FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: <u>LEROY "SATCHEL" PAIGE</u> CROSS-REFERENCES

Can You Read, Judge Landis?



Yes, Mr. Landis, can you read the demands of a half million people in the greatest city in the world?

They have voted unanimously, through their elected representatives, against the ban on Negro baseball players like Satchel Paige. A ban that keeps them out of the major leagues when dozens of great stars like Joe Di Maggio, Bobby Feller, Dizzy Dean, Pete Reiser have called Paige "the greatest pitcher in the world."

The time is ever growing shorter, Judge Landis, and the people are demanding that you act, act at once to lift the ugly un-American ban of Negro stars.

CAN YOU READ, JUDGE? THEN READ DEEP AND READ FAST, BECAUSE AMERICA IS WAITING—IMPATIENTLY.

ngainst discrimination in the big leagues cannot be estimated at this time.

It is expected that other Trade Union bodies will pick up the battle how that it has become a nationwide issue which involves not only baseball but the morale of the nation at war.

HERE IS THE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL:

Whereas, in the spirit of national unity, Americans from all sections of the country have united to end the discrimination against race, color or creed; Americans from labor, political and religious groups, have demanded the end of jim-crow.

Whereas, President Roosevelt in his address to the nation has stressed the importance of ending discrimination to insure victory.

Whereas, many outstanding athletes in big league baseball, past and present, have voiced their opinions that Negroes such as Satchel-Paige, Josh Gibson, Ray Brown and Bankhead could make and build any big league ball team; Dizzy Dean, Joe DiMaggio, Bobby Feller and Joe McCarthy who have toured and played exhibitions with them have constantly praised their character, sportmanship and ability.

Whereas, the fans whose support maintains big league baseball, have shown by their 30,000 strong attendance at the Kansas City Monarchs—Dizzy All-Star game—Chicago—that they would welcome Negro players into the big leagues; this game outdrawing the American League doubleheader between the Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers in the same city on the same afternoon.

Be it resolved, that we, the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, representing 500,000 workers from 250 locals, demand that Judge Landis end jim-crow in the big learne baseball now.

Chicago Negro Newspaper Commends Daily Worker on Battle Against Jim Crow

The June 7 edition of the Chicago Bee, a Negro weekly, congratulates the Daily Worker upon its campaign to lift the van on Negro baseball players in major leagues. In a feature column titled "BEE LINES" by Aber owel, the columnist writes:

"The 'Daily Worker' has gone all out for Negro baseballers in the big leagues.
Now I am not a Communist, but those Reds have something there. After watching Satchel Paige and the Kansas City Monarchs perform, it struck us that both the Cubs and the White Sox could use to good advantage every one of the stars in their lineup."

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Still They Come!

Furniture Workers Convention Demands End to Baseball Jim Crow

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, May 23. — The latest trade union to speak out against the infamous ban on Negro players in the major leagues is the United Furniture Workers of Amer-

ica, CIO. This union adopted a? stron; resolution at its convention Thursday, May 20. The union, helding its national convention here in Cleveland, passed the resolution unanimously.

The resolution marks still another one in the long list of great trade unions which have spoken out sharply for an end to the Hitler-like ban on Negro aces such as Josh Gibson, Roy Campenalla, Willes Wells, Sator Paige and many others.

Here is the complete text of the Furnture Workers resolution as passed here:

"We are fighting a war so that democracy will survive and freedom will be enjoyed by all the people of the world. To win this war we must heighten the morale and the unity of all sections of the population. Racial discrimination is a source of disunity and demoralization and the practice thereof in America plays into the hands of the reactionaries of this country who are opposed to the winning of the war.

"Thousands of petitions have been signed by baseball fans all over the country condemning the practice of discrimination barring Negro baseball players from the major leagues. Many prominent baseball players and managers have indicated their desire to abolish this discrimination. Major league baseball players have been inducted into the armed forces and there are vacancies and opportunities to engage many star Negro players of recognized abilits. It is a notable fact that Negroes have excelled in many sports such as boxing, track, basketball

"We believe that the participation of Negroes in major league baseball would, not only be a credit to our national sport but would enhance the morale of all people in the conduct of this war and would be an expression of the democracy we are fighting

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Dear Sir:

Remylet of August 3, 1949, transmitting the digest from the official transcript of the testimony given on August 1, 1949, in the matter of U. S. vs William Z. Foster, et al (0-128-87, et al), Southern District of New York, U. S. District Court, Judge Harold R. Medina presiding.

Attached herewith is the digest of the testimony given on August 2, 1949.

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cc-Asst. Director E. J. Connelley cc-Cleveland (EDWARD JOSEPH CHAKA) - Encl.

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(Chaka - Cross) (TR. 8/2/49)

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY McGOHEY

(TR. 11,201) CHAKA admitted that he had attended the July, 1948 Ohio State Convention and said he heard FOSTER speak there. He said that FOSTER did not say any of the things attributed to him by CUMMINGS and he was denying the statements attributed to FOSTER by BLANC and CUMMINGS. He was then asked to tell in his own words what FOSTER did say.

CHAKA stated that FOSTER spoke briefly, beginning his talk by congratulating Cleveland and that city's baseball team for being the first in the American League to take a negro into professional baseball. FOSTER had pointed out that SATCHEL PAIGE, one of the greatest pitchers in the past twenty years had taken so long to get into organized baseball. FOSTER then went on to speak of his experiences with the people's movements in Europe and declared that the people of the world want peace and that in case of war between the United States and the Soviet Union and the democracies, imperialist America in such an imperialist war would not find any allies among those European peoples.

(TR. 11,202) CHAKA was asked if FOS TER had said "we needed the kind of leader-ship in the CP that could unite the American people around the key issue of the day." CHAKA said that FOS TER did not put it exactly that way as he remembered. However, he did say that FOS TER had said that the key issue of the day was "the question of fighting for peace and for an expanding American Democracy." He was asked if FOS TER had said that the people of Europe would not fight in such an imperialistic war between the United States and the Soviet Union. CHAKA said that FOS TER did not put it that way. He was asked if FOS TER had indicated that the democracies of Europe would be on the side of Russia or against the United States in such a war. CHAKA recalled that FOS TER had stated that in the event of an imperialist war, the imperialists in the United States would not find any allies among the European peoples. He was asked if FOS TER did or did not say that the people of Europe would not fight such an imperialistic war. CHAKA said he did not remember such a statement on the part of FOS TER.

(TR. 11,203) It was pointed out to CHAKA that the witness HASHMALL had, according to page 10,331 of the Transcript, testified that FOSTER had said "the people of Europe would not fight such an imperialistic war." CHAKA was asked if he disagreed with HASHMALL on that.

(TR. 11,204) GIADSTEIN offered objection that it was not proper cross-examination, one of his reasons being that reference had only been made to a portion of HASHMALL'S testimony. The Court ruled that the question would be allowed in that form.

(TR. 11,206) Upon restatement of the question for the benefit of the witness, SACHER objected but was overruled.

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The May 30, 1948, edition of the "Michigan Edition The Worker" carried an article on Page 13, Column 2, entitled "Zionist
Youth Talks Peace", written by LEONARD COHEN. This article was a report
on an interview with KAPAL PINES who was identified by COHEN as an accredited
correspondent for the "Histadrut" newspaper in the UN. The article stated
that KAPAI PINES stated that a war between the United States and Russia
could very well cause a new wave of fascism and anti-semitism in certain
parts of Europe.

The June 27, 1948, edition of the "Michigan Edition The Worker" carried an article on Page 1A, Column 2, entitled "600 at CRC
Meeting Protest Mosley Killing", written by LEONARD COHEN. According to
the article "over 600 Negro and White citizens jammed the Greater Quinn A.
M. E. Church last week to protest the killing of Leon Mosley." The meeting, held under Civil Rights auspices, demanded that the patrolman involved
be tried for murder, that Police Commissioner TOY be ousted and a \$25,000
indemnity be given LEON MOSLEY's family, the article stated.

The July 18, 1948, issue of the "Michigan Edition The Worker" carried an article on Page 2A, Column 1, entitled "Lofty!
Vandy Invented T-H", written by LEONARD COHEN. The first paragraph of this article is quoted as follows:

"The NAM's slave-labor law is not called the "Taft-Hartley-Vandenberg" law, but it very well might be. An examination of the record of Michigan's 'great statesman' reveals him as the original author of many of the provisions of the TH Act."

COHEN continued by quoting the Congressional Record of June, 1937, and various publications to show that Senator ARTHUR VANDENBERG (R-Mich.) was one of the authors of the Taft-Hartley Labor Law.

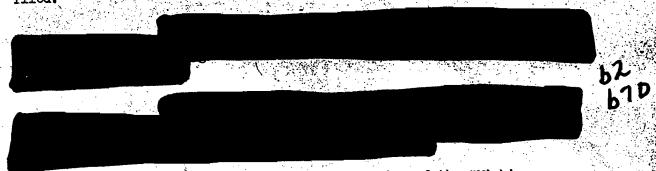
The August 22, 1948, issue of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" carried an article on Page 1A, Column 1, entitled "Wallace Pickets Hit at Tiger Jim-Crow", written by LEONARD COHEN. This article stated:

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"Forty Negro and White members of the Youth for Wallace struck a hard body blow at Jimcrow in baseball here in spite of the curses, shoving around and illegal detention inflicted upon them by Toy's cops. (TOY is the Detroit Police Commissioner.)

"Seventeen pickets carrying signs saying 'Welcome Larry Doby and Satch Paige,' 'Jimcrow must go!' and 'Wallace in 1948,' were arrested in front of Briggs Stadium and taken to Trumbull Station for 'attracting attention.'"

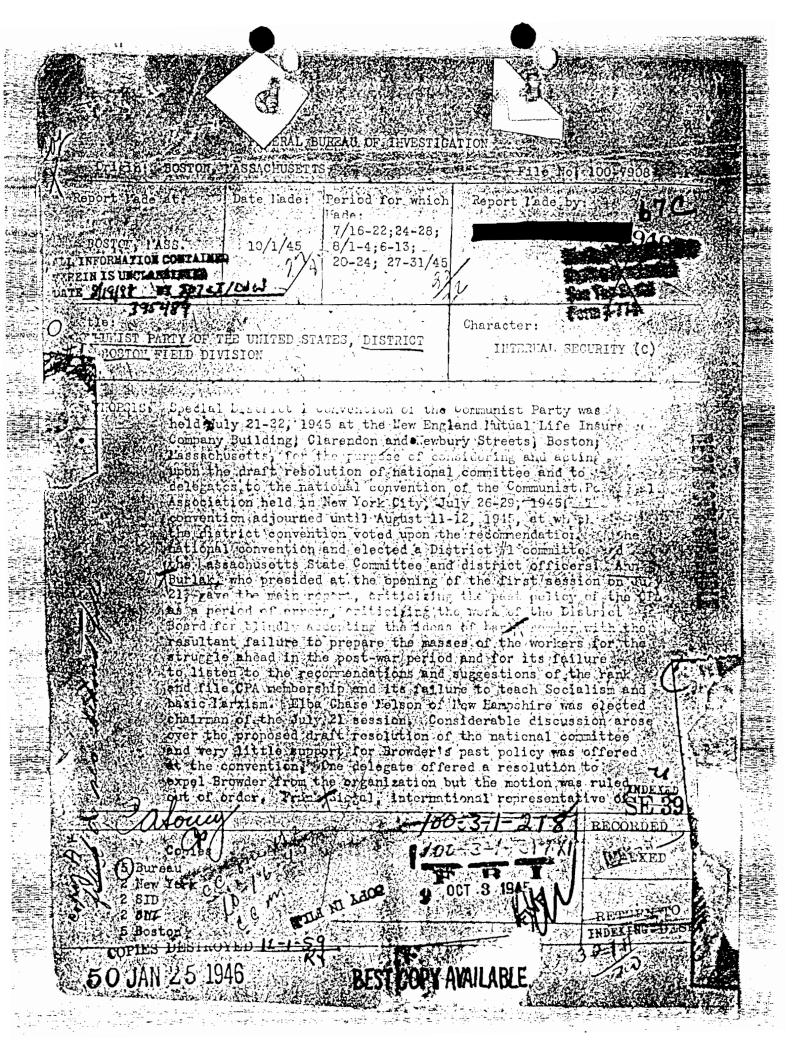
The article went on to state that the pickets were "finally released" after being held for two hours without charges being filed.



The September 12, 1948, edition of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" carried an article on page 13, column 2, entitled "Pro-Nazi Pals of Wall Street's Tweedledum Candidate - A Look at Dewey's Cabinet", written by LEONARD COHEN. COHEN named a few prominent members of the Republican Party whom he (COHEN) named as the future Cabinet members if THOMAS E. DEWEY had been elected as President and gave detailed statements on each of these persons as to their relations with ADOLF HITLER.

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The September 26, 1948, edition of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" carried an article entitled "Shy on Lack of Civil Rights", written by IEONARD COHEN. COHEN stated in this article that both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party had failed to guarantee the people their civil rights.



The members, 40 from Massachusetts, and I cach from Maine, New Hampshire, and -hade Island. One of the delegates asked why he did not recommend one from Verment. He replied that Verment had not ecoperated with the District in the past and did not send delegates to either District Convention. The peup accepted his suggestion. (The District Board formerly consisted of the members).

At this point, BCB CCODATH, chairman of the nominations committee, said that an Evaluation Committee had been chosen to evaluate the work of the past District Committee. He stated further that this Evaluation Committee was not to consure the work of the District Committee but was to determine what had actually been done. This committee was to make its report to the body was the Sunday morning session. The following persons were members of the scaluation Committee: BILLY CREEN of the Ackbury Club, BOD GOODWIN of the movement to the informant but is believed to be LARRY D. BILSU.

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AICT GORDON reported on the conference in regard to the Constitution. (Detween the two District Conventions, several small conferences had been held)

Well's called the transfer of the preamble was reworded the whole recomment was more militantly phrased; under -rticle III, Sections 3 and 4 changed; under -rticle IV, Sections 1, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 14, and 15 were changed; under -rticle VI, Sections 1 and 2 were changed; under -rticle VI, Sections 1 and 2 were changed; under -rticle VII, Section 1 was changed; under -rticle XIV, 1 under Section 1 was changed.

NAT PIBLD reported on the conference on Jewish Problems. He stated that the Communist Party should reducible its efforts in behalf of Pegrees, particularly toward getting them in the ajer Leagues. He mentioned that Satchel Paige and Jackie Advinson were to appear in Boston and said that these two regrees would be of great help to either the Boston Red Sox or the Boston Braves. He suggested taking petitions against barring regrees from the lajer Leagues to the series of the Society of Could sign them.

C.RFIELD made the following recommendations:

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2. That there should be an article in the Commist National Constitution relating to the Jewish problem.

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"Daily Worker"

The June 12, 1945, issue of the "Daily Worker" on page 7, column 1, contains an article authored by MIKE HECHT and captioned "Imperialists Can't Be Expected to Act in Best Interest of Nation". In this article HECHT denounces American imperialism while lauding Marxist theory and principles.

Confidential informant advised that in December, 1947, of Chicago, had contributed \$6 to the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper.

advised Special Agent of the New York Office that of the "Daily Worker" (daily columnist in "Daily Worker") had advised him that on several occasions during 1947 and 1948 he had received letters from a Chicago. Informant also learned had asked to review an article had written on ARTHUR MILLER'S "All My Sons".

on January 24, 1949, advised SA Chicago, had recently contributed to the Fighting Fund Drive of the Worker, the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker"

The "Daily Worker" for March 30, 1949, page 16, column 5, carries an article concerning SATCHEL PAIGE, negro baseball pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, which article was contributed by MIKE HECHT.

by U "Chicago Star"

The November 22, 1947, issue of the "Chicago Star" on page 13 carries an article written by MIKE HECHT entitled "Welcome to 'All My Sons' - a Top Play." In the article HECHT comments on the play "All My Sons", then at the Erlanger Theater in Chicago.

advised the "Chicago Star" is a weekly newspaper dominated and controlled by the Communist Party, and that it commenced publication in Chicago on July 4, 1946. According to this informant, top functionaries of the Communist Party have dictated and controlled the editorial policy, subscription drives, and organizational set up of the "Chicago Star".

Modern Book Store

on January 26, 1948, advised that the name of Chicago, appears on the mailing list of the Modern Store.

821 MJC:MC COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES 100-421 WASHINGTON, D. C. Buttered T. DECLASSIFIED ON Weekly Summary from September 7 through September 13, 1942, inclusive. The following information was obtained from a highly confidential source known to the Bureau: 9/7/42 called VErnon 3421 in Baltimore, Maryland, 11:16 a.m. and conversed with a girl and gave her the report as follows: N. C. 488, Concentration Group 198, W. C. 152, I. C. 85, F. C. 23, H. I. C. 23, News Stands 158, Subscriptions 221, then spoke to and advised Total 1150. that over at Fifth and N Streets the other night they had a wonderful meeting and he thought that they should get a lot out of it. wanted to know if could come over this Wednesday at Fifth and N Streets. said that he could not and furthermore he will not be over for the Seventh and L Streets meeting, because he wanted to go to the Russian War Relief meeting. _____asked "are they going to be at the World Series game tomorrow?" (Negro baseball game held at Griffith Stadium, September 8, 1942.). said that should have some people stationed at all the four said that they plan to corners of the ball park. get experienced people inside to distribute them. Petitions to be signed against JIM-CROWISM in Major League baseball). said that he may be over tomorrow and he inquired for However, stated that he had a flat and told to tell "My place at 5:00." RECORDED Requoted 100-421-13-1. 9/7/42 called Michigan OFF and contacted Louis and 12:57 p.m asked him how they made out yesterday. LOUIE told they made out fine and LOUIE said he was arranged to see the said "Toware going "big man" tomorrow at 10:00 a mic to see ALIAN tomorrow." JOULE said he was and the to ask for a straight salary. told lower the penter him to come and see him after his appointment with the man and let him know how he made out. ALOUIE told that he was getting a list of fellow to give to Butch; some new blood. when the CIO picnic was and LOUIE asked that it was yesterday.

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that she is to come to his office at 5:30 that day because he was planning to leave for New York tomorrow.

9/9/42 1:25 p.m.

called REpublic 4600 and asked who is employed by if she could put up a girlfriend of his. Said that she could do this for a few days and she asked to tell that she would not be able to see him that evening. Said that would be possible for her to pick up some petitions that evening. Said that he would leave some out for her.

9/9/42 1:38 p.m. contacted a girl by the name of EERTY at Georgia 3583 and told her that a girl was coming to town and needed a room, and asked her if sheknew of any. GERTY told him of (PH), Georgia 6982, who has one single and one double room. GERTY said that she would contact JAKE and tell him that the girl was coming. Told her to tell JAKE that the girl is a friend of his and to treat her right. (In the background, while waiting for the address of could be heard telling someone that when the "Hunger marches came to Washington," GERTY helped a lot of them by getting them rooms.

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4:10 p.m.

SEIMA (PH) called GEorgia 3583 from the Communist Party Headquarters and said that she was trying to get a room. She reminded the woman that the behalf. The woman said that she did not get the room for sure.

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that she was the girl in whose house mother is living. THEIMA asked if knew of a place where she could get a one-room apartment.

said she did not know of any such place and asked THEIMA where she is working. THEIMA implied that she was employed in some office and said that she would stop in and see soon.

9/9/42 11:30 p.m An unidentified woman called the Communist Party Headquarters and told that she could not be there at 1:00 o'clock; it was finally agreed that all would be there at 11:00 a.m., Friday, and said that he had the signatures of all the baseball players including SATCHEN PAIGE. said that asked PAIGE to speak and he said that he would do his best. Business managers of both teams said that they would endorse it, but that they won't be here on the 25th.

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