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to make it clear at the outset that neither oston Branch of the National Association for the ancement of Colored People (NAACP) nor the dis-nguished community organizations who have joined with us, are seeking in any way to interfere with the freedom of speech, of press or of assembly of those responsible for the "God & Country Rally" scheduled for Sunday, January 6th at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Boston. We seek only to draw public attention to the nature of this meeting, its speakers and the organizational forces behind it. We feel that the presence of hate-mongers in our midst, of persons who, in the name of God and Country, have in the past done both God and Country great dis-service by their attacks on other Americans, should not pass unnoticed, nor should the underlying organizational structure which has brought them to us.

"Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness Against Thy Neighbor" is the wording of the 9th of the 10 Sacred Commandments. Yet the Sunday rally, under the label of "God and Country" is featuring a number of bearers of false witness including rabid segregationist leaders Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Kent and Phoebe Courtney of New Orleans, Louisiana. Here are a few examples of the false witness of Mr. Hargis:

"It is my conviction that God ordained segregation. It is not because I am against the Negro that I demand the maintenance of racial segregation, it is because my mind must acknowledge truth." (Taken from "The Truth About Segregation" by Billy James Hargis, a Christian Crusade pamphlet, Box 977, Tulsa, Oklahoma).

"No, my friends, brotherhood of all men is not a Christian concept, it is unChristian and even anti-Christian". (Statement of Billy James Hargis, Christian Crusade Magazine, Jan. 1961, p. 19)

Kent and Phoebe Courtney have published repeated and defiant opposition to the Supreme Court rulings which have made a segregated public school system in the U. S. unconstitutional. The Courtney owned *Independent American* newspaper has repeatedly called for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren and has recently championed the cause of ex-General Edwin A. Walker whose defiance of the federal marshals contributed to the insurrection and bloodshed in Oxford, Mississippi.

There is strong reason for us to believe that the organization responsible for this rally and for the speakers to whom we have referred is the John Birch Society, although but little indication of that Society's participation has been allowed to show. The name of the Belmont group appears once in the advance publicity, neatly buried at the bottom of page 3 of the official program of the "Rally." The telephone number on the front page of the program however, (DA6-6776) belongs to Mrs. Harold N. McKinney, an official "Sponsor" of the "Rally" and a Dedham, Massachusetts official of The John Birch Society.

Of the 12 speakers listed in the program, six have been publicly identified as John Birch Society leaders including California's John Rousselot, recently defeated Congressman and now a full-time paid staff member of the Society. Of the 19 cooperating organizations listed, five are fully within the John Birch Society's orbit of auxiliary and front organizations and several others such as "Fluoridation" and "Urban Renewal" are vague to the point of having no existence at all.

It is the official "Sponsors" column however, which provides the clearest indication of who is really behind the "Rally." Of the 24 names listed under the subheading of "Sponsors" in the official program, 17 are known members of The John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society cannot claim ignorance of the public record of segregationist leaders Hargis and the Courtneys. All are active members of The John Birch Society and the Society itself has repeatedly borne false witness concerning race relations in the U. S. Below are some examples of this false witness:

"Use the phony 'civil rights' slogan to stir up bitterness and civil disorder, leading gradually to police-state rule by federal troops and armed resistance to that rule". ("Letter to Krushchev" by Robert Welch, John Birch Society pamphlet, Belmont, Mass.)

"For this action in the South is only a part of the larger and longer plans of the Communists. They simply brought off the Supreme Court decision and went to work". ("Letter To The South on Segregation" by Robert Welch, John Birch Society pamphlet, Belmont, Mass.)

"In the first place the Supreme Court of the U. S. has, as Col. Tom Hutton puts it, become one of the most important agencies of the Communist global conquest". (John Birch Society BULLETIN March, 1961, p. 6.)

"A liberal is a man who sends Soapy Williams to Africa to pass out free spray deodorant to the Watussi as a cultural exchange project." (John Birch Society's AMERICAN OPINION MAGAZINE, Oct. 1962, p. 40.)

"We know, from eye witnesses of unimpeachable integrity, that much of what the press and Federal officials have told you about what has been happening in Mississippi, and even about what General Walker is supposed to have done, is as full of vicious and complete falsehoods as what the UN told you about its operations in Katanga." (John Birch Society BULLETIN, Oct. 1962, p. 2.)

These and frequent assertations about the loyalty of the NAACP to the U. S. are easily refuted by turning to authoritative sources regarding the nature of the Communist threat within our borders. J. Edgar Hoover's excellent study of Communism, entitled *Masters of Deceit* for example, clearly credits the NAACP as an intelligent and effective opponent of the Communist conspiracy.

The membership of the NAACP and cooperating community organizations listed below wish to register their opposition to the extremist and divisive public records of the principals involved in the so-called "God and Country" rally and have chosen the day of Sunday, January 6, 1963, to register this opposition via peaceful picketing and distribution of this statement in front of the Statler-Hilton Hotel in downtown Boston.

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Excerpts from Statement of Lawrence C. Sullivan, Sec.-Treas., Greater Boston Labor Council, AFL-CIO, representing 186 *AFL-CIO affiliates.*

The sponsors and speakers represent the "most viciously anti-labor" elements in the nation. ". . . their programs have been used elsewhere to promote the most rancid kind of racism and the cancer of bigotry. . . . To be anti-race is to be anti-labor and vice versa. . . . We should not allow the poison of such speakers as those scheduled to speak at the Rally to seep into our community, and I find it a particular travesty that they should hold their hate rally on Sunday."