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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

L. A. FILE NO. **61-374**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	DATE WHEN MADE 2-10-40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-27-39; 1-6-40	REPORT MADE BY A. D. HORN hlc
TITLE RAYMON DUREM.			CHARACTER OF CASE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information furnished that Subject DUREM, who fought two years in Spain with Loyalist forces, was formerly employed by State Relief Administration, Bakersfield, Calif., as case worker. Now employed on W.P.A., Bakersfield. Is an anarchist and Communist and preaches subversive doctrines among transients and recipients of relief. Nationalistic tendency cards submitted.

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Details:

On October 27, 1939, HORACE V. GRAYSON, Assistant Chief of Police, Bakersfield, California, an FBI, National Police Academy Graduate, invited Agent to accompany him to a conference regarding espionage activities in the vicinity of Bakersfield with H. R. HUBBARD, Director of the Kern County Work Relief Department, P. C. Box 312, Bakersfield, telephone 2915, and VERA AUSTIN, Petroleum Engineer with the California Division of Oil and Gas, 1101 Golden State Highway, Bakersfield, California, who is also a Major in the Cavalry Reserve and Commanding Officer of the Bakersfield Mobilization Center.

These gentlemen advised that RAYMON DUREM fought for two years in Spain with the Loyalist forces; that he is an anarchist; that through pull with the State administration, DUREM obtained a

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job as a case worker in the State Relief Administration; that since being employed in that capacity, he has preached a subversive doctrine among migrants and recipients of relief in California; that he was finally discharged by the Board of Supervisors and is now working on the W.P.A. and is trying to get back on the S.R.A.; that someone high in the State administration apparently approves of Subject's activities, and asserts influence in his, DUREM'S, behalf.

MR. HUBBARD further stated that DUREM'S personnel file disappeared from the S.R.A. offices at the time he was discharged from that service, but that a transcript which had been obtained by VERN AUSTIN reflects that he attended the Puget Sound College, Tacoma, Washington; served in the World War overseas, and was six years with the Navy; that this information is undoubtedly false because DUREM is not old enough to have done those things; that he is described as follows:

Name	RAYMON DUREM
Age	28 to 30
Height	5' 4" to 6"
Weight	135 lbs.
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Dark
Nationality	Believed to be American citizen; part Spanish; foreign appearing
Marital Status	Married

ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU: Nationalistic tendency cards on RAYMON DUREM.

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~~March 31, 1941~~

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

There is transmitted herewith a dossier showing the information presently available in the files of this Bureau with respect to Raymond Buren whose address is 127 or 129 E. 25th Street, Los Angeles, California.

It is recommended that this individual be considered for custodial detention in the event of a national emergency. The information contained on the attached dossier constitutes the basis for appropriate consideration in this regard.

It should be understood, of course, that additional information may be received from time to time supplementing that already available in the Bureau's files, and as such data are received they will be made available to you so that the dossier in your possession may be supplemented thereby.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will advise this Bureau at your earliest convenience as to the decision reached in this case.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Francisco, Calif.**

FILE NO. **100-878**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/2/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/12/40; 2/27/41	REPORT MADE BY L. M. FALLAW - CE
TITLE RAMEN DUREM, with aliases: Ramon Durem, Raymond Durem, Duren, Duvem.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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RAMEN DUREM, Route 1, Box 563F, Stockton, California, Stockton Police Department #19018, employed by State Relief Administration, president of local Workers' Alliance, fought for Loyalists in Spain, and has been active Communist in Northern California since 1936.

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DETAILS:

This case was opened when information was received on October 4, 1940, from Confidential Informant [redacted] indicating the following information concerning **RAMEN DUREM, alias RAMON DUREM, alias DUREN, alias DUVEM, 1700 Walnut Street, Berkeley, California:**

In 1936, resided at 2530 Benvenue Avenue, Berkeley; was a registered member of the Communist Party, and a member of the Young Communists' League and of the American Student Union. He was wounded in the kneecap while fighting in Spain; is from the University of California, is a Veteran of the International Brigade, and in January, 1939, was a registered Communist Party member.

In response to request for preliminary investigation, report dated December 3, 1940, was received from the Berkeley Police Department, quoted as follows:

"Find no record in any of the usual sources of a **RAMON DUREM**. However, find a **RAMEN DUREM**, formerly of 1700 Walnut St., Berkeley. Dept.

Ramon Durem

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of Motor Vehicles files have no car registered to this man. However, they have a duplicate operator's license #H-307858, issued 8-14-40 to Ramen Duren, Route #1, Box 563, Stockton, California; described as: Male, 5-3; 145 lbs; blue eyes; brown hair; born on 1-30-15.

"Retail Credit Ass'n has no record of this person.

"Our files show that he was arrested on 9-10-36 for violation of City Ordinance #648 N.S., anti-picketing ordinance; he is Berkeley #3938-D-2, FBI #2070740. He was arrested with a group of about 40 other students and labor union members for picketing the Woolworth's Store on Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley, during which time an anti-picketing ordinance was in effect. Case dismissed on 3-4-37 on motion of the District Attorney when an arrest at the same time was declared unconstitutional by the Superior Court of Alameda County on an appeal from a jury verdict of guilty, from the Justice Court, City of Berkeley.

"Our files also show that he belonged to the American Students' Union on 10-8-36; and was the chairman of a meeting of that union on that date. The same year he was a member of the Young Communist League, and spoke at a meeting of that league at Sather Gate, Berkeley.

"In 1936 he was registered as a Communist in Alameda County. He is not registered in this county at the present time. On 5-8-40 he was found guilty in Stockton, California, for violation of Section 87 of the Penal Code. He is Stockton #19018.

"Enclosed you will find 3 copies of a photo taken of this man at the time of his Berkeley arrest in 1936. He was then described as: Age 21; 5' 5"; 136 lbs.

"No further information available here at this time. It is suggested that because of recent address and arrest in Stockton, California, that that department may be able to furnish supplementary information."

Source A of the San Francisco Office under date of January 3, 1941, furnished the following report, when requested for information concerning instant subject:

"We believe the correct full name of this subject to be RAMEN DUREM, last known address 1700 Walnut Street, Berkeley.

"Subject is not registered as voter in Alameda County at present, last registration being 1936 in which he registered as Communist.

"Occupation and place of employment not known.

"No criminal record in the files of this office.

"We have in National Defense files one RAMEN DUREM, address 1700 Walnut Street, Berkeley, former address 2530 Benvenue Street, Berkeley.

"September 10th, 1936 article in Berkeley Daily Gazette states that subject is from Vallejo, California, age twenty-one, sophomore, student at the University of California. Subject was among those arrested in Berkeley this date for violation of anti-picketing ordinance.

"A newspaper clipping of unknown origin dated October 9th, 1936 lists subject as University of California student and president of the Young Communist League. He presided at a meeting at U.C. at which James W. Ford, Negro Vice-Presidential candidate spoke under the auspices of the Y.C.L.

"November 4th, 1936 mailing address used by Y.C.L. in Berkeley is registered to Ramen Durem, 1700 Walnut Street, Berkeley. B. Coon, 2232 Blake Street, Berkeley and A. Handler 2287 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, are known associates of subject.

"July 30th, 1937 subject reported with the SOC. army in Spain.

"November 2nd, 1937 subject reported confined in a hospital in Albacete, Spain, with a leg injury obtained at the front while fighting for the LOYALISTS. Subject with four other University students went to Spain in March 1937.

"May 13, 1940 article in People's World names one Ramon Durem as president of the local Workers Alliance in Stockton, California.

"See Berkeley National Defense Report #1067 on this subject to FBI under date of December 3, 1940."

Serial 3 in San Francisco File 100-2055 entitled "Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade" lists, among other individuals traveling from the United States to fight for Loyalist Spain, Ramon Durem, New York City, 1738 Milvia St., Berkeley, California, age 23, Passport #35-803, issued at San Francisco March 20, 1937.

San Francisco File 61-322 entitled "Communist Party Members; Outside Sources", contains a memorandum (serial 1219) submitted by Special Agent J. A. ROBEY reflecting that on August 12, 1940, the following information was received from Chief of Police H. A. Vogelsang and Detective Sergeant Jack McNabb, Stockton, California:

"Ramon Durem, alias Raymond Durem, resides at Route 1, Box 563F and is employed by the State Relief Administration. He is president of the Workers' Alliance, Local #G180. He was formerly a newspaper man and went to Spain during the Spanish civil war, and married a French girl in Spain. They resided at Bakersfield before coming to Stockton."

The Stockton Police Department furnished the following description and criminal record:

Name - Ramen Durem, alias Raymond Durem
Age - 25 (1940)
Ht. - 5-5 3/8
Wt. - 134
Hair - Light brown, curly
Eyes - blue
Complexion - Fair
Born - Seattle, Washington
Friend - Boyd Coon
Residence - Route 1, Box 563F, Stockton, California.
Stockton PD #19018. Arrested 5-8-40, Viol. Sect. 87
PC (2 counts). 1st Count, 180 days in jail.
2nd Count, 180 days in jail and \$500 fine,
sentences to run consecutively.

It having been apparently definitely established that Durem is an active Communist, and there being no further logical outstanding investigation, this case is being closed, subject to reopening upon receipt of further pertinent information concerning the subject.

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DUREM, RAYMON
127 or 129 E. 25th Street
Los Angeles, California 9-6-40

ANARCHIST

Fought for two years with Spanish Loyalist forces. An anarchist. Formerly a case worker on S. R.A. and while so engaged he preached subversive doctrine among migrants and recipients of relief. (H. V. Grayson, N.P.A., H.R. Hubbard, Director, Kern County Relief Dept., Bakersfield, Calif.; 61-7560-5207). *Ed*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California
May 24, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: RAYMON DUREM
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Custodial Detention Memorandum
on the above-named Subject.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. Pieper
N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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CUSTODIAL DETENTION MEMORANDUM

RAMEN DUREM, with aliases
Ramon Durem, Raymond Durem,
Raymon Durem, _____ Duren, Duvem.
Route 1, Box 563F
Stockton, California

COMMUNIST

San Francisco
File 100-878

The name of the above individual is submitted to the Bureau for consideration for custodial detention in the event of National emergency. The following information is summarized from the San Francisco files:

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Ramen Durem, with aliases:
Ramon Durem; Raymond Durem,
Raymon Durem, _____ Duren, Duvem.

Route 1, Box 563F (8-12-40)
Stockton, California

Employed by State Relief Administration (8-12-40)
Stockton, California

Member American Students' Union 10-8-36, chairman, while attending University of California, Berkeley, California. Member Young Communist League, 1936; and spoke at YCL meeting at Sather Gate, University of California, Berkeley, California.

Registered member Communist Party in Alameda County, California, 1936. Source: Registrar of Voters, Alameda County, Oakland, California. Arrested at Berkeley, California, 9-10-36, Berkeley PD #3938-D-2, FBI #2070740, violation anti-picketing ordinance. Guilty by jury but case dismissed 3-4-37 on appeal when arrest declared unconstitutional. # 1

(Berkeley Police Department, 12-3-40; 100-878)
Berkeley, California

President Young Communist League while student at University of California, Berkeley, California, 10-9-36; presided at student meeting addressed by James W. Ford, Negro candidate for Vice-President and sponsored by YCL. Mailing address of YCL was registered in the name of Ramen Durem, 1700 Walnut Street, Berkeley, California, as of 11-4-36.

Went to Spain March, 1937, with four other university students, fought with "Loyalist" army, wounded in leg, confined in hospital at Albacete, Spain, 11-2-37. Source: Passport Division, State Department re passport No. 35-803; _____ re wounds in Spain. President local Workers Alliance, Stockton, California, according to article in 5-13-40 issue of People's World. # 2

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(Ralph E. Hoyt, District Attorney, County of Alameda, California,
1-3-41; 100-878)

Arrested at Stockton, California, 5-8-40, Stockton PD #19018,
violation Sec. 87 California Penal Code, 2 counts. (Refusing
to appear or be sworn as, or to produce, a witness: misdemeanor.)
1st count, 180 days in jail; 2nd count, 180 days in jail and
\$500 fine; to run consecutively. (Stockton, California, Police
Department, 10-26-40; 100-878 and 61-322-1219). American-born
citizen. Born 1-30-15 at Seattle, Washington. (Berkeley and
Stockton, California, police departments; 100-878)

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DUREM, RAYMON
with aliases: RAMEN DUREM
RAMON DUREM
RAYMOND DUREM
DUREN, DUVEM

COMMUNIST.

127 or 129 E. 25th St.
Los Angeles, Calif. (9/6/40)

Route #1, Box 563 F.
Stockton, Calif. (9/30/41) ✓

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127 or 129 E. 25th St., Los Angeles, Calif. (9/6/40)

COMMUNIST..

Route #1, Box 563 F.
Stockton, Calif. (9/30/41)

Subject is a registered member of the Communist Party in Alameda County, Calif., 1936. (Registrar of Voters, Alameda County, Oakland, Calif., 5/24/41; 100-18549-4)

Went to Spain March, 1937, with four other university students, fought with "Loyalist" army, wounded in leg, confined in hospital at Albacete, Spain, 11/2/37. (SF-7, Passport Division, State Department, 5/24/41; 100-18549-4)

President local Workers Alliance, Stockton, Calif., according to article in 5/13/40 issue of People's World. (Ralph E. Hoyt, County Alameda, Calif., 1/3/41; 100-18549-4) 10-2-41 SATS

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December 26, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

There is submitted herewith an addition to a dossier dated October 2, 1941, concerning Raymon Durem, with aliases, which was originally submitted under date of March 31, 1941, re Raymon Durem.

In view of the additional information, it will be appreciated if you will advise of your opinion in this case.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 3, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

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RE: RAYMON DUREM
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of August 19, 1941, to all Special Agents in Charge enclosing a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith, Chief of the Special Defense Unit of the Department of Justice, relative to the classification, as to dangerousness, of the individuals under consideration for custodial detention and the classification, as to sufficiency, of the evidence upon which the dangerousness classification is made.

Please be advised that information has now been received from the Special Defense Unit that

RAYMON DUREM
127 or 129 E. 25th Street
Los Angeles, California

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has been tentatively placed in:

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_____ Group A. Individuals believed to be the most dangerous and who in all probability should be interned in event of War.

Group B. Individuals believed to be somewhat less dangerous but whose activities should be restricted.

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_____ Group C. Individuals believed to be the least dangerous and need not be restricted in absence of additional information but should be subjected to general surveillance.

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The evidence relating to Subject has been classified by the Special Defense Unit as:

 X 1. Sufficient to establish the charges upon which the dangerous classification was made.

 2. Not satisfactory to substantiate the charges.

With respect to citizenship status, Subject has been tentatively classified by the Special Defense Unit as:

- (A) An alien
 X (N) A naturalized citizen
 (NB) A native born citizen

The above classifications are subject to revision in the light of additional information and you will be promptly informed of any revision of the status of the above named individual.

This investigation must be given preferred and expeditious attention in accordance with existing Bureau instructions and concluded at the earliest possible date. The citizenship status of Subject should be definitely ascertained as soon as possible where this has not already been done.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
January 10, 1942.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: RAYMON DUREM;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 3, 1941, advising that the above-captioned subject has been placed in dangerous classification "B".

The Los Angeles file on this subject reflects that, under date of May 1, 1941, the custodial detention card as concerns him was forwarded to the San Francisco Field Office, inasmuch as investigation by the Bakersfield, California, Police Department reflected that he had left that city on June 5, 1939, with Route 6, Box 218, Stockton, California, as his forwarding address.

In view of the above, instant classification letter is being forwarded to the San Francisco Field Office as an enclosure with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood
R. B. HOOD, A.P.
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 23, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

RE: RAYMOND DUBRM, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of

—~~x~~ an addition to the Custodial Detention card relating to Subject. This addition is to be attached to the photostatic copy of the Custodial Detention card already in your possession.

— a revised Custodial Detention card relating to Subject to be substituted for the photostatic copy of the Custodial Detention card presently in your possession which should be destroyed.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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