

# FBI raided Socialist Workers Party

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI burglarized offices of the Socialist Workers Party and its youth affiliate as often as twice a month for a total of 92 postmidnight raids in the early 1960's, according to newly disclosed FBI documents.

Two other FBI burglaries were listed

as having been conducted at the homes of persons identified in the documents as members of the SWP in Hamden, Conn., and Los Angeles.

However, the Hamden, Conn., couple named in the documents denied ever having been members of the party and said their home had not been burglarized

to their knowledge.

The documents show that FBI agents photographed at least 8,700 pages of party files, including financial records and personal letters, during the break-ins. It was not clear from the FBI files whether agents only photographed material or whether they physically removed some papers.

Complying with a court order, the FBI gave the party 354 pages of files describing burglaries at the party's New York offices and the Young Socialist Alliance and two reported housebreaking incidents.

The party is suing the FBI and other government agencies for \$27 million in damages for allegedly unconstitutional harassment of legal political activities.

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The Political Rights Defense Fund, financing the lawsuit, made the documents available to The Associated Press.

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley, meanwhile, said recent allegations against the FBI have damaged but not destroyed public confidence in it.

"We know there has been a loss of credibility, but we're now at the turn of the road and we're coming back," Kelley said in an interview in U.S. News & World Report.

The material suggests burglaries were conducted far more often than FBI officials previously have acknowledged.

The FBI told the Senate Intelligence Committee in September it conducted 238 burglaries against 14 domestic or-

ganizations in a 26-year period ending in April 1968. The figures indicate that, on the average, the FBI was burglarizing each organization once every 18 months.

The files show that the SWP and YSA offices in New York were burglarized 18 times in 1960, 16 times in 1961, 14 times in 1962, 16 times in 1963, 11 times each in 1964 and 1965, and six times in 1966.

The reported break-in at the Los Angeles home of James P. Cannon, identified as the SWP chairman at the time, took place April 30, 1960. The documents say a raid at the Connecticut home of Dan and Elisa Morgan, whom the papers identify as members of the SWP, occurred March 10, 1960.

However, the Morgans denied Sunday that they were members of the SWP and

said they knew nothing of any burglary of their home.

In legal papers accompanying the files, government lawyers noted that the party's request for documents concerning burglaries "was limited to the period 1960 to the present." They said no documents were located describing any burglaries after July 1, 1966, but said nothing about any burglaries occurring prior to 1960.