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MORRIS, ROBERT
Dallas, Texas

Born Jersey City, 1914; LLB Fordham University, 1939; Assistant Counsel, New York State Investigating Committee, 1940-41; naval intelligence officer, 1941-46; Assistant to Rep. F. R. Coudert, Jr. (R-N.Y.), 1946-50; minority staff member with Tydings Committee investigating charges of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy against the State Department, 1950; Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, 1951-53 and 1956-58 [earlier term included McCarran Committee's re-investigation of McCarthy's charges]; judge, New York City Municipal Court, 1954-56. (Who's Who, 1962-63)

Unsuccessful candidate, against incumbent Clifford Case, for Republican Senatorial nomination in New Jersey, 1960. Among those listed by the Washington Post as backing Morris were: Adm. Ben Moreell, Charles Edison and Gen. Robert Johnson, all of Americans for Constitutional Action; former Congressman Fred Hartley; public relations executive James P. Selva; and right-wing radio commentators Fulton Lewis, Jr. and Dan Smoot. The Morris campaign was credited with expenditures several times those of the Case campaign, a "conservative" estimate being set at \$200,000. (Washington Post 4/17/60)

President, University of Dallas, 1960-62; his resignation from this post was announced by the Chancellor, Bishop Gorman, who said that it had been accepted as being "to the interest of all"; Morris denied any "conflict in philosophy with the university," and said that he wanted "to be completely unencumbered as we approach what I feel is a time of great crisis in the United States." (Dallas Morning News 6/9/62 and Dallas Times-Herald 6/9/62)

President, Defenders of American Liberty, since 1962. This is a conservative organization which claims to be patterned on the American Civil Liberties Union, but without the general membership aspect. (Christian Science Monitor 1/2/63) On behalf of the organization, Morris has served as attorney for former-General Edwin Walker. (Ibid. and Dallas Times-Herald 11/25/62)

Other affiliations:

Sponsor, American Committee for Aid to Katanga Freedom Fighters (adv., Washington Post 1/9/63)

Member, National Strategy Committee, American Security Council (Adv. Washington Report 3/18/63)

Member, Executive Board, Catholic Freedom Foundation (1961 letterhead)

Committee of One Million Against the Admission of Communist China to the United Nations (Sept., 1962 letterhead)

Tom Pascoe

Member, Emergency Committee for Chinese Refugees (adv., N. Y. Times 6/7/62)

Member, National Advisory Board, Young Americans for Freedom (1963 brochure)

Speaker: —to 700 members of the John Birch Society in Los Angeles (Los Angeles Times 1/13/61)

—at National Indignation Convention, Dallas (Dallas Times-Herald 10/14/61)

—at Midwest School of Anti-Communism, Omaha (Omaha World-Herald 5/9/62)

—at Greater New York Freedom Forum of King's College (6/7/62 program)

Author: No Wonder We Are Losing (Sec 3 - PUB), which is on the initial "approved" list of the John Birch Society (JBS Bulletin, July, 1961)

Received a 1962 George Washington Honor Medal from Freedoms Foundation (1963 Awards Brochure, which included following quote: "We are giving up more of our power . . . more of our sovereignty to . . . international organizations. . . . All they have to do is to get 55 per cent and we will be handcuffed to an organization controlled by a dedicated enemy." Deletions in brochure)

Morris has a regular column, frequently titled "Around the World," which appears in such widely separated papers as the Dallas Morning News, the Brooklyn Tablet, and the Santa Barbara Freedom Press.

Philosophy: Morris has long emphasized the internal threat from Communism. A favorite recent target has been the United Nations and the disarmament negotiations. He has called the latter a "plan to dissolve the United States, as it exists today," and has written: "When we hear Adlai Stevenson press for the creation of a world army with the United States subordinated to it and realize that this can only mean merger with our enemy, could it be that . . . /the socialist/ planners are helping to create left-leaning neutrals all over the world to make the prospect of merger more palatable for Khrushchev." (Free Enterprise, June 1962 and Dallas Morning News 10/4/62)