

# Committee Opens Hearing Contz Calls Answers Red

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 manist for the FBI and described Party activity in North Carolina.  
 Also called — but not heard until this afternoon — was Nat Bond, formerly of Durham and an instructor at Bluefield, W. Va., State College and William Evans, also of Durham.  
**MYERS EXCUSED**  
 After the Myers testimony failed to produce answers to general questions concerning his political beliefs — including the presentation of a document called "A Note On The Delegates" concerning the formation of a "New Party" (generally considered the Progressive Party) which bore a typewritten signature of John D. Myers — he was excused from the hearings.  
 Childs told the subcommittee of his Party activity while working with the FBI. For the most part Childs named the same alleged Party members who were named in the Julius Sciles trial testimony last April in Greensboro.  
 Childs named Bill Robertson, Hans Freistadt, Mike Ross, Emanuel Coutsakis, Eugene Feldman, Virginia White, Otis Reavis, and Mrs. William Kimball, Viola Brown, William McGirt, Warren Williams, George Van Camp, Betsy Tyree, Van Camp, Jerry Pearson, Nat Bond, William Evans and others as those believed to have been members of the "Communist conspiracy."  
 Most of those named came from those who allegedly attended a leadership training school sponsored by the party at the farmhouse of the Binleys at Walnut Cove, near Winston-Salem.  
 Childs also told of the Party's plans for "industrial concentration" in North Carolina.  
**PLANTS INFILTRATED**  
 The Communist Party, he explained, attempted to place members in key industries in the state. The most notable of these was the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. in Winston-Salem.  
 Western Electric Co., producer of radar components, was also a center of interest to the Communists, he said.  
 Members were sent to these plants because of "large numbers of workers there" and because Reynolds also had "a union" and Western Electric had a union Party members — and Childs himself — were interested in the Stockholm Peace Pacts in the Daniels Defense Committee and



The Committee—Willis (Left) Walter And Kearney—Listened

the labor Youth League.  
 The LYL, named as a Communist front youth organization, was Childs' particular project, he said. It had taken the place of the Young Communist League.  
**HOT TO RUSSELL**  
 Childs also said he was host named Russell, executive chairman of the Committee For a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, when he came into the state in 1950. He spoke in a classroom at North Carolina A & T College, he said, under the auspices of the LYL and allegedly under the auspices of the Young Progressives in Graham Memorial Student Union building in the University of North Carolina campus.  
 The committee has also been called as a Communist-front organization.  
**SOBELL MOVEMENT**  
 Childs told the subcommittee he knew nothing of action in behalf of Morton Sobell who was convicted with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg for wartime espionage. Sobell is serving 30 years now in Alcatraz.  
 However, he did say members sent cards and letters to Washington concerning the conviction of the Rosenbergs.  
 The Party, he said, was also "disturbed" about the Smith Act and Smith Act trials.  
 He identified a photograph as that of the Binley farm and said "outstanding members of the Party were permitted to attend the leadership training school at Walnut Cove. There they discussed "problems" and attempted to arrive at solutions, he said.

# Swiss Church Leader Views Racial Conflict

By HELEN PARKS  
 Charlotte News Staff Writer  
 A church leader from Switzerland discussed today his impressions of the racial conflict in America and how this conflict looks to people across the Atlantic.  
 He is Dr. Marcel Praderwand, general secretary of the World Presbyterian Alliance, who will speak tonight at Covenant Presbyterian Church.  
 "Europeans feel that it is extremely dangerous when a section of a country rebels against a ruling class," he said.  
 "Democracy, we believe, can only work when the people accept its laws and decisions. The decisions may be fought in your senate, but not by mob rule," Dr. Praderwand said.  
**PROGRESS SEEN**  
 Aggravation of the conflict here can harm America's relations in Asia, where the people are very sensitive to internal matters, he stated.  
 "Saturday I spent the day with Negro ministers in Atlanta. They showed me their colleges and churches and housing developments of which they're proud and point out that it's progress," he said.  
 "It's a pity that just now incidents are occurring that give the impression the Negro is being kept down," he said.  
 Dr. Praderwand spends much of each year traveling to visit the 67 branches of the Presbyterian Alliance throughout the world.  
 He has been behind the Iron Curtain many times and says emphatically  
 "It's stupid to say the churches behind the Iron Curtain have extreme difficulties. The churches, both Catholic and Protestant, are full and the people like their faith more seriously than we."  
 "The Communists I've talked with say they tolerate religion because they believe it will die out. They believe that the church is but a historic fact," he said.  
 "We seem to think only of Communists and anti-Communists," he said. "But we must realize there is a third group which is neither, such as in India.  
 "Freedom to these people doesn't matter when they can't be free to have food and clothing. The basic things are important to these millions we help people to live," he said.

# Weather

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 (CHARLOTTE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT)  
 Monday, March 12, 1956  
**NORTH CAROLINA:** Considerable cloudiness with a few light showers this afternoon. High temperatures 56 in north portion, 64-70 south portion. Mostly cloudy and colder, occasional rain tonight and Tuesday. Low temperatures 30s in north portion to around 40 in extreme south portion.  
**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Cloudy with occasional rain in the afternoon, tonight and Tuesday, cooler north and central portions this afternoon and tonight, cooler Tuesday.

**MOISTURE TODAY 6:25 a.m. mo. 65.4**  
**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**  
 12:30 p.m. 77  
 2:30 p.m. 77  
 4:30 p.m. 77  
 6:30 p.m. 77  
 8:30 p.m. 77  
 10:30 p.m. 77  
 12:30 a.m. 77

**SEA LEVEL PRESSURE**  
 12:30 p.m. 30.1  
**TEMPERATURE SUMMARY**  
 High yesterday 67  
 Low yesterday 45  
 Normal yesterday 56  
**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY**  
 Total for 24 hours ending at 12:30 p.m. .05  
 Normal for month .60  
 Normal for year 3.48

# Protest Against Exile Cyprus Hit By General Strike

By L. S. CHAKALES  
**NICOSIA, Cyprus**—A spontaneous general strike spread like wildfire throughout Cyprus today, virtually paralyzing all business on this British colony island in the eastern Mediterranean.  
 Shops, banks and schools were closed in protest against Britain's exile of Archbishop Makarios, leader of the union-with-Greece movement.  
 No specific call was made by any organization for the general strike. Many of the shops had been closed since Saturday.  
 British troops wading through the streets of Nicosia after the crowd had stoned a patrol car. The British threw a hail of soldiers around the city.  
 Another group of 200 demonstrators was dispersed without incident near Metaxas Square. British troops patrolled the streets of this tense capital.  
 In Athens, the Greek government banned mass meetings called for today in protest against the deportation of Archbishop Makarios to a remote island in the Aegean.  
 The Greek Ministry of Interior in banning demonstrations reacted specially to warnings by the Archbishop of Athens, that the mass meetings might degenerate into violent rioting.  
**TROOPS GUARD**  
 Squads of police and steel-helmeted troops guarded the British, U.S. and Turkish embassies in Athens.  
 Fears were expressed that Communist would flock to the demonstrations and incite violence. Greek feeling against Britain was running high. Archbishop Makarios was the leader of the union-with-Greece movement on Cyprus, a British colony in the eastern Mediterranean.  
 More than 80 persons were injured in rioting Saturday which saw British flags burned, British buildings stoned and the tires slashed on British-owned buses.  
 The chief of Athens' mechanized police was injured critically while attempting to quiet the mob.  
 The anti-British demonstrators spread out to Salonika and Crete. Rioters on Crete wrecked and looted the British consular building. The consul escaped by hiding in the basement.  
 While the government banned mass meetings, it showed its anger at the British in other actions. It suspended indefinitely the teaching of English in elementary and high schools. It closed the British Institute and four other British-subsidized agencies. It cancelled horse races and all athletic meetings as a precautionary measure.

# Hearing Slated In Death Case

**SALISBURY**—A hearing was scheduled in County Court here today for James L. Holt, 47, charged with first degree murder in the fatal shooting of an Indian waitress.  
 Holt has been held here without bond since the death March 4 of Dulah Mae Hardin, 24. The attractive waitress shot in her rooming house here, died later in a Charlotte hospital.  
 Police Chief Dave Shuler said Holt has admitted the shooting. Shuler said jealousy apparently was the motive. The woman was shot in the back with a .32 caliber bullet.  
 Holt, a former Albemarle resident, has been a prison guard in Halifax County about a year. Miss Hardin, a native of Robeson County, had worked here a year.  
 While many American women make up their eyes to look slanted like Oriental women, many Japanese women submit to minor operations to eliminate the slanted look from their eyes.  
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# 7 Witnesses Are Called

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has subpoenaed seven witnesses for the second day in its three-day probe of Communist activities in the Carolinas.  
 All but one who have been called for tomorrow were named in today's testimony. The exception is Mrs. Mary Major Robertson of Asheville.  
 Subpoenaed are William Rankley of Walnut Cove and William McGirt, Eugene Feldman, Viola Brown, George Van Camp, and Warren Williams, all of Winston-Salem.  
 Mrs. Robertson originally was identified to the committee by USA as having attended a leadership training school in New York City.  
 The others were named by government witness Charles Childs today and also in the Sciles trial testimony in Greensboro last April as alleged members of the Communist Party in North Carolina.  
**DIRECTOR NAMED**  
**HOLLYWOOD**—Andre Previn, MGM composer and conductor, was named today as music director for the 28th annual Academy Awards show March 21. He'll be aided by Murray Green, also of MGM.

# Hearing Wednesday On Zoning Petitions

First formal hearing on zoning petitions under the new zoning ordinance will be held by the City Council Wednesday at 3 p.m.  
 Members of the City Planning Commission will sit with council members in hearing arguments on three requested zoning changes.  
 Two of the three petitions for zoning changes come from the perimeter area outside the city. Under the new zoning procedure the City Council holds a hearing once a month on each second Wednesday.  
 After the hearing at the joint session of the City Council and the planning board, members of the planning board will adjourn for a separate session and it is hoped that its recommendations can be returned to the council before the end of the council meeting.  
 The three petitions to be heard Wednesday are:  
 George Kostakes, change from Residence (2-Business) on property at West Blvd. and Remount Rd.  
 J. T. Laney of Camden, S. C., change from R-2 to Light Industrial on property on the West Third Rd. near the city limits.  
 Request from 240 families, change from B-1 to R-1 on property at Scalypark and Woodlawn Roads.  
 Council has scheduled another hearing on a petition for annexation of 328.26 acres in Crab Orchard township in the vicinity of Eastway Dr.  
 C. D. Spangler Construction Co. the Methodist Home for the Aged, and Esten M. Bohannon are asking for annexation of this territory.

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