

The "Washington Star" on 8-22-56, carried an editorial entitled "Moderation Prevails." It was noted in the editorial that Roy Wilkins, as spokesman for the NAACP, had stated that the Republican plank on civil rights and school desegregation was a "thin shade stronger" than the plank adopted by the Democrats. According to the editorial there was no significant difference between the two planks.

62-101087-A "Wash. Star." 8-22-66 (9)

The September 1956 issue of "White American News Service," official news letter of the National Citizens Protective Association, published at St. Louis, Mo., contained the following news items which are quoted in part:

"The NAACP's New Hero - Denver Colorado - Speaking before a Nagro religious convention, Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement (agitation) of colored people, highly praised Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee for calling out the National Guard to use tear gas, tanks and bayonets to suppress the righteous protests of the people of Clinton, Tenn. against compulsory race-mixing."

"NAACP Head Wants to Live With Whites - New York City, N.Y., - Roy Wilkins Executive Secretary of the NAACP, poses as the champion of the negro, although he doesn't want to live with or even near them. Roy made application to rent an apartment in the swank all - White Fordham Hills Homes in the Bronx which is owned by the Equitable Insurance Co. He was turned down because neither the owners nor the tenants wanted negroes living there. Roy almost daily proclaims his love for the "down-trodden negro" but would much rather live with Whites."





It is noted that this publication was addressed

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Reference described above 105-16510-174 (14)
SI as par. 2 above 105-16510-202, p.23

The "Daily Worker" on 9-5-56 contained a news item captioned: "Statement by Head of NAACP" quoting the following statement made by Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP: "Unless Negroes are allowed to attend schools in peace and unless some indication is given that Democratic office - holders intend to pay some attention to their platform pleage against violence, there will be a lot of raised eyebrows and raised temperatures among Negroes."

61-3**7**76-A, "DW," 9-5-56



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The "Washington Post and Times Herald" of 9-8-56 on page 22, carried an article entitled, "NAACP Aide Calls Ike Neutral on Integration." According to the article, Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, in a speech before the National Baptist Convention in Denver, Colo., had condemned the President of the United States for assuming a neutral position on school desegregation.

61-31/6-A, "Wash. Post and Time, Herald," 9-8-56 (6) SI 62-101087-A "Wash. News," 9-7-56 (9)

The "Daily Worker" on 9-10-56 carried an article on page 3, entitled: "Jersey CIO Hits Ike's Green Light to Racists". The article, which announced that the New Jersey CIO would support the Stevenson - Kefauver ticket for President, quoted a statement made the previous week by Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, at the National Baptist Convention. Wilkins charged that "hardly a mumbling word" had came from the White House concerning the violence which had resulted when Negroes attempted to attend newly integrated schools.

62-101087-A "DW," 9-10-56





The "Call and Post" (city not given) on 9-15-56 carried an article written by Al Sweeney entitled "NAACP Seek 14,000 Members." The article announced plans and speakers for an NAACP membership campaign to be opened in Cleveland, Ohio on 9-16-56. Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, was scheduled to speak at the opening meeting at Euclid Ave. Baptist Church. Wilkins was to analyze the National Party platforms and explain future NAACP strategy.

61-3176-A "Call and Post" 9-15-56 (6)

The "New York Herald Tribune" on 9-18-56 page 17, carried an article entitled: "Negro Aid Lauds Two Governors." The article reported that Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, in a recent statement, had mixed criticism of Southern state governments with praise for two Southern Governors. Wilkins has praised the roles of Governor Frank G. Clement of Tennessee and Governor A. B. Chandler in calling out state troops to protect children.

61-3176-A, "NY Herald Tribune" 9-18-56 (6)



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The New York edition of the "Courier" on 9-22-56 contained an article on page 1, section 2, entitled, "Grant Reynolds Scores Wilkins." According to the article Grant Reynolds, chairman of the Speakers Bureau of "Task Force 56" of the Republican State Committee, had charged that Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, showed an utter lack of knowledge of the powers of the President of the United States, when he accused President Eisenhowerof assuming a neutral position toward the current anti-integration violence. Wilkins made the remark in a speech before the National Baptist Convention in Denver, Colo.

62-101987-A "NY Courier 9-22-**5**6 (9)

The Pittsburgh Pa., "Courier", New York edition, on 9-22-56, contained a news item captioned: "Says Negroes Want Integration" setting out a statement made by Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary. The statement asserted that the school situations in Tennessee and Kentucky proved that Negroes wanted integration in education.

61-3176-A, "Courier," 9-22-56 (6)





The "Washington Post and Times Herald" on 9-24-56, contained an article on page 21, entitled: "Mass Meeting Held to Protest School Probe," by Paul Simpson. The article was a account of a mass meeting held at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 13 and R Streets N.W., Washington, D.C., to protest a congressional investigation of District public schools. Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, was the principal speaker at the meeting. Wilkins said the investigation was an attempt by the House Sub-committee to smear the Negro and he accused the committee of preferring lies to truth. Wilkins stated in regard to messages read at the meeting from President Eisenhower and Democratic Presidential Candidate, Adlat Stevenson, that Stevenson had used a better choice of words in his message.

61-31 6-A, "Wash. Post and Time Herald," 9-24-56 (6)

The "Dallas Morning News" on 10-20-56 carried an article entitled: "NAACP Chief Denies Nixon Membership." According to the article, Roy Wilkins, National Executive Secretary, had stated in Tyler, Texas, that Vice President Nixon did not hold honorary membership in the NAACP and the NAACP had no honorary members. Wilkins further stated, upon questioning, that to his knowledge Adlai Stevenson or Estes Kefauver did not belong to the NAACP.

61-3176-A "Dallas Morning News," 10-29-56 (6)





The New York edition of the "Courier" of 10-20-56 on page 4, carried a column entitled "Desegregation," which contained various news items. Under an item captioned, "Virginia Will Destroy Its Public Schools - NAACP," datelined Petersburg, Va., Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP was quoted as predicting that Virginia's public school system would be destroyed by its own State Legislature.

62-107087-A "NY Courier," 10-29-56 (9)

The "Daily Worker" on 10-29-56 page 7, carried an article entitled, "NAACP Challenges Eastland on Elections." The article stated that Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, had challenged Senator James 0. Eastland on his expressed desire for free elections in Poland by pointing out the need for free elections in Mississippi. According to Wilkins a "half-million potential Negro voters" were defranchised in Mississippi and the need for action in Mississippi was more urgent than in Poland.

61-3776-A "DW" 10-29-56





The "Daily Worker" on 10-29-56 contained an article on page 2 entitled, "Boy Wilkins Asks Southern Tour for Soviet Visitors." The article disclosed that Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, had sent a telegram to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles urging that an invitation to a Soviet delegation to observe elections in the United States, include Mississippi, Alabama and South Carolina in the itinerary. According to Wilkins, in order for the delegation to get the whole story and be able to make meaningful comparisons with elections in the USSR they would need to observe democracy at work in the one-party states in the South.

62-191087-A "DW," 10-29-56 (9)

The "Miami Daily News," final edition on 10-29-56, carried an article entitled: "Whites Can Hurt Selves NAACP Speaker Asserts." The article commented on the speech made by Roy Wilkins at a meeting of the Florida Conference of the NAACP on 10-28-56. Wilkins indicated that activities of the Florida legislative committee investigating the NAACP might lead to suppression of rights for white people.

61-3176-A, "Miami Daily News" 10-29 56 (6)



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The "New York Post" on 11-13-56, carried an article entitled, "NAACP Links Ike's Gains to Dixiecrats." According to the article, Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, attributed the nationwide swing of Negro voters to the GOP, to a "growing resentment against Southern Democrats."

61-3776-A "NY Post" 11-13-56

The "New York Times" on 11-17-56, page 44 of the Late City Edition, carried an article entitled: "NAACP Backs Powell." According to the article Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, had written a letter to Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn, urging that Representative Powell be allowed to retain his seniority and committee assignments despite the fact that he campaigned actively for President Eisenhowek Wilkins stated that any punitive action against Powell would create the impression that it was done because of Powell's race and his efforts to secure passage of civil rights legislation.

61-3176-A "NY Times"

11-17-56

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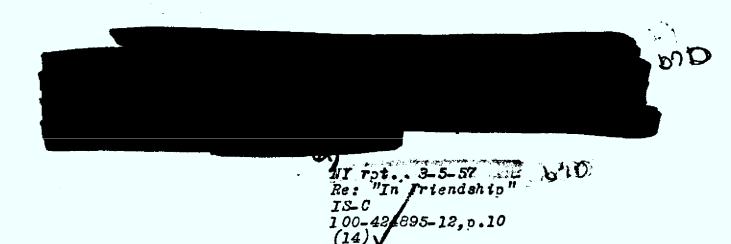
11-17-56 (article entitled:
"Powell Punished By Party in

House')

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SI 61-8176-A "Wash. City News
Service," 11-16-56

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The "Dallas Times Herald," Dallas, Texas, on 12-11-56 contained an article entitled "NAACP Calls Key Official In Tyler Plea." According to the article, Roy Wilkins of New York, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, had been called to testify in District Court in the NAACP's attempt to have a permanent injunction hearing transferred either to Dallas or Austin, Texas.

It was noted that a letter from Wilkins to all NAACP officers had been introduced as evidence by the Assistant Attorney General.

61-3176-A "Dallas Times Herald," 12-11-56 (6) SI as par. 1 above 61-3176-A, "Dallas Times Herald" 12-12-56 (6)

An article entitled: "NAACP Fields Records After \$25,000 Contempt Fine, Jailing of Leader" appeared in the "Atlanta Constitution" on 12-15-56. The article quoted a lengthy statement made in New York City by Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, in regard to an order issued by Judge Durwood T. Pye that the NAACP produce its records. Wilkins' statement protested the Judge's order on the basis that it denied the Association and its president due process of law. He described the court's action as "part of a pattern of persecution."

Above article enclosed with Atlanta memo, 12-18-56
Re: Cominfil NAACP, Atlanta Branch;
IS-C 61-3176-1835
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The "New York Post" on 12-19-56 carried on page 4 of the Night Extra, an article by Irwin Rose entitled: "Where Do We Go From Here? 3 - Talks with Wilkins Rose and Rauh" Photographs of Alex Rose, Joseph Rauh and Roy Wilkins appeared in the article which set out the views of the three individuals regarding the recent national election. Roy Wilkins, as leader of the NAACP, summed up his viewpoint as follows. "We're in a better bargaining position than in many years, as a consequence of the defection of Negro voters from the Democratic Party." The immediate objectives of the NAACP in regard to civil rights legislation and other issues were stated in the article.

61-3176-A "NY Post," 12-19-56

The "Daily Worker" on 12-24-56 carried on page 3, an article entitled "Put Civil Rights in Message to Congress, NAACP Tells Ike." The article stated that on 12-7-56 Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, had written a letter to the President, urging him to include in his State of the Union message a strong call for enactment of civil rights legislation. It was indicated that the letter to the President pointed out specific legislation desired by the NAACP and suggestions for obtaining it.

61-31/76-A, "DW," 12-24-56



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The "Washington City News Service" carried a news item on 12-28-56, datelined New York, under the heading, "NAACP," which quoted remarks made by Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, regarding the progress made in integration. Wilkins cited the desperate efforts made to halt desegregation and listed four outstanding events which he offered as proof that progress was being made.

61-3176-A "Wash. City News Service," 12-28-56 (6) SI 62-101087-A "Wash. City News Service, 12-28-56 (9)

A "Washington City News Service" release dated 12-28-56 under the heading, "Filibuster," stated that Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, had telegraphed Senators friendly to an anti-filibuster proposal made by Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, that Johnson's proposal "is a technique for killing the efforts to change Senate rules." Wilkins said in his telegram the NAACP supported the stand of Senators Paul Douglas and Irving Ives that unless a workable rule was adopted on Jan. 3, no civil rights measures of any meaning could be passed by the Senate.

62-101-87-A ,"Wash. City News Service" 12-28-56 (9)





The "Washington City News Service" release of 1-2-57 contained an item under the heading, "Eastland," which stated that the NAACP in a letter signed by Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, had appealed to the Senate to exclude Senator James O. Eastland, (D-Miss.) from the Senate Judiciary Committee for his statements and activities opposing desegregation. It was indicated that the appeal was sent to 79 Senators from non-Southern states.

61-3176-A "Wash. City News Service." 1-2-57 (6) (Duplicate clippings)

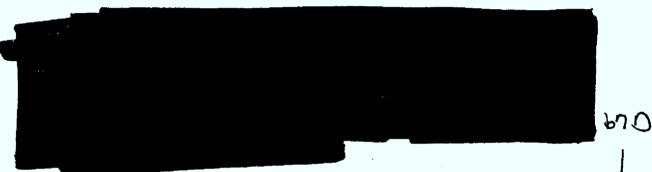
The "Birmingham News," Red Star Final, Birmingham Ala., on 1-2-57 carried an article datelined New York, entitled: "NAACP Will Not Disclose Ala. Members." The article was an announcement from the national office of the NAACP indicating that the organization did not intend to file its membership list in Alabama. Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, pointed out in the announcement, that the situation in Alabama was different from that in Louisiana where the organization had begun filing such lists following a suit by the state for non-compliance. Wilkins stated there was no such statutory requirement in Alabama.

61-3176-A "Birmingham News" 1-2-37 (6)



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The "New York Times" on 1-8-57 page 19, columns, 3,4, and 5, carried an article entitled "NAACP Income Rises to Million." According to the article Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary, had commented regarding the NAACP income for 1956, that it could not be determined whether increased financial support had come about despite bitter opposition to the Association or because of it.



Re: Cominfil of the NAACP IS-C 61-3176-1849,pp.3,11 (5)

The "New York Journal American" on 1-8-57 page 3, Latest News Edition, carried an article entitled: "Bias Fight Boosts NAACP Cash Aid." The article contained statements made by Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, at the Annual meeting of the Association at 20 W. 40th St., N.Y.C. Wilkins reported that Southern diffiance of desegregation had increased contributions to the NAACP to a record peak of more than a million dollars in 1956. Wilkins also discussed civil rights legislation and criticized Senators Everett Dirksen and Lyndon Johnson for their attitude on certain issues.

61-3176-A "NY Journal American" 1-8-57



The "New Orleans States" New Orleans, La., on 1-8-57 page 5, cols. 5 and 6, carried an article entitled "NAACP Readies South - wide Bus Wix Drive." The article reported that plans for a "stepped - up" campaign to integrate buses in the South would be discussed at a meeting in Atlanta, Ga. Roy Wilkins, NAACP, Executive Secretary, had stated in New York that court prosecution of the NAACP in some Southern cities and defiance of desegregation rulings had stirred a record wave of financial and moral support and NAACP receipts for 1956 hit a peak of more than a million dollars.

61-3176-A "New Orleans States," 1-8-57 (6)

The "Atlanta Constitution" on 1-25-57 carried an article entitled "Griffin Says NAACP Stirs Dixie to 'Riot'." According to the article, Governor Griffin of Georgia had issued a prepared statement commenting on a speech made in Atlanta by Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP. Wilkins in his speech had called on President Eisenhouserto speak out against violence toward Negroes in the South and accused Governor Griffin of "giving a green light to hoodlums." Griffin stated he would not "dignify" Wilkins by mentioning him by name in the statement but reminded Georgians that "these people come into our state for the sole purpose of collecting money and stirring up trouble."

61-3176-A "Atlanta Constitution," 1-25-57 (?)





The "Atlanta Daily World" on 1-24-57 carried an article by Thaddeus T. Stokes entitled: "NAACP Leader Says Ike Silent on Race Violence." According to the article, Roy Wilkins, NAACP official, criticized President Eisenhoutrin a speech at a "Freedom Dinner" sponsored by the local branch of the NAACP at Waluhage apartments in Atlanta. Wilkins accused the President of being concerned about the plight of the Hungarians and draught areas but remaining silent on appeals from human beings in the "Dixie Disaster belt." Wilkins also spoke out against Governor Marvin Griffin, State Attorney General Eugene Cook and other high southern officials for their "persecution" of the NAACP and disregard of the U.S. Constitution.

61-3176-A "Atlanta Daily World, " 1-24-57

This reference was an undated form letter from Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, enclosing an envelope addressed to

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which bore the return address of the NAACP, 20 West Fortieth Street, New York, N.Y. The envelope contained a leaflet issued by the NAACP in February 1957, advocating that letters be written to the President urging the observance of one law for all Americans. Quotations from Eisenhouerand Senator Eastland, and numerous newspaper headlines were set out in the leaflet.

61-31 6-1915 (5)





This reference was an undated form letter from Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary, NAACP, enclosing two leaflets issued by the National Office of the NAACP in February 1957. The leaflets were entitled "We never claimed it to be authentic" and "The chickens have come home to roost." The leaflets concerned a mimeographed text of a speech purportedly made by a "Prof. Roosevelt Williams of Howard University" before a meeting of an unidentified NAACP chapter.

Reference described above 61-3176-1862 (5)

The testimony given before the House Judiciary Subcommittee, at a hearing on Civil Rights legislation on
2-5-57, was covered in several newspaper articles which are
listed below. Witnesses before the committee included Edward
Scheidt, North Carolina Commissioner of Motor VehicJles and
former FBA: agent, who testified against the pending legislation, and Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, who favored the legislation.
According to the articles, Mr. Scheidt testified that the
bill before the committee was a frontal attack on the police
and all others responsible for State governments. He further
charged that the bill would create a national police force
and would seriously impair the morale and efficiency of local
and State police. Wilkins' statement before the committee,
which was endorsed by the NAACP and other organizations, declared that the bill was "only the first step toward the
enactment of a meaningful bill."

Ref.

62-102922-A "Washington City News Service," 2-5-57

62-101087-A "NY Daily News" 2-6-57

44-0-A "Washington Star" 2-5-57

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Title of article

"Civil Rights"

"Sees Police State In Ike's Rights Plan"

"Rights Bill Foe Seen Injury to Police Morale"





The "Daily Worker" on 2-6-57 carried an article on page 1 entitled: "Wilkins Stresses Vote at Civil Rights Hearing." The article discussed the testimony given by Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, before the House Judiciary Sub-committee on 2-5-57. It was noted that Wilkins, who spoke for 21 organizations in addition to his own, indicated his agreement with liberal congressman that right-to-vote Agislation had the best chance of passage in the present session of congress. Wilkins expressed the opinion that by passing legislation protecting the right to vote, congress might lessen its civil rights task as that would give Negroes an opportunity to do something about their "rights."

62-101087-A, "DW," 2-6-57

The "Daily Worker" on 2-4-57, page 1, carried an article datelined Washington, entitled: "NAACP Urges Action. In House." The article, which dealt with efforts by the NAACP to have Representative Adam Clayton Powell given an appointment as chairman of a House Sub-committee, contained a statement by Roy Wilkins protesting the President's refusal to intervene against mob violence in the South. Wilkins expressed the hope the President would show as much concern for the innocent victims of bombings and other terror in the South as he had for the Hungarian victims of Soviet terrorism.

61-3/76-A "DW," 2-4-57



The Pittsburgh, Pa. "Courier" on 2-9-57 page 13 of the New York Edition, contained an article with the hadline, "NAACP Backs Powell Proposal" sub-title "Measure May Halt U.S. Aid to Jim - Crow Schools in South." The article stated Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, had announced that the NAACP was again supporting the Powell amendment to the Federal Aid to school construction proposal. The NAACP's position concerning the proposal was stated in the Wilkins's announcement which is set out in the article.

61-3176-A "Courier," 2-9-57

The "NY Herald Tribune" on 2-14-57 carried an article on page1, entitled "Hoax: Groton To Be 25% Negro," sub-title, "Fake Leaflet Asks Help in Enrolling More of Race." The article concerned an unsigned circular which had been received at Groton School, Groton, Mass. in an envelope postmarked, New York City, announcing that the school intended to increase the number of Negro students by one-quarter. It was noted that officials of the school had branded the circular as a fake and Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, stated he could find no explanation for the notice. Wilkins was quoted as saying the NAACP was pleased that Groton was accepting Negro students and would certainly assist in recruiting such students if requested by the school to do so.

62-101687-24-A, "NY Herald Tribute," 2-14-57 (10)





By memo dated 2-20-57, Mr. Mohr advised the Director that the Congressional Record for 2-19-57 on page D-106, stated that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Constitutional Rights Sub-committee, held hearings on 2-19-57, on proposed civil rights legislation. The committee heard testimony from Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, who spoke on behalf of 25 national membership organizations.

Serial described above 61-3176-1856 (5)

The "Washington City News Service" release of 2-19-57 stated that Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, in testimony before the Senate Constitutional Rights Sub-committee charged that Southern Congressmen were resorting to "pecious talk and obscene comedy" in efforts to block civil rights legislation. Wilkins testified that hopes of Negroes that congress would approve a civil rights bill this session had been dimmed by "the lengthy discussions of technical language." Under questioning by Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., of North Carolina, Wilkins conceded that he had no personal knowledge of Negroes being denied the right to vote in North Carolina.

62-101087-A "Wash. City News Service," 2-19-57 (9)





The "Washington City News Service" on 2-19-57, in a news release headed "NAACP," carried a statement by Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP denying that the NAACP took advantage of the Supreme Court's ruling to push desegregation in Southern schools. The release idicated the Wilkins' statement was issued in reply to a statement made by Dr. Omer Carmichael, Superintendent of Schools in Louisville, Ky. According to Wilkins the NAACP had been helpful in Louisville and was prepared to be helpful everywhere.

61-3176-A "Washington City News Service" 2-19-57

The "Washington Post and Times Herald" on 2-20-57, carried an article entitled: "Educator Blames NAACP for Integration 'chaos'." The article contained statements made by Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, in reply to remarks made by Omer Carmichael, Superintendent of Schools, Louisville, Ky. in an address at the American School Administrators Association Convention in Atlantic City, N.J. Dr. Carmichael stated in his address that the turmoil in the South was the result of "over -eagerness" on the part of the NAACP to push too fast. He also asserted that agitation by white groups would not have developed except in response to what appeared to them to be over - aggressiveness by the NAACP. According to Wilkins NAACP leaders in the South were advised immediately after the 1954 Supreme Court decision of the importance for "calm reasonableness." Wilkins declared that had been the spirit in which the NAACP had operated.

61-3176-A "Washington Post and Time Herald", 2-20-57 (7) (duplicate clippings)

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The Internal Security Sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee made available the Report of Proceedings of a Hearing, regarding the "Scope of Soviet Activity in the US, " held before the committee on 2-20-57. The report contained the testimony of Carl Rachlin, identified as a New York Attorney and a member of the Board of Directors of the New York Civil Liberties Union, who was an unofficial observer at the recent Communist Party convention in New York City. Rachlin, who was a co-operative witness, furnished the committee his general observations and analysis of the convention proceedings. His testimony included the following "Another thing that they made quite clear at statement: the convention and which, in a way, was distrubing, is that the CP is going to make an extra special effort to infiltrate into Negro mass organizations. I read in the press later that Roy Wilkins, who is the head of the NAACP, publicly repudiated them, but there is no doubt from the nature of the national committee elected, approximately five or six of the 20 were Negroes, that the CP is going to make an extremely special effort to infiltrate and take over control of Negro groups."

Photostat of above described report enclosed with Bureau memo, 2-27-57
Re: CP, USA, 16th National Convention;
IS-C
100-3-1976, encl. p.4591
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The "Washington Post and Times Herald" on 2-26-57 carried an article on page 8 section A, entitled "Texas Official Assails Civil Rights Proposals." The article disaussed testimony given by Assistant Attorney General Davis Grant of Texas before a House Judiciary Sub-committee considering civil rights legislation. Grant denounced the proposed civil rights bills and charged that the NAACP and the Executive Secretary, Roy Wilkins, would run the Federal Commission on Civil Rights, as proposed in the bill.

62-102922-A "Wash. Post and Times Herald" 2-26-57 (10)

The "Washington City News Service" release of 3-9-57, under the heading "College," quoted a statement made by Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, setting out the NAACP's position regarding a series of articles opposing interaction, written by Prof. Clennon King of Alcorn A and W College, Alcorn, Wiss.

61-3176-A "Washington City News Service," 3-9-57



On 3-5-57 the "Birmingham Post - Herald," Birmingham, Ala., carried an article by columnists John Temple Graves, under the title, "The Mists of Conflict Are Lifting." The article indicated that Mr. Graves had received a note from Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, asking for comment on a story, of the distribution by a certain Citizens Council group of a faked lecture by a non-existent Negro professor calling for racial inter-marriage. Comment was also requested on the statement by an official of the Council concerning the story, who said "We never claimed it to be authentic." Graves replied to Wilkins by commenting that "it was a stupid and damnable thing to do." He further commented however, that it was "more stupid but less damnable" than the NAACP's distribution of the story.

100-428395-A "Birmingham Post-Terald" 3-5-57 (14)

A "Washington City News Service" release dated 3-9-57 at Baton Rouge, La., reported on testimony given by witnesses before a Louisiana Legislative Committee. Sgt. Hubert Badeaux of the New Orleans Police Dept. read sections of a report of a Divisional meeting of the CP, held in Birmingham Ala. in the spring of 1955. He stated the report was found in a raid on the quarters of Hunter Pitts O'Dell, the top communist in Louisiana. The report contained a statement that the Party should build up such organizations as the NAACP and should help organize NAACP branches. According to the news release, Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, stated in reply to the charges, that the communists had failed in all their attempts to organize branches of the organization. Wilkins said "they haven't

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gotten control or domination of any of our 1,200 chapters." He said, "the peak of the red efforts to gain a foothold in the NAACP came between 1948 and 1950 but they were defeated at every turn."

100-41286-A "Washington City News Service" 3-9-57 (12)

The 3-10-56 issue of the "Pittsburgh Courter" Detroit Edition" in section 2, page 1, carried an article
entitled "Local 600 Unit Asks Dollars for Montgomery Fight."
According to the article, a leaflet had been distributed
throughout the Ford Rouge plant in which Joe Morgan, President
of Local 600, UAW, asked the workers to donate at least one
dollar a piece to the Montgomery, Ala. chapter NAACP. It
was indicated that Morgan had written a personal letter to
Roy Wilkins, urging that "Federal Action" be taken in the
situation resulting from the bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala.

Portion of article set out in Detroit rat. 6-5-56.
Re:

100-398698-11 (13) SI 100-185-15-351 (Detroit Edition, "Pittsburgh Courier," 3-8-56)

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The "Washington Star" of 3-12-57 contained an editorial on page 12 entitled: "NAACP Advice." The editorial discussed the student strike at Alcorn A and M College, a Negro institution in Mississippi. It was noted that Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, had sent a message to the President of the Alcorn Student Council in which he stated the NAACP deplored any pressure which denied Mr. King freedom of speech on integration.

61-3176-A "Washington Star" 3-12157 (7)

The "State Times," Jackson, Mississippi, on 3-12-57, carried an article on page 10, entitled "NAACP Could Have Prevented Alcorn Rhubard, Says Webb." The article quoted remarks made by Robert Webb, Associate Editor of the State Times at a meeting of the South Jackson Lions Club. Webb expressed the view that if the NAACP had been sincere in its efforts to advance colored people it could have prevented the student walkout at Alcorn A and M college. His statement said in part: "Had Roy Wilkins spoken earlier before the damage was done, the student body would have remained at Alcorn. As it was Wilkins waited until the demonstrations were six days old to admonish the students that Prof. King was merely exercising the tolerant right of free speech."

61-3176-A, "State Times," 3-12-57 (7) The "Washington City News Service" release of 3-22-57 under the heading, "Wilkins," quoted parts of a telegram made public by Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, in reply to statements allegedly made by White House appointments secretary, Bernard M. Shanley, at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford, N.J. Shanley had charged that the Supreme Court's decision on segregation had "done a tremendous amount of damage and has set us back many years." He indicated that many Negro students had severed their relationships with Southern colleges. Wilkins reply stated that there were more Negroes enrolled in Southern Universities than at the time of the ruling in 1954.

61-3176-A "Washington City News Service," 3-22-57 (7)

The "Washington Star" on 3-22-57 carried an article datelined Chicago, entitled: "Culture Conflict Called Cause of Race Issues." The article discussed the views expressed in a panel debate at a meeting of national chairmen of Social and Economic Relations Boards of the Methodist Church in which Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, participated. J. Oliver Emerich, Editor of the McComb Enterprise - Journal, McComb, Miss., who told the group that integration problem required patience, was quoted as stating. "conflicts of culture are the cause of racial problems not racial hatred," and "extremists in both North and South are doing great damage." In his reply Wilkins said the NAACP asks only that the South admit its system is wrong and try to change it.

61-3176-A "Washington Star," 3-22-67 (7).





The "NY World Telegram" on 3-23-57, carried an article entitled "NAACP Urges Veto." The article indicated that Roy Wilkins had sent Governor Harriman a telegram from the NAACP, urging the Governor to veto a bill passed by the Legislature, setting up a civil rights bureau in the office of the Attorney General.

61-31/6-A "NY World Telegram," 3-23/57 (7)

The "Times Picayune" New Orleans, La. on 4-1-57 carried an article on page 61, datelined New York, 3-31-57, which was entitled: "NAACP Requests Witness' Status." The article stated that Roy Wilkins, NAACP, Executive Secretary, had made public a letter to Attorney General Brownell asking for clarification of what, if any, position was held by Manning Johnson in the Department of Justice. According to the article, Johnson, a Negro and former communist, had accused the NAACP of communist ties at a hearing in hearing in Louisiana. In his letter, Wilkins cited newspaper accounts which identified Johnson as "Director of Research for the Department of Justice." Wilkins said one such account had been inserted in the Congressional Record.

61-3176-A "New Orleans Times -Picalune," 4-1-57 (7) SI 100-55627-A "New Orleans Times Picayune," 4-1-57 (12)



The "Washington Star" on 4-2-57 an page 2, section A, carried an article entitled: "UcClellan Plans Quiz of Three for Slander of South." The article discussed the charges made by Senator McClellan of the Senate Judiciary Committee that two witnesses of the NAACP who were "brought in to slander the South" had committed perjury before the civil rights hearing of the committee. Senator McClellan had stated that the FBI had checked on the testimony and found it false. It was noted that Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP had stated that the Senator's charge was merely another fact of the Southern tactic of delay.

62-99828-A "Washington Star, 4-2-57 (8)

The "State Times," Jackson, Miss. on 4-4-57 carried an editorial on page 8 entitled: "Let Not NAACP Witnesses Be Spared." The editorial commented on the charges made by Senator John McClellan of the Senate Judiciary Committee that two witnesses representing the NAACP had committed perjury before the committee. It was noted that Roy Wilkins, NAACP Executive Secretary, had taken a slap at Senator McClellan calling his report "merely another facet of the Southern tactic of delay, the purpose of which is to kill the civil rights bill."

62-99828-A "State Times," 4-4-5" (8)



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release dated 4-4-57, was from

The press release contained on page 1. a news item headed "Senator McClellan Asked to Explain Charge FBT Probed NAACP Witnesses." The news item concerned statements made by Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP regarding an AP report which quoted Senator McClellan as stating on 4-1-57 that the FBI had made a check on NAACP sponsored witnesses who had appeared before the Senate Judiciary Sub-committee on 2-28-57 and had committee perjury. It was indicated that Roy Wilkins had sent the Senator a telegram on 4-3-57 questioning the accuracy of his statement and on 4-1-57 Wilkins had issued a statement concerning the matter.

Roy Wilkins was listed on the letterhead of the release as Executive Secretary of the NAACP.

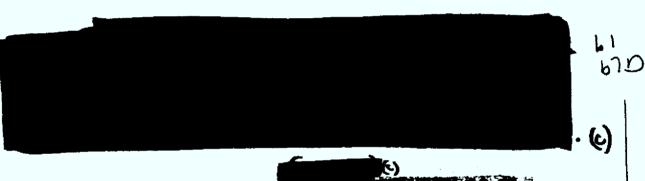
A "Washington City News Service" release dated 4-5-57, stated that "A Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom" to be held in Washington, D.C. on 5-17-57, had been announced by Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, following a meeting of representatives of labor, religious and fraternal organizations, who met in Washington, D.C. on that day to make plans for the nilgrimage.

62-101687-A "Wash. City News



The "Daily Worker" on 4-12-57 carried an article on page 2, entitled "NY Cleric to Lead Capitol Pilgrimage" which announced plans for the "Pilgrimage for Freedom" to be held in Washington, D.C. on 5-17-57. Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP was listed as one of the three leaders of the pilgrimage. According to the article Wilkins had stated in regard to the use of the Lincoln Memorial for the pilgrimage, that he didn't believe a monument honoring Lincoln, the Emancipator, would be denied to those coming to pray for freedom.

62-101087-A "DW," 4-12-57



Re: March on Washington (Prajer Crusade) 62-101087-160 (8)





By letter dated 4-1-57 Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, forwarded to the Bureau, a letter dated 3-12-57 from G. Ter-Gazaryants, Vice Chairman of the Committee of Youth Organizations, Moscow, USSR, addressed to the Youth Section, NAACP, NYC, inviting their members to attend the Sixth World Youth and Student Festival for Peace and Friendship in Moscow, July - August, 1957. Wilkins also enclosed a copy of his reply which stated the NAACP does not maintain relations with Soviet or Soviet - affiliated bodies and requesting that the NAACP be removed from their mailing list.

By letter dated 4-5-57 the Bureau acknowledged Wilkins' letter and enclosures and thanked him for furnishing the information.

Reference described above 61-31/6-1873 (5)

On 4-1-57 Roy Wilkins made available to the NY Office a copy of a letter which the NAACP received from G. Ter-Gazaryants, Vice-chairman of the Committee of Youth Organizations of the USSR. The letter dated 3-12-57 was an invitation for representatives of the NAACP to attend the Sixth World Youth and Student Festival for Peace and Friendship in Moscow, July 28 - Aug. 11, 1957.

On 4-16-57 Roy Wilkins furnished a copy of a letter received by the Champaign - Urbana, Ill. Chapter, NAACP, from J. Pelikan, President International Union of Students, Prague. The letter stated that the International Union of Students was supporting the Sixth World Youth Festival to be held in Moscow. July 28 - Aug. 11, 1957.

NY rpt., 5-17-57
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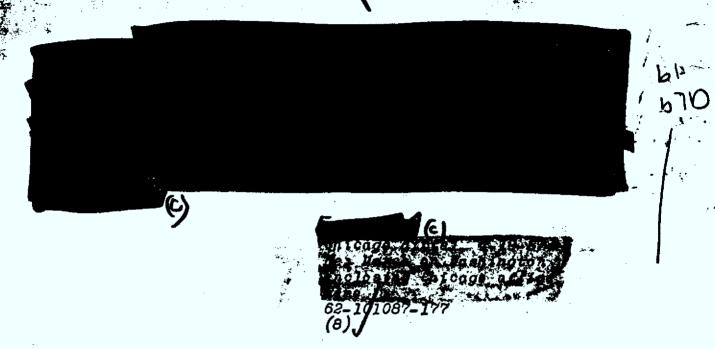
The "Daily Worker" on 4-16-57 on page 1, contained an article entitled "Justice Dept. Disavows Smearer of NAACP." The article indicated that the Department of Justice had issued a denial that Manning Johnson, was one of its employees, or was authorized to speak or testify for the agency. The statement was issued in reply to an inquiry by Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP following Johnson's testimony before a Louisiana state legislative committee, where he stated the "NAACP had become a vehicle of the CP designed to overthrow the government of the U.S." Johnson was described in press reports as "Director of Research for the Department of Justice.

61-3176-A, "DW" 4-16-57 (7) SI 62-101087-21-A "The Times - Picayune," 4-23-57 (10)





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The "Worker" on 4-21-57 carried an article entitled: "Bids NAACP Branches Rally Behind Pilgrimage." The article stated that Roy Wilkins had called on all NAACP branches to rally behind the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom in Washington on May 17. It was indicated that Wilkins was a co-chairman of the Pilgrimage.

62-101987-A "The Worker" 4-21-97 (10)

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Re: CP, USA-Organization; IS-C 100-3,69-4112,p.6 (11) SI 62-101087-186 (9)

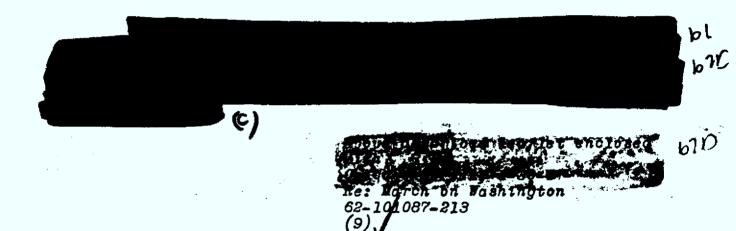
An article entitled, "Area NAACP Leaders to Discuss D.C. Pilgrimage," appeared in the 4-27-57 issue of "Journal and Guide," a Negro newspaper published at Norfork, Va. The article indicated that a Miss Ella Baker, a veteran field worker for the NAACP, would be in Norfork to discuss participation of area NAACP branches in the frayer filgrimage to Washington, D.C. on 5-17-57. According to the article the State NAACP conference was responding to a call issued jointly by A. Philip Randolph, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and a Vice President of CIO-AFL, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., President Montgomery Improvement Association, and Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, the leaders who had conceived and organized the pilgrimage.

Norfork memo, 5-3-57
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The "Washington Post and Times Herald" carried an article on 4-28-57 on page 9, entitled, "NAACP Attorney Ming Nominated for Chairman at AVC convention." The article reported on the activities of the American Veterans Committee convention which was meeting in Washington, D.C. According to the article, Roy Wilkins, spoke at the AVC convention banquet held on 4-27-57 and "lashed out" at persons criticizing the pending civil rights bills as a threat to the constitutional right to a jury trial.

100-339008-A "Wash. Post and Times Herald" 4-28-57 (13)





The 5-4-57 issue of the "Carolina Times," Durham, N.C., newspaper, contained an article datelined New York, entitled: "Lincoln Memorial To Be Scene of 50,000 Gathering." The article stated that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., at a press conference in New York, had described the objectives and plans for the May 17 Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom of which he was co-chairman along with Roy Vilkins of the NAACP and A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Charlotte memo, 5-10-57
Re: March on Washington May 1957
enclosing Charlotte office memo
62-191087-295
(9)

The "Daily Worker" of 5-6-57 carried an article entitled "NAACP Urges Nixon to Back Words in Deeds." The article quoted in part, a telegram sent by Roy Wilkins to Vice President Nixon congratulating Nixon on his civil rights address before the Joint Defense Appeal of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Chicago on April 30. Wilkins told Nixon the NAACP had long supported the principles he expressed but the leadership of both parties in congress had failed to enact needed civil rights laws and the Administration had adopted a policy of silence.

61-3776-A "DW," 5-6-47





This reference was a memo from the Director for Mr. Tolson, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Belmont and Mr. Nichols, dated 5-10-57, advising of a conference which the Director attended in the Attorney General's Office on 5-8-57. The director stated that the purpose of the conference was to discuss the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom which was scheduled for 5-17-57 in Washington, D.C. The general plans and purposes of the Bilgrimage were outlined by the Director for the conference. He advised that the Attorney General was informed that the leaders of the movement were, Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, the Rev. M. L. King, Jr., who headed the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott, and A. Philip Randolph, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Reference described above 62-101087-246

This reference was a memo to the Attorney General dated 5-10-57 captioned "Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom March On Washington, May 17, 1957, advising that a Bureau official had outlined to Thurgood Marshall, the General Counsel of the NAACP, the plans of the CP to participate in the Pilgrimage for Freedom in Washington, D.C. on 5-17-57.

Marshall advised the Bureau official the NAACP had received word that the communists were seeking to take over the delegation of Pennsylvania and Roy Wilkins had warned the delegates to eliminate the communists and those whom the communists might seek to infiltrate into their delegations. It was noted that the Bureau had received previous information that, it is a seek to the Pilgrimage Roy Wilkins had warned that, delegates to the Pilgrimage must be screened in order that all "leftists" could be eliminated.



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The Attorney General was advised that Chief Justice Earl Warren and the Vice President had been informed of the plans of the CP to infiltrate the Pilgrimage and both had expressed concern over the developments.

Reference described above 62-191087-244

A Bureau memo dated 4-24-57 captioned, "March on Washington, May 1957," indicated that Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP was one of the leaders of the demonstration which was scheduled to take place in Washington, D.C. on 5-17-57.

A Bureau memo dated 4-26-57, containing a summary of data regarding the March on Washington, which was prepared for dissemination, stated that Roy Wilkins was co-chairman of the Prayer Pilgrimage and headquarters had been established at the NAACP office at 20 West 40th Street, NYC. The memo also noted Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, the sponsoring organization, had estimated that 50,000 people would participate in the "prayer pilgrimage for freedom."

Reference described above 62-191087-167





The April 8 and 9, 1957 issues of the "Daily Worker" contained articles relating to a "Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom" to be held at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on 5-17-57. The articles indicated that the pilgrimage had been called by Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, the Rev. Martin Luther King of Montgomery, Ala. and A. Philip Randolph, AFL-CIO Vice President.

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Newark memo, 4-19-57
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