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N.A.A.C.P. Checked 25 Years by F.B.I.

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Washington, April 28 - The [FBI] spent 25 years monitoring the "wholly lawful political activity" of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the ground that it was conducting a search for Communist infiltration, the Selwat Senate Select Committee on Intelligence disclosed today....

In the first year of the investigation the bureau agents reported that the W.A.A.C.P. had a "strong tendency" to "steer clear of Communist activities," the committee said, yet the investigation continued for a quarter of a century.

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