

# Report Estimating Radical Group Membership in New York Submitted to J. Edgar Hoover by Charles J. Scully, Head of Radical Division in the name of T.M. Reddy, Acting Special Agent in Charge, NY District, Nov. 8, 1920.

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New York City, November 8, 1920.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, DC

Attention: Mr. Hoover.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau letter dated November 3rd [1920], initialed JEH-GPO-CBM, requesting an estimate of the strength in the United States of various organizations, the following figures are submitted. However, as you state in your letter, it is a physical impossibility to reach any definite estimate as to the individual strength of said organizations:

	<i>Estimated</i>
Anarchists (Italian)	1,000
Anarchists (Russian)	500
United Communist Party	500
Communist Party	500
Communist Labor Party	500
IWW	4,000
WIIU	200
Socialist Party	150,000
Socialist Labor Party	50,000
Union of Russian Workers	200
Universal Negro Improvement Ass'n and African Communities	2,000
United Hebrew Trades	10,000

United Professional Unions (including membership URW)	400
Workmen's Circle (Arbeiter Ring)	500
Amalgamated Clothing Workers	60,000
International Ladies Garment Workers Union	50,000
World War Veterans	200
Central Federated Unions	10,000
Farmer-Labor Party	10,000
Hungarian Workers	500
Italian Bakers' Federation	100
Italian Defense League	300
League for Amnesty for Political Prisoners	100
American Civil Liberties Bureau	250
Workers Defense Union	500
Larkin Defense Committee	150
Friends of Freedom for India	200
Hindu Defense League	100
Friends of Freedom for Ireland	100
James Connolly Club	75
Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia	200
Intercollegiate Socialist [Society]	100
Birth Control League	50
Young Peoples Socialist League	25,000
International Hotel and Restaurant Workers	5,000
National Defense Committee	2,000
Eastern Railwaymen's Association	500
Amalgamated Textile Workers of America	10,000
Rand School of Social Science	30,000

It is respectfully called to your attention that the membership in most of the aforementioned organizations was decidedly greater prior to the investigations made by this office during the current year, particularly the URW, the Communist Parties, the World War Veterans, etc.

The figures mentioned above are an estimate covering the New York District only, which includes all points in Greater New York, Long Island, and that

territory in New York State lying south of Poughkeepsie.

Very truly yours,

*T.M. Reddy,*  
*Acting Special Agent in Charge.*

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