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August 28, 1956

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During February and April, 1956, another Government agency which conducts security investigations advised that the following list of persons traveled to Iron Curtain countries on the indicated dates:

Dubois, Doctor William Edward Burghardt:
Born February 23, 1868; traveled to Poland in July,
1955. The files of the Passport Office, United States
Department of State, reflected that Dubois was born
in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and was residing
in 1955 at 31 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York. His
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the July, 1955, trip.

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DETAILS:

A. Residence

A pretext telephone call was made on February 25, 1957, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to the residence of Dr. WILLIAM EDWARD BURGHARDT DU BOIS. A man, who answered the telephone, advised he was Dr. DU BOIS and stated that he lived at 31 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York.

B. Employment

A Special Agent of the FBI on February 25, 1957, by pretext telephone call to the office of the "New World Review," 23 West 26th Street, New York City, determined from an unknown woman who answered the telephone that Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS no longer maintained an office there and had recently moved his office to his home

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" (hereinafter referred to as the House Guide), prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activites, United States House of Representatives, dated May 14, 1951, cites "Soviet Russia Today", changed to "New World Review" March 1951, as a Communist front

A pretext telephone call was made on February 25, 1957, by a Special Agent of the FBI to the residence of Dr. WILLIAM EDWARD BURGHARDT DU BOIS. A man, who identified himself as Dr. DU BOIS, stated he was self-employed as a lecturar and author and that he maintains his office in his home

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Affiliation with Communist Party (CP) Front Group Activities

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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 Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

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who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available on February 27, 1956, an invitation from the Board of Trustees of the JSSS which announced that the 12th anniversary dinner of that school would be held on February 24, 1956, at the Hotel Capitol, 8th Avenue and Fifth Street, New York City. This invitation reflected that W.E.B. DU BOIS was to be present as a guest.

On June 15, 1956, who has furnished reliable, information in the past, made available information which reflected that felt that W.E.B. DU BOIS could be approached as a potential speaker or writer on the subject of History for the Marxist Information Center and Speakers Bureau which is maintained under the auspices of the JSSS.

The "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, in the issue of April 15, 1956, page 5, column 1, made reference to MAX WEISS and said that WEISS was the National Educational Director of the CP.

On October 5, 1956, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had received a letter from the JSS on that date which stated that the JSSS was recruiting students for the 1956 fall term. The letter reflected that two courses would be held every Tuesday night during the fall term of 1956 and these courses would embrace a variety of current teen-age problems and that these courses would have such instructors as Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS.

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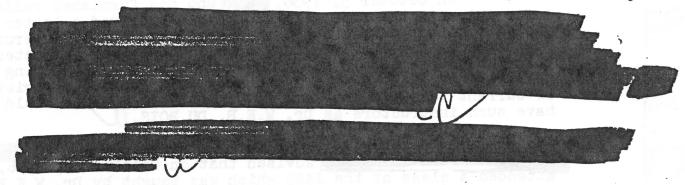


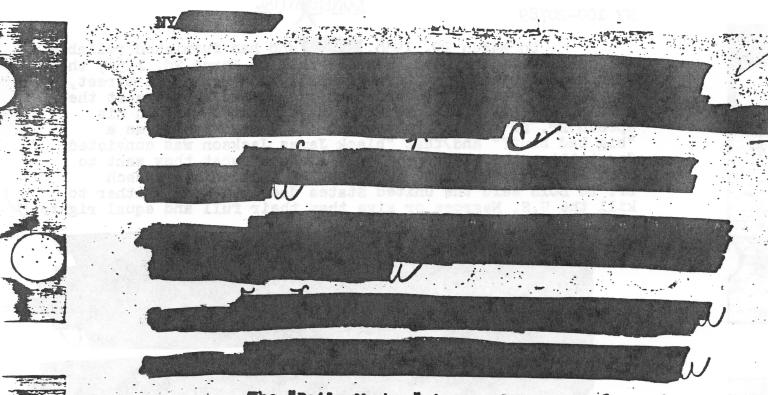
2. American Labor Party (ALP) CONFID NTIAL

who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within 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 with the ALP 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 ALP in Brooklyn. Knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The ALP never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State

who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 4, 1956, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the ALP, constitutes the force that controls it.

The "New York Times," a daily newspaper, issue of October 8, 1956, on pages 1 and 20, reflected that the ALP State Chairman announced on October 7, 1956, that the ALP State Committee had unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the ALP and liquidating its assets.





The "Daily Worker" issue of December 6, 1956, on page 6, column 3, carried an announcement which advised that a VITO MARCANTONIO Memorial meeting would be held on December 10, 1956, at 247 East 116th Street, New York City. The article further reflected that Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS would be one of the speakers at this meeting.

who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 13, 1956, that on December 10, 1956, the above described VITO MARCANTONIO Memorial meeting was held at 247 East 116th Street, New York City. He stated that a number of persons, including Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS, made speeches and all were in eulogy of VITO MARCANTONIOS life and political career.

4, described VITO MARCANTONIO as the former ALP Congressman from New York City.

3. Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC)

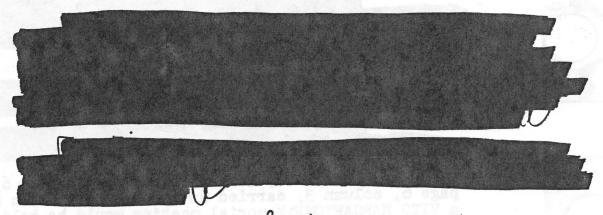
The documentation for the ECLC appears in the Appendix Section of this report



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On March 29, 1956, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 28, 1956, the ECLC held a meeting at Carnegie Hall, 154 West 57th Street, New York City. Stated that one of the speakers at the meeting was Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS. Stated that in his speech Dr. DU BOIS characterized the United States as a "big bad bluff" and/that "black James Jackson was convicted for telling the black people of Alabama" what they want to know about revolutions. I stated that in his speech Dr. Du BOIS said the United States does not know whether to kill the U.S. Negroes or give them their full and equal rights.



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Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS spoke at the above meeting at Carnegie Hall on March 28, 1956. All of these sources agreed in general with concerning the statements by Dr. DU BOIS in his speech:

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4. American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born (ACPFB)

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On April 30, 1956, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he attended a reception honoring held on April 27, 1956, at the



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hood Neighbor House of Christ Church, North Second Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which was sponsored by the ACPFB.

spoke at this reception and made the following comments in his speech:

The two main issues before the human race at this time are peace and Socialism, and Communism is the path to Socialism. Socialism is sweeping the world and transforming and transfiguring it; look at the Soviet Union and the abundance of life and liberty and prosperity there. Only the United States refuses to take advantage of the experience of others and still hangs on to a outmoded and inefficient political system. But change is on its way and it is sure and not far off when the American people will be liberated from their masters..... But Socialism is a fact and it will save the world and do away with the present poverty and ignorance; economic justice as set forth in Marxism will bring relief from our injustices and the time is not far off; the N.S. cannot stand alone in a Socialist world. L

Cadvised that on April 27, 1956, he attended the above reception Church, 2nd and Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

advised that Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS spoke at this reception and made the following comments in his speech:

Praised the Soviet Union in all ways, their educational system, their economic system, living standards, production abilities and their peaceful aims. Socialism will eventually encompass all the civilized wountries of the world. The only way to Socialism was through Communism.

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concerning the comments made by Dr.DU BOIS in his speech:

On April 17, 1956, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 7, 1956, he attended the annual conference of the Los Angeles Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born (LACPFB) which was held at Danish Hall, 1359 West 24th Street, Los Angeles, California. Stated that Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS spoke at this conference very briefly and stated that there are three things he resents: the treatment of the Indians, the treatment of the Negroes, and the treatment of the foreign born, and that they (LACPFB) have to make people remember the evil of the treatment of the above groups.

In addition to the above meeting was also attended by and both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, and who advised that Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS spoke at the above meeting and generally they corroborated the statments of concerning Dr.DU BOIS's speech.

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5. Miscellaneous Activity



a. Association with PAUL ROBESON

The "Daily Worker," issue of March 16, 1956, page 8, column 2, reflected that an amicus curiae brief had been filed by W.E.B. DU BOIS at the U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., appealing the denial of a passport to PAUL ROBESON.

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

b. Attendance at Birthday Celebration Honoring WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and the Return to Political Life of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr.

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This report concerned a banquet and rally honoring the 75th birthday of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and the return to political life of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., which was held at the Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York City, on March 9, 1956.

The report reflects that Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS was in attendance at the above banquet.

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The "Daily Worker", issue of February 13, 1957, page 1, column 1, contains information that delegates to the 16th National CP Convention had by secret vote on February 12, 1957,

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elected twenty members of a new National Committee of sixty. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was among the twenty delegates listed as elected to the National Committee.

c. "Mainstream" Magazine

A review of the "Mainstream" Magazine, issue of January 1957, reflects that W.E.B. DU BOIS wrote an article for that issue in which he reviewed the book Stolen Era" by ANNA LOUISE STRONG. In the review Dr. DU BOIS summarizes the efforts of the author and stated, "The book ought to be required reading for all confused and frustrated commentators on Socialism in this day."

The Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 1953, on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949), page 75, cites "Masses and Mainstream" as follows:

"The successor to New Masses, 'a Communist magazine."

The September 1956 issue of "Mainstream" carries a notice inside the cover which explains that beginning the September 1956 issue, the name "Masses and Mainstream" has been changed to "Mainstream."

d. Committee to Aid Families of Smith Act Victims

On July 19, 1956, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a two-page written pamphlet issued by the Committee to Aid Families of the Smith Act Victims, 575 Avenue of the Americas, Room 805, New York City, and a one-page letter from Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS, 31 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York. In the letter Dr. DU BOIS requested contributions for support of the families of the Smith Act victims and related:

"There are many Americans like myself who believe that the several victims of the Smith Act now in jail or free on bail are being unjustly persecuted for the political and social beliefs which they honestly hold."

The Smith Act is a commonly used name for the Internal Security Act of 1940.

made available on July 5, 1956, a form letter written by Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS dated June 20, 1956, which was identical to the above described letter.

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On June 28, 1956, Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS testified for the defense in the trial of U.S. vs. TRACHTENBERG Et Al in U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, On that date Dr. DU BOIS during direct examination testified he has known defendant ALEXANDER LEO TRACHTENBERG since 1910 or 1911. In addition, Dr. DU BOIS testified he has known defendant JAMES EDWARD JACKSON, Jr., since 1935 and that he was told by JACKSON in 1946 or 1947 that the objective of the CP was to achieve Socialism in the United States by peaceful, democratic means.

On June 29, 1956, DU BOIS testified that he believed TRACHTENBERG enjoyed an excellent reputation for loyalty and patriotism.

During cross-examination on June 29, 1956, Dr. DU BOIS stated he was identified with the following organizations, but presently not actively affifiated with any organization. The following organizations, which Dr. DU BOIS stated he was identified with, have all been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. The Comments contained after the name of the organization are those of Dr. DU BOIS which were given by him during the cross-examination:

Council on African Affairs, Vice Chairman (Organization went out of existence in 1954, according to DU BOIS)

American Peace Crusade

China Welfare Appeal (Member of Board of Directors)

Citizens Emergency Defense Committee

Civil Rightz Congress (DU BOIS stated he was not a member but has cooperated with the Civil Rights Con

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Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy

International Workers Order

Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City (DU BOIS stated he has taught classes as late

as the fall 1955)
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
Peace Information Center (Chairman or President)
Southern Negro Youth Congress (Sponsor)

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

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DU BOIS testified that in addition to the above, he was identified with the following organizations:

"New World Review"

Documented earlier in the Details of this report.

American Council for a Democratic Greece

The House Guide of May 14, 1951, cites the American Council for a Democratic Greece as "a subversive and Communist organization formerly known as the Greek-American Council."

United States Sponsoring Committee of American Intercontinental Peace Conference 1952.

The "New York World Telegram and Sun," issue of January 26, 1952, contains an article by FREDERICK WOLTMAN regarding the American Intercontinental Peace Conference which he described as "the latest Soviet-inspired 'peace congress."

National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP)

The House Guide of May 14, 1951, cites the NCASP as a Communist front organization.

World Peace Congress

The House Guide of May 14, 1951, cited the World Peace Congress as a Communist front among the "peace conferences" which "have been organized under Communist initiative in various countries throughout the world as part of a campaign against the North Atlantic Defense Pact."

World Peace Appeal

The House Guide of May 14, 1951, cites the World Peace Appeal as a petition campaign launched by the Permanent Committee of the World Peace Congress at its meeting in Stockholm, March 16-19, 1950; as having "received the enthusiastic approval of every section of the international Communist hierarchy"; and as having "received the official endorsement of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., which has been echoed by the governing bodies of every Communist "satellite country, and by all Communist Parties throughout the world."

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Documentation for above set forth in the Appendix Section of this report.

who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party and Communist Party front activity in the New York City area, were contacted in February 1957 and advised that they did not possess any current information concerning Dr. J.E.B. DU BOIS and were not personally acquainted with him.

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The "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of October 8, 1951, page 1, columns 4 and 5, in an article entitled "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Rights Committee", reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was shown that the purpose of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgment of these liberties in politics, education, and the professions. The founders, according to the article, included more than 50 members of the clergy and many educators and professionals

A confidential informant, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on October 21, 1955, furnished information reflecting that the Communist Party (CP) felt that help should be extended in building a "united front civil liberties organization" in the United States which, while not led by the "left", would contain labor, liberal and "left forces" within it in a commonly agreed program, including defense of the rights of Communists.

The information further indicated that the CP felt that this aim can best be achieved by helping the ECLC to become a national organization with local chapters operating on the basis of its program.

The headquarters of the ECLC is located at 421 7th Avenue, New York City.



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PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PP)

The National Committee, Communist Party, USA (CP), in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs," issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948 the CP helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party (PP) and correctly supported the PP through the 1952 elections. It then states:

"However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great people's Party. W

As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the "Progressive Party, the CP and other progressive forces" must unite in a broad, mass-front coalition.

Concerning "Political Affairs" mentioned above, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a convicted CP functionary, testifying in the case "US vs Elizabeth Gurley Flynn et al," on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

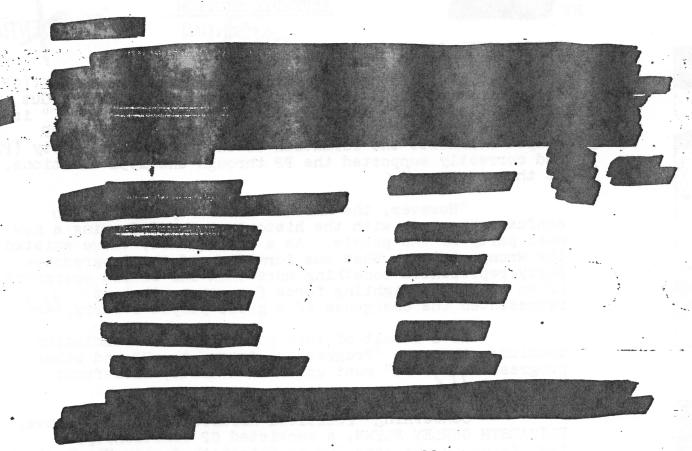






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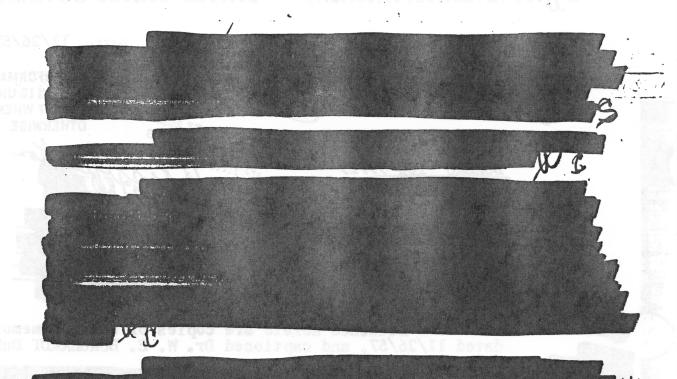
In addition to the above, the following persons were identified in her testimony as prominent in meetings of the organization. All of these individuals are suspected or reputed communists, according to the witness, although she had no personal knowledge of their CP connections.







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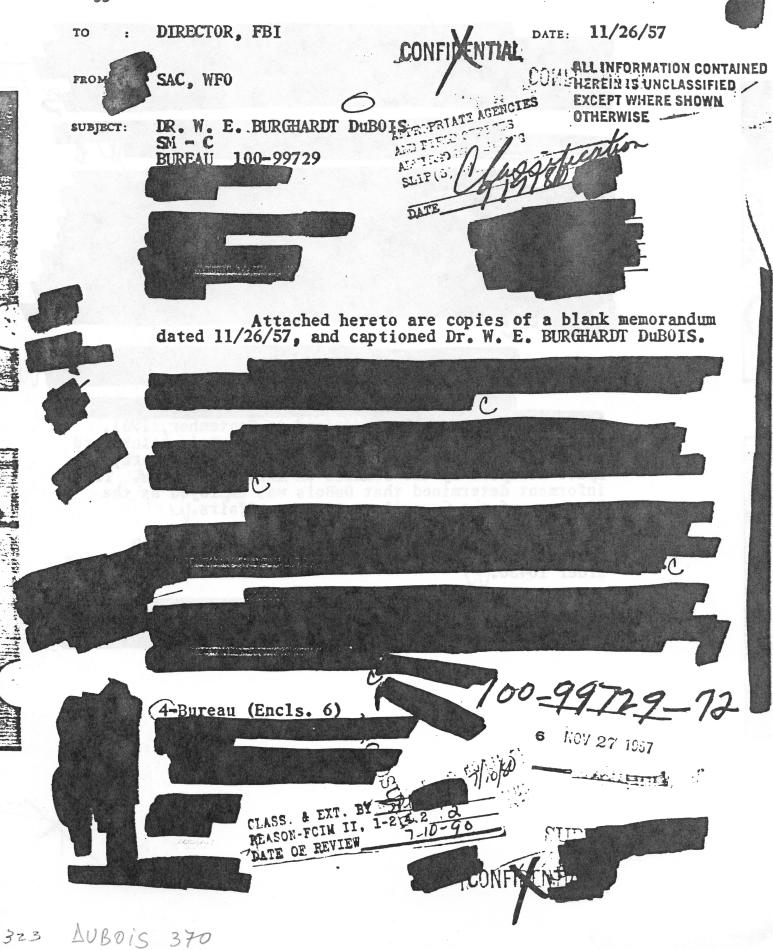
that one Dr. William Edward Burghardt DuBois maintained an office at 23 West 26 Street, New York, New York, in space occupied by the Council on African Affairs. The informant determined that DuBois was employed as the Director of the Council on African Affairs.

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



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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

By means of a pretext telephone call made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to Main 4-2929, listed to W. E. B. DU BOIS, 31 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, on March 10, 1958, it was determined that Dr. DU BOIS then resided at that address and was self-employed as an author and lecturer. It was further determined that he had recently celebrated his 90th birthday and was still maintaining a busy schedule of lecturing and writing.



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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence Reflecting Subject's Connection With the Communist Party (CP)

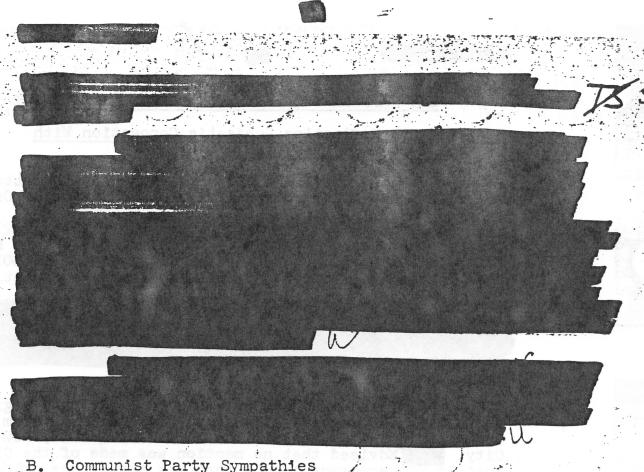
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that on that date had stated that he was going to ask DU BOIS to join the Party because DU BOIS, a Negro, had the correct approach to the Negro Question.

advised on September 24, 1957 that a group known as the Sunnyside Discussion Group held a forum on September 20, 1957 at 39-07 44th Street, Queens, New York City.

that it was apparent to him that the affair was being sponsored by the Sunnyside Section of the Queens CP. The featured speaker at the forum was W. E. B. DU BOIS.





Communist Party Sympathies

The "Daily Worker" for June 19, 1957, page 7, column 1, published a poem, "The Rosenbergs" by W. E. B. DU BOIS, which was composed in honor of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York on March 29, 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced



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to death on April 5, 1951. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on June 19, 1953.

The "Daily Worker" is a former East Coast Communist daily newspaper, which ceased publication January 13, 1958.

C. Communist Party Front Group Activity

National Council of American Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

The NCASF has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

advised on June 24, 1957 that on June 19, 1957, DU BOIS, was a speaker at a NCASF testimonial dinner at the Great Northern Hotel, New York City, in honor of

advised on November 12, 1957 that on November 10, 1957, DU BOIS was a speaker at the NCASF rally held at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

D. Miscellaneous Communist Party Activity

Committee for Socialist Unity (CSU)

advised on May 7, 1957 that on May 1, 1957 DU BOIS was a speaker at the United Socialist Rally for May Day held at New York City, which rally was sponsored by the CSU.

made available on September 25, 1957 a program entitled, "The Socialist Unity Forum" sponsored by the CSU, which program listed W. E. B. DU BOIS as an instructor for classes to be held for socialist studies during the





period October 25, 1957 through November 24, 1957 at Socialist Unity Forum (SUF) headquarters, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

"The Worker" for September 29, 1957, page 11, column 3, announced a program of socialist studies sponsored by the GSU beginning October 22, 1957 at Socialist Unity Forum, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. W. E. B. DU BOIS was listed as an instructor for "The Negro in American History".

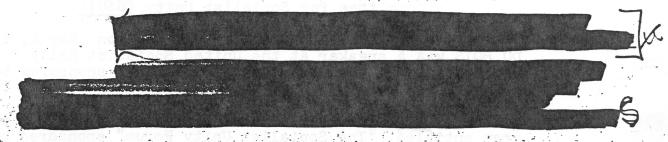
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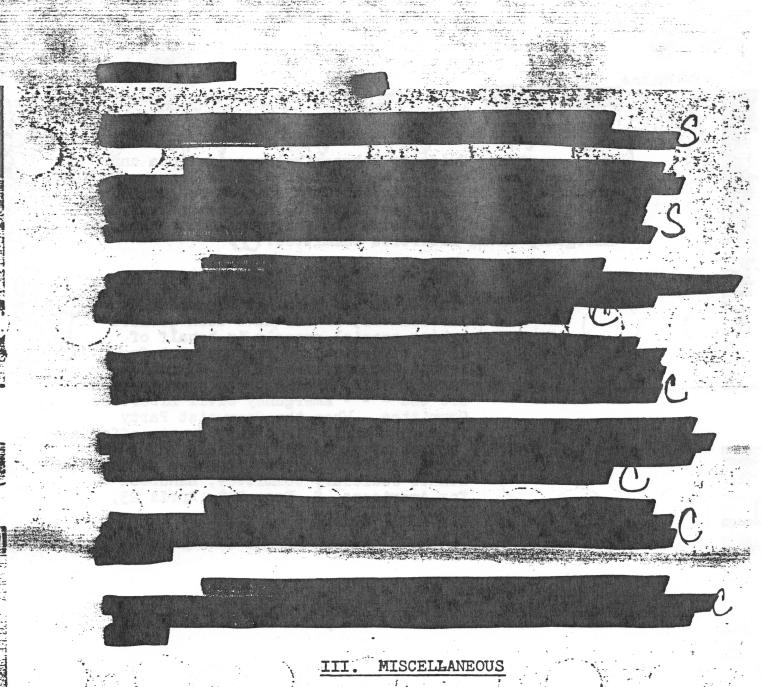
"The Worker" is a Sunday east coast communist weekly newspaper. $\ensuremath{\mathcal{U}}$

Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC)

The ECLC is documented in the "Appendix" section of this report.

advised on March 29, 1956 that W. E. B. DU BOIS spoke at a rally against the Smith Act held at Carnegle Hall, New York City on March 28, 1956, at which meeting a collection was made for the ECLC.





Other informants in the New York City area were contacted in January and February, 1958 and could furnish no additional information with respect to DU BOIS.

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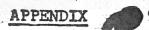
EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957 prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

'To defend the cases of Communist
lawbreakers, fronts have been devised
making special appeals in behalf of
civil liberties and reaching out far
beyond the confines of the Communist
Party itself. Among these organizations
are the * * Emergency Civil Liberties
Committee. When the Communist Party
itself is under fire these fronts offer a
bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the
Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook
for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23,
1956, p. 91.)

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SOCIALIST UNITY FORUM, also known as: American Socialist Forum of New York, Socialist Unity Committee, Committee for Socialist Unity

The Socialist Unity Forum (SUF) is located at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

A confidential informant on December 26, 1956, reported that the SUF was formed during September, 1956, by a group of individuals, who for the most part had been members of the Socialist Union of America (SUA) until just prior to the formation of the SUF. The SUF was formed primarily to sponsor public forums featuring speakers of divergent tendencies on the "American Left." The top leaders of the SUF are former members of the National Committee of the SUA

A confidential informant advised on November 8, 1954, that the SUA was founded by a minority group which broke away from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) primarily because the minority group believed that the organization should enter the Communist Party (CP) and other left-wing groups with the intention of swinging these groups right or left, thereby making a revolution possible in a shorter time. The SUA was formally founded at what was called the Midwest Founding Conference held November 21, 1953, at Detroit, Michigan.

The SWP and the CP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.





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chairman of the above coming lecture by Dr. DU BOIS on March 31, 1958, at Howard University.

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With regard to the above references to the CP, it is noted that this organization has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to

on April 2, 1950, concerning the subject's lecture on March 31, 1956.

stated an overflow audience attended and listened to DUBOIS speak of the plight of this country, tracing the development of Western capitalism from the beginnings of World War I. to the present. DUBOIS stated that the "allies" oppressed the poor Russian people during the periods following World War I and World War II.

DU BOIS referred to the Korean war, according to cas "a movement that started as police action." He said that the United States had used germ warfare during the Korean war and at the same time was persecuting eleven communist leaders of the United States. He said that after Russia had the atom bomb, the United States executed (JULIUS and ETHEL) ROSENBERG when no evidence was available indicating that they had transmitted (atomic) secrets.

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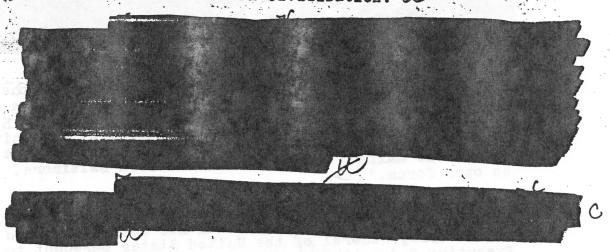
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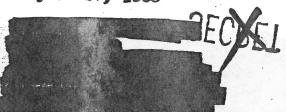
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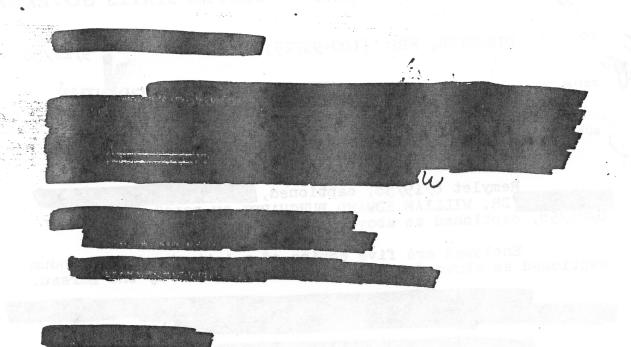
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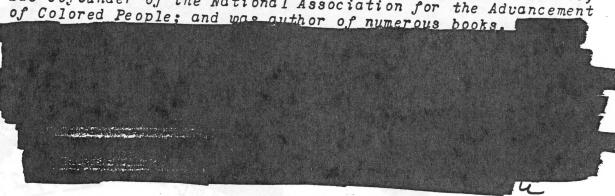
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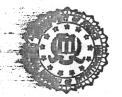
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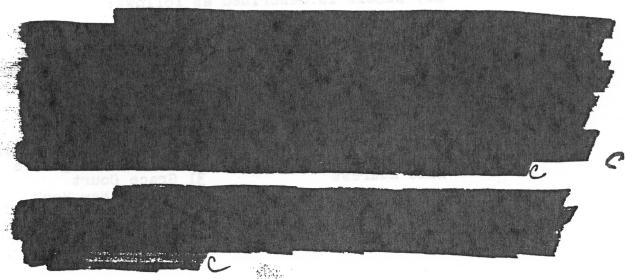
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who has furnished reliable information in the past, made information available in August, 1958, revealing that Dr. William E. B. DuBois and his wife had left on a trip that would take them half way around the world. Their itinerary calls for visits to Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union, China and Chana, Africa.



"The Worker", a United States east coast Communist newspaper, in an editorial on page two, column four, of its issue of March 2, 1958, captioned, "Happy Birthday", reflected the following concerning Dr. DuBois:

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On March 2, 1958, hundreds of Americans, negro and white, will gather at the Hotel Roosevelt to pay tribute to DuBois, regarded by many as the greatest living American. Who can measure the achievements of DuBois who has dedicated a long life to the economic, social, political and intellectual unshackling of his people and all such peoples. As a scholar his works have become classics in their field. He was mentioned as a founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, organizer of the Pan-African Congress, Teacher, Editor, Novelist, fighter for peace, advocate of Socialism and champion of liberation everywhere. At 90 years of age he is an inspiration and guide to millions throughout the world.

Dr. DuBois is described as follows:

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Negro
Born 2/23/68, Great
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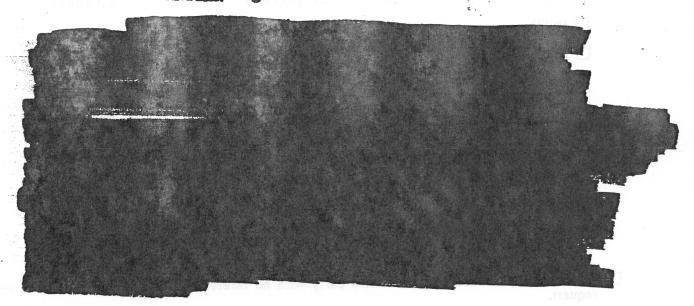
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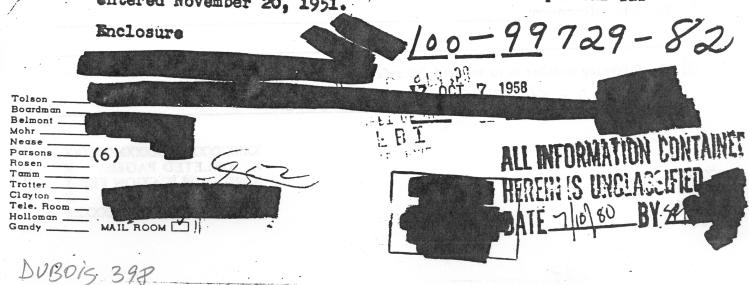
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Director, FBI (100-99729)

WILLIAM E. B. DU BOIS SECURITY MATTER - C



Subject is on the Security Index of the New York Office. He is a well-known Negro author and educator. He has been described as a concealed communist who actually joined the Communist Party (CP) in 1944, but he testified under oath before the Subversive Activities Control Board on 5-18-54 that he had never been a CP member although he subscribed to the principles of Marxism-Leninism. The Bureau has information reflecting he has been affiliated with twenty-nine CP front groups and has served in a leader-ship capacity in twenty of them. He was indicted in 1951 for failure to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, but a motion for a judgment of acquittal was entered November 20, 1951.



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As indicated in reBulet subject made an anti-American speech at The Hague, Metherlands, on 9-11-58. A United States Information Service Officer, who was present at the speech, advised the DuBois's address was given before the "Council of Arts." DuBois opened his speech by saying that America has no policy for peace and is out to commit suicide by inducing war. He stated further that United States democracy is doing everything possible to prepare for war. He added that the Soviet Union does not want war; it knows the evils of war and the United States does not. On several occasions he reinterated that United States was big business, run by business, and that business was doing everything possible to start war against the Soviet Union and China. He also stated that not only did American business firms control the Government but that they control European businesses as well. This all brings hardships for the Negroes since they are the ones who understand the evils of this policy and as such, they cannot love their country the United States.

At one point DuBois looked up from his notes and said, "It has taken me eleven years to obtain a passport ... eleven years when I could not travel abroad He expressed the hope that Europe would ask the United States to cease its policy of fighting against communism.

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The title is changed to/reflect the additional names by which LOLA GRAHAM DU BOIS was known according to the Passport Office records. They are Mrs. WILLIAM EDWARD BURGHARDI DU BOIL, SHIELE GEAHAM, LOLA SHIRLEY BELL GRAHAM, SHIELEY GEAHAM MC CAMMO, BOLA GRAHAM MC CAMMS, LOLA GRAHAM MC CAMTS and Mrs. SHADRACH THOMAS

Relet dated 8/19/58, from New York, which requested a sheek of passport records and pictures.

on 10/7 and 10/8/58, reviewed the records of both subjects at the Passport Office, Department of State.

Passport number 301322 was issued on 11/12/26, to LOLA CRAHAM MC CANTS. Her date of birth was listed 11/11/99, at Indianapolis, Indiana, and her permanent residence was 316 East Broadway, Portland, Oregon. Her travel plans were; port of departure, New York, departure date 12/10/26, proposed itinerary, Great Britain, France, Italy, and Germany, and purpose of trip,

LOLA GRAHAM MC CANTS was last married on 7/16/18, to SHADRACH T. MC CANTS, who was born at Cedar Springs, South Carolina, and was residing at Seattle, Washington. The minor children of LOLA ORAHAM MC CANTS were included on the passport and listed as;

born on 2/27/22, at Oakland, California, born on 3/10/25, at Seattle, Washington. bns

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