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# 'RED SMEAR' LAID TO HOUSE INQUIRY

## Leader of Antiwar Protest Accuses Ichord Panel

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WASHINGTON, May 21 — A leader of the antiwar coalition that organized the April 24 demonstration here, charged today that the House International Security Committee was engaging in a "red smear" to divert public attention from antiwar activities.

Jerry Gordon, a co-ordinator of the National Peace Action Coalition, told newsmen this afternoon that the committee, led by Representative Richard H. Ichord, Democrat of Missouri, was "desperately trying to revive the McCarthyism of the 1950's."

Mr. Gordon, referring to four days of hearings by the committee, said that "Representative Ichord's claim is that there are Trotskyists involved in N.P.A.C."

"That's true," he said, "and so what?"

He maintained that "all who oppose the war are welcome in the coalition irrespective of their views on other questions and regardless of other affiliations." He said that "the claim that N.P.A.C. is 'dominated' by Trotskyists is absurd."

Mr. Gordon announced that the Peace Action Coalition filed suit this morning against the committee and the Public National Bank seeking injunctive relief and \$500,000 in damages. The committee earlier subpoenaed the Coalition's bank records.

### Judge Restrains Bank

Judge William Jones of the District Court here granted a temporary restraining order this afternoon that orders the bank to refrain from turning over to the committee any further records of the Coalition's account.

Mr. Gordon also announced that a national antiwar conference would be organized by the Coalition in New York July 2-4. He said that "we will continue our legal, peaceful protests until all the troops are withdrawn from Southeast Asia."

He also said that Sidney R. Stapleton, a Coalition staff member who had been invited to testify before Mr. Ichord's committee, would not appear.

Mr. Stapleton was named in earlier testimony as a member of the Socialist Workers' Party that Mr. Ichord considers a Trotskyite Communist Party. Mr. Stapleton along with Patricia Grogan, who said today that she was a member of the Socialist Workers' Party, were authorized by N.P.A.C. to sign checks on the Coalition's account.

Neighbor Miss Grogan nor Don Gurewitz, another Coalition co-ordinator, would discuss their political beliefs today. They said that they had appeared at the new conference as members of N.P.A.C. and that they would discuss the Socialist Workers' party only when they represented it.

### 7/8 Named as Communists

Earlier today, investigators for the Internal Security Committee alleged that seven leaders of another antiwar organization involved in the recent protest here were members of the Communist Party of the United States.

The investigators, in sworn testimony, told the committee that the seven were members of the 53-man co-ordinating committee of the People's Coalition.

William Poole and Herbert Romerstein, the investigators, named the following persons: Gilbert Green, Terrance Hallinan, Sylvia Kushner, Sidney Peck, Irving Sarnoff, Jack Spiegel, and Jarvis Tyner, all of whose names appeared on a People's Coalition letterhead.

The investigators based their allegations on the admission of some of the seven, previous inquiries by the Internal Security Committee or its predecessor, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, identifications in official Communist publications, or attendance at known Communist party meetings.

### 'None Wants to Comment'

Bradford Lyttle, a co-ordinator of the People's Coalition, said in response to an inquiry that "none of these people wants to make a comment to the press at this time." He said they would discuss the allegations with the entire committee before making public statements.

Mr. Poole and Mr. Romerstein also presented evidence tracing the ancestry of the People's Coalition back to the New Mobilization Committee that organized an antiwar demonstration here in November, 1969.

They testified that subsequent and intervening organizations included the Strategy Action Conference of the New Mobilization Committee and the National Coalition Against War Racism, and Repression.

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