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# Probe Warren Aide's 'Red Front' Affiliation

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—The Warren Commission will look into allegations that one of its chief legal advisers has been affiliated with a civil liberties group which two Congressional committees identified in the 1950s as a Communist front organization.

Involved is Norman Redlich, a New York University law professor, and his ties with the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

Mr. Redlich is special assistant to J. Lee Rankin, chief counsel to the Warren Commission, which is investigating the assassination of President Kennedy.

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Rep. James Utt (R.-Calif.) and the California Young Republicans sharply criticized the commission last weekend for hiring Mr. Redlich.

Members of the commission, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, also received copies of a publication called "Tocsin" which reported Mr. Redlich's association with the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. Tocsin is printed in Berkeley, Calif.

The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee was listed by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee in 1956 as a front group devised to defend "Communist lawbreakers."

The House Un-American Activities Committee said in its 1958 report that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee was a Communist front group which had the "avowed purpose" of abolishing the subcommittee and discrediting the FBI.

The Civil Liberties Committee is not listed, however, on the Attorney's list of subversive organizations—the list which governs Federal employment.

It is understood the FBI has been checking the backgrounds of all employes of the commission, which was appointed by President Johnson to investigate all facts surrounding Mr. Kennedy's assassination and to report them to the nation:

Rep. Gerald Ford (R.-Mich.), a member of the commission,

said today he believes the "backgrounds of all the employes of the commission should be a matter of concern to the commission."

Mr. Redlich reportedly has told commission officials that he never paid any dues to the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. He freely concedes his membership on the council of the Civil Liberties Committee

and listed this affiliation on the form he filled out when he joined the Warren Commission. Commission sources said he has never been involved in pro-Communist activities.

The Warren Commission will meet tomorrow to hear testimony of Robert Oswald, the brother of Lee Harvey Oswald, Mr. Kennedy's accused assassin.

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