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# Memorandum



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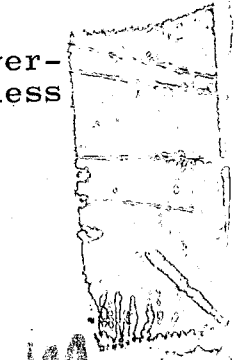
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LEGAT BONN (100-1111)-(RUC)

ER FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

[Redacted]

[Redacted] has furnished us a clipping from the December 28, 1966, issue of the newspaper, "Junge Welt," published in East Berlin. The item, under a Berlin dateline, states that Peter Seeger, described as a folksinger and one of the founders of the progressive folksong movement in the United States, made a guest appearance in the Berlin Peoples Theatre, East Berlin on 1-4-67. He was described as an artist of the "other America" who sings about striking workers and demonstrating civil rights workers in colleges and universities and who recently wrote a song against the senseless death of his countrymen in Vietnam.



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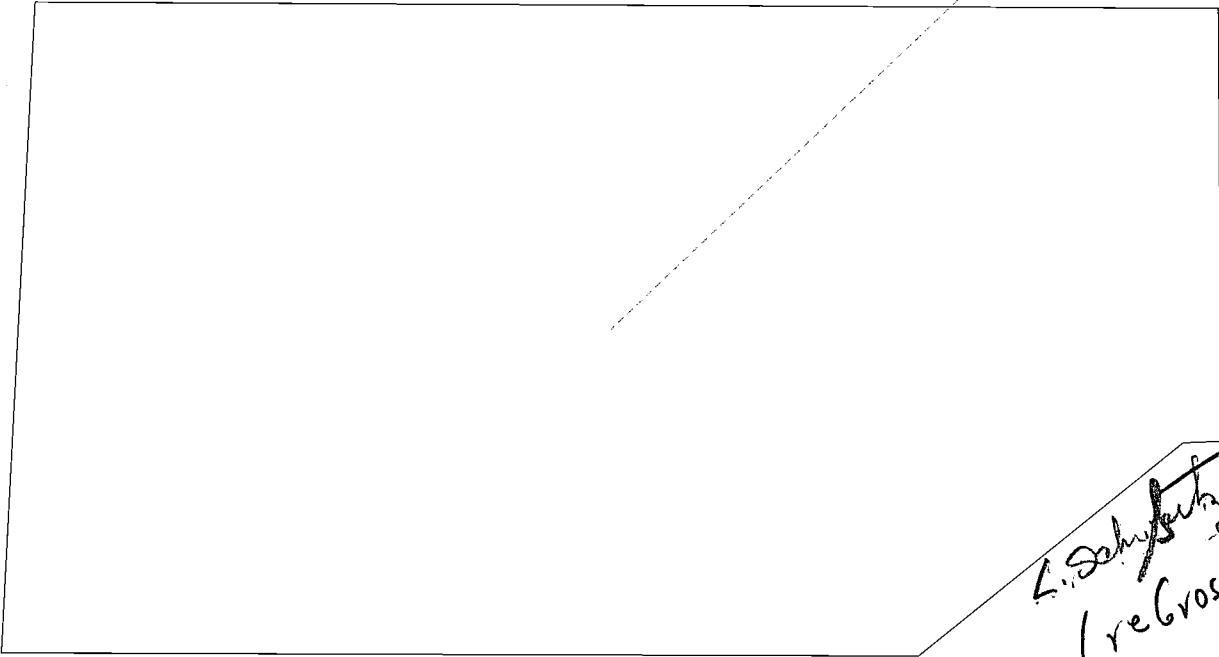
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SUBJECT: **PETER SEEGER**  
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FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

Reference Bonnlet to Bureau dated 3/8/67.



*L. Schyberg  
(re Grossman)*

Dated	Recd.	Addressee	Addressor
3-15-67	3-30-67	Mr. Victor Grossman Deutsche Akademie der Kunste en Berlin 104 Berlin Robert-Koch Platz 7 DDR Germany	(Peter Seeger) Box 431 Beacon, N.Y. 12508

~~ENCLOSURE ATTACHED~~

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Addressee is subject of Bufile 100-359527.

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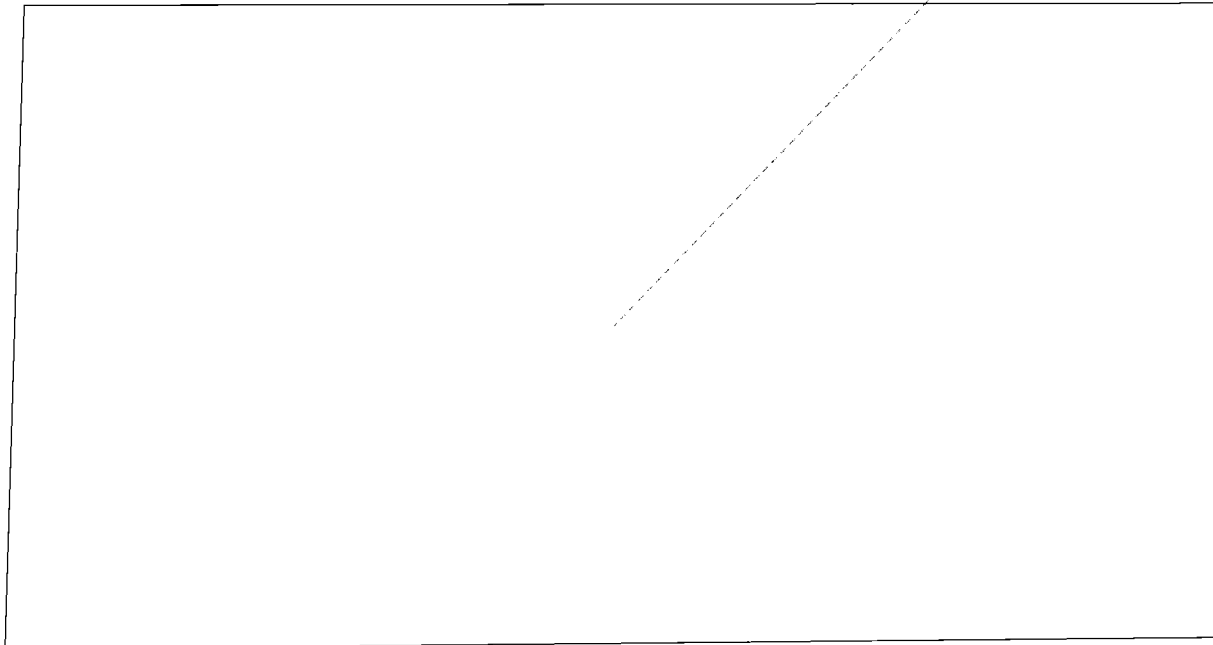
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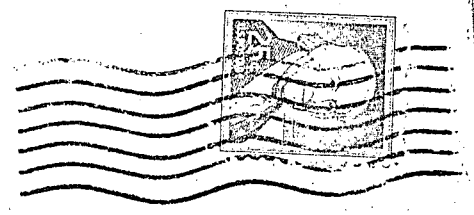
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Mr. Victor Grossman  
Deutsche Akademie der Künste  
en Berlin  
104 Berlin  
Robert-Koch Platz  
DDR - Germany

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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431  
BEACON, N. Y. 12508

March 15, 1967

Dear Victor,

I have received a letter from someone in West Germany which disturbs me and I thought I would ask you about it. He says that when my East German TV program was put on the air the words that I spoke when introducing the songs were dubbed in German. This would be all right if it were an accurate translation. But he says that my introduction to "John Henry" sounded as follows: "You hear the song about a working-man forced by the Capitalist to fight against the machine so that he may keep his place of work."

I know how difficult it is to make exact translations but I am sure that you must also know that I try to steer away from words that carry loaded misunderstandings like this.

Nevertheless I am exceedingly glad that my television program has been heard throughout Germany and I look forward to seeing you all again another year.

Best wishes,

*Pete*  
Peter

ps: I am tracing down those addresses. Some aren't easy

*Toshi*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 12/5/66

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

CC TO: <i>Internal Revenue</i>
REQ. REC'D <i>2/3/71</i>
FEB 14 1971
ANS.
BY: <i>B. K. Dep</i>

ReNYlet 6/1/66, to WFO (interoffice), and WFO letter 7/1/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau and NY are 8 and 2 copies, respectively, of an LHM setting forth information in subject's passport file. This file was reviewed at the Passport Office, USDS on 11/30/66, by SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS JR.

A review of the subject's passport D453486 issued to subject 6/17/63, reflects the following travel by SEEGER:

Australian visa issued at NYC 7/23/63  
 Arrived Fiji Islands 8/30/63  
 Arrived Sydney 8/31/63  
 Departed Canberra 9/12/63  
 Indonesian visa issued at Sydney 9/18/63  
 Arrived Kemajoran 9/24/63  
 Departed Kemajoran 10/5/63  
 Arrived Hong Kong 10/5/63  
 Japanese visa issued at Hong Kong 10/7/63  
 Arrived Haneda 10/8/63  
 Departed Haneda 11/26/63

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CC TO: <i>OST-4</i>
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Indian visa issued at Tokyo 11/1/63  
Arrived Calcutta 11/26/63  
At New Delhi 12/5/63  
Departed Bombay 12/10/63  
British visa for Kenya issued at NYC 8/2/63  
In Kenya 12/10/63  
Departed Nairobi 12/24/63  
Arrived Nigeria 12/25/63  
In Nigeria 12/28/63  
Departed Nigeria 1/3/64  
Visa for Ghana issued at Lagos 12/30/63  
Arrived Ghana 1/3/64  
Departed Accra 1/11/64  
United Arab Republic visa issued at NYC 8/7/63  
(no indication whether used)  
In an Arab country 1/20/64 (departure stamp  
illegible)  
Arrived Dover, England 2/17/64  
Departed Harwich 3/2/64  
Arrived The Netherlands 3/3/64  
Arrived Denmark 3/11/64  
Departed Denmark 3/16/64  
Czechoslovak visa issued at London 2/25/64  
Arrived Prague 3/18/64  
Departed Prague 3/30/64  
Polish visa issued at London 2/26/64  
Arrived Poland 3/30/64  
In Warsaw 3/31/64  
Departed Poland 4/8/64  
Soviet visa issued 2/20/64 (possibly issued  
in London)  
Arrived Moscow 4/8/64  
Departed Moscow 5/7/64  
Arrived London 5/7/64  
Departed London 6/2/64

WFO 100-23658

Arrived NYC 6/2/64  
(Passport contains So. African visa issued at  
NYC 8/7/63, and visa for New Zealand  
issued at NYC 8/9/63, no indication whether  
used)

In Paris 9/25/65  
Departed Paris 9/28/65  
Arrived London 9/28/65  
Departed London 10/4/65  
In Paris 10/25/65  
Departed Paris 10/29/65  
Arrived London 10/29/65  
Departed Prestwick 11/7/65  
Arrived NYC 11/7/65

Arrived NYC 4/12/66. No 1966 travel control  
stamps were noted in the passport but a staple  
was affixed to the top of the page containing  
the Soviet visa previously issued to him, as  
indicated above.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 5, 1966

PETER SEEGER

The passport file of Peter Seeger was reviewed at the Passport Office, United States Department of State on November 30, 1966. This file reflects that passport number D453486 issued to Seeger on June 17, 1963, was renewed about October 26, 1966.

Seeger executed this passport renewal application on October 6, 1966, at which time he indicated he would leave New York City about November 7, 1966, via Trans World Airlines (TWA) for a two-weeks' trip in Great Britain where he would be on a concert tour and also appear on television on the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). He gave his birth date as May 3, 1919, at New York City and listed his mailing and permanent address as Box 431, Beacon, New York. He stated that in the event of accident, notice be given to his business manager, Harold Leventhal, 200 West 57th Street, New York City.

His passport file contains correspondence dated October 28, 1966, from his business manager, Harold Leventhal, requesting that a passport be issued immediately as Seeger had to leave for London on the evening of November 8, 1966, for a concert in the Royal Festival Hall, an appearance on BBC-Television, and concerts in Belfast and Dublin.

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November 15, 1966

Miss Norma Aquilio  
1719 Central Street  
Yorktown Heights, New York 10598

*Blair*  
*2949*

Dear Miss Aquilio:

Your letter of November 9th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, data in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand why I cannot furnish the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate one prior outgoing dated 10-29-65 to Miss Aquilio in response to her inquiry regarding information on the League of Women Voters. Pete Seeger is well known as a banjo player and folk singer. He is currently on the security index and is the subject of Bufile 100-200845.

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- Wick \_\_\_\_\_
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- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
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- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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1719 Central St.  
Yorktown Heights  
N. Y.

Dear sir:

Pete Seeger, the folk singer is scheduled to appear at our local high school in the near future. Can you furnish me with any information concerning his connection, if any, with the Communist conspiracy?

Very truly yours,

Norma Aquilio

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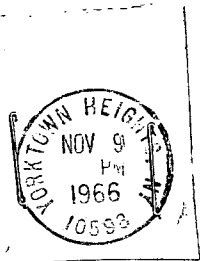
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Norma Aguilia

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~~CORRESPONDENCE~~

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Date 10-5-66

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*[Signature]*  
 SAC IAN D. MacLENNAN  
 Office Pittsburgh

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Stirs Controversy

# Pete Seeger Fascinating In Solo Song Concert

By ROBERT CROAN

Pete Seeger's solo concert of folk songs and stories Saturday evening at Carnegie Music Hall was, predictably, a fascinating experience.

His appearances always cause controversy. His outspoken political views are so "hot" that one seems to make enemies by expressing ANY opinion of Seeger.

### Difficult to Appraise

Therefore, it is more meaningful—and more difficult—to evaluate Pete Seeger as a performing artist. Politics, social reform, and civil rights aside, he is undoubtedly a performing artist of the highest stature.

Few personalities could keep a near-capacity audience so deeply involved, so highly charged, his presence felt even when he is offstage.

Seeger is consistently communicative on every level. He sings with a light, clear voice and diction that should be the envy of every vocal student. He has been called the first popular singer who made people listen to the words.

Most of the time he accompanies himself on the guitar or banjo. Occasionally he sings unaccompanied, or alternates singing with interludes on a primitive flute. His songs are interspersed with narrative stories—some funny, some barbed, some just vulgar—in which he acts out all the parts.

### Audience Sings Along

Some impressive banjo solos include "Whirling Beethoven," an arrangement of the slow movement of the 7th Symphony sandwiched between hillbilly tunes. Often the audience participates by singing along, becomes an actual part of the act by the very reciprocity of its involvement.

This is indicative of an unusually high level of literacy shared by performer and his audience. Beethoven, Dante, Camus are all cited in due course. A charming elderly Negro woman sitting close by carries a book of Seeger's protest songs and the score of Debussy's "Pelleas and Melisande."

This viewer, much absorbed with Seeger's philosophy, was less taken with the rousing protest songs than his appealing children's songs—especially the tale of the giant "Abiyoyo," a masterpiece of direct message with a moral; and with the eloquent simplicity of "A Time for Everything."

Seeger protests Viet Nam—though he is not a pacifist—he protests dictatorships, ignorance, reactionaries, and he champions the cause of peace, knowledge, and the Pill. But his most persuasive argument appears midway in a song called "Bring Them Home."

I may be right,  
I may be wrong,  
But I've got a right  
To sing this song.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Author: ROBERT CROAN

Editor: FRANK HAWKINS

Title: PETE SEEGER

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 8/29/66

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FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (C)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM-C

ReNY report of SA JOHN LEE GILL, 6/13/66.

This matter has been kept in a Pending status to determine whether the subject possibly was making a trip to North Viet Nam or traveling abroad during the summer of 1966. To date, no information to substantiate such travel has been received.

On 7/21/66, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on 5/5/66, ~~PETER SEEGER~~, PO Box 431, Beacon, NY, had registered for a course in Russian at the Berlitz School of Languages in NYC. The course consisted of 100 lessons.

*MRS*

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On 6/27/66, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised ~~PETER SEEGER~~ was present at a meeting of the Rosenberg Memorial and Morton Sobell Freedom Rally held at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, NYC on 6/17/66. This information was confirmed by [redacted]

*Toshi*

The "Hudson Register Star", a daily newspaper in Hudson, NY, on 7/11/66, contained an article indicating PETER SEEGER had been at the Shaker Museum, Old Chatham, NY, on 7/8, 9/66, in connection with the filming of two half-hour films for the CBS-TV Sunday morning religious series, "Lamp Unto My Feet". This article indicated he had upcoming engagements at Stratford, Connecticut; Lenox, Massachusetts; and Lewisohn Stadium, NYC. The same newspaper in the issue of 7/13/66, indicated SEEGER was scheduled for a concert at the Berkshire Music Barn, Lenox, Massachusetts on 7/16/66, at 3:00 p.m.

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The "New York Times" in the issue of 7/14/66, reflected SEEGER had appeared the previous night in a folk concert at Lewisohn Stadium, NYC.

An advertisement in "Variety" on 8/3/66, reflected the above-mentioned TV film was to be shown on CBS-TV at 10:00 a.m., 8/7/66.

Continuous contact was maintained with Detective Sergeant RAYMOND STEWART, Beacon, NY, Police Department and MAURICE KEATING, Postmaster, Beacon, NY, to whom SEEGER is known, through 8/24/66. On the latter date, both advised they had no knowledge of any travel by SEEGER outside the US during the summer. Mr. KEATING advised SEEGER's wife, TOSHI, had been in the Post Office on 8/24/66, to pick up the mail, as she had done all summer, and that he had noted no prolonged absence on her part.

On 6/21/66, Mrs. VERDE L. CRENSHAW, Liaison Officer, Passport Office, United States Department of State, advised IC JAMES H. YELVINGTON there was no record of a renewal application, or an application for a new passport, for PETER SEEGER.

Sources have been alerted for information of any foreign travel of subject.

In view of the lack of information of such travel at the present time, this matter is being closed.



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July 29, 1966

PETE SEEGER

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

On April 12, 1966, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

On April 5, 1966, CHARLES SMALL, described by T-1 as one of the principal associates of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM), advised that PETE SEEGER, the famous American folk singer, was giving a concert that night at 7:30 PM, at San Carlos Academy in Mexico City, and that "....everybody would be there."

According to T-1, the ACGM is a loose association of a predominantly social nature of present and/or past members of the Communist Party, USA, and their friends and associates who share a common sympathy for the international communist movement.

According to T-1, the concert by SEEGER was held as scheduled and was attended by approximately 500 persons, including many of the associates of ACGM from Mexico City and vicinity. In his program, SEEGER sang several songs "of a progressive nature," including one against the war in Vietnam, all of which were enthusiastically applauded by the audience.

On April 20, 1966, T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 8, 1966,

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PETE SEEGER

ELIZABETH MORA, described by T-2 as one of the principal associates of ACGM in Mexico City, stated she was "elated and very happy over the huge success" of the concert by PETE SEEGER at San Carlos Academy the previous Tuesday night. MORA, who teaches sculpture at San Carlos Academy, indicated she had helped plan, publicize, and sell tickets to the concert, and she commented that she was "proud to say that every loyal comrade of the American colony in Mexico cooperated fully, not only with their presence but by bringing along many, many non-political friends who enjoyed SEEGER to the fullest." MORA added that "...the comrades from Cuernavaca showed in full force, helping to make it a memorable occasion."

On June 21, 1966, T-1 advised that he learned from MARY and CEDRIC BELFRAGE, important associates of ACGM in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, that PETE SEEGER and his family, while visiting in Mexico at the time of SEEGER's concert, had stayed in the BELFRAGES' house in Cuernavaca.

On July 19, 1966, T-1 advised that he was not aware of the extent of SEEGER's stay in Mexico or of the times and means of arrival and departure.

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Tolson ✓  
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 Mohr ✓  
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# SEEGER BAN RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Court of Appeals Overturns Barring of Singer on L.I.

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Special to The New York Times

ALBANY, July 7 — The state's highest court ruled in effect today that it was unconstitutional for a Long Island school board to have barred Pete Seeger, the folk singer, from giving a concert last March in a high school auditorium.

The Court of Appeals voted 6 to 1, to overturn the Appellate Division. That lower court had ruled that the "controversy was moot" since the date of the scheduled performance, March 12, had passed and since Mr. Seeger was not suing for money damages.

The folk singer, long a stormy figure because of his association with left-wing causes, was to have given a concert in a high school in East Meadow, Long Island. The performance, sponsored by the East Meadow Community Concerts Association, was well publicized, and tickets were sold out well in advance.

The school board involved, that of Union Free School District No. 3 in Nassau County,

had given its permission for the concert in June, 1965. However, six months later, in December, the board reversed itself and withdrew its permission for the Seeger performance on the ground that the folk singer had recently given a concert in Moscow and that some of the songs he sings are critical of American policy in Vietnam.

The board also contended that Mr. Seeger was a "highly controversial figure" whose presence might trigger a disturbance dangerous to school property.

The Community Concerts Association called the board's action unconstitutional and went to court. The State Supreme Court dismissed the contention of unconstitutionality.

The case was then taken to the Appellate Division, which said that the school board had, indeed, imposed an "unlawful restriction on the constitutional right of free speech and assembly," but ruled that the issue was academic since the concert date had passed.

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- The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- The Washington Evening Star \_\_\_\_\_
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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JUN 13 1966	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/20/66 - 6/6/66
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REFERENCE: NYrep of SA JOHN LEE GILL, dated 5/14/66.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

SA HERBERT P. LARSON observed the subject on 1/26/66.

SA JOHN LEE GILL made a pretext telephone call to WNJU-TV, Newark, New Jersey, using a pretext of seeking information regarding programming of folk singers. SA FRANCIS X. GANTLEY made a pretext telephone call to the Harold Leventhal Agency in September, 1965, using a pretext of seeking information as to securing a booking for this subject. SA DENNIS B. CASEY contacted that agency via pretext telephone call in December, 1965, using a similar pretext.

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*Sept 26 1964*  
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The records of the Bureau of Special Services of the New York City Police Department, as reviewed on 5/25/66 by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, reflect no additional data pertinent to this investigation.

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Buairtel dated 5/31/66 captioned "Communist Party, USA, International Relations, Internal Security-C" (NY 100-86824) reported that the Bureau had recently received information that the Writers Union of North Vietnam was considering inviting the subject, ARTHUR MILLER, BETTINA APTHEKER and Dr. LINUS PAULING to an "International Conference of Intellectuals" scheduled to be held during late May, 1966, in North Vietnam.

*5/26/66  
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On 6/1/66, SA WILLIAM A. BRACKEN made a pretext telephone call to the Harold Leventhal Agency, 200 West 57th Street, New York, New York, (pretext-seeking information as to SEEGER's availability for a concert) and was advised that the subject was then in California and will be available in the US during the summer of 1966.

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reported to SA WALTER C. ZINK on 6/1/66 that no information has been received indicating current or future foreign travel on the subject's part. The NYO is remaining alert to additional possible foreign travel on the subject's part.

The NYO has requested the WFO to review the records of the Passport Office inasmuch as the subject's passport expired in May, 1966.

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Bulet to New York dated 7/12/65 advised that the HCUA had requested the Bureau to supply the HCUA with the name of any individuals who could definitely place the subject in the CP. The NYO was requested to furnish the Bureau concerning the whereabouts of LOUIS BUDENZ, JOHN LAUTNER and Former [redacted] who previously furnished information regarding the subject's CP membership per New York report of SA ARTHUR J. GREEN, JR., dated 2/21/57. New York letter dated 7/26/65 provided the requested information regarding LAUTNER and former [redacted]. BUDENZ was contacted by the Boston Office and information regarding that recontact is reflected in Boston letter dated 8/3/65. No additional information reflecting CP membership on the subject's part was received from these sources and pertinent data has been previously reported.

The following data was not included in the current report inasmuch as characterization of the organizations mentioned have not been approved. On 2/15/66 [redacted] reported that at a meeting of the Womens Peace and Unity Club held in Chicago on 2/4/66, it was stated that the subject would appear in Chicago for a benefit on 3/5/66, [redacted]. On 11/2/65, [redacted] reported that a member of the American Committee on Africa advised on 10/26/65, that the program for 12/10/65 at Hunter College would include the subject [redacted].

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Identity of Source

File Number and Serial  
Where Located

NY T-1

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Instant report  
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NY T-3

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

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NY T-12 [redacted]	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	[redacted]	
NY T-13 [redacted]			
NY T-14 [redacted]			
NY T-15 [redacted]			
NY T-16 [redacted]			
NY T-17 [redacted]			
NY T-18 [redacted]			
NY T-19 [redacted]			
NY T-20 [redacted]			100-79725-1293
NY T-21 [redacted]			[redacted]
NY T-22 [redacted]			

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NY T-23

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NY T-25

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Informants contacted with negative results  
are as follows:

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NEW YORK

AT BEACON, NEW YORK. Will continue efforts  
to determine if the subject travels abroad in the  
immediate future.

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1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6.  This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason) it contains data received from NY T-2 through NY T-25 reflecting that the FBI has coverage of CP related activities. Unauthorized disclosure of this could reveal the sources' identities and destroy the effectiveness thereof. This could hamper investigation of subversive matters and thereby be injurious to the national security.
7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_.

he occupies a prominent position in the entertainment field and his activities on behalf of Communist fronts. Attempts to interview the subject could possibly embarrass the Bureau.

8.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP, in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that his opinion was that Mother Bloor in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER

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10.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.
- Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. McMURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY). On 4/30/53, former [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREEN, JR., 12/21/56, NY).

The subject appeared before the HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HCUA. (Report of WILLIAM L. McMURRAY, JR., 2/19/58 at NY).

On 2/12/60, [redacted] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10.00 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [redacted] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. The "New York Times" on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60. (Report of LOWELL W. BARTON, 3/7/61, at NY).

On 4/30/62, [redacted] advised SEEGER attended a concert at 253 West 73rd St., NY, NY, sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants which concert was held on 4/29/62. On 5/16/62, [redacted] advised SEEGER entertained at a mass meeting sponsored by the National Council for Soviet-American Friendship, held at 60th St., and Broadway, NY, NY. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NY, NY, advised Moscow, USSR, that the subject would be traveling through southern part of the US giving a series of concerts.

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On 1/11/63, ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949 and from September, 1955 until September 1962, made available a letter dated 12/7/62 in which SEEGER sought donations for the NY Council; to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Subject performed at function for "American Dialog", 7/64, and NCASF rally 11/64. (Instant Report).

Subject contributed funds to NCAHUAC, 1965. Participated in function of NCASF, 1966 and of "National Guardian" 1965 (Instant Report).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: JOHN LEE GILL Office: New York, New York  
Date: JUN 13 1966  
Field Office File #: 100-83801 Bureau File #: 100-200845  
Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York and is self-employed as banjo player and folk singer. Informants report subject contributed funds to NCAHUAC 1965; participated in function of NCASF 1966 and of "National Guardian" 1965. Subject toured Europe, including Soviet Union, 1965.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

NY T-1 reported on June 1, 1966 that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer. NY T-1 added that the subject can be reached through Post Office Box 328 at Dutchess Junction.

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Detective Sergeant RAYMOND STEWART, Police Department, Beacon, New York, advised SPECIAL AGENT (SA) LOWELL W. BARTON on June 1, 1966 that the subject is self-employed as a folk singer and resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE  
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. National Committee to Abolish the House  
Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC)

New York Council to Abolish the House  
Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC)

The above mentioned organizations  
are mentioned in the appendix  
attached hereto.

The "National Guardian" of April 3, 1965, page 8, columns three and four, contained an advertisement regarding a function to be held on April 11, 1965 at the Square East, 15 West 4th Street, New York, New York, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the " --- HUAC's attack on the N.Y. Theater". The NYCAHUAC was referred to as the sponsor of that function. Among the entertainers listed as participating was the name of the subject.

The "National Guardian" is mentioned in  
the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-2 reported on April 14, 1965 that on April 11, 1965, the subject performed at a function held at the Square East, 15 West 4th Street, New York, New York, and that this function was sponsored by the NYCAHUAC. Various speakers attacked the HUAC.

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On August 30, 1965, NY T-3 reported that a meeting of the Executive Board of the Southern Californians for Abolition of the HUAC (SCAHUAC) was held on July 12, 1965 in Los Angeles, California. During this meeting, it was stated that the subject had become a regular sustainer to the NNCAHUAC with a personal pledge of \$50 a month.

The SCAHUAC is mentioned in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-4 reported on October 15, 1965, that the subject contributes \$5.00 per month directly to the NNCAHUAC.

On May 9, 1966, NY T-3 reported that in April, 1966, the records of the NNCAHUAC reflect that the subject is contributing \$50.00 per month to that organization.

B. National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-5 made available on January 26, 1966, an announcement of a dinner to be held on that date at the Astor Hotel, Broadway and 44th Street, New York, New York. Said dinner was to be a tribute to the Executive Director of the NCASF for his 20 years of service. Among the names listed as sponsoring that function was the name of the subject.

On January 26, 1966, NY T-6 advised that on that date the NCASF was holding a dinner at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th Street, New York, New York. This dinner was held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the NCASF executive director.



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On January 26, 1966, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed the subject and others entering the Grand Ballroom of the Astor Hotel, Broadway and 44th Street, New York, New York.

NY T-7 reported on January 27, 1966, that on January 26, 1966 the NCASF testimonial dinner was held at the Hotel Astor, New York, New York. Various speakers praised the NCASF and the Soviet Union. The subject was the surprise guest artist and sang a protest song, a Russian folk song and a Yiddish folk song. The subject announced that he had been studying Russian for over a year.

C. Progressive Labor Party (PLP) (See Appendix)

On April 20, 1965, NY T-8 advised that the subject participated in a program for the benefit of five PLP people then in prison. This benefit was held on April 13, 1965 at the Renaissance Ballroom on West 138th Street, New York, New York. Various speakers decried the imprisonment of these people.

NY T-9 and NY T-10 reported on April 14, 1965 that on April 13, 1965, the subject performed at a function held by the Committee to Defend Resistance to Ghetto Life (CERGE) at 150 West 138th Street, New York, New York. Appeals were made for funds for the people in prison.

CERGE is mentioned in the appendix attached hereto.

D. "National Guardian" (See Appendix)

On September 20, 1965, NY T-11 and NY T-12 advised that the subject was among the entertainers performing at a picnic held by the "National Guardian" on Hawks Avenue, Ossining, New York, on September 18, 1965.

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E. Freedomways Associates, Incorporated (See Appendix)

NY T-13, NY T-14, NY T-15, NY T-16, NY T-17 and NY T-18 reported on April 26 through April 29, 1965 and May 4, 1965 that on April 22, 1965, the subject entertained at a function held at the Hotel Americana, New York, New York, which was sponsored by Freedomways.

F. Camp Webatuck (See Appendix)

NY T-19 made available information on August 25, 1965 reflecting that the subject received over \$160.00 from Camp Webatuck in August, 1965.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The person to be subpoenaed is Mr. BENJAMIN SLOAN, Assistant Treasurer, Bankers Trust Company, 1107 Broadway, New York, New York.

G. Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) (See Appendix)

NY T-20 reported on August 10, 1965 that a meeting of the CSJMS was held on August 4, 1965 at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. During the meeting, plans for future activities were discussed. It was stated that the possibility of securing the subject's services for entertainment at a function were being explored. The subject was not present.

On September 21, 1965, NY T-20 advised that a meeting of the CSJMS was held on September 15, 1965 at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. During this meeting, it was stated that the CSJMS had contacted the subject requesting him to provide entertainment for a dinner to be held in November but that the subject had not yet indicated his answer. The subject was not present.

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H. Greater New York Labor Press Club  
(GNYLPC) (See Appendix)

On April 9, 1965, NY T-21 advised that at a meeting of the GNYLPC held on April 8, 1965, at Union Square West, New York, New York, plans for a May Day celebration were made. During this planning, it was announced that an attempt would be made to have the subject perform.

III. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

NY T-22 advised on April 14, 1965 that a "Teach-In" on Vietnam was held at the College of the City of New York (CCNY), New York, New York, on April 13, 1965 and April 14, 1965. Among the organizations sponsoring this function was the W.E.B. DuBois Club (DC) at CCNY and the CCNY Student Government. During this function, the subject sang several songs. Various speakers either criticized or defended the United States policies in Vietnam.

The DC is mentioned in the appendix attached hereto.

The "Evening News" of Beacon, New York, dated November 6, 1965, contained an article captioned "Knights Protest Seeger Concert". This article reported that the Knights of Columbus had, the previous night, adopted a resolution to protest the appearance of the subject at a later function. This action followed a previous comment by a Beacon pastor who pointed out that news stories had described the subject as having sung a "d" anti-American" Vietnamese song during a recent tour. The article added that the subject had frequently come under attack by the American Legion and other groups "because of alleged leftist associations".

The "Poughkeepsie Journal" of November 11, 1965, page 18, published in Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article captioned "Seeger Says Beacon Area is Hurt by Efforts to Block his Concert at School." This article reported that the subject made that claim regarding efforts to block his concert at Beacon High School scheduled for

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November 27, 1965 for the benefit of the Beacon Teachers Association. The article stated that some leaders of Veterans groups in the Beacon area and other organizations were reported as having protested his appearance and that a petition was presented to the Board of Education purportedly signed by 700 people asking that the concert be banned. The article stated that the subject flatly denied reports that he had sung anti-Vietnamese war songs in a recent concert tour of the Soviet Union. The article advised that the leaders of Veterans groups in Beacon in voicing their objections to the concert have raised the point that the subject once was cited for contempt by the HUAC for his refusal to testify in a New York City hearing in 1957 when the Committee was investigating possible communist influence in the entertainment field.

The "New York Times" of November 15, 1965, page 75, reported that the subject had made his television debut on Station WNJU-TV, Newark, New Jersey, on the previous Saturday night.

Through the use of a pretext made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 1, 1966, it was ascertained that the subject does not have a regularly scheduled program on WNJU-TV, Newark, New Jersey.

On March 31, 1966, NY T-18 reported that a "Peace" parade and protest rally against the United States policies in Vietnam was held on Fifth Avenue and the Central Park Mall, New York, New York, on March 26, 1966. The subject participated in this function at Central Park Mall.

Page 47 of the "New York Post" of May 6, 1966 contains a column captioned "Folk Singer". This article described the subject as an experienced folk singer and reported that in the past twenty years, he has, in one way or another, been outlawed by Queens College, a Brooklyn Borough President, the Ohio State Fair, the Pittsburgh Young Mens Christian Association (YMCA), the Detroit Arts Commission, the ABC-TV Network, the Nyack Board of Trustees and his own hometown of Beacon, New York.

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According to the article these bans dated from 1955 when the subject was black listed by "Red Channels" and refused to answer 10 questions before the HUAC. He was later indicted and convicted for contempt of Congress, but the decision was reversed in 1962 by the United States Court of Appeals on the grounds that the Committee exceeded its authority.

The "Evening News" Beacon, New York, dated May 13, 1966, contained an article captioned "Pete Seeger Will Sing". This article reported that the Hudson Valley Committee Concert Association would present the subject at Wappingers Junior High School the following Saturday.

#### IV. FOREIGN TRAVEL

NY T-23 reported in August, 1965, that the subject had consulted with Soviet Union authorities in the United States during August, 1965 regarding the subject's proposed concert tour in the Soviet Union.

The "Poughkeepsie Journal" of September 8, 1965 contained an article captioned "Seeger Plans Foreign Tour". This article reported that the subject would depart the United States late in September to make a concert tour through France, England, Scotland and the Soviet Union.

NY T-24 advised in September, 1965, that during that month the subject was to depart the United States for England, Paris and Moscow, but did not intend to travel elsewhere.

Through the use of a pretext made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 30, 1965, it was determined that the subject departed the United States for London, Paris, and the Soviet Union during the weekend of September 25, 1965 and was expected to return to the United States in late November, 1965.

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NY T-25, a confidential source abroad, reported on December 6, 1965, that the subject arrived in England from Paris, France, on September 28, 1965. He departed England for an unknown destination in October 4, 1965.

The "New York Herald Tribune" of October 25, 1965, page 25, columns four through seven, contains an article captioned "Singer Seeger's Sour Song in Soviet". This article reported that the subject had performed the previous day at Moscow University and sang songs of the protest movement in the United States against the Vietnam war. The subject was described as on a three week concert tour of the Soviet Union and as having previously sung in the Central Asian cities of Alma Ata, Frunze, Tashkent, Ashkhabad, Baku, Kazakh, Kirgiza, Uzbeki, Turkmen and Azerbaijan.

NY T-26, a confidential source abroad, reported on January 18, 1966, that the subject arrived at London, England, from France on October 29, 1965 and departed the United Kingdom at Prestwick, Scotland, for a unknown destination on November 7, 1965.

Page 6 of the "New York Times" of October 25, 1965 contains an article captioned "Seeger Critical In Moscow". This article datelined Moscow October 24 reported that the subject sang his first Moscow concert the previous night at Moscow University. He there sang a Vietnam protest ballad, explaining that he wanted to show Moscow University students the kind of songs being sung on college campuses in the United States.

By means of a pretext made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on December 1, 1965, it was determined that the subject had returned to the United States during November, 1965.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Additional informants who have some knowledge of Communist Party and related activities in the New York City area reported in May, 1966, that they had no information regarding the subject or the subject's activities.

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APPENDIX

CAMP WEBATUCK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS  
CAMP CALUMET; WINGDALE CAMP, INC.;  
WINGDALE LODGE, INC.; CAMP UNITY;  
WINGDALE ON THE LAKE

On May 27, 1953, a source advised that Camp Unity has been controlled by the Communist Party (CP) since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

On April 24, 1956, a second source furnished an undated flyer entitled "The Wingdaler" published by Wingdale On The Lake. This flyer reflected that Wingdale On The Lake occupied the same site as was formerly occupied by Camp Unity.

On June 7, 1956, Mr. James J. Dwyer, Office of the Secretary of State, New York State, reviewed his records and advised Special Agent John Eugene Parsons that Wingdale Camp, Incorporated filed a certificate of Incorporation number 6036 with his department on February 9, 1956.

On April 27, 1956, a third source advised that regardless of the name it uses the camp is always referred to as Camp Unity by the CP and that captioned organization was and still is a joint operation of the National Office of the CP and the New York State CP.

On November 13, 1962, the third source above advised that the CP has taken complete control of the camp and the camp will be essentially a youth camp in the future.

The "National Guardian" December 6, 1962, contained an advertisement on page 10 entitled "Announcing Camp Webatuck."

The advertisement reflected the camp located at Lake Ellis, Wingdale, New York, is a camp for boys and girls from 7 to 16 plus.

The advertisement indicated that registrations for the camp could be made at its office, 505 Fifth Avenue, Suite 705, New York 17, New York, telephone number MU 7-0586.

On December 7, 1962, a suitable pretext call was placed to telephone number MU 7-0586.



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CAMP WEBATUCK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS  
CAMP CALUMET; WINGDALE CAMP, INC.;  
WINGDALE LODGE, INC.; CAMP UNITY;  
WINGDALE ON THE LAKE

It was determined through conversation with an unknown male individual that Camp Webatuck is the new name for Camp Calumet formerly known as Wingdale Camp, Inc.; Wingdale Lodge, Inc.; Camp Unity; Wingdale On The Lake.

On May 17, 1965, a fourth source advised that the current office address of Camp Webatuck is 166 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

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Committee to Defend Resistance  
to Ghetto Life (CERGE)

A source advised on February 3, 1965, that CERGE was formed on November 1, 1964, as a front of the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM), presently known as Progressive Labor Party (PLP). All personnel which comprise the committee are PLM members. CERGE was organized to raise funds for the PLM in order that the PLM will have money for bail when it becomes necessary. The people connected with CERGE hope to build it into a national organization.

A second source advised on March 5, 1965, that it is the plan of the PLM to recruit people into CERGE and use CERGE as a recruiting front for PLM members. The PLM plans to give instructions in Marxist philosophy and those who respond will be advanced from CERGE to PLM membership.

A third source advised on February 3, 1965, that CERGE receives mail through Abbott Business Service, a legitimate business operation, 147 West 42nd Street, New York, New York.

The first source advised on May 5, 1965, that CERGE maintains its office at Room 617, One Union Square, New York, New York.

APPENDIX1.COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL', the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 6, 1965, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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APPENDIX

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Winter, 1965 issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City. This issue lists JOHN HENRIK CLARKE as Associate Editor, ESTHER JACKSON as Managing Editor, and JOHN L. DEVINE as Art Editor of the publication.

A confidential source made available information on July 1, 1964, reflecting that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, reflecting that CLARKE is an "associate" of AIMS.

The Winter, 1963 issue of "Freedomways", Page 44, states that ESTHER JACKSON became one of the leaders of the Southern Negro Youth Congress (SNYC) which existed from 1937 to 1949.

The SNYC has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to a confidential source, ESTHER JACKSON is the wife of JAMES JACKSON, whom the source identified on October 14, 1964, as being a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA).

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

APPENDIX

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

On July 24, 1963, a confidential source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, CP, USA, held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA, by JAMES JACKSON.

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APPENDIXGREATER NEW YORK LABOR PRESS CLUB

A source advised on December 6, 1962, that the Greater New York Press Club (GNYPC) was formed during February, 1961, by LOUIS WEINSTOCK, when he was General Manager of "The Worker," by obtaining members who would contribute funds, subscribe to and work for "The Worker," and also to hold social and cultural affairs.

The source stated that in the Spring of 1962 JAMES LUSTIG was Business Manager of "The Worker." LUSTIG announced at a press club meeting at Adelphi Hall, New York City, held on April 26, 1962, the formation of a new press club known as the "City Press Club Executive Board" (CPCEB). The purpose of this new club was to coordinate the work of all the borough press clubs in the New York City area; to strengthen the work of the press clubs; to organize new press clubs; and to draw in people who were not members of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). The source stated that the basic purpose was to raise funds for "The Worker" and increase the circulation of that publication. Persons not members of the CPUSA could be members of the new club, but leadership in the club was limited to members of the CPUSA. The name of the CPCEB was later changed to "Greater City Press Club" (GCPC), which club became the successor of the GNYPC.

The source continued that in July, 1962, LOUIS WEINSTOCK again became General Manager of "The Worker" and the GCPC again became known as the "Greater New York Press Club" and was commonly referred to as the Greater New York Readers' Club, Greater New York Readers' Clubs, Greater New York Readers' Conference, Greater City Press Club, and the City Press Club by personnel responsible for preparation of notices and literature regarding meetings and activities of the clubs. The source advised at that time that the GNYPC had no office or headquarters and used the mailing address of "The Worker," 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

A second source advised on August 15, 1962, that the Greater New York Readers' Club was formerly known as the "Three Boro Readers' Club."

2.APPENDIXGREATER NEW YORK LABOR PRESS CLUB

The first source advised on May 28, 1963, that the GNYPC holds no membership meetings and that the officers had ceased to function for the GNYPC. The source advised that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was responsible for using the name of the GNYPC in conjunction with the activities of the Readers' Conferences at "Worker" functions. The organization of the GNYPC no longer functions.

The first source advised on April 21, 1964, that on March 31, 1964, about 50 members of the CPUSA met at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City. At this meeting JOE BRANDT, the Business Manager of "The Worker," advised that after consultation with the Editorial Board and other officials of "The Worker," it was decided to rebuild the GNYPC and to rename it the Greater New York Labor Press Club (GNYLPC). Those present at the meeting, without a dissenting vote, approved this decision.

A third source advised on April 29, 1964, that on the same date ERIC BERT, the Managing Editor of "The Worker," said that the GNYLPC is a group of individuals who, as volunteers, help support "The Worker" and aid in its distribution and circulation.

A fourth source advised on March 18, 1965, that on March 17, 1965, at a meeting of the GNYLPC held at the Hotel Woodstock, JOE BRANDT said that the main purpose of the GNYLPC is to increase and build a greater circulation for "The Worker."

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the Summer of 1960 to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as Communists."

A source has advised that the NCAUAC changed its name on March 3, 1962, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC).

A second source advised on June 28, 1965, that as of that date the NCAHUAC continued to function with headquarters at 555 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.



APPENDIX

1.

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly \* \* \*. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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APPENDIXNEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE aka

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

ROBERT RONSTADT, 20515 Tiara Street, Woodland Hills, California, a former member of the Communist Party (CP) in Los Angeles, California, from 1946 to 1952, who furnished information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1949 to 1952, advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a member of the Los Angeles County CP as of September, 1952.

A second source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA," (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and coordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

A third, fourth and fifth source have advised during March, 1962, that CP members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

A sixth source advised that at an Executive Board meeting of NYCAHUAC held January 7, 1965, a letter from NCAHUAC was read which disclosed that NYCAHUAC is no longer connected in any way with the NCAHUAC.

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UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE aka (CONT'D)

On April 15, 1966, the sixth source advised that the NYCAHUAC was dissolved on December 15, 1965. The sixth source stated that the NYCAHUAC had turned over all abolition work in the New York City area to the NCAHUAC who had established an organization in New York City known as the New York Friends of the NCAHUAC.

APPENDIX

1.

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)  
PROGRESSIVE LABOR MOVEMENT (PLM)

A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the PLP, formerly known as the PLM, held its first national convention April 15-18, 1965, at New York City, to organize the PLM into a PLP. The PLP will have as its ultimate objective the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism.

"The New York Times", City Edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP. The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers were identified as MILTON ROSEN, New York, President, and WILLIAM EPTON of New York and MERT SCHEER of San Francisco, Vice Presidents. A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the party until the next convention.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Mr. ROSEN and Mr. SCHEER after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

The PLP publishes the Marxist-Leninist Quarterly', a theoretical magazine; "Progressive Labor" a monthly magazine; "Challenge," a New York City newspaper; and "Spark", a west coast newspaper.

The June 1, 1965, issue of "Challenge", page 6, states that, "this paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life- where the working men and women own and control their homes; factories, the police, courts, and the entire government on every level."

The source advised that the PLP utilizes the address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York, but also utilizes an office in Room 622, 132 Nassau Street, New York City, where PLP publications are prepared.

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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS FOR ABOLITION  
OF THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
COMMITTEE, also known as Citizens  
Committee to Preserve American Freedoms

A source advised on January 25, 1966, that the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (CCPAF), 555 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, has changed its name to Southern Californians for Abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee. The change in name was voted on at a special meeting of the CCPAF Executive Board on January 8, 1966, subject to approval by all Executive Board members and local sustainers of the CCPAF. Approval was rendered by an overwhelming vote to adopt the new name of Southern Californians for Abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations", revised, December 1, 1961, pp. 43-44, describes the CCPAF as follows:

"The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms \* \* \* specializes in propaganda aimed at abolishing the Committee on Un-American Activities and discrediting the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Created in Los Angeles in 1952, the front organization is run by FRANK WILKINSON an identified Communist who recently resumed the full-time, paid post of executive secretary after approximately a year's leave of absence to assist in a similar campaign by another front in New York City, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

"When the Committee on Un-American Activities held hearings in Los Angeles, September 2-5, 1958, to inquire into the nature of the Party's recent reorganization in California, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms sponsored a series of public meetings to protest the hearings and the very existence of the Committee. Communists subpoenaed as witnesses were guests of honor.

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SSOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS FOR ABOLITION  
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Committee to Preserve American Freedoms

"At this time, leaders of the party's Southern California District, were mobilizing Communists in the area for participation in an intensified campaign to abolish this committee of Congress. How the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms served the party in this effort was revealed by (Communist Party) District Chairman DOROTHY HEALEY in a report to the party's Southern California District Council on September 21, 1958. Mrs. HEALEY declared that the party preferred public protest meetings to be held by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms rather than under party auspices because Communists could attend without danger of being exposed as members of the party. She also noted that Communists scheduled as congressional committee witnesses could not appear beforehand at openly Communist rallies without creating the impression that the party was conspiring with witnesses to withhold information from the committee."

(Committee on Un-American Activities,  
House Report 259 on the Southern  
California District of the Communist  
Party, April 3, 1959, pp. 7 and 8).

APPENDIX

1.

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternative."

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

The constitution further states that this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals, or if five or more people so desire, a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

As of October, 1965, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 954 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

Over the Labor Day week end, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois. According to a third source, a new slate of national officers was elected at this conference, which included Chairman HUGH STERLING FOWLER, II, (who, according to the third source, attended a CP cadre encampment held at Camp Midvale, New Jersey, in June, 1965, and following his election as Chairman of the DCA, attended another national CP cadre youth conference held on September 9-12, 1965, on a farm located in Northern Indiana, according to a fourth source); Director of Publicity CARL ELLENGER BLOICE (who was elected to the San Francisco County Committee CP in April, 1964, according to a fifth source); Educational Director MATTHEW "DYNAMITE" HALLINAN (who in June, 1964, was stated to be the Youth Representative on the Northern California CP District Board, according to a sixth source); Organizational Secretary TERENCE "KAYO" HALLINAN (who, according to a seventh source, met in June, 1965, with the District Staff of the Illinois CP to discuss the proposed DCA Midwest Summer Project), and Treasurer SUSAN PHYLLIS BORENSTEIN (who, according to an eighth source, has attended meetings of the Youth Club of the CP of Illinois during 1965, in connection with the DCA Summer Project).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-200845  
Director NYfile 100-83801  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Peter Seeger

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1.  Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2.  Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3.  Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4.  U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5.  Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a)  Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b)  Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c)  Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6.  Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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 may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service, NYC

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

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Title Peter Seegar

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Reference is made to the New York report of Special Agent John Lee Gill, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Insufficient contact had been had with NY T-9 to ascertain his reliability.

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI ( 100-200845 )

DATE: 5/12/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801 )

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGAR

SOG ACTION:  
(Records Branch)

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- File

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 5/14/66

Reason for the delinquency: Priority of other deadlines.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 6/14/66

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(This applies only to 116 cases.)

No administrative action necessary.

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Friday, O  
4/15/66

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your prompt reply to my  
letter of the 1st inst. regarding the singer  
Pete Seegar. Since the names of Communists

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Sincerely yours - *Al*  
Helen S. Monce

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CORRESPONDENCE

PETE SEEGAR

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Friday, O  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover -  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of the 1st inst. regarding the singer Pete Seeger. Since the names of Communists have been made known & published frequently, especially when one is an avowed communist - as was stated of Mr. Seeger - it would be a matter of public record - would it not?

Therefore I assume that since it would be of public record ~~that~~ you would <sup>also</sup> have it in your files + releasing it would not be a violation of secrecy. Therefore J. E. D. he evidently is not an avowed communist. Would you agree?

Sincerely yours - Al

Helene S. Monroe

1731 S Main St

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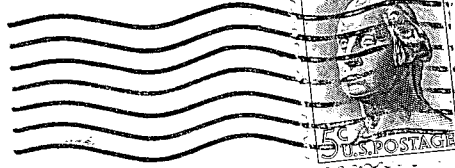
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PETE SEEGER

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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April 6, 1966

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Mrs. Helen S. Monce  
1731 South Main Street  
Findlay, Ohio 45840

REC'D-READING ROOM  
FBI  
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Dear Mrs. Monce:

Your letter of April 1st has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is known in Bufiles as Mrs. H. J. Monce. The Director sent her a letter on 4-2-65 regarding an inquiry concerning Mrs. Viola Liuzzo. During 1955 her name appeared on a list of individuals who were members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. This group has been the object of Internal Security - C investigation. Peter Seeger is on the security index of the New York Office, and reportedly he was a member of the Communist Party from 1947 to 1949.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation:  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen;

I have just been told that Pete Seeger, the "folk songs" singer is an avowed Communist. Will you please let me know the facts.

Sincerely yours-

/s/

Helen S. Monce  
1731 S. Main St-

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation:  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen,

I have just been told that Pete Seeger, the  
"folk songs" singer is an avowed Communist.  
Will you please let me know the facts.

Sincerely yours -  
Isabel S. Monce  
1731 S. Main St.

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March 4, 1966

100-200845-

Miss Claudette M. Livingston  
5717 North Austin Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60646

*B. G. [Signature]*  
*FR [Signature]*

Dear Miss Livingston:

Your letter of March 1st has been received.

In response to your inquiry, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, data in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire.

Your concern about communism is understandable, and your desire to learn more regarding the nature of this menace is reassuring. A broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist movement is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. In this connection, I am enclosing some literature which contains suggestions all of us can use in combating this evil. Perhaps you may wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available at your local library.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

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Miss Claudette M. Livingston

The Faith of Free Men  
Communism--The Incredible Swindle  
Counterintelligence Activities  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
"Faith in God -- Our Answer To Communism"

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. The American Friends Service Committee has pacifist policies which occasionally parallel the aims of the Communist Party line; however, it has not been investigated by the Bureau, and it is a Quaker organization. Pete Seeger is a well-known singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He has been on world tours. He is a subject of Bufile 100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter-C. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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Claudette M. Livingston  
5717 North Austin Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60646

1 MAR  
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The F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

To whom it May Concern:

I am interested in obtaining your official opinion of the American Friends Service Committee because they are sponsoring a concert given by Pete Seeger very soon in Chicago, and I've heard - only heard - things about this group, which cause me great concern. I would like to know your opinion of them & I have an idea my doubts about them will be justified.

I am deeply concerned about the growing cancer of communism in this country, and I believe every citizen should be as well informed as it is possible to be.

Pete Seeger's activities in recent days have lowered my opinion of him & he is in a position to be very influential to large groups of young people.

At any rate, I would appreciate any information regarding this group.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

/s/ Claudette M. Livingston

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 1/20/66

FROM: *jm* LEGAT, LONDON (100-2101) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C

OO: NY

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Remylet 12/14/65.

There are enclosed four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available

*[Redacted]* who is T-1 in the enclosure.

As there are no further leads outstanding, this case is being placed in an RUC status.

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- 1 - London

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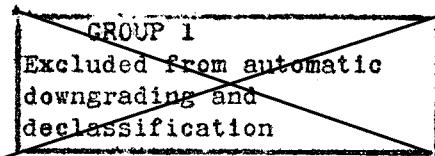
January 20, 1966

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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PETER SEEGER

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on January 18, 1966, that subject arrived in England at London Airport from France on October 29, 1965, and departed the United Kingdom at Prestwick, Scotland for an unstated destination on November 7, 1965. During his stay in England he did not come to T-1's attention in any derogatory connection.



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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI ( 100-200845 )  
Attention:

DATE: 1-19-66

FROM : *muprep* Legat, Paris ( 100-1871 ) ( RUC )

SUBJECT: **PETER SEEGER**  
**SM - C**  
**(OO: New York)**

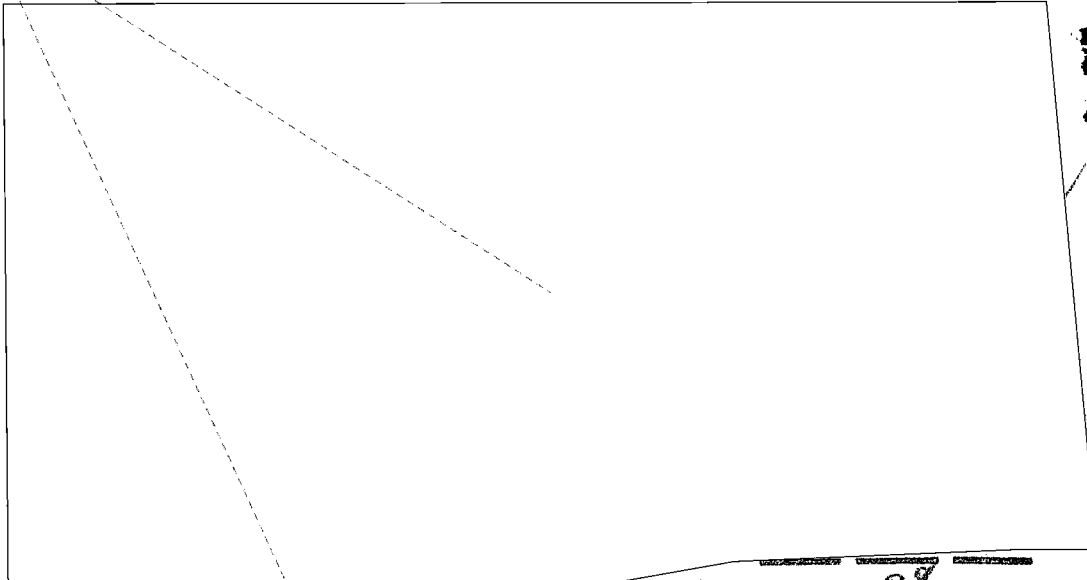
ReBulet to Department of State 10-22-65.

On 11-3-65 dissemination was made of **pertinent information**

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Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_ advised on 12-16-65 that \_\_\_\_\_ contained no information on subject. Our other sources are alert to our interest in subject and until further information is received this case is being placed in an RUC status.

3 - Bureau (1 - Liaison Section  
1 - New York, 100-83801, for info.)

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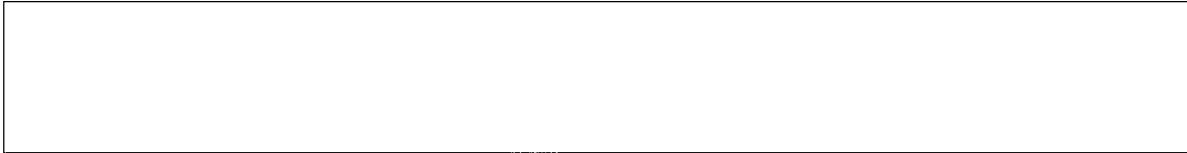
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DATE: 12/14/65

FROM : *[Signature]* Legat, London (100-2101) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
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ReBulet 10/22/65 to Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, and attached LHM 10/8/65, New York, both captioned as above.



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- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 3)
- 1 - Liaison (sent direct)
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December 14, 1965

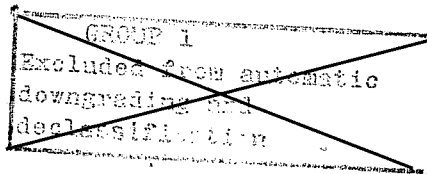
PETER SEEGER

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on December 2, 1965, that the subject arrived in England from Paris, France, on September 28, 1965. He departed from England for an unknown destination on October 4, 1965.

T-1 advised that Seeger did not come to adverse notice during his stay in England.

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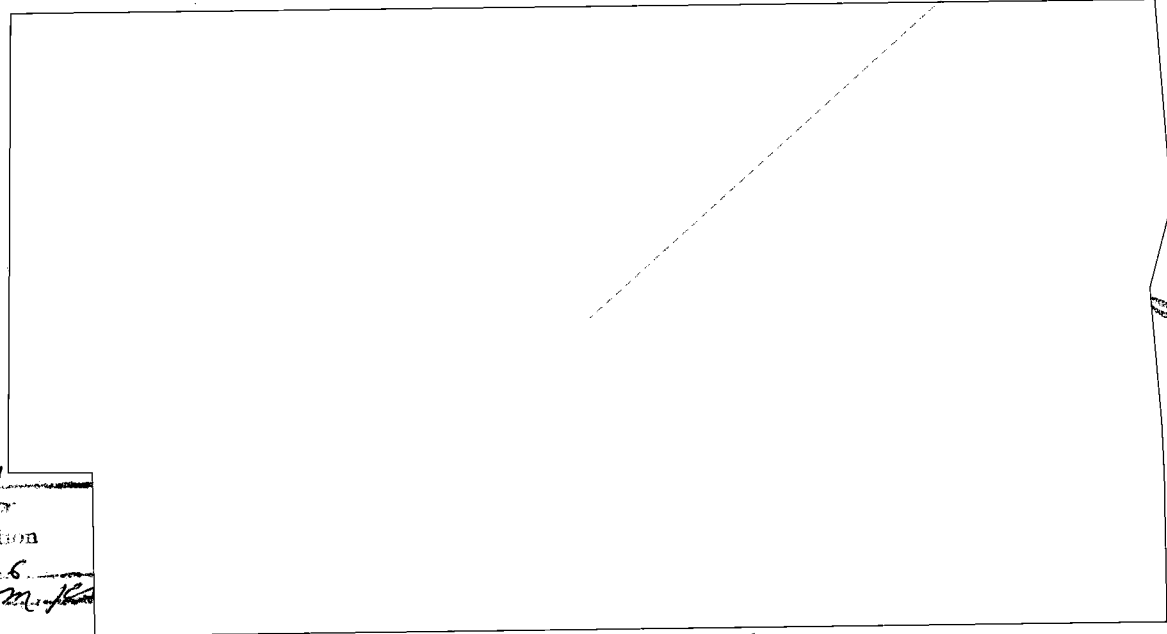
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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI ( 100-200845 )      DATE: 12-13-65  
FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn ( 100-1111 ) ( RUO)  
SUBJECT: **PETER SEEGER**  
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FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

Reference Bonn letter to Bureau, 9-29-65.



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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

Forwarded to: EDITH ANDERSON  
Karl-Marx Allee 86  
Berlin 1017 Germany

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*[Signature]*

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Handwritten letter follows:

"Could Broadcast magazine (215 W. 98th St.) print your song, 'We don't Stand Alone'?"

"Also, have you a tune?"

"JIM ARONSON sent it to me."



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Rm 1304  
200 West 57 St  
NYC*



*Edith Anderson  
40 Nat. Guardian  
197 E, 4 St  
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*Please forward*

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Dear Edith -

Could Broadcast magazine (215 W. 98 St.)  
print your song "we don't stand alone" ?

Also, have you a tune ?

Jim Aronson sent it to me -

Sincerely

Pete Seeger

Rm 1304

200 W. 57 St.

NYC

Nov 14 1965

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 12/3/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (C)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

Reference is made to the New York LHM, 10/8/65.

Enclosed herewith are the original and five copies of a LHM pertaining to subject's return from abroad.

SA DENNIS B. CASEY made the pretext on 12/1/65, when he contacted the office of HAROLD LEVENTHAL, Agent for the subject. The secretary to LEVENTHAL advised that the subject has returned from a European tour but is booked for personal appearances until next year.

Inasmuch as this was the only outstanding lead in the NYO, this case is being placed in a closed status.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM)
- 1 - New York

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
December 3, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. BU 100-200845  
NY 100-83801

Peter Seeger  
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the New York memorandum captioned as above, and dated October 8, 1965.

The November 15, 1965, issue of the "New York Times" contained an article on page 75 entitled "TV: Pete Seeger Makes Belated Debut". The article goes on to state that the subject made a long overdue TV debut on the previous Saturday.

Through the use of a pretext made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on December 1, 1965, it was determined that the subject returned to the United States during the early part of November, 1965.

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November 24, 1965

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Mrs. Maxine Luehmann  
Fulda, Minnesota

*Buffington*  
*Bliss*  
*For*

Dear Mrs. Luehmann:

Your letter of November 16th was received as Mr. Hoover was preparing to leave the city.

With respect to your inquiries, he asked me to advise you that information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

It is a matter of public record, however, that on May 18, 1962, the United States Court of Appeals reversed the conviction of Pete Seeger for contempt of Congress in refusing to answer questions regarding infiltration in the field of entertainment before a Subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the indictment order was dismissed.

The Internal Security Act of 1950 requires all members of the Communist Party to register with the Attorney General of the United States. A decision of the Supreme Court on November 15, 1965, however, renders the registration provision of the Act unenforceable in that the Government cannot enforce members of the Communist Party, USA, to register if they rely on the Fifth Amendment privilege against self incrimination as the basis for refusal to register.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Minneapolis - Enclosure  
NOTE: Correspondent, and Phyllis Reynolds Naylor are not identifiable in Bufiles.  
Inasmuch as correspondent's communication appears to be of a controversial tenor, it is felt that a reply over Miss Gandy's signature is warranted.

DFC:djg (4)

*IPM*  
*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

Fulda, Minnesota  
November 16, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover  
Office of the Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you for a two-fold reason. One---as a parent, I feel that it is both my right and my duty to be informed to the fullest extent concerning those individuals who seem called upon to "educate" my children. There seems to be times when "indoctrination" more aptly describes the process! Two---the second concern that I have is that I be fair in my judgments of the "teacher." I have set aside the word "teacher" thus not to cast doubts but, rather, to indicate that teaching, per se, is not confined to the school room. For example; authors "teach", folk singers "teach", etc. As I see it, it is difficult, if not impossible to control the nature of the didactical material used in this style of teaching. Again, the problem is compounded because the subject matter is not necessarily related to the complete subject. It may, and often is, concerned only with one aspect of a given subject. When the subject matter is controversial in nature, there then exists the problem of a personal opinion being projected as "fact." It can be seen that I would not choose to have an atheist, avowed or otherwise, instruct my child in matters of faith. Again, I would not consider Gus Hall a fit "teacher" to instruct in the matter of conservatism.

In particular, then, my present concern addresses itself to the problem of propriety when choosing "teachers" to address youth in areas outside of the formal school systems. I have misgivings concerning two such individuals---Phyllis Reynolds Naylor and Pete Seeger. I would be pleased if you were to tell me that my fears are quite ungrounded.

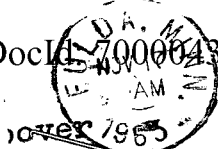
I do not know what qualifications author Naylor possesses that permits her to pontificate upon the subject of "extremism." I note with some interest, however, that her only attack is upon the "hysterical" right. Of her background I know very little. She is a resident of the state of Maryland. She prefaced her short story in a youth magazine, "Sweet Freedom's Song," with these remarks: "I have joined civil rights picket lines...My husband has attended private meetings of the White Citizen's Council here

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CORRESPONDENCE

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in order to expose their activities to the press." Her slanted teaching persuades me that I would like to know something of her background. The argument from silence would seem to indicate that she has no particular fears concerning the radical left, or, possibly even Communism. At any rate, she chose not to include these facets of "extremism" in what she termed "one of the most frightening stories I have ever written."

Pete Seeger seems to have become something of a hero and a martyr since an appeal reversed a conviction for contempt of Congress. I read, for example, in a youth magazine, that in 1955 the House Un-American Activities Committee had an "openly belligerent attitude" toward Seeger which attitude "finally caused him (Seeger) to fall silent." Further, "Seeger was cleared of any charges." Moreover, I read: "It should be stressed that at no time had he been charged with Communist affiliations in a court of law."

My questions are:

1. Is there any evidence that Seeger ever was, or is now, a member or supporter of any Communist front or cause?
2. Was Seeger cleared by the court of any charges of Communist connections or was he merely freed of contempt charges?
3. Is anyone ever charged in a court of law with having Communist connections or is this a specious argument --- that which is commonly known as "beating a straw man?"

Respectfully,

*Mrs. Marie Luehmann*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 11/5/65

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, FOLK SINGER  
OAK PUBLICATIONS, NEW YORK CITY  
C. A. ASTLE, CAMPBELL MUSIC COMPANY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Report*

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Gandy	_____

This afternoon C. A. Astle, General Sales Manager of Campbell Music Company, 1108 G Street, Northwest, telephoned the Bureau and said he had telephoned Bureau Headquarters because he had some music books which appeared to be communistic. He inquired if we wanted to take a look at them. Two Agents of the Washington Field Office called on Mr. Astle immediately at the music store

DC.

Mr. Astle gave to the Agents three song books entitled "Lift Every Voice" with an introduction by Paul Robeson; another book called "The Bells of Rhymney, and others songs from the singing of Pete Seeger" and "Broadside." These are Oak Publications, New York City.

Several folk songs within them have to do with "The Committee For Non-violent Action" and bear such titles as "Study War No More," and "I'm Going to Lay Down My Sword and Shield."

Pete Seeger is the folk singer who has risen to prominence as a recent protest singer. He is strictly no good.

DEVELOPMENT:

At 4:10 p. m. today Roy Ahrens of the Washington Post telephoned and talked to Wick. He said he understood two FBI men had seized subversive folk music at the Campbell Music Company this afternoon from a Mr. Astle. He said the Agents took three albums away with them. Ahrens said he wanted to talk to the Agents or to get what comment we had.

I had Wick call SAC Purvis who advised that as a patriotic citizen Astle had supplied us with this information because he believed the music possibly subversive. Purvis said he determined from Mr. Astle that reporter Ahrens had

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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DeLoach to Mohr memo  
RE: PETER SEEGER, FOLK SINGER

come in to see Mr. Astle after the FBI had left this afternoon. The reporter asked why did the FBI come in, did he call them in, who were they investigating, what did the FBI take from the store, etc. Mr. Astle doubted whether Ahrens was a reporter, and he called the Post and determined he was. Astle then told the reporter that this whole matter was the Campbell Music Company's business and he proposed to keep it that way. He told the reporter nothing. The reporter then demanded to see Mr. Campbell, owner of the music store and Astle told him he was too busy to see the reporter.

Astle asked reporter Ahrens where he got his information and he said he had an anonymous phone call. Astle surmizes that one of the Campbell Music Company's employees tipped off the Washington Post to the matter.

ACTION TAKEN:

I had Wick call Roy Ahrens at the Washington Post at 5:10 p. m. informing him the FBI had no comment to make. Ahrens said he assumed from that that the men were FBI men. Wick told him he was at liberty to assume anything he wished, that we had no comment to make one way or the other. SAC Purvis of the Washington Field Office advised that Mr. Astle will continue to tell the Post absolutely nothing of this matter since he regards it as Campbell Music Company business.

RECOMMENDATION:

For record purposes.

*gpc*

*AMW* *A*

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# FBI Checks Folk Songs —Then Mum's Word

By Leroy F. Aarons  
 Washington Post Staff Writer

Two FBI agents took an interest yesterday in a line of folk music books—including social protest songs—on sale at Campbell's Music Co., Inc., 1108 G st. nw.

C. A. Astle, general manager, said yesterday the two men, showing FBI identification, visited him yesterday afternoon. After a brief conversation they took with them three songbooks published by Oak Publications, of New York City, and a combined record album-guitar instruction book.

On his desk yesterday Astle had six or seven different Oak publications, including Negro songs of Alabama, Scottish folk songs, songs by Peggy Seeger, (half-sister of folksinger Pete Seeger) and a "People's Song Book," containing mostly union songs.

Astle refused to give any details and would not identify the books. He said only that the three songbooks were "not in keeping with the

Campbell image" and added that he had all copies of them removed from the shelves. He said other Oak publications were being reviewed.

The FBI had no comment. From other sources it was learned that the Campbell firm asked the FBI to look at the material.

An employe of Campbell's sheet music department said that about six months ago a customer had complained about the contents of three of the books and they had been returned to the Oak company. She remembered one of the books was "We

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 The Baltimore Sun \_\_\_\_\_  
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 People's World \_\_\_\_\_  
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"Shall Overcome," a collection of civil rights freedom songs.

"We Shall Overcome" was compiled by Guy Carawan and his wife, both active in militant civil rights causes, for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

The Campbell employe said the songs in the three rejected books were "distasteful" and that they concerned "civil rights and then some."

A nearby stationery store and two music stores that stock Oak Publications said yesterday they had had no inquiries about them.

Oak is the largest publisher of folk music material in the field. Their catalogue ranges from traditional British to blues, and contains a heavy larding of civil rights, union and contemporary social protest songs.

Oak's two owners, Irwin Silber and Moses Asch, are also the principal owners of "Sing Out!" considered the definitive folk song magazine. "Sing Out!" regularly prints articles and songs about the pacifist movement by such people as Bob Dylan and Pete Seeger, an editor and part-owner of the magazine.

Silber said yesterday he had no knowledge of an investigation of his firm. Nor did he recall that any Washington outlet had returned some of the books.

Silber was questioned in 1958 by the House Un-American Activities Committee regarding left-wing connections. He refused to answer claiming the protection of the First Amendment.

Seeger, a well-known folksinger who published song books with Oak, was cited for contempt by the Committee about ten years ago, but an appeals court threw out the case.

Seeger, whose father is Charles Seeger, prominent folklorist and collector, refused in 1954 to tell the Committee whether he was then or ever had been a Communist. He was cited for contempt in July, 1956, and cleared in May, 1962. His troubles with the House Committee affected his career, however, and prevented his appearance on network television shows.

Seeger was a founder of the popular folksinging group, The Weavers. His half-brother, Mike, is also a folksinger. The Seegers lived in the Washington area several years ago.



(SC) 100-200845-163

October 22, 1965

Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

RE: **PETER SEEGER**  
**SECURITY MATTER - C**

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns captioned subject(s) who is (are) believed to be traveling abroad or planning to travel abroad.

- 1.  The matter has been referred to the Legal Attache(s) at ~~London and Paris~~ for contact with appropriate security services to receive any pertinent information they may develop while in the area covered by the Legal Attache(s).

This Bureau would appreciate any pertinent information the Department of State or the Central Intelligence Agency may receive regarding subject(s) while abroad.

- 2.  Reports concerning the subject(s) have been previously furnished to the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Central Intelligence Agency  
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

Legal Attache(s) - Enc.

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Office of Origin **New York (100-83801)**

**Foreign Liaison Unit**  
Attention Legat(s) and Office of Origin:

Legat(s) will alert sources so as to receive pertinent information regarding subject, including advance information concerning travel plans to other countries. Notify CIA and appropriate Legat(s) of such travel plans. Information in enclosures may be furnished your sources. Subject  is,  is not on Security Index. Office of origin will verify travel if subject has not already left and will be alert for return from abroad, notifying Bureau by appropriate letterhead memorandum.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)

DATE: 10/8/65

Reference is made to the New York report of SA JOHN LEE GILL, 5/14/65, and to the New York LHM dated 6/26/64.

Enclosed, herewith, are the original and 5 copies of a LHM pertaining to additional foreign travel on the part of the subject. Previous LHM has been submitted reflecting subject's subversive activities as well as his foreign travel.

SA FRANCIS X. GANTLEY made the pretext on 9/30/65, when he contacted the secretary of HAROLD LEVENTHAL, agent for the subject. Pretext utilized was that of attempting to obtain a booking for the subject at a social affair to be held in October, 1965.

The NYO will continue to follow and report the subject's travel outside the United States and will verify his return to the US in November, 1965.

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- 1 - New York

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
October 8, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Bufile 100-200845  
NYfile 100-83801

Peter Seeger  
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the New York memorandum captioned as above, and dated June 26, 1964.

The September 8, 1965, issue of the Poughkeepsie, New York Journal contained an article entitled, "Seeger Plans Foreign Tour". The article goes on to say that Folk singer Pete Seeger, Dutchess Junction, Town of Fishkill, will leave the United States late this month to make a concert tour through France, England, Scotland and the Soviet Union.

Through the use of a pretext made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 30, 1965, it was determined that the subject departed the United States for London, Paris, and the Soviet Union the weekend of September 25, 1965, and was expected to return to the United States during the latter part of November, 1965.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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TO : Director, FBI ( 100-200845 ) DATE: 9-29-65

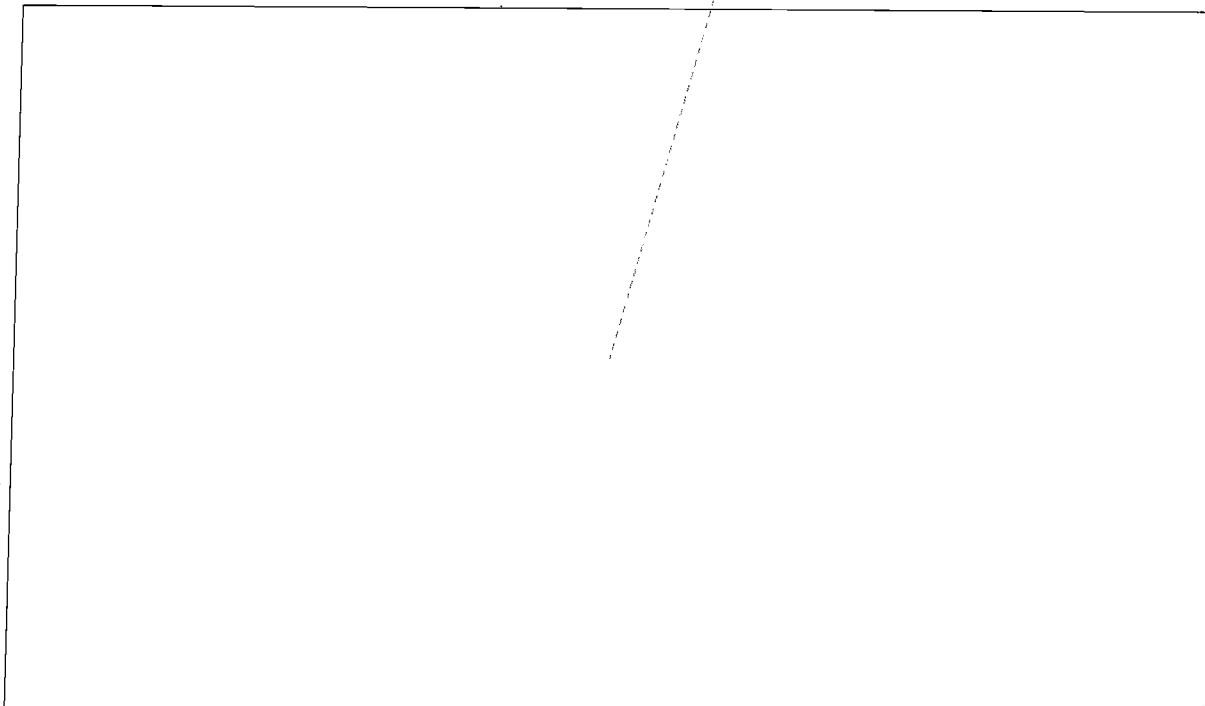
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FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn ( 100-1111 ) ( RUC)

SUBJECT: **PETER SEEGER**  
SM - C

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Dated	Recd.	Addressee	Addressor
9-13-65	9-23-65	Mr. Perry <del>Friedman</del> <del>Berlin Friedrichsfelde</del> Volkradstrasse 36 Berlin, Germany	Signed "Pete" <i>Seeger</i> Letterhead: <del>Toshi and Peter</del> <del>Seeger</del> Box 431 Beacon, N. Y. 12508

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In a postscript, the subject states: "Toshi and I leave here September 25th and go to England, Paris, and Moscow, but unfortunately, no time to stop anywhere else." Legat, London, was advised of the substance of the postscript by telephone on 9-24-65.

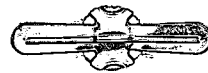
Perry Friedman is the brother of ~~Searle Friedman~~,  
and both are known to the Bureau. Per

Subject tells addressee "Yes, of course you may use what I sent Victor for your magazine." This Victor cannot be identified, but he may be identical with Victor Grossman (Bufile: 100-359527).

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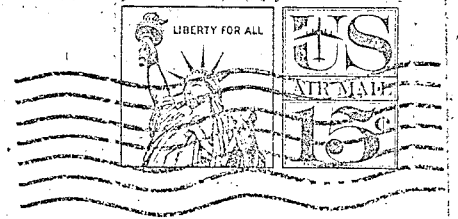
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BEACON, N. Y. 12508  
Box 431



Mr. Perry Friedman  
Berlin Friedrichsfelde  
Volkradstrasse 35  
Berlin, Germany

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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431

BEACON, N. Y. 12508

September 13, 1965

Dear Perry,

I hope this is the right address for you. Inside your letter you had one address and on the outside envelope, another. Come to think of it, I'll try sending the carbon copy to the other address.

Yes, of course you may use what I sent Victor for your magazine.

Concerning the word: "tradition". At this late age of 46, I've come to the opinion that the best way to treat it, is to make people realize that there are many traditions in the world. Some of them are like bad habits and are best gotten rid of; but others are good habits and are best kept. Furthermore, of the good habits worth keeping, there are many different ones and they don't all have to agree with each other. This is why I put in one of my songs, the old song from Mark Twain: "Long live difference of opinion". Its difference of opinion that makes horse races. "

Now, let me know what I can send you. Do you get Sing Out Magazine regularly? Do you get the New York Broadside Magazine regularly? Are you able to get any of the new songbooks that are being put out, not only in America but in England? Not all of them are of equal value of course, but I think we can learn from them.

Now I have to run; looking forward to hearing from you. As ever,

Hastily,



P.S. Toshi and I leave here September 25th and go to England, Paris and Moscow, but unfortunately, no time to stop anywhere else.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-27-65

FROM : Mr. A. Jones

*X Calif. a.c. 30*

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN BOB WILSON (R-CAL.) - SAN DIEGO  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING  
PETE SEEGER

*gm*

In my memo to you dated 7-22-65, captioned as above, it was pointed out that Congressman Wilson wrote us on 7-20-65 requesting information of folk singer Pete Seeger. Information obtained from confidential sources was set out in that memo showing Seeger's membership in the Communist Party.

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It was recommended that someone in your office contact Congressman Wilson and orally furnish him some of this information concerning Seeger. In response to this recommendation the Director noted, "I want to stop this persistent use of orally dealing with persons. Write a letter to Wilson. H."

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Of course, we will comply with the Director's desires in this matter and attached is a letter to Congressman Wilson. Since the Bureau would lose control over this letter once it is delivered to Congressman Wilson, it would not be in the best interest of the Bureau to include in this letter the communist background on Seeger which was obtained from a confidential source. Therefore, it is felt that the attached letter should be personally delivered by you, Mr. DeLoach, to Congressman Wilson at which time you would confidentially advise him of the communist background on Seeger. You may also want to suggest that Congressman Wilson could possibly obtain additional information on Seeger from the House Committee on Un-American Activities, as indicated in attached letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

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That you, Mr. DeLoach, personally deliver the attached letter to Congressman Wilson and brief him along the lines suggested above.

Enclosure - *Sent*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Morrell - Enclosure

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*W. S. B. J.*  
**CRIME RESEARCH**  
*July*

SENT DIRECTOR  
FOR APPROVAL  
7-28-65

*copy Wilson  
A. J. ...*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
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 Tele. Room ✓  
 Holmes ✓  
 Gandy ✓

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-22-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN BOB WILSON (R-CAL.) - SAN DIEGO  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING  
PETE SEEGER

*gm*

By letter of 7-20-65, Congressman Wilson, with whom we have enjoyed friendly contacts, mostly of a constituent nature, requested information on folk singer Pete Seeger.

*Summary*

Our files reveal that Peter Seeger was born on 5-3-19 in New York City. He attended Harvard University from 1936 to 1938, but did not graduate. He was inducted into the U.S. Army on 7-24-42 and was honorably discharged on 12-14-45.

Information received from confidential sources revealed that Seeger was reportedly a Communist Party member from 1947 to 1949. He was identified as a Communist Party member active in the Music II Communist Party Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. During period of 1940 to 1957, Seeger appeared as entertainer at functions of numerous organizations which have been designated by the Department of Justice of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. On July 25, 1956, Seeger cited for contempt by House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-200845-122)

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*100-340922-497*

He was indicted in March, 1957, by the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York charging contempt of Congress. He was found guilty in March, 1961, and sentenced to a year in prison in April, 1961, on each of the ten counts, sentence to run concurrently. In May, 1962, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the conviction of Seeger and dismissed the indictment on the grounds that it was defective and that it did not sufficiently set out the authority for the Congressional Committee's inquiry. (100-340922)

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Some of our most recent data regarding Seeger concerns an undated press release distributed by the American Youth Festival Committee in which Seeger urges attendance at the IX World Youth Festival which was to be held in Algiers, Algeria, in August, 1965, but which has been canceled. (100-443127)

Seeger is on the Security Index of our New York Office.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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 7-23-65

M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo  
RE: CONGRESSMAN BOB WILSON (R-CAL.)

OBSERVATION:

In view of the friendly relations that we enjoy with Congressman Wilson, you may wish to have someone in your (Mr. DeLoach) office contact him and orally furnish him some of the above indicated data on Seeger.

RECOMMENDATION:

That someone in your (Mr. DeLoach) office contact Congressman Wilson and orally furnish him some of this information regarding Seeger.

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this persistent  
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with persons. Write  
a letter to Wilson.

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Honorable Bob Wilson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have read your letter of July 20th in which you requested information on folk singer Pete Seeger.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. However, you may wish to contact the House Committee on Un-American Activities for any information it may have on Mr. Seeger.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Morrell (sent with cover memo)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo, dated 7-27-65, captioned "Congressman Bob Wilson (R-Cal.) - San Diego, Request For Information Regarding Pete Seeger."

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BOB WILSON  
38TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
(SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

EDGAR M. GILLENWATERS  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL REPUBLICAN  
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

July 20, 1965

Gentlemen:

It would be appreciated if you would provide us with information on folk singer, Pete Seeger.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Bob Wilson*

Bob Wilson  
Member of Congress

Congressional Liaison Office  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-36408)

PETER SEEGER  
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Rebuairtel to Boston dated 8/5/65.

Lead for Boston set out in NYlet to Boston 7/26/65 covered and reported in Boston letter to Bureau dated 8/3/65, copies designated for New York.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 7/16/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-39109) *(RUC)*

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C

*(100-NY)*

Rebulet to New York 7/12/65.

*100-373264*

HERMAN E. THOMAS, 518 North 23rd Street, Allentown, Pa., phone 435-9121, is self-employed, operating Herjeans Frozen Foods, Inc., 228 Tilghman Street, Allentown, phone 434-3963.

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THOMAS [redacted] advised SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN on 7/14/65 that he would testify before any Governmental agency or committee concerning his knowledge of subject's Communist Party activities, if it would assist this Government.

THOMAS was a member of the Lehigh Valley Section of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD) as an FBI informant for approximately ten years, prior to his testimony as a Government witness in 5/64 in the case entitled, "United States versus JOSEPH KUZMA, ET AL," tried in the USDC, EDPa.

On 7/15/65 THOMAS stated he had no direct knowledge

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- 3 - Bureau (100-200845) *RM*
- 1 - New York (100-83801) (Info) *RM*
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-39109)

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that subject was a former member of the CP of New York.

He recalled, after his memory was refreshed, that on 9/9/49 he attended a meeting of the Lehigh Valley Section Committee of the CPEPD held at the residence of IRVING RISKIN, 428 Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pa. Mother ELLA REEVE BLOOR, described by THOMAS as a charter member of the CPUSA, also attended this same meeting and told THOMAS at the meeting that subject was a member of the CP in New York. No details. (Philadelphia file 66-1968-Sub A-453).

THOMAS also recalled seeing subject at a picnic held 7/4/48 at April Farms near Quakertown, Pa., honoring Mother ELLA REEVE BLOOR.

According to an article in the "Daily Worker" on 10/17/43 and "The Worker" dated 5/20/64, ELLA REEVE BLOOR, now deceased, was post-State Chairman of the CP of Pennsylvania and a member of the National Committee of the Communist Political Association.

THOMAS felt he had seen the subject on at least one or two other occasions; however, he cannot now recall any details.

Philadelphia has no objection to furnishing THOMAS' identity to MR. FRANK MC NAMARA, Director, HCUA.

*no - he  
has no  
direct knowledge  
of subject's  
CP membership  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
  - 1 - Mr. Mohr
  - 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- DATE: 8/12/65
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
  - 1 - Mr. Bland
  - 1 - Mr. Hanning
  - 1 - Mr. Donohue
  - 1 - Mr. Haack
  - 1 - Mr. Franck

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*5/11/65*

Mr. Frank McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), requested whether or not the Bureau could supply the HCUA with the names of any individuals who would be in a position to definitely place the subject in the Communist Party (CP) in the event the HCUA calls the subject before it at sometime in the future.

A review of Bureau files and investigation by our New York, Boston and Philadelphia Offices has determined that three former informants, former [redacted] Louis F. Budenz and John Lautner, furnished information in the past which placed the subject in the CP.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Former [redacted] on 4/30/53 identified subject as a CP member active in the Music Number 2 Section of the CP during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. This informant has informed our New York Office that he will refuse to testify in any proceedings.

Louis F. Budenz, 196 Allston Avenue, Middletown, Rhode Island, has advised that he does not specifically recall the information he originally furnished regarding the subject but vaguely remembers that subject was a member of the CP in 1949. Budenz cannot recall his source of information concerning this matter and requested that his name be kept confidential and not revealed due to the fact that Budenz has a very serious heart ailment and is under doctor's restriction regarding any travel. Budenz emphasized that he cannot testify in any matter nor does he desire that his name be revealed to anyone.

John Lautner, former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, CP, who was expelled in January, 1950, from the CP, stated on 12/13/54 that he knew the subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. Lautner was recontacted 7/26/65 at which time he advised

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
RE: PETER SEEGER  
100-200845

he could testify as to subject's CP membership during the late 1940's. The New York Office has recommended that John Lautner's name be made available to Mr. McNamara, Director, HCUA.

ACTION:

It is recommended that Mr. DeLoach's office furnish Mr. Frank McNamara John Lautner's name as a person who can testify to subject's CP membership as set forth above.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-437041)

AUG 9 1965

SAC, NEW YORK (100-147372)

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY  
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(OO: New York)

Re Louisville letter to the Bureau, 7/19/65  
captioned as above.

For the information of Louisville, PETER SEEGER  
aka Pete Seeger, Peter Seegar, and Peter Bowes is a  
Security Index subject of the NYO, New York file 100-83801,  
Bufile 100-200845.

SEEGER resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New  
York, and is self-employed as a folk singer and banjo player.  
He was born 5/3/19 in New York City, and is married to EILEEN  
TOSHIYOKHTA SEEGER.

On 6/30/50, LOUIS F. BUDENZ an admitted former  
CP functionary and Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker"  
advised that PETER SEEGER was a member of the CP in 1949.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 4/30/53, former [redacted] (reliable) identified  
PETER SEEGER as a CP member active in the Music II  
Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950.

PETER SEEGER appeared before the House Committee  
on Un-American Activities in August, 1955 and refused to  
discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56  
SEEGER was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives  
for his refusal to answer questions before the HCUA.

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- 2-Louisville (100-4625)(RM)
- 1-New York (100-83801)(PETER SEEGER)
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- 1 - Mr. Hanning
- 1 - Mr. Haack
- 1 - Mr. Franck

To: SAC, Boston

From: Director, FBI (100-200845)

PETER SEEGER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Enclosed for Boston's information is one copy of New York letter to the Bureau 7/26/65 captioned as above.

Relet indicates that Boston Office, by separate New York communication, has been requested to contact Louis F. Budenz concerning captioned subject's Communist Party membership and to furnish that data as well as your recommendation concerning whether Budenz' name should be made available to Mr. Frank McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Boston is instructed to give this matter the most expeditious attention and to immediately advise the Bureau by return airtel of the status of this lead.

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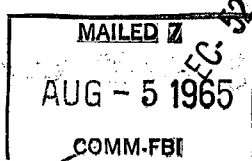
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NOTE:

Subject's name is included in the Security Index. Mr. McNamara has requested the Bureau to supply the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) with names of any individuals who would be in a position to definitely place the subject in the Communist Party (CP) in the event the HCUA calls the subject before it sometime in the future. Budenz has previously furnished information that subject was a CP member.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-36408)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM-C  
(OO: New York)

DATE: August 3, 1965

Re New York letter dated July 26, 1965, and Bureau contact to New York Office on July 26, 1965.

On August 2, 1965, LOUIS BUDENZ, 196 Allston Avenue, Middletown, Rhode Island, who desires his name be kept confidential, advised SA JOSEPH A. OXLEY that he did not specifically recall the information he furnished regarding PETER SEEGER or from whom he got the information, but he vaguely remembered that SEEGER was a member of the Communist Party in 1949. He did not recall the source of his information but said it could have been any one of the Communist Party leaders in New York because it was a commonly known fact among the Communist Party leaders that SEEGER was an ardent supporter and member of the Communist Party and was considered a definite asset to that organization by the leaders.

When shown a photograph of SEEGER, he identified him as the PETER SEEGER he was referring to as being a member of the Communist Party in 1949.

Mr. BUDENZ requested that his name be kept confidential and not revealed and due to the fact that he has a very serious heart ailment and is under doctor's restrictions regarding any great travel, he said he cannot testify in any matter and will not appear, nor does he desire that his name be revealed to anyone.

Because of Mr. BUDENZ' desire that his name be kept confidential and because of his serious heart ailment, it is the recommendation of the Boston Office that Mr. BUDENZ' name not be made available to Mr. MC NAMARA of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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- ② - Bureau (100-200845)(RM)
  - 2 - New York (100-83801)(RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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# Memorandum

TO: *JFM* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: July 26, 1965

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)(P)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rebulet 7-12-65.

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copies: 100-383908  
100-14177 (John Lautner)  
100-63 (Louis Budenz)  
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The following investigation was conducted pursuant to instructions as set forth in referenced Bureau letter:

*100-383908*  
Former [redacted] who, on April 30, 1953, identified PETE SEEGER as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950, advised on July 2, 1965, that he would not testify in any proceeding.

*100-14177*  
JOHN LAUTNER, former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, CP, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, and who on December 13, 1954, *stated* he knew the subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. JOHN LAUTNER was contacted by SA JOHN E. GORDON on July 26, 1965 and advised that he could testify before the HCUA as to the subject's CP membership during the late 1940's. It is recommended that the name of JOHN LAUTNER be made available to Mr. McNAMARA, Director, HCUA.

*100-63*  
LOUIS F. BUDENZ, who, on June 30, 1950, advised that the subject was a member of the CP in 1949, as of July 27, 1962, was residing in Newport, Rhode Island. All leads pertaining to BUDENZ are to be forwarded to the Boston Office. A letter has been sent to the Boston Office setting forth instructions as set forth in referenced Bureau letter. They have been advised to contact BUDENZ and advise the Bureau as to results, as well as making a recommendation concerning his name being made available to Mr. McNAMARA.

A review of indices of the NYO as well as subject's case file failed to disclose any additional information concerning subject's CP membership.

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July 15, 1965

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~~Mr. William Maurer~~  
~~1412 West 39th Street~~  
~~Kansas City, Missouri~~

Dear Mr. Maurer:

Your letter of July 8th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you suggested.

You might desire to direct an inquiry with regard to the matter in which you are interested to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Room 225, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Pete Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and guitar player. He has been on world tours. He is a subject of Bufile 100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter - C. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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1412 West 39th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri  
July 8, 1965

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Att. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I first thought of writing to the HCUA, but I believe that works in conjunction with the FBI.

Let me say that I am an American, a loyal American, a conservative American. I have no use for any "ism" which is contrary to our United States Constitution.

I am also a conservative Lutheran, and Old-Missourian (conservative), not "new Missouri" (liberal) as the terms are used to distinguish between Lutherans.

Enclosed is a News Letter from Our Saviours Lutheran Church of which we are present members. In the this News Letter the pastor says on page three that we do not know what Pete seeger is.

Now I have read reports in the Lutheran News the editor of which is pastor of a Missouri congregation at New Haven Missouri, and I gatehr from the peridodical that Pete Seeger is a communist, and has been shown to be so by the HUAC.

Would you be so kind and send me a simple statement as to the facts annd the truth in the matter.

If you can I would like three copies of the reply, one for myself, and one for the pastor, and one for the pres. of the congregation.

From information that I have it appears that pete Seeger is a communist. Refusing to answer when given the golden opportunity by our government to clear himself if he was "clean", seems to cast doubt upon his Americanism.

Anyone who is a true American certainly would not hesitate to say in very firm words, that he is so and be proud (in the right sense) to say so. I would be and am glad to say that I am an American. and would not hesitate to answer in the affirmative, if my government, or prospective employer would ask me that question.

Naturally there are always some things that citizens do not always approve of that the government may do, or what certain individuals may wish to try in government, but then we try to remove these "contrary to constitution" obstacles by proper means of law and order. We do not therefore resort to civil disobedience, or lawlessness.

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If the government would command to sin, or to do wrong, then we "must obey God rather than men", and that is not civic disobedience as some would try to say. Civil disobedience is when people take matters in their own hands to defy decent laws and order, and when they try to demand their demands by law violence or civil disobedience. Civil disobedience is wrong!

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Our government is to "protect the innocent and to punish the evildoers", and when our government finds some to be subversive, (and when our government has the proof,) then it gives the report, to protect the people. Communism should not be able to have free reign as a political party anymore than a jail person has a right to free access to American freedom as a citizen.

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I would appreciate a statement from you as regards the status of Pete Seeger, as to his affiliation with the Communist Party.

The pastor writing in the enclosed bulletin saying that we do not know, does not answer the question. We can certainly find out.

Yours truly

*William Maurer*

William Maurer  
1412 West 39th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri



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Kansas City, Kansas



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NEWS BULLETIN  
July, 1965

100-200845-151

A RUNNING ACCOUNT OF OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

A comparison between our Sunday morning attendance of the first half year in 1964 and 1965 shapes up like this:

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
January	1720	2335
February	1786	1896
March	2519	1882
April	1775	2118
May	1992	2072
June	1456	1522
TOTAL	11248	11825
Average	433	455

MARY ANN OEDING SAYS

"I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of Our Saviour for all the many kindnesses shown me during the past two years. I appreciated your friendliness and enjoyed working in your midst. May the Lord bless you all and keep you in His grace."

Members of the congregation are invited to her wedding which is to take place on July 25, 7 p.m. DST at St. John's Lutheran Church, Luverne, Minnesota. She is to be married to Duane Kropuenske who has also held membership in our congregation for the last two years. Her home pastor will have the ceremony and the pastor of Our Saviour has been asked to deliver the wedding address.

MR. PAUL WOLTERS TO BE INSTALLED

On next Sunday, July 11, Mr. Paul Wolters will be installed as principal of our school. This will take place at the second service. Mr. and Mrs. Wolters and daughter moved here from Zion Lutheran Church, Ferguson, Missouri. We extend a most cordial welcome to them and pray that they will be a blessing to us and we to them.

All members of the congregation and friends are asked to share in a covered dish dinner at noon on

the day of Mr. Wolter's installation. The suggested menu is fried chicken, a vegetable and a choice of either a salad or dessert. Bring your own complete table service. Coffee and punch will be served by our ladies. In connection with the events of the day we are also planning a food shower for the Wolters. Let's give them a real welcome and reception.

OUR CHURCH WAS PICKETED What is it all about?

On Sunday, June 27, a man picketed our church. We are thankful that the relatively few members who noticed it created no disturbance over it. In the meantime, however, the man in question has continued his anti-Lutheran campaign by means of a telephone recording and this has disturbed people. The pastor has had a number of telephone calls asking what this is all about. It all started over the controversy involving the engagement of Pete Seeger as an entertainer at the International Walther League convention at Squaw Valley. Needless to say, there are many people in our church body who have taken exception to this, for Mr. Seeger is alleged by some to have had some connections with Communism. Some claim they have proof for this and others claim that he is "clean". We have no way of proving or disproving it. We do not know. But the fact remains that a lot of harm is coming to the church because of this unfortunate situation. It appears to us that some other entertainer could have been engaged. But since it is too late for that all we can do is hope and pray that the negative publicity our church is getting in Kansas City may soon subside. Let us remain calm and pray that the Lord may bring to nought all forces of evil which would destroy and slander His Kingdom.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding bells rang for Clifford Mueller and Rozan Wagoner on June 26 in Wichita. Pastor Mueller, the groom's father, performed the ceremony.

PARENTS OF SERVICEMEN, please note

We have just received an up-to-date list of all

the Lutheran contact pastors, active duty chaplains, and pastors at Lutheran service centers. If you need this information for your son in the service, kindly telephone the church office.

#### ADULT CLASS

The following adults were received into membership on June 6: Mrs. Guy Morris, Michael Nance, Mrs. Jack Rankin, Mrs. Richard Rankin, Mrs. Richard Clark, Mrs. Earl Herren, Mrs. Robert Wallace, and Homer Boutz. Their names and addresses appear in the new Membership Directory.

#### OTHER DIRECTORY CHANGES

Mr. and Mrs. George Tiller were transferred to a sister congregation.

Please delete the following names, either because their whereabouts are unknown or they are no longer interested in our fellowship: Mrs. Dean Viator, Mrs. Louis Heller, Mrs. Marie Johnson, and Miss Carolyn Froemsdorf. Change the address of Mrs. Velma Lord to 1922 S. 15th St. KCK.

#### THINK ON THESE THINGS

Ten of the 12 spies sent into Canaan came back to report, "We Can't." Twelve disciples in the storm said: "We Can't make shore." Moses, called by God said, "I Can't Talk." Pilate said to Claudia, "I Can't Let Him Go." Thomas said to Jesus, "I Can't see the Way." He also said, "I Can't Believe Unless..". Et, Gideon knew God could. Joshua and Caleb knew God could. Moses at the Red Sea knew God could. The disciples at Pentecost knew God could. That is the kind of faith we need today.

#### CONVENTION COMMENTS

We came back from the convention with the firm conviction that our church body is still strong in its doctrinal emphasis and purity. The delegates made it very clear that they still wanted a conservative and strong church. Let us thank God for this.

SAC, New York (100-83801)

7/12/65

Director, FBI (100-200845)

- 1 - Mr. Hanning
- 1 - Mr. Haack
- 1 - Mr. Franck

PETER SEEGER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Mr. Frank McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), has asked if the Bureau can supply the HCUA with the names of any individuals who would be in a position to definitely place the subject in the Communist Party (CP) in the event his Committee calls the subject before it at sometime in the future.

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New York summary report of SA Arthur J. Greene, Jr., captioned as above and dated 2/21/57 sets forth evidence of CP membership attributed to Herman Thomas (former [redacted]), Louis F. Budenz, John Lautner and former [redacted] covered as T-4 in that report.

Philadelphia is requested to immediately advise the Bureau concerning Herman Thomas's present whereabouts, the exact information concerning the subject being a CP member that he could testify to as well as your recommendations concerning making his name available to Mr. McNamara.

New York will immediately search indices, review subject's main file and, if necessary, contact logical informants and sources to determine the identities of all individuals who can definitely place the subject as a member of the CP. Concerning Budenz, Lautner and former [redacted] as well as any other individuals developed by you, handle in accordance with Bureau instructions to Philadelphia above.

Philadelphia and New York must give this matter the most expeditious attention.

2 - Philadelphia

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NOTE:

Subject's name is included in the Security Index.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-2-65

FROM : M. Jones

SUBJECT: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

While contacting Frank McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities, 7-1-65, on another matter, McNamara brought up to SA Hanning the subject of Pete Seegar who is well known to the Bureau.

*Peter* McNamara stated that the Committee had received information that at the time Seegar was tried for contempt, the Justice Department had two men in the courtroom. McNamara stated that it was their understanding that these two individuals were in the courtroom in the event Seegar denied he had ever been a communist. In such an event, these two individuals would be called upon to take the stand to testify as to Seegar's communist affiliations. McNamara stated he would not know whether this story was true or not but presumed if it was true that the two individuals were undoubtedly FBI Agents.

With regard to Seegar, McNamara stated he is becoming very active again and they are interested in him. He stated that according to their records the only one who can actually put Seegar in the Communist Party is Harvey Matusow who, of course, is discredited. McNamara specifically requested whether or not we could supply the Committee with the names of any other individuals who would be in a position to definitely put Seegar in the Party in the event they called Seegar at some time in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division and that Division advise whether or not we can be of any help to McNamara regarding this request.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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June 30, 1965

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Mrs. George ~~Simmons~~  
~~44 West Lancaster Avenue~~  
Red Lion, Pennsylvania 17356

Dear Mrs. Simmons:

I received your letter of June 26th, with enclosures, and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 26th. 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Concern fills my heart at the prospect of what is to be presented at our "Walther League Convention" in Squaw Valley, California, early in July.

This will be the apperance of one, "Pete Seeger," supposedly a communist, been before the "~~House on Un-American Com.~~" and invoked the fifth amendment when asked questions pertaining to such questions, attended a communist school, "Friends" or name something like that; recorded under "Peoples' Songs" at one time and is according to "Life" a renowned folk singer.

Now our "Voters' Assembly" sent a protest to such activity to the President of the Missouri Synod, Dr. Oliver Harms, also to Rev. Witt, Executive Director of the League.....no action. Claim is that the youth are to decide.

What further distresses me is the fact that there will be children there starting at the 7th. grade on up. And how many of these will be able to discern between fact and lie?! I shudder to think of it.

Can you possibly give me any conclusive information to uphold our feelings? The gentlemen in question affirm that since they have no real proof of communist activities, they can not in all fairness, condemn the person.

There have been many letters of protest by individuals and groups to Dr. Harms and Rev. Witt. These were printed (some of them) in the "Lutheran News' Reporter" new addition to our "Lutheran Witness."

I enclose remarks by the Synod President taken from that paper.

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There has been so much to do and this was mixed in with my file of clippings and such, didn't realize how the day would be here....

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Enclosed find stamped, self-addressed envelope and air mail stamp.

Thank you for any time and consideration you can give.

*J. Penn*

Mrs. George Simmons  
1400 1/2 Easter Ave.  
Red Lion, Pa. 17356

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Geo. Simmons*

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**ENCLOSURE**

# Pete Seeger to Sing at Squaw Valley Despite Protests to Walther League

Folk singer Pete Seeger will remain on the program of the International Walther League convention in July despite a flood of mail opposing his appearance.

The Walther League Executive Board declined to withdraw its invitation to the performer after reviewing complaints touching on his loyalty as a U. S. citizen.

The decision was supported by a resolution of the Board for Young People's Work of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

As protesting letters mounted, Missouri Synod President Oliver R. Harms urged Walther

League officials to reconsider the invitation to Seeger. He said scheduling of the folk singer is "divisive" and "does not edify the body of Christ."

Dr. Harms, however, made it clear that the Walther League Board and the synodical Board for Young People's Work have prime responsibility for functions of the youth organization.

The College of Presidents at its meeting in St. Louis on April 27 discussed the Seeger matter at length but took no action.

## 2,300 Reservations

More than 2,300 advance registrations — representing

nearly 800 congregations — already have been received for the Walther League convention at Squaw Valley, Calif., July 5 to 9. Registration fee is \$75.

League officials said that more than 3,000 high school and post-high school young people are expected to attend.

"Let My People Go" is the theme of the convention, which will center on Christian vocation as seen through a study of the Book of Exodus and the Covenant of God with His people.

In addition to Seeger, others invited from outside the Lutheran church to take part in

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*X*  
Mr. Richard W. Schmidt  
Combined Insurance Services Agency, Inc.  
2440 Brentwood Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri 63144

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Your letter of June 17th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

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RICHARD W. SCHMIDT  
ASSOCIATE

June 17, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

During the past few weeks I have been greatly concerned over the appearance of Pete Seeger at the International Walther League Convention of the Lutheran, Missouri Synod at Squaw Valley, California.

As a member of the above mentioned protestant denomination the unsavory reputation of Mr. Seeger makes it hard for me to understand why our youth organization has not removed him from the program.

It is my understanding that your organization has a great deal of information on Pete Seeger and that you have denounced him as either a communist or a fellow traveler of the communist party. If this is so I would appreciate the benefit of your thinking and any information that you might care to send me. If my assumptions are incorrect I would appreciate clarification.

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Cordially yours,

RICHARD W. SCHMIDT

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Mr. Sullivan

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F. J. Baumgardner

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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(PETE SEEGER)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Ryan

The International Walther League (an organization for children of high school age) of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, has scheduled folk singer, Pete Seeger, to lecture before its International Convention at Squaw Valley, California, in July, 1965. Seeger will lecture on the origin of folk music and thereafter a discussion will be held to relate this type music to the Church. Seeger is a former Communist Party member who has never repudiated the Party and who continues his association with communists and communist organizations. It is shocking that the Missouri Synod which is considered one of the more conservative of the several branches of the Lutheran Church would invite Seeger, an atheist, who has been publicly identified as "the best known of all the Communist Party entertainers" to appear before its international youth convention and after his lecture to endeavor to relate his comments to the Church.

Three FBI informants have identified Seeger as a Communist Party member in the appropriate period 1947-50. He refused to answer questions put to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1955 as to whether he was then a Party member or if he held concerts to raise money for the Party. As a result of his refusal to testify, he was indicted for contempt of Congress and adjudged guilty. The conviction was overthrown on appeal on the basis of a defective indictment. Seeger continues to be a principal entertainer for communist causes. During the past decade communist publications have advertised his appearances at numerous communist and front type meetings. Seeger is included on the Security Index of the New York Office.

Seeger's communist background has been publicized in Lutheran publications and a number of Lutheran Ministers have made inquiries of the FBI endeavoring to determine if he is in fact a communist.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
100-3-104-MAIN

A former FBI informant recently contacted Elmer N. Witt, Executive Director of the Walther League and made available to him public source data relating to Seeger's communist background. However, Witt did not choose to take any action to cancel Seeger's appearance before the youth convention.

A conservative Lutheran weekly publication "Through to Victory," published in California, in its March, 1965, edition thoroughly documented Seeger's communist background and urged letters protesting his scheduled appearance be sent to Dr. Oliver R. Harms, President of the Synod (21 N. Broadway Street, St. Louis) and to Reverend Elmer N. Witt, (Executive Director of the Walther League, (875 North Dearborn Street, Chicago) demanding Seeger be removed from the Convention Program.

The Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church apparently is not directly affiliated with the National Council of Churches although the Lutheran Church in America is affiliated. We believe Assistant Director Sullivan should discuss this matter with his source, Dr. Reverend Jay Moore, National Council of the Churches of Christ, in an effort to alert this group to take action to preclude the appearance of Seeger before a Lutheran Church youth convention. Such an appearance would afford Seeger the opportunity to propagate his communist ideology and it would also afford him an aura of respectability as a communist.

ACTION:

That Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan be authorized to alert his source, Dr. Reverend Jay Moore, at the National Council of Churches to the fact that the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, has scheduled Pete Seeger, an identified communist, to appear at its International Youth Convention in July. It is anticipated this action will prompt the Council to take action to preclude the appearance of this communist.



May 20, 1965

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EX-116

Mr. Calvin L. Carter  
313 1/2 North Loma Linda  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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Dear Mr. Carter:

Your letter of May 13th was received in Mr. Hoover's absence from the city. You may be certain your communication will be brought to his attention upon his return.

I know he would want me to advise you, however, that information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why Mr. Hoover would not be in a position to comment as you desire.

Enclosed is some material which it is hoped you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

Enclosures (4)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
4/17/62 Internal Security Statement  
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism  
Time For Decision

NOTE: An individual named Calvin Carter of Farmington, N. M., who may be identified with correspondent, was involved in an attempted robbery and murder but was sentenced to life imprisonment. (95-73809) Continued.

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**Mr. Calvin L. Carter**

**No other references were found in Bufiles concerning Calvin L. Carter. Pete Seegar is well-known to Bureau. Spelling of street verified by telephone directory.**

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May 13, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director Federal Investigation  
Washington, 25 D. C.

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Dear Sir.-

In the interest of the Missouri Synod Zion  
Luthern Church, and the Walther League of the  
Luthern Church. In which I am Youth Counselor  
If possible I would like the folling information  
concerning a Mr. Pete Seegar, Who has been engage  
to appear at the Walther League, Convention at  
Squaw Valley, California.

A great can troversy in our Church has taken  
place about the apperance of Mr. Pete Seegar at this  
Convention.

1. Is Mr. Pete Seegar a Communist or has he  
ever been a communist.
2. Has at any time Mr. Pete Seegar supported  
or sympathize with a communist front.

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Any other information you have on Mr. Pete  
Seegar, at your earliest conveniences will be  
appreciated.

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Sincerely yours  
Calvin L. Carter

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Mr. Calvin L. Carter  
313 1/2 North Loma Linda  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Carter  
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Farmington

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Mr. Calvin L. Carter

3131/2 North loma Linda,

Farmington, New Mexico 87401

FBI File and Serial No. 100-200845-146

To:  FBI Headquarters  
 FBI Field Division, \_\_\_\_\_

From: Civil Service Commission, Wash. D.C.

Regarding FBI  report  memorandum dated (month, day, year)  
5-14-65 at (city, state) New York, New York  
concerning (title - not necessary if file number is shown) \_\_\_\_\_

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TITLE OF CASE <b>PETER SEEGER</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN LEE GILL</b>	TYPED BY <b>sjj</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM - C</b>	

### REFERENCE

NY report of SA ROBERT E. BOWE, 4/13/64.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

SA FRANCIS X. GANTLEY made a pretext telephone call to the subject's booking agency, the Harold Leventhal Agency, 200 West 57th Street, NYC, NY, using a pretext of seeking data regarding a booking of the subject.

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CC TO: *Internal Revenue*

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File and Serial Where Located

NY T-1

[Redacted]

Instant Report  
(SA LOWELL W. BARTON)

NY T-2

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NY T-3

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NY T-4

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NY T-5

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Characterization of PHIL BART

NY T-6

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Informants contacted with negative results  
are as follows:

[redacted]



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1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6.  This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason)

it contains data received from NY T-2 through NY T-21 reflecting that the FBI has coverage of Communist and related activities and foreign activities. Unauthorized disclosure of this could reveal the sources' identities and destroy the effectiveness thereof. This could hamper investigation of subversive matters and thereby be injurious to the national security.

7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_
- Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_

of his position as a prominent figure in the entertainment field and his activities on behalf of Communist fronts. Attempts to interview subject could possibly embarrass the Bureau and no indication exists reflecting subject would cooperate.

8.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_

on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP, in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that his opinion was that Mother Bloor in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, Jr. 2/19/58, at NY). On 4/30/53, former (continued)

10.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.
- Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREEN, JR., 12/21/56, NY).

The subject appeared before the HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HCUA. (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58 at NY).

On 2/12/60, [redacted] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10.00 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [redacted] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. The "New York Times" on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60. (Report of LOWELL W. BARTON, 3/7/61, at NY).

On 4/30/62, [redacted] advised SEEGER attended a concert at 253 West 73rd St., NY, NY sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants which concert was held on 4/29/62. On 5/16/62, [redacted] advised SEEGER entertained at a mass meeting sponsored by the National Council for Soviet-American Friendship, held at 60th St., and Broadway, NY, NY. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NY, NY, advised Moscow, USSR, that the subject would be traveling through southern part of the US giving a series of concerts.

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On 1/11/63, ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949 and from September, 1955 until September 1962, made available a letter dated 12/7/62 in which SEEGER sought donations for the NY Council; to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Subject performed at function for "American Dialog", 7/64, and NCASF rally 11/64. (Instant Report).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: JOHN LEE GILL Office: New York, New York  
Date: 5/14/65

Field Office File #: 100-83801 Bureau File #: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, and is self-employed as a folk-singer and banjo player. Informants report subject performed at functions for "American Dialog" 7/64; entertained at NCASF rally, 11/64; and at "Teach-in" protesting US policies in Viet-Nam, 4/65. Subject completed lengthy tour of Far East and Europe including Communist nations, 6/64.

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DETAILS

I BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

NY T-1 reported on May 6, 1965, that subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and maintains Post Office Box 328, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York. NY T-1 added that the subject is self-employed as a folk-singer and banjo player from his residence.

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Lieutenant JOSEPH STELLA, Beacon New York Police Department, advised SA LOWELL W. BARTON on May 6, 1965, that subject is self-employed as a folk-singer and resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York.

Additional information regarding the subject's employment is mentioned hereinafter in this report under Miscellaneous and Foreign Travel.

## II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

### A. Miscellaneous Communist Activities

NY T-2 reported on April 28, 1964, that a membership meeting of the Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) was held on April 24, 1964, at Chelsea Hall, 6th Avenue and 16th Street, New York, New York. During this meeting it was stated that an attempt was being made to secure the subject's services for a cultural program at Camp Midvale.

Camp Midvale is mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto under the MRA.

NY T-3 reported on July 2, 1964, that a meeting of the Communist Party (CP) Club was held on June 26, 1964, at 65 2nd Avenue, New York, New York. Subject was not present. During this meeting it was announced that the subject would sing and speak at Ossining, New York, on July 14 before 300 to 400 people. It was announced that a collection would be made during that function which was related to the new magazine, "Dialogue".

"Dialogue" is mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto under "American Dialog", "American Dialogue", and "Dialogue".

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On July 8, 1964, NY T-3 reported that on July 14, 1964, the subject was to give a concert at the Briar Hall Country Club, Ossining, New York, for the benefit of the new magazine "American Dialog".

NY T-3 on July 17, 1964, reported that a private concert was held on July 14, 1964, at the Briar Hall Country Club, Ossining, New York, by the subject for the benefit of the new magazine "American Dialog". No admission was charged but contributions of over \$300.00 were collected from approximately 200 people present.

On September 25, 1964, NY T-4 reported that PHIL BART was then attempting to establish an Elizabeth Gurley Flynn Memorial Fund and that the planning was then in a nebulous stage. NY T-4 added that consideration was being given to securing the subject's services.

On March 30, 1965, NY T-5 advised that an announcement was made at the State CP Committee of Ohio meeting held on March 28, 1965, that PHIL BART is a replacement as chairman of that district.

The "New York Times" of September 6, 1964, Page 1, announced that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman of the CP, United States of America (USA) died in Moscow, Russia, on September 5, 1964.

On November 5, 1964, NY T-6 advised that a meeting of the National Council (NCSF) of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) Executive Committee was held on November 2, 1964, at 156 5th Avenue, New York, New York. Under discussion was a rally to be held November 12, 1964, which would present a speaker from the Soviet Embassy. It was stated that the subject was to be a surprise guest artist and he was described as not wanting his name advertised. It was further stated that a promise had been made not to include subject's name on the program or in advertisements.

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The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On November 17, 1964, NY T-6 reported that the NCASF held its annual rally for peace and friendship on November 12, 1964, at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York, and that approximately 1,000 people were present. Among the speakers were PAUL ROBESON and an official from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. Subject was among those providing entertainment. Speakers appealed for funds and praised the NCASF and the Soviet Union.

On November 13, November 18, and November 24, 1964, and December 2, 1964, NY T-7, NY T-8, NY T-9, and NY T-10 reported regarding the subject's performance at the above mentioned NCASF function and furnished substantially the same information as reported above.

On various dates during 1957 and 1958, ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949 and from September, 1955 until October, 1962, reported that PAUL ROBESON was present at at least six meetings of the New York County Committee of the CP during those years and attended a New York State CP conference in New York, New York, on April 25, 1958.

The "National Guardian" of April 16, 1964, Page 1, Columns 1 and 2, and Page 2, Columns 1 and 2, contain an article captioned "Peace Greetings From Soviet Diplomat at Friendship Meeting In New York". This article described the annual Friendship Celebration held on November 12, 1964 by the NCASF in New York, New York. The article states that PAVEL LUKIANOV spoke and brought the warmest greetings and best wishes from the Soviet people. The article adds that the subject performed and that he stated that he had been on tour in the Soviet Union.

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The "National Guardian" is mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto.

NY T-11 reported on November 12, 1964, that a NCASF rally was held for peace and friendship on that date at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York. Various speakers appealed for funds for the NCASF, lauded the NCASF, and spoke highly of the Soviet Union. An official from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. cited what he claimed as accomplishments of the Soviet Union in peace and economic policies. PAUL ROBESON introduced the subject as a surprise guest. Subject stated that he was proud to be introduced by ROBESON and sang some songs he said he had sung in the Soviet Union the previous April.

On March 5, 1965, NY T-12 advised that the subject was then believed to be a sponsor of Camp Webatuck.

Camp Webatuck is mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto.

The April 13, 1965 edition of "The Campus", an undergraduate newspaper at the College of the City of New York (CCNY), New York, New York, announced that a "Teach-in" was being sponsored by the W.E.B. DuBois Club and several other organizations at CCNY during the night of April 13 and April 14, 1965.

On April 14, 1965, NY T-13 reported that during the "Teach-in" held at CCNY, New York, New York, on April 13 and April 14, 1965, various speakers criticized the United States policies in Viet-Nam, and that during the program the subject sang a few songs. HERBERT APTHEKER was among the speakers and criticized what he termed United States intervention in Viet-Nam.

The W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America are mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto.



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NY T-14 advised on December 13, 1959, that HERBERT AP THEKER was elected to the National Committee of the CPUSA during its 17th National Convention held in December, 1959, in New York, New York.

NY T-15 reported on March 31, 1965, that "Freedomways" Salute to PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to be held on April 22, 1965, at the Hotel Americana, 52nd Street, New York, New York. NY T-15 added that the subject was scheduled to entertain at that function.

"Freedomways" is mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto under Freedomways Associates Incorporated.

### III MISCELLANEOUS

The February 5, 1965 edition of "The Pitt News", a student publication at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, carried an advertisement reflecting that the subject would perform in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on February 20, 1965.

On February 24, 1965, NY T-16 made available what NY T-16 described as a student-prepared flyer attacking the subject, and which NY T-16 stated had been given wide distribution at Duquesne University, and Carnegie Institute of Technology. This leaflet described subject as "...just about the top Communist entertainer in the United States today". The leaflet attacked the appearance of the subject scheduled for February 20, 1965, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On February 18 and February 25, 1965, NY T-17 and NY T-18 reported that a demonstration against the war in Viet-Nam was held on February 18, 1965, at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, New York, New York. Subject was among the approximately 50 people present. Various speakers attacked the United States

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policies in Viet-Nam, and called for encouragement to those who refused to serve in the Armed Forces. Subject entertained during this meeting.

#### IV FOREIGN TRAVEL

On May 15, 1964, NY T-19, a confidential source abroad, reported that the subject arrived in Japan on October 8, 1963, on a permit as an entertainer. He was sponsored in Japan by the Society for International Cultural Exchange, Fuji Telecasting Company, Limited, Tokyo, Japan. NY T-19 advised that the subject appeared in his capacity as an entertainer in 12 Japanese cities between November 6 and November 25, 1963, and departed from Japan on November 26, 1963.

NY T-20, a confidential source abroad, reported on September 13, 1964, that while subject was in Japan during 1963 for a series of performances, the subject never failed to sing "progressive songs" at least one per performance. NY T-20 cited such songs, as an anti-atom bomb song performed by subject at Hiroshima.

The "Poughkeepsie Journal" of March 31, 1964, contained an article captioned "SEEGER Loses Voice in Poland", which stated that the subject had arrived in Poland in March, 1964, stating that he had exhausted his vocal chords giving 11 performances during the past eight days in Czechoslovakia.

The "New York Post" on April 12, 1964, contained an article captioned "A Sing-Along In Moscow For PETE SEEGER's Sake". This article described the subject's appearance before a capacity crowd in Moscow. It described the subject as widely black-listed in the United States since the early McCarthy Era of alleged Communist associations.

The April 27, 1964, edition of the "New York Times" Page 27, reflects an article captioned "Red-Bloc Invites United States Folk-Singers; SEEGER's Success Paves Way For Other Performers". This article stated

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that the subject's tour of the Soviet Union was proving so successful that the subject's manager had been asked to assemble other groups of American folk-singers for appearances in eastern Europe. Subject was described as touring Communist-bloc nations as part of a tour of 28 countries in ten months. He reportedly had made 14 appearances in Czechoslovakia, 9 in Poland, and 28 in the Soviet Union. His tour of the Soviet Union had been extended to include a farewell concert at Moscow University on May 5, 1964.

Page 12, May 27, 1964, edition of "Variety", a show business weekly publication, contained an article captioned "Russia Puzzled By PETE SEEGER; Artists There Supposed to Dress Up". This article datelined Moscow, May 26, stated that the subject had just sung his way through the Soviet Union, on a four months tour of that nation, and had departed for London for his last stop prior to returning to the United States.

"The Worker" of June 16, 1964, Page 5, and 1, contained an article captioned "PETE SEEGER Back With New Harvest of World's Songs". The article stated that the subject had just returned from a ten month world wide tour.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

By means of a pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 22, 1964, it was ascertained that the subject had returned to the United States and was presently working out of the New York City area.

On June 18, 1964, NY T-21, a confidential source abroad, reported that after leaving England

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for the Netherlands on March 2, 1964, subject returned to England on May 7, 1964, from Moscow, Soviet Union. Subject departed from England June 2, 1964, presumably for the United States.

V MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants, who have some knowledge of CP and related activities in the New York City area, reported in April and May, 1965, that they had no information regarding the subject.

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APPENDIX"AMERICAN DIALOG", "AMERICAN DIALOGUE", "DIALOGUE"

A confidential source advised during June, 1964, that JOSEPH FELSHIN advised former subscribers to the magazine "Mainstream" that "Mainstream" had ceased publication with its August, 1963, issue and had been replaced by a new bimonthly publication entitled "American Dialogue" with JOSEPH NORTH as editor.

It is to be noted that the July-August, 1964, issue of "American Dialog", Volume 1, Number 1, lists JOSEPH NORTH as editor.

A second source advised during December, 1959, that on December 13, 1959, JOSEPH FELSHIN attended the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held from December 10, through December 13, 1959, in New York City.

This second source advised on May 27, 1963, that JOSEPH NORTH was present at an enlarged meeting of the National Executive Committee of the CPUSA held in New York City on May 23, 1963.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Mainstream":

## "Mainstream"

- "1. The Communist Party 'is regularly putting out \*\*\* Mainstream -- monthly cultural and literary organ published in New York.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, p. 9.)"

\* Beginning with the September 1956 issue, the name of this publication was changed from Masses and Mainstream to Mainstream.

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APPENDIX

CAMP WEBATUCK

Formerly known as  
Camp Calumet; Wingdale Camp, Inc.;  
Wingdale Lodge, Inc.; Camp Unity;  
Wingdale on the Lake, Also known as

On May 27, 1953, a source advised that Camp Unity has been controlled by the Communist Party (CP) since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

On April 24, 1956, a second source furnished an undated flyer entitled "The Wingdaler" published by Wingdale On The Lake. This flyer reflected that Wingdale On The Lake occupied the same site as was formerly occupied by Camp Unity.

On June 7, 1956, Mr. JAMES J. DWYER, Office of the Secretary of State, New York State, reviewed his records and advised SA JOHN EUGENE PARSONS that Wingdale Camp., Inc. filed a Certificate of Incorporation number 6036 with his department on February 9, 1956.

On April 27, 1956, a third source advised that regardless of the name it uses the camp is always referred to as Camp Unity by the CP and that captioned organization was and still is a joint operation of the National Office of the CP and the New York State CP.

On November 13, 1962, the third source above advised that the CP has taken complete control of the camp and the camp will be essentially a youth camp in the future.

The "National Guardian" December 6, 1962, contained an advertisement on page 10 entitled "Announcing Camp Webatuck."

The advertisement reflected that the camp, located at Lake Ellis, Wingdale, New York, is a camp for boys and girls from 7 to 16 plus.

The advertisement indicated that registrations for the camp could be made at its office, 505 Fifth Avenue, Suite 705, New York 17, New York, telephone number MU 7-0586.

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On December 7, 1962, a suitable pretext call was placed to telephone number MU 7-0586.

It was determined through conversation with an unknown male individual that Camp Webatuck is the new name for Camp Calumet formerly known as Wingdale Camp, Inc.; Wingdale Lodge, Inc.; Camp Unity; Wingdale On the Lake, also known as.

The "National Guardian" May 2, 1964, contained an advertisement on page 8 concerning Camp Webatuck. This advertisement reflected that the current office address for Camp Webatuck is 166 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, telephone number OR 5-4383.

1.APPENDIXFREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1964, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.



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APPENDIX

METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION,  
FORMERLY KNOWN AS NATURE FRIENDS OF  
AMERICA, INC., OPERATOR OF CAMP MIDVALE

Nature Friends of America, Inc., (NFA) (since 1935) has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a certificate of dissolution for NFA was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

A source advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York Local of NFA held on February 25, 1954, in New York City, a successor organization known as the Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York Local of NFA were transferred to the MRA.

On November 4, 1957, a second source made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, set forth the aims of the organization as follows:

"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present....."

On March 26, 1954, a third source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which on page 1 states that the recently formed MRA is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

The MRA, as of May 8, 1964, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly \* \* \*. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternatives."

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

The constitution further states that this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals, or if five or more people so desire a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

The second source has also advised that at the founding convention it was voted that the organization should be temporarily headquartered in San Francisco, California, although no specific physical location was decided upon. This same source advised on June 29, 1964, that the temporary headquarters of this organization is 1007 McAllister Street, San Francisco, which is the headquarters of the W.E.B. DuBois Club of San Francisco.

Both sources have advised that at the founding convention two officers were elected:

PHILIP CHAPIN DAVIS - President  
CARL ELLENGER BLOICE - Publications Chairman

A third source has advised that on October 26, 1962, PHILIP DAVIS attended a CP recruiting class held at 1579 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, California.

A fourth source has advised that CARL BLOICE, reporter for the "People's World" newspaper, was, on April 3, 1964, elected to the newly organized San Francisco County Committee of the CP.

The "People's World" is a west coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
May 14, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

Bufile 100-200845  
NYfile 100-83801

Title Peter Seeger

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John Lee Gill, dated and captioned as above at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535  
 May 14, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
 File No. Bufile 100-200845  
 Chief NYfile 100-83801  
 United States Secret Service  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Peter Seeger

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1.  Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2.  Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3.  Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4.  U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5.  Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a)  Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b)  Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c)  Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6.  Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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 may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
 John Edgar Hoover  
 Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
 U. S. Secret Service, New York (RM)

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 Excluded from automatic  
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May 14, 1965

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*X*  
**Mr. William Mey  
117 Hiawatha Drive  
Clarendon Hills, Illinois 60514**

Dear Mr. Mey:

Your letter of May 10th has been received.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)  
"Time For Decision"  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"  
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny!  
The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy

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117 Hiawatha Drive  
Clarendon Hills,  
Illinois 60514

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The folk singer, Pete Seeger, has been scheduled to appear on the program of the Walther League Convention at Squaw Valley.

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If this is the case and you have an official opinion to this effect that can be purchased or reproduced in quantity for distribution purposes, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Thank you for any reply.

Sincerely yours,  
William Mey

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Sincerely yours  
William Key

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REC- 99

May 4, 1965

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Reverend George W. Mock  
Emmaus Lutheran Church  
Box 417  
Tripp, South Dakota

REC'D-READING ROOM  
FBI  
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Dear Mr. Mock:

Your letter of April 26th has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to be of further help in this instance but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy.

Concerning a source of information regarding the subject of your inquiry, you may wish to communicate with the Chairman, House Committee on Un-American Activities, Room 225, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Minneapolis Enclosure

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. Pete Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He has been on world tours. He is the subject of Bufile 100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter-C. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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*J. Edgar Hoover*

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GEORGE W. MOCK, PASTOR

"THANKS BE TO GOD, WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST." 2 COR. 15:57

TRIPP, SOUTH DAKOTA  
BOX 417 PHONE 3641

April 16, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

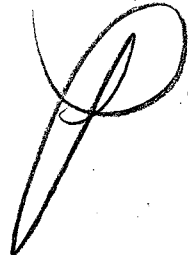
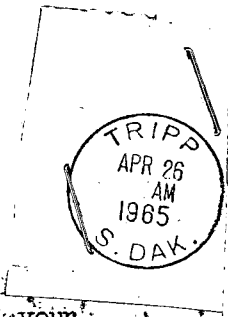
I believe that you keep a file of know members of the Communist party in your bureau. If it is possible, could you, at your earliest convenience, let me know if Pete Seeger, the folk-singer, is, or has been proved, a member. If so, is he still?

If you are unable to tell me, would you be able to direct me to some one who could?

With appreciation for any help you can give me on this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*George W. Mock*  
George W. Mock



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CORRESPONDENCE

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SAC, New York (100-83801)  
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Director, FBI (100-200845)  
(100-388654)

Personal Attention

- 1 - Miss Triplett
- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - Mr. Floyd
- 1 - Mr. Haack

**PETER SEEGER**  
**SECURITY MATTER - C**  
**HAROLD LEVENTHAL**  
**SECURITY MATTER - C**

Bureau Informant 200, a most sensitive and reliable source, advised that

subject, Seeger, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(individual or organization)

Box 431, Beacon, New York, \_\_\_\_\_ was  
(address)

in contact with Vladimir Pozner of Moscow, USSR, \_\_\_\_\_  
(individual or organization, address)

during February, 1965 \_\_\_\_\_  
(month, year)

The foregoing and the following INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM BUREAU INFORMANT 200 IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AND SHOULD NOT BE SET OUT IN ANY INVESTIGATIVE REPORT. INFORMATION FROM THIS INFORMANT SHOULD BE UTILIZED FOR LEAD PURPOSES ONLY AND ANY STATEMENT CONCERNING THE COVERAGE IN EFFECT IN THIS INSTANCE MUST BE AVOIDED. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE SUBJECT OR ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSON BECOME AWARE THAT WE HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONTACT.

According to the informant, the contact appeared to be of a personal and business nature having to do with folk music. During the contact Seeger mentioned that Leventhal would be visiting in Russia about 3/8/65 and that he, Seeger, hoped to see Pozner in Russia in September or October of 1965.

You are requested to verify the travel of Leventhal and submit a memorandum suitable for dissemination. You should set a tickler on the case on Seeger to open same on 9/1/65 to determine his travel plans and to likewise furnish the Bureau with a memorandum suitable for dissemination.

**NOTE:**

Seeger is in the Security Index. He is a prominent folk singer. Leventhal operates a personnel agency for entertainers in New York City. He was a CP member during the late 1940s. His name was removed from the SI in September, 1955. Information taken from Hunter Report Number 2214, Item 65E

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Mr. James Lapis  
Box 3542  
420 Memorial Drive  
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

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FBI

Dear Mr. Lapis:

Your letter of April 16th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Further, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you will understand the reasons for this policy and why I am unable to comment in the manner you have suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Boston - Enclosure

NOTE: Pete Seeger is the subject of Bufile 100-200845, a Security Matter-C investigation. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American activities and cited for contempt. He is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player and has been on world tours. There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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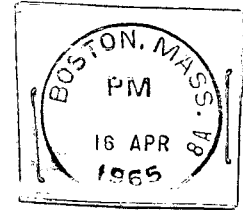
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M.I.T.  
Box 3542  
420 Memorial Drive  
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Being a neighbor and former pupil of Pete Seeger, I am concerned with the furor over his political activities. What is the evidence that he is a conscious agent of international communism?

I have been told that knowing him might be a blotch on my security record if I apply for a job in a defense industry. Is this true?

Yours Truly,

*James Lapis*  
James Lapis

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Miss Gandy	_____

**COPY**

April 5, 1965

Honorable Edwin E. Willis, Chairman  
House Committee on Un-American Activities  
Washington, D. C.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Honorable J. O. Eastland, Chairman  
Senate Internal Security Committee  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. James Wallace  
3110 1st Avenue, North  
(FBI Agent)  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Honorable Wm. C. Cramer  
MC/ House Office Bldg  
Washington, D. C.

Rev. Vaughn M. Johnson, Pastor  
Fifth Avenue Baptist Church  
5th Avenue and 6th Street, South  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dr. Charles M. Leaming, Director  
Faith Temple  
Box 22 (Open Air Station)  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Gentlemen:

In Re: National Folk Festival  
and Jim Gray, Manager of Conventions  
of Chamber of Commerce.

Early in January 1965, a number of local, Christian, Patriot Organizations and their leaders, (including myself) exercised our rights, by kindly advising the sponsoring Civic Organization, (the Local Chamber of Commerce) of the National Folk Festival, (to be held here April 7-9) that making use of known Rabid Reds, and Red-Fronters was not good sponsoring. In particular such characters as Pete Seeger (Acc. Performer) and Mrs. Burl Ives, as a member of the Folk Festival Board, rated by Mr. Myron C. Pagan, Director of Cinema Educational Guild, Hollywood, California, and copy of such rating was attached.

A series of protest letters was directed to their attention, before one single reply was received. Since that time, this writer has been subjected to almost all sorts of browbeat, insults, and my name has been mentioned by one Mr. Jim Gray, Manager of Conventions of the Chamber of Commerce. Recently, we were informed by a leader of a protest group, that the authorities had informed him that Pete Seeger would not be used. We were not informed direct. Now on this date

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Reds Used In The  
National Folk Festival #2.

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April 5, 1966, (The St. Petersburg Times) published an article giving details of the ending of the Folk Festival, under the heading: "A Great Heritage." and stated that 5 winners of the Folk Festival show, would be given cash awards as follows: 4 awards to go to winners of \$100.00 each, and 1 of \$100.00. First 4 to receive the Burl Ives Awards, and the 5th and last to receive the Volkm Lykes Award.

In Conclusion. In spite of all the information from Washington, D. C. and other places, that these performers were rated Reds and Red-Front Activists, it is plain to be seen that these sponsoring groups are going to give the Reds Within, in some form or fashion, the "fanfare" of a King or Queen, irrespective of the information furnished them that its not real patriotic to glorify the enemy, since this Nation is spending billions and multiplied billions in an effort to defeat the Godless Communist Within and Without.

I intend to make this matter known throughout this West Coast Area if its the last thing I do on this earth, so help me God.  
Weep Here?

cc/te Mailing Lists, and  
others that are worthy,  
File Red Collaboration  
Within, #33, www.

W. W. Webb, Director  
N. C. D. O. G. C. & F. (USA)  
Box 430, St. Petersburg, Florida  
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April 9, 1965

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EX-101  
Reverend Carl R. Lampitt  
St. Michael's Lutheran Church  
Rock City and Fourth Streets  
Little Valley, New York 14755

Dear Mr. Lampitt:

Your letter of April 6th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment on the individual about whom you inquired.

Enclosed is a list of organizations which have been designated as subversive by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450, together with other material on the general subject of communism prepared by the FBI.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, along with other material prepared by this Committee can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" lists groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies and can be purchased for seventy cents.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**Reverend Carl R. Lampitt**

**List of Subversive Organizations  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism  
Time of Testing  
Time for Decision**

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St. Michael's

# Lutheran Church

Rock City & Fourth Streets Little Valley, New York

Rev. Carl R. Lampitt  
207 Eighth Street

TELEPHONES  
Residence XF8-6149  
Office XF8-6811

April 6, 1965

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that a Pete Seeger is to address the young people of our Walther League-Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at their International Convention in Squaw Valley, California this summer. Rev. Paul C. Neipp, Editor of the newspaper "Through to Victory" accuses Mr. Seeger of being a Communist. I would appreciate the official FBI opinion on Mr. Seeger.

How can I obtain copies of the HCUA Reports?

The Lord be with you,

*Carl R. Lampitt*  
Carl R. Lampitt  
Pastor

St. Michael's  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

I received your letter of March 29th and want to thank you for your offer to be of assistance to this Bureau.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to be of help in this instance.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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I am 41 years of age, Do small wiring jobs,  
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If you think I can be of service to you  
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Truly yours,  
Leonard Smith

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Reverend O. H. Bertram  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
3934 Laskey Road  
Toledo, Ohio 43623

*Bertram*  
*FBI*

Dear Mr. Bertram:

I received your letter of March 31st,  
with enclosure, and certainly want to thank you for  
bringing this material to our attention. You may  
be assured it will be kept in strict confidence.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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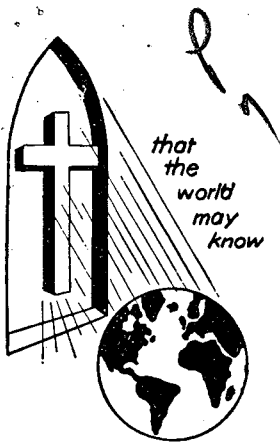
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March 31, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Being greatly concerned of Communists infiltrating in church organizations, I am perturbed about my own church's youth organization, "~~The~~ Walther League". The enclosed clipping from the Lutheran News regarding the appearance of Pete Seeger at the International Convention of this organization is another indication of consideration shown toward those who would defy our government. ohio

Two years ago the executives of the Walther League engaged Dick Gregory to speak for the convention, which was conducted in Washington, D. C. I was present at this convention and heard him use techniques which would cause "rumble" between the colored and white. This interview was also published in the Lutheran News recently. The address of the Lutheran News is Box #168, New Haven, Missouri, editor Herman Otten. The enclosed copy will also indicate the lack of respect which one of these executives has for the Word of God in reference to the Lord's Prayer. I cannot help but feel that it is a part of the program of communism with its attack upon Christianity.

I trust that the above is confidential.

Sincerely yours,

*O. H. Bertram*  
O. H. BERTRAM

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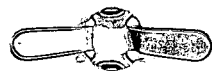
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# SPIRIT

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The following 2 sections are photographed from an article in the February, 1965 SPIRIT, Missouri Synod youth publication.

The 1965 international Walther League convention isn't too far off. Your reporter wanted to get all the facts. The person with all the answers is Paul A. Schreivogel of the Walther League staff, the man who serves as director of the convention.

Where is the 1965 international Walther League convention going to be held?

The location of the 70th international Walther League convention is Squaw Valley, Calif., in the High Sierra. Squaw Valley was the site of the winter Olympic Games in 1960. It is an area of majestic beauty. From the valley floor, peaks climb to the height of 3,000 feet. Squaw Valley is also adjacent to beautiful Lake Tahoe and famous Donner Pass.

What are the dates?

The convention is to be held Monday, July 5, through Friday, July 9, 1965. You will note that the dates are preceded and followed by a weekend. July 5, our opening day, is also a legal holiday; thus only four days are involved for those who might have a vacation problem. The two weekends allow adults and young people additional travel time.

Who are some of the outstanding entertainers or speakers?

At the time of this interview I hesitate to mention all our potential program participants. Only after we have received firm commitments from these people may we publicize their names. We do have some commitments from people who were involved in earlier conventions. Among them are Donald Busarow of Detroit, who did the excellent work of handling the music in Washington, D. C., and Profs. Paul Harms and Norman Habel, both of whom were also with us at Washington, D. C.

New faces will also be on view. I think the young people will be pleased with the quality of the finished program.

Can you at least give a hint of the featured person?

All right, you win. The first commitment we have received is for the appearance of Pete Seeger on the convention program. As you know, he is one of the world's best classical folk singers. Life magazine recently called him a "minstrel with a mission."

Ann Landers, noted news columnist and author, will also be at the convention.

That's all the program information you can get out of me now, but it should be enough to whet your appetite.

Will there be Bible study?

Yes, there will be Bible study. Such study is, of course, the key to the convention. In it God speaks to us through His Word and comes forth and shows His will to help and His power to act for us. Even now I can just picture the young people studying His Word in the magnificent setting of lakes and hills and skies that He Himself created.

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## Pete Seeger, Identified Communist, To Entertain at Walther League Convention

Southern California Leaguer, official organ of the Southern California District Walther League of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, carries this notice in its January 29, 1965, issue concerning the International Convention at Squaw Valley, California.

This year's convention will be very unique, highlighting the following features:

- An Exodus theme
- We'll have a "sit-in" with Israel and meet their God I AM. In a modern scene.
- We'll look at our own Pharaoh's and slavery, deliverance and freedom.
- With old faces
- Don Busarow, Norm Habel, Paul Harms — men with a yen for the Scriptures spoken in music and drama for the day.
- With new faces
- Ann Landers speaking to the call to be male and female.
- Folk singer PETE SEEGER providing a musical interlude.
- Paul Pfothenhauer and R. Z. Meyer reaching through to us in new forms of worship and Bible study.

### Who Is Pete Seeger?

An organization, known as "Citizens Committee of California, Inc." has given us the following information:

Seeger is a sort of hill-billy "proletariat" who picks up a guitar and sings what he calls "people's songs." A few years ago, Seeger and some others organized "People's Songs, Inc." A Communist testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (2/6/52) stated that the directors of the organization were "members of the Communist Party cell. . . ." At that time the House Committee's Counsel (Mr. Tavenner) identified "People's Songs" as "An organization which, according to its issues of February and March, 1947, was composed of a number of persons who have been called before this Committee or identified by this Committee as members of the Communist Party, and the purpose of which . . . was to extend services of the Communist Party in its entertainment projects." Seeger is the director of "People's Songs, Inc."

Dickson P. Hall, who operated within the Communist Party as an FBI undercover man, testified that the "Party has songs which are more or less traditional with people in struggle." They are used to animate and influence audiences. The Communists have long had a slogan "Art is a weapon" and have used musicians, writers, actors to serve their cause.

Pete Seeger was called before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (8/18/55) for interrogation about his affiliations. During the questioning he was asked whether or not he was a member of the Communist Party as of July 4, 1955, and when he refused to answer he was asked, "Are you a member of the Communist Party now?" Again he refused to answer the question (P. 2460 —HCUA Report, Aug. 18, 1955.)

Before the House Committee Seeger consistently refused responsive answers. He was asked if he put on his singing "concerts" to raise money for the Communist Party. He refused to answer. Other testimony has established that the Communists do promote certain "artists" and take a substantial slice of the receipts. This "People's Songs" project headed by Seeger has a long record of pro-Communist activity.

In its Annual Report of December 28, 1952, the House Committee on Un-American Activities said under its title "Communist Activities Among Youth Groups" that in entertainment, and the "folk song field" many of the songs "belong to the Communist-controlled 'People's Songs' which recently changed its name to 'People's Artists.'"

The records show that scores of announcements of Seeger's programs have appeared in the Daily Worker and other Communist papers over the years. The People's World (West Coast CP paper) on Feb. 8, 1959, carried a long article by old-time Communist writer Mike Gold titled "Paeon to Pete Seeger and American Music." He eulogized Seeger and described his dialectical-class singing technique. American Mercury magazine for July, 1959, says (p. 149) "Pete Seeger, Chattanooga guitarist-singer, who has taken part in Highlander Folk School activities, has been cited 66 times for subversive activities."

Out of what has been reported here, the question arises as to how Seeger who has been identified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as "the best known of all the Communist Party's entertainers," could be engaged to play and sing for our Walther Leaguers? Just who is on the committee that selected Pete Seeger for this program? We would be happy if someone could furnish us with this information.

### A Red Is A Red Is A Red

We must realize that we are at war with the communists. They know it for they started it. But many Americans treat these criminal conspirators as if they were reputable citizens of the U.S.A. Communists are Communists wherever they are! There is no such thing as a good Communist and a bad Communist. They all are the same for they all are taught and believe the same evil doctrines. There is no difference between a Soviet Communist, a Chinese Communist, a Viet Cong Communist, and an American Communist. They all are dedicated to the overthrow of all existing governments other than their own. World conquest is their goal. The destruction of all religions, especially the Christian religion, is an obsession with them.

Does anyone in his right mind believe for one moment that a Communist Youth Group would engage a true Christian Gospel singer to sing "Jesus Lover of My Soul" or "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" for any of their meetings? Or sing songs that would ridicule the Communist Party? Just so little should we condone the insanity of engaging an identified Communist to sing his brand of "folk songs" before our Christian young people. The Reds are no such fools. Why should we be?

If those responsible for putting Seeger on the Walther League Convention Program are allowed to get by with this, what will stop them from engaging Gus Hall, Frank Wilkinson, Herbert Aptheker, or some other identified Communist as keynote speaker for the next convention? And, judging by the way the Walther League official publication, Arena, has nose-dived from one of the finest, most conservative youth periodicals in the land with 70,000 paid subscribers under Dr. Walter A. Mayer, to a third-rate propaganda medium with less than 6,000 subscribers under the present editorial policy, it certainly can happen at one of the not too far distant conventions. —P.C.N.

## REGARDING FALSE DOCTRINE AND PERSECUTION IN ARENA

One of the most shocking statements ever made in any of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's official publications is that found in the January-February 1965 issue of Arena by the Rev. Wayne Saffen, Campus Pastor at the University of Chicago. On Page 14, in his article, "A Lutheran Looks at the Jews," he states:

"This latter implies a theological viewpoint with which many Christians would disagree, but which is emerging out of biblical studies. It is that it may be God's purpose to deal with the Jews as His chosen people in His own merciful way without requiring their conversion to Christianity while dealing with Gentiles in the Church. There is an unbiblical presumption in believing that Jews are 'lost' because they are not Christian. Rather than Jews joining the church it seems more biblical to say that Christians are incorporated in Israel, becoming the children of promise by grace and not by birthright."

### The Bible Calls This "Damnable Heresy"

Pastor Saffen states "that it may be God's purpose to deal with the Jews . . . without requiring conversion to Christianity." However, our Lord Jesus tells the unbelieving Jews in His day: "I said therefore unto you, ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). Again the Scriptures declare: "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:18, 36). Jesus further declares: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). "If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:6). "He that believeth and is baptized

shall be saved; but He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). And the prince of the Apostles, addressing the rulers and elders of Israel, categorically states: "Neither is there salvation in any other (than Jesus Christ, i.e.): for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). And John the Beloved adds: "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father" (1 John 2:22-23). And finally Peter comes right out and calls the denial of our Lord "damnable heresy." "There shall also be false teachers among you, who shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction" (2 Pet. 2:1).

These are crystal clear passages from the Bible showing that there are not two ways of salvation — one for the Jews and one for the Gentiles. With the kind of Bible interpretation now current among so-called modern "theologians," we can expect anything to "emerge out of biblical studies" with the exception of the truth.

Pastor Saffen further makes the unwarranted assumption that the present day apostate Jews represent the true Israel. St. Paul reminds us, "For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly . . . but he is a Jew which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God" (Rom. 2:28-29). "For we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus . . . and if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:26-29). What could be clearer than these passages of Holy Writ?

### "Our Damned Piety of Quietism"

Pastor Saffen also states on page 13: "Did it ever occur to Christians to ask forgiveness from those whom they have persecuted? — in the Name of Jesus Christ of all people! The whole blessed mess cannot all be laid on the shoulders of Hitler and so absolve the rest of us from our damned piety of quietism." When a person's arguments are miserably weak and helplessly anemic he sometimes resorts to cursing. We fear this is the case with "theologian" Saffen when he blames us Christians for what he calls "our damned piety of quietism."

I ask you, are we Christians to be blamed for the sins of godless men like Hitler? What Christian ever persecuted the Jews? Now, of course, if denouncing Jewish sins is "persecution" and "hatred," then, no doubt, all Christians are "guilty." Then Jesus Christ is most guilty. (Cf. Matt. 23: 13-39; Luke 11: 39-54).

The historical fact is that the Jews, especially the religious leaders, who would not accept Jesus Christ as their Messiah, are the ones who first persecuted the Christians. They instigated the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Jewish leaders stoned Stephen, the first Christian martyr (Acts 7). They instigated the persecution and stoning of St. Paul. (Cf. Acts 9:23-25; 14:1, 2, 19 etc.) However, no reference to this is made in Arena in any of the statements on persecution.

Besides, Hitler has been dead for some twenty years, and they are blaming Christians who were not even born at that time for what Hitler did. Jews today are not only the wealthiest people on earth, they have many top positions in governments all over the world. Their power, wealth and prestige is proportionately greater than that of any other people in the world. How could these people prosper if they are so persecuted?

Would it not be more appropriate and honest to talk about the quietism of Christians concerning the persecution of fellow Christians in Communist lands? It is estimated that one hundred million people are in slave labor camps in Communist lands today. It is further estimated that well over a hundred million have already been put to death by the Communists throughout the world since 1917. Isn't this something, rather, that should bestir a Christian before this holocaust also engulfs us? Our danger is not from Nazism. Nazism is a dead horse. Why continue to kick a dead horse? Our danger is from Communism — both internal and external. This is something the Reds know. Therefore, to divert our attention from the persecutions of Christians and non-Christians alike that are going on today, the Communists are forever playing up the persecutions under Hitler and playing down the greatest mass murders the world has ever witnessed under atheistic Communism. It would be just as idiotic to hold us Christians responsible for the slaughter of millions by the godless Reds today as it is to hold us Christians responsible for the persecution of the Jews by the godless Nazis two decades ago. —P.C.N.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT ARENA?

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing. If we sit on our hands and allow our youth to be contaminated by some of the material that appears in Arena, then we have no one to blame but ourselves. If we are so unconcerned about what is being fed to our youth through our publications, then we deserve to have them grow up so broad-minded that they become shallow, so doctrinally indifferent that they become easy prey to any false doctrine, so indifferent to the truth that they embrace error.

If you are really concerned but fail to pray and to act and to work for what is right, then are you not shirking your duty as a disciple of Christ? This writer is of the opinion that our clergy and our teachers and our laity in general are devout, conservative Christians. He is also of the opinion that those who present views similar to the ones expressed by the Rev. Wayne Saffen in Arena are in the minority. But such theologically false views will continue to be expressed in Arena unless those who stand for sound doctrine will rise up as an army and protect in no uncertain terms.

Let us bear in mind that Arena is the official organ of our Walther League and should have as its purpose the development of Christian manhood and womanhood. How important this is since the youth of our Church today will be the leaders of our Church tomorrow.

### Not a Pretty Picture

But Arena, under the editorship of the Rev. Alfred P. Klausner, has radically departed from the high principles and sound doctrine established by the founders of the Walther League Messenger (now Arena). No wonder that subscriptions to Arena have plummeted from 70,000 under Dr. Walter A. Mayer to less than 6,000 as of December 1964. This indicates the dissatisfaction of many of our clergy, youth counselors, parents, and young people with the present editorial policy.

The Synodical Convention will be held June 16-25 at Detroit, Michigan. There still is time to draw up a memorial or a petition to the Convention demanding that Alfred P. Klausner be removed as Editor of Arena. Such memorials may be drawn up by districts, circuit conferences, congregations, or individuals. They must be duly signed by communicant members or designated officers and sent to the President of our Synod, Dr. Oliver R. Harms, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102. You may solicit signatures from any communicant member of the Missouri Synod if you wish. The memorial or petition must be in the hands of the President by March 10 in order to be printed in the Book of Memorials. However, any memorial sent in up to 10 days before the Convention must be considered. If you wish, you may also send a copy or a notice of your memorial to Through to Victory. —P.C.N.

# Walther League Defends Seeger

The announcement that Pete Seeger, an identified Communist, is scheduled to appear at the 70th International Walther League Convention in Squaw Valley, California, this July, has stirred considerable opposition within The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The Executive Committee of a group of several hundred Missouri Synod Lutherans is petitioning the Missouri Synod's June, 1965, convention to request Walther League officials to prevent an identified Communist from appearing at the Lutheran youth convention in California.

Rev. Paul Neipp, the Missouri Synod editor of THROUGH TO VICTORY, urged Missouri Synod Lutherans in the March issue of his "Conservative Monthly Publication for Lutheran Laymen for Christ and Country" to send letters of protest to Dr. Oliver Harms, president of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Some pastors have already expressed their concern to Walther League officials. Dr. August Brustat, a recognized authority on communism, who has lectured on the subject in almost every state in this nation, wrote to the Rev. Elmer Witt, Executive Director of the Walther League:

### Request Cancellation

"I have been deeply concerned, upon reading the publicity issued in connection with the Walther League Convention at Squaw Valley, California, July 5-9, 1965.

"Two things particularly are objectionable to me.

"The first is the scheduling of Pete Seeger on the program. Years ago, we in Westchester County, New York, concerned about subversion, had to deal with the Pete Seeger problem. I am enclosing a copy of the April, 1961 Westchester SPOTLIGHT which presents the story succinctly. I would respectfully request the cancellation of his appearance before our impressionable youth at the forthcoming Convention.

"Secondly, just what is the ad-

Photographed from April 1961 WESTCHESTER SPOTLIGHT

1952 COMMUNIST MAY DAY PARADE



PETE SEEGER DISGRACING THE UNIFORM OF OUR COUNTRY

vertising poster to depict anyway? What does it mean? What is it to convey? Have we forgotten that our enemies also use art as a medium of confusion and subversion? This poster is to me a classic example of its use—whether done consciously or not.

"I write as one vitally interested in the church's youth, as one who has served for two terms as President of the Metropolitan District of the League, as its Membership Secretary, as well as in District Youth work.

"Please, as born again Christians, let's stop this playing into the hands of our enemies!

"I am sending a copy of this letter, which I consider open, to 'Through to Victory' and 'Lutheran News.'"

Very truly yours,

A. Brustat  
Pastor

We are reproducing below the first page of the April, 1961, Westchester SPOTLIGHT, which Dr. Brustat sent to the Executive Director of the Walther League. The picture above of Pete Seeger participating in the 1952 Communist May Day parade is also from this issue of THE

WESTCHESTER SPOTLIGHT.

On February 18 we wrote to director of the Walther League convention: "A man in your position is undoubtedly aware of Mr. Seeger's past record and the well publicized statements about him in various reports of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

"Have any officials of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod protested against your inviting Mr. Seeger to appear on the Walther League program? If Missouri Synod officials have protested, does the Walther League still intend to keep Mr. Seeger on the program?"

### Refuse to Heed Protests

The reply we received from the Walther League official is reproduced below. It appears as if Walther League officials will not withdraw their invitation to Pete Seeger. Two years ago these same officials refused to listen to the protests of Missouri Synod Lutherans who objected to the liberal theological views of some of the Walther League convention speakers. These youth officials know exactly what they are doing and in which direction they want to lead the youth of the Missouri

Synod. It now remains to be seen whether the top officials of the Missouri Synod will continue to give them a free hand in directing, or as some might say, "brainwashing" the youth of their church.

### No Communist

The Walther League official, who answered us, says that "Before Pete Seeger was scheduled to appear, we found that he does indeed speak from a background of integrity and has an important and timely message to the Church and young people. We have also found that he is not and never has been a communist. His own testimony states, 'I have never in my life said, or supported, or sung anything subversive of my country.'"

We ask our readers to compare these statements with the various pages we photographically reproduced from reports of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in the February 22 LUTHERAN NEWS. Extra copies of the February 22 LUTHERAN NEWS are available without charge.

If Pete Seeger is not or has never been a communist, then why does he not make this statement under oath when testifying before a responsible committee of the United States government?

If Walther League officials have reliable evidence to discredit the sworn testimony presented to the HCUA and evidence to prove that Pete Seeger is not a communist, we suggest they present this evidence to the House Committee on American Activities, the committee which has repeatedly stated that Seeger has been identified as "a member of the Communist party."

We have checked with a number of leading anti-communist research directors to make certain our reports on Pete Seeger were accurate. Pete Seeger was found guilty of contempt of Congress in 1961, but this conviction was reversed because the appeals court held the indictment to be "defective because it failed to define properly the authority of the subcommittee to conduct hearings." Because of this technicality, Seeger was freed of the

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contempt indictment and one year prison sentence.

### An Explosive Issue

According to testimony of Harvey M. Matusow in February, 1952, he joined People's Songs in September, 1947, and found a communist cell in it at the time Seeger was an officer of the organization (House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings, February 6 and 7, 1952, p. 3286.) Mr. Matusow identified Seeger as a member of the Communist Party (same testimony p. 3297). At this hearing the HCUA counsel, Frank Tavenner, identified "People's Songs" as—"An organization which, according to its issues of February and March, 1947, was composed of a number of persons who have been called before this Committee or identified by this Committee as members of the Communist Party, and the purpose of which...was to extend services of the Communist Party in its entertainment projects."

The 1962 Annual Report of the HCUA, p. 27, states: "On April 24, 1962, THE WORKER (Communist Party newspaper) announced a 'Folk and Jazz Concert' to raise funds for the USFC (United States Festival Committee). Identified Communist Party member Peter Seeger was listed among persons scheduled to perform."

If top Missouri Synod officials do not act to stop the liberal officials in charge of the Missouri Synod's youth, the Walther League's invitation to an identified communist could prove to be one of the most explosive issues before the Missouri Synod's 1965 convention.

Conservative leaders of other denominations have already commented on the invitation to Pete Seeger. Dr. G. Archer Weniger wrote in the March 2 BLU-PRINT: "Who would ever think that the most 'conservative' of the large Lutheran bodies would schedule an atheist for the international convention of the Walther League July 5-9, 1965 at Squaw Valley, California...Since

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## Walther League

AN ASSOCIATION  
OF LUTHERAN YOUNG PEOPLE



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March 1, 1965

Mr. Herman Otten  
New Haven  
Missouri

Dear Mr. Otten:

Letters are coming in following the radio broadcast and circular which have accused the Walther League of scheduling a "known communist" to appear at its International Convention in Squaw Valley, California, this summer. Most letters were written by concerned and honest Christian laymen and pastors. We welcome this type of concern for the Christian youth ministry.

May I first say that the International Walther League does indeed check into the background of all persons appearing on its Convention programs. Young people who will gather at Squaw Valley deserve to hear persons qualified to speak from a background of integrity and who have a mission and a message to relate.

Before Pete Seeger was scheduled to appear, we found that he does indeed speak from a background of integrity and has an important and timely message to the Church and its young people. We have also found that he is not and never has been a communist. His own testimony states, "I have never in my life said, or supported, or sung anything in anyway subversive of my country."

We are pleased with the many people who have "put the most charitable construction" upon the acts of the accused. We praise those of you who are driven by Christian conscience to take these minimal steps: begin by assuming the innocence of the accused; seek to determine how the person himself answers to the charge; test the documentation of the accusations; request information from others who should be in a position to know something about the circumstances which produced the personal attack.

To help you in your concern, we are assembling information to answer in detail all questions which have been asked about Pete Seeger and the reasons for his selection to appear on the Squaw Valley Convention program. This information will be shared with you to assist you in your personal ministry to defend this man who has been slandered and to support the ministry of the Walther League Staff and Board. I trust your study of this material will assist us in the mission of the Church, that of being careful servants of His Word, and showing love and wisdom as He gives it for our dealings with fellow people of God.

In the joy of our living Lord,

Paul A. Schreivoegel  
Paul A. Schreivoegel  
Associate Director—Convention Chairman



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### WILL CONVICTED PETE SEEGER ORGANIZE A PRISON QUARTET?



ENTERTAINS RALLY—Peter Seeger, folk singer who was found guilty last Wednesday of contempt of Congress, leading group in "Roll On," a song about the dangers of nuclear warfare.

N. Y. Herald Tribune  
April 2, 1961

The law caught up with Pete Seeger, notorious Party-line singer not of the "blues" but of the "reds." Seeger, who resides in Beacon, N. Y., has long been a darling of Westchester left-wingers and pseudo-liberals. Our committee over the years has sought to educate school authorities, newspapers and other groups regarding his background and record, as well as regarding The Weavers, a quartet he organized. (See our November, 1958, and November, 1959, issues.) It took a jury of twelve Americans only one hour and twenty minutes to find Pete Seeger guilty on all ten counts of an indictment charging him with contempt of Congress.

Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy sentenced Seeger to one year in jail and asked the singer once again if he was then, or ever had been, a member of the Communist Party. Seeger once again declined to answer. In line with the Red objective of degrading and debasing everything, particularly the dignity of any court, Seeger brought his banjo into the courtroom and asked Judge Murphy if he could sing a song "which I think is apropos." Judge Murphy refused the request. Assistant U.S. Attorney Irving Younger told the court that Mr. Seeger had, between 1942 and 1945, "appeared at twenty-four separate events sponsored by organizations which may be described as subversive." Mr. Younger also said that the singer had been identified as a Communist Party member in 1949. Pete Seeger appeared before the U. S. House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1955 and refused to answer questions concerning Communist Party activities and membership. He had been an incorporator and director of the Party's early cultural front, People's Songs of which a 1948 California Senate report stated: "Needless to say all of the productions of People's Songs, Inc. follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization."

In the picture at the left, Pete Seeger is shown, just a few days after his conviction, entertaining (we believe "inciting" would be a more accurate description) the "peace marchers" holding a rally at the United Nations under the auspices of the radical-pacifist National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy. The

# Book Reviews

## IN GOD IS OUR HELP

IN GOD IS OUR HELP by Paul C. Neipp. Order from the author, 731 North Sanders Ave., Ridgecrest, Calif. Single copy 50¢, 3 for \$1.00. Reduced prices in quantity. 50 pages.

The capable editor of the forceful anti-Communist monthly publication THROUGH TO VICTORY recognizes the spiritual nature of our current battle with the forces of evil for the minds of men. He recognizes that the matter is ultimately in the hands of God. But, he also recognizes the urgency of earnest prayer by all of the Lord's people in behalf of our Country, our Christianity, our Church, our children, our freedoms and liberties. To assist the Christian in this vital matter and to direct our prayer-thoughts he has prepared this excellent volume of 32 prayers with brief resumes on the question: HOW to pray.

The petitions are clear, concise, and direct, beseeching the Almighty for deliverance from political foes and religious charlatans. They contain urgent calls to penitence, faith and courage. If millions of individual Christians throughout the land would follow the suggestion and pray daily, and if these prayers were extensively used in our homes, churches, schools and meetings, showers of spiritual blessing would descend upon our troubled world from on High, and we confidently believe that the tide in this warfare would turn in favor of Truth and Justice and Righteousness.

Buy this precious little volume and use it.

August W. Brustat

## THE FABRIC OF TERROR

THE FABRIC OF TERROR, by Bernardo Teixeira, introduction by Robert Ruark; Afterword by James Burnham, published by The Devin-Adair Company, 23 East 26th Street, New York, 19-65, 176 pages, \$4.95.

In this book Bernardo Teixeira from eye witness accounts tells what happened during three days of terror in March, 1961, in Angola, West Africa.

The rapes and tortures and robberies and obscenities and arsons committed by Communist backed terrorists on March 15, 1961 in Angola were worse than all the combined atrocities of the Portugese in 500 years of civilization.

Holden Roberto, who in 1959 was welcomed by several UN delegations, the State Department, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, led the terrorist organization which claimed credit for the almost unbelievable massacres described in THE FABRIC OF TERROR.

James Burnham, one of the

editors of NATIONAL REVIEW, writes in his Afterword to this book: "Holden Roberto and his advisers do not believe, however, and have probably never believed that armed struggle is their main road to victory. They agree with the judgment of their admirer and volunteer propagandist, Clifford Parsons, former Baptist missionary in Angola, that 'militarily, it must appear as though the nationalists have little chance of success.' Their primary reliance is on political warfare conducted not in Angola itself but in the world arena; in the many outlets of the world press open to their propaganda, in the Afro-Asian bloc and the United Nations, and in the chancelleries of those many nations judging, for one or another reason, that they have something to gain by sailing with the African wind. The campaign of the revolutionaries has therefore been conducted principally in these terms, and on the political warfare front has won impressive victories, as the votes in the UN bodies and the anti-Portugese bias of most of the press demonstrate.

"Not the least of the propaganda victories has been the concealment of the events of March 15, 1961. And even today, some readers of this book will wonder: Can these horrors that Bernardo Teixeira recounts really be true? Can they possibly be true? Is it conceivable that human beings actually ran other humans through rotary saws and played football with the hacked off limbs of babies? Is not just much of this fiction invented by the Portugese?"

"Alas for mankind, not only are these things true, but these things are not the worse of what Holden Roberto's squads did and have done; of some things it is simply not possible to write. A very brief study of the evidence removes any rational doubt."

Churchmen, who have swallowed the propaganda that the uprisings in Angola were merely native "freedom fighters," should read this volume and become better informed.

## HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG AND HIS WORLD OF TOMORROW

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG AND HIS WORLD TOMORROW, by Noel Smith, 1964, published by the Baptist Bible Tribune, Springfield, Missouri, 61 pages, Paper, \$1.00.

Millions today are being misled by cultic leaders who reject historic Christianity. Noel Smith, editor of the Bible Baptist Tribune, un.masks one of these anti-Christian cultic leaders in this brochure.

Herbert W. Armstrong's WORLD TOMORROW broadcast claims: "Twenty-two million

## Only Way To Heaven

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Hector, Scipio, and Hercules will enjoy the eternal bliss in Paradise with Peter and Paul and the other saints. He thereby publicly declares that faith and Christianity mean nothing. For if Scipio and Numa Pompilius, who were idolators, have been saved, what need was there for Christ to suffer and die? Or why should it be necessary that the Christian should be baptized or that Christ be preached and men directed to go to Him?...The Enthusiasts know nothing of the Christian faith and teach and believe exactly what has been taught in popedom viz.: If a man does what lies in his power, he will thereby be saved." (SAEMMTLICHE SCHRIFTEN, II, 1828)

"Tell me you who are a Christian, what need is there of Baptism, the Sacrament, Christ, the Gospel, the Prophets, and Holy Scripture if such wicked heathen, Socrates, Aristides...Scipio, the Epicurean, are holy and blessed, are with the Patriarchs, the Prophets, and Apostles in heaven, though they knew nothing of God, Scripture, Gospel, Christ, Baptism, Sacrament, or of the Christian faith." (XV, 1767, See Theodore Engelder, "Some remarks on the Question of the Salvation of the Heathen," CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL MONTHLY, December, 1945).

"I say that the heathen cannot be saved in any other way than through the Word of Christ" (Ibid, II, 1830).

WHEREAS, It has been announced that the major emphasis of the 1965 convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will be upon missions; and

**The New Missionary**  
WHEREAS, Some missionaries and theologians no longer believe that Christ is the only way to heaven and publicly state that heathen who die without Christ are not eternally damned;

1. "The person going into the world today to bring man and God together through Christianity is new enough to wear a new name. The old and misguided concepts of 'the missionary' no longer apply to the new witness for the Christ-of-the-world...The new missionary never thinks of Christianity as the only way to God" (ZIONS HERALD, New England Methodist Monthly, February, 1958).

2. "...Why should Christians send missionaries to people who already have a religion of their own?"

"That question troubles many Episcopalians today. It comes up in nearly every discussion of mission work overseas. It certainly isn't 'stupid.' Many of the world's leading theologians regard it as the most profound question confronting Christians in the modern world.

"To answer it, one has to make a choice among three different attitudes toward non-Christian religions. "One attitude is called 'exclusivism.' It was widely held in all Christian bodies, including our own Church, during the nineteenth century. Today it appears to have relatively few adherents among Episcopalians, but it continues to be the official doctrine of many evangelical or fundamentalist Protestant groups.

"Exclusivists believe that no man can be saved except through conscious faith in Jesus Christ. They recognize no real values in other religions, and they are convinced that all non-Christians are going to hell, however hard these nonbelievers may try to live uprightly by their own lights... "However effective this attitude may be in stimulating ardent missionary effort, it has become deeply repellant to many Christians. They feel it is arrogant to claim that Christians have a monopoly on salvation." (Louis Cassels, "Why Do We Have Missionaries?" THE EPISCOPALIAN, October, 1961).

3. Reporting on the New Delhi Assembly of the World Council of Churches, CHRISTIANITY TODAY noted: "Anxiety ran as deep as approval. A fluid, ambiguous concept of authority (despite the WCC Basis) overarched the proceedings. The gap between Christianity and non-Christian religions was frequently underestimated, despite affirmation of the Gospel's uniqueness; spokesmen like Dr. Joseph Sittler Lutheran refused to declare unambiguously that salvation is impossible outside Jesus Christ" (December 22, 1961).

**Various Faiths—Same God**  
4. On June 19, 1955 Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, Director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches and a Lutheran theologian, presided over "A FESTIVAL OF FAITH--A Service of Prayer for Peace and Divine Guidance to the United Nations." He introduced the re-

people hear this dynamic Message every week, on every inhabited continent of the earth. And today, just as 1900 years ago, multitudes are ASTONISHED at His doctrine, and say: "No man ever spoke like this!" It is as shockingly different today as it was then." (THE INSIDE STORY OF THE WORLD TOMORROW BROADCAST)

The January, 1965, issue of Armstrong's PLAIN TRUTH magazine reports a circulation of 545,000. German and French editions are published in London. The first edition of GOD SPEAKS OUT ON 'THE NEW MORALITY' (324 pages), just published by Armstrong's own Ambassador College Press, states that 250,000 copies were printed and that the book "is given FREE, as a Ministry of Love, by THE PLAIN TRUTH magazine in conjunction with the Graduate School of Theology, Ambassador College."

Herbert Armstrong is founder and chancellor of three Ambassador Colleges: one in Pasadena, California, one in England, and one is now under construction in Big Sandy, Texas.

The four chapters in Noel Smith's brochure on HERBERT ARMSTRONG are: I. Who He Is and What He Does. II. What He Teaches and Preaches. III. His British Israelism. IV. His Christ and His Gospel.

**The Only Authentic Voice**  
Smith states in his introduction: "I have tried to handle as gently as possible a man who claims that no authentic voice of Christianity was heard on this earth from the time that Titus destroyed Jerusalem and its Temple in A.D., 70, until the first week of January, 1934--when Herbert Armstrong suddenly appeared on the scene. Obviously Mr. Armstrong considers himself the only authentic voice of Christianity on earth today.

"The gentleman has fared much better at my hands than he would fare at the hands of Peter, John, and Paul. If they were here, they would clobber him mercilessly."

Smith quotes Armstrong at some length and clearly demonstrates that Armstrong's Christ is not the Christ of Holy Scripture and Historic Christianity. Armstrong's Christ is not the God-Man who gave His life as a vicarious satisfaction for the sins of all men. Armstrong, like all other anti-Christian cultic leaders, rejects the central saving truth that man is justified by faith alone.

History has witnessed an almost endless number of such false leaders who pose as true prophets of God's truth. They come and go but it is unfortunate that so many are misled by the soul-destroying doctrines of these false prophets.

We recommend Noel Smith's brochure for all those who are seeking a Christian answer to Herbert W. Armstrong and his WORLD TOMORROW.

representatives of the various faiths; Moslem, Jewish, "Christian", Buddhist, Hindu, and Confucian, as they offered their prayers for peace in this worship service. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OUTLOOK, official organ of the National Council of Churches, pictured this Lutheran official with these various religious leaders in prayerful meditation and said: "They called God by different names--speaking to Him in different tongues, but the dream for peace in their heart was the same" (NATIONAL COUNCIL OUTLOOK, September, 1955).

5. Writing in the April, 1958 issue of the Journal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Reinhold Niebuhr, a United Church of Christ professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York, charged that Christian missionary work to convert the Jews is both "futile and wrong." According to Niebuhr, the Jew can "find God more easily in terms of his own religious heritage" than by submitting himself to the "hazards" of Christianity. (THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY, April 30, 1958).

**The Travesty of Conversion**  
6. A Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod clergyman has written: "At the University of Chicago the most respected and most dearly beloved clergyman was Rabbi Maurice Pekarski. All the chaplains established their credentials by making a point publicly how much they like him and saying that he was 'near' or in the Kingdom of God, as established by Christian Kingdom boundary markers..." "More than that, we had an almost vested interest in acknowledging his integrity as a Jew and the last thing that any of us would have done would have been to try the travesty of conversion.

"The latter implies a theological viewpoint with which many Christians would disagree, but which is emerging out of biblical studies. It is that it may be God's purpose to deal with Jews as his chosen people in his own merciful way without requiring their conversion to Christianity while dealing with Gentiles in the Church. There is an unbiblical presumption in believing that Jews are 'lost' because they are not Christian" (Wayne Saffen, ARENA, January-February, 1965).

7. Some Missouri Synod theologians, who have been participating in a series of dialogues with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in St. Louis, have refused to declare that the Holy Trinity is the only God who exists and that all those who die without a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ are lost in eternal destruction; therefore

Be it resolved, that the 1965 convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod declare that all Missouri Synod pastors and professors must teach that Christ is the only Way to heaven and that the heathen who die without Christ are eternally damned; and be it further

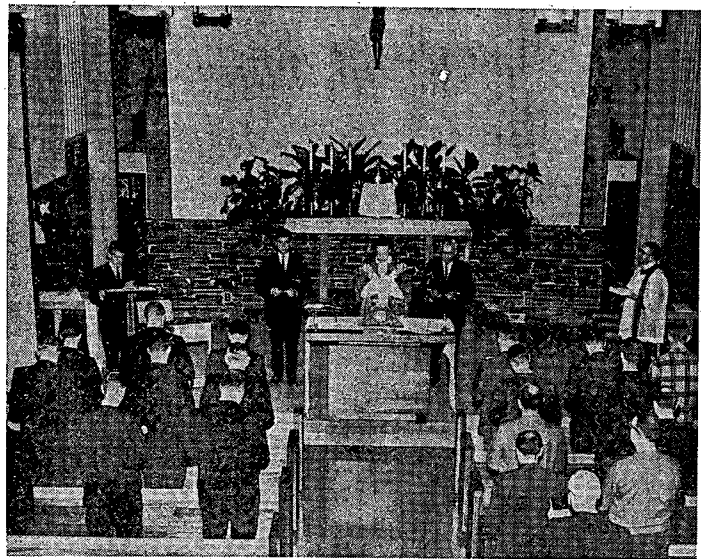
Resolved, that this be clearly stated under Article VIII of the Bylaws of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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Twenty-eight Lutheran and Catholic laymen from the Puget Sound area recite the Nicene Creed during a Mass highlighting the first interreligious retreat held in the Seattle-Tacoma area. The Lutherans joined in the retreat at the invitation of Father Francis Coony, C.S.S.R., director of Palisades Retreat House between Seattle and Tacoma. The group engaged in periods of absolute silence, privately and together, in prayer and meditation, and joined in informal discussions which were followed by summaries by a leader from each group. (RNS Photo)

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# A Challenge to Lutheran Youth Officials

We continue to receive inquiries regarding the appearance of Pete Seeger, who has been repeatedly identified by government witnesses as a Communist (see LUTHERAN NEWS, February 22, for documentation), at the July, 1965, international convention of the Missouri Synod's Walther League.

To the best of our knowledge this invitation has not yet been withdrawn. Mr. Paul A. Schreivogel, a Walther League official, wrote us on March 1: "Before Pete Seeger was scheduled to appear, we found that he does indeed speak from a background of integrity and has an important and timely message to the Church and its young people. We have also found that he is not and never has been a communist. His own testimony states, 'I have never in my life said, or supported, or sung anything in anyway subversive of my country.'"

We have asked the Missouri Synod's Praesidium to let us know if it intends to ask the officials of the Walther League to withdraw their invitation to an "identified Communist."

While liberal youth officials of various major protestant denominations in this country have been regularly inviting liberal speakers, who reject the fundamental doctrines of historic Christianity, to appear at youth conventions, it appears as if the officials of the Missouri Synod's Walther League are trying to go one step further. Even pastors of other denominations are asking: "Who would ever think that the most 'conservative' of the large Lutheran bodies would schedule an atheist for the international convention of the Walther League July 5-9, 1965 at Squaw Valley" (BLU-PRINT, March 2, 1965).

Some good may come out of this invitation to Pete Seeger. Perhaps enough Missouri Synod Lutherans will demand an official evaluation of the entire Walther League program and its publications.

## Han Lilje

Four years ago Walther League officials invited Bishop Hans Lilje to address the International Walther League at Moorhead, Minnesota. Dr. Martin Scharlemann was also a guest speaker at this youth convention in 1961. Bishop Lilje has publicly defended the radical anti-Christian views of Rudolf Bultmann.

Dr. Scharlemann contends that there are errors of fact in the Bible.

Mr. Dick Gregory and Dr. John Gergely were invited to speak at the last Walther League convention in Washington, D.C. two years ago.

On page 7 we are reprinting several reports on this convention. The quotations are taken from a recording made at the convention. On this page we are reproducing "The Lord's Prayer" by the Walther League official who is chairman of the 1965 Walther League convention. The WORKER'S QUARTERLY is an official Walther League publication.

The October, 1964, Walther League WORKER'S QUARTERLY also contains an article by Prof. Norman Habel another scheduled speaker at the 1965 Walther League convention. Prof. Habel rejects the Mosaic authorship of the first five books of the Bible and does not believe it is false doctrine to deny the historicity of the Jonah. In the October, 1964, WORKER'S QUARTERLY Prof. Habel makes it clear that he does not accept the direct messianic interpretation of Isaiah 7:14. He has one of the actors in his "The Visit of God"—"A Simple Christmas Portrait based upon Psalm 8" declare that a girl whom Isaiah knows will bear a child.

According to Dr. Habel's modernistic view, the "girl" in Isaiah 7:14 is not the Virgin Mary and the "child" is not the Lord Jesus. The "child" of Isaiah 7:14 is only "A living sign of the Immanuel of Bethlehem." Articles in the December 14 and 28, 1964 LUTHERAN NEWS presented solid Biblical evidence supporting the direct Messianic interpretation of Isaiah 7:14 which has always been maintained by historic Christianity.

## Dialogs or Debates?

If Walther League officials are going to insist that Pete Seeger appear on their convention program, then we would suggest to these advocates of "academic freedom" that they also invite an intelligent anti-communist such as Dr. Fred Schwarz or Herbert Philbrick, or Rev. Paul Neipp, to appear in a nice friendly "dialog" with Pete Seeger. We believe such a "dialog" would have great value for our youth.

Furthermore, if Walther League officials are going to con-

tinue inviting liberal theologians as guest speakers and entertainers, then we would also suggest that in all fairness these officials invite a competent Bible believing scholar to engage in a "dialog" (we'll use this word since liberals don't like the word "debate") with these liberal theologians on some of the vital doctrinal and practical issues confronting all of Christendom.

Frankly we doubt whether ALC, LCA, and LCMC youth officials would dare expose Lutheran youth to such dialogs. Too many youth might begin to realize just how scripturally and intellectually shallow the views of their liberal youth leaders really are.

How about it Lutheran youth directors? Would you dare invite a leading anti-Communist, such as Fred Schwarz, and a recognized conservative theologian such as Dr. Siegbert Becker, Dr. William Beck, or Dr. Robert Preus to appear on your program? Since you had Hans Lilje from Germany you might consider Kurt Marquart from Australia when you plan your next convention.

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### The Lord's Prayer

By Paul Schreivogel

#### OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

ruler  
of guys and gals,  
of six days—or—six sons  
of bicycles built for two  
and rods built for speed,  
of coles and gossip  
and sex and . . . me

#### HALLOWED BE THY NAME

even when it's tough at  
home,  
school,  
church,  
while praying,  
or cursing,  
or necking

#### THY KINGDOM COME

for real,  
now,  
today,  
please!

#### THY WILL BE DONE

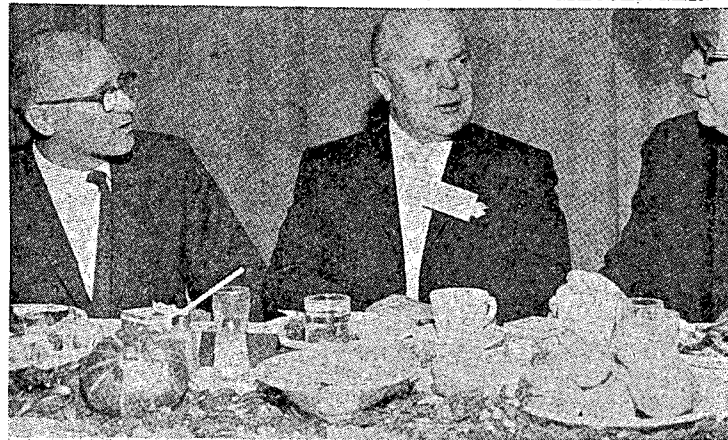
with power,  
as I was told you have,  
with might,  
as I know you have,  
with love,  
O God, why is there so much hate?

#### ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

we will see you on the last day,  
help us to see you now,  
in the one next to me,  
in my next date,  
in the cool,  
and in the cold

#### GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

You give us bread—  
solid bread  
liquid wine  
solid and liquid fuel  
for orbiting lives



600 YOUNG Adults jammed Fargo's civic auditorium banquet room Tuesday night to hear Dr. Martin H. Scharlemann, right, speaking here with the Rev. Elmer N. Witt, left, Walther League Executive Director, and Bishop Hans Lilje of Hanover.



Rev. Karl Lutze of the Lutheran Human Relations Association of America and comedian Dick Gregory engage in a discussion on civil right at the Walther League's 1962 convention in Washington, D. C.

#### AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES

we goofed,  
with friends,  
we're afraid,  
phonies,  
want to be IN  
and are so often OUT

#### AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

the tired parent,  
the keyed-up coach,  
the brainy gal  
the braunny guy  
the creepy date  
the lonely crowd

#### AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

to gripe—rather than like  
to "me"—rather than "he"  
to mask—rather than face  
to sex—rather than love

#### BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

You know the traps I mean

#### FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM

now,  
five minutes from now,  
always

#### AND THE POWER

to excite,  
to move,  
to wake,  
to worship

#### AND THE GLORY

in earth and space  
and church and world  
in young and old  
and white and colored

#### FOR EVER AND EVER

what else is there to say but . . .

#### AMEN

that's for sure.

# Overhaul of Gospel Concept Heads for Clash

By LOUIS CASSELS

United Press International

Protestantism is heading into the sharpest theological controversy since the fundamentalist-modernist clash of the 1920s.



BISHOP PIKE

The issue is whether the Christian message needs to be radically recast to make it plausible to modern man.

Among those calling for drastic overhaul of the conceptual package in which the gospel is presented are theologians Rudolf Buttmann in Germany and Paul Tillich in the United States.

Their views have been given wide circulation by English Bishop John A. T. Robinson in his book, "Honest To God," and Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike of California in his book, "A Time for Christian Candor."

Robinson contends that many educated people today reject Christianity "because they cannot accept certain traditional beliefs which were really the envelope in which the message was sent, rather than the message itself."

Pike agrees. "The most formidable roadblock to understanding and acceptance of Christianity," he says, "has been erected by the church itself in its refusal to abandon concepts, words, images and myths developed in past centuries when men were operating under different world-views and different philosophical structures."

The solution, says the California bishop, is to "rethink and restate the unchanging gospel in terms which are relevant to our day and meaningful to the people we would have hear it."

Few theologians or church leaders would argue with that objective. The point in dispute is how far the church can go in "restat-

ing" the gospel before it finds itself offering something besides authentic Christianity.

This concern was forcibly stated by the new presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, in his inaugural sermon at Washington Cathedral on Jan. 27.

"Let us be certain of one thing," he said. "A recasting of the message means relevant reinterpretation of God's self-revelation and NOT the substitution of something different. No matter how critical the problem of communicating with 'modern man,' the church must not dilute her God-revealed tradition."

The Buttmann-Tillich-Robinson-Pike school is not in agreement on which parts of the New Testament are to be retained as "kernel" and which may be jettisoned as out-of-date "husk."

But there is a tacit understanding among most of the re-interpreters that any Biblical account of a physical miracle must automatically be labeled mythical. Even the supreme miracle which gave birth to the church—the resurrection—is regarded as a subjective experience of the disciples rather than an objective historical event.

There also is a general tendency to move away from the concept of personal God toward more abstract and impersonal terminology, such as Tillich's "Ground of Being."

The "new theology" remains Christian at least in the sense of asserting that God or "the ground of being" is revealed to men uniquely and supremely in the life of Jesus Christ. But this belief is often expressed in

language which suggests that Jesus was a man Who was so good and unselfish that God's love shone through His humanity, rather than in Biblical terms of the Word of God becoming flesh and dwelling among men.



BISHOP HINES

March 24, 1965

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EX-103

Reverend ~~Elonzo E. Belveal~~  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Terril, Iowa 51364

Dear Mr. Belveal:

Your letter of March 18th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the individual about whom you inquired.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)  
Time of Testing  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism  
Counterintelligence Activities  
Communism--The Incredible Swindle

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# Immanuel Lutheran Church

MISSOURI SYNOD

TERRIL, IOWA 51364

E. E. Belveal, Pastor

CHURCH PHONE: 853-2556  
PARSONAGE PHONE: 853-2551

March 18, 1965

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We would like some information about a folk singer named Pete Seeger.  
Is there any evidence that this man is a Communist or connected  
with any communist group?

Pete Seeger has been scheduled to appear on the program of our  
Walther League convention, our church's youth organization, this  
coming July. My fellow pastors in this circuit and I are deeply  
concerned about reports that this man is a Communist. If he is,  
we would appreciate any information you could provide us.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

*Elonzo E. Belveal*

Elonzo E. Belveal, pastor  
Terril, Iowa, 51364

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CORRESPONDENCE

March 23, 1965

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EX-101

Miss Myrtle M. Leimer  
367A Burchett Street  
Glendale, California 91203

Dear Miss Leimer:

Your letter of March 16th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this policy, no representative of the FBI made any statement along the lines of that about which you inquired. Further, I know you will understand why I cannot make any comment concerning the individual to whom you referred.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)  
The Story of the FBI  
The FBI: The Protector of Civil Liberties  
Protecting the Innocent--Law Enforcement's Sacred Task  
The Confidential Nature of FBI Reports

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367A Burchett St.  
Glendale Calif 91203  
March 16, 1965

FBI  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

When someone is accused of being a "card carrying communist" & the F.B.I is used as the source, how does one go about verifying this?

I am concerned lest an innocent man be slandered and at being able to ascertain the facts. Responsible documentation is hard to get--How does one obtain it?

The individual in question is the folk singer Pete Seeger. It has been stated that the "FBI stated that he is now a card-carrying communist" Is this true?

Sincerely

Myrtle M. Leimer

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7 Myrtle M. Seimer

CORRESPONDENCE

March 19, 1965

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EX-117

Mrs. Wilbur F. Goecker  
Route 2, Box 85  
Clarinda, Iowa 51632

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Dear Mrs. Goecker:

Your letter of March 15th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. In addition, I am unable to direct you to a source from which you can obtain the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Pete Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He has been on world tours. He is a subject of Bufile 100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter - C. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt. Robert Ronstadt was a former paid security informant from December, 1949 until August, 1954. His services were satisfactory and he was discontinued at his own request. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials: Key, J. Edgar Hoover, S/a, Lem, JAW]*

15 March 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I. Offices  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am seeking information on a Pete Seeger, folk singer, and supposedly a known communist.

Since my daughter belongs to an organization that plans to have this man at their National Convention, I would like to get all available information as soon as possible.

A report to the committee on Un-American Activities of October 10, 1962 by Robert Ronstadt is one of the sources mentioned for this accusation.

If you cannot give me this information, will you please tell me how I may find out about this. I do not want my teenager or her friends associating with communists. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Informant*

REC-3

Mrs. Wilbur E. Goecker  
RR#2, Box 85  
Clarinda, Iowa

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CLARINDA, IOWA 51632

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SAC, Miami (100-14920)

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Director, FBI (100-200845) -134  
(100-443490)

1 - Mr. Haack  
1 - Mr. Kitchens

PETER SEEGER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOAN BAEZ  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet 3/16/65 captioned "Peter Seeger, Security Matter - C, and Joan Baez, Security Matter - C."

For your information, Peter Seeger is on the Security Index of the New York Office. Any pertinent information coming to your attention concerning him should be furnished to New York.

Enclosed herewith for your information is a copy of a memorandum concerning Joan Baez dated 7/26/63, and a copy of Milwaukee letter dated 6/18/63 captioned "Committee to Aid the Bloomington Students, Internal Security - SWP," together with a copy of its enclosure. For your information, no investigation has been conducted on Joan Baez.

Enclosures - 3  
NOTE:

Miami advised that Seeger and Baez, both nationally known folk singers, are booked for concert appearances at the Dade County Auditorium. A Dade County official requested information from Miami Office on Seeger, and was advised in a courteous manner that information in our files is confidential; However, there was public information available concerning him. Miami stated its files contained no information on Baez, and requested background data for informational purposes. Attached is a copy of a summary prepared on her at the Bureau in 1963, and other information referred to therein.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/16/65

FROM : *JH* SAC, MIAMI (100-14920) (C)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
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JOAN BAEZ  
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On 3/12/65, Mr. ARTHUR PATTON, Dade County Commissioner, Miami, Florida, telephonically contacted this office to request background information regarding subjects, nationally-known folksingers. Specifically, PATTON requested information as to whether SEEGER is a member of the Communist Party (CP). PATTON explained that SEEGER has been booked into the Dade County Auditorium for a concert appearance on or about 3/28/65. Since booking has been made public, the County Commission has received information indicating the American Legion in Miami intends to picket the concert and possibly stage a demonstration. PATTON expressed concern over this, adding that a counter-demonstration might result, and in general precipitate an unpleasant situation for the County.

It was pointed out to Mr. PATTON, in a courteous manner, that the FBI could not, under any circumstances, furnish him the information he desired, but it was also pointed out that there were a number of public sources which might serve as references on SEEGER. PATTON was referred to local newspaper articles which give a full account of SEEGER's last appearance in Miami on 3/18/63.

PATTON stated that JOAN BAEZ is booked for an appearance at the auditorium the following week.

A search of Miami indices revealed no references identifiable with JOAN BAEZ.

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SUBV. CONTROL  
*Frank (Seeger)*

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REQUEST OF BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to supply Miami any available background data regarding BAEZ, for information purposes only.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Records Branch

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March 17, 1965

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Mr. James A. Neumann  
222 Donnybrook Lane  
Towson 4, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Neumann:

Your letter of March 13th, with enclosures, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the individual about whom you inquired.

I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

Time for Decision

Let's Fight Communism Sanely

The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy

Communism--The Incredible Swindle

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

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222 Donnybrook Lane  
Towson 4, Maryland  
March 13, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Tenth and Pennsylvania Streets  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The scope of your activity is indeed far reaching and involves a tremendous amount of time. I would ask, however, that you would consider my difficulty and aid me if at all possible.

I am a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. At a coming International Walther League Convention (consisting of the youth of the church) to be held in Squaw Valley, California, Pete Seeger known folk singer will be in appearance performing for our young people.

Recent news from our church has indicated that some have accused Mr. Seeger of being involved in communist activities or of actually being a communist. The President of our Southeastern District has indicated from a Seeger quote that the man in question is not a communist. The enclosed partial copy of a publication from the Citizens Committee of California, Inc., indicates that Mr. Seeger is affiliated with communists and actually believe he is a such. The church says NO, he is not a communist. The California says YES. Who is correct?

I would indeed be most indebted to you if you could furnish me with the correct information. This whole situation has caused much concern in our church. Would you have any government publications which would aid me in addition to any helpful information you might be able to give? I would like to share this information with all those in this area who handle the youth programs in the church. Would fifty such publications be available? I would be happy to pay for any charges.

Thank you so much for your time and effort in this matter.

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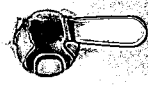
Yours most sincerely, 9 MAR 18 1965  
*James A. Neumann*  
James A. Neumann  
Principal, Teacher, Youth Director,  
First Lutheran Church, Towson, Md.

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED  
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ENCLOSURE

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A NOTE OF CONCERN

"News + Notes"  
March, 1965

Attention has been called by various people that the Walther League has scheduled an alleged communist to appear at the Squaw Valley Convention. The person in reference is Pete Seeger.

Members of your parish may have expressed a concern about this. We have received word from the Walther League to the effect that Pete Seeger speaks from a background of integrity and that he is not and never has been a communist. In his own testimony he stated: "I have never in my life said, or supported, or sung anything in anyway subversive of my country."

Why not stick to inviting ministers or members of our own Church and thus have a "safe" convention? To answer the question properly must require more space. Simply, and for the present: it is true that a message may come to the Church and its youth not simply from within, but also from without the Church. Occasionally when it comes from without, it seems to hit harder and to cause deeper concerns. Such an answer as this can certainly be enlarged on, but for the moment it must suffice.

WE MADE IT

A forthcoming issue of the Lutheran Witness Supplement will carry a brief financial report, which will indicate that we were able to close the year in the "black". We made our Fair Share to Synod. BUT, AND THIS IS A SAD STORY; we were unable to contribute our full share to Church Extension Fund; several District projects had to be deferred. AND, had we not received a special donation of \$9,000 from a layman, we would be in the "red". Hopefully parishes who did not make their fair share will try harder this year!

CALLS ACCEPTED

Rev. John A. Thies, South Bend., Ind., to Holy Cross, Newton, N. C.

Rev. Richard T. Hinz, Seaford, Del., to Head, Religion Dept., Balto. Luth. High School.

Rev. Robert M. Dandy, Plattsburgh, N.Y., to Our Savior, Lynchburg, Va.

Rev. Walter D. Volz, Aiken, S. C., to Our Savior, Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. Charles S. Baldwin, Washington, D. C., to Inner City, Washington, D. C.

Rev. Lawrence R. Lineberger, Lexington Park, Md., to Bethany, Salisbury, Md.

Teacher T. M. Goehring, Baltimore, Md., to Director, Christian Education, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Fullerton, Calif.

Teacher Allan H. Schmidt, Baltimore, Md., to Baltimore Lutheran High School.

Teacher Kenneth Wunderlich, Glen Burnie, Md., to Baltimore Lutheran High School.

Teacher Walter Becker, Baltimore, Md., to Baltimore Lutheran High School.

CALLS DECLINED

Rev. Gerald E. Kuhn, Falls Church, Va., to Calvary, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. Robert M. Raabe, Hazel Crest, Ill., to Emmanuel, Hampton, Va.

Rev. Milton Beer, Pontiac, Illinois, to Emmanuel, Asheville, N. C.

Rev. James Nickel, Lakewood, Ohio, to Our Savior, Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. Kenneth Krahn, Fredericksburg, Iowa, to Bethany, Salisbury, Md.

Rev. Charles Mueller, Silver Spring, Md., to Calvary, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. Ronald E. Jackson, Ashland, Va., to Emmanuel, Hampton, Va.

Rev. Walter G. Malinsky, Kingsville, Md., to St. John's, Denver, Colorado.



COMMITTEE ON  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

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ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR 1960



JANUARY 2, 1961.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House  
on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities  
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

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WASHINGTON : 1961

The hearings were protested by Youth Against the House Un-American Activities Committee, with headquarters in Room 201, 421 Seventh Avenue, New York, which issued bulletins and news releases attacking the hearings, chartered buses to carry youth protest delegations to Washington, held meetings and generally conducted a campaign of vilification against the committee.

One rally of the group held on January 31, 1960, featured Clark Foreman, executive director of a cited Communist front, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, as master of ceremonies. At that rally he lavishly praised Harvey O'Connor, an identified Communist. Pete Seeger, another identified Communist, provided entertainment. Mrs. Dorothy Marshall, who has a long record of service to Communist organizations over the years, was also featured on the program.

The committee also found significant the fact that the organization occupies the same rooms and uses the same staff as the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, the principal aim of which is to abolish this committee and discredit the FBI.

After carefully evaluating the testimony and other evidence in its possession, the committee concluded that the Harlem Youth Congress and the Youth Against the House Un-American Activities Committee are organizations created and controlled by the Communist Party for the purpose of carrying on the Communist program among youth.

Several times in the course of the hearings when uncooperative witnesses expressed defiance of the committee, the protest delegation of the Youth Against the House Un-American Activities Committee, which packed the hearing room, broke into cheers and applause. The committee chairman had to threaten to clear the hearing room to maintain order.

The hearings provided a good example of how the international Communist apparatus functions in support of its own. At the time of the hearings the committee received 11 protest letters from youth organizations in as many foreign countries. Each of these letters expressed "sorrow," "concern," "astonishment," "distress," etc., that the committee had subpoenaed young Americans who had attended the Vienna Youth Festival in the interests of world peace.

The Communist inspiration behind these letters was apparent from the reference, in all the letters, to *only five witnesses*. Actually, ten witnesses who had attended the Vienna or other youth festivals were subpoenaed to testify in the hearings. The international Communist apparatus apparently had not heard about the four anti-Communist witnesses and did not learn about the sixth Communist witness (who was subpoenaed at a later date) until after the protest letters had been written.

#### COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES

##### Testimony of Frantisek Tisler<sup>1</sup>

Grim new evidence of the Communists' determination to strip America of its military and political secrets was offered to the committee during the past year by the testimony of Lt. Col. Frantisek Tisler.

<sup>1</sup> See "Communist Espionage in the United States: Testimony of Frantisek Tisler, Former Military and Air Attaché, Czechoslovak Embassy in Washington, D.C.," May 10, 1960, Hearing before Committee on Un-American Activities.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S COLD WAR  
AGAINST CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION  
OF SUBVERSION

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REPORT

AND

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT CARRILLO RONSTADT

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COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
EIGHTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS  
SECOND SESSION



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The chairman further described the book as "an absurd attempt to link the Committee to anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, and anti-immigrant prejudices."

## SONGS

The February-March, 1961 issue of *Sing Out*, an alleged folk song magazine, featured a propaganda song about the 1960 Communist-instigated riots against the committee. *Sing Out* is edited by Irwin Silber, who was identified as a member of the Communist Party in testimony given this committee in 1952. An associate editor of the magazine, Pete Seeger, has also been identified as a party member. The magazine frequently features favorite Communist Party songs and newly composed party-line lyrics.

Following, as one example of *Sing Out's* numerous anti-committee melodies, are the lyrics of the San Francisco riot song, written to the tune of "Billy Boy":

Did they wash you down the stair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,  
Did they wash you down the stair, Charming Billy?  
Yes, they washed me down the stair,  
And they rearranged my hair  
With a club, in the city hall rotunda.

Were there pigeons in the square, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,  
Were there pigeons in the square, Charming Billy?  
There were pigeons in the square,  
And stool pigeons on the air,  
And they fouled up the city hall rotunda.

Did they set for you a chair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,  
Did they set for you a chair, Charming Billy?  
No the D.A.R. was there,  
And there wasn't room to spare,  
So we stood in the city hall rotunda.

Was the house committee there, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,  
Was the house committee there, Charming Billy?  
The committee, it was there,  
Throwing slander everywhere,  
While we sang in the city hall rotunda.

Did the people think it fair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,  
Did the people think it fair, Charming Billy?  
No they didn't think it fair,  
And they notified the Mayor,  
And he wept, and he wept,  
And he wept, and he wept,  
While they mopped up the city hall rotunda.

## CARTOONS

The Liberty Prometheus Book Club, New York City, has announced publication in the near future of a book entitled *A Quarter Century of Un-Americana*. The book will be composed of derogatory cartoons and similar "art" work created over the years by opponents of the committee.



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## A Soviet Balalaika Is Added To Pete Seeger's Repertoire



PETE SEEGER  
Historic concert

By ESTHER SHIELDS

MOSCOW — Pete Seeger, back in Moscow after a triumphal swing through other Soviet cities, was telling me about his enthusiastic audiences, when a birthday present arrived from his new Soviet friends. It was a balalaika, sent by the Philharmonic society.

You'll be playing it in your next concert, predicted one of Pete's friends, and that will really bring the house down.

Even without the balalaika,

Pete had no difficulty in winning his audiences in Leningrad, Kiev, Yalta, Tbilisi and Moscow. At least two concerts in every city.

"I couldn't imagine a friendlier audience," he exclaimed. "At the economics institute last night, the crowd showed great eagerness in singing along with me. They sang well, too. And I had fun singing with youngsters at one of Moscow's special English school sessions." Soviet folklorists brought a group of men and women in their sixties to sing old-time songs for him, songs for weddings and holiday

dancing, pensive and humorous love songs.

Pete added film footage of these singers to his world-tour collection.

"I filmed one of the Piatnitsky Chorus musicians, too," Pete said.

"I was very glad to hear this chorus sing. I have admired them for a long time."

Pete also met with young Soviet composers, who performed their own songs and other compositions.

The Seegers also visited a

Ukrainian collective farm, where Pete sang with local farm workers.

They visited the Kremlin Palace Museum, pioneer palaces and a Moscow factory.

"I was lucky, too, in being invited to Soviet people's homes where we could talk informally," Pete added.

Now the Seegers are on the homeward course. For more than eight months they have been on the go from country to country. England, Scotland and Ireland are the last stops. They return to the U.S. in June.

## All-star cast of singers oppose Prop. 14

LOS ANGELES — Three of the most famous names in the folk singing field, Pete Seeger, Joan Baez and Theodore Bikel, will make their first joint appearance on a West Coast stage on the evening of Sept. 23 at the Hollywood Bowl when they are scheduled to headline as diversified an evening of folk music as has ever been heard.

From all parts of the country, top folk singers are coming to the concert, which is expected to play before the largest audience ever to attend such a festival, as part of Southern California's effort to defeat the segregation initiative on the November ballot, Prop. 14. The program is sponsored by Young Californians Against Prop. 14.

Others who will perform at the Hollywood Bowl that night include The Dillards, Bessie Griffin and the Gray Singers, Joe and Eddie, the Modern Folk Quartet and Hedy West.

Tickets may be obtained from the Hollywood Bowl office, Mutual Ticket Agencies, and offices of the Automobile Club of Southern California. Prices range from \$2 to \$7.50.

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## Celebrities vs. Prop. 14

SAN FRANCISCO — A committee to defeat Prop. 14 has been formed in Hollywood under the chairmanship of film star Burt Lancaster and Gordon Stulberg, vice president of Columbia pictures.

As reported by The New York Times (Aug. 17), the committee numbers well over 150 and includes Gregory Peck, Frank Sinatra, James Garner, Charlton Heston, Art Linkletter, Steve Allen, Peter Falk, Gene Kelley, Van Heflin, Robert Goulet, George Hamilton and Milton Berle.

The organization's chief purpose, said Lancaster, is to raise some \$750,000 for newspaper ads, TV and radio spots urging defeat of the proposition.



PETE SEEGER signs autographs for Moscow fans.

## Pete Captures Moscow with a Banjo and Guitar

By ESTHER SHIELDS

MOSCOW — Napoleon never conquered Moscow, but I'm sure none of Pete Seeger's friends will be surprised that he took the city in a single evening, with only his banjo, guitar and a little wooden whistle.

Pete's beguiling voice and bewitching enthusiasm, won the large crowd, crammed into the big Tchaikovsky Hall, April 10. Well, he did have an advance assist from a Moscow TV interview the previous night. But the best proof that he captured his live audience is that they stayed on 30 minutes after he finished clamoring for more.

"I never saw anything like it," Pete exclaimed when I spoke to him after the concert.

He sang a generous program of 26 songs from different countries, songs of workers, songs of struggle, songs of peace, bourgeois blues and a song for Cuba's patriot, Jose Marti. Mostly American songs, of course. "We Shall Overcome" won the

most applause of all, when Pete added at the end: "Friends, this song is not just for Alabama and Mississippi. It's for you and me, for them!" And he swept his arms in a long swing away from the audience.

His Moscow fans knew what to ask for as encores. "When the Saints Go Marching" and Joe Hill were the two he chose to sing for them.

As usual, Pete got nearly everybody to join in singing some of the songs — particularly a South African song and Leadbelly's "Good Night Irene."

I predict that by the end of his tour here, the whole Soviet Union will be singing in Hoote-nannys.

After three concerts in Moscow, Pete will give at least 11 more in Leningrad, Kiev, the Crimea and Tbilisi.

Undoubtedly, Moscow will demand still more on his return May 1.

Pete Seeger, his wife, Tosi, their two children and manager Hal Levinthal reached the Soviet Union after an eight months tour of many countries, including Australia, Japan, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

From here, Pete goes on to Scotland and Ireland. He will complete his encirclement of the globe by his return to New York in June.

Hundreds of eager young people stood outside Tchaikovsky Hall long before Pete's concert, pleading to buy anyone's extra ticket. Two enterprising youths wore pencilled signs to attract attention.

Inside, the audience of over 2,000 included all ages, but youth predominated, and really everyone there was young with Pete!