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# Subversives Board Asked to Cite 7 as Communists

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WASHINGTON, July 1—Attorney General Ramsey Clark gave the Subversive Activities Control Board a new lease on life today by asking it to declare seven persons to be members of the Communist party.

Under a Jan. 2 amendment to the Subversive Activities Control Act, the board would have ceased to exist on Dec. 21 if Mr. Clark had not sent it new work to do.

It had been widely assumed here that Mr. Clark would not send up more cases since, under court decisions and the new amendments, the board can do no more than take testimony and declare that the persons are members of the Communist party.

Today's action stirred speculation that the Johnson Administration had acted to please the Senate minority leader, Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois, a staunch supporter of the board, who wrote the amendment that saved it from extinction last January.

Senator Dirksen has given President Johnson strong support for his nominations of Abe



Associated Press

Ramsey Clark

Fortas as Chief Justice and Homer Thornberry as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. He announced today that, if necessary, he would vote to shut off a filibuster against the nominations.

Mr. Clark announced in a

news release tonight that he had sent seven petitions to the board, and asked it to enter orders finding that the seven persons named in the petitions were members of the Communist party.

The persons named, and their party officers as listed in Mr. Clark's petitions, are as follows:

Scarlet Ann Patrick of Newark, a member of the national committee of the Communist Party of the United States of America and a member of the state board of the Communist party of New Jersey  
Ruth Beer of Paterson, N.J., a member of the state board of the Communist party of New Jersey.

Anna Pastor Laconich of Franklin Township, N.J., a member of the state board of the Communist party of New Jersey.

Robert Archuleta of Salt Lake City, Utah, secretary-treasurer of the Communist party of Utah.

Wayne Dallas Holley of Mapleton, Utah, chairman of the Communist party of Utah.

Sergeant Caufield of Baton Rouge, La., acting chairman of the Communist party of Louisiana.

Simon Boorda of South Bend, Ind., chairman of the Communist party of Indiana.

In 1961, the board found that the Communist party is a "Communist-action organization—by definition, a group that is controlled from Moscow and which acts as an agency of Russia."

Under the law, as amended by the Dirksen amendment, the Attorney General may petition the board to enter, after a public hearing, an order determining a person to be a member of the party.

Mr. Clark's news statement

declared that "such a finding carries no penalty and may be appealed to the courts."

The Dirksen amendment required the Attorney General to report to Congress by July 1 if he had not filed new cases, and to state his reasons for not doing so. Mr. Clark sent a brief letter to the leaders of both Houses today, notifying them of his action.

Under the Dirksen amendment, the life of the board will be extended if it holds any hearings before Jan. 1. The give-member body has not succeeded in registering a single group or individual since it was created for that purpose by Congress in 1950.

Court decisions have upheld the right of persons to invoke their Fifth Amendment privilege against compulsory self-incrimination and to refuse to register. As a consequence, the board has had nothing to do, and has not held a hearing for more than two years.

## Fortas Hearing Schedule

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)

— The Senate Judiciary Committee scheduled today a public hearing for July 11 on President Johnson's nominations of Abe Fortas to be Chief Justice of the United States and of Homer Thornberry to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Nineteen Republican Senators have moved to block Senate confirmation of Mr. Fortas. They have said that Mr. Johnson was making what they called a lame-duck appointment, inasmuch as he has announced plans to retire at the end of his term. These Republicans want the appointment be left to the next President.