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ReBulet to NO, 3/15/63, requesting New Orleans to recommend whether a Cominfil investigation should be conducted, and New Orleans letter and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau, dated 5/2/63, setting forth recent activities of this organization.

New Orleans letterhead memorandum to the Bureau, dated 5/2/63, listed the members of the organization. On Page 12 was set forth information regarding Dr. MARK ALLEN BELSEY, who was a member of the Labor Youth League (LYL) in Ohio, 1950-56, and that his father, JOE BELSEY, in 1951, was a member of the Education Department of the New York State Communist Party. Page 13 sets forth information regarding SILVIE HOPKINS, who was a member of the American Youth for Democracy, and the Communist Party in 1946. LUCILLE OWEN, on Page 14, is described as a member of the Women's Club of the CP in 1956. BRUCE WALTZER, the Chairman, is described as a law partner of BENJAMIN SMITH, who is an Officer in the National Lawyers Guild, a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), and a sympathizer of Communist Cuba and CASTRO. (u) (u)

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The membership also contains a number of individuals that have been active in the south in integration members and freedom rides. (X) (u)

No information has been received to date to the effect that the Communist Party sponsored the organization or is endeavoring to obtain control or direction of it. [NO 886-S, who is acting district organizer of the CP, has no knowledge of this organization.] (X) (u)

Since referenced New Orleans letter and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau, dated 5/2/63, the New Orleans Council for Peaceful Alternatives (NOCPA) gathered at Audubon Park, on 5/5/63, for the purpose of parading from Audubon Park to Jackson Avenue along St. Charles Avenue. When it was pointed out to the Chairman by the NOPD that their permit to parade was for 5/3/63, when none of their members appeared, the group disbanded. Present at the time at Audubon Park were a number of "right wing or conservative group" persons who were going to parade in opposition to the NOCPA. No incidents happened at this time.

The NOCPA obtained a permit to parade on 5/19/63 from Pine Street to Jackson Avenue on St. Charles Avenue. They so paraded. The group consisted of about 40 persons counting children and drew little attention. A group of opposition persons tried to parade, but were denied the privilege since they had no permit. This group then drove a few blocks ahead of the parade, got out and stood on a corner with their signs and an American Flag until the NOCPA group passed. This procedure was repeated to the end of the parade.

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