

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On April 14, 1964, an individual who requested his identity not be divulged but who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN was unknown to him as a Communist Party (CP) member at the present time or in the 1930's and early 1940's.

He advised that none of the following individuals were known to him as being members of the CP in the Chicago area in the 1930's or early 1940's:

SAM JAFFEE
SONJA JAFFEE
CHARLOTTE CHAZIN, nee JAFFEE
ROSLYN BERGE, nee JAFFEE
MARIAN PRITZKER, nee JAFFEE.

This individual advised that he could recall no CP member in Indiana who was a jeweler. He stated that there were many thousands of CP members in the Chicago area in the early 1940's, and it was not possible for him to recall all specific individuals who may have traveled between Illinois and Indiana. He advised that the leading CP members recalled by him who had been active in Indiana and Illinois in the early 1940's were:

ELMER JOHNSON
EUGENE JOHNSON
PHIL BART
JIM WEST
JOE KORRICK
SI BOORDA.

He advised that KORRICK and BOORDA resided in Indiana during the 1940's, and it is believed that they still reside in that State.

This individual advised that during the period of the 1940's, at various times, Indiana and Illinois were one CP District. At other times, they operated as separate Districts.

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JACOB HAROLD BONSHIRE, now deceased, and who formerly lived at 208 North Biltmore Street, Muncie, Indiana, advised on September 18, 1951, that he had been a member of the Communist Party (CP) in Indianapolis and Muncie, Indiana from 1938 to 1943. He related he voluntarily dropped out of the Party during the latter part of 1943. He advised he joined the CP because he thought it would be advantageous to him in connection with his Labor Union activities in Muncie, Indiana. He withdrew from the Party when he was convinced the objectives of the CP were not the same as his personal views and were not for the welfare of this country. BONSHIRE advised the CP meetings were held in his residence at Muncie, and his wife, LAURA LORENTZON BONSHIRE, attended the meetings at their home and other Party meetings; however, she never joined the CP. He stated the members who attended the meetings in Muncie were few in number.

BONSHIRE advised as of January 26, 1952, there was no Communist activity in Muncie, Indiana.

He advised during the period of time he was a member of the CP he could only recall seven active members in the Party.

The name JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN was not known to him as a member of the CP or attending meetings in Muncie, Indiana.

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