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1946. Subject active in NCASP, 1950, 1951, 1954. Subject lectured at JSSS, 1949, and 1951. Subject taught at Frederick Douglas Educational Center, 1952 through 1953. Subject traveled to Russia, 1933. Subject registered for ALP, 1946 through 1954. Subject author of novel "Iron City", praised by Soviet critic.(21)

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#### I. BACKGROUND

#### A. Birth Data and Citizenship

On April 14, 1961; the Pennsylvania Motor Patrol, advised the FBI that LLOYD LOUIS BROWN was born April 3, 1913, St. Paul, Minnesota.(U)

#### B. Education

On April 14, 1941, the Pennsylvania Motor Patrol advised that LLOYD LOUIS BROWN received his elementary school education in St. Paul, Minnesota, and that he attended College of the City of New York from 1929 to 1933, obtaining a Bachelor of Social Science degree, having majored in history and economics, having minored in English, socialogy and psychology (U)

#### C. Marital Status

The records of the Marriage License Bureau, Courthouse, Pittsburgh, Fennsylvania, as reviewed prior to April 9, 1947, reflect in application for marriage license number S-13164, that the subject applied for the license on May 28, 1937. The subject LLOYD BROWN, set forth that he was born at St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 3, 1913, the son of RALPH BROWN, born at St. Paul, Minnesota, and MARY JACOBS, born in Minnesota. The race of the subject and his parents was given as white.





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#### D. Residence

The records of the Passport Division, Department of State, as reviewed by SA in April, 1950, reflect that on an application executed by LLOYD LOUIS DIGHT on September 22, 1933, DIGHT gave his permanent address as 313 East 13th Street, New York City.

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On April 14, 1941, the Pennsylvania Motor Patrol advised, as of that date, LLOYD LOUIS BROWN was residing at 3047 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (u)

## A pretext telephone call made to

on January 20, 1947, ascertained that BROWN was, at that time, residing with his family at 408 West 130th Street, New York City. (U)

A pretext telephone call made by an FBI agent on February 9, 1950, ascertained that the subject continued to reside at 408 West 130th Street, New York City. (U)

A pretext telephone call, made to LLOYD LOUIS BROWN at the offices of "Masses and Mainstream" on April 4, 1951, determined that the subject was then residing at 408 West 130th Street, New York City.(V)





The following concerning "New Masses" is contained in the publication "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., dated May 14, 1951:  $(\mathcal{U})$ 

"Until its recent merger with Mainstream, the New Masses has been the weekly journalistic voice of the Communist Party. Its first appearance was as a monthly. As the Masses, it was suppressed by the United States Government for its subversive policies." Mainstream was launched by the Communist Party in January, 1947, dealing with the field of literature and creative arts.(U)

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, p. 160, and 1948, p. 340). [1]

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On July 27,/	
<u>1008 West 130th</u> Street, New York City,	o7C
advised SA that LLOYD LOUIS BROWN,	
as of that date, was residing in Apartment 61A, at	
the above address.	
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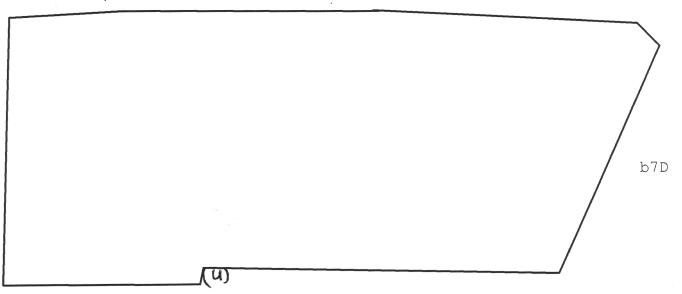
On March 28, 1956, a pretext telephone call was made to the subject, at which time, he advised he resided at 408 West 130th Street, New York City, Apartment 61A. This call was made by a Special Agent of the FBI. (u)

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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{U})$ 

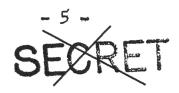
In March, 1943, who has furnished reliable information in the past, now deceased, furnished information which reflected that in 1939 and 1940,

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"People's Voice" for April 13, 1946, page 5, column 3, carried a photograph of LLOYD BROWN with a caption stating that he had assumed the position of managing editor of "New Masses" magazine. (U)

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The following concerning "People's Voice" is contained in the publication "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., dated May 14, 1951:(1)





Among publications which the committee found "to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system."(V)

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 225.)(U)

The October 5, 1946 edition of the "People's Voice", in an article entitled, "Writers Discuss Anti-Fascists", stated that LLOYD LOUIS BROWN, the editor of "New Masses" magazine, had traveled widely in Europe as a correspondent in the labor press. (W)

The October 15, 1)46 and January, 1947 issues of "New Masses" listed LLCYN LOUIS BROWN as managing editor and a member of the editorial board of this publication. (U)

The "Daily Worker", in its issue of January 2, 1948, announced that a marxist cultural magazine was to be issued following the merger of "New Masses" and "Mainstream", and that the first issue would appear in March.(1)

The "Daily Worker" on page 13, in its issue of February 27, 1948, carried a photograph of the editors of "Masses and Mainstream" and identifies one of the men pictured as LLOYD L. BROWN. In the accompanying article, the subject is described as a "former labor organizer and more recently, editor of New Masses!". (V)

The following concerning "Mainstream" and "Masses and Mainstream" is contained in the publication "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., dated May 14, 1951: (V)





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"MAINSTREAM"

A Marxist quarterly launched by the Communist Party in January, 1947 for the avowed purpose of stimulating "Marxist thinking in literature and the creative arts." It later merged with "New Masses", "weekly journalistic voice of the Communist Party." (U)

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, p. 106, and 1948, p. 340.)(U)

"MASSES AND MAINSTREAM"

"Among typical examples of the Communist press and publications." (4)

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 49.)(U)

LLOYD LOGITS BROWN is listed as an associate editor of "Masses and Mainstream" from the first issue, March, 1947, to September, 1953; as associate editor "on leave" from September, 1953, to December, 1954, and as a contributing editor from January, 1955 through March, 1956. During that period of time, many articles appeared in that publication under the subject's name. (U)

On April 4, 1951, a pretext telephone call was made to the subject at the offices of "Masses and Mainstream". It was determined that the subject was employed in an editorial position with "Masses and Mainstream", 832 Broadway, New York City(U)

The November, 1952 issue of "Masses and Mainstream" reflects that the subject, associate editor of "Masses and Mainstream", 832 Broadway, New York City, was on leave.(U)





A review of the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as made available by b70 b70 to SF on December 8, 1955, reflected that, according to a credit report dated September 12, 1955, LLOYD BROWN was employed as a writer from his home address, 408 West 130th Street, New York City, and formerly employed for six or seven months by the firm, Hallmark and Hubner, 52 East 19th Street, New York City, as a proofreader until February, 1955.(1)	who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on November 28, 1952, that the subject was on leave from "Masses and Mainstream" to write a book.	
	of Greater New York, as made available by	b70

On March 28, 1956, a pretext telephone, call was made to the subject at his residence, Apartment 61A, 408 West 130th Street, New York City, and the subject advised that he was a self-employed writer from his home address.

#### F. Military Service

who has furnished reliable information in the past advised in September, 1942, that the subject was inducted into the United States Army on August 25, 1942, and that his Army Serial Number was 33287993. The informant advised that the subject was also known as ILOYD LOUIS DIGHT. also advised that subject was inducted at Fort George Meade, Maryland, and was honorably discharged December 4, 1945 at Scott Field, Illinois, (1)

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H. Identifica	tion Record	FBI Numb	er 204 999	9 8
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PD, Pgh., Pa.	Lloyd Brown #33201	1/21/37	vag.; traffic viol.	Ct.l. disch.; Ct.2. 10 days jail
Allegheny Co. Det.Bu., Pgh, Pa.	Lloyd Louis Brown #11708	7/8/40	perjury	(see notation)*
Co. Jail Pgh., Pa.	Lloyd Brown #22610	3/19/41	conspirac	y 4 mos. Alleg. Co. Jail, \$200 fine and costs on consp.; 4 mos. Alleg. Co. Jail to run conc. with first sent. on chg. of perjury, 3/19/41;rel. by exp. 10/16/41.

##11708, Alleg. Co. Det. Bu., Pittshurgh, Pa., 7/8/40, consp. (1) perjury (2); 9/30/40, guilty all charges, 3/18/41, sent. on consp. \$200 and costs and 4 mos. jail; on perj. (1) 4 mos. jail - conc. sent., on perj. (1) sent. susp.



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#### II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

### A. CP Membership

who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised prior to October 9, 1942, that the subject was a member of the Speakers Committee, CP, 1938. (U)	
on an unknown date prior to October 9, 1942, a source who compiled personnel and intelligence matters in the past, advised that the subject was a CP member early in 1941.	b2 b7D
on an unknown date prior to October 9, 1942, previously mentioned, advised that the subject was a CP member early in 1941. (U)	

further advised that the leaders of the CP were a group known as the "District Committee", and that the subject was a member of this committee in March, 1941. (u)

LLOYD LOUIS BROWN was observed by a Special Agent of the FBI to attend CP meetings and rallies on five occasions between November 8, 1941 and July 4, 1942. (U)

The "Daily Worker" of April 9, 1946, carried a half-page advertisement announcing that 300 CP clubs would hold a special meeting that week. The advertisement read in part as follows:(V)

Hear outstanding leaders of the Communist Party speak of all branches on the struggle for peace and Rebuilding the Communist Party: "  $\bullet(\mathcal{V})$ 

LLOYD LOUIS BROWN was listed as a speaker from New York County for this event (  $\mathcal U$  )







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The September 28, 1946 edition of the "Daily Worker" announced that LLOYD BROWN, managing editor of "New Masses" would be a speaker at the first Allerton Section, CP, series of forums, speaking on "New People's Democracy in Eastern Europe".(U)

b2 On February 20, 1947, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that LLOYD BROWN of "New Masses" was a member of the Religious and Political Commission of the National CP, as of the above date  $(\mathcal{U})$ 

In the February, 1949 issue of "Masses and Mainstream" there appears and article entitled, "My People and My Party by LLOYD L. BROWN. The author states that 20 years previously, he attended a school "organized by the Young Communist League to teach Marxism-Leninism". He further stated that he has stayed with that school ever since and with the man who was the teacher in this school, GIL GREEN. He later writes, "I am only one of the thousands of Negro Communists who have taken part in the battles with our white comrades". He concludes with the statement, "The defense of the Communist Party and the precious truth it teaches----Marxism-Leninism-----and the liberation movement of my people are one and inseparable". (U)

The Young Communist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.(U) b7C

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On February 12, 1955, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that LLOYD LOUIS BROWN was the main speaker of the Current Events Forum of Newark at 516 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, on February 11, 1955. BROWN was introduced by who stated BROWN was currently with the "Party", and had ties in Newark over 20 years ago. BROWN left for New York after the meeting in the company of	b2 b7C
on Dec. 28. 1954. that he believed  to be  for the Current Events Forum of Newark.  In 1946, who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified and as CP members (U)	b7D
on April 20, 1949, oreviously mentioned, identified as a CP members (U)	
On September 13, 1954, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that attended a meeting of the New Jersey  CP on at 516 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, (14)	



#### B. CP Front Organizations

In the 1937 year book of the Young Communist League (YCL), the subject was listed as a District Organizer for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the following is an article describing the subject in the periodical: (1)

"Lloyd Brown, District Organizer of Western Pennsylvania, is a veteran YCL'er. In August, when the steel drive began, Lloyd went down to Pittsburgh as the representative of the National Committee of the League. Lloyd has been in the YCL longer than any other Negro member. He joineded in 1929, in his native town of St. Paul, Minnesota, worked in New Haven, Youngstown, Cleveland, and New York; was also the first district organizer of New Jersey and one of a long list of editors of the "Young Worker". (U)

The following concerning the "Young Worker" is contained in the publication, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., dated May 14, 1951: (1)

A Nation-wide magazine of the Young Communist League; the magazine was later called The Young Communist Review.

(Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, p. 185.)(U)





In 1946, L who has furnished reliable information in the past, now deceased, advised that in 1932, BROWN came to Harlem from New Jersey and that he was sent by the party leadership as a party representative to the YCL. The informant stated that BROWN disappeared in late 1932, and that no one knew where he went. ( $\mathcal{U}$ )

The October 3, 1933 issue of the "Daily Worker", in an article describing an anti-war Congress held by the CP in the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, states in part as follows: (W)

"Lloyd Brown of the Young Communist League electrified the nearly 3,000 delegates and 2,000 spectators by his declaration that the militant youth of America will follow the path of the heroic Communist Party leader of youth, KARL LIEBKNECHT, in unyeilding struggle against the war makers. Brown was one of the three youth speakers." (W)

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The "Daily Worker", August 23, 1951, page 1, co. umn 1, in an article entitled, "Notables Form Freedom of the Press Body; Will Aid Daily Worker", states in part as follows: (W)

"A group of 22 prominent Americans, yesterday announced the formation of a Committee For Freedom of the Press and urged the widespread organization of local groups, dedicated to the working class paper s continued existence. The secretary is LLOYD BROWN, author of the new novel 'Iron City' and the editor of the magazine, 'Masses and Mainstream' (U)

> It was announced in "The Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily forker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, October 7, 1951, section 1. page 3, that Publishers New press, Incorporated, 35 Hast 12th Street, New York City, was assuming from Freedom of the Press Incorporated, publication of the newspaper "Daily Worker" and its Sunday edition, "The Morker". Committee for the Freedom of the press is also known as Publishers Hew Press, Incorporated, and Freedom of the press, Incorporated.  $(\mathcal{U})$

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On March 21, 1952, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a mimeographed letter dated August 10, 1951, addressed to "Dear Friend" and signed "Sincerely, LLOYD L. BROWN (on behalf of the Preliminary Committee)".(U)

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# This letter stated as follows:(W)

"We are enclosing a statement adopted professionals at a preliminary meeting of the writers, trade unnionists / and artists. The purpose of the meeting was to set up a committee to organize the defense of the 'Daily Worker' and 'The Worker', to publish in the Face of government persecution and the current atmosphere of hysteria-----

"The Worker", issue of March 30, 1952, page 5, columns 1-3, stated that LLOYD BROWN spoke at the opening session of the National Conference for Freedom of the Press, held the previous weekers (U)

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On September 30, 1955,  who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that  The informant  stated that has been a Communist for years and would have to be a CP member currently to hold the above position.  b2  b7  b7  b7  currently to hold the above position.	
who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in December, 1947, that LLOYD  L. BROWN, born in 1913, was a member of Lodge 691, International Workers Order (IWO), as of December, 1946.(U)	b2 b7D





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The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (W)

On March 7, 1950, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that one LLOYD BROWN was listed as one of the instructors for the "School for Writers" of the Writing and Publishing Division of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP). (U)

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The following concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions is contained in the publication, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., dated May 14, 1951:(V)

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(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 and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p. 2. (U)

The "Daily Worker", November 21, 1951, page 7, columns 1-3, in an article entitled, "The Publishers Pressure on the Negro Writer Today", reads in part as follows: (U)





"Lloyd Brown, author of 'Iron City' and associate editor of 'Masses and Mainstream' discussed this at a recent conference of Equal Rights for Negroes in the Arts, sponsored by the NCASP. (W)

On February 1, 1954, who has furnished	
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which reflected that LLOYD BROWN was to participate	b7
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The "Daily Worker" of October 7, 1949, page 7, column 1, carries an announcement that LLOYD BROWN would lecture on "The Concept of Negro Culture" at the Jefferson School of Social Science, on October 9, 1949.(1)

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. is one of the 11 members of the National Council of the CP, who was convicted om October 14, 1949, in the USDC, SDNY, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.(U)





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School of Social Science lists among the instructors and lecturers, LEOYD BROWN.  $(\mathcal{U})$ 

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1953, page 8, column 5, reflects that LLOYD BROWN was to speak at the Friday Cultural Forum, February 13, 1953, at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Avenue, New York City. (U)

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brown, author of "Iron City" was a guest speaker	b7C
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also known as the Nature Friends of America. (11)	

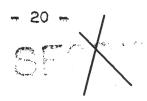
The following concerning Nature Friends of America is contained in the publication "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., dated May 14, 1951: (U)

Cited as subversive and Communist. (1)

(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.) (U)

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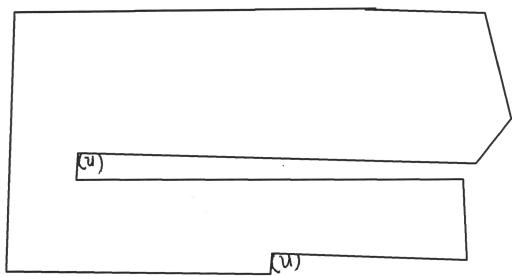
(Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, p. 494.)(U)





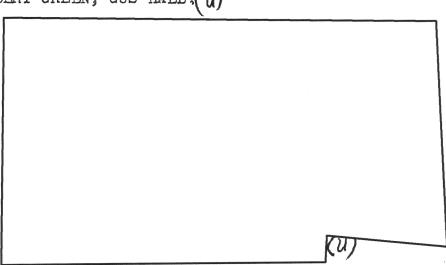
On August 18, 1955, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that LLOYD BROWN spoke at the meeting of the MRA, held	
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On October 21, 1946, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a letter written on letterhead stationery of dated October 16, 1946, addressed to LLOYD BROWN, which reflected that	TU .
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The "Daily Worker" of August 17, 1949, page 9, column 1, reflects that the subject was among numerous New York writers who signed the statement demanding the immediate freedom of HENRY WINSTON, GILBERT GREEN, GUS HALL (V)

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GUS HALL was convicted on October 14, 1949 in the USDC, SDNY, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On October 21, 1949, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$10,000. He became a fugitive upon issuance of a bench warrant USDC, SDNY, July 2, 1951. He was apprehended on October 10, 1951, in Laredo, Texas, and was convicted in the USDC, SDNY, for contempt of court. On December 19, 1951, he was sentenced to a term of three years and is now serving his sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. (U)

who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on November 7, 1949, which indicated that the subject had taken leave from Wasses and Mainstream" in order to devote his entire time to the re-election campaign of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. for City Councilman. (U)	b2 b70 b7D
The informant further advised that the subject was on friendly terms with GUS HALL and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS. (2)	
Secretary to Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA. SDNY. on November 23, 1949, made available to SA material which reflected that LLOYD BROWN and others in September and November, 1949, sent communications to Judge MEDINA protesting the trial of the CP leaders in New York City. (U)	b7C
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The "Daily Worker" of November 30, 1951, page 7, column 3, in an article entitled, "Lloyd Brown Writes Pamphlet on Robeson", reads in part as (U) follows:





"New pamphlet entitled, 'Lift Every Voice For Paul Robeson', written by Lloyd Brown, author of the recent best selling novel 'Iron City' bearing the imprint of the newspaper 'Freedom' and priced at only 3%, a copy will be off the press this week." (U)

On November 3, 1955, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in June, 1955, the Council on African Affairs, dissolved and at the time of its dissolution, PAUL ROBESON was Charman of the organization.

The Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is a self-confessed former member of the CP, advised in June, 1950, that PAUL FOBESON was known to him prior to 1945, as a concealed Communist. (U)

The December 31, 1950 issue of "The Worker" contained an article which described "Freedom" as a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates, which was introduced in November, 1950. This article pointed out that the purpose of the paper was to promote Negro matters, the selecting and writing of all material from the viewpoint that is interesting rather than necessary to the Negro worker and to point out the importance to the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the worker's class. (U)



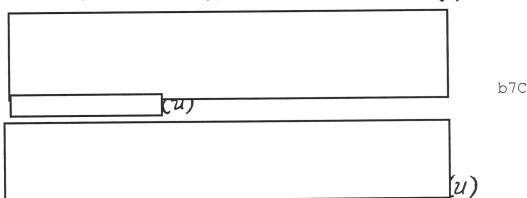


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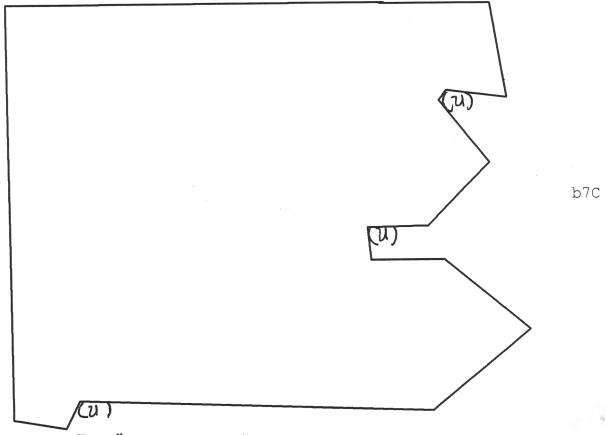
In December, 1950, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the editorial board of "Freedom" was composed of Communists and Communist sympathizers. According to the informant, "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of the Worker. (u)

The "Daily Worker" of May 28, 1952, page 7, columns 2 and 3, stated that LLOYD L. BROWN, associate editor of "Masses and Mainstream" has written a pamphlet, "The Negro People Versus the Smith Act", in which BROWN stated that the Smith Act is not aimed at the Communists alone, but is a deadly menace to every effort of the Negro People to win for themselves first class citizenship and equal rights. (1)

"He stresses that men and women have already been jailed under the Smith Act - for fighting for Negro rights - men like Benjamin J. Davis, Henry Winston - 'national leaders of the Negro people', - and other men and women like Claudia Jones, Pettis Perry, James Jackson ...". (U)

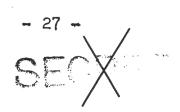






The "Daily Worker" of March 12, 1952, page 8, columns 3 and 4, in an article entitled "Open Frederick Douglas School in Harlem Monday", stated that LLOYD BROWN, author of "Iron City" and editor of "Masses and Mainstream" was to teach a course of the "Culture of the Negro People" at the Frederick Douglas Educational Center, Harlemenew school for liberation. (4)

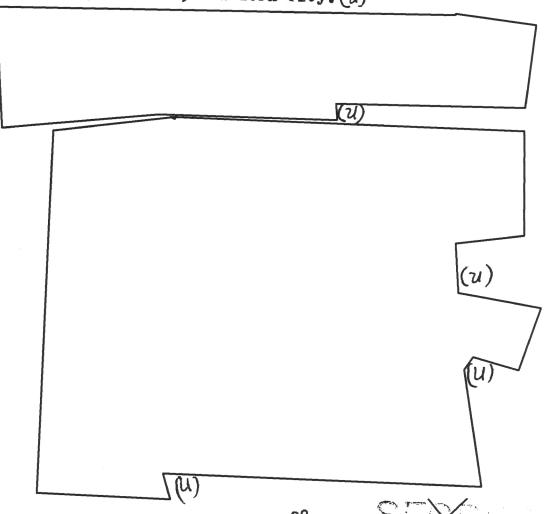
The Frederick Douglas Educational Center has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)





On May 6, 1952, previously mentioned, b7D made available material which reflected that LLOYD BROWN is on the committee of the Frederick Douglas Educational Center, a people's school guided by the principles of Marxism-Leninism. (u)

The "Daily Worker" of February 11, 1953, page 7, column 3, reflects that LLOYD BROWN was to be a participant in an Information Please Forum on the Negro life and history conducted by the Frederick Douglas Educational Center on February 12, 1953, at 124 West 124th Street, New York City. (u)



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"We Pledge Peace - A Friendship Book", published in 1953, by the American Russian Institute, Incorporated, San Francisco, contained a contribution by LLDYD L. BROWN, associate editor of "Masses and Mainstream", and author of "Iron City", New York City.

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On August 27, 1954, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that LLOYD BROWN attended a hirthday supper in homor	b2 b7C

at Small's Paradise, Seventh

Avenue and 135th Street, New York City. on August

26, 1954, sponsored by

an activity of the Civil Rights Congress. (CRC) (u)

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.(U)

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On September 14, 1955, who has furnished reliable information	
in the past, advised that was, at that time,	 b2
and known to the	b70
informant as a Communist. (W)	b71

On October 15, 1954, advised that LLOYD BROWN attended a dinner in honor of PAUL ROBESON, sponsored by the New World Review" on October 14, 1954, at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 76th Street and Broadway, New York City.(V)

The following concerning "New World Review" is found under Boviet Russia Today" and is contained in the publication "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committeen Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., dated May 14, 1951: (U)

# 1. Cited as a Communist front. ( $\mathcal{U}$ )

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 167; also cited in Report, June 25, 1942, p. 21.)(U)

2. Cited as a "Communist-front publication." (U)

(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 1953, on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949), p. 108.)(U)





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3. Among the "more important" Communist-front organizations "for the sole purpose of carrying on propaganda on behalf of the Soviet Union."

(Jalifornia Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 169.)(2)

It. A magazine published by Frieris of the Soviet Union and distributed by the Communists! Progressive Book Shop in Boston, Mass. "The articles and pictures in this magazine seek to show the great benefits and advantages enjoyed by Russian workers, stressing the theme that Russia is the only successful nation in the world today." (7)

(Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, pp. 281 and 517.)(U)

who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised on June
29, 1950, that was a CP
member in 1945, and that she does not hold
herself cut as a Communist and denies
membership in the Party. The informant
stated that was a devoted
member of the CP along with
PAUL ROBESON. The informant continued
that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., known to the
informant, at that time, as Chairman of
the Harlem Branch of the CP and a member
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as of the CP, were
the sources of his information concerning
CP connections, (u)

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"The Worker", dated August 14, 1955, page 8, column 3, published an article written by LLOYD L. BROWN, author of "Iron City", entitled, "Millions Eager To Welcome Our Best Ambassador of Goodwill", in which BROWN strongly advocated the issuance of a passport to PAUL ROBESON and referred to him as America's finest ambassador to all the world. (1)

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### D. Miscellaneous CP Activities

1946 through 1954.(u)

The records of  as reviewed in April: 1950, by  reflect that	b7C
The records of the Manhattan Board of  Elections. New York City, as reviewed by SE  on December 15. 19. 1955. reflected that  LLOYD L: BROWN  Apartment 61A,  108 West 130th Street, New York City, registered  for the American Labor Party (ALP) in the years	b7C



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who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed with in the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of New York State. ( $\mathcal{U}$ )

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previously mentioned, advised on May 9, 1955, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it. (U)

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The "Daily Worker", dated April 28, 1952, page 7, columns 2-3, in an article entitled "Lloyd Brown's Iron City Praised by Soviet Critics", by JOSEPH CLARK, datelined Moscow, states that LLOYD BROWN's novel "Iron City" is hailed as a great achievement of progressive literature in the United States in a review published in the newspaper, "Literary Gazette". (U)

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The critic, I. DUBASHINSKY, states that "Iron City" shows the historic role of the American CP in the struggle for equal rights and liberation of the Negro people and that the CP is shown in the novel as an active political force waging a relentless struggle against reaction. (U)

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public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena $(\mathcal{U})$	b7D
who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 10, 1955, that	
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The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena.  $(\mathcal{U})$ 

The "Daily Worker", June 21, 1951, page 11, column 2, reflects that "Masses and Mainstream" and "Freedom" were jointly sponsoring a public reception in honor of LLOYD L. BROWN on June 22, 1951, which was to be attended by PAUL ROBESON. (W)

The subject was observed by Special Agents of the FBI to be in attendance at the May Day celebration held on April 30, 1949, at Union Square, New York City, at which the subject was a speaker. (4)

The United May Day Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (u)

On May 29, 1952, who has furnished b7D reliable information in the past, identified the subject as having participated in the May Day Parade and/or activities at Union Square, New York City, on May 1, 1952.(U)

The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications dated May 14, 1951, prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities, US House of Representatives lists the May Day parade as follows: (11)

Parade as follows:(U)

l. "The May Day Parade in New York City
is an annual mobilization of Communist strength,"
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities,
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On the evening of October 6, 1955, Agents of the FBI observed the occupants of a 1955, two-tone Chevrolet, bearing New York license plates, 7N5117, registered to LLOYD L. BROWN, 408 West 130th Street, New York City, enter the Polish United Nations Delegation Headquarters, 149-151 East 67th Street, New York City.  On October 6, 1955, previously mentioned, advised that a social affair was to be held on the evening of the same date at the Polish United Nations Delegation Headquarters.	b2 b7D
On November 8, 9, 1954, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the name LLOYD BROWN was maintained among the papers of  On May 22, 1953, previously mentioned, advised that it was his belief that held position in the CP at that time	b2 b7C b7D
Submitted to SAS  and  an unclaimed suitcase which had been left in his store approximately September 1, 1949.  Contained in this suitcase was  the 1949 campaign for the re-election of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., Communist candidate for Councilman, City of New York.  (W)	b7C
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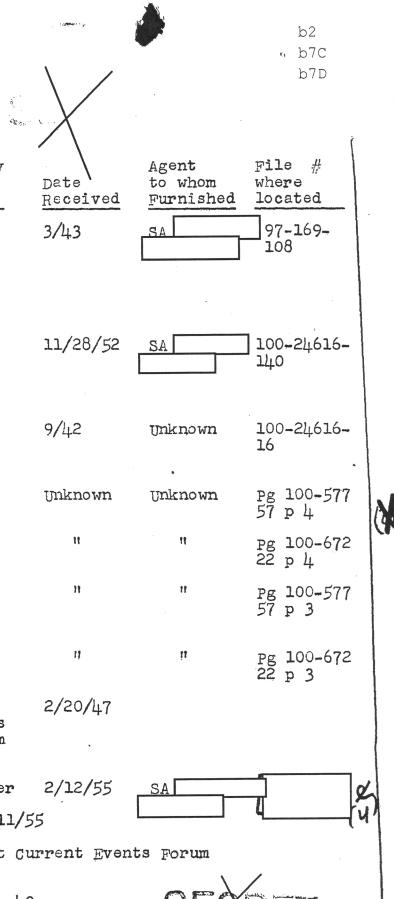
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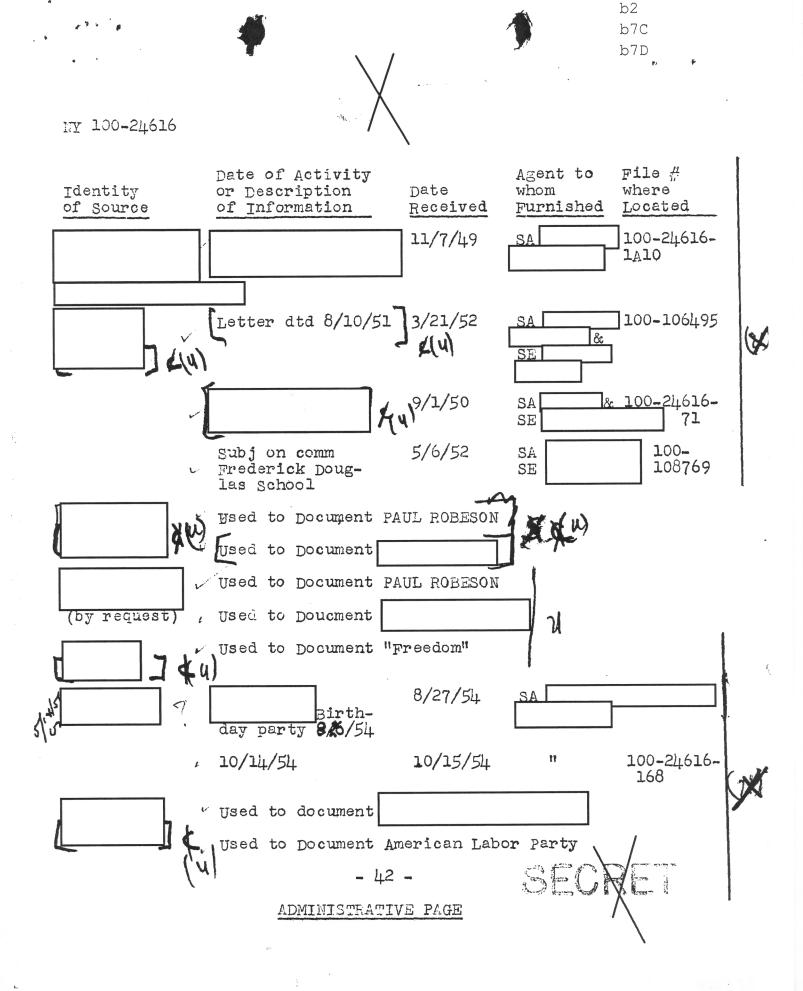
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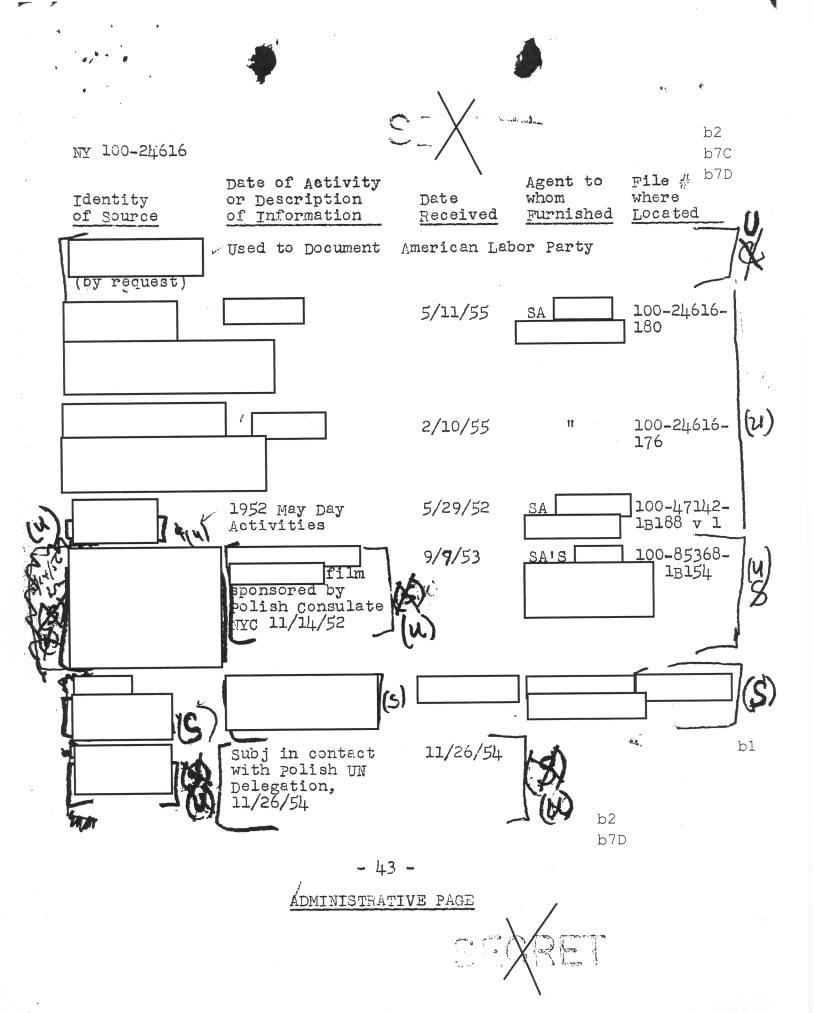
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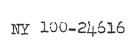


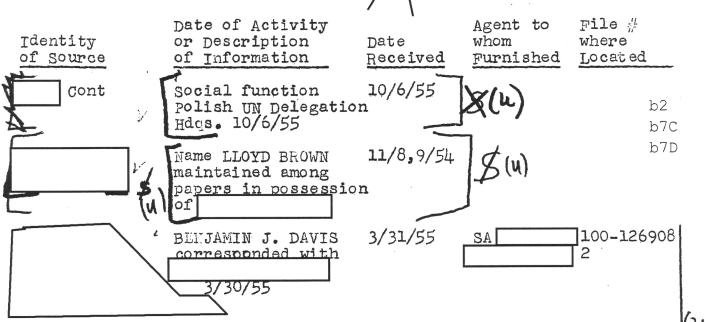
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## INFORMANTS

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The pretext telephone call made to the subject on 3/28/56, was made by SA who used the pretext that

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The Special Agent who observed BROWN at the CP meetings and rallies between 11/8/41 and 7/4/42 was SA

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The pretext telephone call made to the subject at 408 W. 130th St., NYC, on 2/9/50, was made by SA and it is not known what pretext was used (u)

The pretext telephone call made to "Masses and Mainstream" on 4/4/51, was made by SA It is not known what pretext was used. (u)

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The subject's SI card was reviewed and the information thereon was found to be current and accurate. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the SI criteria and the case still falls within this criteria. ( $\mathcal U$ )

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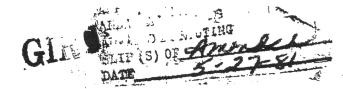
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was contacted telephonically by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who was utilizing a suitable pretext.    advised the Special Agent
as of that date (1)
On February 21, 1957,  408 West 130th Street, New York City, advised SA  that Apartment 61A, 408 West 130th Street,  was occupied by DLOYD LOUIS BROWN.(U)  b7C
B. Employment b7D
During the telephonic contact of August 4, 1956, advised that LLOYD LOWIS BROWN was at that time a self-employed writer. (U)
On February 21, 1957, advised LLOYD LOUIS BROWN, 408 West 130th Street, New York City, was self-imployed as a writer.(U)
II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT
A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership
On April 8, 1957, who has furnished reliable b7C information in the past, advised that 57C stated in his presence in 1955, that LLOYD BROWN was on some board. the name of which the informant could not recall. further stated that he and BROWN were scheduled to meet with the board in the near future. further advised that from his conversation with he gathered that the board was a CP board, and in order for BROWN to be a member of this board, he would have to be a CP member.
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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper (7)