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Teacher Called Red Loses Court Appeal

Dorothy Albert, Allderdice High School Teacher in 1950 is fired for her activity in the supposed Communist front organization, The Civil Rights Congress. Her accuser, FBI informant Matt Cvetic, says she was a leader in this organization, helping spread communism to the youth of Pittsburgh.

If Dorothy Albert Loses Her Job YOU Lose Your Tenure!

Matt Cvetic, first-generation immigrant child of Slovenian parents is chosen to infiltrate the Pittsburgh Communist Party by the FBI in 1942 and works within the organization for 8 years before a car with almost 100 lbs. Of Communist Party documents crashes in Pittsburgh's Shadyside. Cvetic uses the documents to name

Dorothy Albert, a first-generation child born of Russian Jewish parents in Pittsburgh, as well, joined the Civil Rights Congress to aid in the defense of Rosa Ingram, a black Georgian sharecropper sentenced to death with her two sons for killing the white man who sexually assaulted her.

Albert faces The Pittsburgh School Board and Superintendent Earl A. Dimmick who considers first-generation children more suscibtle to anti-American activities, ignoring Cvetic's status. With the help of locally-known "Commie lawyer," Hymen Schlesinger, Albert brings her case all the way up to the PA Supreme Court. Ultimately, the court decides that Albert is a Communist, Communism is un-American, and people engaged in un-American activities should not be teachers. No information on Albert exists after this, besides a death date in the Social Security Database of April, 1987 in Philadelphia.

