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✓ National Convention scheduled for July, 1945. In this article she recommended that a Commission be set up to examine Communist work in the Negro Field with the aim of making a specific appraisal and study of work in Negro communities, especially presenting an analysis of the status of the Negro people in the "Black Belt", in industry, in consumer, industrial, and agricultural spheres, and in the trade unions. (u)

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✓ JONES wrote an article in the "DAILY WORKER" for September 22, 1945 in which she eulogized City Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. She said that DAVIS was a symbol of the New York people's unity. (u)

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EARLY BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

"NEW MASSES" for May 16, 1939, page 11, column 2, contained several biographical sketches by JAMES DUGAN on YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE Personalities:

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"Claudia Jones ... is a handsome, laughing Negro girl, who is New York State Chairman. Claudia went to Wadleigh High in Harlem from which she graduated in 1934. She has worked in a dress factory, a laundry, a millinery shop, and as a typist. In 1936 she met James Ashford, a Negro YCL leader to whom belongs most of the credit for the strong organization in Harlem. Claudia joined the YCL after hearing Jimmie Ashford's arguments. Now she does a good deal of work with members of the Harlem branch. Jimmie worked himself to death a couple of years ago." (u)

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A check of the records at the Bureau of Naturalization, 90 Columbus Avenue, failed to verify this information. (u)

At the Wadleigh High School, 7th Avenue and 114th Street, New York City, a search of records failed to disclose any individual identical with subject who graduated in 1934. One [REDACTED] graduated in June, 1933. Personal history on her is as follows:

Born - January 1, 1916; Father - [REDACTED] who is listed as having lived at the following addresses at one time or another:

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[REDACTED]
(All in New York City)

Attended Junior High School No. 81. Entered Wadleigh High School on June 27, 1930. High School records sent to City College of New York in June, 1933, Lincoln Hospital in January, 1938, and the YWCA Trade School in January, 1938. She was characterized as "well-behaved, quiet, pleasant."

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The High School records also disclosed that one CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH graduated from Wadleigh High School in June, 1935. Her personal history card revealed the following information:

Born - February 21, 1915; Father - CHARLES CUMBERBATCH, who lived at the following addresses at one time or another:

239 West 148 Street
20 East 117 Street
11 West 113 Street
128 West 115 Street
(All in New York City)

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Attended Junior High School No. 136. Entered Wadleigh High School February 1, 1930. Left Wadleigh on April 3, 1933 for the Sea View Hospital, Staten Island, New York and was readmitted to Wadleigh on September 10, 1934. High School scholastic records were sent to City College of New York in September, 1935. She was characterized as "helpful, fine girl. Tried hard. Earnest. Nice personality."

A comparison of photographs of CLAUDIA JONES with photographs of [REDACTED] and CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH which appeared in the 1933 and 1935 High School yearbooks failed to reveal conclusive similarity between CLAUDIA JONES, the subject, and these other two individuals. An examination of the 1934 yearbook likewise was negative in identifying the subject with any of the photographed graduates.

MARITAL STATUS

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BUSINESS ADDRESS

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS

It was verified that subject continues to reside in Apartment 6-A, 504 West 143 Street, New York City, telephone Audubon 3-1381. Telephone number Audubon 3-1381 is listed in the New York City Telephone Directory to a Mrs. VERA SCHOLNICK, 504 West 143 Street, Manhattan. Mrs. VERA SCHOLNICK may or may not be identical with subject. (u)

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Will ascertain whether Mrs. VERA SCHOLNICK, subscriber to Audubon 3-1381, 504 West 143 Street, New York City, is identical with subject.

Will check further to ascertain whether CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH, who graduated from Wadleigh High School, New York City, in June, 1935, is identical with subject.

Will follow and report subject's future activities.

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June 5, 1946

Director - FBI

CLAUDIA JONES SCHOLNICK, was
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b7c A review of the above individual's case file at the Bureau reveals that the last report submitted by your office was that of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 14, 1945.

Inasmuch as the above individual is a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party under the name of Claudia Jones, you are requested to submit a report in the near future incorporating her activities since the date of the above-mentioned report. mel

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CLAUDIA JONES SCHOLNICK, was
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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 5, 1946, with reference to the above-captioned subject.

A review of the Bureau's file fails to reveal that you have conducted any investigation into this matter since December 14, 1945. Accordingly, you are instructed to afford this matter immediate attention and to submit a report to the Bureau as soon as possible.

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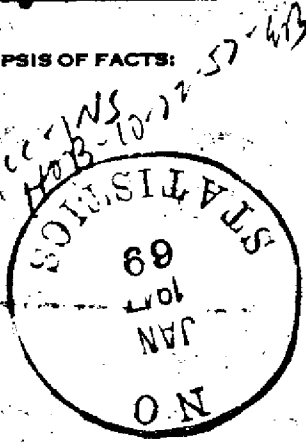
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject is no longer secretary of National Negro Commission, CP, USA. She became editor of negro affairs for the "Daily Worker" in Jan., 1946. Continues on National Committee of CP and is reportedly a member of the National Youth Commission of CP. She continues prominent in CP affairs as a speaker at CP functions. She also contributes articles to the "Daily Worker" bearing on CP political line and activities among the negroes of US.



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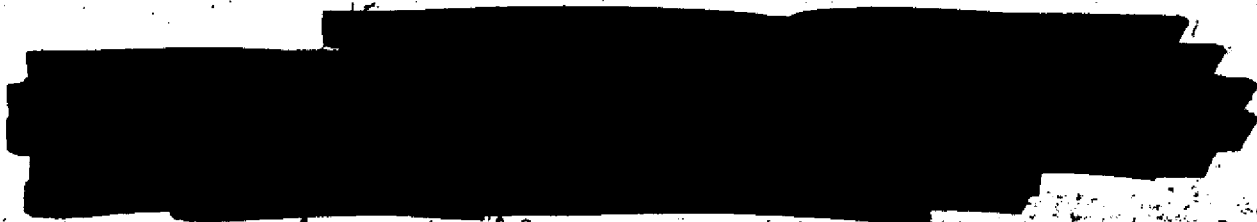
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[REDACTED] the subject was listed on a handbill "throwaway" as a speaker at a Second Front rally known as "RALLY FOR A SECOND FRONT NOW" which was sponsored by the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE and was held at Madison Square Garden on October 2, 1942.

A winter term catalogue of the NEW JERSEY LABOR SCHOOL for 1945 listed the subject, CLAUDIA JONES, as being one of the lecturers in a course to be given that term by that school entitled: "THE ROLE OF THE NEGRO IN AMERICAN LIFE".

The "Daily Worker" for December 30, 1945, page 3, announced several changes and additions to the staff of the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker". It was stated that CLAUDIA JONES became a member of the editorial board of "FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, INC." as editor of negro affairs for the "Daily Worker".

The "People's Voice" of January 5, 1946 carried a picture of the subject and a story captioned: "CLAUDIA JONES, NEW DAILY WORKER EDITOR". This article announced that the subject had become an editor for the "Daily Worker" and, in a brief biography for the subject stated: "Claudia Jones, coming to the Worker from the post of being secretary of the Communist Party, has been active in the struggles of the negro people for the past ten years. She joined the youth movement when she was twenty and was elected to the National Committee of the Young Communist League at twenty-one."

"During her most recent years, she has been editor of "The Weekly Review", organ of the Young Communist League, and editor of the "Spotlight", published by the "American Youth for Democracy".

The Negro paper, "NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS", carried an article stating that with the reorganization of the editorial staff of the "Daily Worker," CLAUDIA JONES, a long-time worker, both in the writing field and in the left-wing group, had been added as a member of the staff. This article stated that she is not quite thirty years old and is the youngest member of the editorial board and "very proud of it." This article stated that the subject was born in Trinidad, British West Indies, moved to the United States at an early age and went to school in New York. It stated that in her last year of high school, she got a job on a paper printed in the community and stayed until her graduation. It stated that many other positions opened up for the subject after a short term in college, among them being a position with the National Congress of Negro Youth.

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This article further stated that she was interested primarily in youth groups and activities and had edited the "SPOTLIGHT", published by the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY and the "WEEKLY REVIEW", published by the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE. It stated that one of her earlier jobs was reporting for the "Daily Worker" and while so occupied took over the letter page and became editor of that feature. This article quoted the subject as stating she felt as though "I came home when I returned to the Daily Worker".

It went on to state that she was interested in expanding the "Daily Worker" and revealed that a branch office was to be reopened in Harlem to assist with the news coverage in the upper Manhattan area.

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She reportedly gave a long discussion on the inequality between negroes and whites and said that while the unity of the negroes and the whites on the picket line must be witnessed, this could not be separated from post war violations against negro veterans as well as the Fascist FEPC filibuster in Congress. She stated: "We urge a strong fight against white chauvinism which must be reflected in our press, theoretical organs and above all, our struggle. We must seek greater gains and greater victories."

The "Daily Worker" of February 17, 1946 announced that the subject was to participate in a symposium-discussion on "NEW NOVELS ABOUT THE NEGRO" at the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE on February 17, 1946.

The "Daily Worker" of February 26, 1946 announced that the subject was to lead a discussion at the Queens County Educational Conference On The Negro Question to be held at the Community Center, 45-09 Greenpoint Avenue, Long Island City, New York on February 27, 1946.

The "Daily Worker" for March 7, 1946 announced that the subject was to speak that night on "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" and the "FREEPORT AND COLUMBIA MURDERS" at the ALP Hall, 1723 Boston Road, in the Bronx.

During March, 1946, considerable agitation was prompted by the Communist Party concerning the death of two negroes at Freeport, Long Island, New York and the riots which occurred at Columbia, Tennessee. The subject was quite active in this matter, it having been reported by the "Daily Worker" on March 8, 1946, that she was to speak at a mass rally in

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protest to the lynch terror in Freeport and Columbia. This speech was to be given at Unity Centre of the Communist Party located in Harlem.

The "PEOPLE'S VOICE" of March 16, 1946 announced that the subject was one of the leading figures in the delegation of one hundred fifty who marched on the Albany State Capitol protesting the Freeport killing of two negroes.

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According to these sources, the subject called for the removal of HERBERT HOOVER as a special appointee of the President in the food survey being conducted at that time and accused HOOVER of being one of the leaders of monopolistic capital.

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A review of the "Daily Worker" disclosed that the subject is a frequent contributor of articles to that paper. It is apparent that her articles follow the Communist Party line and are centered around the negro.

On March 18, 1946 she wrote an article entitled: "NEGRO REACTION TO CHURCHILL: 'NO'". In this article she stated that CHURCHILL's Fulton, Missouri speech certainly made no hit with the negro people. She charged that CHURCHILL had urged Britons and Americans to do what HITLER's Germans were supposed to do.

On March 21, 1946 she wrote a review of the book, "MARCHING BLACKS" by ADAM CLAYTON POWELL and attacked the statement urging that the negroes move to the northern states, stating that this was no solution for the negro problem.

On April 7, 1946 she wrote an article entitled: "NEGRO PEOPLE ARE JOINING THE PARTY THAT LEADS STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY". In this article she championed the Communist Party as being the Party for the negro people, stating that it was a Party for the oppressed people because the Communist Party is the Party not only of the negro people "but of all the oppressed", and went on to point out that the Communist Party had pioneered in bringing about equality between races in all phases of life.

The majority of her articles appearing in the "Daily Worker" concerned the negro.

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BACKGROUND:

A check of the election records at the City Hall Library in New York for the years 1944 and 1945 disclosed that one YVONNE CUMBERBATCH registered as a voter with the address 504 West 143rd Street. One ABRAHAM SCHOLNICK also of that address, registered as a voter in 1945.

A check of the records of the Board of Elections by Special Agent [REDACTED] disclosed that YVONNE CUMBERBATCH of 504 West 143rd Street was listed as a draftsman. It will be noted that the subject has been previously reported to have the correct maiden name of CUMBERBATCH.

In an effort to determine the birth and citizenship of CLAUDIA JONES, the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, were checked by Special Employee Investigator [REDACTED]. It was determined from these records that one YVONNE CUMBERBATCH filed a Declaration of Intention to become a United States citizen on May 20, 1941 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. This declaration was number 488361. Her petition for naturalization was filed July 2, 1943, the number being 457354. She was admitted to citizenship December 16, 1943. Her address was given as 537 West 148th Street, New York City and she was also known as IRENE CUMBERBATCH. Her occupation was listed as draftsman, born July 27, 1917, at Trinidad, Port of Spain, British West Indies.

She was described as being a negro, with a brown complexion and brown eyes, having black hair. She was said to be five feet, four inches in height, and was said to weigh 160 pounds. Her marital status was given as single. Her last foreign residence was Port of Spain, British West Indies and she immigrated from there, entering the United States at New York City February 9, 1924 on the SS VOLTAIRE, under the name of IRENE CUMBERBATCH. Her father was CHARLES BERTRAM CUMBERBATCH and her mother was named SYBIL LOGAN. She had resided in New York City from February, 1924 until the date of her papers.

Witnesses to her papers were LOTTIE PEARL JONES, housewife, 162 West 116th Street, New York City and PERETTE KING, laborer, 162 West 116th Street, New York City. Her employers were listed as ATLAS CHINA MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 27 West 21st Street, New York from December 8, 1941 to August, 1941 and the SUPER METAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Jersey City, New Jersey, assembler, riveter, February to June, 1940.

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Her AER number was 5634599 and she was also disclosed on these papers to have received a B.A. degree from Hunter College in 1937. It will be noted that the subject, CLAUDIA JONES, has previously been reported as possibly being the daughter of an individual by the name of CUMBERBATCH. One source has advised that the subject, CLAUDIA JONES, was born February 15, 1905 at New York City, the daughter of CHARLES and SYBIL LEWIS, it not being known whether LEWIS was the maiden name of the subject's mother.

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It will also be noted that the subject has been reported to have been residing in Apartment 6A, 504 West 143rd Street, New York, about March, 1944 with her father, uncle and sister, since shortly before the previous Christmas. It was stated that the subject's husband was working on a farm in up state New York.

In view of the above information, it is possible that YVONNE CUMBERBATCH may be the sister of the subject or might possibly be identical with the subject. It will be noted that previously in this case the subject was reported in the NEW YORK NEW AMSTERDAM NEWS as having been born in Trinidad, British West Indies.

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At New York, New York:

Will continue efforts to determine whether Mrs. VERA SCHOLNICK, subscriber to Audubon 3-1381, 504 West 143rd Street, is identical with the subject.

Will check further to ascertain whether CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH, who graduated from Wadleigh High School in New York in June, 1935 is identical with the subject.

Will continue investigation to determine whether the subject may be identical with or related to YVONNE CUMBERBATCH. (c)

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November 1, 1946

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(New York file No. 100-18676)

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In continuing investigation of the instant case, every effort should be made by your office to obtain admissible evidence tending to prove:

1. Subject's Party membership or affiliation
2. Subject's knowledge of the Party's revolutionary aims and purposes

At such time as in your judgment a sufficient amount of evidence has been obtained, a report prepared in summary fashion should be submitted. The latter report should set forth, by witnesses, only the above referred to evidence. The details shall not reflect the identities of confidential informants but they shall be protected by temporary symbols.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI.

DATE: March 18, 1947

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SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK with aliases:
 Claudia Jones, Mrs. Nick Scholnick,
 nee Claudia Vera Cumberbatch
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Reference is made to the summary report from this office in the above case dated March 17, 1947, captioned as above. Reference is also made to the previous report from this office in this case dated September 24, 1946, captioned CLAUDIA JONES SCHOLNICK, with aliases.

The title in the summary report was not marked changed because of the administrative detail involved in explanation of this change. The following information is submitted to explain the difference in the titles in these two reports.

In order to determine the true identity of the subject, information was set out in the report of September 24, 1946, reflecting the subject to be the sister of one YVONNE CUMBERBATCH residing at the same address as the subject.

Your attention is called to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 14, 1945, setting out background information on one CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH whose identity with the subject could not definitely be determined at that time.

[redacted] the subject of this case is known as CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK as well as her common name of CLAUDIA JONES.

A check of the records of Junior High School #136 in New York City has disclosed the following information reflecting CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH and YVONNE CUMBERBATCH are sisters. They were both born in Trinidad, British West Indies, CLAUDIA having been born February 25, 1916. Both entered New York schools on February 18, 1924. Their previous attendance in school was in Trinidad, B.W.I. Both had a father by the name of CHARLES and both resided at the same addresses throughout their early school career. *Yvonne Cumberbatch*

This information combined with that previously reported seems to definitely identify the subject of this case as having been born CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH. Hence the change in title in the above referred to reports.

The next report from this office will reflect the title as changed and the reason therefor.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 28, 1947

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was
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Re SAC Letter #44, Series 1947, dated April 14, 1947.

Subject, under the name CLAUDIA JONES, is a member of the National Committee, CP, USA; Secretary of the Women's Commission, CP, USA, and Negro affairs editor of the "Daily Worker". She is one of the most prominent of the younger leading Negro Communists.

In view of the foregoing important positions held by CLAUDIA JONES, the New York Office considers her to be a top functionary in the Communist Party, therefore, necessitating that continuous, active investigative attention be given this case.

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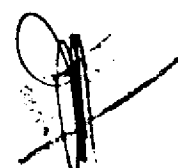
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Reurlet April 28, 1947. Pursuant to your suggestion the Bureau approves the designation of the subject as a top functionary. In view of this he should be the subject of continuous, active and vigorous investigation of your office. The case should remain pending at all times and reports should be submitted to the Bureau on a periodic basis.

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SUMMARY REPORT

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Subject, a Negro, was born CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH, February 25, 1915 at Trinidad, British West Indies, and is indicated to have entered the United States, February 9, 1924 at New York City. Immigration records fail to reflect that the subject has become naturalized. Subject presently residing 504 West 143rd Street, New York City. She is commonly known as CLAUDIA JONES. She is a member of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE of the COMMUNIST PARTY, engaged full time in Communist Party work.

I. PARTY MEMBERSHIP OR AFFILIATION

Young Communist League "Review",
October, 1938, page 6, column 2

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This magazine, which was the official organ of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, stated at that time that CLAUDIA JONES was Chairman of the New York County YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE and a member of the NATIONAL COUNCIL of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

House Committee On Un-American
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WALTER S. STEELE, Chairman of the UN-AMERICAN COALITION COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY, representing various organizations in testimony before the House Committee on August 16, 1938, testified that CLAUDIA JONES was a member of the staff of the Daily Worker at that time.

On Saturday, October 7, 1939, the minutes of the NATIONAL RESIDENT BOARD meeting of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, U.S.A., of April 16, 1938, were

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introduced before this Committee over the testimony of OLIVER KENNETH GOFF. In these minutes, it was stated that all districts of the Y.C.L. had begun work on the "Book Of International Fellowship". The subject was identified as being responsible for publicity in this matter in the Negro press as follows: "Claudia Jones Responsible For Publicity In The Negro Press".

The minutes of the NATIONAL RESIDENT BOARD meeting of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, U.S.A. of June 25, 1938, were introduced on the same day before the Committee over the testimony of OLIVER KENNETH GOFF. In these minutes, it was stated that a booklet project had been undertaken by the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE. CLAUDIA JONES was assigned to do a pamphlet entitled, "Miss America".

Young Communist League "Review",
June 24, 1940, page 5, column 2

This issue of the "Review" indicated that CLAUDIA JONES was a leading member of the New York State YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE in June, 1940.

Young Communist League "Review",
December 9, 1940, page 8, column 1

This issue of the "Review" mentioned CLAUDIA JONES as a YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE director in New York as of December, 1940.

Young Communist League "Review",
January 20, 1941, page 11, column 4

This issue of the "Review" stated that CLAUDIA JONES was elected a member of the NATIONAL COUNCIL of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE at the last session of a special convention held at New York City on December 21 and 22, 1940.

Young Communist League "Review",
March 3, 1941

This issue of the "Review" identified CLAUDIA JONES as Educational Director of the New York State YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

Young Communist League "Review",
August 4, 1941, page 7, column 4

This issue of the "Review" identified CLAUDIA JONES as National Educational Director of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE at that time.

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Special Agents [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] September 19, 1941

These agents were in attendance at a YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE rally, which was held at the ROYAL WINDSOR Auditorium, 66 West 66th Street, New York City, on September 19, 1941, at which time CLAUDIA JONES was introduced as Educational Secretary of the New York State YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

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Young Communist League "Review",
February 3, 1942, page 5, column 1

This issue of the "Review" stated that CLAUDIA JONES was appointed Associate Editor of the "Review" at that time. In a biographical sketch of the subject, it was stated that she joined the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE in about 1935. She had, at that time of the writing of the sketch, been a New York State Educational Director, New York State Chairman and Harlem Section Organizer of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE. At the time of this biographical sketch, she was stated to be a member of the NATIONAL COUNCIL of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

Special Agents [REDACTED] and
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These agents were present at the 20th anniversary "Win The War" celebration, held in the form of a rally by the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, U.S.A. at MANHATTAN CENTER, 34th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City, on the evening of April 20, 1942, when they heard MICHAEL SAUNDERS, Executive Secretary of the New York State YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, introduce CLAUDIA JONES as Associate Editor of the "Review".

Young Communist League "Review",
June 16, 1942, page 7

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This issue of the "Review" stated that CLAUDIA JONES became Editor

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of the "Weekly Review" on June 1, 1942, replacing JOSEPH CLARK, former Editor who had been inducted into the United States Army.

Young Communist League "Review",
January 26, 1943, page 7, column 4

This issue of the "Review" stated that at the "National War Service" conference of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, which was held in New York City on January 9 and 10, 1943, CLAUDIA JONES was elected to the NATIONAL COUNCIL of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE as well as to the "National War Service Council" of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

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CLAUDIA JONES was observed by this agent to be seated on the speakers' platform at a mass meeting, sponsored by the COMMUNIST PARTY and the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, which was held at UNION SQUARE, New York City, between 5:00 and 7:30 P.M. on September 24, 1942. The purpose of this meeting was to demand the immediate opening of a second front in Europe. CLAUDIA JONES did not make a speech at this meeting.

CLAUDIA JONES was observed by this agent to officiate at a public rally which was held at MANHATTAN CENTER, 34th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City, on the evening of October 15, 1943, opening the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE Convention. She opened the rally by greeting the delegates and visitors and introduced all subsequent speakers.

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This source advised that CLAUDIA JONES was appointed a member of the Presiding Committee at the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE Convention, held on October 16 and 17, 1943 at the MECCA TEMPLE CASINO. Upon the dissolution of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE at this convention, she, together with MAX WEISS and FRANK SESTARE, officers of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, was authorized to wind up the affairs of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE within a period of thirty days.

At the succeeding AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY Convention, continued on the same dates, CLAUDIA JONES was appointed a member of both the PRESIDING COMMITTEE and the CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE of the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY and was Chairman of the Press Committee of the Convention. Upon election of the NATIONAL COUNCIL of the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY on October 17, 1943, CLAUDIA JONES was elected a member. On this same date, she spoke in favor of the nomination of ROBERT THOMPSON as a

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American Youth For Democracy
"Spotlight", December, 1943

In the first issue of the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY "Spotlight" (official organ of the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY), which appeared in December, 1943, CLAUDIA JONES was listed as the Editor. The succeeding issues of the "Spotlight" continued to reflect CLAUDIA JONES as Editor and carried her picture on the editorial page with an editorial written by her entitled, "From The Editor."

American Youth For Democracy
"Spotlight", February, 1945

This issue of the "Spotlight", official organ of the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY, carried a picture of CLAUDIA JONES with the following statement: "Claudia Jones, editor of the Spotlight since its first issue, has resigned her position on the magazine to take over a greater responsibility in the national leadership of the American Youth For Democracy."

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"Claudia, in her new position, will devote herself to the educational and inter-racial, inter-faith work of AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY in addition to participating in the formulation of general policy. We, on the staff of Spotlight, regret to see Claudia leave though we know that her more active participation in the leadership of AYD will be invaluable to the organization."

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II. KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S REVOLUTIONARY AIMS AND PURPOSES

"Political Affairs", Volume XXIV,
No. 8, August, 1945

This issue of "Political Affairs", which is a "Marxist magazine devoted to the advancement of democratic thought and action", published by the NEW CENTURY PUBLISHERS, INC. of 832 Broadway, New York, with EARL BROWDER as Editor at that time, carried an article by CLAUDIA JONES under the caption "Pre-Convention Discussion Articles". In this article, CLAUDIA JONES discussed the issue before the C.P.A. at that time, namely "revisionism". The following appeared in the article as a statement by CLAUDIA JONES:

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" It is extremely necessary to examine thoroughly how our revisionist conclusions, under the name of Marxist-Leninist science, affected our work in all fields, so that we may now draw the correct conclusions with which to arm the working class and all the oppressed in our country for full victory over reaction and fascism.

" I want to discuss in this article one aspect of the line we adhered to, namely Browder's thesis, contained in his article 'On the Negroes and the Right of Self-Determination', which was included in the Workers Library Publisher's pamphlet, Communists in the Struggle for Negro Rights.

" That this thesis was first put forth in October, 1943, and published in the January, 1944, issue of The Communist, is further evidence of what has already been noted by some contributors to these pages: that our revisionism was not something born overnight, but that it had a history, which must now be self-critically examined by each of us who shared in unquestioning and formal acceptance, without study, thought, or true conviction.

" I was one who accepted this thesis as part and parcel of our whole estimate of the relationship of forces on a world and on a national scale.

" The thesis on self-determination and the Negro people was thus presented by Browder:

" the crisis of history has taken a turn of such character that the Negro people in the United States have found it possible to make their historic decision once and for all. Their decision is for their complete integration into the American nation as a whole, and not for separation....

" The decision of the Negro people, is therefore, already made. It is that the Negro people do see the opportunity, not as a pious aspiration for an indefinite future, but as an immediate political task under the present system of approximating the position of equal citizens in America. This is, in itself, an exercise of the right of self-determination by the Negro people. By their attitude, the Negro people have exercised their historical right of self-determination...."

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" Browder bases his thesis, first and foremost, on the premise that this 'decision' had taken 'definite form which no foreseeable development could now change.' But Comrade Foster's basic Marxist-Leninist analysis of the revisionist class-peace policy advocated by Browder is utterly upheld in this field by current developments. Witness the vehemence with which the permanent FEPC is being fought, and more recently the scandalous libel and lynch spirit of Senator Eastland's attack upon the 800,000 Negro troops, even before victory has been completely won, which signalize the attempts to rupture the war-time Negro-white relations.

" Where are the 'decisive forces' reputedly at work for 'Negro equality'? It is obvious that any such illusion could only disarm the working class which has not yet been advanced and united enough to compel anti-lynch legislation to be placed on the statute books of the land!

" On what was the premise that 'the Negroes had made their historic decision' based fundamentally? Was it based on a fundamental appraisal of the present economic, political and social status of the Negro people in the Black Belt, where (only) the question of self-determination holds?

" Was it based on the prospect of a long-term alliance of the working class and the Negro people to achieve the 'guarantees' of which Browder wrote: 'Guarantees that there will not be a disappointment such as was administered by the Republican Party after the Civil War'?

" Or was it based on a pitous hope that the struggle for full economic, social and political equality of the Negro people would be 'legislated' and somehow brought into being through reforms from on top? (Some nine million Negroes live in the Black Belt under Jim Crow oppression. They are the mainstay of the source of cheap labor for monopoly capital in the United States. Their status is upheld and backed up by the Southern feudalists who are the foundation of monopoly capitalist oppression of the Negro people in the nation!)

" It cannot be denied, of course, that Browder's thesis was supported and accepted on such apparent evidences in our national life as the influence on the Roosevelt Administration, which removed to a material degree the deeply rooted official sanction of discrimination against the Negro people; on the growth of unity and political maturity of the Negro people, together with the progressive labor movement; especially as evidenced in the

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"fight for realizing the war-time FEPC; on the first election of Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., to the City Council of New York by the combined votes of Negroes and whites; as well as on the drive for abolition of the poll tax - the touch-tone of political disfranchisement of ten million Negroes and poor whites in the South.

" Of course, the Negro people sought to achieve equality and to renounce their second-class citizenship status! Does this fact, however, have to lead to a fundamental reversal of the basic position of the Communists on the right to self-determination? Are the two concepts mutually exclusive?

" Definitely not! What is the right to self-determination? It is not basically determined by an 'attitude' of an oppressed people. It is a scientific principle that derives from an objective condition and upon this basis expresses the fundamental demands (land, equality, and freedom) of the oppressed Negro people.

" The weight of emphasis in Browder's thesis on 'the attitude of the Negro people' as the determining factor, and our acceptance of it, was a subjective and unscientific approach to the question. The end result of Browder's erroneous analysis, in my considered opinion (unless corrected now), would amount to this: If the Negro people made their historic decision for self-determination, through integration, and would inevitably receive freedom 'under the existing American system', what need to mobilize and heighten the fight against white chauvinist ideology? What need to mobilize independent and militant struggle against the Hitler-like discriminatory practices (including social exclusion) which still beset the Negro people, despite important gains registered especially during the last twelve years?

" Browder's harmful analysis led of necessity to the strengthening of bourgeois nationalism among the Negro people and to an undue reliance on Negro reformist leadership.

" Instead of fully utilizing the potential of an anti-fascist war of national liberation, which, as Browder correctly states, fired the political maturity of the Negro people, to root out determinedly the white chauvinist prejudices among the American people (and among new sections of our own membership), we did not take that initiative.

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" It must be borne in mind that the gains referred to were fought for consciously by the Negro people and the advanced win-the-war forces in the labor movement. The very fact that each such gain was an incentive to press for new and greater ones should have shown us the temper of the Negro people, and should, likewise, have made us draw far different conclusions than those we did. It was this conscious indignation and organized fight that forced changes from on top; they were not granted willingly, but were the 'logic' of such protests. That we spoke of the realization of some of these war-time gains as a 'military necessity' only, was in many cases closer to a true estimate than we realized, insofar as the commitment of bourgeois class forces was concerned. But that concept led to a weakening of the struggle for Negro rights; for we failed to criticize sharply the liberal-bourgeois policies of the Roosevelt Administration (as in regards to Jim Crow practices in the armed forces) and tended to 'put a wet blanket' on those win-the-war forces who aggressively sought to press the demands for Negro rights.

" The trends for struggle among the Negro people were not fully evaluated by the C.P.A., or, when they were, the full conclusions were not drawn. In fact, many times as a result of an all too formal national unity policy in the day-to-day struggle for the special needs of the Negro people, we ignored and glossed over the deep concern of the Negro people for their postwar status and the shape of the postwar world. This concern was instanced in the Double V slogan (Victory abroad and Victory at home) raised in 1941 in the Negro press. While not applicable at all stages of that period, it was indicative of the instinctive anti-fascist, anti-imperialist sentiments of the Negro people. In the very pamphlet under discussion, in reprints from the Negro Digest debate, 'Have the Communists Given Up the Struggle for Negro Rights?' leading comrades, Ford, Davis and Patterson, reflected, although to an insufficient degree, the deep postwar concern of the Negro people. The historic struggle of the Communists for Negro rights and the profound trust of the Negro people in our uncompromising fight are likewise evident in the question posed in that debate, despite its heavy load of Red-baiting opponents. The record negative vote of the Negro Digest readers shows this to be a fact beyond any doubt.

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" To heighten the fight for Negro rights becomes more important

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"than ever today. It suffices but to mention the chauvinist ideology which still penetrates the core and culture of our national life, rendering many sections of the people susceptible to infection from this social disease.

" That Negro comrades accepted Browder's opportunist thesis makes the error all the more grave, because in effect we accepted the false and bankrupt logic of reformism as a solution to the problems of the Negro people. Not only that, we accepted a 'less than equal' status for the Negro people for 'generations to come' - something 'approximating equality.'

" Only by sharply dealing with this major question shall we be able to overcome the serious errors of this period and fully explain to the Negro people and the white working class the source of our errors. This, too, is the way to guarantee continued enlistment of the strength and organic support of the Negro people to the common goal.

" I have one proposal, which I believe to be practical and necessary, to recommend to the National Board of the C.P.A. That is: to set up a Commission to examine our work in this field, with the aim of making a basic appraisal and study of work in Negro communities, especially presenting a factual study and analysis of the status of the Negro people in the Black Belt, in industry, in consumer, industrial and agricultural spheres, and in the trade unions."

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This source advised that CLAUDIA JONES was present at the Plenum of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE of the Communist Party, which was held at the HOTEL ALBERT in New York City on February 12 to 15, 1946. CLAUDIA JONES spoke at the afternoon session Plenum on February 13, 1946, at which time she gave a long discussion on the inequality between negroes and whites and said that while the unity of the negroes and the whites on the picket line must be witnessed, this cannot be separated from post-war violations against negro veterans as well as the fascist FEPC filibuster in Congress. She was quoted by this source as saying: "We urge a strong fight against white chauvinism which must be reflected in our press, theoretical organs, and above all, our struggle. We must seek greater gains and greater victories".

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"Daily Worker, April 7, 1946

This issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an article written by CLAUDIA JONES, entitled "Negro People Are Joining The Party That Leads Struggle For Equality". In this article, JONES wrote that "Fifteen years ago, a small anguished Negro woman rushed out on the streets of Chattanooga, Tennessee asking everyone she met: 'Where is the Communist Party?'" JONES stated that this woman found the Communist Party and it acted. She stated that this woman was Mrs. ADA WRIGHT, mother of the two "framed" Scottsboro boys. JONES went on to say her question was answered in a "historic struggle by the Communist Party which made the Scottsboro case a world-wide cause.The Communist Party fought for the lives of those nine boys and won.... The Communists were the first to recognize that this case involved more than the persecution of nine ten-age boys, because this is the Party that carries forward the democratic heritage of the Abolitionists, against present-day semi-slave conditions of the Negro people. Then as today, the Communists led in the uncompromising demand for full punishment of the lynchers, because its principals inspire it to fight for the rights of all oppressed peoples. This is so because the Communist Party is the party not only of the Negro people, but of all the oppressed.....The Communist Party fights for the strengthened unity and alliance of Negro and white because it realizes that only thus can the common enemies of both be defeated. Its principles are based on the great truth enunciated by Karl Marx - "Labor in a white skin cannot be free while labor in the black is branded". These are basic motives which have found the Communists in the forefront of the fight for full

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political, economic, and social equality for the Negro people. It is no humanitarian or paternalistic approach which governs its acts.

"It was this Marxist-Leninist principle that the Communists brought to the labor movement, more than 25 years ago.....It were the Communists who inspired this fight which led to organizing negro and white share croppers in Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama. They sought tirelessly to integrate the Negro worker in the labor movement."

She went on to say that "If today the unprecedented unity of negro and white exists in the wage struggles of labor, it is largely because the Communists pioneered and zealously supported the nation-wide agitation to organize the workers of basic industries into industrial unions."

The subject further wrote in this article, "If today, negro workers in packing, steel and other strike struggles are referred to as solid champions of labor's cause, not a small part of the answer is the pioneering work of the Communists."

"Nothing has so contributed to the political development of the negro people than the work of the Communists within the labor movement to secure for him a place of equal opportunity".

JONES went on to state that the "Negro no longer need, indeed he cannot now fight alone" but that he is part of an inseparable alliance of organized labor "and its Communist vanguard". She went on to state that that is why the "best sons and daughters of the Negro people have found their way into the Communist Party. They recognize that the Communist Party fights not only in the tradition of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, but that the Communist Party is a Party of a new type -- a Party of the working class -- a Party that is building the future of mankind - Socialism....The Communist Party is the conscious force that shows the negro and white workers that you cannot compromise with the Jim Crow system but must fight without quarter to destroy it."

"It is no wonder that the enemies of the Communist Party have charged in the past that it is the Party of the negro. We Communists say that the charge is true". She went on to state that the Communist Party is the one Party that is proud of being the party of the negro.

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"Daily Worker", May 27, 1946

CLAUDIA JONES is credited in this issue of the "Daily Worker" with

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an article, entitled "Michigan C.P. Wins A Tough Fight". In this article, she wrote of the "victorious campaign" of the Michigan Communists to regain their place on the ballot and championed the C.P. and its cause,

"Daily Worker", September 17, 1946

CLAUDIA JONES wrote an article in this issue of the "Daily Worker", entitled "The Negro People Are Aroused", which article stated that there was unrest among Negroes because of recent lynchings and other racial issues. She stated that "Pay day is coming...but will it mean a pay day based on heightened negro-white unity, a pay day based on a thunderous struggle needed to stop lynch terror?...Progressives, labor and especially Communists know that to reach that day involves cementing of the alliance of the Negro people and labor. Truly and justifiably, the Negro people are to-day measuring friends and allies in this wise - by those who come to their aid now".

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III. QUESTIONABLE EVIDENCE

"Daily Worker", May 1, 1935

In an article appearing in this issue of the "Daily Worker", by JOSEPH NORTH, CLAUDIA JONES was identified as a member of the "Daily Worker" staff.

"New Masses, May 16, 1939,
page 11, column 2

This issue of "New Masses" carried a biographical sketch of CLAUDIA JONES as a "Young Communist League personality", which was written by JAMES DUGAN. It stated, "Claudia Jones...is a handsome, laughing girl, who is New York State Chairman (of the YCL). Claudia went to Wadleigh High in Harlem from which she graduated in 1934. She has worked in a dress factory, a laundry, a millinery shop, and as a typist. In 1936, she met James Ashford, a Negro YCL leader to whom belongs most of the credit for the strong organization in Harlem. Claudia joined the YCL after hearing Jimmie Ashford's arguments. Now she does a good deal of work with members of the Harlem branch.

"Daily Worker", February 6, 1941,
page 5, column 5

This issue of the "Daily Worker" stated that CLAUDIA JONES, as a member of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE of the YCL, attended a mass meeting at MECCA TEMPLE, New York City, on February 4, 1941, protesting the United States Supreme Court's position in upholding the sentence of EARL BROWDER.

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"Daily Worker", December 30, 1945,
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In announcing changes in the "Daily Worker" staff, it was stated in this issue of the paper that CLAUDIA JONES became a member of the Editorial Board of the FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, INC., as editor of Negro affairs for the "Daily Worker".

The "People's Voice",
January 5, 1946.

This issue of the "People's Voice", a Negro newspaper published in New York City, carried an article which stated in part - "Claudia Jones, coming to the Worker from the post of being Secretary of the Communist Party, has been active in the struggles of the negro people for the past ten years. She joined the youth movement when she was twenty and was elected to the National Committee of the Young Communist League at twenty-one. During her most recent years, she has been editor of "The Weekly Review", organ of the Young Communist League, and editor of "Spotlight", published by the American Youth for Democracy."

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"New York Amsterdam News",
January 19, 1946

This publication, which is a Negro paper published in New York City, carried an article which stated that CLAUDIA JONES had been added as a member of the staff of the "Daily Worker", and stated that she had been a long-time worker, both in the writing field and in the left-wing group, and that she was the youngest member on the Editorial Board of the "Daily Worker" and "very proud of it". This article went on to say that JONES was interested in expanding the "Daily Worker" and revealed that a branch office was to be re-opened in Harlem to assist with the news coverage in the upper Manhattan area.

"Daily Worker, February 26, 1946

An ad carried in this issue of the "Daily Worker" identified CLAUDIA JONES as editor of Negro affairs of the "Daily Worker" and as a member of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE of the Communist Party. It announced that she would lead the discussion at the Queens County Education Conference of the Communist Party on the Negro Question to be held at COMMUNITY CENTER, 45-09 Greenpoint Avenue, Long Island City, on Wednesday, February 27, and Wednesday, March 26, 1946. All members of the Queens Communist Party were requested to attend.

"Daily Worker, March 7, 1946

This issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an ad announcing that CLAUDIA JONES was to speak under the auspices of the EAST TREMONT SECTION of the Communist Party in the Bronx on March 7, 1946 at the A.L.P. HALL, 173 Boston Road, Bronx, on the topics, "International Women's Day" and the "Freeport And Columbia Murders".

"Daily Worker, March 8, 1946

This issue of the "Daily Worker" announces that the subject was to speak at a mass rally to be held in UNITY CENTER of the Communist Party in Harlem in New York City on "the lynch terror" in Freeport, Long Island, and Columbia, Tennessee.

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"Daily Worker", April 30, 1946

This issue carried an ad announcing that CLAUDIA JONES was to be a guest at the UNITY CENTER of the Communist Party on the night of April 30, 1946, at a "Celebrate May Day" meeting.

"Daily Worker", October 8, 1946

This issue announced that the subject was one of several speakers to address an open-air election rally under the sponsorship of the Communist Party, to be held at Noon on October 8, 1946 at 38th Street and 7th Avenue.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 17, 1947

FROM : *ES* SAC, New YorkSUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF
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Reference is made to your teletype dated March 1st, 1947, request-
ing a summary report to be submitted on CLAUDIA SCHOLNICK (Bureau File
#100-72390).

Accordingly, there are enclosed herewith five copies of this
summary report as requested.

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cc: NY 100-18676

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Secretary General T. L. Caudle
Criminal Division

May 7, 1947

Director, FBI

CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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There is attached hereto one copy of the summary report of Special Agent [redacted] New York, New York, dated March 17, 1947. Copies of all previous reports that have been received in this case have been forwarded to the Division of Records.

The subject as Claudia Vera Cumberbatch was born on February 25, 1916, at Trinidad, British West Indies. Investigation conducted to date has failed to reflect that subject ever became a naturalized citizen of this country. As Claudia Jones she is a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party and as such is engaged full time in the work of the Communist Party.

In view of the subject's activities, together with the fact that she is an alien, you are requested to advise whether there is some action that may be taken against her.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Theron L. Caudle, Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, with aliases
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DATE: May 22, 1947

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b7c Reference is made to your memorandum of May 7, 1947, and the attached summary report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New York dated March 17, 1947.

The question of possible prosecution is under consideration in the Criminal Division and I will communicate with you further at an early date.

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| REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK | DATE WHEN MADE 6/16/47 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/10, 11/47 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] |
| TITLE CHANGED: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was: Claudia Jones, Mrs. Nick Scholnick, nee Claudia Vera Cumberbatch, Claude Cumberbatch | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Subject was born February 25, 1916, at Trinidad, BWI, of African race. She entered the US on 2/9/24 under the name of CLAUDE CUMBERBATCH. She is the daughter of one CHARLES BERTRAM CUMBERBATCH and sister of YVONNE CUMBERBATCH.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] 9/24/46, at New York. Report of SA [REDACTED] 3/17/47, at New York.</p> <p>DETAILS: The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the true maiden name of the subject as CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH and CLAUDE CUMBERBATCH as well as her true married name as CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK.</p> <p>It will be noted that investigation has been conducted in the past in an effort to determine the true identify of the subject, who is commonly known as CLAUDIA JONES. This investigation has developed an indication that the subject was born in the British West Indies, and that her father's name was CHARLES CUMBERBATCH.</p> <p>It will also be noted that the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated December 14, 1945, sets out information concerning one CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH, whose identity with the subject could not definitely be determined. This information was obtained from the records of Wadley High School, which reflected that CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH was the daughter of one CHARLES CUMBERBATCH and had attended junior high school #136 in New York. The subject has also been reported to have been residing at 504 West 143rd Street.</p> | | | |
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with her father, sister, and husband.

Investigation disclosed that one YVONNE CUMBERBATCH of that address had entered the United States on February 9, 1924, under the name of IRENE CUMBERBATCH. Her father was listed as CHARLES BERTRAM CUMBERBATCH and her mother as SYBIL LOGAN.

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[redacted] a Secretary at Junior High School #136 mentioned above, furnished the following information from the school records concerning CLAUDIA VERA CUMBERBATCH. She stated that the records reflect that CLAUDIA CUMBERBATCH was born February 25, 1916, at Trinidad, British West Indies. She was first carried on the records of the Public School #136 as CLAUDE CUMBERBATCH. These records reflect that she entered the New York schools on February 18, 1924, in the 4th grade, and had previously attended school in Trinidad, British West Indies. She graduated from Public School #136 on January 31, 1930, and entered Wadley High School on February 1, *Wadley* 1930. The latest home addresses appearing on the school records for CLAUDIA CUMBERBATCH were 267 West 122nd Street and 2529 7th Avenue, Apartment 4. Her father was listed as CHARLES CUMBERBATCH.

These records also reflect that YVONNE CUMBERBATCH was born July 27, 1917, at Trinidad, British West Indies. She also entered New York public schools on February 18, 1924, as did CLAUDIA CUMBERBATCH. She previously attended school in Trinidad, British West Indies. The two latest addresses appearing on the school's records for YVONNE CUMBERBATCH were identical with those of CLAUDIA CUMBERBATCH. Her father was also listed as CHARLES.

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Special Employee [redacted] obtained the following information from the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York City:

According to Manifest #7888, page 13, line 6, the SS Voltaire arrived in New York City from Trinidad, British West Indies, on February 9, 1924. The subject entered the United States under the name of CLAUDE CUMBERBATCH aboard this ship. She was accompanied by her Aunt, ALICE GLASGOW, age 30. She was also accompanied by three sisters, LINDSAY CUMBERBATCH, age 3; IRENE CUMBERBATCH, age 5; and SYLVIA CUMBERBATCH, age 9. It will be noted that IRENE CUMBERBATCH is here identified as YVONNE CUMBERBATCH, referred to above.

These records reflect that subject was listed as a female, a school girl, and that she was able to read and write English. Her nationality

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was listed as British and her race African. Her last permanent residence was the Portofspain, Trinidad, British West Indies. She was coming to the United States from an Aunt, Mrs. F. ROBINSON of 13 Robert Street, Portofspain. Her final destination was New York City and passage was bought by her mother. She had never before been in the United States and was coming to her father, CHARLES CUMBERBATCH of 454 West St. Michaels Avenue, New York City. It was indicated in these records that she expected to remain in the United States permanently.

A check of the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service under the name and all known aliases of the subject for a record as to possible naturalization was made with negative results.

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At New York, N. Y. - Will continue to follow and report the Communist activities of the subject as a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party and one of the most prominent of the younger leading negro Communists.

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Assistant Attorney General T. L. Candler
Director, FBI

July 8, 1947

CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, With Aliases

G. I. R. -5

Reference is made to my memorandum to you of May 7, 1947,
and your memorandum of May 22, 1947, your file: 146-7-51-135.

For your additional information, there is attached a copy
of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 16, 1947,
at New York, New York.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: July 15, 1947

FROM : Theron L. Caudle, Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

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146-7-51-1375

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK
Internal Security - C.CLAUDIA CUMBERBATCHCLAUDIA JONES

There is forwarded herewith for your information, a photostatic copy of the subject's alien registration record. This was furnished by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

CLAUDIA SCHOLNICK

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

ALIEN REGISTRATION FORM

OFFICE
USE

1. (a) My name is Claudia NONE Schoinick
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME

(b) I entered the United States under the name of Claudia Cumberbatch

(c) I have also been known by the following names
(include maiden name if a married woman, professional names, nicknames, and aliases): CLAUDIA CUMBERBATCH
Claudia Vera Schoinick; Claudia Jones (professional name)

2. (a) I live at 336 Fulton Street Brooklyn Kings N. Y.
STREET OR ROAD OR RAIL ROUTE CITY AND STATE

(b) My post-office address is Same
POST OFFICE CITY AND STATE

3. (a) I was born on Feb. 21 1915
MONTH DAY YEAR

(b) I was born in (or near) Port of Spain Trinidad B. W. I.
CITY PROVINCE COUNTRY

4. I am a citizen or subject of Great Britain
COUNTRY

5. (a) I am a (check one): Male ☐ Female ☒ (b) My marital status is (check one): Single ☐ Married ☒ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐

(c) My race is (check one): White ☐ Negro ☒ Japanese ☐ Chinese ☐ Other ☐

6. I am 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches in height, weigh 120 pounds, have black hair and dk. brown eyes.
HEIGHT WEIGHT HAIR COLOR EYES

7. (a) I last arrived in the United States at Ellis Island on 2-3-1944
PORT OF ENTRY DATE

(b) I came in by "Voltaire"
NAME OF STEAMSHIP COMPANY OR OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

(c) I came as a (check one): Passenger ☒ Crew member ☐ Stowaway ☐ Other ☐

(d) I entered the United States as a (check one): Permanent resident ☒ Visitor ☐ Student ☐ Treaty merchant ☐ Seaman ☐ Official of a foreign government ☐ Employee of a foreign government official ☐ Other ☐

(e) I first arrived in the United States on February 9 1944
MONTH DAY YEAR

8. (a) I have lived in the United States a total of 16 years.

(b) I expect to remain in the United States permanently
PERMANENTLY OR INDICATION OF DATE FOR DEPARTURE

9. (a) My usual occupation is typist (b) My present occupation is youth educational worker

(c) My employer (or, if deterring parent or guardian) is Young Communist League
NAME

whose address is 33 E. 12th St. New York City N. Y.
STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX CITY AND STATE

and whose business is educational activities of young people

10. I am, or have been within the past 5 years, or intend to be engaged in the following activities:

In addition to other information, list memberships or activities in clubs, organizations, or societies.

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Negro Congress Youth Council, 100 W. 125th St., N.Y., N.Y. (member for 1 yrs)

National Ass'n for the Advancement of Colored People, 80-5th Ave.
New York, N.Y. - member for 2 yrs.

Young Communist League, 65 E. 12th St., New York, N.Y. (continued)

11. My military or naval service has been **none**

DATE

DATE OF BIRTH

FROM

TO

DATE

(day unknown)

12. I have applied for first citizenship papers in the United States. Date of application about 11-1-1939

First citizenship papers received **not yet**

DATE

BY WHOM

AT

STATE

Filed petition for naturalization

DATE

AT

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13. I have the following specified relatives living in the United States:

Parents

father

Husband or wife

husband

Children

none

14. I have not been arrested or indicted for, or convicted of any offense (or offenses). These offenses are:

Nature of offense

Date of arrest

Place of arrest

Disposition of case

15. Within the past 5 years, I have not been affiliated with or active in (a member of, official of, a worker for) organizations, devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering the political activities, public relations, or public policy of a foreign government.



AFFIDAVIT FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

I have read or have had read to me the above statements, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that these statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at the place and on the date here designated by the official post-office stamp below.

Claudia Schalnick

George T. Wallace

AFFIDAVIT FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN ONLY

I am the

PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF (NAME OF PERSON)

the above named alien, who is (NAME OF ALIEN) and have made the above allegations for him or her. I have read or have had the same read to me, and do hereby swear or affirm that they are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

PRINT NAME, ADDRESS, AND NUMBER OF PERSON SIGNED THIS AFFIDAVIT IN NO. ABOVE.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at the place and on the date here designated by the official post-office stamp at the right.



Item No.

Additional Information

The information contained on this sheet, which I have read or had read to me, is additional to the information contained on my Alien Registration Form (AR 2), is made a part thereof and is included under my oath, or affirmation, to such registration.

Claudia Scholnick
DECLARATION OF ALIEN STATUS OR PERMIT TO ENTER THE ALIEN
JULY 1, 1944
George P. Haller



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET
ALIEN REGISTRATION FORM

Use this sheet only if there is not enough space to complete the answers to any of the questions on Form AR-2. Indicate on Form AR-2 that the answer is continued on Form AR-2a, then complete the answer on this sheet and attach it to Form AR-2.

Signature of registrant, or of person registering the alien, and official stamp must be properly entered on the other side of this sheet.

My name is **Claudia** **NONE** **Scholaick**
PRINT NAME UNITED NAME LAST NAME

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Additional Information

- 1)
(continued) Young Communist League (continued)
member from 1936 to present
at present: State Education Director
Formerly: State Chairman
also member of National Council
- Paragon Tennis & Social Club (out of existence) Pres. 1914-26
- African Patriotic League, 125th St. & 8th Ave., New York, N.Y.
member from 1926-28- newspaper writer of "Harlem Bulletin"
- Amsterdam News Associated Clubs of Harlem 7th Ave. and 122nd St. - member for 1 yr.
- Harlem Youth Congress, 125th St. & 7th Ave., New York, N.Y.
member for 2 yrs.
- Caribbean Union, 114 W. 121 St., New York City, N.Y.
member for 2 1/2 yrs.
- St. Marks Catholic Church (youth group) 128th St. & 7th Ave.
New York, N. Y. - member from 1935-37
- Federated Youth Clubs of Harlem, 2122-7th Ave., New York, N.Y.
member for 2 1/2 yrs.
- Alberts Negro Choir Group, (address unknown) member 1 yr.
- Urban League Dramatic Group, 202 W. 126 St., New York, N.Y.
member from 1925 to 1927
- Y.W.C.A, 128th St. Branch, New York, N.Y. (Six O'Clock Circle)
member from 1926-1928

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Assistant Attorney General T. L. Caudle
Criminal Division

July 18, 1947

Director, FBI

CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

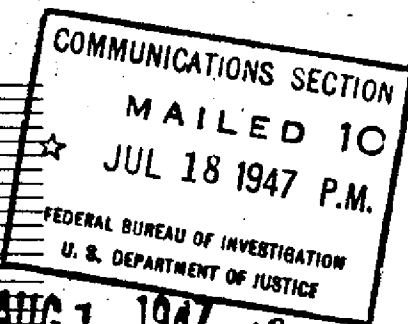
Reference is made to my memorandum to you of May 7, 1947, and your memorandum to the Bureau of May 22, 1947, your file 146-7-51-1375.

It would be appreciated if you would advise me if you contemplate taking any action against the Subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: August 19, 1947
 FROM : T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division TVQ:JBH:vng
 SUBJECT: Claudia Vera Scholnick, with aliases 146-7-51-1375
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Reference is made to your memorandum of July 18, 1947, in the above captioned case.

In reply to your inquiry, this is to advise that the Criminal Division does not contemplate any action against the subject at this time.

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SAC, New York

August 19, 1947

Director, FBI

CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, with alias
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(100-18676)

The Bureau files reflect that the last report submitted by your office setting forth evidence of activities on the part of the subject in connection with the Communist Party is the report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, dated March 11, 1947. On April 28, 1947, you recommended that the subject be designated as a top functionary. The Bureau approved of this designation and you were so advised on May 12, 1947.

In view of the length of time that has elapsed since the last report was submitted in connection with this case, you are requested to submit another report bringing the subject's activities up-to-date.

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| REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK | DATE WHEN MADE 8/29/47 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/6,7/47 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] |
| TITLE CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was., | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CLAUDIA JONES, Secretary of National Women's Commission, CP, USA, active in Congress of American Women.

REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-72390
Report of SA [REDACTED] New York.

DETAILS:

In the "Daily Worker" on April 25, 1947, it was announced that **CLAUDIA JONES**, as secretary of the National Women's Commission of the Communist Party, USA, would speak to the Women of the Bronx on April 25, 1947, at a reception and tea at Crestmor Mansion, 107 East Burnside Avenue, Bronx.

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In the "Daily Worker" on March 16, 1947, there appeared an announcement that CLAUDIA JONES, BELLA V. DODD, and JAMES FORMEY would on March 17 appear at the Hotel Diplomat, 138 W. 43rd Street, and address and open meeting sponsored by the Culinary Section of the Communist Party.

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In the "Daily Worker" of June 23, 1947, there appeared an announcement that the Communist Party in Brooklyn in the Brownsville Section would hold a meeting entitled "Crisis in Palestine." The date of the meeting was given as June 26 and the place the Empire Mansion, 70 Thatchford Avenue, Brooklyn, admission free. The speakers were listed as A. BITTLEMAN, National Committee, Communist Party, USA, CLAUDIA JONES, National Committee, Communist Party, USA, C. SULLER, School for Jewish Studies, and CARL VEDRO, Chairman, Kings County Communist Party.

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The Eastern Regional Conference of the C.A.W., scheduled for June, 1947, was given much publicity by CLAUDIA JONES through the medium of the "Daily Worker."

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