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## School of Medicine

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15 November, 2000

Dear Matt,

Attached are copies of materials relating to Prof. Ted Rosebury that are kept in our Medical School library archives. You had inquired about Rosebury during your recent visit here. We enjoyed very much your brief stop-over, the lectures and dinners

Regards,

Douglas Schlesinger

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# Theodor Rosebury Is Dead at 72; Bacteriologist Wrote on Disease

By THOMAS W. ENNIS

Dr. Theodor Rosebury, bacteriologist, specialist in venereal disease and writer, died Thursday at his home in Conway, Mass. He was 72 years old.

Dr. Rosebury was a writer of books on venereal disease and on bacteria and their effects on man. His "Life on Man," a popular account of the microbial flora that inhabit mankind, published in 1969, won its author special commendation in the 1971 National Book Awards, science category.

Dr. Rosebury's most popular book, "Microbes and Morals—the Strange Story of Venereal Disease," published in 1971, made clear, a reviewer said, how intimately venereal disease is connected with the profoundest problems that afflict humans—such as "war, poverty, race discrimination, male chauvinism and ecology—and that its ultimate eradication may require equally profound responses."

### Lists Victims of Disease

In "Microbes and Morals," Dr. Rosebury sought to dispel ignorance about venereal disease. He attacked the popular theory once taught in medical schools that venereal disease was introduced in Europe by Columbus and his crew upon their return from Hispaniola in 1494. He listed some of history's more prominent figures suspected of having such disease—from the biblical figures of Abraham and Sarah to Julius Caesar on down to Lord Randolph Churchill, the father of

Winston S. Churchill, bringing the list "down as close to date as we dare," Dr. Rosebury said.

He also wrote "Peace or Pestilence," published in 1949, and in 1962, "Microorganisms—Indigenous to Man," a reference work used in medical research.

Dr. Rosebury was working on two more books at his death. One was tentatively titled "Science and Prejudice," and the other was an autobiographical account of his medical practice.

Dr. Rosebury was born in London. He came to this country as a child and lived for many years in New York City. He attended City College and New York University and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in 1928.

### Teachers at Columbia

Also in 1928, he was awarded a fellowship in biochemistry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. In 1929, he joined the faculty of the department of bacteriology at Physicians and Surgeons. He became a professor and remained with the department until 1951.

In World War II, on leave from Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Rosebury joined



Dr. Theodor Rosebury

the Biological Warfare Center at Fort Detrick in Maryland and was put in charge of research on airborne infection. In 1945 he received a decoration from the War Department for exceptional civilian service.

In 1951, Dr. Rosebury was appointed chairman of the bacteriology department at Washington University in St. Louis. He retired as professor emeritus in 1966.

Surviving are his wife, the former Amy Loeb, two daughters by a previous marriage, and a grandson.

## Deaths

**ANKER**—Herbert, on Nov. 27, 1976. Beloved husband of Vera and father of Janie. Services today at 3 P.M. Schwartz Brothers, Queens Blvd. at 76th Rd., Forest Hills.

**BARR**—Mollie G., of Palm Beach, Florida, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., on Friday, Nov. 26, 1976. Adored wife of the late Herman H., beloved mother of Mrs. Edward M. Siegel, Myer B. Barr, and Josef J. Barr, and loving grandmother of 7 and great-grandmother of 5. Funeral in Philadelphia on Monday. Services private.

**BERKLEY**—Fay, Great Neck Hadassah records with sorrow the passing of its past Chapter and Sharon Group President. Our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.  
**ROSALIND TEAMKIN**, Chapter Pres.  
**JOAN BERGER**, Sharon Pres.

**BERKLEY**—Fay, Beloved wife of Mac. Devoted mother of Doris Herman and Roberta Gould. Dear sister of Ann Rand and Max Thier. Adored grandmother. Service today 10 A.M. at Sunset Chapels, 1285 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset, L.I.

**BERKUN**—Norman, Beloved son of Frances DaSilva and Dr. Mordecai Berkun. Dear brother of Leslie. Loving grandson of Razel Berkun and Estelle Aikin. Services today 10 A.M.

## Deaths

**FELDMAN**—Leonard, beloved husband of Audrey, devoted father of Julie and Lee, dear brother of Florence Booras and Lillian Hechtman. Director of New York County Lawyers' Association. Services Monday, Nov. 29, 1:45 A.M., "The Riverside," 76th St. and Amsterdam Ave. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Neurology Research Program, Memorial Sloan Kettering Institute.

**FELDMAN**—Lew D., beloved husband of the late Sally, devoted father of Arnold and Joel, dear brother of Molly, Anna, Celia and Bertha, loving grandfather of Sherry, David, Steven and Karen. Services today, 9:30 A.M., "The Riverside," 76th St. and Amsterdam Ave.

**FEUERSTEIN**—Ben, of North Miami Beach, Fla. Passed away Nov. 26. Beloved husband of Tess; Devoted father of Harry Feuerstein and Diane Weinstein. Dear brother of Arthur Firestone, Betty Green and Clara Thumb. Beloved grandfather of 5. Funeral services today "The Riverside," North Miami Beach, Fla.

**FLYNN**—Ellen, beloved wife of the late Timothy, devoted mother of John B., Monsignor Timothy J., James V. and Daniel A. Flynn and the late Jeremiah Flynn. Reposing Sunday and Monday, 2 to 5 P.M. and 7 to 10 P.M., at The Abbey, Madison Ave. at 81st St. Mass of the Resurrection at Holy

## Deaths

**HAAS**—Anna E. (nee Zussman), beloved aunt and great-aunt. Services Sunday, Nov. 28, 1 P.M., "The Riverside," 76 St. and Amsterdam Ave.

**HAIMAN**—Julius A., M.D. Beloved husband of Frances. Dear father of Barbara Silvers. Loving grandfather of Gail and Gary Silvers. Dear brother of Mrs. David S. Morse, of Nashville, Tenn. Friends may call at Frank E. Campbell, Madison Ave. at 81st St., Sunday, 2-5 and 7-9 P.M. Services private.

**HOFFMEISTER**—Francis J., suddenly, on Nov. 25, 1976, beloved husband of the late Margaret (nee Hannigan), loving father of Margaret Rose, also survived by four brothers and six sisters. Reposing at Jamaica Chapel of Thomas M. Quinn and Sons, 165-20 Hillside Ave., until Monday, at 9:30 A.M. Mass of Christian Burial immaculate Conception R.C. Church, 10 A.M. Interment Calvary Cemetery.

**HOROWITZ**—Harold E., beloved father of Helen Portugal, adored grandfather of Gary and Karen. Services Sun., November 28, 12 noon, "The Riverside," 76 St & Amsterdam Ave.

**JACOBS**—Eva (nee Lasser), Nov. 27, 1976, wife of the late Eugene of 2401 Pennsylvania Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., mother of Herbert and Julia Jacobs, sister of Jeannette Ad...

## DR. DAVID MARINE, 96, FOUND GOITER'S CURE

Almost 70 Years Ago; Pathologist Discovered Iodine Treatment

By ROBERT E. TOMASSON

Dr. David Marine, a pathologist who discovered the iodine treatment for goiter and other thyroid disorders almost 70 years ago, died Friday at Beebe Hospital in Lewes, Del. He was 96 years old and had lived in Rehoboth Beach, Del., since his retirement in 1945.

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# Top Commie Talks at Meetin

By PATRICK J. BUCHANAN and DENNY WALSH

Globe-Democrat Staff Writers  
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One of the top Communist theoreticians in America was met upon his arrival in St. Louis Saturday night by a World War II germ warfare expert who now is a professor of bacteriology in the Washington University School of Dentistry.

Dr. Herbert Aptheker of New York City, editor until last fall of "Political Affairs," theoretical organ of the Communist Party—USA, was whisked away in a small foreign car by Professor and Mrs. Theodor Rosebury, shortly after he flew in here from San Francisco at 9:50 p.m.

The couple took him to their home at 6181 Westminster pl.

### CLOSED MEETING

Dr. Aptheker, a member of the Communist Party's national committee, spoke at a closed-door meeting Sunday at the Mound City Medical Center, 2715 Union bl.

Professor Rosebury drove Dr. Aptheker to the meeting place, but did not go in.

The door of the meeting room was guarded initially by James M. Peake Jr., ousted East Side NAACP leader who participated in the demonstrations at the Jefferson Bank and Trust Company in 1963.

After a few minutes, Peake left the door and went into the meeting. He was replaced by two other men as guards.

Others seen entering the 2 p.m. meeting are Elliott Waxman, representative here of The Worker, a Communist newspaper; Robert B. Curtis, attorney and former CORE leader who also took part in the Jefferson bank demonstrations, and Robert Scales, who lives with Peake at 944 Maple pl. Only about 35 people attended the meeting.

Dr. Aptheker was among the speakers at the University of California in Berkeley last Monday, when some 1300 persons turned out to protest United States intervention in Vietnam and condemn this country for allegedly starting the war there.

### NAME IN AD

Professor Rosebury's name appeared the same day in an advertisement in another St. Louis newspaper, appealing to President Johnson to end the war in Vietnam, and calling for a "political solution" to the struggle.

The professor was chief of the experimental airborne infection project at Camp Detrich, Md., during World War II, and in many countries over the world, including Russia, he carries the informal title of "Mr. Biological Warfare."

He is the author of a book on germ warfare, which was translated and published in Yugoslavia and Russia.

Russia's Pravda gave the book, "Peace or Pestilence," a scathing review when it was published in 1949. His aim was expressed in the subtitle, "Biological Warfare and How to Avoid It."

When asked by a reporter, who met him at the plane, if he was here to assist in organizing a W.E.B. DuBois Club chapter, Dr. Aptheker said he was not.

However, when asked if his

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AT MOSCOW FUNERAL in September of 1964 of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, chairman of the United States Communist Party, Herbert Aptheker, indicated by arrow at right, walks in the procession. Mrs. Nikita Khrushchev is in the front row of the group bearing the ashes of the American Com-



national committee, is met on his arrival Saturday night by Professor Theodor Rosebury in the Washington University School of Dentistry. —A.P. Wirephoto



COMMUNIST THEORETICIAN DR. HERBERT APTHEKER, right, gets into a car with Professor Theodor Rosebury at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, from where he was taken to the Rosebury home at 6181 Westminster pl. Additional Pictures on Page 6A.

—Globe-Democrat Photo.

### BILL SEEKS TO PIERCE CONFUSION

## Missouri Spending Thousands As Records Pile High and Rot

By JACK FLACH  
Chief of the Globe-Democrat  
Jefferson City Bureau

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.—Missouri is still in the dark ages when it comes to storing its records.

have the support of Governor Hearnes.

He has introduced a State Records Act, providing for central management for all offices and the destruction of

all unneeded documents. The bill is scheduled for a hearing before a House committee Monday night.

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Party Leader  
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DuBois was the American scholar who was one of the founders in 1909 of the W.E.B. DuBois Club named for him. The club named for him has been branded by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover as a group "spawned" by the Communist Party—U.S.A.

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DuBois, now buried in a castle in Ghana, became a citizen of Ghana in 1947.

# Talks at Meeting Here



of 1964 of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurley Communist Party. Herbert Aptheker, procession. Mrs. Nikita Khrushchev the ashes of the American Com-

munist. In photo at right, Dr. Aptheker, member of the Communist Party's national committee, is met on his arrival at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport Saturday night by Professor Theodor Rosebury, right, professor of bacteriology in the Washington University School of Dentistry.

—A.P. Wirephoto and Globe-Democrat Photo, at right.



HERBERT APTHEKER, right, gets into a car with Provis Municipal Airport, from where he was taken pl. Additional Pictures on Page 6A. —Globe-Democrat Photo.

## Red Speaks Behind Guarded Doors

### Party Leader Addresses DuBois Club, Newly-Formed Communist Front Here

(Copyright, 1965, By The Globe-Democrat Publishing Company)

Dr. Herbert Aptheker, a top Communist theoretician, spoke behind guarded doors Sunday afternoon to a meeting of the recently-formed St. Louis Chapter of the W. E. B. DuBois Club, a Communist-front organization.

The word Communist was never mentioned during the two hour and 15 minute meeting. Dr. Aptheker instead talked in support of socialism and the freedom to discuss Marxist opinions.

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## Napalm Barred In U. S. Strikes At N. Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Policy above the military level is banning the use of fire bombing in United States retaliatory air strikes at North Vietnam.

Fire bombing with napalm weapons is a standard technique for producing substantial personnel casualties, customarily used in air attacks on both troops and buildings.

### NA PALM BARRED

But the word apparently was passed before last Sunday's reprisal raids for the Communist killing of American soldiers that napalm was out of the permitted arsenal for United States Navy and Air Force planes flying the missions.

When Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara an-

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## Cabinet Claims

## Full Support Of Buddhists

### Doctor Heading Government Is North Vietnamese

By Associated Press

SAIGON, VIETNAM. — Phan Huy Quat, a native of what is now the Communist North, was reported Sunday night to have formed a new civilian government for South Vietnam, resolving a crisis overshadowed by mounting flames of war.

Close associates said Quat, 54, had picked for his cabinet men who had won the approval of feuding religious and political factions, including the Buddhists. Buddhists and other dissident groups have been deciding factors in previous South Vietnamese governments.

The fact that Quat is a North Vietnamese is believed to have pleased northern factions who now live in the south. Previous leaders have been southerners.

### WINS APPROVAL

Informed sources said Quat, a doctor, had cleared all obstacles in winning approval of the feuding Saigon factions and planned to go ahead with announcement of his new government shortly.

He will take over from acting Premier Nguyen Xuan Oanh, appointed by Lieutenant General Nguyen Khanh Jan. 28 after the military ouster of Premier Tran Van Huong, a target of Buddhist opposition.

A leader of the influential Dai Viet Party, Quat served as foreign minister during Khanh's term as premier last year. In that capacity, Quat visited President Johnson in Washington in June to discuss the war against the Communist guerrillas.

Quat, a revolutionary most of his life, was an opponent to the regime of President Ngo Dinh Diem, who was ousted and slain in a military coup in November, 1963. He rose to prominence after Khanh took power from the leaders of the anti-Diem coup in 1964.

### OFFERED JOB

He was offered the premiership Saturday after several other candidates nominated by the ruling armed forces council had turned the job down.

He then spent all day Sunday conferring with various political and religious factions so that his government would not be faced with the street demonstrations that brought down his two predecessors.

The sources said he has included three deputy premiers in his cabinet. They were identified as Major General Nguyen Van Thieu, formerly Fourth Corps commander and a deputy premier in Oanh's administration; Tran Van Do, a physician, and Tran Van Tuven, a Saigon law-

## FUSION Ending Thousands Mile High and Rot

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daughter, Miss Bettina Aptheker, had helped found the DuBois organization, a new Communist front youth group, Dr. Aptheker said, "Ask her."

Miss Aptheker was at the San Francisco organizational convention in Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union hall.

The organization, which takes its name from the late American Negro scholar who was one of the founders in 1909 of the NAACP, has been branded by Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover as a Marxist group "spawned" by the Communist Party-USA.

Both Peake and Scales have local connections to the DuBois Clubs.

When the reporter at the airport identified himself to Dr. Aptheker, he snapped, "How did you know I was coming here?"

Asked what his status in the Communist Party is, he replied, "I won't have any comment on that for obvious reasons."

The newsman explained he did not want to appear obtrusive, but that he got the feeling the visitor resented his presence.

"I don't resent it, I suspect it," he answered curtly.

Dr. and Mrs. Rosebury were at the gate when Dr. Aptheker deplaned, but did not present themselves immediately, waiting until he reached the baggage pickup area.

### SEEKS HOSTS

Dr. Aptheker was obviously not aware of the couple's presence, and he asked the reporter if he knew where the people were that were supposed to meet him.

He said there was no formal sponsorship of his trip to St. Louis.

The Marxist theoretician who has made numerous speeches on college campuses said he would go to the Chicago and Detroit areas upon leaving the St. Louis area.

The Roseburys finally made

themselves known to their guest, but when the professor saw the camera of a Globe-Democrat photographer trained on the group, he separated himself from the other two.

Dr. Rosebury hailed the photographer:

"Say you, pictures are not authorized in this case."

When the photographer continued to snap pictures in the airport parking lot, Dr. Aptheker observed:

"I think you've got enough pictures. This is getting embarrassing."

Upon leaving the two-hour-and-fifteen-minute meeting at the medical center, a reporter asked Dr. Aptheker, "How long have you known Professor Rosebury?"

"Are you from The Globe-Democrat?" he asked the reporter.

"Yes."  
"I don't want to discuss anything with you."

Later, back at the Rosebury home, Globe-Democrat Photographer Paul Ockrassa took a picture of Dr. Aptheker entering the house after he was dropped off there following the meeting.

Reporter Dennis J. McCarthy and the photographer then went to the door, identified themselves and asked for Dr. Rosebury. The woman to whom they talked told them, "He's not here—he's not available," and then slammed the door.

When the newsmen rang again, she returned, and in response to an inquiry about Dr. Aptheker, she denied any knowledge of him.

"Get out of here. You don't have a warrant. I'll call the police," she declared angrily.

Dr. Aptheker represented the United States Communist Party at the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, foremost female American Communist for decades, in Moscow last September, and helped carry her ashes into Red Square.

In May, 1953, Dr. Aptheker, then a professor at the Jefferson School for Social Science, testified before the Senate Investigations subcommittee at an inquiry into alleged Communist subversion of the United States overseas library program, and refused to say whether he is a Communist.

Dr. James Whittico, president of the corporation which owns the Mound City Medical Building, said he was "unaware of the Communist affiliation of this club and that the scheduling of the meeting was done without the realization of the club's purpose."

He said he was unable to reach Dr. Merle Herriford, who is in charge of renting the rathskeller for meetings, to determine who made the arrangements for the meeting.

In a brief interview before his talk, Dr. Aptheker said that the Marxist Institute takes "no stand on political issues as an association, but what we do as individuals is another thing."

The basic purpose of the institute, he said, is to do away with the "de facto illegalization of Marxism as a system of thought."

He said all civilized nations, except the United States, understands that Marxism is a "rational system of thought not a criminal conspiracy."

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In his speech he said that thought in the United States is certain to be changed so that

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Chancellor Thomas Eliot,  
Washington University  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Chancellor Eliot:

This letter will refer to the recent adverse publicity affecting Washington University and the School of Dentistry in particular as a result of the activities of one of its faculty members, Dr. Theodor Rosebury.

The alumni of the school, many of whom have called me in protest, are shocked and disturbed by what has taken place.

There is no quarrel with a man's right to freedom of thought and association ordinarily, but we (the dental alumni) think that this instance is a very special case because of the individuals connection with us and our University.

Dr. Rosebury held a high position during the recent war as a consultant in some military affairs, having been closely associated with biological warfare. Indeed, there is no denying his qualifications for the faculty position he holds as an established authority in bacteriological research.

However, his common sense and ethical values are questionable because of associations he has chosen which have brought about public criticism. This criticism in the press has resulted in embarrassment and potential harm to the public relations of the University which has given Dr. Rosebury support and opportunity over many years. His loyalty to the University is questioned, to say the least.

One who has plainly indicated his selfish disregard for others by activities which reflect upon them, bringing criticism and censure, should not be permitted to do further harm by association.

His usefulness as a teacher and faculty member from now on is most doubtful because he will be resented by students and faculty alike in further contacts.

The alumni association of the dental school will have its annual two day meeting here on March 12, 13. This meeting will be representative of the 99th year that the school of dentistry has been in continuous existence, and it was in fact the 6th department to join the group now known as Washington University.

I am confident that unless the alumni are given some assurance that Dr. Rosebury will be replaced on the faculty at the school of dentistry, there will be a protest by that loyal group which could embarrass the University further. Statements by individual alumni members (some of whom have talked to me) will be difficult to control no matter how extreme or even ridiculous some of us may think their points of view are.

C O P Y

Desk Copy  
Mr. Wolfe  
Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]

I thought it my duty as the dental alumni member on the board of directors to report to you the attitude of many of the alumni of the dental school.


Sincerely,

Feb. 18, 1965

Russell C. Wheeler, D.D.S.

CC to Mr. McDonnell  
Dean Leroy Boling  
Dr. Wellman

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SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63130  
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

February 23, 1965

Dr. Russell C. Wheeler  
Missouri Theatre Building  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Russ:

Attached is a statement concerning Dr. Rosebury.

To you, I would add that I do understand the points made in your letter and thank you for writing to me. There is a difficulty about the Rosebury case which I have not included in the statement. In 1953, long before I was Chancellor or you were a member of the Board, the Board approved a statement of policy on appointments, promotions, and tenure, submitted to it by Chancellor Compton after it had been developed by a committee of the University Council and approved by the University Senate and the faculties of the various Schools.

In this statement of policy, it is expressly stated that "a person may lose tenure by reason of gross neglect of duty, gross incompetence, moral turpitude, or conviction for treason," and the implication is unarguable that these are the only reasons for firing a tenure professor, unless there is a bona fide "financial exigency." The statement then says that a person under tenure may be removed for cause as set forth in the paragraph just quoted, only after an elaborate hearing procedure is complied with.

In the context, "moral turpitude" pretty clearly does not apply to this case. Normally, it would be interpreted as referring to sexual misconduct, or felonious action; and the inclusion of "conviction for treason" as a cause for dismissal is a further indication that "moral turpitude" is not intended to embrace the kind of thing that has happened in this case. If charges were brought against Dr. Rosebury on the grounds of moral turpitude, it seems to me virtually certain that any hearing would result in a decision in his favor.

Dr. Russell C. Wheeler

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Obviously, therefore, neither I nor Dean Boling has the authority to discharge Dr. Rosebury, deeply as we may resent his disregard for the reputation of the University. You and I--and, fortunately, a great many other people--have a great sense of institutional loyalty to Washington University, but failure on the part of a faculty member, or even a student, to share that loyalty cannot well be a ground for dismissal.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Eliot'.

Thomas H. Eliot  
Chancellor

Washington University

St. Louis, Missouri

February 20, 1965

Dr. Rosebury, who has been a professor here since 1951, teaches a course in bacteriology in the Dental School, and does a considerable amount of scientific research supported by grants from Federal agencies. There is no indication whatever that he uses his classroom or his position as a professor for political indoctrination, and his research on microorganisms is not secret or "classified" for security purposes. While reasonable people may properly criticize his choice of acquaintances, it is just such freedom of choice that all of us who believe in a free society, as opposed to a Communist or other totalitarian tyranny, are committed to uphold and defend.

The University's classes must exclude political indoctrination: in fact, the charter of Washington University specifically provides that "no instruction either sectarian in religion or party in politics shall be allowed in any department." Faculty members, however, are also private citizens; and their opinions and associations as private citizens, if lawful, are not proper cause for dismissal by the University.

Thomas H. Eliot  
Chancellor

Correspondence -  
Alumni with } Chancellor Elliot  
Dean Boling } COPY

February 24, 1965

February 24, 1965

Dr. J. Rogers Wellman, President  
Chancellor Thomas H. Elliot  
Washington University  
St. Louis, Missouri 63130  
Saint Louis, Missouri 63103

Dear Sir:

We, as elected officers of the Washington University Dental Alumni Association, do hereby express grave concern and indignation over the insult and harm to our reputations caused by the activities of Dr. Theodor Rosebury, Professor of Bacteriology, as reported so forcefully to the public on 15 February, 1965. The actions of this person have brought a cloud of disgrace to our beloved school and to our Association. Our Association represents over 1700 alumni in the United States, Canada and other countries. Next year our Association will sponsor the centennial celebration for our school. It is the oldest dental school west of the Mississippi and our history is a proud one. The Century Club alone, has been an outstanding example of the faith and loyalty of our many alumni. The shock and the gravity of the Rosebury incident will not be forgotten by these men. It will not be forgotten by the loyal members of the faculty. It will not be forgotten by our students and their parents. It will not be forgotten by the private citizens who give our school financial support. What about prospective students and prospective donors?

It is difficult for us to understand your statement on academic freedom and the rights of a faculty member but we do realize your responsibility in creating the stature of a great university. We feel, however, the retention of Dr. Rosebury, in any capacity, will destroy the bonds of one hundred years of proud heritage we now have. We pray that you can find an effective solution to this grave problem.

Very sincerely,

J. Rogers Wellman  
J. Rogers Wellman, Pres.

W. Neal Newton  
W. Neal Newton, Secy-Treas.

L. Woodrow O'Brien  
L. Woodrow O'Brien, 1st Vice-Pres.

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cc Dr. Russell Wheeler  
Dean Leroy R. Boling

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ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63130

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

October 15, 1965

TO: The Members of the Board of Directors

FROM: Thomas H. Eliot

This morning, October 15, the Globe Democrat led its regular edition with a story, from Washington, a copy of which is enclosed.

I also enclose a copy of a statement which I am giving to the newspapers this afternoon and I am reading on at least two television channels.

The Globe story, among other things, is a mishmash of inaccuracies; for instance, the meeting over which Boyer presided, and where Cousins was booed, was presumably a meeting in New York in 1949, of which Dr. Rosebury was a sponsor.

The Globe story has already done obvious harm, perhaps great harm. Now, therefore, is the time when the whole University must count on the members of its Board to do everything within their power to assure the community of their confidence in and their support of Washington University.

T.H.E.

True - 3/2/65  
Globe Democrat

# Schwarz Deplores Professor's Aid to Red

Dr. Fred Schwarz, president of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, deplored Monday the association of Washington University Professor Theodor Rosebury with Dr. Herbert Aptheker, top Communist theoretician who spent a week-end with the professor last month.

In a press conference at the Sheraton-Jefferson hotel, Dr. Schwarz had this to say about Aptheker:

"This man is a member of an organization (Communist Party-USA) that has been classified by the government as an action group of the world Communist conspiracy.

### RALLY TUESDAY

Dr. Schwarz, along with Herbert Philbrick, former counter-spy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will conduct an anti-Communism rally in the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Dr. Aptheker addressed a meeting of St. Louis' W. E. B. DuBois Club on Feb. 14, and the next night gave a talk before a group of about 100 Southern Illinois University students on the campus at Carbondale.

"This concept that academic freedom gives anyone and everyone the right to speak on a college campus does not hold up," Dr. Schwarz declared.

"The realities of the speaker and his relation to a free society must be considered."

He pointed out that universities and schools have always been recruiting grounds for Communism because of the students' "budding awareness of their society."

Gus Hall, general secretary and principal spokesman for the American Communist Party, recently bragged that two-thirds of his recruits are coming from college campuses.

"Many people might regard allowing Communists to speak on our campuses as a betrayal of the boys being taken off these same campuses to fight Communism in Vietnam," Dr. Schwarz said.

### MANY SINCERE

He said he did not deny that the leaders of the so-called Free Speech Movement on the University of California at Berkeley—which eventually erupted into mass demonstrations and civil disobedience—had sincere motives in the beginning.

"This doesn't stop Communism from using good forces for evil ends," he said, "and this movement was harnessed just like the civil rights movement."

He said Bettina Aptheker, Dr.

Aptheker's daughter, and Mario Savio, a leader of the Free Speech Movement, have been appearing at various campuses on a speaking tour and warned that "many of these campuses are about 12 months behind Berkeley."

Apparently the complex of radical organizations in Berkeley are gearing for the biggest demonstration yet when the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives returns to the Bay Area in April for a series of hearings, Dr. Schwarz said.

One of these organizations is the DuBois Clubs of America. Dr. Schwarz says he agrees with FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover that this organization is under the control and influence of the Communist Party of America, as opposed to the Progressive Labor Movement, which follows the Chinese Communist line, and the Young Socialist Alliance, a Trotskyite group.

Dr. Aptheker was chauffeured back to Professor Rosebury's home after the local DuBois meeting in a car registered to William Edwin Davis, 5522 Delmar bl. Davis took the Fifth Amendment in June, 1956, before the House Committee when asked, among other things, if he was or ever had been a member of the Communist Party.

Five years earlier, Davis had been expelled from the National Maritime Union "because of Communist activity," and after his refusal to answer questions before the House Committee in St. Louis, he was indicted for contempt of Congress.

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# Peake Misses Washington U. Radio Date, School Criticized

## Administration Spokesman Denies University Responsibility

James M. Peake Jr., organizer of the St. Louis chapter of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs, failed to appear for a campus radio interview last night at Washington University. As a result, school administrators were criticized by some students.

A graduate student, Jack M. Calma of Palo Alto, Calif., charged in a printed leaflet that he distributed that the administration displayed "ultimate disrespect for academic freedom" by forbidding Peake to be interviewed by students.

However, John A. Revelle, general manager of KFRH, student-operated radio station at the university, said that Peake failed to appear because "he did not want to and not because anyone said he was not wanted."

The propriety of a campus station sponsoring a political meeting was "discussed throughout the day," an administration spokesman said. However, he said that "there must have been a misunderstanding somewhere along the line because, to my knowledge, nobody canceled his invitation."

Earlier in the day, Peake taped a 10-minute interview for broadcast on the station after presenting a recording of a speech given here Feb. 14 by Herbert Aptheker of New York, a leading national Communist and Marxist theoretician. Peake's interview was requested because Aptheker addressed the local DuBois chapter.

The hour-long broadcast was received in most of the university dormitories, the station's only transmission receiving areas. In Liggett dormitory, which houses the KFRH studio, about 35 students heard the program in a lounge-meeting room.

Aptheker outlined the life and writings of William Edward Budghardt DuBois, a founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for whom the club was named. He later repudiated the NAACP and in 1961, at the age of 93, joined the Communist party. He moved to Ghana, became a citizen of that country in 1963 and died there at 95.

Several of the students at Liggett were outspoken in their criticism of the absence of Peake.

"If the university prohibits such activity, students never will become accurately informed on controversial figures and groups," said Eric Blanchard, an economics major from Ro-

chester, N.Y. "This actually points out the problem that students may expect to face when they involve themselves in national issues."

Wayne C. Willis, 19-year-old political science student from Richmond Heights, said that "one aspect of this situation is an assumption that it's wrong to study the tenets of Socialism and Marxism."

Other students maintained that the university wrongfully has received adverse publicity because Aptheker stayed overnight on his visit here at the home of Dr. Theodor Rosebury, professor of bacteriology at the university School of Dentistry.

One student said that "Aptheker certainly didn't threaten the Constitution by coming here and boring the heck out of people for 50 minutes."

Peake said in the interview that DuBois Clubs would take militant action against problems in American society where no remedy is in sight.

In reply to another question, he said that "some members believe socialism is a solution to problems in society and others don't, but we're looking for answers." He expressed certainty that "some members are Communists, and some are young Democrats."

Rev. Revelle of Maplewood, N.J., a junior studying English, said that the broadcast was for student interest and to defend the administration's insistence on freedom of speech at the university.

He said that a taped interview with Herbert Philbrick, a former FBI undercover agent, would be broadcast Monday. He is scheduled to speak at a meeting on campus that afternoon.

Communists

# Senators Tie W.U. Professor To Red-Infiltrated Teach-Ins

## Security Unit Report Cites Dr. Rosebury Communists Push Anti-Vietnam Policy, Group Says

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WASHINGTON—The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee published a staff study Thursday stating that the teach-in movement against Vietnam policy has had "substantial Communist infiltration" and listing Washington University Professor Theodor Rosebury among movement sponsors with "Communist affiliations and sympathies."

The 256-page study, issued with the approval of the subcommittee's nine members, said "it is clear beyond challenge" that the international Communist apparatus has succeeded in pushing and exploiting the teach-ins "and the anti-Vietnam agitation in general to advance the cause of Red imperialism."

The study contained 46 pages of facts from public sources about some of the sponsors and speakers of the teach-in movement.

**RECORD NOTED**  
Dr. Rosebury, a bacteriologist, was given two pages covering activities since 1946 in behalf of alleged Communists and Communist causes.  
The study said, one or two Communist front associations may be joined in innocence.  
"But a record of 20 or 30 or 40 such associations over a period of years cannot, even with the most liberal interpretation, be explained on the basis of innocence."

According to the study, professor Rosebury was identified at a 1952 Senate subcommittee hearing as having led his employment at the United Nations in New York terminated after the State Department had appraised him as among UN staff employees "believed to be Communists or under Communist discipline."

He had been hired to compile an international bibliography on biological warfare, a specialty of his, for the UN's Atomic Energy Commission.

### FIRING EXPECTED

The 1952 hearing record shows that the State Department expected the UN to fire such employees because of "reasonable doubt" as to their loyalty to the United States, based on FBI and other information.

The study issued Thursday, Dr. Rosebury was described as sponsor of a "national teach-in on the Vietnam war" held here last May 15.

"The high point of this conference was a call to civil disobedience voiced by Richard Boyer, an avowed member of the Communist Party," the report said.

The report said "the only anti-Communist voice" raised at the conference was that of magazine editor Norman Cousins, who was "roundly booed" when he said Communists speak for a foreign power and not for the United States.

The report said Dr. Rosebury and 12 other sponsors of the May 15 conference also were sponsors of a 1949 meeting in New York which was called the "cultural and scientific conference for world peace."

### FRONT ORGANIZATION

The 1949 conference, the report said, was among the "notorious front organizations" which were spawned by "the Communist peace offensive" in the 1940s and 1950s.

In an accompanying statement, Senator Dodd (Democrat), Connecticut, the subcommittee chairman, drew a sharp line between "honest criticism" of Vietnam policy by "convinced pacifists" and other "loyal Americans," on one side, and "the dishonest criticism of those who support

the general aims of Communism, who look upon America as the villain, and who regard Moscow or Peking as the new utopias."

The report said the teach-in movement began last March at the University of Michigan, quickly spread to other campuses across the country, and was soon being hailed by Soviet leaders and other foreign Communists.

These events coincided with a demand from Moscow that Communists around the world rally to the support of the North Vietnam Communists.

"Whatever the intent of those who launched the movement", the report said, the Communists have profited from the teach-ins.

"Even if the teach-ins had drawn a firm line against Communist participation, Moscow and Peking would have found some means of exploiting them."

### INFILTRATION SEEN

But the exploitation has been made so much easier by the fact that so far none of the leading luminaries of the teach-in movement have considered it necessary to draw such a line—with the result that a substantial Communist infiltration is demonstrable, that a much more substantial infiltration is probable, and that there has been a tragic blurring of the distinction between the position of those who oppose our involvement in Vietnam on pacifist or idealist or strategic or other grounds, and those who oppose our involvement in the war because they are Communists or pro-Communists.

The study noted that more anti-Vietnam policy demonstrations are scheduled for Friday and Saturday in St. Louis and many other cities.

In dealing with Dr. Rosebury, the study listed him as a member or officer of a number of organizations which have been cited as subversive by government agencies.

It said he has been a member since 1940 of the Communist-controlled American Association of Scientific Workers, chairman of its New York branch from 1941 to 1944, executive committee president in 1944 and 1945, and national president from 1949

### STATEMENT SIGNED

It said he signed a statement in 1948 calling for reinstatement of a New York teacher suspended for alleged Communist Party membership and in 1955 signed a statement asking President Eisenhower to reconsider Smith Act prosecution of alleged Communists.

According to the study, he signed "an appeal for amnesty" in 1952 in behalf of Communist Party leaders convicted under the Smith Act.

Other alleged subversive organizations with which Dr. Rosebury has had affiliations were listed in the study as the

American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, the American Labor Party in New York City, the Jefferson School of Social Science, Joint anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, Progressive Citizens of America, National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, and Coordinating Committee on Civil Liberties.

He was listed in 1952 as a contributor to New World Review, formerly known as Soviet Russia Today.

Dr. Rosebury was in the news in St. Louis last February when he met, chauffeured and entertained Hebert Aptheker, a top-ranking Communist Party official and theoretician.

Aptheker arrived in the city to help launch a local chapter of the W.E.B. Dubois Clubs, a Communist youth front organization.

Aptheker was mentioned several times in the Senate study for his connection with the teach-ins.

According to the study, funds were collected for the Communist Viet Cong at a University of California student meeting last February, while Aptheker was making a speech.

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Statement by Chancellor Thomas H. Eliot of  
Washington University  
October 15, 1965

The governing authorities of a university in a free country neither condemn nor approve the lawful actions or utterances of faculty members acting in their capacity as private citizens. Adverse or favorable comment on one such action would imply tacit approval or disapproval of every other action.

Any implication that Washington University, by insisting on the freedom of its faculty members to act lawfully as private citizens, is thereby condoning or fostering communism or any other totalitarian ideology, is false.

The University's Board of Directors, last June, declared that

"The ideologies of despotism, communist or any other, would suppress dissent and disagreement. They are hostile to the spirit of a great university in a free society."

Last week, at its October meeting, the Board reaffirmed the June declaration, in adopting the following resolution:

"At its last meeting, on June 4, 1965, the Board adopted a Declaration, stating the basic purposes of Washington University and rededicating Washington University to the cause of freedom.

"Because in some quarters this Declaration was imperfectly understood and therefore was criticized, we now, at this meeting, reaffirm the Declaration of June 4, 1965, and emphasize its state-

ment that communism is hostile to the spirit of a great university in a free society. We add the obvious corollary; as an institution devoted to the free pursuit of truth, existing in, helped by, and serving a society of free men, Washington University is unalterably opposed to communism."

The University administration was not involved in the teach-in, but the facts about it, as I understand them, are these. It was organized by a committee of eighty professors at many universities. Dr. Theodor Rosebury was not a member of this committee.

The committee, by mail, invited thousands of college teachers all over the country to be listed as sponsors. Well over a thousand responded, including Dr. Rosebury. At the "teach-in," which was nationally televised, were a number of speakers, including numerous government officials. Our policies in Viet Nam were both criticized and defended.

The "teach-in" was not presided over by any "avowed communist" named Richard Boyer nor attended by Norman Cousins.

## Dr. Rosebury Given Leave of Absence

W.U. Professor Cites Illness;  
Pro-Red Was Aptheker's Host



DR. THEODOR ROSEBURY  
Granted Year's Leave

Dr. Theodor Rosebury, Washington University professor, who was host to Dr. Herbert Aptheker, of New York City, the top Communist theoretician in the United States during the latter's visit here in February, 1965, has been granted a year's leave of absence because of illness, university officials announced Thursday.

Dr. Rosebury, professor of bacteriology at the Washington University School of Dentistry since 1951, met Dr. Aptheker at the airport on Feb. 13.

The following day Dr. Aptheker, who stayed at Dr. Rosebury's home while here, spoke behind guarded doors to a meeting of the St. Louis chapter of the W. E. B. DuBois Club, Communist front organization.

Washington University Provost George E. Pake said Dr. Rosebury was granted the leave of absence beginning July 1 at the professor's "urgent request and that of his personal physician." He will have the privilege of early retirement from the faculty at the end of his year's sick leave.

### HEART DISEASE

Dr. Rosebury, Provost Pake said, "has had several episodes of coronary heart disease, accompanied by electrocardiograph changes in the last few months."

His only previous sick leave, Provost Pake said, was in 1957 when he was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

A report issued in October, 1963, by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee said the teach-in movement against Vietnam policy had "substantial Communist infiltration" and listed Dr. Rosebury among the movement's sponsors with "Communist affiliations and sympathies."

### RED DISCIPLINE

The report stated that Dr.

Rosebury's earlier employment at the United Nations was terminated after the State Department had appraised him as among UN employees "believed to be Communist or under Communist discipline."

Provost Pake, in announcing the leave of absence, said Dr. Rosebury "has made a lasting contribution in several areas of bacteriology and recently has been engaged in particularly important studies concerned with the growth of spirochetes."

"He is nationally and internationally known as an outstanding scientist in his field and in his years here has brought a new research dimension to the School of Dentistry," Provost Pake said.

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