Office Men. JVERNMEN' : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: July-23, 1951 LOS ANGLLES HEREIL IS BURN SERVICED E. Mrs. W. E. B. Du Bo SECURITY MATTER - C: On June 16, 1951, had given jah invitation to a luncheon honoring SHIRLEY GRAHAM, also known as Mrs. W. E. B. DU BOIS, Ciro's, 8433 Sunset Boulevard, on Friday, June 22, 1951, at 12:30 P.M. attended the above-mentioned luncheon and observed that approximately 150 women were in attendance. About 25 of these women were colored. Classified by SPS SARAJO LORD, Executive Secretary of the Southern California Council, ASP, introduced Mrs. LOW SOLOMON, also known as WILLASTONIX who spoke briefly on the cuestion of peace. She said that the subject of peace was of particular interest to the mothers, wives, and negre women because of the persecution of the leaders for peace. She stated that SHIRLEY GRAHAM had been on the battlefront in the fight for peace. She further identified SHIRLEY GRAHAM as chairman of the National Committee for the Defense of Dr. W.-E. B. DU BOIS, and a charter member of the ASP. . Mr. LLOYD GOUGH made some humorous remarks and finally asked for contributions. One SALKA VIERTEL donated a large solid gold ring, stating that she had no money to give at this time. SHIRLEY GRAHAM began her talk by stating that she felt very much at home among members of the ASP, and further that she did not intend to make a speech but that she wanted to make a frank talk as one worker for peace to another. told of a recent dinner party given by New York attorney MARTIN POPPER at which JOHN HOWA B TAWSON, DALTON RULBO, Dr. DU BOIS and herself were present. During the preliminary cocktails at this dinner, MARTIN POPPER's son commented that everyone present at the party had either been in jail or was going to jail. In this regard, SHIRLEY GRAHAM commented that it was ridiculous and fantastic that America's best minds were being sent down that She said that with all of the 30 11 31.



great progress which had been made in this country, we had not advanced in the commonest of ideas. "We in this room are the protectors of the culture of America." She said that "squads" were going into book stores and libraries taking books off the shelves. "Writers' are being deprived of making a living and it is up to us to seriously face the problem--unafraid."

She described the Peace Information Center, which had been set up in April of 1950, as a point for the gathering of information regarding peace movements around the world and the dissemination of the same. She told of the peace conference which was started by ASP and held at the Waldorf Hotel in New York. She said that it had been started by HARLOW SHAPLEY and further that some of the best minds in the country were present. Some of the great minds of Europe were prevented from coming to the United States by our State Department.

Miss GRAHAM said that she went to France to attend the Paris Peace Conference. She paid her expenses from money received on an advanced payment of her forthcoming book. She said that every nation, creed, color, and class came to discuss how world peace could be obtained. "We will not be driven to how world peace could be obtained. We will not be driven to murder each other," they said. She mentioned (PABLO) PICASSO and others who were present. She described them as "workers." Their slogan at the end of the conference, "We shall have peace." She gave a short discussion of the peace conference at Cuba and was at one held in Mexico City. She said that writers were the "core" of the peace movement. They must give out information. The Peace Information Center sent out postalgrams all over the country. She said that the Stockholm Peace Appeal had been drawn up in Stockholm by the people of the world. She mentioned that O. JOHN ROGGE from the United States had signed the appeal in Stockholm. She said that the Peace Information Center had obtained several million signatures on the peace appeal. The State Department of the United States then noticed this group, the American Peace Committee, and ordered them to register as foreign agents. "We laughed," she said. They were all volunteer workers with the exception of SYLVIA SOLOFF (ph.) who worked overtime in the office. They were not receiving money from any foreign sources, only from poor Americans -working people -- who wanted peace.

Miss GRAHAM said the Government had decided to close the office of the Peace Information Center and Dr. DU BCIS asked the State Department for an opportunity to explain and show the









records of that organization. Soon thereafter five officers of the Peace Information Center were indicted as "foreign agents." SYLVIA SOLOFF received a \$10,000 fine and five years in jail. She said that another man of the group, a war veteran who had been on the staff of General MAC ARTHUR and who had seen Hiroshima and Nagasaki, said, "We must work against the atomic bomb." He also received five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine. Miss GRAHAM referred to General MAC ARTHUR as "that mad man from Tokyo." She said that the treasurer of the group was a businessman with offices in New York, London and Paris. He was sentenced to five years in jail. He said, "If this can happen to me, it can happen to TAFT." She said that another cultured New England woman who had taught in an exclusive New England school had been in Czechoslovakia studying conditions, and upon her return to the United States, she was captured at the airport on Long Island by the F.B.I.

GRAHAM said that Dr. DU BOIS, who speaks for all people who are oppressed, black or white, and workers everywhere, has been called a "dangerous agent." She said, "He is dangerous to tyrants who would oppress the people." She said if the Peace Information Center can be indicted, then all of us can be indicted and civilization can be crushed and annihilated. She said the bill of particulars of the indictment of the Peace Information Center says that it disseminated in the United States information about war, about peace and matters related thereto. Miss GRAHAM said, "If this is a crime, then everyone in this room is guilty--every worker for peace."

Miss GRAHAM then described the desolation caused by war which she had observed in Hamburg, Germany, and Marseilles, France. "War against the people--war against the workers," she shouted. She said that writers must make the people see this thing in our country or we will be destroyed. "We will have concentration camps. We must save our country from total destruction. We must be real Americans like Thomas Jefferson and Tom Paine. We cannot afford to be afraid. We must class hands and all work together. We are lost as individuals. As we swim against this tide, we will gather strength. Others will join us." She said, "We cultured workers of the Peace Information Center were indicted because we dealt with ideas which are dangerous to the tyrants. We are all guilty because we elect men like RANKIN to our Congress. I want you to feel your guilt. This is our nation." She closed by reading a poem by Dr. Du BOIS.

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In response to the Department's request, that the Bureau attempt to ascertain dates Dr. DUBOIS entered and left the United States during the last two years, there is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure a photograph of Dr. W. E. B. DUBOIS' passport. It is pointed out that Immigration and Naturalization Service "admitted" stamps dated May 31, 1949, September 16, 1949, and September 11, 1950, appear on pages four and five of this passport.

In order that this passport could be returned to the Passport Division within the time limit they set, it was photographed rather than being taken directly to the translation unit as previous correspondence in this matter set out.

It is suggested that the Bureau have the visas and visa control stamps translated in order to determine where DUBOIS visited and on what dates.

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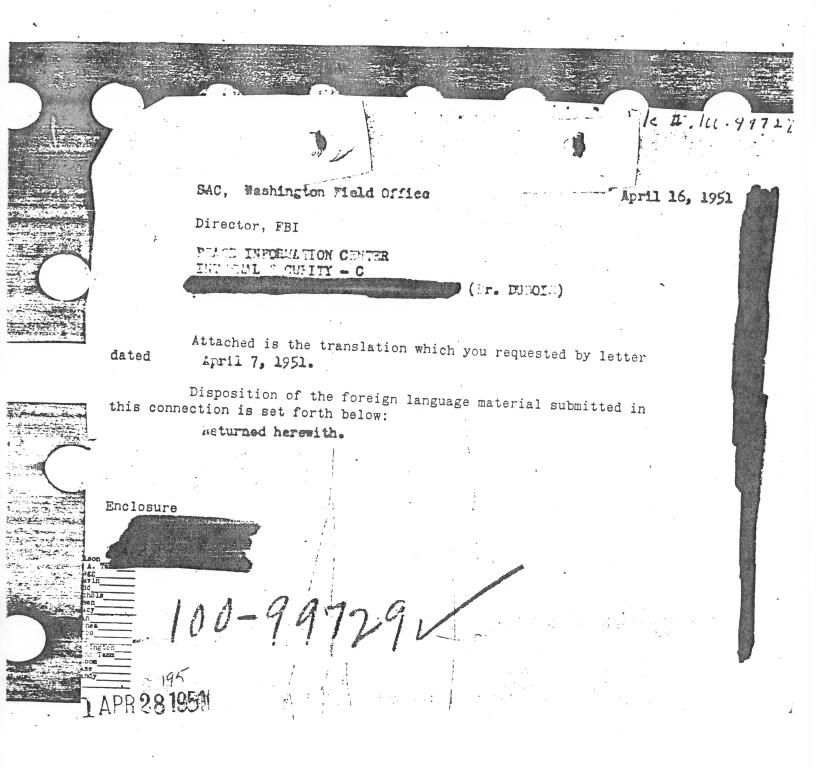
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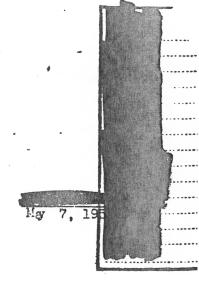


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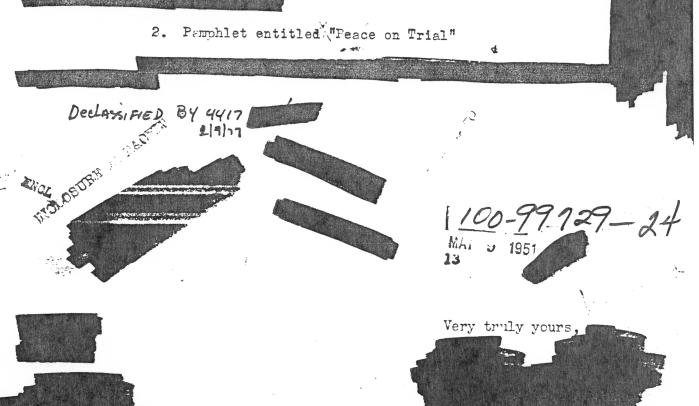
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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is information obtained by 4/27/51

Description of exhibit:

1. Letter addressed "Dear Friend" dated 4/20/51 from



NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DR. W. E. B. DuBOIS AND ASSOCIATES IN THE PEACE INFORMATION CENTER ROOM No. 311 16-18 WEST 29TH STREET NEW YORK 1. N. Y. April 20, 1951 Dear Friend: With indecent haste, the Department of Justice is pushing the prosecution of Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois and his associates of the former Page Information Center. Defense motions are scheduled in Washington on April 27, and trial has been set for May 14th. We are asking you and your erganization to take action immediately to stop this effort to convict these advocates of peace as "foreign agents". As Dr. Du Bois has stated: "Any successful attempt on the part of the Government to suppress and ourtail free circulation of ideas among the peoples of the world is monstrous and aimed at making all advocacy of peace and all social reform impossible." A roster of the defendants gives significant evidence of the scope and importance of the case: DR. W.E.B. DU BOIS, internationally-known scholer, dean of American letters, and beloved champion of the struggles of the Negro and colonial peoples for freedom for over fifty years; ELIZABETE MOOS, writer, educator and an eloquent woman's voice for peace; ABBOTT SHOW, combit veteran World War II and organizer for peace; KYRLF ELKIN, business mun and Treasurer of the Peace Information Center; SYLVIA SOLOFF, militent trade unionist and clerical worker in the office of the PIC, indicted together with the officers of the organization, The defense of these. five Americans is a defense of the right to speak for pence. We urge you to act immediately! Upon receipt of this letter -(1) WRITE OR WIRE PRESIDENT TRUMME AND ATT'Y GEN. J. HOWARD McGRATH DEMANDING THE DISMISSAL OF THE INDICTION AGAINST DR. DU BOIS AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN THE FORER PEACE INFORMATION CENTER. HAVE YOUR ORGANIZATION AND FRIENDS TAKE SIMILAR ACTION. (3) ORGANIZE LOCAL DEFENSE CONTITTEES. CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE DEFENSE CAMPAIGN. 125,000 is needed to win this case for peace! Make checks payable to SHIRLEY GRAHAW, TREASURER. We remind you - the prosecution is not waiting. The defense must move quickly. WE URGE YOU TO - ACT NOW! Sincerely, Co-chairnen: Hon. Elmer A. Benson. Paul Robeson — Vice-Chairnen; MRS. Charlotta Bass. Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild. HON. VITO MARCANTONIO. LEON STRAUS - TREASURES: SHIRLEY GRAHAM

concerned with the question of peace.
Among its founder was Dr. William E. B.
Du Bois, the great Negro leader and dean
of American letters, who accepted the post
of Chairman.

During the few months of its existence, the
Peace Information. Center; served this
country by making available to its citizens. INMAPRIL of 1950, the Peace Information Center was established in the city of New York by a group of citizens profoundly

information concerning efforts for peace being undertaken throughout the world.

Among the documents which it made available were the International Red Cross

Statement and the World Peace (Stock-holm) Appeal against the employment of atomic warfare. As with all material pubished by the Center, the exact texts were presented for the American people to read and judge.
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The work of the PIC must be considered in the light of a basic tenet of democracy—that intelligence and reason are predicated upon a free exchange of ideas.

"agency" relationship existed and contending that application of the Act to the PIC was an invasion of basic constitutional rights and privileges.

The arguments were summarily rejected by the Justice Department, Dr. Du Bois, the distinguished Chairman of the PIC, requested an opportunity to discuss the matter with Mr. William E. Foley of the Justice Department and U.S. Att'y General if J. Howard McGrath, Dr. Du Bois was not

after hearing solely government evidence, returned an indiciment against the PIC and its officers, Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Elizabeth Moos, Kyrle Elkin and Abbott Simon. The indictment went so far as to include Sylvia Soloff, a clerical worker in the office. In the course of the arraignment, Dr. Du Bois was fingerprinted, searched for concealed weapons, and manacled. even extended the courtesy of a reply. In February 1951, some time after the I had been dissolved, a federal grand i

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# in your own behalf

Truman and Attorney General J. Howard McGrath urging the dropping of the indictment of the Peace Information Center and its officers.

Have your organization and friends take similar action.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF DR. W. E. B. DU BOIS AND ASSOCIATES OF THE PEACE INFORMATION CENTER

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W. E. B. Du Bois
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to New York teletype of May 10, 1951.

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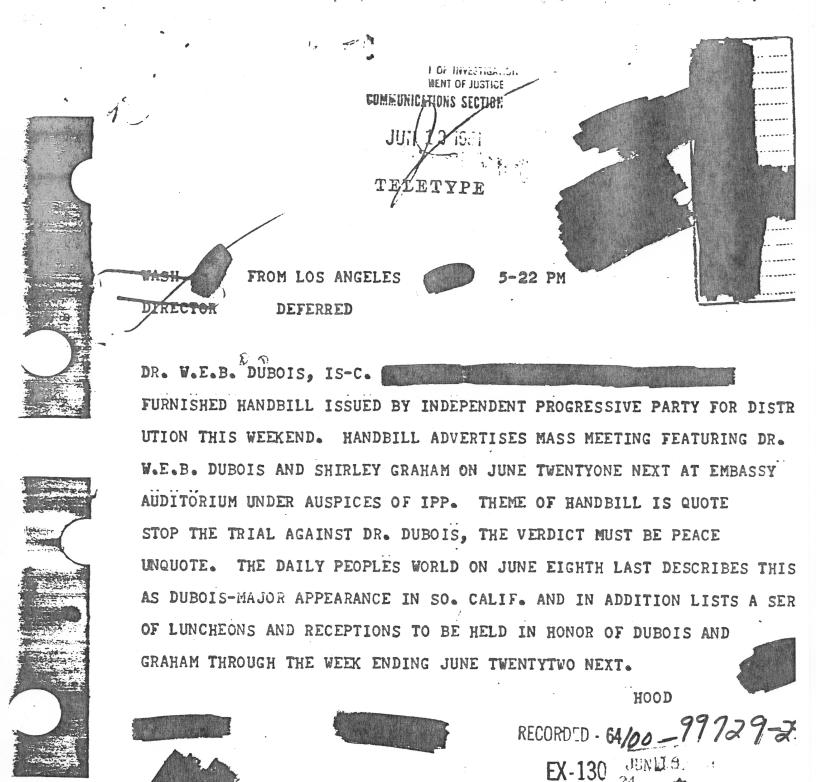
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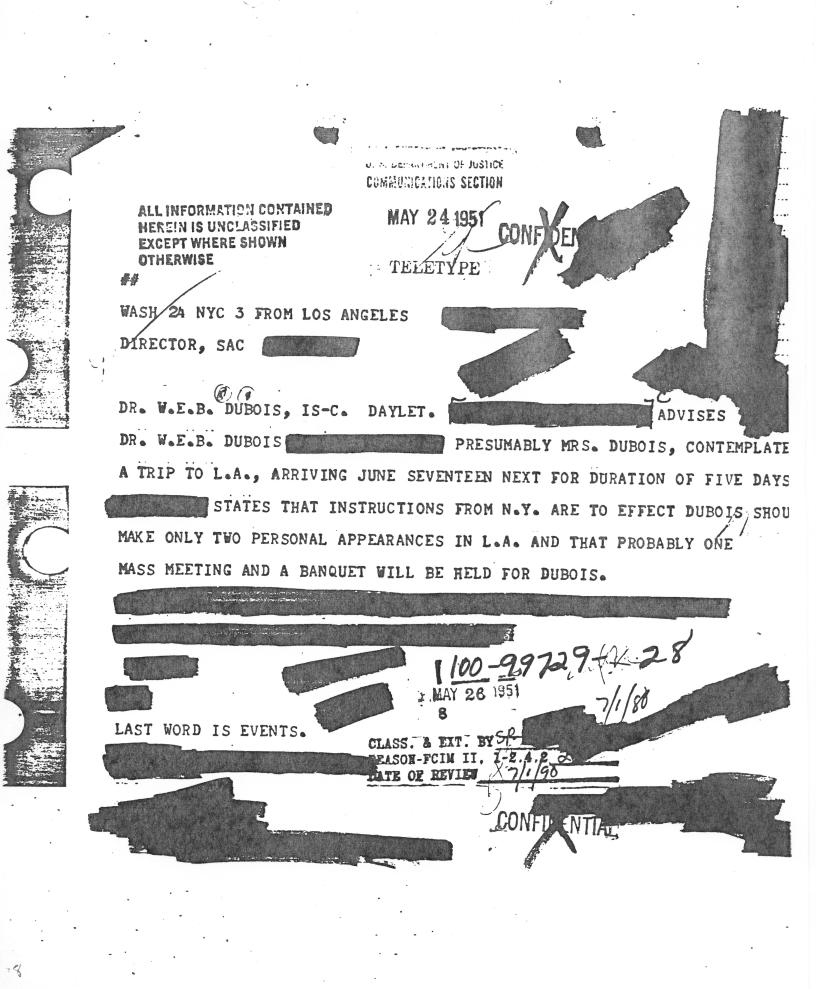
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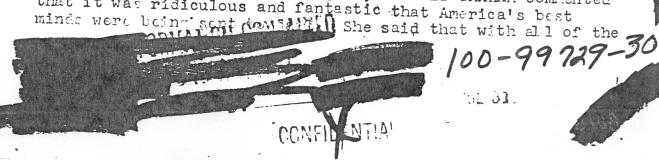
had given jan invitation to a luncheon honoring SHIRLEY GRAHAM, also known as Mrs. W. E. B. DU BOIS, at Ciro's, 8433 Sunset Boulevard, on Friday, June 22, 1951, at 12:30 P.M.

attended the above-mentioned luncheon and observed that approximately 150 women were in attendance. About 25 of these women were colored. Classified by SPS

SARAJO LORD, Executive Secretary of the Southern California Council, ASP, introduced Nrs. LOW SOLOMON, also known as WILLASTORIX who spoke briefly on the cuestion of peace. She said that the subject of peace was of particular interest to the mothers, wives, and negre women because of the persecution of the leaders for peace. She stated that SHIRLEY GRAHAM had been on the battlefront in the fight for peace. She further identified SHIRLEY GRAHAM as chairman of the National Committee for the Defense of Dr. W. -E. B. DU BOIS, and a charter member of the ASP.

. Mr. LLOYD GOUGH made some humorous remarks and finally asked for contributions. One SALKA-VIERTEL donated a large solid gold ring, stating that she had no money to give at this time.

SHIRLEY GRAHAM began her talk by stating that she felt very much at home among members of the ASP, and further that she did not intend to make a speech but that she wanted to make a frank talk as one worker for peace to another. told of a recent dinner party given by New York attorney MARTIN POPPER at which JOHN HOWA B TAWSON, DALTON TRUMBO, Dr. DU ECIS and herself were present. During the preliminary cocktails at this dinner, MARTIN POPPER's son commented that everyone present at the party had either been in jail or was going to jail. In this regard, SHIRLEY GRAHAM commented that it was ridiculous and fantastic that America's best





great progress which had been made in this country, we had not advanced in the commonest of ideas. "We in this room are the protectors of the culture of America." She said that "squads" were going into book stores and libraries taking books off the shelves. "Writers' are being deprived of making a living and it is up to us to seriously face the problem--unafraid."

She described the Peace Information Center, which had been set up in April of 1950, as a point for the gathering of information regarding peace movements around the world and the dissemination of the same. She told of the peace conference which was started by ASP and held at the Waldorf Hotel in New York. She said that it had been started by HARLOW SHAPLEY and further that some of the best minds in the country were present. Some of the great minds of Europe were prevented from coming to the United States by our State Department.

Miss GRAHAM said that she went to France to attend the Paris Peace Conference. She paid her expenses from money received on an advanced payment of her forthcoming book. said that every nation, creed, color, and class came to discuss how world peace could be obtained. We will not be driven to murder each other," they said. She mentioned (PABLO) PICASSO and others who were present. She described them as "workers." Their slogan at the end of the conference, "We shall have peace." She gave a short discussion of the peace conference at Cuba and was at one held in Mexico City. She said that writers were the "core" of the peace movement. They must give out information. The Peace Information Center sent out postalgrams all over the country. She said that the Stockholm Peace Appeal had been drawn up in Stockholm by the people of the world. mentioned that O. JOHN ROGGE from the United States had signed the appeal in Stockholm. She said that the Peace Information Center had obtained several million signatures on the peace appeal. The State Department of the United States then noticed this group, the American Peace Committee, and ordered them to register as foreign agents. "We laughed," she said. They were all volunteer workers with the exception of SYLVIA SOLOFF (ph.) who worked overtime in the office. They were not receiving money from any foreign sources, only from poor Americans -- . working people -- who wanted peace.

Miss GRAHAM said the Government had decided to close the office of the Peace Information Center and Dr. DU BCIS asked the State Department for an opportunity to explain and show the





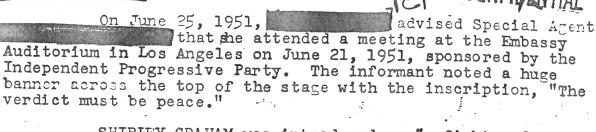
records of that organization. Soon thereafter five officers of the Peace Information Center were indicted as "foreign agents." SYLVIA SOLOFF received a \$10,000 fine and five years in jail. She said that another man of the group, a war veteran who had been on the staff of General MAC ARTHUR and who had seen Hiroshima and Nagasaki, said, "We must work against the atomic bomb." He also received five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine. Miss GRAHAM referred to General MAC ARTHUR as "that mad man from Tokyo." She said that the treasurer of the group was a businessman with offices in New York, London and Paris. He was sentenced to five years in jail. He said, "If this can happen to me, it can happen to TAFT." She said that another cultured New England woman who had taught in an exclusive New England school had been in Czechoslovakia studying conditions, and upon her return to the United States, she was captured at the airport on Long Island by the F.B.I.

GRAHAM said that Dr. DU BOIS, who speaks for all people who are oppressed, black or white, and workers everywhere, has been called a "dangerous agent." She said, "He is dangerous to tyrants who would oppress the people." She said if the Peace Information Center can be indicted, then all of us can be indicted and civilization can be crushed and annihilated. She said the bill of particulars of the indictment of the Peace Information Center says that it disseminated in the United States information about war, about peace and matters related thereto. Miss GRAHAM said, "If this is a crime, then everyone in this room is guilty--every worker for peace."

Miss GRAHAM then described the desolation caused by war which she had observed in Hamburg, Germany, and Marseilles, France. "War against the people--war against the workers," she shouted. She said that writers must make the people see this thing in our country or we will be destroyed. "We will have concentration camps. We must save our country from total destruction. We must be real Americans like Thomas Jefferson and Tom Paine. We cannot afford to be afraid. We must class hands and all work together. We are lost as individuals. As we swim against this tide, we will gather strength. Others will join us." She said, "We cultured workers of the Peace Information Center were indicted because we dealt with ideas which are dangerous to the tyrants. We are all guilty because we elect men like RANKIN to our Congress. I want you to feel your guilt. This is our nation." She closed by reading a poem by To. Du BOIS.

The neeting closed by SARAJO LORD stating that SHIRLEY GRAHAM would endorse copies of her book in the lobby of Ciro's.





SHIRIEY GRAHAM was introduced as "a fighter for peace." She said the attack on Dr. DU BOIS was an attack on all Americans "We are fighting for equality and freedom for the colored people and peace and equality for all people." She said that she did not intend to be silenced in her work for peace or her fight for negro rights. "We must get rid of white supremacy," she said. She indicated that America needs honest men in what is left of this democracy. Today the majority do not want war. Throw off those who would keep us down. This is a critical day for American negroes." Everywhere she travels, she is greeted by loyal Americans who want peace and also desire to be saved from the threat of war.

Fiss GRAHAM described the Peace Information Center which she and Dr. DU FCIS founded in April, 1950, in New York City. She said, "Truth is dangerous to the selfish few in our country who are trying to silence the strong voices in the fight for peace and freedom."

"The Government called Dr. DU BOIS an 'enemy agent.'
He is an agent of oppressed people." Miss GRAHAM described a concentration camp in Germany with smoke-blackened walls and huge piles of ashes. "The Jewish people will rise against their enemies." "I call upon minority; we can do something now."

Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS received a standing tribute when he appeared on the stage. He started his speech stating that the world was astonished at the United States as the rest of the world believes that the United States wants war. "We have warned and insulted Russia and prepared for war while Russia prepares for pcace. In this country we jail the advocates for peace. We have turned Korea into a stinking desert and are set to drop bombs on Moscow and lick the world. In order to make their investments safe, our masters will lead us into total war unless we say no. This cannot happen. American business dominates the Government. The small minority are so large and powerful that they own the earth. The capitalists







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believe that whole industries will collapse unless we have war. American investments will seek to dominate the world. Some of the guilty ones he mentioned were General Electric, American Telephone and Telegraph, National Broadcasting Company and the Radio Corporation of America. They order you to fight and demand that you be crippled by endless war. We need to reform ourselves before teaching others. Free speech and opinion are throttled. Unless you hate Russia, you are slandered and subjected to personal violence. What can be done to bring this nation to its senses? He said that of all nations, the United States alone wants war and he further indicated that he would take an inalienable stand against war even though he would be jailed for it. "The rich Americans crave power because they profit by it."

Dr. DU BOIS spoke of "rank slavery" and "yellow coolies" who are victims of our imperialism. He described our present situation as "frightening." He referred to the policies of the United States Government as an attack on civilization. Dr. DU BOIS closed his speech with a quotation from Bibical scriptures. He received a tremendous applicase.



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## Communist Front Activity

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, dated June 22, 1946, carried an article stating that W.E.B. DU BOIS of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was listed among the negroes sponsoring the "Win the Peace Conference" to be held at Manhattan Center.

It is to be noted that the Win the Peace Conference, also known as the National Committee to Win the Peace, has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" dated December 7, 1946, page 8, column 4, carried an article entitled "What's On?". This article stated that the subject, along with a number of others, would speak in eight panel discussions on books, theater, politics and labor to be held at the Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Avenue, New York City, on December 7 and 8, 1946.

The Jefferson School, also known as the Jefferson School of Social Science, has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" dated October 21, 1947, page 5, column 1, carried an article entitled "'Let Freedom Ring' Parley Called to Halt 'Witch Hunts'". This article stated that the Civil Rights Congress, on October 20, 1947, issued a call to a national conference to be held in Chicago, Illinois, on November 23, 1947. The objectives of the conference were to "fight terror among negroes; pass anti-lynching law; outlaw anti-semitism; Jim Crow and the poll tax; abolish the House

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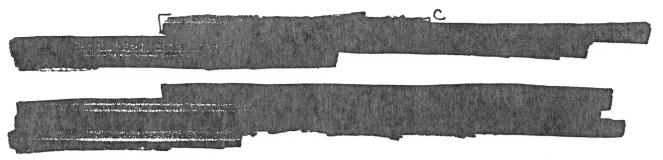
Among the signers of the call to this conference was listed the name Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS, negro scholar.

It is to be noted that the Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" dated February 28, 1948, page 2, column 1, carried an article entitled "EISLER Indicted, Liberals Demand End of Persecution".

The article stated that fifty prominent Americans on February 27, 1947 condemned "the shameful persecution of the German anti-Fascist refugee GERHART EISLER".

A statement published by the Civil Rights Congress and signed by Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS, among others, stated: "The hysterical atmosphere contrived around this case indicates that this incident, involving a German Communist kept here against his will, is intended as the initial phase of a sweeping attack upon the entire labor and progressive movement in the United States".



The "Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", dated August 29, 1948, carried an article entitled "The First Line of Defense" which featured a statement by several negro Americans, including W.E.B. DU BOIS of New York City.





This statement strongly condemns the arrest of the national leaders of the Communist Party and calls upon the President to take positive action to protect civil rights instead of persecuting political minorities. The article states that they, the signers, raised no defense of the principles of the Communist Party, but that their main concern is to defend the rights of political and other minorities, especially the negro people, to fight for the kind of society which they considered necessary to give full expression to the principles of American democracy.

The "Daily Worker" dated November 10, 1948, page 11, column 1, carried an article entitled "Notables Greet Soviets on 31st Anniversary".

This article stated that W.E.B. DU BOIS was among a score of distinguished Americans who had sent messages of friendship to the people of the Soviet Union. The twin occasions for the greetings were the 15th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Soviet Union and the 31st Anniversary of the founding of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The "Daily Worker" dated January 3, 1949, page 7, column 1, carried an article entitled "Signers of Open Letter to End House Un-American Committee".

This article listed the name of Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS among the 313 educators, writers, scientists, artists and clergymen who issued an open letter to the members of the 81st Congress urging the abolition of the House Un-American Committee.

The "Daily Worker" dated March 20, 1949, Section 1, page 10. column 3. carried an article which stated that Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS, the outstanding negro scholar, educator and leader, was to be a guest speaker at the 19th anniversary celebration of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order.



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It is to be noted that the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" dated April 21, 1949, page 3, column 4, carried an article entitled "2,000 Open World Peace Congress".

The article stated that FREDERIC JOLIOT-CURIE, the French Government's Atomic Energy Commission Chairman, opened the World Peace Congress with a fighting keynote speech. The article stated that notables who shared the platform with JOLIOT-CURIE included W.E.B. DU BOIS, American negro leader and historian.

The World Peace Congress, held in Paris, France, from April 20 to 23, 1949, was cited as a Communist front among the "peace conferences" which "have been organized under Communist initiative in various countries throughout the world as a part of a campaign against the North Atlantic Defense Pact", by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, held in New York City on March 25 to 27, 1949.

The "Daily Worker" dated May 23, 1949 contained an article announcing a rally to be held on May 23, 1949 in New York City under the auspices of the American Sponsoring Committee, World Peace Congress - Paris, from April 20 to 23, 1949. One of the speakers listed at this rally was Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS.

The "Daily Worker" dated June 3, 1949, page 4, column 3, carried an article written by Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS entitled "Africa Looks to China".

This article stated that at the auspices of the Council on African Affairs, of which he is Vice Chairman, Doctor DU BOIS spoke enthusiastically of the "epoch-making"





peace congress and disclosed the impact of the meeting on the movement of colonial liberation. Doctor DU BOIS described the peace congress as "without exception, the most remarkable gathering of human beings I have ever attended".

The "Daily Worker" dated June 17, 1949 carried an article which reflected that a Bill of Rights Conference to alert the American people to "the clear and present danger that our basic charter of freedom may be destroyed" was called by more than 175 prominent Americans. Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS was listed as one of the sponsors.

The Chairman of the conference stated that the conference will bluntly speak up against the police state methods of certain Army and FBI officials.

advised that the Bill of Rights Conference was a conference held at the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City, on July 16 and 17, 1949 to consider the attack on America's Bill of Rights, with special emphasis on the trial of the twelve Communist leaders.

The "Daily Worker" dated June 19, 1949, Section 1, page 15, column 1, carried an article entitled "12 Negro Leaders Ask Court Permit Them to Defend GATES".

The article stated that Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS and other negro community, church and union leaders made an application to file a brief in support of GATES! refusal to inform on his comrades during the trial of the twelve Communist leaders in New York City.

It is to be noted that JOHN GATES was one of the twelve indicted Communist Party leaders who were convicted in New York City in 1949 for violation of the Smith Act.

The "Worker" dated July 23, 1950, page 2, column 4, contained an article reflecting that the New York Labor Conference for Peace had issued a call for a demonstration to be held in Union Square, New York City, at 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 1950. One of the proposed speakers was to include Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS.





advised that during May, 1950 the National Labor Conference for Peace, of which the New York Labor Conference for Peace is a part, was organized under the guidance of the Communist Party, USA.

The "Daily Worker" for August 25, 1950, page 2, column 1, carried an article entitled "DU BOIS Blasts Move By Justice Department Against Peace Group".

This article stated that Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS, Chairman of the Peace Information Center, branded as a "fantastic absurdity", the Justice Department's demand this week that the peace group register under the Foreign Agents Act.

Doctor DU BOIS, who was at that time travelling abroad, made the statement when his office reached him via trans-Atlantic phone in Paris to inform him of the Justice Department's action. Doctor DU BOIS stated that "the Department of Justice action will not erase the two million signatures already secured for the World Peace Appeal". He continued by stating that these two million signers and countless millions of Americans who hate war will defend the right to speak and work for peace.

According to the Peace Information Center was established in May, 1950 for the purpose of disseminating petitions on the Stockholm Appeal and other peace propaganda material.

It is also to be noted that the Peace Information Center was indicted on February 9, 1951 by a Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D.C. on a charge of failing to register as a foreign agent.

advised that the Communist Party and numerous Communist Front organizations had been extensively engaged in obtaining signatures based on this World Peace Appeal.





The "Daily Worker" dated August 28, 1949, page 1, column 1, carried an article which stated that Doctor W.E.B.

DU BOIS was a sponsor of a newly-organized Independent

Non-Partisan Citizens Committee for the Re-election of BENJAMIN

J. DAVIS.

It is to be noted that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was formerly the Communist New York City Councilman and one of the indicted Communist Party leaders, who was convicted in New York City in 1949 for violation of the Smith Act.

The "Daily Worker" for September 2, 1949, page 2, column 1, carried an article which stated that Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS, eminent negro leader and scholar, endorsed Communist City Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. for re-election and strongly attacked any negro who would run against him.

The "Daily Worker" for October 3, 1949, page 9, column 4, carried an article which stated that one million signatures to a petition to squash the indictments and end the trial of the national Communist leaders at Foley Square will be sought by the newly-formed National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders.

Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS, negro historian and co-Chairman of the Council on African Affairs, is listed under members already enrolled in virtually every state in the union.

The "Daily Worker" dated October 9, 1949, page 4, column 1, carried an article entitled "DU BOIS Tells of Soviet Union's Fight for Peace".

This article stated that the American Soviet Friendship Council held a banquet in the ballroom of the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 76th Street and Broadway, New York City, and that Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS, famous 82 year old negro historian, told of the magnificent world solidarity for peace that he had seen at the recent Moscow Peace Congress.

Doctor DU BOIS warned the warmongers that the "mass of the Russian people stand behind the Communist Party". He stated that the Russian people are willing again, if





necessary, to spend fifteen million lives to defend their way of life.

It is to be noted that the American Soviet Friendship Council, also known as the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" dated October 24, 1949, page 5, column 2, ran an advertisement which stated that Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS was to be a speaker at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, on October 27, 1949. His topic under discussion would be "What the Convictions at Foley Square Mean to You".

The "Daily Worker" of October 25, 1949, page 3, column 4, carried an article entitled "Notables Ask MC GRATH O.K. Bail for 11".

This article stated that the New York State Civil Rights Congress announced that prominent religious, civic, writers and professionals had wired Attorney General MC GRATH to intervene to see that reasonable bail was set for the eleven Communist Party leaders. One of the signers of this wire was Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS.

The "Daily Worker" for October 30, 1949, Section 1, page 2, column 3, stated that a mass meeting was held on October 27, 1949 at the St. Nicholas Arena in New York City "in defense of dignity", which was sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. This meeting was held in protest against the conviction of the eleven Communist Party Board members.

The article stated that Doctor W.E.B. DU BOIS attended this meeting and made the following statement:

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The Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, held in New York City in March, 1949, cited



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