

October 6, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I'm a strong believer in free speech, but the enclosed clipping from the New York Times reports a speech that seems to me to be subversive to a degree that makes my blood boil.

If your men have already picked this up, please forgive me for bothering you with it.

If you feel that it belongs in the realm of free speech and that no action should be taken, please forgive me, and throw this in the waste basket.

I think that you and your men are doing a wonderful job, but oh, how I wish we could squelch some of the people who are talking like this Du Bois.

Sincerely yours,

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DU BOIS TELLS HARLEM ONLY U. S. WANTS WAR

A vehement attack on the Gov-
ernment of the United States as
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wanted war, and on the Repub-
licans and Democrats for their
"bipartisan policy of war" was
made last night by Dr. William
E. B. Du Bois, American Labor
party candidate for United States
Senator.

Dr. Du Bois addressed 1,500 per-
sons at a campaign rally in the
Golden Gate Ballroom, Lenox Ave-
nue and 142d Street. Much of
his long speech was devoted to a
social history of Harlem as the
focus of Negro progress in the last
hundred years. Dr. Du Bois made
a reputation as historian and writ-
er before becoming active in leftist
politics.

"Of all nations today," the 80-
year-old professor charged, "the
United States alone wants war,
forces other nations to fight, and
asks you and me to impoverish
ourselves, give up health and
schools, sacrifice our sons to a
jim-crow army, and commit sui-
cide for a world war that nobody
wants but the rich Americans who
profit by it."

With a scornful reference to
Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Dr. Du
Bois declared: "Let us stop the
antics of the Wild Man of Tokyo
who is determined of his own will
to fight China and Russia, and the
Eisenhowers, who declare openly
"we can lick the world."

Paul D. Ross, A. L. P. Mayoralty
candidate, told the meeting that
when he served at City Hall the
facts concerning police graft were
an open secret. He called for a
special session of the Legislature
and demanded that Governor
Dewey order a new "Seabury in-
vestigation."

John H. McManus, Labor party
candidate for Governor, attacked
the legislative record of Walter A.
Lynch, the Democratic candidate,
as anti-labor. He said there was
as much chance of getting civil
rights out of Governor Dewey "as
you would get out of voting for a
Halloween pumpkin head."

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