

# Check Own Legal Aid

## N.Y. Professor Freely Admits Membership in Group Named as Communist Front

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WASHINGTON — The Warren Commission will look into allegations that one of its chief legal advisers has been affiliated with a civil liberties group which two congressional committees identified in the 1950s as a Communist front organization.

Involved in the matter is Norman Redlich, a New York University law professor, and his ties with the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. Redlich is special assistant to J. Lee Rankin, chief counsel to the Warren Commission, which is investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

### Listed Affiliation

Redlich freely concedes his membership on the council of the Civil Liberties Committee and listed this affiliation on the form he filled out when he joined the Warren Commission.

Rep. James Utt (R - Cal.) and the California Young Republicans sharply criticized

the matter of concern to the commission.

Although he said he did not want to make any assertion regarding Redlich, Ford explained that he felt the question of the backgrounds of commission employees should be brought up and be made a "matter of constant surveillance."

Redlich reportedly has told commission officials that he never paid any dues to the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

### Called 'Front Group'

According to commission sources, the law professor has been strongly sympathetic to the cause of civil liberties and felt the organization was valuable to court cases involving these rights. Sources said he never has been involved in pro-Communist activities.

The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee was listed by the Senate Internal

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KENNEDY'S ACCUSED ASSASSIN

Meanwhile, Rep. John Bell Williams (D-Miss.) introduced a bill Tuesday which would compel public disclosure of all testimony taken and documentary exhibits gathered by the commission.

SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE  
IN 1956 ASA GROUP DEVISED

to defend "Communist law-breakers."

The House Un-American Activities Committee said in its 1958 report that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee had the "avowed purpose" of abolishing the subcommittee and discrediting the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The civil liberties committee is not listed, however, on the attorney general's list of subversive organizations — the list which governs federal employment.

The Warren Commission will meet on Thursday to hear testimony of Robert Oswald, the brother of Lee