

119 Political Action Committee Members Linked to Communists

By the Associated Press.

J. B. Matthews, research director for the House Dies Committee, testified today that 119 of 142 members of the National Citizens' Political Action Committee have a record of 842 affiliations with "Communist front organizations."

Mr. Matthews filed with a subcommittee investigating NCPAC activities a "box score" listing the individuals and the organizations with which he said they have been affiliated.

It confirmed, he told the committee, his conclusion that NCPAC is "the major Communist front organization at this time" and gives "some idea of the type of individuals gathered around Mr. Sidney Hillman in his National Citizens' Political Action Committee."

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"It is fair," he added, "to characterize the NCPAC as a Communist front organization having the ambitious objective of worming the way of the Communists into the Democratic party."

The NCPAC is supporting President Roosevelt for re-election.

Mr. Matthews' "box score," compiled from committee records, listed 13 NCPAC members as having been affiliated with 20 or more organizations identified by the committee as "Communist front organizations," 26 with 10 or more, 46 with five or more, 89 with two or more and 30 with a single such affiliation.

Tops "Box Score."

Mr. Matthews told the committee he doubted whether the list of members was drawn up by Mr. Hillman, NCPAC head. It probably was submitted to Mr. Hillman, he said, "by some commissar of the Communist party." That person, he added, might be Joseph Curran, head of the National Maritime Union, whom Mr. Matthews previously had called "the indispensable man in Communist front organizations."

Langston Hughes topped Mr. Matthews' "box score" with 49 alleged affiliations. Others listed as having 20 or more included Louis Adamic, Curran, Bruce Blyven, Dorothy Kenyon, Freda Kirchwey, Max Lerner, Francis J. McConnell, Carey McWilliams, Paul Robeson, George Soule, Mary Van Bleeck and Jane Waterman Wise.