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CLAUDIA JONES

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

N.Y. FILE NO. 100-18676 A.S.

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, N. Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/2/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/13/42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE CLAUDIA JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CLAUDIA JONES, a negress, said to have been born at Lawrenceville, Va., 4/17, has been active in N.Y. State YCL for last several years. Member of Natl. Council of YCL. Is also Educational Director, YCL and has written for Weekly Review, organ of YCL.

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DETAILS:

This case is predicated upon information developed regarding the subject during the course of investigation of the case entitled "Young Communist League; Voorhis Act." (New York file 102-9).

The files of the American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, under the heading New York, reflected that CLAUDIA JONES was a Young Communist League member, Daily Worker, April 30, 1937, page six, and September 15, 1937, page five.

According to the Young Communist League Review, October 1938, page six, column two, subject was Chairman, New York County, Young Communist League and member of the National Council. The Review June 24, 1940, page five, column two, indicated CLAUDIA JONES was a leading member of the New York State Young Communist League. The Review, December 9, 1940, page eight, column one, mentioned her as Young Communist League Educational Director for New York. She was elected a member of the

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National Council at the last session of a special convention of the Young Communist League at New York City on December 21 and 22, 1940, according to the Review, January 20, 1941, page eleven, column four.

Subject was mentioned in the Daily Worker January 4, 1941, page four, column three as Educational Director, New York State. A photograph of Miss JONES appeared in the Review January 6, 1941, page five, column three, showing her a negress.

In the Daily Worker January 15, 1941, page five, she was noted as having spoken at a meeting of 20,000 persons marking the Lenin Anniversary at Madison Square Garden, New York City on January 13, 1941.

As member of the National Committee of the Young Communist League she attended a mass meeting at Mecca Temple, New York City, February 4, 1941, protesting the United States Supreme Court's decision upholding EARL BROWDER'S sentence according to the Daily Worker, February 6, 1941, page five, column five.

The Review, March 3, 1941, page four, column one, carried her as Educational Director, New York State, Young Communist League.

Miss JONES was mentioned in the Daily Worker, July 21, 1941, page two, column three, as being National Educational Director. She was likewise mentioned as being National Educational Director in an article in the Review, August 4, 1941, page seven, column four.

b7c Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] attended a Young Communist League rally at the Royal Windsor Auditorium, 66 West 66th Street, New York City, on September 19, 1941 at which time she was introduced as Educational Secretary of the New York State Young Communist League.

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b7d [redacted] Young Communist League, stated that Miss JONES was born in Lawrenceville, Virginia, April 1917. She formerly lived at 63 Hamilton Terrace and did post-graduate work at Hunter College. This same source of information revealed that her residence address is 411 West 146th Street, in care of A. Gill, New York City.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

At Lawrenceville, Virginia

Will endeavor to verify whether CLAUDIA JONES was born in Lawrenceville in April 1917 as well as any other personal information concerning her early life in this locality.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City

Will continue efforts to determine CLAUDIA JONES' present residence address.

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In the "Review," dated December 9, 1940, page eight, column one, Miss JONES was listed as the Young Communist League Educational Director for New York. She writes a weekly column called "Quiz," in the "Weekly Review," wherein she answers questions from a Communist's point of view on current political topics. (See "Weekly Review," October 14, 1941 and November 4, 1941).

At the Registrar's Office, Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, New York City, no record could be found of a CLAUDIA JONES ever having attended Hunter College at either the morning, evening or summer sessions.

67C Inquiry at 411 West 14th Street, New York City, failed to reveal that CLAUDIA JONES lived at this address. Mail Carrier [redacted] of the Hamilton Grange Station, United States Post Office, 523 West 146th Street, stated that he did not recall ever having delivered any mail to a CLAUDIA JONES at 411 West 14th Street.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **100-3792**

REPORT MADE AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	DATE WHEN MADE 5-19-42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-30-42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE CLAUDIA JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Lawrenceville, Virginia failed to ascertain any information relative to the subject in instant case. Bureau of Vital Statistics for the State of Virginia failed to contain a record of birth for subject.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated 2-2-42 at New York, N. Y.

DETAILS:

The above referenced report requested this office to verify the birth of the above entitled individual at Lawrenceville, Virginia in April 1917 and obtain any pertinent information concerning her early life in that locality.

Investigation of this matter was referred to the **[REDACTED]** by letter of February 14, 1942. A report submitted by that department dated February 21, 1942, setting forth the results of the investigation conducted by Trooper **[REDACTED]** read as follows:

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b7c [REDACTED] Deputy Clerk of Courts, Brunswick County, Lawrenceville, Virginia was interviewed February 21, 1942 and stated that they did not have the records of births in Lawrenceville and Brunswick County on file any place in the county as the records had been turned over to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Richmond, Virginia. She further advised that Dr. [REDACTED] Physician and Registrar for the City and County may possibly have records on above subject. She also stated that she did not know anyone by the name of CLAUDIA JONES.

"Dr. [REDACTED] Physician and Registrar for Brunswick County, Lawrenceville, Virginia was interviewed February 21, 1942 and stated that prior to 1919 the records of birth in that city and county were kept at Brunswick County Clerk's Office and he had no record of CLAUDIA JONES and further that he did not know her.

[REDACTED] (col.) Registrar for St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute, Lawrenceville, Virginia was interviewed February 21, 1942 and stated that he had the records of all colored students that attended the elementary schools of Lawrenceville, Virginia and upon a search of his records he was unable to find any record of CLAUDIA JONES having ever attended school in that city. He advised further that he did not know her and had never heard of her.

"Investigator was unable to contact anyone who had ever heard of CLAUDIA JONES in Lawrenceville, Virginia. A further check was made by the writer at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Richmond, Virginia and they advised that they were unable to locate a Birth Certificate in their files for CLAUDIA JONES. They also advised that they could not give an accurate check of their records without one of the parents names. If it is possible to furnish either name of Mother or Father it may be possible to secure the information desired."

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter, and it is referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, N. Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/25/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/3/42; 3/16/42 4/2, 20, 22, 23/42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE CLAUDIA JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CLAUDIA JONES born about 1915; joined Young Communist League about 1935; formerly editor of publication of Federated Youth Clubs of Harlem; formerly N. Y. State Educational Director, N. Y. State Chairman, and Harlem Section Organizer of YCL; now member of National Council of YCL and Associate Editor of "Weekly Review". Present residence address unknown.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] York, dated 2-2-42.

DETAILS: At New York City

According to "Weekly Review", February 3, 1942, Page 5, Column 1, CLAUDIA JONES was appointed Associate Editor of "Weekly Review". In a biographical sketch accompanying this item it was stated she was born about 1915 and joined the Young Communist League in about 1935; that she was formerly editor of a youth paper of the Federated Youth Clubs of Harlem. She also used to write a youth column for a New York Negro weekly paper. In the past she has been New York State Educational Director, New York State Chairman, and Harlem Section Organizer of the YCL. She is now a member of the National Council of the YCL.

CLAUDIA JONES was heard by Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to be introduced as Associate Editor of "Review" by MICHAEL S. [REDACTED], Executive Secretary of the New York State YCL at a "Win the War" rally in celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Young Communist League, U. S. A. held at [REDACTED]

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Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, the evening of April 20, 1942.

On the assumption that CLAUDIA JONES may have in the past attended an educational institution in New York City, reporting Agent contacted the following colleges and universities with negative results:

Barnard College, West 117th Street and Broadway
Columbia University, 116th Street and Broadway
New York University, Washington Square
Brooklyn College, Bedford Avenue and Avenue H, Brooklyn

No record pertaining to CLAUDIA JONES could be found at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 393 Seventh Avenue and similarly no record was located with respect to her at the New York State Motor Vehicle Bureau, 80 Centre Street.

The following description of CLAUDIA JONES was obtained by observation:

Name	CLAUDIA JONES
Age	About 27
Height	5' 7"
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Large
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium brown
Teeth	Good, white
Race	Negro
Nationality	Presumably American
Sex	Female
Residence	Unknown
Speech	Speaks unlike southern Negro
Peculiarities	Has large dimples on either cheek

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RICHMOND FIELD OFFICE

* At Lawrenceville, Virginia: Will endeavor to verify whether CLAUDIA JONES was born in Lawrenceville in April, 1917, as well as any other personal information concerning her early life in this locality.

NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE

* At New York, New York: Will continue efforts to ascertain CLAUDIA JONES' present residence address.

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Date:

To: MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH, CHIEF, SPECIAL VAN POLICIES UNIT

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
VOORHIS ACT

As a matter of assistance to you in the above-styled case,
I am transmitting herewith one copy of each of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at
New York, New York, February 2, 1942, entitled
"Clandia Jones; Internal Security - C";

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at
Richmond, Virginia, May 19, 1942, entitled "Clandia
Jones; Internal Security - C";

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at
New York, New York, May 26, 1942, entitled "Clandia
Jones; Internal Security - C".

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TITLE CLAUDIA JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>b7d [REDACTED] ON 6/1/42 became editor of WEEKLY REVIEW, weekly publication of Young Communist League.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 25, 1942 at New York, New York.</p> <p>DETAILS: CLAUDIA JONES was [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>In an effort to ascertain the birthdate, birthplace and residence address of subject, contact was had with [REDACTED] with negative results.</p> <p>According to WEEKLY REVIEW, weekly publication of the Young Communist League, June 16, 1942, page 7, CLAUDIA JONES became editor of WEEKLY REVIEW on June 1, 1942 replacing JOSEPH CLARK, former editor, who was inducted into the United States Army.</p> </div> </div>			
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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

Will continue efforts to determine the birthdate and birthplace and present address of CLAUDIA JONES, and in this connection will contact [REDACTED] b7d

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TITLE CLAUDIA JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C CUSTODIAL DETENTION
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>CLAUDIA JONES and PHILLIP ARRINDELL, both negroes, operated Club Ashford, 139 West 125 St., NYC, in 1940 as a Harlem Club in behalf of the YCL. Subject observed on speakers' platform of mass meeting sponsored by the Communist Party and YCL at Union Square NYC on 9/24/42. [REDACTED]</p> <p>Considered one of the ablest young Communists in the United States.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 11, 1942 at New York City.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>It was noted in the "Young Communist Review" of April, 1939, page 22, column 3, that CLAUDIA JONES was wished a happy birthday by the Young Communist League. It would thus appear that she was born in the month of April, the year not known.</p> <p>A report of the [REDACTED] New York City, reflected that CLAUDIA JONES and PHILLIP ARRINDELL, doing business as the Club Ashford, 139 West 125</p> </div> </div>			
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Street, were sued on May 25, 1940 by P. LEAVITT, attorney, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, in behalf of 139 West 125th Street, Inc., for \$150.05.

It is to be observed that Club Ashford was named for the late James Ashford, who, until his death several years ago, was the organizer of the Young Communist League in Harlem. James Ashford is one of the "martyrs" of the Young Communist League.

PHILIP LEAVITT, attorney, 342 Madison Avenue, on interview stated he filed suit for back rent on behalf of 139 West 125th Street, Inc., against CLAUDIA JONES and PHILLIP ARRINDELL, but to date had not been able to serve papers on either of these two individuals inasmuch as he was unable to locate them. He stated he believed ARRINDELL lived in Apartment No. 9, 226 West 141 Street, and was once employed on a Federal Theater Project of the WPA. He stated that CLAUDIA JONES was at one time employed by the Amsterdam News, 2340 Eighth Avenue, residence unknown.

LEAVITT checked his files and ascertained that at that time CLAUDIA JONES gave her residence as care of GRANT, 321 West 118 Street, and her business address as Crusader News Agency, 443 Lenox Avenue. However, previous investigation by LEAVITT disclosed that at the Crusader News Agency it was learned that she had become affiliated with the National Negro Congress, 7th Avenue and 136th Street.

Inquiry at 321 West 118 Street disclosed that CLAUDIA JONES or an individual named GRANT were unknown at that address, nor had they ever lived there, to the recollection of the superintendent.

At Station I, United States Post Office, 232 West 116 Street, it was ascertained there was no forwarding address for either CLAUDIA JONES or one GRANT.

CLAUDIA JONES was observed by Special Agent [REDACTED] to be sitting on the speakers' platform at a mass meeting sponsored by the Communist Party and the Young Communist League held in Union Square, New York City, between 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. on September 24, 1942. This meeting was for the purpose of demanding that a second front be opened in Europe immediately. CLAUDIA JONES, however, did not speak during this meeting.

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and
The records of the Marriage License Bureau in both Manhattan/in the Bronx were checked from 1930 to 1942 with no record being found relative to a marriage by CLAUDIA JONES.

No record concerning CLAUDIA JONES was found at the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., 4 Irving Place, the New York State Motor Vehicle Bureau, 80 Center Street, or the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, 240 Center Street.

The name of CLAUDIA JONES is not listed in any of the current telephone directories for New York and vicinity.

b7d According to the records of [REDACTED] CLAUDIA JONES as of January 1, 1942 was listed as an employee of both the Young Communist League and New Age Publishers, Inc., both of 35 East 12 Street, New York City. She possesses Social Security No. 120-12-9753.

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ALBANY FIELD DIVISION

At Albany, New York

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b7d Will ascertain from [redacted] Information Service, New York State Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, 112 State Street, the birth date and birth place, parents' names and present residence address of CLAUDIA JONES, Social Security Account No. 120-17-9753, who, on January 1, 1942, was listed as an employee of both the Young Communist League and New Age Publishers, Inc., both of 35 East 12 Street, New York City.

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.

Will, at the Passport Division of the State Department, determine whether a passport has ever been issued to CLAUDIA JONES. For the information of the Washington Field Division, CLAUDIA JONES is a negress, about 27 years old. She is said to have been born in Lawrenceville, Virginia, and has lived in New York City since at least 1939.

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b7c Agent [REDACTED] referred to in the report of Special
b7d identified as [REDACTED] dated December 2, 1942 at New York, New York, is
[REDACTED] of Information Service, New York
State Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, 112 State Street,
Albany, New York.

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FILE NO. **100-11459**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/14/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/22/42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE CLAUDIA JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C) CUSTODIAL DETENTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of passport application made by subject nor of passport having been issued to her.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated December 2, 1942, at New York City, New York. b7c

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

[REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised reporting Agent that a search of the records failed to reflect that any passport application had been made by the subject or that any passport had been issued to her.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

FILE NO. **100-7065**

REPORT MADE AT ALBANY	DATE WHEN MADE 3-17-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-1,2-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE CLAUDIA JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY -- C (Custodial Detention)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] advises subject resided and was employed at 35 East 12th Street, New York City in 1937 and 1941. Subject's birthdate indicated as 2-15-15, at New York City, the daughter of CHARLES and SYBIL LEWIS. Subject's correct Social Security number indicated as 120-12-9753.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 12-2-42 at New York, New York.

DETAILS:

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK:

[REDACTED] was contacted and requested to furnish such background information as was available in the files at his disposal concerning the subject.

On March 2, 1943, [REDACTED] advised that the records of his office indicated that CLAUDIA JONES, whose correct Social Security Number is 120-12-9753, on August 11, 1937, resided at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, where she was also employed. It was ascertained that the subject made application for her Social Security Card.

[REDACTED] further advised that in 1941

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the subject listed her employers as the Young Communist League and the New Age, both of 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

The only background information available to [REDACTED] indicated that the subject was born on February 15, 1915, at New York City, the daughter of CHARLES and SYBIL LEWIS. b7d

[REDACTED] advised that this was the only information available; that it could not be definitely determine whether subject's surname was LEWIS and the JONES her marriage name, or whether the listing of SYBIL LEWIS referred to her mother's maiden name.

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TEMPORARY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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..... [REDACTED] 112 State Street, Albany,
New York -- Division of Unemployment
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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 5/19/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/7/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE CLAUDIA JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE CUSTODIAL DETENTION - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SUMMARY REPORT

CLAUDIA JONES born 2/15/15 NY. Former Editor of youth paper of Harlem and at one time columnist for New York Negro weekly paper. Joined Young Communist League April 1935. Member of "Daily Worker" staff in 1935 and thereafter was Harlem Section Organizer, NY County Chairman, 1938 and Educational Director of New York State YCL 1940-1942. Became associate editor of "Weekly Review" in February 1942 and has been editor since June 1942. Member of National Council of YCL since 1938. Marital status and residence address unknown.

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Subject's name appears on the key figure list of the Young Communist League in the New York Field Division.

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: unknown.

OCCUPATION AND BUSINESS ADDRESS: Editor of "Weekly Review" published by New Age Publishers, Inc., 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

BIRTH DATE AND BIRTH PLACE: According to [REDACTED] b7d
CLAUDIA JONES was born on February 5, 1915 at New York City, the daughter of CHARLES JONES and the former SYBIL LEWIS. However, no verification of this information was made by a check of the birth records of the Department of Health, 125 Worth Street, New York City, covering the boroughs of Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond.

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BACKGROUND, ACTIVITIES, AFFILIATIONS AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES:

In a biographical sketch appearing in "Weekly Review" for February 3, 1942, page 5, column 1, CLAUDIA JONES was mentioned as having been born about 1915. She joined the Young Communist League about 1935. At one time she was head of a youth paper of the Federated Youth Club of Harlem, and was a writer for a youth column for a New York Negro youth paper. She was mentioned as having been a past Harlem Section Organizer, New York County Chairman and New York State Editorial Director of the YCL. This article said she was then a member of the National Council of the YCL.

CLAUDIA JONES was one of 29 individuals who were introduced as members of the "Daily Worker" staff in an article by JOSEPH NORTH, now editor of "New Masses", which appeared in the "Daily Worker" for May 1, 1935, page 10, column 1. Her photograph accompanied this article.

She was listed as a member of the Young Communist League in the "Daily Worker" for April 30, 1937, page 6 and September 15, 1937, page 5.

According to the Young Communist League Review for October 1938, page 6, column 2, subject was chairman of the New York County YCL and a member of the National Council YCL.

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A report of the [REDACTED] New York City, reflected that CLAUDIA JONES and PHILIP ASHFORD, doing business as the Club Ashford, 139 West 125th Street, New York City, were sued on May 25, 1940 by PHILIP LEAVITT, Attorney, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City in behalf of 139 West 125th Street, Inc., for \$150.05.

It is to be observed that Club Ashford was named for the late JAMES ASHFORD who, until his death several years ago, was the Organizer and leader of the Young Communist League in Harlem. ASHFORD, a negro, is one of the martyrs of the Young Communist League and his name is used frequently in connection with negro activities of the YCL.

The "Review" for June 24, 1940, page 4, column 2, mentioned CLAUDIA JONES as a leading member of the New York State YCL.

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The "Review" for December 9, 1940, page 8, column 1, stated she was educational director of the New York State YCL.

Subject was elected a member of the National Council of the YCL at the last session of a special convention held at New York City on December 21 and 22, 1940, according to the "Review" for January 20, 1941, page 11, column 4.

b7d [redacted] stated that in 1941 subject listed her employers as the Young Communist League and New Age Publishers, Inc., both of 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

Subject was mentioned in the "Daily Worker" for January 4, 1941, page 4, column 3, as educational director of the New York State YCL.

In the "Daily Worker" for January 15, 1941, page 5, she was noted as having spoken at a meeting of 20,000 persons marking the LENIN anniversary at Madison Square Garden, New York City on January 13, 1941.

As a member of the National Committee of the YCL she attended a mass meeting at Mecca Temple, New York City on February 4, 1941, protesting the United States Supreme Court's decision upholding EARL BROWDER's sentence, according to the "Daily Worker" for February 6, 1941, page 5, column 5.

✓ Subject was mentioned in the "Daily Worker" for July 21, 1941, page 2, column 3 and in the "Review" for August 4, 1941, page 7, column 4, as being National Educational Director of the YCL.

✓ b7c Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] attended a Young Communist League Rally at the Royal Windsor Auditorium, 66 West 66th Street, New York on September 19, 1941, at which time subject was introduced as Educational Secretary of the New York State YCL.

Subject wrote a weekly column called "Quiz" which appeared in the "Weekly Review" for October 14, 1941 and November 4, 1941, wherein she answered questions on current political topics from a Communist point of view.

b7d [redacted] stated that as of January 1, 1942 subject was listed as an employee of the Young Communist League and also the New Age Publishers, both of 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

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Subject was heard by Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] to be introduced as Associate Editor of "Weekly Review" by MICHAEL SAUNDERS, Executive Secretary of the New York State YCL at the "Win the War Rally" in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Young Communist League, U.S.A. held at Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, the evening of April 20, 1942.

CLAUDIA JONES became Editor of "Weekly Review" of June 1, 1942 replacing JOSEPH CLARK (real name JOSEPH CULLEN) former Editor who was inducted into the United States Army, according to "Weekly Review" for June 16, 1942, page 7.

Subject was the author of a pamphlet entitled "Lift Every Voice for Victory" which was published by New Age Publishers, Inc., New York in June 1942.

Subject was observed by Special Agent [REDACTED] to be sitting on the speakers platform at a mass meeting sponsored by the Communist Party and the Young Communist League held in Union Square, New York City, between 5 and 7:30 P.M., on September 24, 1942. This meeting was for the purpose of demanding that a second front be opened in Europe immediately. CLAUDIA JONES, however, did not speak during this meeting. b7c

Subject was elected a member of the National Council of the YCL at the National War Service conference held in New York City on January 9 and 10, 1943, according to the "Weekly Review" for January 26, 1943, page 7, column 4. This same issue of "Weekly Review", page 7, column 3, reflected that she was elected to the National War Service Council.

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Records of the Marriage License Bureaus in both Manhattan and the Bronx were checked from 1930 to 1942 with no record relative to a marriage on the part of CLAUDIA JONES.

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DESCRIPTION

Age	28 (born 2/15/15 New York)
Height	5' 7"
Weight	140 pounds
Build	large
Hair	black, kinky
Eyes	brown
Complexion	brown
Teeth	good
Peculiarities	well groomed, has large dimple on her cheek, good looking
Marital status	unknown
Sex	female
Race	negro
Nationality	American.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City

Will conduct efforts to ascertain subject's marital
status and residence address.

Will follow and report subject's future activities.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of
Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 19, 1943 at New York are as
follows:

[REDACTED] Information
Service, New York State Division of Placement
and Unemployment Insurance, 112 State Street,
Albany, New York.

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Date:

Mr. Lawrence M. G. Smith
Chief, Special War Policies Unit

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CLAUDIA JONES
New York, New York

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

There are being transmitted herewith copies of the following reports containing the pertinent information presently available in the files of this Bureau with respect to the above captioned individual in the case entitled "Claudia Jones; Internal Security - C."

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 2, 1942, at New York, New York. b7c

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 19, 1943, at New York, New York.

- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Kramer
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

It is the policy of this Bureau to consider for custodial detention in view of the existing emergency. It will be appreciated if you will advise this Bureau at your earliest convenience of the decision reached in this case.

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July 26, 1943

Special Agent in Charge

New York, New York

RE: CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a custodial detention card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

JONES, CLAUDIA

NATIVE BORN

COMMUNIST

New Age Publishers, Inc.
35 East 12th Street
New York, New York (Bus.)

DECLASSIFIED BY 1259 JPB/ST
ON 10-18-78

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)
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The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative file number for filing in your Confidential Custodial Detention Card. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

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Mr. Mumford
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Starke
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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American Embassy
London, England
August 30, 1943

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

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Dear Sir:

RE: "CHALLENGE"
CLAUDIA STONES *file*
PAUL ROBESON
(Communist Party Activities)

[REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

b7c [REDACTED]
Legal Attache

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, N. Y.**

NY FILE NO. **100-18676**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, N. Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/26/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/26, 12/4/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE CLAUDIA JONES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject elected to National Council of AYD at AYD Convention in NYC, 10/43. Now editor of AYD Spotlight and President of New Age Publishers, Inc.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated May 19, 1943 at New York, N. Y.

DETAILS:

Subject is considered a key figure in the Communist Party in the New York Field Division. Classified by **SP-8 BTJ**

CLAUDIA JONES was observed by Special Agent **[REDACTED]** to officiate at a public rally at Manhattan Center, 34th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City, on the evening of October 15, 1943, which opened the Young Communist League Convention. CLAUDIA JONES opened the rally by greeting delegates and visitors, and introduced all subsequent speakers who included MAX WEISS, National President of the Young Communist League, Reverend HARRY F. WARD, FERDINAND C. SMITH, National Secretary of the National Maritime Union, EARL BROWDER, General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, and ROBERT THOMPSON, former National Vice President of the Young Communist League.

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[REDACTED] (c)
At the succeeding American Youth for Democracy Convention held on October 16 and 17, 1943 CLAUDIA JONES was appointed a member of both the Presiding and Constitutional Committees, and was made Chairman of the Press Committee.

b1 [REDACTED] (c)
The first issue of the AYD Spotlight which appeared in December, 1943 listed CLAUDIA JONES as editor.

The letterhead of the NEW AGE PUBLISHERS, INC., 13 Astor Place, New York City, lists CLAUDIA JONES as President. This outfit publishes the AYD Spotlight, and, prior to the dissolution of the YCL, was the official publishing house of the YCL.

[REDACTED] (c)
could furnish no information as to subject's present residence address, whose identity is known to the Bureau,

In the belief that possibly subject might reside at 22 Hamilton Terrace, investigation was made at that address, but with negative results.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will continue efforts to ascertain subject's residence address,
and will follow and report her future activities.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 3/1/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/11, 15/44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE CHANGED: MRS. CLAUDIA JONES SCHOLNICK, alias Claudia Jones			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resided at 1451 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, NY until 11/29/43, when she left forwarding address as Gavins Farms, Chelsea-on-Hudson, NY. ALL INFO

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FILED IN [REDACTED]
DATE 1-30-53 BY SP8 BTJ/RB
REPORT of Special Agent [REDACTED]
dated January 26, 1944, at New York City.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect subject's marriage name as MRS. CLAUDIA JONES SCHOLNICK.

Subject is considered a key figure in the New York Field

Division:

Division: IRS
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At 1451 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York, which is located in a negro section of Brooklyn, the reporting Agent interviewed the negro apartment superintendent. He stated that one SCHOLNICK, a Jew, and CLAUDIA JONES, a negress, were said to be married, lived in this apartment house for two years, until they moved out late in November, 1943, saying they were moving to a farm in upstate New York. They were reported to be quiet tenants with no children.

At Station B, United States Post Office, 1205 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, it was ascertained that on November 29, 1943, Mrs. CLAUDIA SCHOLNICK and family left the forwarding address of Gavine Farms, Chelsea-on-Hudson, New York.

An examination of the Postal Guide, and a New York State map fails to disclose any town called Chelsea-on-Hudson. However, there is a town called Chelsea located in Dutchess County, New York. Telephonic inquiry of the Main Post Office, New York City, disclosed that there was no known post office by the name of Chelsea-on-Hudson.

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NY: 100-12576

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT CHELSEA-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK:

67E Will make inquiry as to whether a man by the name of SCHOLNICK is now residing at Gavins Farms, Chelsea-on-Hudson, which is believed to be located somewhere in Dutchess County on the Hudson River. It is not believed that CLAUDIA JONES is residing in this locality since it appears to be too far from New York City for her to commute daily. However, if a man named SCHOLNICK is located at Gavins Farms, a [REDACTED] should be placed on him for the purpose of ascertaining CLAUDIA JONES' New York City residence. Discretion should be used in covering this lead since Gavins Farms may be a favorite rendezvous of Communists.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/5/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/24/44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>b7c</i>
TITLE MRS. CLAUDIA JONES SCHOLNICK, with alias			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject now residing at 504 West 143rd Street, New York City.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RUSSELL S. GARNER dated 3/1/44 at New York City.

DETAILS: This subject is considered a key figure in the Communist Party in the New York Field Division.

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Through [REDACTED] (c) it was ascertained that the subject is now residing in Apartment 6A, 504 West 143rd Street, New York City, where according to [REDACTED] wife of the superintendent, she has resided with her father, uncle, and sister, since shortly before Christmas. [REDACTED] stated that the subject's husband is working on a farm in Upstate New York.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York;

Will follow and report the subject's future activities.

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CONFIDENTIAL 'INFORMANTS' LIST

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 5, 1944 at New York City are as follows: b7c

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100-15876

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: Mrs. CLAUDIA JONES SCHOLNICK, wa: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

New York, N.Y.
DATE: July 8, 1944

I am transmitting herewith four photographs of the subject.

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Mrs. Claudia Jones Scholnick - photograph

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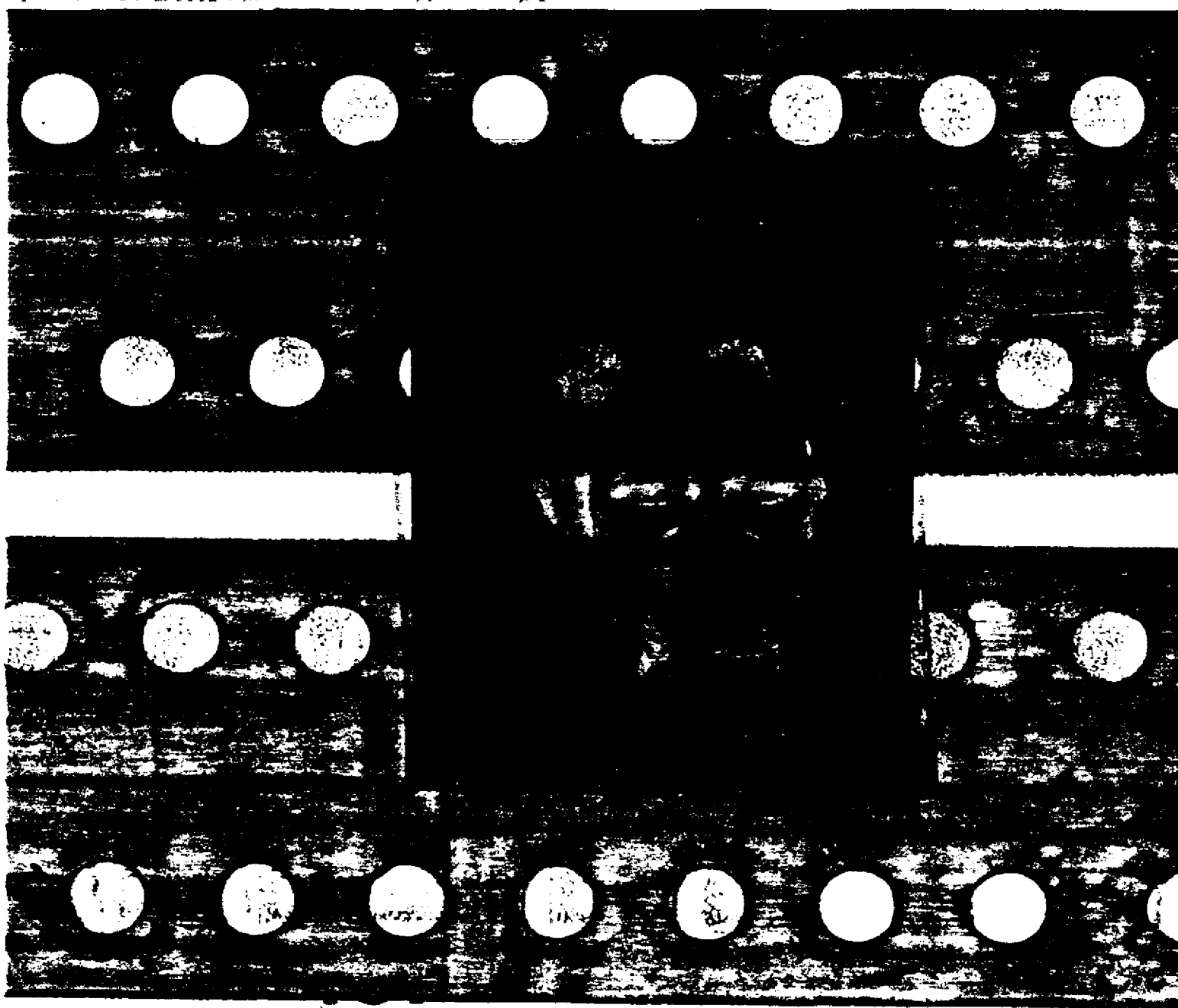
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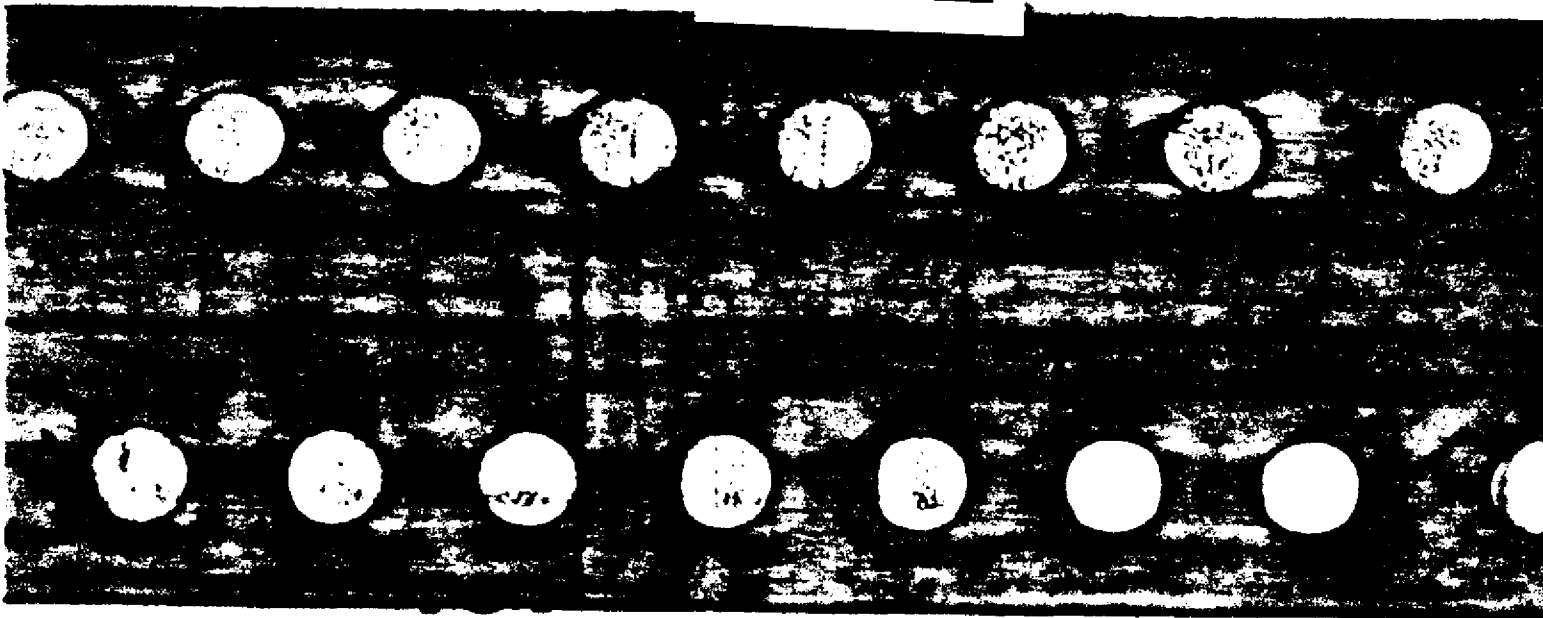








JONES, CLAUDIA



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: July 10, 1944

TO : Director, FBI
Attention: FBI LABORATORY
FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: Mrs. CLAUDIA JONES SCHOLNICK, with alias; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SPOTLIGHT

13 ASTOR PLACE
NEW YORK 1, NEW YORK
ALGONQUIN 4-4218

CLAUDIA JONES,

Editor

LEO COOPER,

Managing Editor

CLARE HUNT,

Business Manager

March 8, 1944

Rev. A. Clayton Powell
Abyssinia Baptist Church
New York, N.Y.

Dear Rev. Powell:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation and to register our hearty thanks to you for consenting to do an article on Jim Crow the Services which we intend to feature in our April issue.

Generally, the idea is that your article (800 words) will be the main message of a picture feature which we intend to do using illustrations from the commendable War Department Film--"The Negro Soldier." We request that your article be a personal testimony on your trip to Lake Naval Base (PV keeps us posted on your widespread activities victory and a better world) perhaps with snatches of your talks with men there, with your son, and, of course, raising the whole question which affects the nation's aims and policies for victory, democracy and a post war world.

As a national sponsor of AYD, I am sure you will, in your article, indicate what youth can do to support AYD's campaign which has already been launched which will culminate in a national delegation to Washington at the end of April.

In order to familiarize you with our readers, who we know will welcome your article, they are mainly youth in their teens and early twenties. Our circulation is about 100,000 copies a month. The main focus of our magazine is on the American Youth.

I am sure you will find Jim Crow, which is the National Council on Training Race and in eating and r--we will send stand the type

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/5/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/10; 8/22/44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE Mrs. CLAUDIA JONES SCHOLNICK, Wa;			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject continues as editor of "SPOT LIGHT"; continues to reside at 504 West 143rd Street, New York City.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 5, 1944, at New York City.

DETAILS: The subject is considered a key figure in the New York Field Division.

Current issues of SPOT LIGHT, Monthly organ of the AYD, reflect that the subject continues as editor of this magazine.

Subject continues to reside in Apartment 6A, 504 West 143rd Street, New York City.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK CITY:

Will follow and report subject's future activities.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 19, 1944

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FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: MRS. CLAUDIA JONES SCHOLNICK, was.
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To Trade Union Barquet Celebrating
William Z. Foster's
63rd Birthday

Happy Birthday to you Comrade
Foster.

We, Negro and White youth
meeting today in conference, to
strengthen our work in the field
of unity of labor and the Negro people,
greet you on your 63rd Birthday, and
wish you a long life of continued
service as National Chairman of the
Communist Party and an outstanding
American labor leader.

Your pioneer work in the
joint organization of Negro and White
as far back as 1919, cleared the
road for today's first organized
generation of Negro and White young
workers, backbone of this people's
war.

Your 63 years have provided
our generation of youth a prime
example of staunchness, modesty
and devotion to labor, which
has already helped produce young

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heroes like Bob Thompson.

Youth of today look to
organized labor for leadership,
in Foster's spirit, in learning
the traditions and principles
of the American labor movement,
in uniting the negro liberation
movement with labor; in breaking
down what barriers against
negroes still exist in industry;
in abolishing the Poll-Tax and
improving mixed race - that Army
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For the Eastern Seaboard
Conference - Negroes N.Y.C.

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No. Y. FILE NO. **100-18676**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/24/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/24, 3/14, 17, 4/2, 4, 12, 16/45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE MRS. CLAUDIA JONES SCHOLNICK, with alias			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resigned editorship of SPOTLIGHT in December, 1944 to devote herself to educational, inter-racial and inter-faith work of A.Y.D. Continues to reside at 504 West 143rd Street, New York City. (u)

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Reference: **b7c** Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 5, 1944, at New York City (u)

Details:

Subject is considered a Key Figure in the New York Field Division. (u)

An article in PEOPLE'S VOICE for December 30, 1944, a Communist-controlled negro weekly, and SPOTLIGHT, official A. Y. D. monthly organ, for February, 1945, reflected that SPOTLIGHT in one year's time had reached a circulation over 20, 000. The articles said that the magazine began in late 1943 with a staff of two, CLAUDIA JONES as editor, and her staff aide, a young white man, and that they set up the publication and laid down its policy of fighting for equal rights for all young people, regardless of race, color or creed. The articles said that consistently SPOTLIGHT's articles, features and fiction presented the activities and interests of negro youth along with all other youth. (u)

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According to the articles, Subject recently resigned from the magazine editorship to become a member of the national staff of the A. Y. D. and thus devote herself to the educational, inter-racial and inter-faith work of the A. Y. D. in addition to participating in the formation of general policy. The articles indicated that she would retain an advisory leadership to the SPOTLIGHT (u)

The PEOPLE'S VOICE article stated that late in December, 1944, she went to Detroit, Michigan where she taught for a short term at the Leadership Training School for AYD. The January, 1945 issue of SPOTLIGHT lists LEO COOPER as editor in place of CLAUDIA JONES. COOPER was previously managing editor of SPOTLIGHT. (u)

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The April, 1945, issue of SPOTLIGHT contained an article by JONES entitled: "Concord at Crimea" in which she discussed what was accomplished at the conference to insure a lasting peace. (u)

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No record of Subject's having voted was found at the Board of Elections for Manhattan, 400 Broome Street, for the year 1944. (u)

It was verified that Subject is still residing in apartment 6-A, 504 West 143rd Street, New York City.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

Will endeavor to ascertain from [REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] whether Subject was born in the West Indies and whether she is
now a United States citizen. (u)

Will follow and report Subject's future activities. (u)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect subject's married name as Mrs. NICK SCHOLNICK. (u)

RECENT COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

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The August, 1945 issue of "POLITICAL AFFAIRS" carried an article by CLAUDIA JONES which was a discussion preparatory to the CPA Special

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