of their own class. The task of the Communist student groups must be to coordinate and stimulate to activity all existing student groups. To the best of their ability, they must supplement the curriculum with Marxist-Leninist education. At the present time, their most important task is to disseminate the idea of a Farmer-Labor Party and of a Farmer-Labor Junior Federation. They must give every possible aid to the organizational drives of the C.I.O."

There is submitted herewith a quotation taken from an article in "The Communist" for April, 1938, page 358, entitled "Draft Conventions and Resolutions":

"The convention calls to the attention of the whole Party the urgent need of giving aid and guidance to the further development and consolidation of the broad progressive youth movement. It emphasizes the importance of building and broadening the Young Communist League as the instrument for educating America's young people in Marxism-Leninism and in the spirit of our Party."

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 31, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAMER

RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

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There is attached hereto a memorandum concerning the Young Communist League, dated September 30, 1941.

Respectfully,

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The civilian defense of our country against coastal attack and air raids and the innumerable other services that are required in the national interest are tasks of the greatest magnitude. They will require the enlistment in all the various phases of civilian defense of millions of the American people. The youth must respond to this need. Let all young people without exception who are not in the armed forces report at once to the headquarters of the Office of Civilian Defense in their localities to put themselves at the disposal of the proper authorities for whatever posts they may be assigned to. There must not be a single young person outside the armed forces who is not enrolled and active in Civilian Defense. This is a total war and the totality of America's youth must be in it both at the front and behind the front in order to help convert our country into a single united war camp.

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Honorable Melf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Berle:

I am attaching hereto a memorandum dated
December 29, 1941, which incorporates a statement
issued by the Young Communist League concerning its
position with reference to the National Defense
Program.

I thought you would be interested in receiving
these data.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. William C. Hall
Executive Assistant
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hall:

In response to your letter of December 6,
1941, please be advised that the "Weekly Review"
is the official organ of the Young Communist League
of America. It is published by New Age Publishers.

The records of this Bureau fail to disclose
that the said publication is registered as being in
the service of a foreign government. It is respectfully
suggested, however, that you communicate with the
Secretary of State to determine whether the said
publication is registered as an agent of a foreign
principal.

It is to be noted that jurisdiction in such
matters rests with the Department of State.

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

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"The young people of our country, Negro and white, are already responding enthusiastically to our country's call to the colors. Whatever objectives are set by the Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces for their swiftest expansion through an immediate and huge extension of the conscription program will be enthusiastically welcomed by the masses of youth who eagerly await the opportunity to serve their nation in the place of honor.

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