

The Communist Party and the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent have both been designated by the Attorney General as Communist organizations within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

⑥ ✓ Walter E. Steele of the "National Republic," testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1938 concerning the American League for Peace and Democracy. He stated, in part, "The late Henri Barbusse, French Communist, was the founder of this international movement. He came to the United States with the permission of Secretary of Labor Perkins to assist in launching the American section." (61-7582, Vol. 1, pg. 457)
He also has been called by the

The "Saturday Evening Post" for July 27, 1940, contained an article by Benjamin Stolberg entitled "Madam Secretary, a Study in Bewilderment" which dealt with the life and activities of Frances Perkins. In this article, Stolberg stated "Perkins is not a Communist nor even remotely a Communist sympathizer. She represents a classic type of soft-minded liberals whom the Stalinists behind the scenes know how to exploit for their own purpose." (39-915-9615)
121-18070-3

⑦ ✓ On October 21, 1940, a former member of the Communist Party, whose reliability is not known, advised this Bureau that he had heard remarks at Communist Party meetings to the effect that Frances Perkins favored Communist Party policies. [Details concerning the time, the place, and the specific nature of these meetings are not available.] no data det
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⑧ ✓ Frederick Joubert Duquesne, a convicted German espionage Agent, in 1941, reportedly said that Frances Perkins was a close friend of Ivan Nerodni, a Russian writer and that he was the "go-between" between Frances Perkins and the Russian Ambassador in Sweden. He also stated Madam Perkins was a great fixer; that in case some Communist had trouble coming to America or getting off Ellis Island she eased things for him. (65-8946-5104)

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Frances Perkins was reported to have spoken at the Community Church of Boston in 1944. Reverend Donald Lethrop, Minister of the Community Church, has, over a period of years, been affiliated with numerous organizations cited as Communist by the Attorney General or the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (Dorchester record, Oct. 19, 1944; 100-29870-21)

③ Such organizations as the American Legion, the National Small Businessmen's Association, and the House Committee on Un-American Activities, have issued statements voicing unfavorable comments regarding the reported actions of Frances Perkins in withholding the deportation of aliens who were reported to be Communists. This criticism pertains to such well known individuals as Harry Bridges, the prominent west coast labor leader, and Frank Borah, mentioned above. (61-7587-2-10, 61-7582, Vol. 3 pg. 2201 and Vol. 4, pg. 2927; 94-1-7451-A; NY Times 7/29/40)

⑩ In November, 1947, an informant of known reliability furnished this Bureau with copies of a pamphlet issued by the Institute for American Democracy, 360 Lexington Avenue, New York City, entitled "Community Projects." This pamphlet indicated that the Institute for American Democracy had retained Madam Frances Perkins to write a weekly release to the labor press of the United States and that nearly 1,000 labor papers received this material at that time. This informant further advised that although the Institute for American Democracy had numerous non-Communists on its governing body, it also had some outstanding "left-wingers and pre-Communists" among its leaders. This Bureau has conducted no investigation concerning the Institute for American Democracy.

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"Madam Perkins, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.," appeared as a reference on the application dated January 22, 1942, of [redacted] for a position with [redacted]

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✓ ⑨ The November 17, 1946, issue of the Washington "Sunday Star" carried an article which set forth that Frances Perkins had expressed herself as being opposed to "snooping" investigators, checking up on Federal office holders and applicants. (62-28592)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

April 21, 1954

SAC, LOS ANGELES (39-23)

HARRY BRIDGES, FRANCES PERKINS,
MARY VAN KLECK, VICTORIA STONE
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[redacted] interviewed on 4/14/54 by SA (A) [redacted] and SA [redacted] on an entirely unrelated matter. [redacted] furnished the following information which is believed of some interest to the Bureau:

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[redacted] related to the above named Agents that in 1936, during the maritime strikes at San Francisco, [redacted] He recalls that the issues involved in the strikes had been resolved down to two or three minor points which could have been settled in a one-half hour conference between the representatives of the steamship lines and the representatives of labor. However, he said that the steamship companies were stubborn and would not enter into a conference. He said he, at the time, knew that the Dollar Line and the [redacted]

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American-Hawaiian Lines were very much indebted to the Federal Government, and he vaguely remembered that there was a clause in their contracts with the Government that if they should be in default of their loans for more than one year, the Government had certain privileges which it could invoke at will. One of these was that the Government could take over labor negotiations. He said that a Department of Labor representative named [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was here on the coast to try and negotiate a settlement of the maritime strikes. [REDACTED] suggested to [REDACTED] that they contact Secretary of Labor FRANCES PERKINS, and ask her to invoke the Government's prerogative, and get the strike settled. [REDACTED] agreed with him and they therefore contacted Mrs. PERKINS in Washington by telephone. Mrs. PERKINS did not recall the contractual arrangements, but said she would look them up, confer with President ROOSEVELT, and call them back. Later that day, she did call back, stating that she had conferred with the President and although the contract was as [REDACTED] had stated, the President did not wish to intercede. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] were quite disappointed, especially because there were some 15,000 men out of work over the minor issues at stake. However, they were helpless to move on the matter.

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[REDACTED] said that about two months later [REDACTED] was being driven to Modesto, California, by [REDACTED] and thus closely aligned with HARRY BRIDGES of the Longshoremen, [REDACTED] mentioned that he had been in HARRY BRIDGES' office about two months before and had overheard one end of a telephone conversation between BRIDGES and Mrs. PERKINS of the Department of Labor. [REDACTED] had said that he had heard [REDACTED] name mentioned by BRIDGES and he asked to be informed what it was about. [REDACTED] said he did not tell [REDACTED] who then related BRIDGES' end of the conversation. It would appear that BRIDGES was asked by Mrs. PERKINS for an opinion as to a course of action, and he told Mrs. PERKINS something like, "No, don't do it. That sounds like one of [REDACTED] ideas and he will give the credit to HARRY LUNDBERG (head of the Sailors Union of the Pacific)".

[REDACTED] said the whole thing was very clear to him immediately. He said without any doubt Mrs. PERKINS had conferred with HARRY BRIDGES and was conforming with his counsel. He said he doubted very seriously if Mrs. PERKINS had even taken the matter up with President ROOSEVELT.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] also had to say about Mrs. PERKINS this additional, which he said he learned from VICTORIA STONE [REDACTED]

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b7D [REDACTED] said VICTORIA STONE, many years ago, admitted to him that she was a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of America. According to VICTORIA STONE, Mrs. PERKINS was recommended to President ROOSEVELT as a candidate for Secretary to the Department of Labor. The recommendation came from Mrs. ROOSEVELT, who learned of Mrs. PERKINS from MARY VAN KLEE, of the RUSSELL SAGE Foundation, New York. [REDACTED] said VICTORIA STONE told him that MARY VAN KLEE served with VICTORIA STONE on the Central Committee of the Communist Party of America. [REDACTED] said that he has not seen nor heard from VICTORIA STONE for a number of years, but he maintains that at one time he knew her very well. He said that he is aware that some of things he confided to him, she has subsequently denied when testifying under oath.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont
 FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner
 SUBJECT: FRANCES PERKINS
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Los Angeles memorandum dated April 21, 1954, which is attached, refers to an interview of [redacted] by Bureau Agents on April 14, 1954, on another matter. During the interview [redacted] related that during the maritime strikes in San Francisco in 1936, a man named [redacted] was sent to California by the U. S. Department of Labor to negotiate a settlement of the strikes. [redacted] is reported to have contacted Frances Perkins, then Secretary of Labor in Washington, D. C., and to have requested her to invoke the Government's prerogative in settling the strikes. Mrs. Perkins is reported to have consulted President Roosevelt and then to have advised [redacted] that the Government did not wish to intercede.

[redacted] stated that sometime later [redacted] and thus closely aligned with Harry Bridges, had told him of a telephone conversation between Bridges and Mrs. Perkins in which [redacted] name was mentioned by Bridges. [redacted] feels from this information that Mrs. Perkins had conferred with Bridges and was seeking his advice at that time. It appears that [redacted] is inferring that Bridges had some influence with Mrs. Perkins.

[redacted] also reported that Victoria Stone, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of America, had told him that Frances Perkins was recommended to President Roosevelt for Secretary of Labor and that the recommendation had come from Mrs. Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt is alleged to have learned of Mrs. Perkins through Mary Van Kleek, who according to [redacted] had served with Victoria Stone on the Central Committee of the Communist Party of America.

A review of Bureau files reflects that no investigation has been conducted of Mrs. Frances Perkins, but that on April 26, 1952, a memorandum was furnished to the White House as result of a name-check request. This memorandum pointed out that Bureau files contained no information that she was or had been a member of any organization cited by the Attorney General within the purview of Executive Order 9835, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, or any other public committee. (62-28592) 62-28592-9

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It is noted that Harry Bridges [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] denaturalization proceedings by INS are
presently pending in this case in the U. S. District Court, Northern
District of California.

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(100-169425-33)

[REDACTED]
(100-334606-122)

In view of the length of time that has elapsed since the
alleged incidents took place, and in the absence of any confirming
data in Bureau files on Harry Bridges, Mary Van Kleeck, and Victoria Stone,
it is felt that no further action is warranted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None for information.

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National Labor Relations Board
Washington, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 28, 1939, along with its enclosures, relevant to letters signed by one John Rogers and addressed, "Chairman of the National Labor Racket Board," and the "Wage and Hour Administration, Washington, D. C."

I want you to know that I appreciate your furnishing this information to me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

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J. WARREN MADDEN
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28 October 1939
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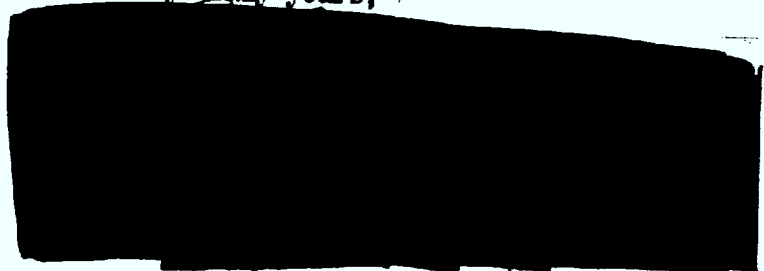
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

We herewith enclose the following material:

1. Copy of letter (undated) from John Rogers, Esplanade Hotel, 305 West End Avenue, New York City, the original of which was forwarded to the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor.
2. Envelope in which our acknowledgment to Mr. Rogers was contained -- returned to the Board marked "not at address given".
3. Further letter from Mr. Rogers with enclosed newspaper clipping from the NEW YORK TIMES.

Very truly yours,



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November 24, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated October 28, 1939, from [redacted] National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C., along with its enclosures which are self-explanatory.

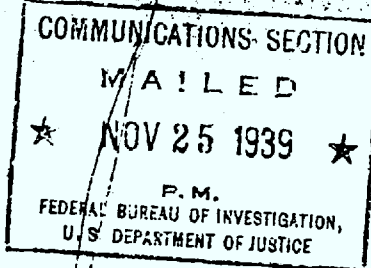
It is noted the author of the enclosures, signed John Rogers, makes threats in rather broad terms to "blow up" certain hospitals in New York City unless wage conditions are improved. It is further noted the envelope addressed to Mr. Rogers, by the National Labor Relations Board, at the Esplanade Hotel, 305 West End Avenue, New York City, was returned by the Post Office with notation thereon that this individual was not at the address given.

The Bureau suggests this matter be discussed with the appropriate United States Attorney, and his views obtained as to whether it constitutes a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

Very truly yours, J. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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December 23, 1940

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The Honorable
The Secretary of Labor
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam Secretary:

Your letter of December 7, 1940, addressed to the Department of Justice, with which you enclosed a communication received at the Department of Labor from one John Rogers of Brooklyn, New York, has been referred to this Bureau.

You may be assured that this matter will be afforded appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1940

The Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find a letter
addressed to me by Mr. John Rogers of Brooklyn,
New York, and am calling your attention to
the underlined sentences on the second page.

Very truly yours,

Harold D. Smith

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Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dec. the 8th, 1940

Mrs. Francis Fherkins
Secretary of the American
Fakeration of labor

Dear Madam

as Dam as you are you should know that this country is not going to pay Europes war debt just once more if you wish to speed up this Overdew revlution in this all fools country all you will Have to do is to sit Idaly By and look on labor Being Robed. this anti strike stuff is the fuse to the american Powder Keg of labor Robery. get this in your thick head it can Hapen Heare You dumbells and Blind Guids in Washhi in Better watch out. and dont leap in the dark - we are not payeing englands war Debt Just once more this Blind Guids and political fornicaters are now reaching the end of their Political Blind allie it will Be the firing squad for you and your Bunch of fakeration of labor-labor is Paid nothing - while Prices are Doubling up You Had Better Resign and save Your own Lousy Hide if you cant see the Rocks thats just a Head of your little Labor Cunaugh its the firing squad for You and Your double cressing gang of Labor Robers - naturally a Dum Bell like you will think that I am a communist this is not so I am classed as one of the starving americans for this unfortified fools Paridise to Be draged in to the war - means the Overthrow of this Legilized Robing form of government - if the engineers in NYC wages is not Doubled theres a lot of Big Building going to Be missed from their Present foundations in Other words these Big Buildings and Robing Hospitals are going to Be Blown to Hell like it or not you Bastards and fornicaters are not getting away with it any longer a lot of these High Pressure Plants are going skieward not By me However But By the engineers in NYC

So long you
Political Rats and fornicaters

/s/ John Rogers
Organizer of the starving americans

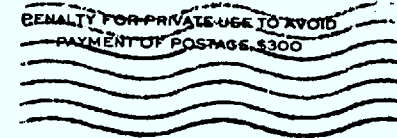
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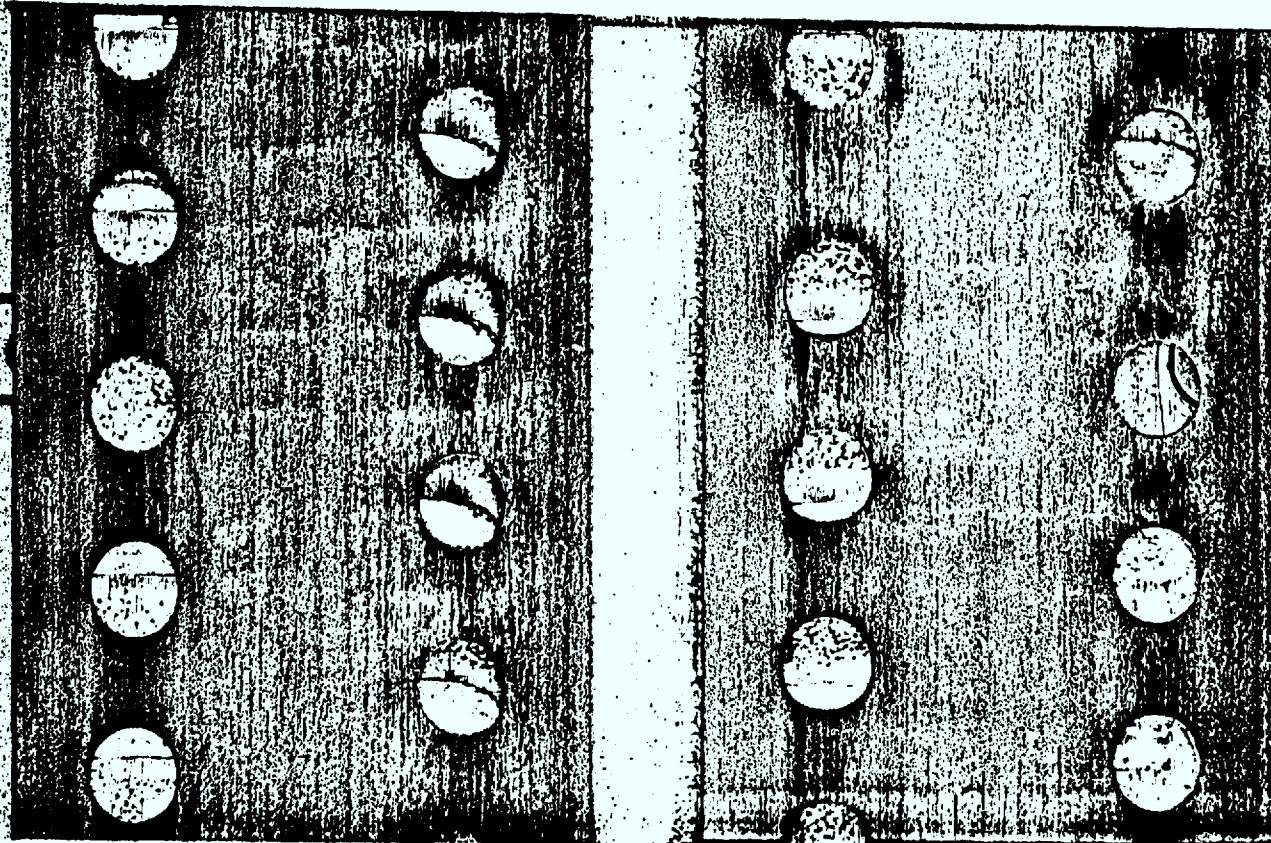
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Brooklyn NY
Dec the 5th 1940

Mrs Francis Perkins
Secretary of the American
Federation of Labor

Dear Madam
as I am as you are you should know that
this country is not going to pay Europe's
war debt just once make it for ever to
speed up this overdue revolution in this
all fools country all you will have to do
is to sit idly by and look on labor
being Robed. This anti strike stuff is the
fuse to the American powder keg of labor
Robbery. Get this in your thick head it can
happen here you dumbbells and blind
guides in Washington better watch out
and don't leap in the dark - we are not
paying England's war Debt just once more
This blind guide and political fornicator
are now reaching the end of their political
blind alleys it will be the firing signal
for you and your bunch of fakery
labor is paid nothing while prices
are doubling and you had better get out
before it is too late

... You can't hide it you can't
the Racks that's just a head of your
little Labor Cananys its the firing squad
for you and your double crossing gang of
Labor Robbers - naturally a Dem Bell like
will think that I am a communist
this is not so I am classed as one of
the starving americans for this
infartified fools Paridies to be dragged
to the war - means the Overthrow of the
legilized Robbing form of government.
if the engineers in NYC wages is not
doubled theres a lot of Big Building
going to be missed from their present
foundations in other words these Big
Buildings and Robbing Hospitals are going
to be blown to Hell like it or not you
Bastards and fornicators are not getting
away with it any longer a lot of these
High Pressure Plants are going skyward
not by me Hawkes But by the engineers
in NYC. As long as you
Patricial Rats and fornicators
John Rogers
Organizer of the starving
americans



NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

18th December 1939

J. WARREN MADDEN
Chairman
EDWIN S. SMITH
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Honorable John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We herewith enclose a letter with typewritten signature of "Isaac Kibser." It would seem, however, to be somewhat comparable to the letters forwarded to you on October 28, 1939, which were signed "John Rogers."

Very truly yours,



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