

Church U.S.A. Clergymen," "2,109 Methodist Ministers."

Lowman also published "Recognize Red China?" which was an attack on one item of the Message of the Cleveland World Order Study Conference.

In the material he has published, Lowman takes a position similar to that of Bundy, McIntire, Hargis and others—endeavoring to establish guilt by association, taking material out of context.

The *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* printed an article on August 3, 1958, about "the employment of M. G. Lowman, of Cincinnati, Ohio, as secret investigator for the Georgia Commission on Education." Georgia Governor Marvin Griffin issued a subsequent statement in which he said that Lowman was recommended by segregation leaders in Louisiana. Lowman's employment by the Georgia Commission came to light through the means used to pay Lowman \$4,500 for his work.

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J. B. MATTHEWS, author of the *American Mercury* article in 1953 which opened with the statement that "The largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergy."

One-time staff director for the late Senator Joseph McCarthy, a position he lost as the result of the furor that resulted from publication of his articles in the *Mercury*.

Matthews' political association has run the gamut from left to right.

Was in Java for six years, 1915-1921, as a missionary-teacher, and ordained a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Has taught at Fisk University in Nashville and Howard University in Washington, D. C.

A member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and, later, lecturer and pamphleteer for the Educational Bureau of the Socialist Party. Member of the American League Against War and Fascism, described as a successful Communist front in the United States.

Later became vice president of Consumers Research, Inc., and when ousted from the group as a result of internal difficulties, formed a rival organization.

Subsequently, Matthews confessed his Communist associations before the House of Representatives' Dies Committee; later, he became the Committee's Research Director, building lists of Americans he suspected of being subversive by compiling names appearing on the letterheads of the many leftist groups to which he had belonged.

After leaving the Dies Committee, Matthews lectured across the country on subversion; aided the work of others in the same field. He has written many articles alleging extensive Communist infiltration among Protestant clergymen. Has lectured on behalf of Carl McIntire's American Council of Christian Churches, and has associated with other attackers of the National Council of Churches.

men, and his compilations from the records stand up. Never has he claimed that the records have proved that Protestant clergymen are Communist sympathizers. He lets the record, as to what these men did, stand for itself.

Columnist Lynn Landrum, in the *Dallas Morning News*, July 30, 1960, devotes his "Thinking Out Loud" column to Lowman and concludes: "Mr. Lowman makes no apology, no retraction, no retreat. He is against Communists. He is against the friends of Communists. He is against the dupes of Communism. He exposes their naked record. He lets that record stand for what it is. He lets you read the record and judge for yourself. There is a lot of squirming going on. But nobody needs to squirm unless he is in hot water and unless he got there because of his own faithlessness or his own folly."

The Methodist Church has repudiated Lowman but it does not repudiate the Methodist Federation for Social Service. Lowman has committed the "despicable crime" of revealing facts and giving the truth to the church! The country needs more laymen who will give their time and their means as Mr. Lowman has done, arousing the church to what is happening within her own chambers.

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J. B. Matthews is the giant of the hour. John T. Flynn has called him "Mr. Anti-Communist." He merits the title. He has the most complete list of all Communist-fronts and those who have had any Communist connections of any kind, of anyone in the world. He does not "suspect people of being subversive," as the National Council's booklet declares. He simply reports the facts, and this is what is so galling. In this very paragraph where the National Council is here discussing Matthews we are told: "Matthews confessed his Communist associations before the House of Representatives' Dies Committee; later, he became the Committee's Research Director, building lists of Americans he suspected of being subversive by compiling names appearing on letterheads of the many leftist groups to which he had belonged."

That sentence alone convicts the National Council of Churches. Matthews confessed his Communist associations—guilt by association is something Matthews confessed. But when these National Council leaders are shown by the records to be associated with Communists, the employment of the technique of guilt by association becomes an intolerable, vicious, and slanderous abuse. To be associated with Communists on Communist fronts gives aid, comfort, assistance, and a front to the Communist cause! A man is known by the company he keeps!

It is alleged that Matthews lost his job with Senator McCarthy. The truth is that J. B. Matthews resigned his position over the protests of Senator McCarthy and others who were close to him. He was not asked to resign. He did it; it was his choice and decision. He did not lose it and he did not need to give it up! In view of the close scrutiny which these National Council spokesmen have given to all that J. B. Matthews has written — and he has repeatedly pointed out that he was not fired, that he did not lose his position — one wonders how they continue to report him in this way when his record is clear.