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JACK R. ROBINSON SUMMARY
Born: January 31, 1919
Cairo, Georgia

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JACK ROBERT ROBINSON

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reflect the following information which may relate to the subject of your name check request.

The June 1, 1946, issue of "People's Voice" contained an article and photograph of Jackie Robinson, reflecting that Jackie Robinson, the first negro to break into organized baseball, had accepted chairmanship of the New York State organizing committee for United Negro and Allied Veterans of America (UNAVA). The "People's Voice," dated June 15, 1946, contained a picture of four officials of the New York State Chapter of the UNAVA at a closing session of a two-day organizing conference. In the group was Jackie Robinson, listed in the caption of the picture as Honorary State Commander. (100-344537 Sub A)

The "People's Voice" has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report, 1948, as "among publications which the committee found to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system."

The UNAVA has been cited as a communist front "to provoke racial friction" by the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee in its Handbook For Americans, dated April 23, 1956.

The November, 1946, issue of "Fraternal Outlook" contains an article and a photograph of Jackie Robinson in

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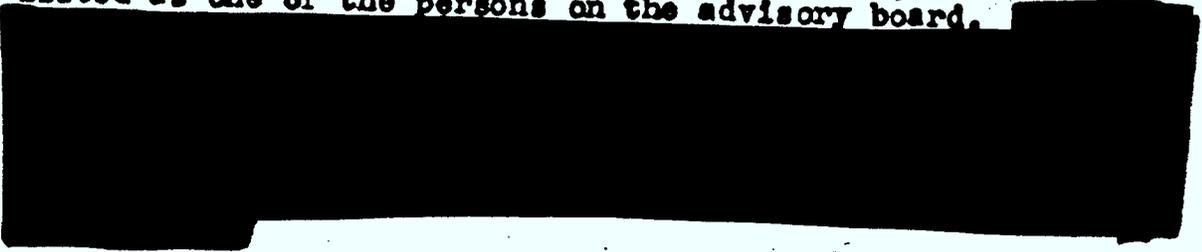
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connection with the opening of the Solidarity Center of the International Workers Order (IWO) in Harlem, New York. The name of Jackie Robinson, ballplayer, is listed as one of the persons on the advisory board.



"Fraternal Outlook" is an official publication of the IWO according to the November, 1946 issue. The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (100-428850)

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HARLEM PICKETS SWITCH TACTICS

Threaten a Demonstration Against Jackie Robinson

A Negro group, led by a Black Nationalist, shifted its protest tactics yesterday away from a white business man to Jackie Robinson, the former Brooklyn Dodger star.

The Negroes dropped plans to demonstrate against a proposed steakhouse in Harlem when they learned that the white proprietor planned to pull out.

But they threatened to picket today against a Chock Full O' Nuts restaurant at 125th Street and Seventh Avenue because Mr. Robinson had criticized them for anti-Semitic slogans used in protests against the white man.

Despite their threat, Mr. Robinson, who is a vice president of Chock Full O' Nuts, refused to withdraw comments that appeared in The New York Amsterdam News on Thursday.

In his newspaper column, Mr. Robinson said Negro pickets had chanted such slogans as "Black man must stay; Jew must go" while demonstrating against the proposed restaurant.

'Matter of Principle'

"All my life we have been fighting against this same thing as it applies to the Negro," Mr. Robinson said yesterday. "I won't retract something like this. It is a matter of principle. Black supremacy is just as bad as white supremacy."

The dispute revolves around plans by Sol Singer, a white restaurateur, to open a steakhouse next door to the Apollo Theatre in a choice section of 125th Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.

The Harlem Consumers Committee, led by Lewis Michaux, has picketed against the steakhouse off and on for three weeks. The group had asserted that Mr. Singer planned to force a near-by Negro-operated restaurant, Lloyd's Steakhouse, out of business.

Mr. Michaux, who calls himself an African Nationalist and wears a gold-trimmed, black velvet fez, had threatened to resume picketing yesterday unless he was given assurance that Mr. Singer would withdraw.

Mr. Michaux's colleagues said their lawyer had informed them that Mr. Singer intended to pull out.

However, Mr. Singer said in a telephone interview yesterday that he was leaving town to check with his financial backers about the venture. He said he had already invested \$90,000 in restaurant improvements and was reluctant to absorb such a loss. He has offered to sell out to Negro business men but has had no offers.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-4494) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE IS - C

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**RE: New York airtel to the Bureau, 8/28/63;
 New York letter to New Haven, 9/3/63;
 New Haven airtel to Washington Field, 9/23/63;
 Washington Field airtel to New Haven, 10/2/63.**

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to Jackie Robinson whose name appears on the letterhead of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as a member of the Board of Directors and as Co-chairman National Life Membership Committee.

Enclosed for New York Office is one copy of the same letterhead memorandum.

The sources utilized in setting forth the background information pertaining to Jackie Robinson are as follows: "Great American Athletes" copyright 1962 by Pacific Coast Publishers, Menlo Park, California; [redacted] Stamford, Connecticut, Credit Rating Bureau, as furnished to SA [redacted] on September 20, 1963.

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The identities of the concealed sources utilized in the enclosed letterhead memorandum are identified as follows:

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The source who furnished information on September 9, 1955, in the characterization of Committee To End Discrimination in Levittown was [redacted] Levittown, New York. The other source who furnished information in the same characterization on June 19, 1956, was [redacted] Levittown, New York.

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Records of the HCUA were checked on May 28, 1958, by SE [redacted]

For the information of the Bureau and New York it is to be noted that a name check of the indices and/or printed hearings of the HCUA concerning the name Jackie Robinson on October 1, 1963, by IC [redacted] reflected the following references which were not checked against the original source:

1. The name Jackie Robinson appeared as a sponsor on the letterhead dated 12/12/62 of Highlander Center.
2. The Congressional record, March 18, 1960, page 5604-5606 reflected Jackie Robinson as a member of the Board of Directors of Modern Community Developers Inc.

Indices of the New Haven Office failed to reflect any record or information pertaining to either the Highlander Center or of Modern Community Developers Inc. In view of this information as contained in recent check of HCUA records, as above, is not being incorporated in the enclosed

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letterhead memorandum inasmuch as it is not known to the New Haven Office whether or not Highlander Center and Modern Community Developers Inc. can be characterized.

Inasmuch as New Haven has no way of knowing which field division would have information pertaining to these two organizations the Bureau is requested to check its indices. If information is reflected in Bureau's indices indicating subversive or derogatory information on these organizations the Bureau is requested to advise the appropriate field divisions to furnish New Haven characterizations. Upon receipt of these characterizations New Haven will submit an amended letterhead memorandum concerning Jack Robinson. UACB New Haven will consider the enclosed letterhead memorandum adequate.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New Haven, Connecticut

October 16, 1963

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Re: Jackie Robinson, Stamford, Connecticut
Board of Directors and Co-chairman
National Life Membership Committee,
National Association For The Advancement
of Colored People

Jack Roosevelt Robinson is a negro male born January 31, 1919, at Cairo, Georgia. He is employed as the Vice President of Chock Full O'Nuts Coffee Company, New York City. Prior to his current employment with the Chock Full O'Nuts Coffee Company he was a star baseball player with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The November, 1940 issue of "Fraternal Outlook" page 7, column 3, contains an article and a photograph of Jackie Robinson in connection with the opening of the Solidarity Center of the International Workers Order in Harlem, New York. The name of Jackie Robinson, ballplayer, is listed as one of the persons on the Advisory Board.

During 1947, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the names and addresses of a considerable number of past and present officers of the International Workers Order in the New York area. The following information concerning Jackie Robinson was noted.

Lodge number 691
Solidarity House
124 West 124th Street
Advisory Board
Jackie Robinson
(among others)

On February 15, 1952, a second source who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that the Committee to End Discrimination in Levittown, New York announced that

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Jackie Robinson, famous Dodger baseball star, told the committee he would cooperate with them to end discrimination in Levittown, New York and offered them his assistance in the matter. X(u)

The June 1, 1946 issue of "The Peoples Voice" page 10, column 3, contains an article and photograph of Jackie Robinson reflecting that Jackie Robinson, the first negro to break into organized baseball, accepted Chairmanship of the New York State Organizing Committee for United Negro and Allied Veterans of America (UNAVA). Bert Alves, Regional Director for UNAVA made the announcement.

b7c On January 22, 1948, a third source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [REDACTED] was a member of the Communist Party.

The July 9, 1949, "New York Times" contains an article dated "Washington July 8" Jackie Robinson, negro star second baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers "said today he would fight for the United States against Russia or any aggressor because 'I want my kids to have the same things I have.'"

A name check of the indices and/or printed hearings of the House Committee Un-American Activities (HCUA) on the name Jackie and Jack Roosevelt Robinson, on May 28, 1958, reflected the following references which were not checked against the original source:

1. "Soviet Russia Today" for December, 1938, page 29, reflected that one J. R. Robinson of N.Y.C. was a contributor.
2. "Soviet Russia Today" for February, 1942, page 31, reflected that one J. R. Robinson of Pennsylvania was a contributor.
3. Hearings regarding Communist Infiltration of Minority Groups, July 13, 14, 18, 1949, pages 479-483, reflected that one Jack Roosevelt Robinson was a witness.

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4. "The Worker" for 12/19/48, page 11, Magazine Section, reflected that one Jackie Robinson was the author of "Jackie Robinson", which was recommended by "The Worker".
5. The "Daily Worker" for 8/30/49, page 1 (not in this issue), reflected that one Jackie Robinson was a writer of a statement in behalf of Paul Robeson.
6. "Youth" for June, 1947, page 18, reflected a photo of one Jackie Robinson.
7. The "Daily Worker" for 6/2/47, reflected that one Jackie Robinson, Dodger player, received an award given by the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America.

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"The Worker" for 5/25/47, page 8, reflected that one Jackie Robinson was Honorary New York State Chairman of UNAVA.

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Hearings Regarding Communist Infiltration of Minority Groups - Part I; Hearings, etc. 81st Congress, 1st session, Sworn Testimony of George K. Hunton, 7/13/49.

Page 451: Hunton stated that conferences held with Monsignor Campion of Brooklyn and his group brought about the hiring of one Jackie Robinson and said

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that, in his judgment, the hiring of Jackie Robinson improved the racial attitude of hundreds of thousands of sports lovers in this country.

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to 483:

Sworn testimony of one Jack Roosevelt Robinson, 7/18/49,-- he stated he was born in Cairo, Ga., in 1919. He stated he had received a great many messages urging him not to appear before the Committee and that not all of them came from communist sympathizers. He stated, As I see it there has been a terrific lot of misunderstanding on this subject of communism among the Negroes in this country, and it's bound to hurt my people's cause unless it is cleared up.-----"
"And one other thing the American people ought to understand, if we are to make progress in this matter: The fact that it is a communist who denounces injustice in the courts, police brutality, and lynching when it happens doesn't change the truth of his charges. Just because communists kick up a big fuss over racial discrimination when it suits their purposes, a lot of people try to pretend that the whole issue is a creation of communist imagination.

"But they are not fooling anyone with this kind of pretense, and talk about 'communists stirring up Negroes to protest', only makes present misunderstanding worse than

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ever. Negroes were stirred up long before there was a Communist Party, and they'll stay stirred up long after the Party has disappeared-- unless Jim Crow has disappeared by then as well.

"I've been asked to express my views on Paul Robeson's statement in Paris to the effect that American Negroes would refuse to fight in any war against Russia because we love Russia so much. I haven't any comment to make on that statement except that if Mr. Robeson actually made it, it sounds very silly to me. But he has a right to his personal views, and if he wants to sound silly when he expresses them in public, that is his business and not mine. He's still a famous ex-athlete and a great singer and actor.

"I understand that there are some few Negroes who are members of the Communist Party, and in the event of war with Russia they'd probably act just as any other communist would. So would members of other minority and majority groups. There are some colored pacifists, and they'd act just like pacifists of any color. And most Negroes--and Italians and Irish and Jews and Swedes and Slavs and other Americans--would act just as all these groups did in the last war. They'd do their best to keep their country out of war; if successful, they'd do their best to help their country win the war--against Russia or any other enemy that threatened us. This isn't said as any defense of the Negro's loyalty, because any loyalty that needs defense can't amount to much in the long run. And

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no one has ever questioned my race's loyalty except a few people who don't amount to very much.

"What I'm trying to get across is that the American public is off on the wrong feet when it begins to think of radicalism in terms of any special minority group. It is thinking of this sort that gets people scared because one Negro, speaking to a communist group in Paris, threatens an organized boycott by 15,000,000 members of his race.

"I can't speak for any 15,000,000 people any more than any other one person can, but I know that I've got too much invested for my wife and child and myself in the future of this country, and I and other Americans of many races and faiths have too much invested in our country's welfare, for any of us to throw it away because of a siren song sung in bass. I am a religious man. Therefore I cherish America where I am free to worship as I please, a privilege which some countries do not give. And I suspect that 999 out of almost any thousand colored Americans you meet will tell you the same thing.

"But that doesn't mean that we're going to stop fighting race discrimination in this country until we've got it licked. It means that we're going to fight it all the harder because our stake in the future is so big. We can win our fight without the communists and we don't want their help."

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He stated he attended U.C.L.A., and that he took his grade and high school work at Pasadena.

He was asked if, in his school life, he ever noted any attitude on the part of members of his race that would give any support to the alleged statement of Mr. Robeson.

He replied that he had never run across it any time.

He was asked if he had ever been approached to join any of the subversive organizations.

He replied that he was never approached but, when he was a kid, "we" were interested in the way "they" acted to get "us" to join. Young ladies were sent out to see if he and others would join their organization (CP in Pasadena). He said he and the others had enough sense to know what "they" were after, and none of the fellows in his group had any desire to join an organization like that.

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"FRATERNAL OUTLOOK"

The November, 1946 issue of "Fraternal Outlook" page 2, column 1, states that is is an official publication of the International Workers Order.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER

The International Workers Order has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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PEOPLE'S VOICE

The Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications (And Appendix) Revised May 14, 1951, Prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C states the following concerning People's Voice:

- "1. Among publications which the committee found 'to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system.'
(California, Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p.225.)**

UNITED NEGRO AND ALLIED VETERANS OF AMERICA

The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. sets forth the following concerning United Negro and Allied Veterans of America:

- 1. Cited as subversive and among the affiliates and committees of the Communist Party, U.S.A., which seeks "to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means".
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947)**
- 2. Cited as a Communist front "formed to provoke racial friction."
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc.117, April 23, 1956,p.92.)**

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Jackie Still Has Doubts



Jackie Robinson

"I always thought J. Edgar Hoover should be down on his hands and knees blessing Martin Luther King, for if it had not been for King, there would have been bloody race riots. King in a way was doing the FBI job."

This was the view Friday of Baseball Hall of fame great Jackie Robinson. The former Brooklyn Dodger was to have been in Detroit to address the annual dinner meeting of the United Church men of Detroit at Faith Lutheran Church, East Jefferson and Philip, but was grounded in New York because of the weather. He gave his remarks in a phone interview. Methodist Bishop Dwight Loder was the last minute substitute for Robinson.

Robinson, first Negro to play in the major leagues, is president of the 10-million-member United Church Men, a wing of the National Council of Churches.

He pictured Hoover as an old man out of step with the 60's "because he says he is basically a states righter."

"This is a tragic mistake. He's got to take a real look at himself."

Hoover was roundly criticized recently for reportedly old man out of step with the calling integrationist leader King "a liar." They have met since, and the outcome was "amicable," if not enthusiastic.



J. Edgar Hoover

SHOULD HOOVER resign? "I don't know," said Robinson. "That has to be determined by Hoover and President Johnson."

"I don't think much will happen. Things will lay dormant, and he will go on being Mr. Hoover."

He said the Negro community held no grudges against Hoover and would forgive any conflict with King. However, Robinson said, "he will need to demonstrate vigorous action and get his people really to go into court and say what they know."

FORMERLY a vice president of a national restaurant chain, Robinson revealed that he has resigned and beginning this week becomes chairman of the board of the new Freedom National Bank, on 125th and Eighth Avenue in New York City.

He urged Detroit laymen to back their pastors in civil rights efforts. "Ministers cannot do their job unless they have the backing of the laity."

"They must get off the side lines. Extending a hand is of no value unless they participate."

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CHARLES EVERS contacted by SA **[Redacted]**

Upon receipt of information from EVERS the following
were advised:

Mr. CHARLES EDWIN SNODGRASS (NA), Administrative
Assistant to the Chief of the MHSP;

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Jackson, Mississippi

March 10, 1965

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE OF
JACKIE ROBINSON AT MERIDIAN,
MISSISSIPPI, ON MARCH 12, 1965
RACIAL MATTERS

On March 10, 1965, Mr. Charles Evers, Field Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 1072 Lynch Street, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that Jackie Robinson, ex-Major League baseball player, would make several personal appearances in Mississippi from March 12 through March 14, 1965, sponsored by the NAACP.

He stated that Robinson would appear at Meridian, Mississippi, at 8:00 p.m. on March 12, 1965, at the Holbrook Benevolent Association Hall, 2505 5th Street; on March 13, 1965, Robinson will, during the afternoon, speak on the grounds of the Cade Chapel Church, Ridgeway and Bailey Avenue, and address a meeting that evening at the same church; on March 14, 1965, Robinson will be in Clarksdale, Mississippi, at the First Baptist Church, 115 4th Street, at 3:00 p.m. According to Mr. Evers, Robinson plans to fly into and out of Mississippi, but his exact plans are not known to Evers at this time.

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