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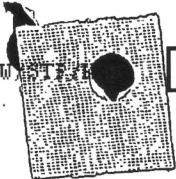
Will by separate communication request the Bureau's permission to interview FRANK LONDON BROWN.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] dated November 6, 1956,
at Chicago.
Bureau letter to Chicago dated November 26, 1956.

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FRANK LONDON BROWN
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Reurlet dated 4-29-57.

Bureau authority is granted for you to interview the subject. This interview should be conducted in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Manual of Instructions, Section 87D, pertaining to interviews with security subjects.

Since subject is employed as an organizer of the Textile Workers Union of America, AFL - CIO, Chicago, he should be advised at the outset of the interview of the Bureau's policy regarding legitimate labor-management relations.

This interview should be conducted within a thirty-day period after which the results should be furnished the Bureau in report form suitable for dissemination.

YELLOW: Not on SI. Signed Progressive Party nominating petitions in 1950 and 1952. A 1956 CP registration form for the Illinois-Indiana District CP compares favorably with info developed against subject. Subject's name in possession of the assistant to the executive secretary, Illinois-Indiana CP District in July, 1956. Subject is known to associate with security subjects of the Chicago Office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-421457)

DATE: April 29, 1957

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-30890)

SUBJECT: FRANK LONDON BROWN
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Rerep of SA [redacted]
1957 at Chicago.

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1) BROWN resides at 308 West 95th Street, Chicago, Illinois, is employed as an organizer of the Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, Chicago, and is of the Negro race. BROWN was formerly employed as program coordinator, District Number 1, United Packinghouse Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Chicago, February, 1955-February, 1956.

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2) BROWN is married [redacted]

3) BROWN signed Progressive Party nominating petitions in 1950 and 1952; was an active minority leader in the Trumbull Park (Chicago Housing Authority) development racial disputes and has been very active in the NAACP having attended the EMMETT TILL trial and having been a delegate to the NAACP Conference in Washington, D. C. in March, 1956.

The files of the Chicago Office reflect a 1956 CP registration form for the Illinois-Indiana District CP, which registration compares favorably with information developed against BROWN. BROWN's name and former address, 10717 South Yates, Chicago (Trumbull Park) with the word "Textile" was on a document in the [redacted]

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[redacted] and the name FRANK BROWN appeared on a document entitled "transfers" in the possession of LOU DISKIN, Organizational Secretary, Foster (Packing) Division, Illinois-Indiana District CP in May, 1956.

The files also reflect that BROWN is known to associate with security subjects of the Chicago Office.

4) None

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5) In July, 1954, the [redacted], Chicago Police Department, advised that ~~BROWN's~~ father, FRANK ~~BROWN~~, SR., and mother, MYRTLE M., were CP members for five to six years prior to 1946. Anonymous sources in 1944 and 1945 furnished 1944 and 1945 CP registrations and membership cards for MYRTLE ~~BROWN~~, and FRANK L. ~~BROWN~~, SR., was alleged to have been a registered member of the Washington Park Branch, Chicago, CP in 1945-1946. [redacted]

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6) None. *WAS FRANK L. BROWN SR.*

7) Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects in an effort to determine his present sympathies and to ascertain any information he might possess concerning other individuals. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact the subject as a potential security informant.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 6/11/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/20-22, 28, 29, 31; 6/6/57
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SYNOPSIS:

BROWN is employed as Organizer for the Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, Chicago, and resides at 308 W. 95th Street, Chicago. BROWN during an interview with FBI agents on May 22, 1957, disclaimed any knowledge of Communist Party (CP) activity.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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

The following organization has not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

Womens' Peace and Unity Club.

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I. BACKGROUND

Employment:

On May 22, 1957, BROWN advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that he is employed as an Organizer for the Textile Workers Union of America, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), which organization is located at 2400 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Residence:

On May 22, 1957, BROWN advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that he resides at 308 West 95th Street, Chicago.

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Criminal:

On June 6, 1957, the files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, were reviewed by Patrolman [redacted] who advised that there was no record identifiable with BROWN.

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

On May 22, 1957, FRANK LONDON BROWN was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] BROWN disclaimed any knowledge of Communist Party (CP) activities.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Women's Peace and Unity Club:

FRANK BROWN attended and spoke at the annual women's day celebration held on March 9, 1957, in Chicago under the auspices of the Women's Peace and Unity Club.

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IV. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

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On May 22, 1957, the following physical description of BROWN was obtained by personal observation at the time subject was interviewed by SAs [] and []

Name	FRANK LONDON BROWN
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Age	29 (as stated by BROWN).
Height	5'8"
Weight	150-155 lbs.
Hair	Black, close cut.
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium light.
Scars and marks	$\frac{1}{8}$ " scar right cheekbone; $\frac{1}{4}$ " scar right temple.

A P P E N D I X

ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR PUBLICATIONS

The following organizations and/or publications, which have been utilized in this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized in the attached appendix pages:

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WOMEN'S PEACE AND UNITY CLUB (WPUC)

The aims and purposes of Chicago Women for Peace as set forth in its self-identified publication "Chicago Acts for Peace" (CAP), May, 1951 issue, describes this organization as a "service center for women working for peace". This publication described the Chicago Women for Peace as being affiliated with the American Women for Peace and as cooperating with the American Peace Crusade.

The January, 1954 issue of "CAP" announced the dissolution of the American Women for Peace and the affiliation of the Chicago Women for Peace with the American Peace Crusade Council in Chicago.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in November, 1956 that the CWP remained affiliated with the APC, Chicago, until that organization dissolved in September, 1955. The CWP continued with no national affiliation until September, 1956 when a "reorganization and name change took place" and it became known as the "Women's Peace and Unity Club." The reason given for this "reorganization and name change" [redacted] was that CWP had been formed to end the Korean War and since that war was over and there was a "measure of peace in the world" women's interests were more centered on such issues as civil rights, unsegregated and better schools, juvenile delinquency, equal opportunities for women, housing, and cost of living. Informant advised that the only actual "Reorganization" of the CWP was the change of its name to "Women's Peace and Unity Club."

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Another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in October, 1956 that the Communist Party, Illinois-Indiana District, had ordered the dissolution of the CWP because it no longer served the purpose of the party since it was a "left wing" peace group. Though the CWP refused to dissolve and chose to continue in the form of the "Women's Peace and Unity Club," it continues to be a "Communist front organization" whose policies and activities are [redacted]

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The CP, the AWP, and the APC have all been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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BROWN is not included on the Security Index and a current review of Chicago files containing information developed against subject reflects that he does not meet the criteria of SAC letter 55-30 dated April 12, 1955.

The Chicago Police Department records were caused to be checked by ICs [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed in this report and a T-symbol utilized in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed.

INFORMANT

Identity of Source

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Location

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DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

Identity of Source

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Organization

Women's Peace and Unity Club.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/18/57, at Chicago. b6 b7C

Chicago letter to Bureau dated 4/29/57.

Bureau letter to Chicago dated 5/13/57.

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Tributes Paid to Gibbs, Perkins, Brown, Franklin

CHICAGO—In recent months Chicago has lost four of its finest sons. Three outstanding Negro artists and leaders, and an ardent champion of the cause of international friendship and cultural exchange with the Soviet Union, died in this period.

TED GIBBS, 56

Within the past fortnight, Ted Gibbs, a veteran of 35 years of devotion to Socialism, Negro rights and the unemployed, suddenly died of a heart attack. Gibbs, 56, was a veteran of Abraham Lincoln Brigade, a leader of Chicago's giant struggles of the unemployed in the 30s and in more recent years was active in movements for increased Negro representation in Chicago's political life.

At the brief ceremonies held last week, tribute was paid to Gibbs by a representative of the Lincoln Brigade, a Negro leader in Gibbs' near north side community and Sam Kushner, editor of the Midwest Edition of The Worker.

FRANK LONDON BROWN, 34

Trade unionists, leaders of the Negro people's movement and educators, joined with a host of others in mourning the death of an outstanding and promising author, Frank London Brown, who died in mid-February. The author of "Trumbull Park," a moving novel on the struggle against discrimination and anti-

Negro violence, was the director of the union leadership program at the University of Chicago when he died of leukemia. He was 34.

Brown had served as program coordinator of District 11 of the United Packinghouse Workers in 1955 and 1956, and prior to this appointment to the U. of C. post, was an organizer for the Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

MARION PERKINS, 53

Marion Perkins, an outstanding Chicago sculptor who at one time served as chairman of the Chicago Freedom of the Press Committee, was mourned by Chicago progressives as well as the Negro community and leaders of the arts and sciences when he died at the age of 53 in December.

In 1948, he won a fellowship from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. The Chicago Daily News said, "Mr. Perkins used Negro subjects in works which conveyed his sense of racial pride." Perkins died before achieving his greatest ambition, sculpting a life-size statue of Frederick Douglass.

Perkins was a worker who despite his renown, was unable to spend full time at his art. Perkins' friends have contributed funds to continue the work which he started at Jackson State Teachers College, in Mississippi, where he taught sculpture to young Negroes.

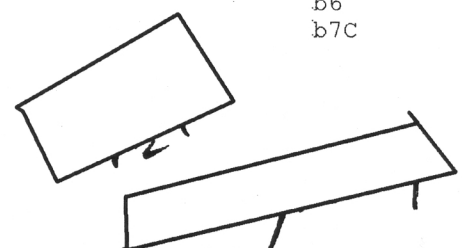
IRWIN FRANKLIN, 65

Irwin Franklin, manager of the Avon Theatre, and for several decades Chicago's most prominent exhibitor of Soviet movies, died on March 1, at 65. Franklin, a champion of Socialism and a great promoter of international cultural exchange through films, was well known throughout Chicago.

These men contributed much during their lifetime to progress. They are deeply missed by their friends and co-workers on the Chicago scene.

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Enclosed is the following material relative to the captioned case: SF-79
for WFO only, SF-85, SF-86, SF-57, SF-60, CSC Form 257, CSC
Form DI34, CSC Form DI35, report dated [Redacted]

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in their district.

Refer to Chicago file 100-30890 in the case entitled
"Frank London Brown, Security Matter-C." Subject of this
investigation, Frank London Brown, appears to be identical with
[Redacted] This investigation reflects information
indicating that a 1956 Communist Party registration form from one
of the Illinois-Indiana Communist Party Districts compares
favorable with information developed relative to Frank London
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Frank London Brown was reported to have been in possession of the Assistant to the Executive Secretary, Illinois-Indiana Communist Party District, in July, 1956. Frank London Brown was also reported to have associated with security subjects in the Chicago area.

Chicago letter to the Bureau dated April 29, 1957, contains information reflecting that Frank and Myrtle M. Brown, parents of Frank London Brown, were reported to have been CP members for a period of five to six years prior to 1946.

Frank London Brown in interview in May, 1957, disclaimed any intention of Communist Party activities. It is noted that in the investigation of Frank London Brown he is employed as an organizer for the Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO. In view of this, this investigation should be assigned to mature and experienced agent personnel, and care should be taken in conducting this investigation so as not to give the impression that the Bureau is investigating the labor union activities of [REDACTED] (100-421457).

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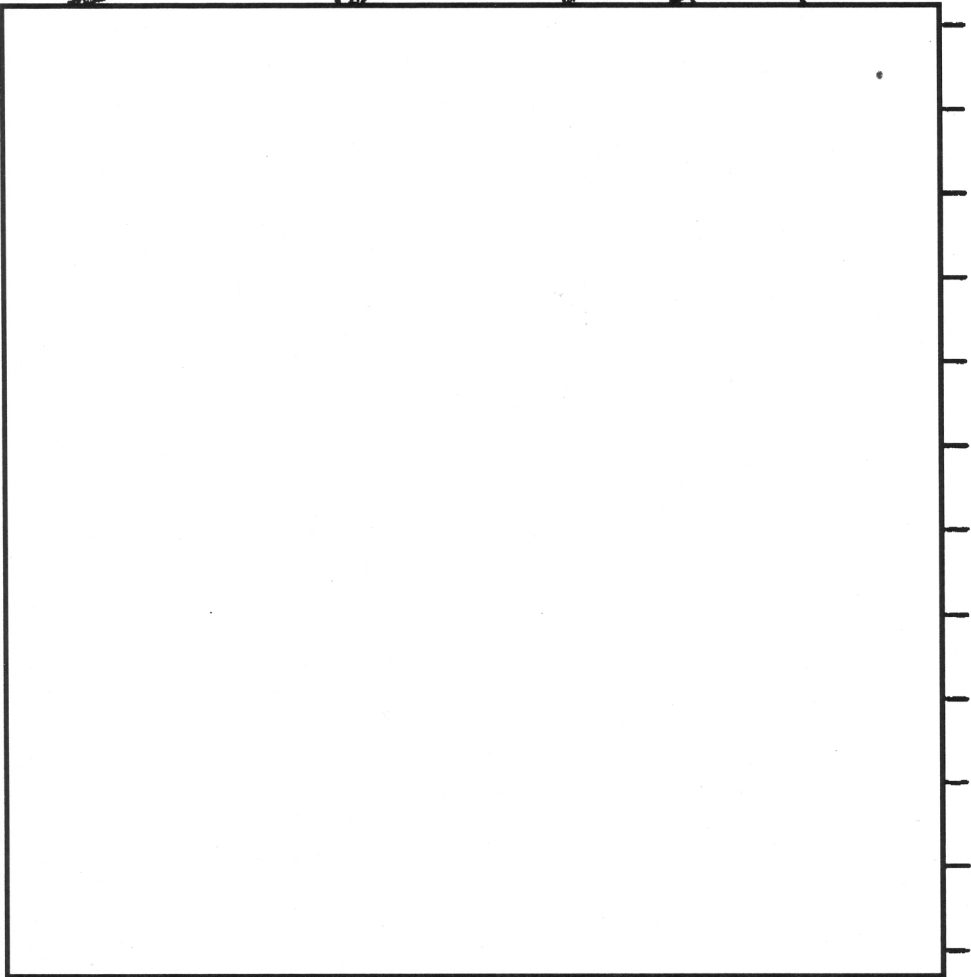
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SYNOPSIS:

Informants stated that FRANK BROWN and MYRTLE BROWN, [redacted] members of CP in 1946 and for five years prior to this date. [redacted] FRANK LONDON BROWN signed Progressive Party nominating petition in 1950; also subscriber to "The Worker" in 1951; the name of FRANK BROWN, 10717 Yates, and the word "textile" appeared in [redacted]

[redacted] Other confidential informants advised that they knew FRANK LONDON BROWN as a United Packing House Workers of America unionist, and knew of no disloyal information regarding him. Other informants advised that they neither knew [redacted] FRANK LONDON BROWN; and knew of no information [redacted]

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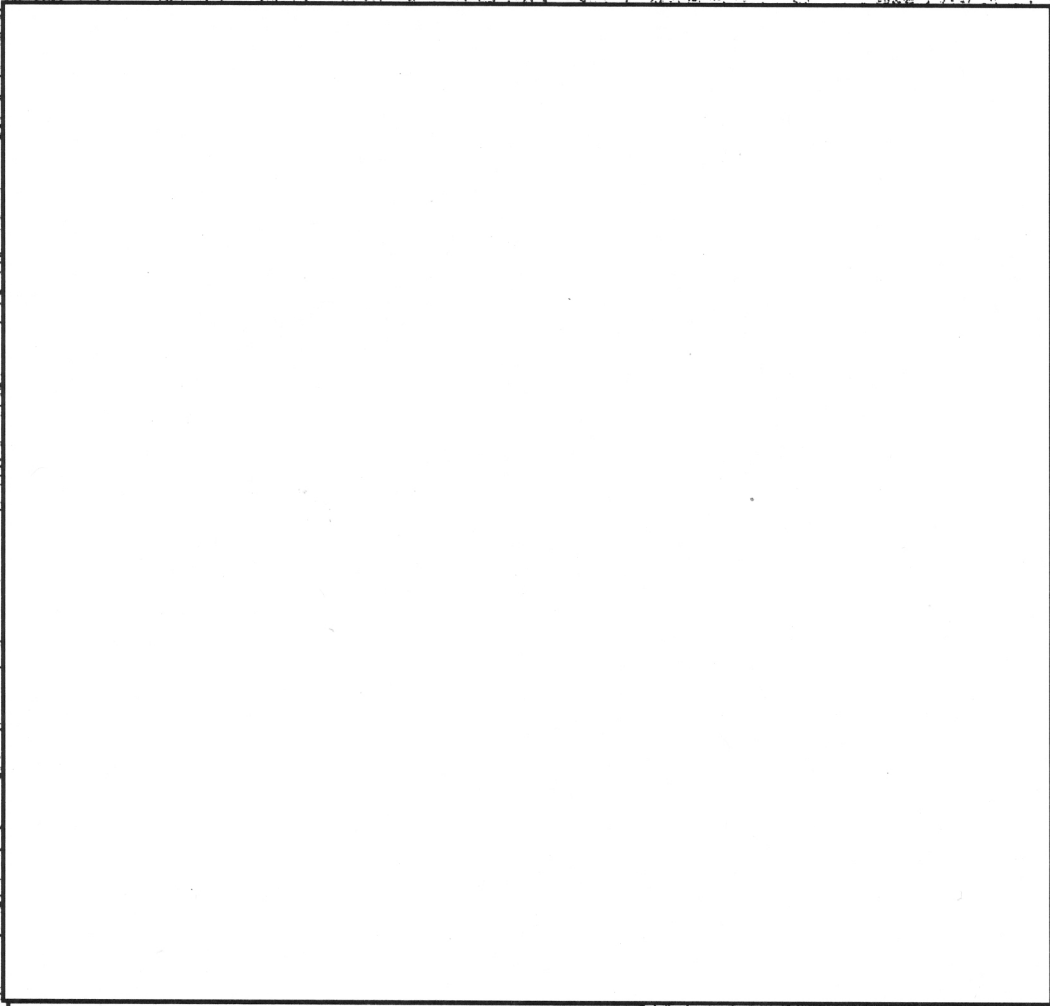
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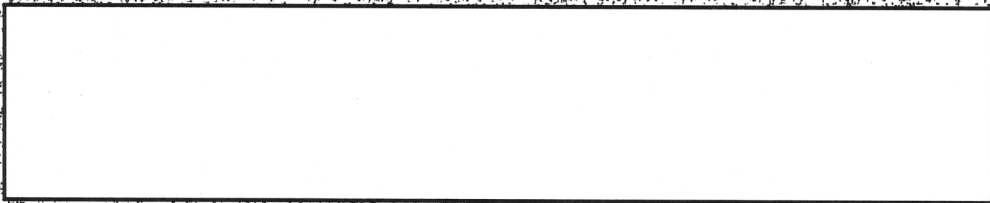
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[REDACTED] FRANK BROWN was an official with the United Packing House Workers of America at one time, and also an official of the United Textile Workers Union, and believes that he is still presently with the Textile Union.



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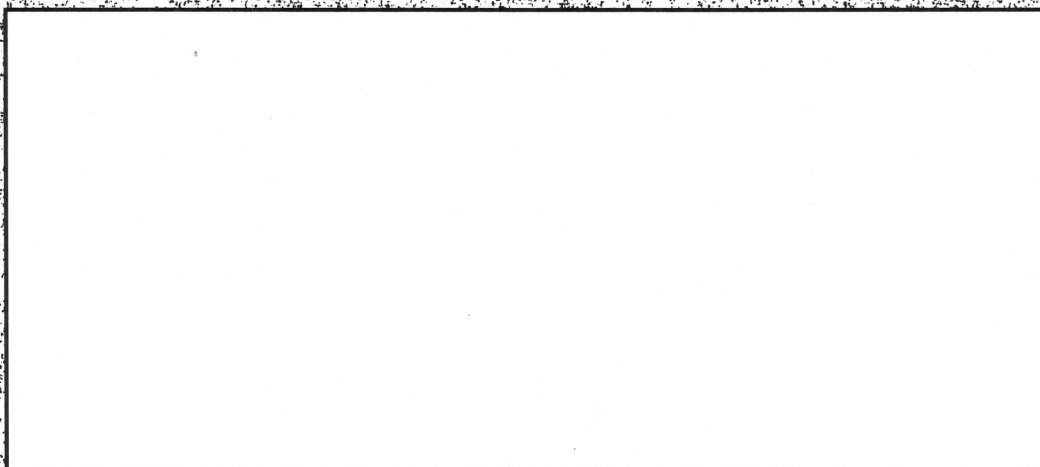
She stated that the majority of residents were of the White Race, and that when a few of the Negro families were allowed to move into the project, racial tension rose to such a degree that race riots ensued, and caused much bitter feeling within the Trumbull Park area. She stated that FRANK LONDON BROWN was a fighter and aggressor for the rights of persons belonging to a minority group, and that he took it upon himself to lead the struggle of the Negro families in the project in carrying the battle for equal rights in the project to the Mayor's Office of the City of Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] had been and still is rather active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, inasmuch as he feels that by this activity, he will be in a position to alleviate much of the racial tension that exists in Chicago, Illinois.

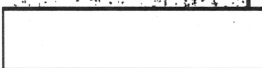
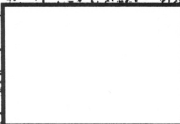
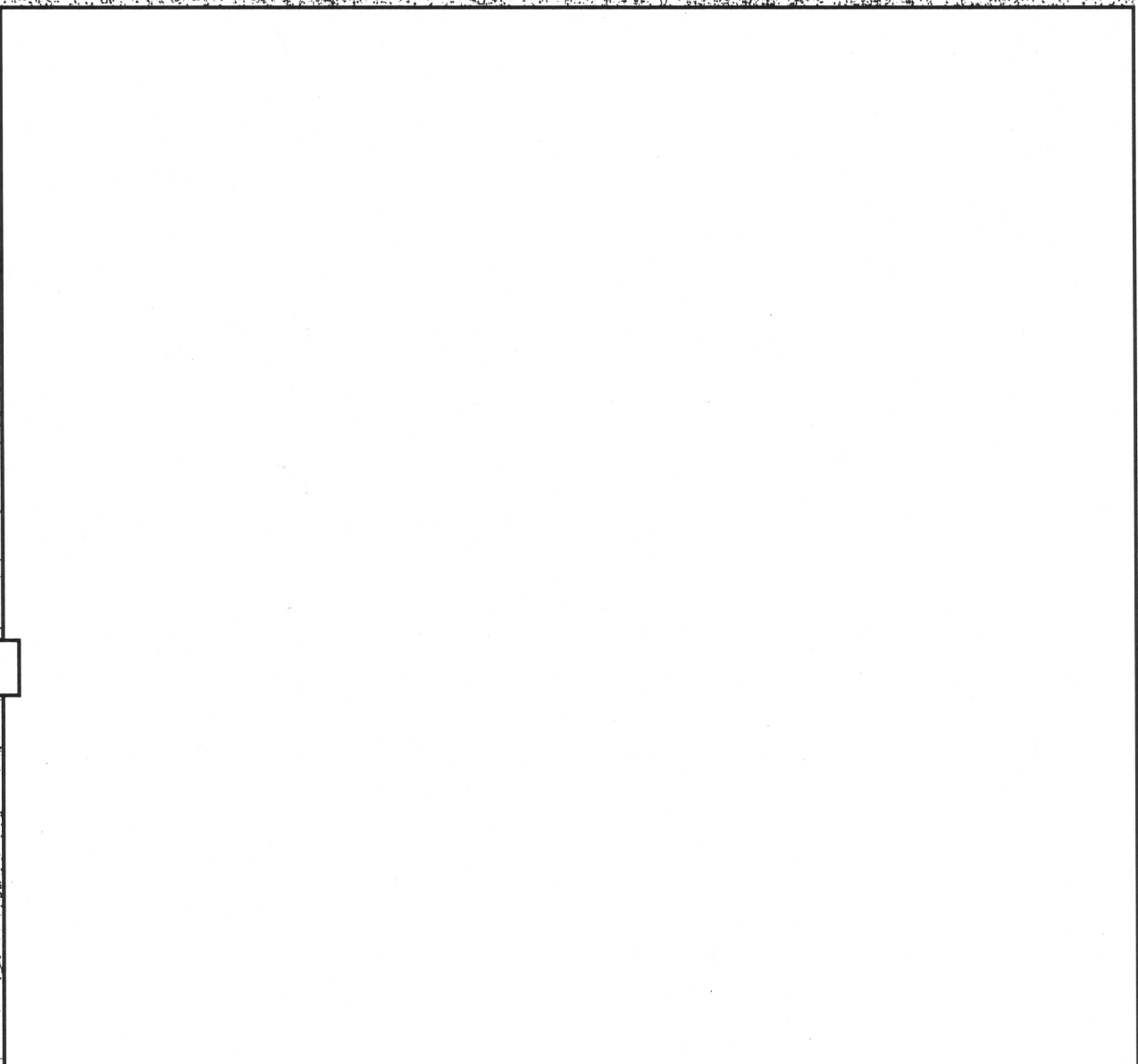
[REDACTED] stated that FRANK BROWN had a desire to remain in the Trumbull Park area, but that due to the constant pressure and tension that existed there, [REDACTED] had been severely taxed, and for that reason, he had requested for tenancy at the Lowden Homes, which comes under the Trumbull Park Division, but which is located at a far distance from there and is one hundred per cent Negro in tenancy.

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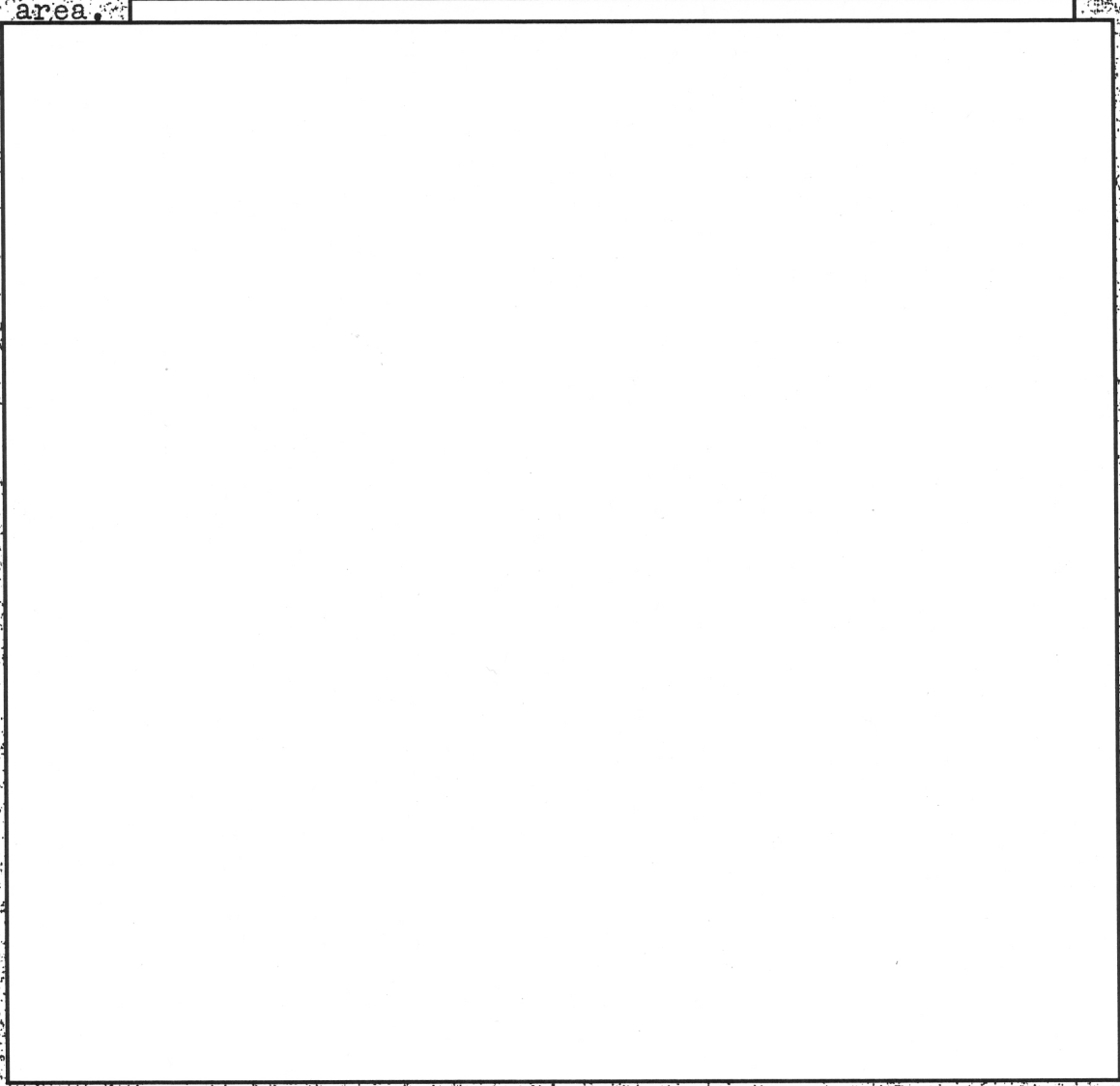


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✓ stated that Mr. BROWN had been very active in that particular project in trying to establish equal rights for the few Negro families who had been allowed to move into the predominantly Caucasian Race project. She further stated that Mr. BROWN had appeared at the offices of Mr. DALEY, the Mayor of the City of Chicago, Illinois on at

least one occasion that she was able to recall with a group of other Negro families from the Project, requesting equal rights and an adequate amount of supervision by police officials in order to lessen tension in the area.

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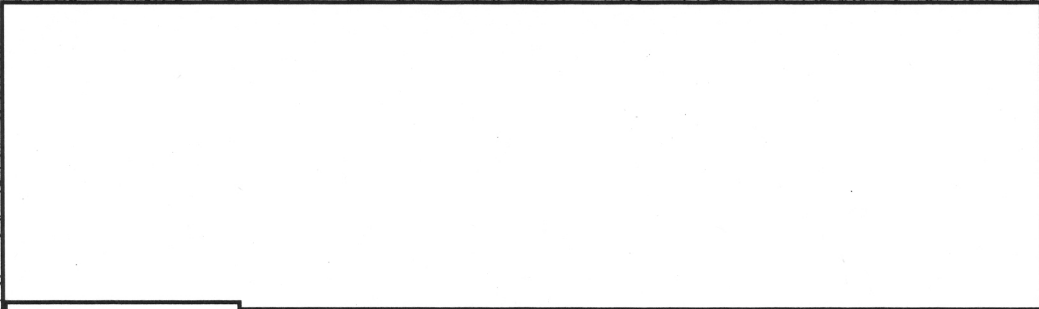


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She stated that FRANK BROWN has always been a fighter for the minority groups and one who is attempting to establish equal rights for members of his race, and is trying to do so by legal and logical ways. She stated that Mr. [REDACTED] BROWN left the Trumbull Park area to live at their present residence, inasmuch as the racial tensions and disorders that followed were beginning to tell on [REDACTED]

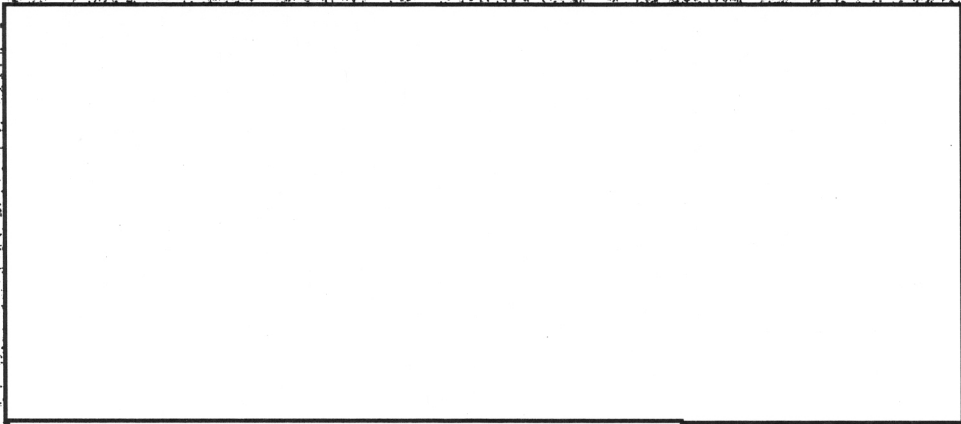
[REDACTED] has been very active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, believing that by this activity, he will be able to equalize the rights of the races and reduce the amount of racial tension that exists.

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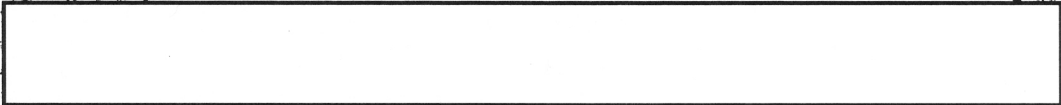
 She stated that Mr. BROWN had been a leader of the group who attempted to gain equal recognition and equal rights for the Negro families residing in the project, and that he had on one occasion had a conference with Mayor DALEY of Chicago, Illinois, regarding the racial tensions, and that he had written articles in the local community paper regarding his endeavors to reach a satisfactory solution regarding these racial disorders and racial tensions in the project.



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 FRANK BROWN, had taken a very active part in attempting to quell the tensions, and the racial disorders that existed in the project. She also stated that Mr. BROWN was extremely active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, feeling that by this activity, he would be in a position to help gain equal rights for the people of his race.

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He further stated that in many of the conversations he has had with FRANK BROWN they have discussed activities of trade unions inasmuch as Mr. BROWN is a union official and they have also discussed many of the world events. He stated that FRANK BROWN has never in his presence made any statements that he could consider to be remotely of a disloyal nature and he considered BROWN to be extremely loyal to the government of the United States.

[REDACTED] stated that Mr. BROWN, while living at the Trumbull Park housing project, was one of the leaders of the minority group at that project who attempted to get some action from the local city government in order to protect the families of the minority group living there. He stated Mr. BROWN was an aggressive fighter and attempted, through peaceful means, to establish equal rights for the people of his race at this project. He said that Mr. BROWN had been a leader in this movement while residing there. Mr. ANTOINE stated that to the best of his knowledge and based on his close association with Mr. BROWN he considered him to be an extreme patriotic citizen of the United States and a believer in this form of government that we enjoy in the United States.

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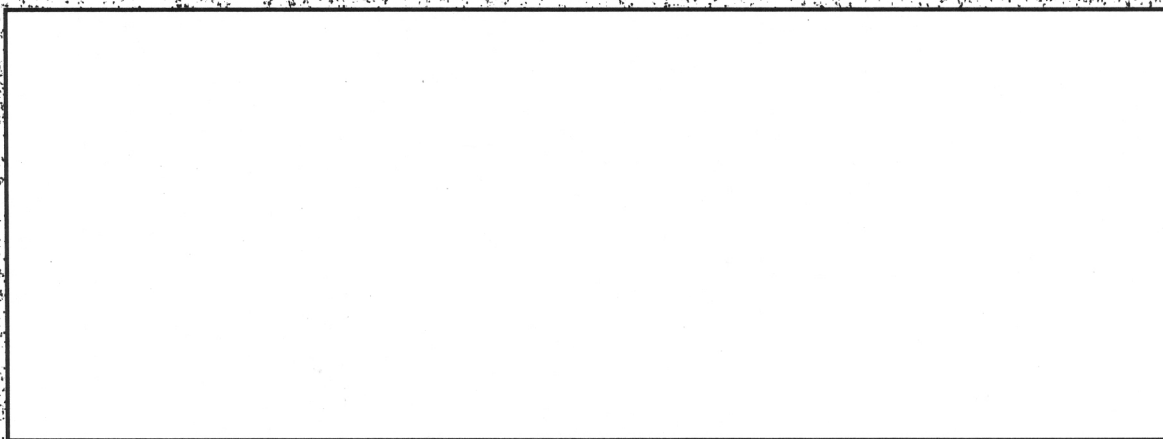
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Miscellaneous

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The Communist Party (CP) has been designated
by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant
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On November 19, 1957, [redacted]

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[redacted] FRANK LONDON BROWN and his parents as
being FRANK BROWN and MYRTLE BROWN of 5752 Calumet,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Chicago T-5 advised on March 1, 1946, that FRANK BROWN, 5752 Calumet, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, was issued 1946 CP registration card number 46283 on October 24, 1945. The informant stated that BROWN's CP registration card contained the following information:

Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Occupation	Solderer, industry, Tin Copper Ware Union 758, Mine Mill Workers Union, CIO Branch South Side - Washington Park, 5th Ward, Cook County

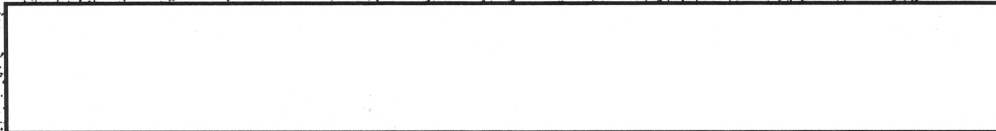
Chicago T-6 made available on May 26, 1944, a list containing the names of new CP members obtained in the 1944 recruiting drive in the Chicago area, the union affiliations, if any, and the name of the person recruiting them. This list revealed one FRANK BROWN, not further identified, as recruiting individuals in the 5th Ward Branch of the CP.

Chicago T-7 advised on March 1, 1946, that FRANK BROWN, residing at 5752 Calumet, Chicago, Illinois, was a current member of the CP, was assigned party membership card number 46283 and had been a CP member for the past five years, attached to the South Side Washington Park Branch and was at that time a subscriber to the "Sunday Worker".

The "Sunday Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast CP newspaper.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, District of Columbia, furnished a list of signers of the CP nominating petition in the State of Illinois for 1940 which included the following signature:

FRANK BROWN
4235 Vincennes
Chicago, Illinois



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A representative of Chicago T-1, previously mentioned, advised during July, 1954, that one FRANK BROWN of 5753 South Calumet Avenue, Chicago, signed Progressive Party nominating petition for 1952, sheet number 927, line 16.

Chicago T-8 advised on July 9, 1956, that [redacted] documents, not further identified, [redacted] included the following information noted on one of these documents:

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"FRANK BROWN, 10717 Yates, textile".

Chicago T-9 advised on August 24, 1956, that FRANK BROWN of 10717 South Yates, Chicago, Illinois, was as of April, 1956, an organizer of the Textile Workers Union of America, AF of L-CIO, Chicago.

Chicago T-2, previously mentioned, advised



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Chicago T-10 advised on May 4, and 17, 1955 that the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born held a midwest conference to defend the rights of foreign born Americans at Milder Hall, 3142 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, on April 30, 1955. Chicago T-10 advised that FRANK BROWN of the United Packing House of America Union was one of the persons in attendance at this meeting.

On November 19, 1957, [redacted] Trumbull Park housing, 2406 West 106th Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that his records indicate FRANK BROWN of 10717 South Yates, Chicago, Illinois, as being an official of the United Packing House of America Union during 1955.

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Chicago T-10 advised on April 30, 1957 that the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been since 1955 and still is the midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Chicago T-11 advised on May 12, 1955 that the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born was formed in the late 1940s and was at that time and up to May, 1955, the midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Chicago T-12 advised on March 28, 1952 that one FRANK BROWN, 13149 Langley, Chicago, Illinois, was a subscriber to "The Worker" for one year, subscription to expire March 5, 1951.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

Chicago T-13 advised on August 29, 1955, that about August 21, 1955, the North Side Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held a meeting in Chicago at which time one FRANK BROWN, from Trumbull Park, was the main speaker and urged renewed efforts to alleviate the strife that has been prevalent at the Trumbull Park housing projects.

Chicago T-13 further advised on August 29, 1955, that the CP asserts quite a bit of influence in the North Side Chapter of the NAACP and that the CP had a project in force at that time to agitate on the Trumbull Park situation.

The files of Chicago T-1, previously mentioned, revealed during October, 1955, that the Chicago Branch of the NAACP and District Number 1, United Packinghouse Workers of America (UPWA) - CIO, held a picketing demonstration on October 7, 1955, at the United States Customs House, Chicago, Illinois, while a subcommittee of the Senate Internal Security Committee was in session to investigate the sending of Communist propaganda through the United States mails.

The files of Chicago T-1 further revealed that FRANK BROWN of the UPWA was one of approximately 37 persons who took signs in the demonstration reading as follows:

"Senator EASTMAN, who killed EMMETT L. TILL?"

"This committee should investigate Mississippi"

"Mississippi is the real threat to internal security"

It is to be noted that on August 31, 1955, EMMETT LEWIS TILL, a 14 year old Chicago, Illinois, Negro boy, was found slain near Money, Mississippi.

Chicago T-11, previously mentioned, advised on December 23, 1955, that at a meeting of the UPWA-CIO, District Number 1, on December 16, 1955, FRANK BROWN, UPWA District Number 1 (Program Co-ordinator), announced that he was running for executive secretary of the NAACP. Chicago T-11 further stated BROWN had stated that the "reactionary group" presently in control of the NAACP Chicago Chapter was attempting to keep the "Progressive leadership" out, and that the UPWA meeting was being held to plan strategy to get the "Progressive leadership" in office.

Chicago T-14 advised on June 1, 1956, that at the May 25, 1956, membership meeting of the Chicago NAACP, the nine delegates elected were all on the list of the ten persons the party headed to support. C.P.

Chicago T-14 further stated that FRANK BROWN of Trumbull Park was elected as one of the nine delegates.

The files of Chicago T-1, previously mentioned, revealed in July, 1954, that FRANK LONDON BROWN, 13149 South Langley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, signed Progressive Party nominating petition in 1950, sheet 1764, line 16.

Chicago T-15 advised on March 26, 1957, that FRANK BROWN, Jr. spoke at the International Womens Day Dinner and Program which was sponsored by the Women's Peace and Unity Club (WPUC) at the Kenwood-Ellis Center at 4608 South Greenwood Avenue on March 9, 1957.

Chicago T-15 stated that FRANK BROWN described the conditions at Trumbull Park as unbearable and attributed [redacted] to these conditions. He stated that members of a minority group receive no protection while going to and from work, and that they were insulted and assaulted frequently and further stated that the United States could not condemn other nations for discrimination of races when this nation restrains Negroes, Chinese, and Mexicans under police rule. b6 b7C

The aims and purposes of Chicago Women for Peace (CWP) as set forth in its self-identified publication Chicago Acts for Peace (CAP) May, 1951, issue describes this organization as "a service center for women working for peace". This publication described the Chicago Women for Peace as being affiliated with American Women for Peace and as cooperating with the American Peace Crusade (APC).

The January, 1954 issue of "CAP" announced the dissolution of the American Women for Peace and the affiliation of the Chicago Women for Peace with the American Crusade Council in Chicago.

Chicago T-15 advised in November, 1956 that the Chicago Women for Peace remained affiliated with the APC, Chicago, until that organization dissolved in December, 1955. The CWP continued with no national affiliation until September, 1956 when a "reorganization and name change took place" and it became known as the "Women's Peace and Unity Club". The reason given for this "reorganization and name change" by [redacted] was that CWP had been formed to end the Korean War and since that war was over and there was a "measure of peace in the world", women's interests were more centered on such issues as civil rights. b6 b7C

unsegregated and better schools, juvenile delinquency, equal opportunities for women, housing and the cost of living.

Chicago T-15 advised that the only actual "reorganization" of the CWP was the change of its name to "Women's Peace and Unity Club".

Chicago T-2 previously mentioned, advised in October, 1956, that the Communist Party, Illinois-Indiana District, had ordered the dissolution of the CWP because it no longer served the purpose of the party since it was "a left-wing" peace group. Though the CWP refused to dissolve and chose to continue in the form of the "Women's Peace and Unity Club", it continues to be a "Communist front organization" whose policies and activities are [redacted] a known Communist Party member. b6 b7C

Chicago T-15 previously mentioned, advised on May 9, 1957, that the Women's Peace and Unity Club continues to "operate" in the Chicago area as a peace organization under the same leadership and with the same objectives.

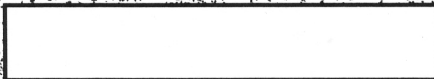
The American Women for Peace and the American Peace Crusade have both been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

During the course of an official investigation conducted by the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FRANK LONDON BROWN was interviewed in May, 1957, at his residence, 308 West 95th Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which time, he advised that he had never participated in any Communist activities in the past and had no intention of doing so in the future.

Chicago T-16 advised on April 5, 1951, that a four-page list captioned "People Active in the First

Congressional District", Progressive Party, contained the following name:

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Chicago T-16 did not know the significance of this list.

Chicago T-16 is not available for recontact.

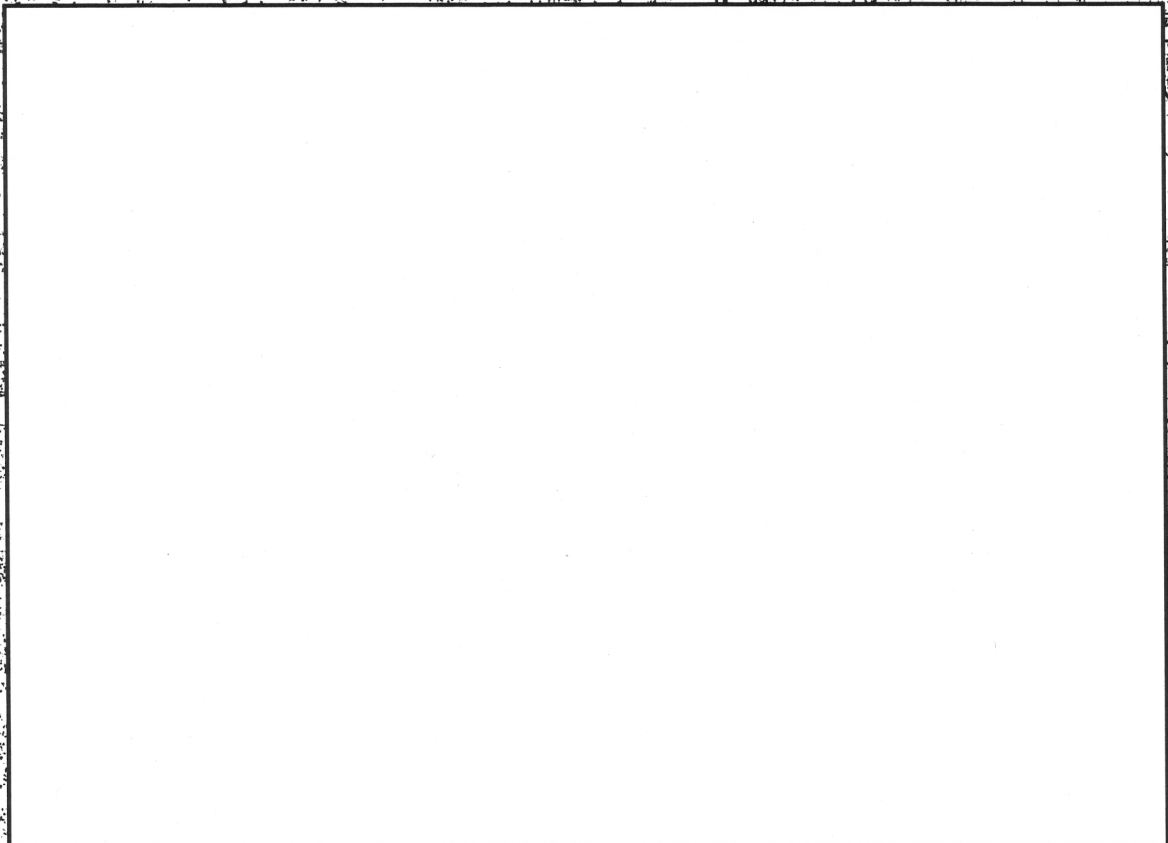
Chicago T-17 advised on November 13, 1957, that he knew FRANK BROWN originally by virtue of the fact that BROWN served as a Co-ordinator of the United Packing House Workers of America, District Number 1. Chicago T-17 stated that he possessed no information regarding any Communist activities or affiliations on the part of BROWN.

Chicago T-18 advised on November 13, 1957, that he became acquainted with FRANK BROWN during the time that BROWN was serving as United Packing House Workers of America (UPWA) District Number 1 Co-ordinator and he possessed no information as to any Communist activities or affiliations on the part of BROWN. He added that he could not say that BROWN was necessarily a follower of the Communist Party in his activities.

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On November 19, 1957, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] FRANK LONDON BROWN and his parents as being FRANK BROWN and MYRTLE BROWN of 5752 Calumet, Chicago, Illinois.

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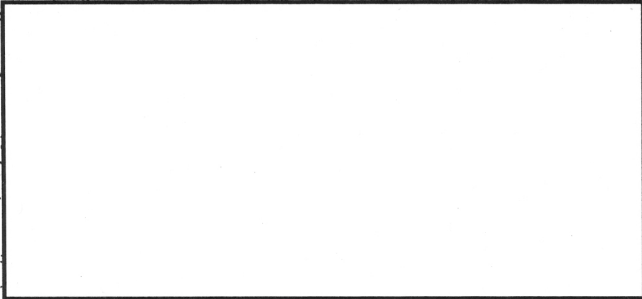
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Enclosed herewith are six copies of the report of SA NORMAN A. AUGER at Chicago, and six copies of a reliability memorandum, both dated as above regarding the above captioned individual.

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In accordance with instructions as contained in Manual of Regulations in Section 69F, paragraph 18G, which requests that any disloyal information pertaining to any individual be phrased in crystal clear, unmistakable language showing the exact fact establishing identity, the following information was not incorporated in this report inasmuch as a positive identity could not be made. The information not included in the report was that contained in Bureau letter dated November 4, 1957, to the effect that a 1956 Communist Party registration form from one of the Illinois-Indiana Communist Party Districts compared favorably with information developed relative to FRANK LONDON BROWN.

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The information as contained in the report of SA [redacted] dated November 6, 1956 at Chicago, Illinois, entitled "CHANGED FRANK LONDON BROWN, SM - C" was to the effect [redacted]

[redacted] a registration form pertaining to individuals in the Foster Division of the Communist Party, and that this form

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contained no name of an individual for security reasons, but contained the description which compared with the data found in the files of the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Records Center, and information regarding BROWN's activities as an officer of the UPWA-CIO seemed to identify BROWN as the individual in question. Inasmuch as the information could not be clearly stated in unmistakable language that BROWN was the individual so mentioned, it was not included in this report.

For the same reason, information contained on page 10 of the above captioned report of SA [redacted] as furnished by Chicago T-10, was not included in this report, inasmuch as the name FRANK BROWN, not further identified, appeared on a paper with a notation "Transfers".

For the same reason, information contained on page 12 and furnished by Chicago T-11 in that report, also was left out of the details of this report due to the information not being further identified or corroborated.

The terms "Negro" and "Negro Race" were used in the details of enclosed report because of their usage by people interviewed who needed to use such phraseology in their discussion of the race riots at the Trumbull Park Area. It is believed that the expressions utilized in this instance have been used in such a manner no prejudice is implied.

No investigation was conducted prior to 1947 regarding the employee inasmuch as the employee did not reach the age of 18 until July of 1947.

The credit records were caused to be checked by Investigative Clerk [redacted] and the criminal checks were conducted by Investigative Clerk [redacted].

The files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Maryland, were caused to be searched through the [redacted] at the request of SA [redacted] on November 12, 1957.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols have been utilized in enclosed report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Report classified "Confidential" since it contains information furnished by confidential informant, disclosure of whose identity could adversely affect the national defense.

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SF 86 is anonymous source and information reported in the report of SA [Redacted] at San Francisco dated July 21, 1952 entitled "CINRAD, INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

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[Redacted] contact by SA [Redacted]
[Redacted] contact by SA [Redacted]

Other confidential informants contacted during the course of this investigation are as follows:

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SA [Redacted], contacted on November 25, 1957 by

SA [Redacted], contacted on November 25, 1957 by

SA [Redacted] and [Redacted] both contacted on November 22, 1957 by SA [Redacted]

[Redacted], contacted on November 13, 1957 by SA [Redacted]

[Redacted] contacted on November 19, 1957 by SA [Redacted]

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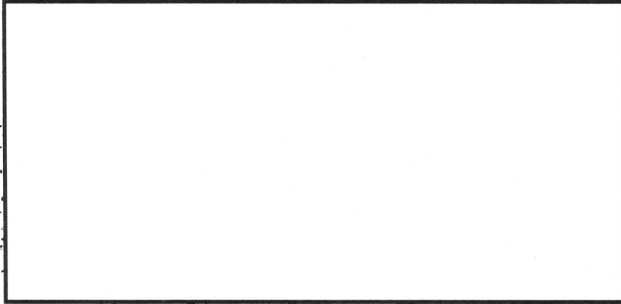
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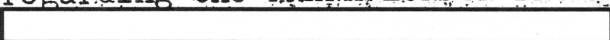
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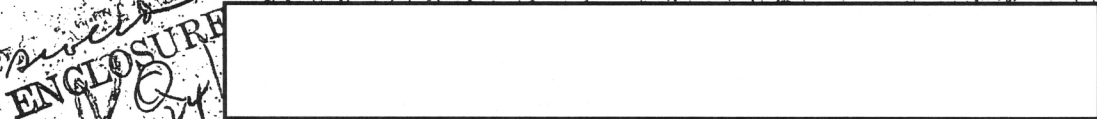
Bureau requested investigation based on information regarding one FRANK LONDON BROWN, who appears identical  Investigation at Chicago revealed information indicating that a 1956 Communist Party (CP) registration form from one of the Illinois-Indiana CP Districts compares favorably with information developed relative to FRANK LONDON BROWN. The Bureau letter also contained additional information concerning FRANK LONDON BROWN and his parents, FRANK and MYRTEE M. BROWN, who were reported to have been CP members for a period of five to six years prior to 1946.

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The Chicago, Illinois, Police Department Security Unit furnished in 8/54 a "Declaration of Intention to Form a New State-Wide Political Party to be Known as The PROGRESSIVE PARTY" and a Petition to Nominate Candidates of Said Party." 

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Transmitted herewith are the following questioned documents:



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Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 12/27/57	Investigative Period 12/16,17,19,20,23,24,26/57
TITLE OF CASE Chicago, Illinois		Report made by NORMAN A. AUGER	Typed By: smt
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES	

Synopsis:

Correct pages 1 & 2 as indicated.

Informant advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] **FRANK BROWN,** [redacted] had stated that he was not a member of the CP and would never become a member because the party could do nothing to help him better himself.

[redacted]

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FRANK LONDON BROWN, Jr., mentioned that BROWN read these articles in order to gain a better knowledge of the various conflicts taking place between the "Progressives", or the "Socialists", and the "Capitalists". Additional informants contacted and all advised that they did not know the employee or her husband, FRANK LONDON BROWN, Jr., and knew of no CP activities on the part of the employee or her husband.

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REFERENCES: Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 12/12/57.
Report of SA NORMAN A. AUGER at Chicago dated 11/30/57.

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[redacted] advised that BROWN had indicated in so many words that he would never be a Communist Party member inasmuch as the Communist Party could do nothing of value for him in order to help him advance financially or socially or in his fight for equal rights for people of his race.

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Chicago T-19 further stated that [redacted]

[redacted] FRANK LONDON BROWN, Jr.,

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had ever been a Communist Party member or had ever been affiliated in the past or present with anything that he would consider of a disloyal nature to the government of the United States.

Chicago T-19 further stated that [redacted]

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Chicago T-17 was recontacted on December 18, 1957, at which time he advised that he was personally acquainted with FRANK LONDON BROWN, Jr., and that he had known BROWN when BROWN had been Program Co-ordinator for the United Packing House Workers of America Union, District Number 1, in Chicago, Illinois. This informant stated that he knew of no information whatsoever regarding any activity by FRANK LONDON BROWN, Jr., or any affiliations of FRANK LONDON BROWN, Jr., that could be considered disloyal to the government of the United States.

Chicago T-17 further stated that he is not personally acquainted with [redacted] or the parents of FRANK LONDON BROWN, Jr.

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Chicago T-20 advised on December 23, 1957, that he had known FRANK BROWN, Jr. personally while he was District Number 1 Program Co-ordinator of the United Packing House Workers of America Union, and that the persons with whom he had contact considered him to be a "left winger". This informant stated that the term "left winger" in this particular case indicated that BROWN was a rather outspoken person who was always attempting to gain equal rights for the people of his race and that the term "left winger" in this particular case had no other connotation whatsoever.

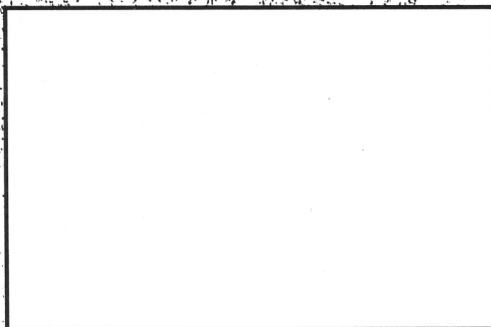
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Chicago T-20 advised that [redacted] was not known by this informant. Informant declined to furnish a signed statement or to appear before a Security Hearing Board.

Other confidential informants, who are familiar with Communist activities in the Chicago area and in the area wherein FRANK LONDON BROWN, Jr., is employed, were contacted and all advised that they did not know the employee or FRANK LONDON BROWN, Jr., and knew of no information about them.

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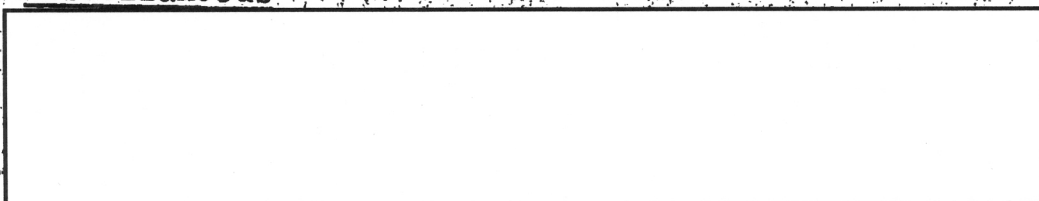
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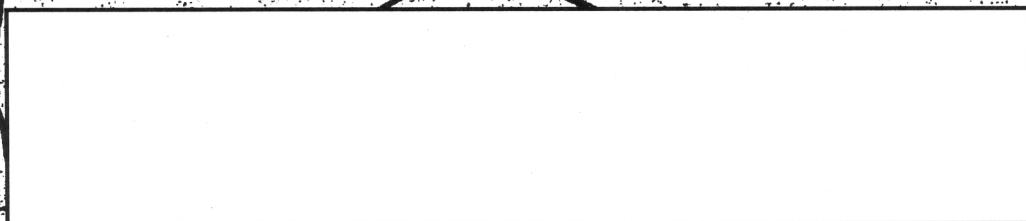
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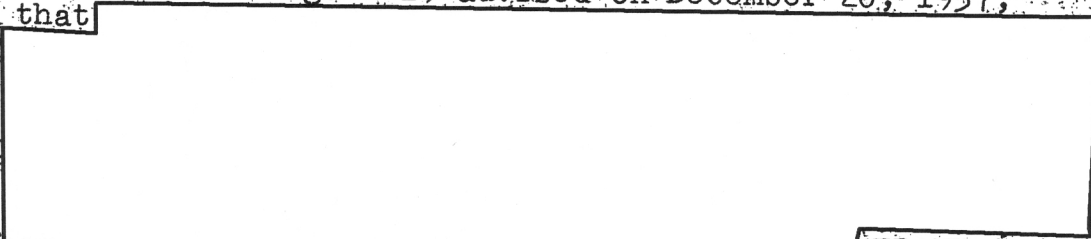
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Chicago T-19 advised on December 20, 1957, that



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LONDON BROWN, JR., was the Program Director of the

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~~United Packing House Workers of America Union while~~
~~[redacted] was on military leave during 1955 and~~
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Chicago T-19 advised that in approximately
April or May of 1957 [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that BROWN
had indicated in so many words that he would never
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Chicago T-19 further stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] had ever been
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Chicago T-19 further stated that [redacted]

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FRANK LONDON BROWN, JR.

resided at 71 East
72nd Street, Chicago,
between 1951 and 1953.