

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
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TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

DATE: 2/18/64

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-133479)

SUBJECT: YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE  
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NY 100-133479

Identity of Source: [REDACTED] <sup>b2-1 b7D-1</sup> who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info: Meeting, NYL, YSA, [REDACTED] <sup>b7D-2</sup>  
125 Fourth Avenue NYC.

Date Received: 1/29/64

Received by: SA [REDACTED] <sup>b7c-1</sup>  
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A copy of informant's written report follows:

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Report Written January 18, 1964

Business Meeting of Y.S.A.  
125 Fourth Avenue  
N.Y.C., N.Y.

3:00 PM

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At this meeting a proposal has been passed to the effect that every YSAer must attend at least 2 forums a month.

gave a report on CABS. She said that JAMES BALDWIN plus a couple of other prominent people are now sponsors for CABS.

It was also mentioned that JIM BINGHAM will be on a taped WBAI radio interview monday night.

said that there were over 400 CABS sponsors in the country\_

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)

2/19/64

SAC, WFO (100-43011) (RUC)

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

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Rerep of [redacted] at New York 12/11/63 with lead for WFO to review passport record; Bulet 12/18/63 instructing WFO to review files concerning subject's appearances in Washington, D.C.

On 2/7/64, SA [redacted] reviewed available information concerning subject at Department of State Passport Office. This consisted of an application for renewal of passport 2365937 issued to JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN 8/4/60.

Application for renewal dated 7/29/63 at New York, New York, contains following information furnished by subject:

Date and place of birth:  
Permanent residence:  
Mail address:

8/2/24, New York, New York  
306 West 18, New York, New York  
Lubell, Lubell and Jones, Attorneys  
165 Broadway, New York, New York  
New York, New York

Port of Departure:  
Approximate departure date:  
Mode of travel:  
Intended stay abroad:  
Proposed itinerary:  
Purpose of trip  
Person to be notified in case of death or accident:

8/7/63  
Air France  
Four weeks  
France  
Pleasure

DAVID BALDWIN, brother  
2113 West 110 Street, New York,  
New York

Number of trips abroad withing last twelve months:

Two

No information concerning marital status, description, or photograph of subject appears on renewal application.

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- 1- WFO

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The handwritten notation on application indicates renewal was approved; therefore, passport 2635937 appears to have been renewed to be valid until 8/3/65.

Attached to renewal application was a letter to the Passport Office dated 7/19/63 from Lubell, Lubell, and Jones, Attorneys at Law, 165 Broadway, New York, New York, which advised they are attorneys for BALDWIN in matters arising out of or relating to the creation, proprietorship, sale, license or other distribution of his literary properties.

This letter stated BALDWIN, on 6/25/63, received a cablegrammed invitation to visit Cuba in connection with the 10th anniversary of the "26th of July Movement", and, as a result of this invitation, the "New Yorker" magazine requested BALDWIN to undertake a specific writing assignment in connection with such a trip to Cuba.

The letter advises they have informed BALDWIN travel to Cuba without a specially validated passport is a violation of present laws.

The letter stated BALDWIN has a passport, and he has informed them he has had one for several years. The letter requested that BALDWIN be issued a special permit for travel to Cuba.

Also attached to the renewal application was a Passport Office memorandum dated 8/1/63 advising that CLARENCE B. JONES of the law firm of Lubell, Lubell and Jones had informed that BALDWIN was not going to Cuba at that time but was going to France, and if he decided to go to Cuba at a later date, he would reapply for validation of his passport for such travel.

b7c-8 [REDACTED] Agency Liaison Officer, Passport Office, advised numerous special searches have been made by the Passport Office, but they have been unable to locate the remainder of the Passport Office file on the subject.

Review of WFO files and pertinent issues of "The Evening Star" and the "Washington Post and Times Herald" newspapers disclosed BALDWIN was a speaker at a "Peace Rally" at Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C., on 4/1/61. No specific statements made by BALDWIN were recorded in above-mentioned newspapers or furnished by WFO informants.

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STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO BALDWIN

On 6/11/61, WF T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that JAMES BALDWIN spoke at a mass rally for "Original Freedom Riders" on the evening of 6/11/61 at All Souls Unitarian Church, 16th and Harvard Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Washington Chapter, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

The informant stated BALDWIN told those present that the West had better re-evaluate its international policy in light of the potential strength of the new Afro-Asian countries. BALDWIN added that the white man had better realize the emerging strength of the Negro. He stated that he did not want to be in the shoes of the white man when the African nations become stronger.

(Documentation-- [redacted] to S. [redacted] 6/11/61. b7c-1  
WFO [redacted] 52-167D-1

The June 12, 1963, edition of "The Evening Star", a Washington, D.C., daily newspaper, carried an article captioned "Business Hit as Failing to Aid Freedom Riders" concerning a rally of the Congress of Racial Equality at the All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, D.C., on the evening of 6/11/63, at which JAMES BALDWIN was a speaker. The article states: "JAMES BALDWIN, author of 'Negroes in our Society' and other books, said the Freedom Riders are trying to complete something long overdue--the American Revolution."

The June 12, 1963, edition of the "Washington Post and Times Herald", a daily newspaper published in Washington, D.C., carried an article captioned "Freedom Riders Acclaimed in Talks to Mixed Audience in D.C. Church" concerning the meeting at the All Souls Unitarian Church on the evening of 6/11/63. The article states: "The author JAMES BALDWIN declared at the mass rally for Original Freedom Riders, 'What we are here to accomplish is the American Revolution'....'The question that must be decided is: Am I man or am I not? And if I am not, then white man, what are you.'"

The November 5, 1963, issue of "The Evening Star" newspaper carried an article captioned "Farmer Cites Problem of Staying Nonviolent" concerning a conference on "youth, nonviolence and social change" held at Howard University, Washington, D.C., at which JAMES FARMER, National Director of CORE, and BALDWIN were speakers. This article states:

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"Author JAMES BALDWIN said he wondered how long civil rights advocates will endure various indignities before they begin to fight back." The article quoted BALDWIN as saying, "But in this terrible confrontation I see some opportunity which will liberate this country and change the world. The very gravity and danger of the situation can be turned into a tremendous opportunity. We will have to learn to live together here or not at all." The article continues, "BALDWIN scolded a Federal Government which can protect Viet-Nam and invade Cuba but does nothing to protect the Negro in the South." The article also states BALDWIN then suggested that mass strikes or acts of civil disobedience would force the Government to deal with Negroes as individuals.

"The Evening Star" newspaper edition of 11/6/63 carried an article captioned "Negro Authors Stress Truth and Survival" concerning a symposium on the "Negro Writer in American Society" held at Howard University on the evening of 11/5/63, at which BALDWIN remarked, "My problem is to tell the truth and survive society while doing it." The article states BALDWIN continued that the role of the writer is to excavate the real history of the country. BALDWIN described the American mind as one of "fantastic confusion". He said Americans want to believe things which are really not true. The article quoted BALDWIN as saying, "White Americans think this is a beautiful and wonderful country....and this is not true. The Negro is the only person who can unearth the truth about this country."

The "Washington Post and Times Herald" newspaper edition of 11/6/63 carried an article captioned "Negro Leaders Exort Followers Not to Stray From Nonviolent Path." This article states in part that JAMES L. FARMER, National Director of CORE, agreed with another analyst, JAMES BALDWIN, Negro author, who indicated the breaking point of Negroes in the civil rights struggle may be near. This article continues, "BALDWIN said Negroes may have to think of civil disobedience as a next tactic...." BALDWIN said, "I don't want to see Negroes adapt themselves to the American way of life....I don't think any Negro in this country, whether a drunk or what have you, has to prove anything to the white man."

The above newspaper articles were reviewed on 1/8/64 at the Library of Congress by SA [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-427226)

DATE: 2/10/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57253)

SUBJECT: YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE (YSA)  
IS-SWP

OO: NEW YORK

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On 2-4-64, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [REDACTED] by mail mimeographed document received by source through the mails directly from SWP National Headquarters, New York City. This document was copied by Xerox and the original returned to informant. The document is described as follows (with the Xerox copy filed as indicated):

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[REDACTED] (YSA) NEC Minutes,  
[REDACTED]

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100-133479 (YSA)

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100-151304 (YPSL)

100-4013 (CABS)

100-144163 (SWP)

100- [REDACTED] (SPU)

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100- [REDACTED] (JAMES BALDWIN)

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100-64271 (CABS)

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NEO MINUTES: [REDACTED] b7D-2

Present: [REDACTED]

Alternates: [REDACTED]

Late: [REDACTED]

Chairman: [REDACTED]

Agenda read and accepted

1. Reports
2. Membership
3. Travel Committee
4. NEO Statement on Election
5. N.O. Functioning

I. Reports

- a. YPSL Convention: see attachment
- b. Minneapolis Conference: see attachment
- c. Eastcoast Conference: see attachment
- d. CABS: see attachment

II. Membership: [REDACTED] b7C-4

We have had three applications for members-at-large. Two are from Ann Arbor and one is from Penn State.

Motion: To accept these three applications into member-at-large status.

passed unanimously

III. Travel Committee

Motion: passed unanimously

IV. NEO Statement on Election: [REDACTED]

Motion: That we write a statement in support of the SWP slate of candidates for the Presidential election.

passed unanimously

Discussion of statement

V. N.O. Functioning

Motion: That [REDACTED] take over the desk for 2 months.

passed unanimously

Meeting ajourned

New York, New York  
Jan. 13, 1964

Dear Comrades:

We sent five comrades to the recent Young Peoples Socialist League Convention held in Chicago, December 28-29, 1963. Below is part of a report on the Convention from one of the YSA'ers who attended.

- § YPSL's were 3-5 hours late in starting the sessions.
- § Three conflicting national reports were given by the National Leadership
- § The delegates, only 35-40, were extremely apathetic, talked among themselves to the point of disruption during debate and reports.
- § Many delegates didn't vote one way or the other on motions.
- § A new leadership was hammered out in caucuses, but no resolutions were passed. (This was left up to the new NC or NEC)
- § Only 107 YPSL's paid the \$1.00 Convention Assessment out of a paper membership of 700. (One of the Chicago YSA'ers got a letter asking for this assessment -- he's been out of YPSL for 2 years.)
- § Rumor has it that YPSL is pulling out of SPU. But to our knowledge no action was taken at the Convention.
- § Some YPSL's questioned the very existence of YPSL from the floor.
- § Documents showed low political level and lack of direction.
- § The outstanding feature of the YPSL convention was demoralization.
- § Most of our comrades were asked to leave after being pointed out by Mike Parker and denounced as from an "alien tendency."
- § Our comrades were overwhelmed at the over-all difference in seriousness, enthusiasm and political understanding between YSA and YPSL.

Comradely,

*Melissa*  
Melissa

V E N C E R E M O S !

### Minneapolis Conference Report

Below are some excerpts from a letter by Lew of Minneapolis:

"The series was a complete success from almost every point of view. We recruited two new comrades. The YSA made \$34 and we sold over \$60 worth of literature. Moreover, we had an attendance of 49, with an average of about 25 per meeting. All of the talks were good and the participants took everything seriously -- reading and discussing."

### Eastcoast Conference Report

The Eastcoast Conference was held on Dec. 21 and 22. During the two days, about 70 comrades and friends from Baltimore, Philly, New York and Boston attended the four lectures. Heard on Saturday were William F. Warde, speaking on the Sino-Soviet Dispute, and Tom Kerry, speaking on American Labor-From the New Deal To The New Frontier. On Sunday, Barry Sheppard spoke on the Algerian Revolution. The afternoon session heard Clifton DeBerry, just back from a National Tour, speak on New Trends In The Black Revolt. On Saturday night a party was held in honor of the Bloomington defendants. Besides having fun, those attending the party were able to hear Ralph Levitt give some of the latest developments in the case. About \$50 worth of literature was sold and three people were recruited out of the conference. Large banners at the front of the hall reading: An Attack On One Is An Attack On All; Defend The Bloomington Students and a large picture of the defendants reminded all those attending of the important tasks ahead.

### CABS Report

The new brochure (with a new picture!) is now at the printers and will be available in about a week. John Lewis of SNCC and James Baldwin have recently become sponsors. Besides professors, CABS will try to get sponsors from civil rights and trade union leaders. Sponsors continue to come in and we have received about 30 this week including a \$250 donation from the Dean of a Graduate School. The National CABS will soon be publishing a Newsletter to keep all supporters and CABS locals informed on the happenings around the case and the defense work. The first issue will have a complete financial report and a major article around the sponsors. Tom has just started his tour in the Midwest and the first reports are very encouraging. Below are a few excerpts from a letter Betsy sent in:

"The total enrollment at Rockford is 400. 100 kids came out to hear Tom speak. They bought 17 or so of Leroy's pamphlet. Five indicated that they would be willing to start a CABS and collect money."

"At Shimer, Peter and Suzanne went along with Tom to help out in trying to talk to kids after the talk. 80 kids turned out out of a student body of 300. [REDACTED] b7D-2

[REDACTED] A YPSL asked to join the YSA because he was so disgusted with the YPSL. A number of kids plan to come to the Midwest conference. At Shimer kids also agreed to do CABS work and will set up a collection box in the cafeteria."

"At Madison a crowd of 80 listened to the talk. The Editor of Progressive Magazine called Sid Lens encouraging him to write a story on the case for the Progressive. It looks like Lens will. In just passing the hat at the meeting at Madison CABS collected 35 dollars which shows that this should always be done where possible."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*\*\* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-61770) DATE: 2/20/64

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b7c-1

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO AID THE  
MONROE DEFENDANTS (CAMD)  
IS-SWP

SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED]	CAMD Bulletin 1/28/64.	2/12/64	Writer	[REDACTED] (WR)

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Source furnished the following quoted document:

"2/4/64

"Bulletin for CAMD Chapters, Supporting Groups and Sponsors. 'Kidnap Trial Set for Feb. 17th, Term of Court in Moural.'

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100- (CAMD)  
100- (MDC)

4 - New York - REGISTERED  
100-146359 (CAMD)  
100-146353 (MDC)  
100- (JAMES BALDWIN)  
100- (I. F. STONE)

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"Although defense attorneys are now trying to pin down court authorities on the exact date, we have been inform that the 'kidnap' trial will be held during the Feb. 17th term of Court in MONROE. As soon as we know the day that trial will begin, we will immediately notify all chapters.

"A meeting of attorneys and defendants to establish legal strategy and to initiate steps to unify the two committees was held on Jan. 25th. Another such meeting is planned for this coming weekend in MONROE.

"All indications are that the MONROE authorities mean to press for the conviction of the defendants on the trumped - up kidnap charges. The MONROE courtroom has been the scene of several notorious injustices and many lesser - known legal atrocities. The recent record offers no hope for a lessening of its vindictiveness against those who fight for freedom and racial equality. Attorneys are preparing for a difficult trial.

"It is therefore essential for all CAMD Chapters to intensify efforts to raise the money required for the best possible legal defense and to arouse the widest public protest in behalf of the defendants.

"JAMES BALDWIN gives Defense Boost.

"A great boost was given defense efforts when JAMES BALDWIN, noted writer and Civil Rights champion, joined CAMD and spoke out against the frameup.

"Not only have are received substantial financial support in direct response to our mailing of MR. BALDWIN's letter, but it has resulted in important publicity for the case.

"The Jan. 27th issue of I.F. STONE weekly reprints the letter in full. A front page head, 'JAMES BALDWIN On a Kidnapping Which Never Happened, pp2, calls the attention of MR. STONE's readers to the letter.

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"MR. BALDWIN will further assist the defense by speaking at a benefit meeting in New York on Feb. 19th.

"What Chapters Can Do.

"There are only a few weeks left now in which to inform people in your community about the coming trial and to raise the necessary money. (We estimate that an additional \$2,500 to \$3,000 is needed for legal expense).

"1) With the imminent trial date (and the assistance of MR. BALDWIN's letter) we have found it much easier to obtain speaking engagements and contributions from organizations. All that is necessary is for someone to get on the phone or visit churches, trade union locals, civil rights organization, etc. to arrange speaking engagements and collections. Response from New York groups has been heartening, and can easily be duplicated in other areas. Because appointments must sometimes be made several weeks in advance, it is important for chapters to immediately start on this work. (2) In addition to funds, speakers can ask audiences for names of those who will be willing to participate in demonstrations locally, or would like to go down to MONROE to observe the trial. As soon as we have the exact trial date, we would like to plan simultaneous demonstrations in many cities. Names of those who would like to go down to observe the trial should also be taken (only those who can pay their own way. It might be possible to organize car pools so expenses will be shared."

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO AID THE MONROE DEFENDANTS

A source advised on May 10, 1962, that the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD) was formed during September, 1961, by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York City. The SWP originally proposed the formation of this committee during discussions with various left-wing and liberal tendencies and offered a sum of money to initiate activities.

Source advised that the SWP, however, was unsuccessful in forming a committee of various tendencies and proceeded to organize the CAMD and promote its activities under the domination and control of the SWP.

Source advised that the aims of the CAMD are to afford financial support and counsel for ROBERT F. WILLIAMS and four other defendants who were involved in a racial incident on August 27, 1961, at Monroe, North Carolina. The SWP hopes to dramatize this incident nationally and internationally through the CAMD and thus attract individuals to the SWP aims and principles by playing a leading role in the integration struggle.

According to the source, the organization and impetus of CAMD activities throughout the various parts of the United States such as obtaining sponsors and the raising of funds, are the results of the efforts of various SWP branches.

The above source advised on September 6, 1962, that the headquarters of the CAMD is located at 168 West 23rd Street, New York City.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

COMMITTEE TO AID THE  
MONROE DEFENDANTS

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SA [redacted] (#414)

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES INC.  
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On 2/9/64, [redacted] made available an envelope containing a printed form letter imprinted with name of JAMES BALDWIN, NY, and bearing the printed signature of JAMES BALDWIN. There also was enclosed a business reply envelope addressed to Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, NYC, containing the stamped notation, "Attention: JAMES BALDWIN" as well as a flyer advertising "Freedomways" magazine and soliciting subscriptions. The envelope bears the imprinted name and signature of JAMES BALDWIN on the flap.

BALDWIN's letter states that he had just returned from Selma, Alabama, where he witnessed "an heroic effort" by Negroes to achieve the right to vote, and found his copy of the latest issue of "Freedomways" on his desk. Commenting on this magazine, he states that it has been in the forefront of magazines furnishing articles on the aspects of the civil rights crisis for the past three years and has also given "in-depth" coverage and analysis of developments in Asia and Africa.

BALDWIN tells the recipient of the letter that he is renewing his subscription "today" for two years and asks the recipient to join him in using the enclosed envelope for mailing in a subscription. BALDWIN adds that "Freedomways" will be found to be an "indispensable source of information as well as an inspiring literary experience."

The above mentioned items are filed in NY file 100-144189-1B.

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FROM: SA [REDACTED] (#413)

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Meeting of Y.S.A.

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125 4th Ave  
New York City

Chairman: [REDACTED]

Members present

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Short meeting

- 1) Members should pay dues.
- 2) All members should attend at least 2 forums per month.
- 3) [REDACTED] said that JAMES BALDWIN will support the Bloomington students.
- 4) Members were asked to come down during the week to help out on C.A.M.D. mailing.

Meeting was adjourned.

Chicago, Illinois  
February 18, 1964

On Sunday, February 16, 1964, a meeting of the Chicago Branch, Socialist Workers Party, (CBSWP), was held at Branch Headquarters, Room 210, 302 South Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The following SWP members were in attendance:

BOB KNEST, Chairman;  
NEVERLY WULP, Secretary;  
DAVE WULP  
ERA HANSEN  
AL HANSEN  
JUNE STEPFINGER  
GOS HANCOCK  
SUZANNE BUCH  
PETER BUCH  
BERNIE KRAVITZ  
JOE KIMMY  
ET KIMMY  
JACK BARNES  
NETSY BARNES  
JOEL BRITTON  
JOHN BRITTON  
JOYCE DE GROOT  
IZZIE WARWAK  
CAROLYN JASINSKI  
MADELYN JASINSKI  
HOWARD PACKER  
KATIE J. (from Minneapolis)  
HOWARD SIEVERS  
BOB FINK (from Detroit)  
TOM DEGLER  
JIM HUDSON.

The minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence

17 copies of an Internal Bulletin on Minority  
were ordered.

## Finances

**HOWARD PACKER** stated that a giant spring fund drive would be held as the election campaign needs \$21,000. The suggested quota for Chicago is \$1,800. The fund drive will run from March 1, to June 15, 1964.

Pledges made included the following:

**CAROLYN JABINSKI - \$300;**  
**JIM HUDSON - \$110;**  
**BEA HANSEN, - \$160;**  
**JOYCE DE GROOT - \$150;**  
**HOWARD PACKER - \$150;**  
**GUS HANORS - \$100, plus regular pledge;**  
**JACK and BETSY BARNES - \$320;**  
**PETER and SUZANNE BUCH - \$320**  
**JOHN BRISTOW - \$90;**  
**DAVE and BEVERLY WULF - \$320.**

It was stated the overall need was \$3,100 for the fund and for CBSWP expenses. They are counting on \$300 from contacts. **JACK BARNES** said it is fairly easy to get funds for election campaigns from sympathizers.

The SWP got on the ticket in 14 states during the last election and prospects are very good for this election. A research on election requirements is being conducted by the National Office of the SWP.

## Youth

**JOYCE DE GROOT** stated that with the addition of the new member from Minneapolis, **KATHY J.**, the YSA now has 35 members. Five of these members are from out of town, Illinois

and Indiana. Of the 30 remaining, 21 are members of the CBSWP, seven of which are on campuses. There are 13 girls and 17 men. Nine are only members of the YSA and three of the 30 are Negroes.

Roosevelt University has the largest faction, nine members.

There is to be an internal YSA class on the History of TROTSKY on Monday night at Roosevelt University.

HARRY SHEPARD will be in Chicago on a tour and will speak on youth in the 1964 elections.

Fruitful work is being done on the college campuses by HERNIE KRAVITZ. It was also stated that Socialist Forums are excellent for contacts. Two girls from Elmhurst attended the Friday forum as it is the only functioning active socialist forum in the area. Also, one girl from Evanston has indicated interest, even to the point of possible membership in the YSA.

#### Local Executive Committee Report

DAVE WULP stated that KATHY J. has applied for transfer from Minneapolis. This request was granted.

A letter was received from GAYLORD MC DOWELL asking that he be reduced to a good sympathizer and that he desired to terminate his active membership in the CBSWP.

He said it was not a political disagreement and that he will attend public affairs and will donate funds when needed.

This was approved. During the discussion, IZZIE WARWAK said MC DOWELL was never really closely integrated within the branch.

DAVE WULP also reminded the comrades who pledged donations to assist those going to Philadelphia, to please make their payments that night. It is believed those going are DAVE WULP, BERNIE KRAVITZ, ED HEISLER, and JOE HENRY.

#### Militant Labor Forum

PETER BUCH said that 42 attended the previous Friday night's forum. BOB FINK, from Detroit, gave an excellent report on the Panama crisis and history of United States imperialism in Panama. Donations at the door total \$19, and the literature sale totaled \$25. Next Friday there will be an outstanding Symposium with four speakers, ROSETTA FLEMING, JIM NASH, JOHN BRACEY, and REONDA DAVIS.

#### CABS Report

PETER BUCH stated we are giving support for this group. After a small meeting at the University of Chicago, two sponsors were obtained, the Dean of Students and the Head of the Music Department.

**TOM MURPHY** had a very successful tour as far north as Toronto, Canada. There was an excellent response from hundreds of students on the campuses in Toronto, and they gained 25 sponsors. He spoke on a Toronto radio station. He just completed a tour of Denver and now is going to Detroit.

Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants

**IZZIE WARWAK** stated that the trials are to begin for the Monroe defendants the week of February 17th. **HERTA GREEN** has made contact with the Monroe Defense Committee and attempted to unite the CAMD and the Monroe Defense Committee, but they refused. **JAMES H. ADWIN** has become a sponsor of the CAMD.

**WARWAK** said the Monroe Defense Committee is Stalinist and they want to use this case for their political advantage. The three male defendants are being defended by CAMD, while **MAE MULLOY** insists on being defended by the Monroe Defense Committee. It was stated there is a big write-up on the Monroe Defense Committee in "The Worker".

Bloomington, Indiana Report

**JACK BARNES** stated the trial in Bloomington will be on March 20, 1964. **BARNES** said he has been in Bloomington for ten days and said that they are going to ask for a change of judges if things do not look good. He said they wanted to

suppress the evidence of tape recorders. He said the recordings were of private discussions and not of a speech by MC RAE. He said the indictment date is May 2nd, which is the date they got the information from the apartment where the janitor was listening in the basement of the apartment.

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[REDACTED] The following information was furnished by  
[REDACTED] on the dates indicated. *(X)u*

2/16/64 *(X)u*

A [REDACTED] attempted to contact  
O'DELL at his residence but he was not in. She asked  
that O'DELL be told to call her at [REDACTED] stating  
that it was important and that she wants him to do  
something for her group. *(X)u*

2/19/64 *(X)u*

JACK O'DELL contacted [REDACTED] at McCody  
International. He claimed he took care of some  
business that morning by phone and confirmed that he  
was going to come down to the office. [REDACTED] said  
she had an appointment at 4:00 p.m. and said it  
would be nice if O'DELL could get "here" before then.  
O'DELL agreed to try and get there before [REDACTED] left. *(X)u*

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On the same date, O'DELL was in contact  
with a [REDACTED]. They discussed the possibility  
of getting together for lunch on a date acceptable  
to one another. [REDACTED] said that he was up on  
51st St. and O'DELL stated he was "way downtown"  
and they then discussed a place to meet that would  
be convenient for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said there are a  
"number of things" he wants to discuss with O'DELL. *(X)u*

It is noted that on 2/17/64, [REDACTED] b2-1  
advised that a [REDACTED] whose telephone number is  
[REDACTED] attempted to contact O'DELL  
is listed to [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. *(X)u*

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- 1- New York (100-146553) (JAMES BALDWIN) (412) 100-146553-122

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Later the same date O'DELL was in contact with a [redacted] at [redacted] or [redacted] O'DELL inquired as to how it went with [redacted] replied that it went well and that he, O'DELL, was supposed to get together with "the business manager" the next week. O'DELL said he wanted to know the exact date of the opening since both the 21st and Thursday were mentioned. [redacted] suggested that O'DELL contact [redacted] (LNU) to get the exact date. (X)u

[redacted] then stated that he could not go because he is too far behind in his work and because of the expense. He said he had decided to call "JIMMY" and explain the situation, but that if anything comes up as a result of "the play opening", JIMMY should let him know and he would come "right out". BOB said JIMMY was at the Montecido (ph) Hotel which he added was in Hollywood. (X)u

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O'DELL said he would contact [redacted] and that he had not really decided either. He added that "he" made the request and that he, O'DELL, does not know how strongly "he" feels about it. (X)u

It is believed that the above conversation concerned the possibility of [redacted] and O'DELL going to California to attend the opening of a play by JAMES BALDWIN. (X)u

If the information furnished by [redacted] is used in a report or otherwise disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be paraphrased to protect this source. (X)u

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The subscriber to telephone number [redacted] is [redacted] the subscriber to [redacted] is [redacted] nyc and [redacted] (X)u

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JAMES BALDWIN  
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The following information is being submitted so that the Bureau will be aware that ~~MURTER~~ O'DELL has become quite friendly with BALDWIN and that BALDWIN is interested in interviewing PAUL ROBESON, Jr. in order to write an article about his ~~past~~ activities.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ b2-1 [redacted] has furnished information on February 19 and 20, 1964, which indicates that O'DELL was considering going to California at BALDWIN's request to attend the opening of a BALDWIN play. (X)U

On February 22, 1964, [redacted] advised that on that date, [redacted] was in touch with [redacted]. [redacted] said he had spoken with JIMMY BALDWIN and indicated that JIMMY might not stay in California until Thursday (2/27/64) because he wanted to interview PAUL ROBESON that week. (X)U

On February 23, 1964, [redacted] advised that O'DELL called JAMES BALDWIN's residence on that date and spoke with [redacted]. It was indicated that O'DELL was coming by because he wanted to speak to JIMMY (in California). O'DELL also said he wanted to talk to [redacted] about "this thing" they discussed the previous day about whether JIMMY should rush back. O'DELL said he thought the appointment with PAUL ROBESON could be adjusted. (X)U

[redacted] felt that JIMMY should stay "out there" for the opening of his play and that he and O'DELL could make the arrangement for him either through PAUL ROBESON, JR., or Mrs. ROBESON, "She's the key person", for Monday night next. (X)U

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- 1 - New York (100-95550) (PAUL ROBESON, JR.) (424)
- 1 - New York (100-91389) (MURTER O'DELL) (412)
- 1 - New York (100-146553) (412)

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week (3/2/64). O'DELL told [redacted] to explain this to Mrs. ROBESON and to call PAUL ROBESON, JR., and explain it to him. O'DELL also said he expected to see Mrs. ROBESON that night at the Carnegie Hall affair for W.E.B. DU BOIS since she was on the program. (S)u

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On March 2, 1964, [redacted] furnished information which appeared to indicate that the appointment with ROBESON was to be cancelled. O'DELL contacted [redacted] (possibly a secretary to JAMES BALDWIN) and said the appointment for JIMMY was at [redacted] 18 Junip Terrace (ROBESON's address). O'DELL told her that she should send them a telegram and then get in touch with PAUL, JR. (PAUL ROBESON, JR.) that evening and explain fully. (S)u

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It is possible, therefore, that BALDWIN's interest in interviewing PAUL ROBESON concerns a proposed article to appear in Esquire Magazine. Any definite information of this nature will be forwarded to the Bureau. u

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The following information was furnished by  
[REDACTED] on the dates indicated:

3/1/64 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

JACK O'DELL contacted [REDACTED] and  
stated that he was going to the Freedomways Forum at  
the Convent Baptist Church. [REDACTED]

It is noted that the Harlem Freedomways Forum  
had scheduled a meeting at the above church for 4 PM on  
3/1/64. [REDACTED]

3/3/64 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted JACK O'DELL and told him  
to be at JIMMY BALDWIN's residence at 1 PM that day, and  
that they would then go to the Actor's Studio. [REDACTED]

On 3/3/64, SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
observed O'DELL entering the residence of JAMES  
BALDWIN at 470 West End Avenue, New York City. [REDACTED]

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- 1-New York (100-[REDACTED]) (#421) (u)
- 1-New York (100-149194) (S.C.L.S.) (#41)
- 1-New York (100-144189) (Freedomways Associates) (#414)
- 1-New York (100-[REDACTED]) (#424) [REDACTED]
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JACK O'DELL contacted [redacted] and asked if she had received and read the All-Southern issue of "Freedomways." She stated that she had received it and considers it to be good. (X)u

They then discussed O'DELL's friend BROCK (ph), who is doing some work in the S.C.L.C. office, such as stuffing envelopes. [redacted] indicated that he was going to take a test the next day to see about getting a job in a hospital. It was indicated that he is supposed to be staying at the YMCA, but neither O'DELL nor [redacted] are sure where he is living. O'DELL observed that he probably would return to the S.C.L.C. office as long as LYNN (KILGORE) is there. [redacted] said that she (LYNN) is not interested in BROCK, that her interest is CHRIS (X)u

During the conversation they agreed that the leading civil rights leaders are holding back with O'DELL, stating they are really "AMOS and ANDY." (X)u

3/5/64 (X)u

O'DELL contacted a [redacted] (ph) and said he desired to make an appointment with her to discuss the distribution of "Freedomways" at mass meetings of tenants councils. [redacted] indicated that she lived at [redacted] and they agreed to meet on 3/7/63, at the Tenants Council Office. (X)u

The Cross Telephone Directory lists a [redacted] at [redacted] NYC.

3/7/64 (X)u

[redacted] contacted O'DELL and he told her that he had to attend "that NAACP thing" at the YMCA on 125th Street. He told [redacted] to meet him there and to bring five copies of "Freedomways." (X)u

If the information furnished by [redacted] is used in a report or otherwise disseminated, it should be paraphrased to protect the source. (X)u

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1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6.  This report is classified SECRET because (state reason)

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it contains information furnished by NY 694-S\*, a highly sensitive source, regarding the association of HUNTER PITTS O'DELL with JAMES BALDWIN, well known Negro author.

7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) Never.
- Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

of his position as a prominent Negro author and his personal involvement in the current civil rights struggle by the Negroes in the US indicates that an attempt to interview him could prove highly embarrassing to the Bureau.

8.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

subject's outspoken stand in the civil rights issue, his current prominence as an author, and the inflammatory nature of his writings, show him to be a dangerous individual who could be expected to commit acts inimical to the national defense and public safety of the US in time of emergency.

10.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.
- Subject's activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Synopsis:

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN, Negro author, residing Apartment 6A, 470 West End Avenue, NYC, as of March, 1964. Sources advised: [In January, 1964, subject in contact with] HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, who as of July, 1962, was considered member of National Committee, CP, USA; subject's endorsement used in subscription campaign by "Freedomways" magazine February, 1964; subject in January, 1964, invited to participate in Freedomways Forum. In September and October, 1961, "National Guardian" listed subject as sponsor of Monroe Defense Committee. In July, 1963, subject, through attorneys, requested State Department for special permit for travel to Cuba in connection with possible writing assignment for "New Yorker" magazine. Various statements attributed to subject set forth. At ECLC dinner in NYC in December, 1963, subject stated not interested in Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER's recommendation that Negro not fight established institutions in quest for equality stating established institutions have not aided Negro. Subject's name appeared on leaflet calling for support of demonstration against President JOHN F. KENNEDY outside the Park Sheraton Hotel, Washington, D. C., January, 1963. Descriptive information from passport records set forth.

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I. RESIDENCE

On January 2, 1964, NY T-1 advised that JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN, Negro author, was then residing in Apartment 6, 470 West End Avenue, New York City.

On March 3, 1964, NY T-1 stated subject was then residing at 470 West End Avenue, New York City, Apartment 6A, telephone number 877-7773.

II. ASSOCIATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MEMBERS

b2-1 [redacted] X u  
On January 2, 1964, NY T-1 advised that on that date HUNTER PITTS O'DELL was in contact with JAMES BALDWIN and had made arrangements to meet with BALDWIN at BALDWIN's apartment on January 3, 1964. X u

[NY 674.5] X u  
NY T-2 has advised that as of July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL was considered by the CP, USA as being a member of its National Committee.

III. AFFILIATION WITH SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS

Freedomways Associates

On February 9, 1964, NY T-3 furnished information that Freedomways Associates was preparing a mailing of a printed letter from JAMES BALDWIN praising "Freedomways" magazine for its articles on the civil rights crisis and stating that he, BALDWIN, was renewing his subscription for two years. This letter, which is addressed "Dear Friend", sets forth the printed signature of JAMES BALDWIN and asks the recipient to join him in subscribing to "Freedomways" at once. X u

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A characterization of Freedomways Associates appears in the Appendix Section of this report.

Freedomways Forum (X)u

On December 27, 1963, NY T-4 made available information that on December 23, 1963, LEON LOVE, a member of the 11th Assembly District Club, Harlem Region of the CP, New York, stated that a special meeting was to be called on January 19, 1964, to formulate plans for a Freedomways Forum, to be staged in Harlem. (X)u

According to the source, JAMES BALDWIN, Negro author, has been invited to participate in this forum and has tentatively accepted. (X)u

On January 6, 1964, NY T-4 advised that JAMES BALDWIN was scheduled to participate in a Freedomways Forum at the Powell Center, 137th Street near 7th Avenue, New York City, but no date was specified. (X)u

NY T-5 advised on January 20, 1964, that a meeting of a new organization known officially as the Harlem Freedomways Forum was held on January 19, 1964. The source stated that the idea for this organization came from LILLIAN MARTINEZ and that the idea was approved by the Harlem CP about two years ago. The source stated this organization is being formed with the knowledge and approval of the New York State CP officials and that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, an official of the New York State CP, has had conversations with LILLIAN MARTINEZ concerning the formation of this Forum. (X)u

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NY T-5 further advised that at a meeting of the 11th Assembly District Club of the CP on January 17, 1964, the members were urged to attend the meeting of the Harlem Freedomways Forum on January 19, 1964. The club members were told that the organization was to be, on the surface, a community group and that, therefore, the comrades should be careful not to get up and espouse CP ideology. The club members were told that the CP would use the Forum as a recruiting ground for new CP members.

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On December 9, 1963, NY T-5 advised that LILLIAN MARTINEZ, mentioned above, was then a member of the 11th Assembly District CP Club.

Monroe Defense Committee (MDC)

Page 5 of the September 25, 1961 and Page 8 of the October 2, 1961, issues of the "National Guardian" carried lists of sponsors of the MDC. Both lists included the name JAMES BALDWIN.

Characterizations of the "National Guardian" and the MDC are contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

IV. SUBJECT'S CONTEMPLATED TRAVEL TO CUBA

On February 7, 1964, the records at the Department of State, Passport Office, Washington, D. C. were reviewed by SA [REDACTED] and reflected

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that JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN on July 29, 1963, submitted an application for renewal of passport number 2365937, which had been issued to him on August 4, 1960. This application indicated that on June 25, 1963; BALDWIN had received a cablegram invitation to visit Cuba in connection with the 10th anniversary of the "26th of July Movement", and as a result of this invitation, the "New Yorker" magazine had requested BALDWIN to undertake a specific writing assignment in connection with such a trip to Cuba. Attached to BALDWIN's renewal application was a letter to the Passport Office, dated July 19, 1963, from Lubell, Lubell and Jones, Attorneys-at-Law, 165 Broadway, New York, New York, which advised they were attorneys for BALDWIN and which requested that BALDWIN be issued a special permit for travel to Cuba.

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Also attached to the renewal application was a Passport Office memorandum, dated August 1, 1963, indicating that CLARENCE B. JONES of the law firm of Lubell, Lubell and Jones, had informed that BALDWIN was not going to Cuba at that time but was going to France. The memorandum further indicated that if BALDWIN decided to go to Cuba at a later date he would reapply for validation of his passport for such travel.

A characterization of the July 26th Movement is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

V. STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO BALDWIN

Beginning with its issue of January 13, 1964, and ending with its issue of January 19, 1964, the "New York Post", a New York daily newspaper, carried a six part series of articles on JAMES BALDWIN.

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In part, these articles contain the following quotes of BALDWIN:

"I do not hate white people. I can't afford to. Just because I want to live. And I haven't got enough emotional energy. There's some <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>able</sup> ~~able~~ - but some of them are black".

"I was born in Harlem, I was raised in Harlem and, indeed, as long as I live, I'll never be able to leave Harlem".

On December 19, 1963, NY T-6 advised that the subject was the last speaker at the 10th Annual Bill of Rights Dinner, held December 13, 1963, at the Americana Hotel, New York City, under the sponsorship of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC).

A characterization of the ECLC is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

In his speech, BALDWIN stated he was not very interested in the recommendation of Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER that the Negro in his quest for equality should not fight established institutions. BALDWIN contended that these established institutions have offered the Negro no real help and have, in fact, tended to maintain the Negro's lowly state.

BALDWIN further stated that the ban on travel to Cuba was incomprehensible to him since he, as a Negro, was better off vacationing in Havana than in Miami Beach no matter what type of system was in effect in Cuba. He advocated unlimited issuance of passports to everyone to go anywhere.

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BALDWIN stated he and many other Negro leaders were well aware that the Communists offered no solution to the Negro problem and that this was quite obvious since they, the Communists, promised much but all Negroes knew that it was impossible to fulfill these promises.

On December 16, 1963, NY T-7 advised that in his speech at the ECLC Dinner at the Hotel Americana, New York City, on December 13, 1963, BALDWIN stated "I have never been afraid of Russia, China or Cuba, but I am terrified of this country". He went on to state that apathy allows thousands of people, not only Negro but also white, in the South to perish. He said the white person in the South does these things because he was told to do so generations ago and could never allow himself to fall below the level of the Negro.

"The Evening Star", a Washington, D. C. daily newspaper, in its edition of November 6, 1963, carried an article captioned "Negro Authors Stress Truth and Survival" concerning a symposium on the "Negro writer in American society", which was held at Howard University on the evening of November 5, 1963. At this symposium, BALDWIN remarked, "My problem is to tell the truth and survive society while doing it". The article states BALDWIN continued that the role of the writer is to excavate the real history of the country. BALDWIN described the American mind as one of "fantastic confusion". He said Americans want to believe things which are not really true. The article quoted BALDWIN as saying "White Americans think this is a beautiful and wonderful country... and this is not true. The Negro is the only person who can unearth the truth about this country".

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