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Record Search Information: Coastlines

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I. An office memo from the 12th United States Civil Service Region, dated 4-27-56, reflects the following: "The enclosed magazine (COASTLINES, Volume 1, No. 3, December 1955) was seized in a raid by the Los Angeles police Department on a meeting of suspected subversives held recently in Los Angeles. It indicates the close association of Communism and homosexuality which exists in some groups such as the ones listed on page 36 of the publication."

II. Counterattack, the Newsletter of Facts to Control Communism, published by American Business Consultants, Inc., New York City, Volume II, No. 2, pages 7 and 8, reflects the following:

"Coastlines", magazine published 1753 Virginia Ave., Los Angeles 19, Calif., assumed subscription obligations of "deceased" California Quarterly, will endeavor to achieve and maintain the quality that was inherent in the Quarterly, magazine published 5600 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. featured the works of PARTY backs and various pro-COMMUNIST writers, etc., recently announced that it was going out of business and subscription obligations would be taken over by 'Coastlines'."

III. Ibid, Volume 6, No. 3, dated 1-13-52, page 4, reflects that two members of the editorial board of 'The California Quarterly' ( ), have been identified as Communist Party members. Another board member, , has been associated with many Communist Party fronts and publications (over 25).

California Quarterly has been publicized by the following:

DAILY WORKER, 1-30-56, page 7.
NATIONAL GUARDIAN, 3-24-51, page 9; 10-31-51, page 8.

DAILY PEOPLES WORLD is the official organ of the Communist Party on the West Coast.

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The Guide to Subversive Organisations and Publications, prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Jan. 2, 1957, contains the following information on:

NATIONAL GUARDIAN

1. "Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a 'progressive' weekly. # # # Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."