

## 1032 SUBVERSIVE INFLUENCES IN RIOTS, LOOTING, AND BURNING

Mr. SMITH. Were you invited to join the Congress of Racial Equality?

Mr. WOOD. Yes, sir; in April of 1964, I was invited to join the Bronx chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Mr. SMITH. Did you attend a citywide Congress of Racial Equality sit-in demonstration on May 11, 1964?

Mr. WOOD. Yes, sir, I did. I was assigned as one of the members of the Bronx chapter to sit in on this particular demonstration.

The CHAIRMAN. And I suppose you joined with the knowledge of your superiors?

Mr. WOOD. Yes, sir, I did.

The CHAIRMAN. Probably at their suggestion?

Mr. WOOD. Pardon, sir?

The CHAIRMAN. Probably at their suggestion?

Mr. WOOD. Yes, sir; that is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much. Go on.

Mr. SMITH. Where was the sit-in demonstration held?

Mr. WOOD. The sit-in demonstration was held at the Plumbers Local Union Number 2. It was on 14th Street and Union Square, New York City.

Mr. SMITH. What was the purpose of the sit-in?

Mr. WOOD. The purpose of the sit-in was to insure the hiring of minority group apprentices so that they may be employed as members of this particular local.

Mr. SMITH. Was one of the organizers of this demonstration Blyden Jackson?

Mr. WOOD. Yes, sir. Blyden Jackson was one of the organizers, along with Herbert Callender from the Bronx chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Mr. SMITH. Was he a member of CORE?

Mr. WOOD. Yes, sir; he was the chairman of the East River chapter of CORE.

Mr. SMITH. Detective Wood, I show you the Spring-Summer 1967 issue of a publication entitled *Party Affairs*, a publication of the Communist Party of the United States of America, which on page 9 thereof contains a picture of the Communist Party contingent at the Spring Peace Mobilization march in New York in 1967.

Can you identify anyone in this picture?

Mr. WOOD. Yes, sir; I recognize Blyden Jackson.

Mr. SMITH. Mr. Chairman, permission is requested to enter into the record as Exhibit 1 the face page and page 9 of the stated publication.

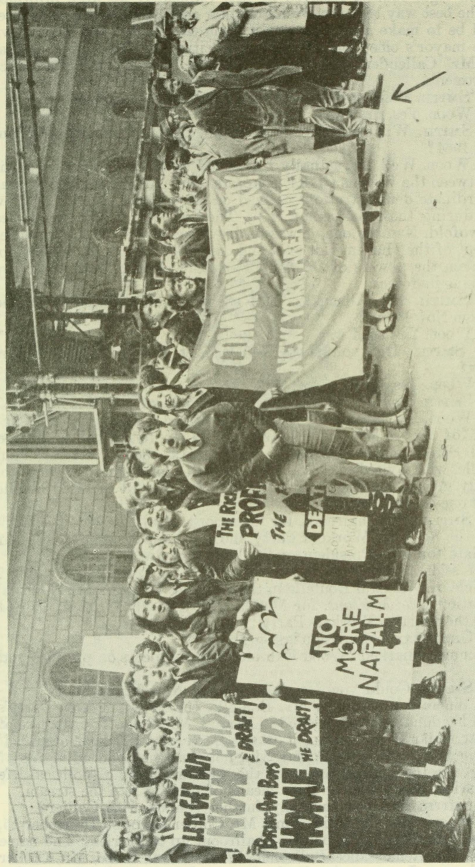
The CHAIRMAN. Permission is granted.

(Document marked "Wood Exhibit No. 1." The photograph mentioned appears on p. 1033.)

Mr. SMITH. In July 1964 did you participate with other members of the Bronx chapter CORE in an attempt to make a "citizen's" arrest of Mayor Robert Wagner of New York?

Mr. WOOD. Yes, sir, I did. Actually there were three of us who participated in this particular venture. One was Herb Callender, chairman of the Bronx CORE, and John Valentine was housing chairman of the Bronx chapter of CORE, and myself.

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Youth was a dynamic feature of the Communist Party's participation in the Spring Peace Mobilization.

[Person indicated by arrow is Blyden Jackson.]