

Walter, Eastland, and Arens Linked with Racial Group

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Richard Arens, staff director of the Un-American Activities (salary, 1959: \$16,409.86), also serves as a privately paid consultant to a multi-millionaire New Yorker, Wycliffe Draper, in allocating grants to researchers on the field of genetics. Draper's interest, according to an exclusive story by Ronald H. May, Washington correspondent of the York, Pa. *Gazette and Daily* and the Madison, Wis. *Capital-Times*, is in proving Negro inferiority. "As far as I could tell," Sheldon Reed, director of the Dwight Institute of Human Genetics at the University of Minnesota, told May of his contacts with Draper, "he thought the country would be better off without Negroes" and was interested in resettling them in Africa.

"In an interview a few weeks ago," May wrote in the March 4 issue of the *York Gazette and Daily*, "Arens admitted that he serves as a Draper consultant. The staff director sees nothing wrong with his activity but refused to describe the research projects. His role is only to 'recommend' projects, subject to later approval by a committee. He would not name the persons who compose it."

Both Chairman Walter of the House Committee and Chairman Eastland of the Senate Internal Security committee were linked to Draper by the May story. The former told May he had himself recently visited the University of Dakar in West Africa in connection with a project he wants Draper to finance—"a plan for the improvement of African universities to promote stability in native governments." (Perhaps also by establishing Un-African Activities Committees?—IFS).

Draper refused to talk with May and referred him to his lawyer, Harry Wehyer. Wehyer indicated that two committees make use of Draper funds, that Arens only serves as paid consultant to one of them, and that Senator Eastland was connected with "the other one." Wehyer said Chairman Walter was also "involved" in the giving of Draper grants but would not disclose the membership of the committees.

"Newsmen first heard of Draper last year," May wrote, "when Dr. Anthony Bouscaren resigned a political science professorship at Marquette University in Milwaukee in

thorities over his acceptance of Draper grants. In a foreword to a 1959 book, Bouscaren thanked Arens for assistance. Arens and Bouscaren have appeared together on programs of the Christian Anti-Communist crusade and similar right wing groups. The staff director said he hired Bouscaren as a consultant to the Un-American Activities Committee.

Arens Advised H. L. Hunt

Arens also told May that Draper also gives money to "patriotic" organizations fighting Communism. Draper, heir to a Massachusetts textile machinery fortune, "was first introduced to the political scene" by the late Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada. Arens also said that he has also advised other wealthy men, including H. L. Hunt, the Texas oilman who backed McCarthy, and Smith Richardson, the North Carolina pharmaceutical manufacturer, on the grant of funds to patriotic organizations.

"The committee director," May reported of his interview with Arens, "does not intend to investigate racist or hate groups because they are isolated and unimportant."

ACTIVITIES NOT HURTING STUDENT

Princeton, N. J.—(I. P.)—The widely held belief that academic difficulties in college usually stem from too great a participation in extra-curricular activities is not supported by facts, according to a survey recently completed by Dr. Jeremiah S. Finch, Princeton University's Dean of the College. In fact, the study showed that, of those students required to withdraw from the University for academic reasons, more than half engaged in few or no extra-curricular pursuits.

In submitting the report to the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Trustees, Dean Finch observed that academic attrition is "almost always the result of lack of interest and lack of motivation" rather than an undue exposure to activities outside the sphere of the classroom. He attributed the major share of academic difficulty to "immaturity and a failure to respond to the challenges of academic work."

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