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that the advertisers control the newspapers and that he made true reports but that had nothing to do with what was actually printed.

McWILLIAMS came onto the platform with a large searchlight and said that if there was any heckling he would shine the light on such persons so that the police, who seemed to have bad eyesight, could remove the hecklers from the crowd. McWILLIAMS said that now that the American Destiny Party had been driven to the streets he would give the "Eskimos" and the administration plenty to worry about as he expected to get two more covered wagons and hold three meetings every night. At this point a heckler shouted that HITLER was paying for the covered wagons, and the police removed him. McWILLIAMS praised HITLER and MUSSOLINI for the interest they have in their nations and said he believed Ireland would soon be free and England would be crushed. He said that unless you praise England and France which are controlled by "Eskimos" you are called a Fifth Columnist.

On July 3, 1940, a meeting of the Christian Mobilizers was held at Ebling's Casino. About 150 persons were present. LOUIS HELMOND was chairman. Chief NEW MOON stated that the Jews were running the government and that, of 3800 persons employed in one section of the Census Division, on a Jewish holiday 3300 of them were off. He said the gold in the hills of Kentucky was owned by Jews and Americans were paying heavily to protect this Jewish wealth.

JOSEPH McWILLIAMS spoke and mentioned that he had received two letters from different states. One of these was signed "JOHN HAMILTON" and came from Massachusetts. HAMILTON is alleged to have stated that we need a man in this nation like HITLER. McWILLIAMS spoke of the coming presidential election and said that while he would not come out completely for WENDELL WILLKIE at this time he did believe he was better than ROOSEVELT. McWILLIAMS did not seem to be able to get himself straightened out on WILLKIE inasmuch as one minute he was praising him and in the next minute criticizing him.

A meeting of the American Destiny Party was held on July 5, 1940, on the street at 85th Street and First Avenue. LOUIS HELMOND was chairman. About 400 persons were present.

DONALD SHEA, leader of the National Gentile League, Washington, D. C., spoke of conditions in Washington. He urged the election of McWILLIAMS to fight side by side with THORKELSON and WHEELER.

✓ JOSEPH McWILLIAMS spoke and accused England of being the greatest war-mongering country in the world and trying to involve the United States in the present war because she is standing on her last leg. He said England went so far as to sink her own ship, the Athenia, which was bringing American citizens to this country as they thought it would arouse the American people to speak of nothing but war. He said he thought the bomb which exploded at the World's Fair had been planted by the British in order to gain the sympathy of the American people. He stated that certain people call FORD and LINDBERGH Fifth Columnists, and that if these great men were Fifth Columnists he was proud to be in their class. He said that when he was taken to court for his speeches it cost him one thousand dollars in trials but that he got at least ten thousand dollars' worth of publicity from them. He predicted that when he was elected to Congress he would blow the lid off the administration in Washington.

✓ A meeting of the American Destiny Party was held on July 6, 1940, on the street at 73rd Street east of First Avenue. About 600 persons were present. DONALD CASANOVA was chairman. The speakers platform was on a covered wagon.

✓ JAMES DOWNEY spoke and stated that President ROOSEVELT was a failure and should step aside and allow someone else to have a chance of solving our problems. He said the British are traitors because they allowed Poland, Czechoslovakia, and France to fall. He claimed the Internationalists (Jews) were trying to involve us in the war and would do so unless we support men such as RUSH HOLT, Senator WHEELER, and McWILLIAMS.

✓ DONALD SHEA, Washington, D. C., spoke and blamed the sufferings of the Americans on the manipulations of the government in the value of gold. He claimed that a certain element was trying to take away the right of free speech to real Americans. He praised Senator WHEELER, RUSH HOLT, Congressman THORKEKELSON, and McWILLIAMS.

✓ JAMES STEWART spoke and stated that an indication of the intolerance used against persons who fight for Christian ideals was that he was arrested and brought to police headquarters at 12 o'clock at night and questioned regarding the bombing of the World's Fair and claimed that he had never been arrested in his life and had fought and been wounded defending this country.

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May 21, 1940.

Memo:

On Monday evening, May 20, the undersigned, as directed, attended a meeting of the American Destiny Party at 1591 Second Avenue, Manhattan. There were about 125 persons present at this meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. Louis Belmont, opened the meeting at 8 P.M. He stated that this was a political party which has as its present objective the election of Mr. Joseph E. McWilliams as Congressman in the 18th Congressional District of New York.

Mr. James Stewart was the first speaker. Stewart spoke of Colonel Lindberg's recent talk over the Radio and praised that talk and said that the Colonel has the same views as the American Destiny Party. Stewart spoke of the objection Mrs. Roosevelt had to the last three paragraphs of the Colonel's speech in which he stated that a small minority who would gain by our taking part in war are trying to involve us and it is time for the people to rise up and fight this minority. Stewart then stated that it was clear that the Colonel meant the Jews when he spoke of a certain minority. Stewart then said that the Democratic and Republican parties are controlled by the Jews and it is for that reason that the American Destiny Party has been organized. He said that in the past the voters have often stated that it made no difference who they voted for as conditions would be the same no matter who went to office. Stewart said that now with the American Party it will make a difference as the American Destiny Party will stand for what is right. Stewart then spoke of the failure of the present administration in its attempt to solve the unemployment problem and other problems confronting this nation.

Mr. Joseph E. McWilliams was the next speaker. McWilliams continually roamed in his talk, at one moment he was talking about Hitler's forces in the war and the next moment he was speaking about the campaign of the American Destiny Party. McWilliams praised Hitler for his interest in his people and stated that for taking such a stand he will probably be labeled as 'Pro-Hitler'. McWilliams stated that he was 'Pro-Hitler' and he did not care who knew it. He stated that the Democratic and Republican parties will probably attack him on this but he will prove to them that he is a descendant of a family of Irishmen who came to this country to escape the domination of the British Empire and that two of his descendants died in Ireland in a fight to free the Irish. McWilliams pointed out that he will stand for no interference at the street meetings he is going to hold and he will ban his forces to see that he and other speakers are not bothered at these meetings. He then described the meetings held last summer by the Christian Mobilizers and he stated that his men took care of the hecklers at these meetings. McWilliams then attacked the Democratic and Republican parties and called them 'Fat Belled Parasites' who are controlled by the Jews. McWilliams then made an appeal for membership and applications were distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M. of 0,

notified.

State the Fellowship June 28, 1940.

News:

On Monday evening, June 24th the undersigned attended a meeting of the American Destiny Party at 1501 Second Avenue, Manhattan. There were about 200 persons present at this meeting.

Mr. Louis Belmont opened the meeting with the statement that the American Destiny Party is interested in the welfare of America only. He stated that at the present time certain people are trying to drive the American Destiny Party off of the street but the Party will fight these people in the Supreme Court. Belmont then introduced Chief New Moon whom he said was a full blooded Cherokee Indian and he wondered if they would try and say that Chief New Moon was not an American.

Chief New Moon congratulated the audience for the support they have been giving Joseph E. McWilliams. He praised McWilliams for his Americanism. Chief New Moon then stated that he recently attended a 'Stop Hitler' meeting and at that meeting a man asked the Committee what they were trying to defend in this country. New Moon stated that the Committee could not answer the man and he (New Moon) got up and told the Committee that the people in this nation had nothing to defend as America has been broken down by Present Roosevelt and the present administration. He stated that the W.P.A. is nothing more than a Seab outfit and he felt sorry for those who had to work on W.P.A. but he did not criticize them because they had to live somehow. New Moon stated that we all know what is wrong with this nation and that something is the Jew. New Moon stated that he was not prepared to speak tonight and he closed again asking the people to support McWilliams. During his talk New Moon stated that France lost the war because of Jewish leadership and he was surprised that a revolution did not occur in France.

Mr. Joseph E. McWilliams was the next to speak. McWilliams stated that France had reached a day of mourning and he was sorry to see such a great nation defeated. He said that the Germany Army did not defeat France but the Jewish control of France was responsible for their defeat. McWilliams then spoke of Italy's expansion into Ethiopia several years ago and he said at that time Marshal Petain and Pierre Laval of France asked the French to go along with Italy as they believed that Italy had a right to expand. Petain and Laval were criticized at that time because the Jews were in control, however, he stated now France has been forced to accept defeat at the hands of Germany and Italy and if they had taken the advise of Petain and Laval years ago they would not have had to fight the present war and lost it. McWilliams then spoke of the Jewish control in Europe and charged that President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Treasury Morganthau and Barney Barruch were responsible for getting France into the War as they are a part of the War Party. He stated that because of "Roosevelt AND THE JEWS" ~~we~~ we are hated by every nation in the world". He then spoke of the Jews liking President Roosevelt whom he called a diabolical person whose pinched eyes and smile remind him of a 'grinning ape'. He said that if Present Roosevelt had done as much for him as he has for the Jews he would like him too. McWilliams

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AMERICAN DESTINY PARTY CONTINUED

then spoke of his suggestions of a year ago when he advocated the United States taking Canada and other possessions which are closely located to our shores so that we would not be involved in a war to protect such possessions. He said that when he said that, he was criticized and termed a 5th Columnist but now that others such as Col. Lindberg and several other prominent men have made the same suggestions no mention is made that he was the first to say such things. He then spoke of the proposed universal Conscription program and he pointed out that Sidney Hillman has been appointed to be the leader in this Conscription. He stated that Hillman was one of the Revolutionists in Russia and was not the type of a man to be in charge of American boys and girls. McWilliams then spoke of receiving a summons in connection with a talk he gave on last Friday evening at 85th Street & 1st Avenue. He said that the summons was made out to him charging him with making remarks against the Jews and the Mayor. He said that he called the Mayor a Jew-Mayor and it is a known fact that the Mayor is part Jew. He also said that when he started the meeting he informed the Jews that he was anti-Jewish and that this was no meeting for them. McWilliams stated that instead of the Police arresting those who disturb these meetings and conspire to disrupt them, they, the Police, arrest those who are only trying to exercise their constitutional rights. McWilliams said that a group from Columbus Circle is at the present time conspiring to heckle and break up his meeting next Friday night at 85th Street & 1st Avenue but the Police are doing nothing to arrest such persons. He then spoke of those who surround him and he asked them to be present at the street meeting at 95th Street & 2nd Avenue on Thursday evening and the one on Friday evening at 85th Street. He asked them to insist upon the Police arresting any hecklers and if the Police refuse to make such arrests to take their shield numbers and give them to him. McWilliams said that General Van Horn Moseley has been silenced the same as Father Coughlin and the Jews are now trying to silence him and if they succeed it will be a long time before another McWilliams takes up the fight as he has. McWilliams asked the audience to be present in Court on Wednesday at 10 A.M. Someone in the audience stated that they would not be permitted into the Court and McWilliams told them to come anyhow and walk up and down outside of the Court. McWilliams during his talk spoke of the Jews changing their names and said that the criminals do the same thing. He said that Moe Wienstein becomes Walter Winchell over night.

During the evening pictures of McWilliams were sold for whatever amount the audience wished to give. This meeting was orderly and closed at 11:30 P.M. Bureau of Operations, notified.

June 22, 1940.

None

The undersigned attended a meeting of the American Destiny Party which was held on the street at 26th Street & Second Avenue, Manhattan on Thursday evening June 27th, 1940. There were about 200 persons present at this meeting.

The Chairman Louis Holmond opened this meeting at 9:10 P.M. and at that time he requested the audience to cooperate with the Police in the event of any disturbances. Holmond then stated that it is considered perfectly alright to call an Irishman, a German or an Italian by name and he could see no reason for not calling the Jews by name. Holmond introduced the first speaker Mr. James Stewart. Stewart stated that the American Destiny Party considers that the Democratic and Republican Parties are not capable of solving the problems of this nation. He charged that the New Deal has failed in the unemployment problem, the farming situation and the other problems facing this country. He spoke of the control the minority have over the men leading our government and he praised Colonel Lindbergh for his attack on the minority. Stewart said that anyone fighting the present administration is placed in the 5th column. Stewart then spoke of the Jewish people and said that the American Destiny Party was not fighting them because of their religion and as far as the Christians are concerned the Jews could stay in the synagogue all day. The Christians, he said, would at least know where they were. Stewart spoke of the principles the American Destiny Party stand for and he said they will end domination of Christians in this city if they are successful in their campaign.

Mr. Louis Holmond then spoke of the Curtiss Weekly and said that this was the publication for Christians. He denounced Walter Winchell and said his column was the Filth Column. He then introduced Joseph E. McWilliams.

McWilliams came onto the platform with a lantern and started looking over the crowd. He said that he was looking for a good 'Eskimo'. McWilliams then spoke of his arrest and said that he was arrested because those who wear the Gold Shields in the Police Department have a spine made of jelly. McWilliams said that these Officials are the servitors of Mayor LaGuardia and so what he wants in order to protect their \$7,000 and \$10,000 per year salaries. McWilliams said that one of the Officials asked him why he did not keep his meetings indoors. McWilliams said he had to laugh at this because the 'Eskimos' have been the cause of the Christians losing about a dozen halls. He said that the hall he now has in Yorkville is being denied to him because the owner who is willing to rent him the hall has been threatened with unjust charges of violations. McWilliams said that the men with the white shields are not to blame because under these white shields beats a heart. Some day he predicted there would be a man in City Hall who would have enough courage and he would appoint men in the Police Department who had a backbone to act as Officials. He challenged the Police to come to him and question him about the unjust treatment he has received in trying to hire halls and he defied them to investigate those who are responsible

for the intimidation of the owners of the halls. McWilliams stated that about 200 Christians have been called for investigation by the Police Department but he knew of none of the money being called for investigation. He then spoke of the control the 'No-lincs' have of the radio, press and motion pictures. He said that those in control had the nerve to deny the use of the radio to Father Goughlin a great Christian and they have put Donke Carter practically out of existence. He said if the public wanted to find out just who controlled these channels of propaganda all they had to do was try and get time on the air for the American Destiny Party. McWilliams said that two smugglers, Jack Benny and George Burns, are allowed the air every week. McWilliams closed informing the audience that he was still looking for a good 'skimo' and he asked them to come down to 85th Street & 1st Avenue on Friday night and hear more about the 'No-lincs' and help him find a good one. McWilliams then instructed his workers to sell his picture to the audience.

This meeting was orderly and came to a close at 11 P.M.
Bureau of Operations,

MEMO:

Saturday, July 6th, 1940.

On Friday evening July 5th, the undersigned attended a street meeting sponsored by the American Destiny Party. This meeting was held on the corner of 85th St and First Avenue, Yorkville.

The meeting was called to order by Louis Helmond who acted as chairman, 9:10 p.m. Helmond stated that the American Destiny Party was a political party and not a subversive group that preaches race hatred. He also read an article from the Constitution giving American citizens their freedom of speech. The American Destiny party according to the speaker are not wolves in sheep's clothing trying to mislead the people of this district. He also mentioned Walter Winchell as a patriot who uses his influence to deprive American citizens the use of private halls for their meetings. Helmond then introduced Donald Shea, leader of the National Gentile League, Washington, D.C.

Shea asked the people in this district to make it their business to elect that great American Joe McWilliams to Congress. Men like McWilliams are sorely needed in Washington, because men of his type will stand up and demand that the American people receive justice in the present crisis. The speaker mentioned names like True, Wheeler, as men who are striving to keep America out of this present war. The speaker also mentioned the present administration in Washington who for the last seven years have spent billions for defense and have nothing to show for the money. He stated that this administration even forbids an accounting of the billions spent for defense. He then again praised McWilliams as the man for office in Congress because he fears no one. McWilliams should be elected to Washington to fight side by side with such men as Thorkelson and Wheeler.

The next speaker introduced was Joseph McWilliams who stated that up to now this meeting has been conducted in an orderly manner so he would not talk about anything but his program for Congressman. He thanked Shea for speaking on his platform stating that Shea was very active in Washington in trying to keep America out of war. McWilliams then stated that he was sponsoring a meeting in the Bronx, but due to outside pressure from a certain people the hall is now closed to us because the owner is afraid of too much pressure. Father Edward Brophy was to have been the main speaker at this meeting. This is what this country is now coming to when a man of the Church is forbidden his rights as a citizen of this country and denied his freedom of speech. McWilliams accused England as being the greatest war mongering country in the world. England according to the speaker is trying to involve the United States into the present war because she is standing on her last leg. England went so far as to sink her own ship the Athenia which was bringing American citizens to this country, the sinking of this ship England thought would arouse the American people to speak of nothing but war. McWilliams then spoke of this Administration lifting the arms embargo to help the Allies, according to McWilliams the president of this country did not think that the war in Europe would go at the terrific pace it did, in this way the United States

could not furnish the aid to the allies as was promised by this Administration. McWilliams then spoke of the recent explosion at the World's Fair where two New York Detectives were killed, he stated that it was his opinion that the British planted this bomb themselves in order to stir up trouble and gain the sympathy of the people in this country. He stated that England has very few ships to sink of their own that they now resort to such tactics. McWilliams then asked the crowd to stand at attention for a few moments to pay their respects to the two Detectives killed at this explosion, the audience followed his request. McWilliams then spoke of the airplanes of this country which are not capable of protecting this country, he stated that when he is elected to congress he would take up a collection so that the country could have at least one good airplane. He then stated that certain people called Ford, Lindbergh fifth columnists if these great men are fifth columnists then I am proud to be in their class. McWilliams then mentioned a talk of his from last year whereby he stated that if he were in power he would take over Canada and Mexico which would make this country immune from any foreign power, it is now made public by the present Administration that certain islands in this Hemisphere are in need of the protection of this country, a year ago they told me I was crazy for saying such things as the President of this country now talks about. He then stated that they are taking me to court because of my speech's well for the \$1,000 that these trials cost me I get at least \$10,000 worth of publicity. He then asked that his assistants sell his picture so that the American Destiny could carry on in this fight. McWilliams also mentioned Kennedy as a stooge for the present Administration in Washington. He stated that Kennedy never once made a speech for the benefit of the Christians in this country because if he did he would never be nominated to that office again by his bosses. This is one thing the American Destiny can say and that is that now no one is controlled by anybody, and when I am elected to Congress I will blow the lid off of the Administration in Washington because I will be sent to Congress by the majority of Christians in this district and no one will tell me what to do or say, if they come into my office and try to dictate to me I will throw them out. Roosevelt's party is the Internationalist Party and the American Destiny Party is the Nationalist Party.

McWilliams then announced that a meeting would be held on the corner of 73rd St and First Ave, Saturday July 6th, 1940.
 Friday, July 12th, 87th St and First Ave.

This meeting terminated at 11:00 p.m. no disorder, meeting attended by about 700 persons.
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THREE MEN ON A HORSE

On February 3, 1941, William Dudley Pelley, in his publication, "Roll-Call", asked:

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Is Lindbergh Becoming the Nation's Man on a White Horse? . .



A STRANGE thing is happening amid the nation's turmoil. At a time when demagogues, war-mongers, termites and law-breakers are...

Is the Eagle of 1927 to be the Man on a White Horse for the United States in 1941?

Certainly he has "everything it takes."

In answer to Pelley's query, the "good tidings" leaped from mouth to mouth among U. S. Nazis last week that "Lindbergh is our leader, our Man on Horseback!" This strategy of lifting the ex-Colonel into the subversivist saddle differs little from the procedure employed when Fifth Columnists placed their hopes in Major General Smedley D. Butler -- and later in Major General George van Horn Moseley -- as strong man in the Nazi circus. The fruits of these first attempts spelled failure. Butler refused to be bribed into the position of a "patriotic traitor". When Moseley was ready to mount the charger, the bridle slipped because of his exposure at the hands of the Dies Committee.

In 1933, according to the testimony given by General Butler before the McCormack Committee, several individuals, including Gerald C. MacGuire, employed by Grayson M. P. Murphy and Company, and R. S. Clark, a banker, tried vainly to create a vast Fascist movement of which Butler was to be the "Man on Horseback". Butler's steadfast adherence to the principles of democracy, despite gobs of money offered by these agitators, was the answer to this attempted underhanded betrayal of the nation. Passages from the printed hearings of the McCormack Committee, indicating the viciousness with which these plotters laid their plans, are reproduced on page 3.

Major General Moseley, tipped his mitt five years later when, at a National Defense meeting held at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, he declared, in part:

....You may ask why I do not mention Fascism and Nazism; for the simple reason that in my opinion, they are only anti-toxins, and they will disappear when the disease of Communism has been cured up throughout America....In fact, the finest type of Americanism can breed under their (the Nazis and Fascists) protection, as they neutralize the effects of the Communists....

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and he uses Clark, because Clark has the money. So he finally said, "We are going down to the convention in Miami. You are coming?" I said, "No; I am not going to the convention."

He said, "The time has come now to get the soldiers together."

"Yes," I said, "I think so, too." He said, "I went abroad to study the part that the veteran plays in the various set-ups of the governments that they have abroad. I went to Italy for 2 or 3 months and studied the position that the veterans of Italy occupy in the Fascist set-up of government, and I discovered that they are the backbone of Mussolini. They keep them on the pay rolls in various ways and keep them contented and happy; and they are his real backbone, the force on which he may depend, in case of trouble, to sustain him. But that set-up would not suit us at all. The soldiers of America would not like that. I then went to Germany to see what Hitler was doing, and his whole strength lies in organizations of soldiers, too. But that would not do. I looked into the Russian business. I found that the use of the soldiers over there would never appeal to our men. Then I went to France, and I found just exactly the organization we are going to have. It is an organization of supersoldiers." He gave me the French name for it, but I do not recall what it is. I never could have pronounced it, anyhow. But I do know that it is a superorganization of members of all the other soldiers' organizations of France, composed of noncommissioned officers and officers. He told me that they had about 500,000, and that each one was a leader of 10 others, so that it gave them 5,000,000 votes. And he said, "Now, that is our idea here in America—to get up an organization of that kind."

I said, "What do you want to do with it when you get it up?"

"Well," he said, "we want to support the President."

I said, "The President does not need the support of that kind of an organization. Since when did you become a supporter of the President? The last time I talked to you you were against him."

He said, "Well, he is going to go along with us now."

"Is he?"

"Yes."

"Well, what are you going to do with these men, suppose you get these 500,000 men in America? What are you going to do with them?"

"Well," he said, "they will be the support of the President."

I said, "The President has got the whole American people. Why does he want them?"

He said, "Don't you understand the set-up has got to be changed a bit? Now, we have got him—we have got the President. He has got to have more money. There is not any more money to give him. Eighty percent of the money now is in Government bonds, and he cannot keep this racket up much longer. He has got to do something about it. He has either got to get more money out of us or he has got to change the method of financing the Government, and we are going to see to it that he does not change that method. He will not change it."

I said, "The idea of this great group of soldiers, then, is to sort of frighten him, is it?"

"No, no, no; it is not to frighten him. This is to sustain him when others assault him."

I said, "Well, I do not know about that. How would the President explain it?"

He said, "He will not necessarily have to explain it, because we are going to help him out. Now, did it ever occur to you that the President is overworked? We might have an Assistant President, somebody to take the blame; and if things do not work out, he can drop him."

He went on to say that it did not take any constitutional change to authorize another Cabinet official, somebody to take over the details of the office—take them off the President's shoulders. He mentioned that the position would be a secretary of general affairs—a sort of a supersecretary.

The CHAIRMAN. A secretary of general affairs?

General BUTLER. That is the term used by him—or a secretary of general affairs. I cannot recall which. It came out of the interview.

NATIONAL WEEKLY

Social Justice

Founded 1936 by Father Coughlin



AS THESE LINES are written Republicans are gathering at Philadelphia for an historic convention. In the time this edition is in the readers' hands, the choice of Presidential nominees will likely have been made.

If the Republicans have sense, there will be a bludgeoning of professional politicians. They will nominate somebody like Wendell Willkie and not Charles A. Lindbergh.

New Deal politicians have been "blatant" the business man, the property holder, the laborer, the farmer, and all the rest of us Americans. Let the Republicans turn the tables on the professional politicians and nominate for President a business man, a property holder, one who knows the problems of labor and the farm, in a word—the Republican Party nominate an American!

Another term of Roosevelt, Lickens, Perkins, Morgenthau, Patman, and the 50,000 un-American agitators they have foisted upon us, will put a price tag on this nation of a "dime a dozen." If Mr. Roosevelt is re-elected—and we hope he is nominated—we will be buying gas masks for Christmas presents.

Let the Republicans improve their opportunities, therefore: Let them clean out the socialists, the radicals, the internationalists, and the John Bullies; let them sack the Bullitts, fire the war-mongers, and bring back peace to America.

Left-Above: Excerpts from Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler's testimony before McCormick Committee.

Left-Below: Handbill issued last fall when Nazis wanted to draft Lindbergh for U. S. President.

Right-Above: Coughlin's "Social Justice" of July 1, 1941, proposed Lindbergh for Vice-President.

Right-Below: Sunday paper of May 1, 1941 debates front page headline to quotation from Lindbergh.

TRUE AMERICANS

COL. CHAS. A. LINDBERGH

NOMINATED to be DRAFTED

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!

At an Overflow Mass Meeting at the Embassy Auditorium Bldg., Sept. 10, 1940, Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh was nominated to be Drafted President and Burton K. Wheeler To Be Vice-President of the United States.

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The Free American

DISSEMINATING UNREST AND DISSENT

"We Cannot Win this War for England"

"I say it is the Interventionists Who are Undermining the Principles of Democracy—More than 90% of the People Opposed to War"

—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh

The Ministerial Dept. Is Right

Comrade Recruiting in New York in Violation of Federal Law

This was the clue for which Nazi sympathizers were looking. Immediately, plans were launched to use the General, who had spoke so approvingly of National Socialism and Fascism, as the nucleus around whom would rally all the various groups which were then operating independently of each other. Moseley is powerful enough, it was argued, to force all the jealous, little, would-be Führers to give up their own claims to leadership.

Blueprints were drawn up for the unification. Important personages, whose names are well known in the United States, were to be pillars of the movement. Some were consulted, others were in complete ignorance of the plot. Congressman Martin Dies himself was to be one of the mainstays, but when Dies demonstrated his disinclination to cooperate by having Moseley subpoenaed to appear before his Committee, Mrs. Leslie Fry, one of the originators of the plot, "spilled the beans" and revealed the entire scheme in the July, 1939, issue of the "Christian Free Press", organ of the "Militant Christian Patriots".

Mrs. Fry's article, covering three and a half pages and captioned "Sinister Farce - The Hellish Conspiracy", gave all the details of the scheme. The most important paragraphs, containing the names of the men who were to head the movement under Moseley's generalship, are reproduced on page 2. The majority of these names are known as those of well known Nazi agitators.

The Bundits, of course, fell in line with the campaign and circulated window stickers (illustration on page 2) advocating the election of Moseley to the Presidency of the United States. At the same time, the *Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter*, official organ of the Bund, on December 22, 1938, declared in a leading front-page story that Moseley was THE man of the hour, captioning the article (illustration on page 2): "General Moseley vs. War Makers - Scores Baruch's Warnings of War as a Crime".

Almost two and a half years later, on May 1, 1941 to be exact, the *Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter* once again announced (illustration on page 3) that a new "Man on Horseback" had arisen: Charles A. Lindbergh!

As though sensing with clairvoyant powers, a year previous (on July 1, 1940), Father Coughlin's "Social Justice" appeared on the stands with an article (illustration on page 3) in almost an exact parallel to the "Moseley for President" drive. This article urged the election of Charles A. Lindbergh as Vice President, the Presidency being tendered to Wendell L. Willkie, who was at that time still a question mark in the eyes of all Nazi sympathizers.

Los Angeles Bundits went even further. They wanted to see the flying Colonel ensconced in the White House. On September 10, 1940, a mass meeting (illustration on page 3) was held at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles, under the auspices of the "True Americans", headed by Harold A. Sparling, subversivist par excellence. In his speech, Sparling cried for the drafting of Lindbergh for the Presidency and Senator Burton K. Wheeler for the Vice-Presidency

As if to tie together attempts of former years and those of the present, Pelley, in his "Roll-Call" of April 14, 1941, named Lindbergh with Henry Ford, Senator Wheeler and General Moseley as the new leaders of the nation (illustration on page 3), gathering together in a neat bundle the Four Horsemen of the present Apocalypse.

The question today, in view of the endeavors being made to unite under Lindbergh, resolves itself into whether Lindbergh will follow the honorable example set by General Butler, or allow himself to become the Führer of the foes of Democracy by following in the footsteps of General Moseley. Butler refused to be knighted a traitor; Moseley's actions speak for themselves. Does the Lone Eagle yearn to become a Pegasus?

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COPPERHEAD REPLACES SWASTIKA AS SYMBOL

During the past week a new organization made its appearance on the national scene, the "National Copperhead Association". U.S. Nazis, both native and foreign born, have tried for many years to find a basis upon which all subversive groups in this country could be brought together. Realizing that such a movement demands an outstanding personality at its head, these elements conducted a continuous search for one who could emerge as the "Man on Horseback".

I'M A
COPPER
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Reproduction of
button distributed in Southern California by well known Nazi agitators.

The nation-wide publicity, resulting from the Roosevelt-Lindbergh controversy, has given new hope to Nazi sympathizers who are looking for a leader in order to unify all subversive groups.

NRS herewith presents a factual report on happenings taking place at present in Los Angeles. Developments which are unfolding hourly in this locale are strikingly similar to incidents in other cities, according to reports received from several sources. An expose of activities in Los Angeles, therefore, will serve as a blueprint of related operations in other parts of the country.

The Research Supplement accompanying this release gives background information and documentary evidence throwing into bold relief the parallelisms between present movements and attempts made in years gone by to produce a "Man on Horseback".

On March 16, last, at the Los Angeles Embassy Auditorium, Verne Marshall, of the now defunct "No Foreign War Committee", addressed the "Save America First" group, headed by T. W. Hughes, well known to NRS readers. Marshall's audience was largely composed of Nazi Bundits who were discouraged by vain efforts in the past and who felt that they were too small for the huge task they had set for themselves. Inherently, they knew that a large movement, embracing all groups of a similar nature, was needed.

The "No Foreign War" leader's speech, one of many presented in the heat of the campaign to prevent passage of the Lend-Lease Bill, differed little from other Marshall addresses delivered during the course of his cross-country tour. But there was one exception which aroused his audience of Nazi listeners from lethargy. There was one remark, in fact a pronouncement, which rekindled the dying flame of hope in the hearts of those who heard him say, in part:

We must continue our work. We must not be disheartened by apparent setbacks. We must stick together, for a leader will arise at the opportune time, who will unite all people who think as you and I do; who shall impose the will of the people upon the Washington administration.

Investigation by NRS revealed that this particular statement by Marshall was uttered deliberately, following on the heels of a meeting held in secret by subversive leaders in Southern California. These militant generals have remained very much in the background, and their names are unknown to the large masses of super-patriots who, knowingly or unknowingly, follow the bandwagon of subversivism.

While these hangers-on were kept in ignorance, it was openly avowed at this secret session that "Colonel Lindbergh will be our Man on Horseback". When the controversy between President Roosevelt and Colonel Lindbergh hit the front pages and the air lanes, these behind-the-scene wire-pullers deemed the time ripe to inform the masses of their decision as to the new "Man on Horseback".

At a meeting similar in background and audience to that addressed by Marshall, the stage was dramatically set for this important revelation. On Sunday, May 4, Ellis O. Jones, who frequently acts as chairman at meetings of the Hughes followers, announced the formation of the "National Copperhead Association", whose purpose it would be to line up behind the leadership of the now ex-Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. This news was received with exultation and unanimous approval by the 1200 Nazis and Nazi sympathizers who attend these conclaves weekly.

In order to identify full-fledged members, buttons reading "I'm a Copper Head" (illustration on page 1) were made available in large quantities, at small cost, to those in attendance. Instructions were given to the faithful to go out into the field, in the manner of crusaders, to enlist more adherents to the holy cause.

Every evening during the past week, the German propaganda film, *Blitzkrieg im Westen* was shown, this time at the *Deutsches Haus* in Los Angeles. In the theatre, many were observed wearing the telltale "Copperhead" buttons. Kenneth Alexander, Southern California Silver Shirt leader, has been strenuously urging the members of his group to wear the "Copperhead" in their lapels. Then, to crystallize the growing movement, the Los Angeles chapter of the America First Committee, exposed in earlier issues of NEWS LETTER, distributed telegraph blanks to those in attendance at the regular meeting, with the instructions that messages be sent to Lindbergh immediately, telling him that "we patriotic Americans are behind you and urge you to come to Los Angeles to speak. We promise you the most gigantic rally you have ever seen!"

Last Saturday, the telephone squads of all known Nazi organizations went into action. Every person who had enrolled in one of the subversive organizations or had indicated his sympathy with them, received an urgent telephone message: "Be sure to tune in your radio today when Lindbergh speaks from Minneapolis....Get all your friends to listen in....Come to the Embassy Auditorium on Sunday to hear prominent speakers analyze the words and thoughts of this great American patriot."

On the following day, at the Embassy Auditorium, Lindbergh's address was referred to by Hughes who was the main speaker of the evening. Special emphasis was laid on Lindbergh's statement, "I do not know how much longer free speech will be allowed in this country", implying that soon meetings such as those held by the "Save America First" group would be banned by the Washington Administration, which "is more dictatorial than any European government". Spontaneous applause accompanied such statements as: "Democracy has died because its bloodstream has been poisoned by the international financial system", and demands were made to impeach the President of the United States. The lines in the Blueprint for America prepared by the Fascist wire-pullers are becoming daily more clear.

The Compulsory Training Bill,

By
Virginia Snodgrass

A poll of Congress disclosed that it is overwhelmingly against maintaining a large standing army.

Congress, the poll showed, would go to any limit the military strategists suggest to keep the Panama Canal open since it is the jugular vein of the Nation's first line of defense.

Military experts claim it would take a year to get compulsory training under way. The reason is because the Army and Navy are woefully deficient in nearly every requirement for defense save man power and the latter is being rapidly increased.

The Army is short of uniforms, shoes, guns, tanks, antitank and antiaircraft guns, and scores of other articles that would be necessary to train a citizens reserve.

There is also a vast shortage of instructors in the regular and reserve army for assignment to a vast citizens reserve, such as is contemplated by the compulsory training advocates.

Congress should remain in session all the rest of the year so that these shortages and lack of preparedness can be met with a comprehensive plan. They should also remain in session to put a check on the urge for power and more power that the Chief Executive has always had--but never quite exhibited it so plainly as he has within the last few days. More about that later on in this article.

Compulsory training is a democratic approach to the problem of national preparedness, in the writer's mind.

Only the suggestion comes at a time when the plan is suspect. The President is fairly FROWNING to get Congress out of Washington.

WHY?

Once gone this country--through and because of the President-- will commit an act of war; this will plunge the United States of America into the war--without the consent of the people--this government which was set up BY the people--to function ONLY FOR the people. Again our boys will be poured into the bloody human hamburger machine called war--for the sake of Europe, which has been warring in just this same fashion, more or less, for over 800 years. Ah, yes, my friends, we have had "maniacs" roaming the world before! Starting with the Huns and on down through history--war is EVER and ALWAYS the same--in that the lives of the YOUNG are taken by the tens of thousands--the borders of Europe have been literally SOAKED in blood time and time again. Didn't America have her lesson in 1917?

It is the DUTY of Congress ALONE to authorize war. In defiance of the Congress and the Constitution the president, by a SICK TRICK, has circumvented the war-making power of Congress and ABROGATED to HIMSELF the right to commit the country to AN ACT OF WAR, thus bringing us again into the horrible mass-murder going on in Europe.

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out the Reserves because we are about to be invaded!

A lot of Eyewash, that talk!

It is easier to ASK questions than to answer them, but many Americans would like to have a satisfactory answer to some of the following queries:

If our country is so LITTLE prepared for an OFFENSIVE war, why has our State Department so frequently irritated and threatened POWERFUL nations both in EUROPE and AISA?

If we have HONEST fears of INVASION of the United States by Germany, or by Germany and Japan as Allies, why have we publicized to the entire world that, even with the multiplication of Aeroplane factories and their operation 24 hours a day, we could not produce the requisite number until sometime during 1942?

During the years we were threatening Germany and Japan why did we not expend MORE money for the building of many more tanks and planes and a better Navy instead of giving it as a dole to the unemployed? Even if the armaments would never have been needed, mills and factories would have been operating and people would have had jobs rather than relief money and the outside world would respect our readiness.

Instead of destroying and later on, curtailing crops, why did not the government urge FULL PROTECTION, purchase the SURPLUS at production price and store it away both for the purpose of a war emergency and for the purpose of lower relief costs here and abroad?

If prevention measures are so much sener than curative measures; if they involve less work and cost, why had they not been applied to the ISMS which are now giving our government so much trouble and which has given more concern to governments elsewhere?

All these questions the American people would like the President of these United States to answer.

Instead of answers he is again seeing submarines off the coast of Fair the writer asks in all sincerity--isn't it pink elephants he is seeing most of the time--thus or eating a nightmare panic in certain quarters for a great many citizens--mothers and fathers in the main?

Charles Lindbergh informed England a long time ago what she could some day expect from Germany. He stated that Germany had the finest air force in the world. For this he was called a Nazi--and asked to leave England. His words have been proved true.

Charles Lindbergh stated that Russia had a very poor army. It took the Russians over 3 1/2 months to subdue a handful of Finns. Again Lindbergh was right--and all Russia howled him down when he made his statement.

Now Lindbergh holds that the danger of invasion of the United States by European aircraft has been highly exaggerated by many American interventionists. "The air defense of America is as simple as the attack is difficult" he said, and added we are in danger of war not because European people have attempted to interfere with the internal

he said, "we need only stop asking for war. No one WISHES to attack us and NO ONE is in a position to do so."

"Lindbergh's words have brought down an avalanche of criticisms. Again he has been called pro-german, anti-American and many other things which he certainly is not. His critics seem to forget that facts not insults should be presented in an argument. We're not experts on war or aeronautics, yet it seems to us that Lindbergh called upon not only his wide knowledge but also sound common sense when he asserted that America could not be conquered by gigantic bombing planes UNACCOMP. by an army and THOUSANDS of small bombers and pursuit planes. And an INVADING ARMY. "He said, "could not be transported to this HEMISPHERE unless there were divisions and war among our own peoples"..... Civil "is what he meant there.

Lindbergh advocated a strong defense. So does the writer. He urges us to "guard American today as our forefathers guarded it in the past. They won this country from Europe with a handful of REVOLUTIONARY soldiers. We certainly can hold it now with a population of 130 MILLION people. If we cannot we are unworthy to have it. But the course we have been following in recent months leads neither to strength nor friendship nor peace. It will leave us hated by the victor and vanquished alike, REGARDLESS of which way the tide of battle turns. Our side will claim that we sided its enemies; the other, that we did not help enough. To be successful in modern warfare a nation must prepare for many years before the fighting starts...Years ago we decided to stay out of foreign wars. We based our military policy on that decision. We must not waver now that the crisis is at hand. There is no longer TIME for us to enter the war successfully."

Now we come back to the ACT OF WAR the President is about to commit WITHOUT the consent of the American people.

The average American citizen and voter firmly believes that the SALE of U.S. Government OWNED airplanes, cannon, small guns and implements of WAR to WARRING NATIONS--the Allies--is perfectly "legal."

According to International Law this is not so--it is ILLEGAL and is engaged in carrying a dire penalty for the American people--it plunges us into War immediately! The Hague convention of 1907, the U. S. Neutrality Act of 1918 and the British Foreign Enlistment Act of 1870 state it is "ILLEGAL for a nation NOT at war to "furnish" ANY belligerent with "troops, ships, armaments of war, MONEY or with commodities of Direct or Indirect use in war" A private individual can do it at his own risk..witness the gun-runners of the South American countries--commonly called in error--democracies--all rules through and because of revolutions and by dictators!...So we "sell" these things to an individual--or do we?

It is an ACT OF WAR to furnish a warring nation with war equipment belonging to a NEUTRAL nation or a non-belligerent nation. This is no action "SHORT OF WAR"--IT IS WAR!

If we can furnish a warring nation with our own military equipment by the same token we can furnish them with a battleship full of American boys--and that inst action short of war-- it IS war!

And that is where this clever little scheme for compulsory training for our boys comes in--at this late date.

The President has made false statements and his action is but a subterfuge to conceal something which under our own law and the INTERNATIONAL LAW OF THE WORLD is AN ACT OF WAR: Congress took this plan of action under advisement; Senate rejected it as a violation of INTERNATIONAL LAW: President Roosevelt secured a recess on this bill so there wouldnt be any debate on it--that way the general public would not hear much about it. Daring to do all this with Congress in session what can we expect him to do when Congress is gone?

If it is wht WILL OF THE PEOPLE to commit this ACT OF WAR--to go to war NOW--then let's do it NOW!

But let's do it without cheating an lying--27 million American voters put their future in his hands in 1936. Look what is being done with that same sacred trust today.

Let's do it as the Constitution intends--as an act of the direct representatives of the American people--the ELECTED officials of the Congress of the United States of America--who ALONE are charged with this responsibility-- BY THE PEOPLE of these same United States.

Let us also stop all this "double-talk" about compulsory training for our boys and tell them their parents and the general American public that is a scheme to get the CONSCRIPTION LAW into action:

You must have seen--and heard--in the last 7 years, the most powerful dictatorship in the whole world taking form and place in Washington, D. C.

Wake up, America! Wake up and make your will for posterity before you die!

The death-kenll of Liberty in this generation is tolling--it will never live again in the world for generations, once it is dead.

And dead--it will have died the death that was planned for it just 7 years ago

Do not forget that the present Administration has given un-American organizations who boast they were born in Moscow shocking encouragement.

Known Communist sympathizers numbering more than 500 are now on the Federal payrolls and draw almost 2 Million dollars every year in salaries. This information comes directly from a member of the Dies Committee, Rep. Thomas of New Jersey.

The Jewish War Veterans have asked Congress to outlaw the American Communist Party, for they claim no FOREIGN organization should be permitted to function as a political party in the United States.

The President had coddled this party line for a long time. I wonder why--along with about 20 million other Americans. The President, along with our own Congressman Frank Havenner fought all efforts of the Congress to investigate Communism in this country. Again I wonder why.

A. A. Berle, Jr., assistant secretary of state has resigned from the Lawyers Guild. He declares--after long last--the management of the Guild is not prepared to take ANY stand which conflicts with the Communist "party line". As the New York Sun pointed out recently, the Washington, D. C. chapter of the Guild once had half of its membership on the New Deal payroll.

The American people are FOOLS--to trust anyone who is a fellowtraveler or a sympathizer of the Communist Party.

Summing up this review--which incidentally will endy do for today, for the scenes shift rapidly in the war theatre--France is in a very serious condition. She has lost the major part of her rich coal mines, her textile and other industrial centers in the north including armaments and aircraft planes, also a large section of her most productive agricultural region.

Hitler told Deladier last September that he was going to march his Austrian divisions through France; he also said he was going to eventually stand in the Hall of Mirrors in Versailles, surrounded by his marshals and generals, and wipe out the humiliation of the Versailles Treaty there imposed on Germany in 1919.

The fate of France is now very precarious, more so since Italy has come into the war. "The fight for England" will begin when France has been eliminated--" so declared Italy.

But France isn't done--even if England has refused to come to her aid. There hasn't been a victory yet. Satchow, I believe it very sacrilegious to even mention the dear names of God and of Jesus Christ, His Son, in this review. Viewing, through the newspapers, the tens of thousands of young sons--brothers of the Christ, slaughtered, slain, dying in agony--and all because a few power-drunk men refuse to settle their differences around a COFFEE TABLE--my very soul revolts at the thought that EITHER side can have the colossal presumption to call on God! It is the devil they belong to, not the Father of Heaven!

Did I hear YOU say we are a FREE people?

Wake up, AMERICA, before, we, too, die from war and blood and plunder lust.

X Eastern weeklies -- pick up at national headquarters.

From the start of the article (not printed here) it would appear that most of it was copied.

I am informed that "Eastern weeklies" is a Catholic publication - I happen to be a Catholic & I know the Catholic faith has nothing in its teaching or practice that will ever publish propoganda against the United States. The scoundrel is strictly Miss Goddard.

This was or
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called a
"review of the war"
by Virginia Goddard

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New York, N. Y.
August 10, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Re: [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two reports submitted by [REDACTED] dated August 8, 1940.

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The Bureau's attention is particularly invited to the report dealing with the interview with [REDACTED]. It should be noted on page four that [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that Charles A. Lindbergh is a subscriber to the American Fellowship Forum and its periodicals. As the Bureau has been previously advised in reports and information submitted by this office, the American Fellowship Forum is definitely a very pro-Nazi organization.

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I wanted to invite your special attention to the statements already made to the informant with regard to Lindbergh.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge.

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[REDACTED] also avers that Charles A. Lindbergh is a subscriber to the American Fellowship Forum and its periodicals.

Likewise, he asserts that Avery Brundage who introduced Lindbergh at Soldiers Field is a member of the steering committee of the Forum.

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Mr. Tolson	
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December 10, 1940.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

W. J. Wagner

RE: [REDACTED] ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ INFORMANT
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Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto two reports dated November 29th, 1940, and one report dated December 3, 1940, submitted by the above named Confidential Informant.

The contents of these reports will be placed in the files referring to the subject matter mentioned in the respective reports.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett

B. E. SACKETT,
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The writer attended a steering committee meeting of the Committee for the Preservation of America which plans to hold a series of "National Christian Conventions."

The committee completed plans for a meeting to be held next Tuesday night in the Labor Lyceum, Woodside, L.I. On December 17th, a meeting will be held in the Bronx Athletic Club where a similiar meeting was held several weeks ago.

Among those who attended the meeting last night were a Dr. Nichols, a minister from Brooklyn who heads a secret organization known as the "American Squares." The "American Squares" meet once a month, the first Monday of every month, in Steinway Hall, 58th Street and Sixth Avenue, N.Y.C. The meetings are closed to the general public and admission is by card only. Four open meetings are held each year. The organization is anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic and somewhat pro-Nazi. This group has been denied the use of several hotels for their meetings, including the Astor which permitted them to rent facilities once or twice and then raised the fee to an exorbitant sum.

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Dr. Nichols says that he is in closer touch with Dr. Colescott of the K.K.K. and urged Louis D. Edwards to bring his organization in closer touch with the southern group.

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Edwards says that John B. Snow, of the League For Constitutional Government, 18 East 48th Street, N.Y.C. is representing the America First Committee, Inc. in this city

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and making every effort to bring other organizations into
a cooperative body to fight against aid for England.

Edwards says that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has
built up a considerably formidable organization to fight against
aid for Britain in intellectual circles.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Re: [Redacted]
REGISTRATION ACT.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is [Redacted] dated March 5,
1941, [Redacted] relating to [Redacted]
[Redacted] the American Fellowship Forum.

A copy of this report is being retained in the file
for use in connection with this investigation.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett
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American Fellowship Forum

This organization was founded by Dr. Frederick E. Auhagen and maintained offices at 11 West 42nd Street, N.Y.C.

The actual membership of this group was approximately 500 members. Its official organ was "Today's Challenge". Amongst the contributors of articles to this magazine were Philip Johnson, George Sylvester Viereck, Lawrence Dennis, Dr. Auhagen, William R. Castle and Charles A. Lindbergh.

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SUMMARY OF FACTS:

This report is being submitted to show the growth and organization of the American Peace Mobilization and its domination by the Communist Party, U.S.A., from information available in the Chicago Division files and information furnished by confidential informants.

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Victor Riesel, a writer for the "New Leader," official organ of the Social Democratic Federation of New York (left-wing Socialist) accurately pictures the coming peace mobilization in the New Leader of July 20th, 1940 as follows:

"All too little attention is being paid to the coming August 31 'peace mobilization conference' of the Communist Party fronts in Chicago. Here is the culmination of all apparatus activity involved in revamping the League for Peace and Democracy structure into some new national organization. This will be the Comintern's most important American front--dedicated to pro-Nazism, Anglo-phobia and an American-Russian friendship pact.

From the West Coast's State of Washington to Joe Curran's see-going cells the comrades make ready for the Chicago orgy. The National Maritime Union will send 700 delegates, the American Youth Congress several hundred more; scores of National Negro Congress Delegates will be present--and of course the much touted Congressman Vito Marcantonio. If Vito isn't punch drunk from constant rounds of 'peace' talk at local fronts, his constitution is as strong as his Stalinism.

Watch the transmission belts turn up: Every borough has its Community Peace Congress, People's Peace Committee, Mothers' Peace Movement, etc. From Brooklyn to the Bay in Frisco, mimeographs twirl turning out blue-prints for an automation national Peace Mobilization. Local officers everywhere are members of the National Maritime Union, the A.Y.A., and Stalinite C.I.O. unions. The comrades are keeping it all in safe hands. In California, C.I.O. Secretary Goldblatt, in Washington, C.I.O. Secretary Eugene Dennett are key men. So are local officers of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

In Indiana, the Evansville Peace Council--C.P., of course -- prepares for the Chicago meeting by distributing leaflets quoting Charles Lindbergh's talks.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 1, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

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NO FOREIGN WAR COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

The following information was received at the Bureau from an outside unknown source.

The alleged "peace" campaign which had been receiving wide publicity virtually disintegrated the first week of January when Verne Marshall, leader of the No Foreign War Committee, revealed that his organization was linked directly to Hermann Goering, second in command of the German government.

At the same time he refused to express a preference for a British victory over Germany stating that the terms which his colleague and financial backer William Rhodes Davis, an official Nazi agent in the western hemisphere, had secured for the United States from Herr Goering were fair bases for a negotiated peace.

None of Marshall's supporters have repudiated him although many among them are closely identified with Socialist Party official peace fronts. Linked directly to the No Foreign War Committee is Senator Burton K. Wheeler, who has not only given the committee moral support but early this fall cooperated with Marshall's lieutenant, O. K. Armstrong, member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the American Legion. Mr. Armstrong is a charter member of the Marshall group.

Last summer he and Wheeler joined in what

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they termed an "American Anti-War Crusade" under the auspices of the Keep America Out of War Congress.

This rally was endorsed by Maynard Kreuger, Norman Thomas' running mate in 1940, Harry Fleischman, the Illinois State Secretary of the Socialist Party, and other leading members of the Socialist Party. There is no indication that these men are pro-Nazi. They are reportedly sincere isolationists, but in their efforts to secure "peace" they have been willing to work with other ostensibly sincere "peace" organizations, only to find that they have become part and parcel of a Nazi offensive.

This was the case when C. Hartley Grattan found himself writing the introduction for what turned out to be the German "White" paper, when Harry Elmer Barnes wrote favorable letters to a Dr. Auhagen who was later exposed as one of the chief Nazi agents here; when A. J. Muste, Harold Chance, Frederick Libby and others connected with the Socialist Party peace outfits attended a Washington conference and found themselves with Charles Lindbergh, Nerle Thorpe of the magazine, "Nation's Business", and others. Chance has remained on the sponsoring committee of No Foreign Wars, and Libby has endorsed "Scribners Commentator". The editor of "Uncensored" has become the publicity director of "America First".

At a meeting in Chicago's Auditorium Theatre on June 30, 1940, O. K. Armstrong and Senator Wheeler, among others, talked for forming a "new and great anti-war party". At that time Wheeler and John Lewis were involved in political negotiations which received wide publicity. It was subsequently revealed by Kenneth Crawford, Washington Correspondent for P.M., that it was John Lewis who arranged the contact between William R. Davis and Mexican Communist Labor chief Lombardo Toledano so that Davis could consummate an oil deal between the Mexican and German governments. Lewis'

daughter and close associate Kathryn is a member of the Executive Board of "America First".

In addition to revealing that Mr. Davis was one of the moving spirits and financial backers of the No Foreign Wars Committee, Mr. Marshall's statement showed that his group was the result of negotiations conducted during the Republican nominating convention among members of the GOP-Ford-Hoover-section of the isolationist bloc. The Committee was first thought of by Mr. Marshall, who was one of the speakers at the GOP convention, and two other delegates, George Eggleston and Douglas Stewart, now associated with Scribner's Commentator.

This magazine has become the appeasement mouthpiece of Henry Ford and Charles Lindbergh. Marshall came to New York at Eggleston's invitation and then was taken to a private dinner at which he met Lindbergh. It is reliably reported that some members of Senator Wheeler's Congressional isolationist bloc were present.

New York members of the German American Bund were discovered the first week of January, distributing on street corners thousands of white blue-edged buttons reading, "No Foreign Wars". The Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter has officially endorsed Mr. Marshall's committee.

William Rhodes Davis' interest in the No Foreign War Committee is hardly altruistic. He is today the largest individual oil operator in the world; he operates oil refineries in Germany and has for years been close to the German economic ministry, as its oil purchasing agent abroad. He was responsible for bringing to this hemisphere his friend, Joachim Hertslet, one of the top Nazi agents in North America.

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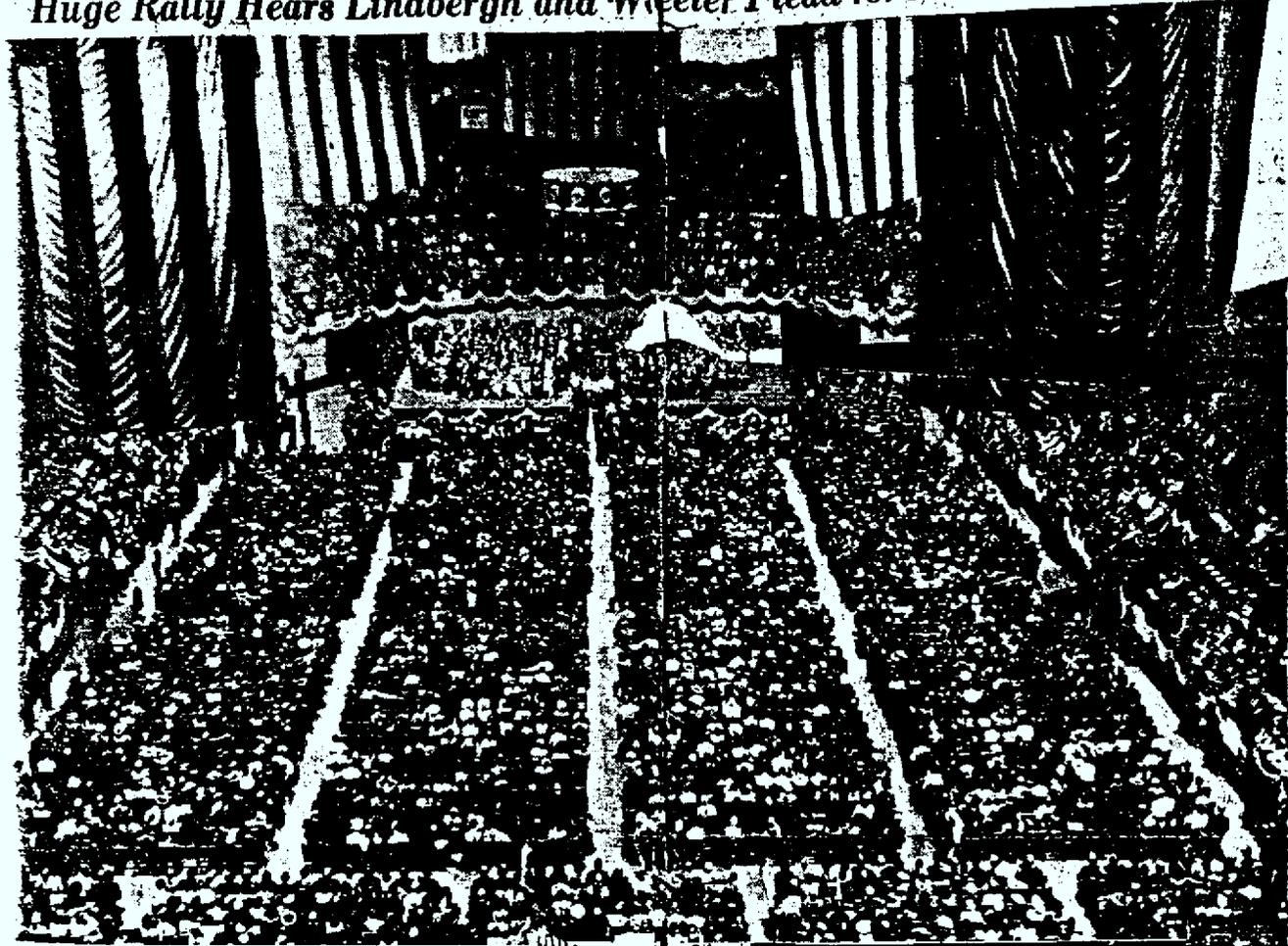
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Huge Rally Hears Lindbergh and Wheeler Plead for Peace Leadership



crowd of 20,000 that jammed Madison Square Garden for Lindbergh
THROUGH HEARS "WAR MAKERS" DENOUNCED
 —Wirephotos. Before a crowd estimated at 20,000 persons, and with 2,000 more outside the building, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Senator Burton K. Wheeler joined in an appeal for "adequate leadership" to keep the United States out of war at a mass meeting in Madison Square Garden, New York City.

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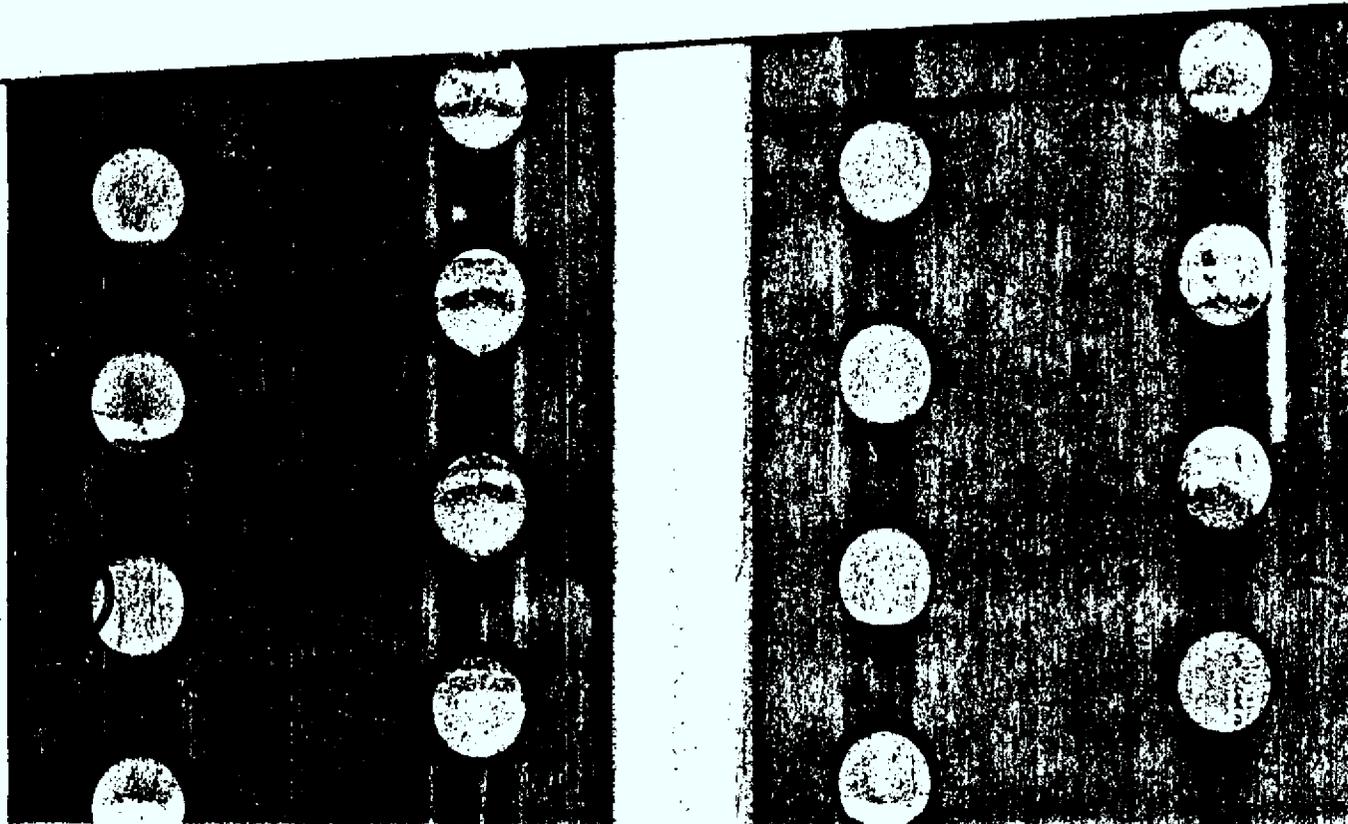
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Wheeler, Colonel Lindbergh, Kathleen Norris and Norman Thomas



Franklin Delano Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.



B. K. Kramer

MARSHALL 'PURGES' THIRD OF HIS STAFF

Obtains Board of Directors for No Foreign War Group

Verne Marshall, editor of The Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette, "purged" his No Foreign War Committee yesterday and got it a first board of directors.

During the day, he personally discharged one-third of the office staff at 100 East Forty-second street. And late last night he announced the election and acceptance of directorships by ten persons.

Thereby, he explained, he proposed to remove the appearance of being a one-man committee in which his organization had been left by the resignation of its original promoter, O. K. Armstrong, publicist, and by the admitted estrangement of Charles A. Lindbergh together with Douglas M. Stewart and George Eggleston, the publisher and editor respectively of Scribner's Commentator, all four of whom he named as the original backers of the No Foreign Wars Committee, who induced him to become chairman.

Mr. Marshall said he was assisted in this reorganization of the No Foreign War Committee by Bronson Batchelor, public relations

counsel for a number of important industries and publicity director of the \$300,000,000 campaign of the Red Cross during the first World War; and also assisted by Mark M. Jones, president of the Akron Belling Company, economist, organization engineer and member of the committee on economic policy of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Batchelor headed the list of ten persons made public last night as having accepted election as directors of the No Foreign War Committee. As ranked by Mr. Marshall, the others were:

Robert M. Lancaster, associated with the investment firm of Winthrop, Mitchell & Co., who continues as treasurer of the committee; Mr. Marshall; Mrs. Helen D. Longstreet, widow of General James Longstreet of the Confederate Army; Clarence Budington Kelland, writer; Harry W. Colmery of Topeka, Kan., former National Commander of the American Legion; together with three directors from Mr. Marshall's home town of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, namely, Dr. Harry M. Gage, president of Coe College, Mayor Frank K. Hahn, and Don Barnes, attorney.

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Marshall Says He Was Picked By Lindbergh

But He Hasn't Heard From Flyer or 2 Other Early Backers Lately, He Adds

Verne Marshall, chairman of the No Foreign War Committee, tracing the history of the formation of the group, said yesterday that with the resignation of O. K. Armstrong, field director, whose dismissal he had sought for four weeks, he could really begin proper nation-wide organization of the committee.

At the same time he revealed a series of meetings last November at the Waldorf-Astoria, at which Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, Douglas M. Stewart, co-owner, and George Eggleston, editor, of "Scribner's Commentator," prevailed upon him to accept the chairmanship after Harford MacNider, former national commander of the American Legion, had refused it. The refusal, he said, was based on Mr. MacNider's disinclination to be associated with Mr. Armstrong.

Col. Lindbergh, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Eggleston were convinced by Mr. Armstrong's argument that he could swing twenty-four religious and peace organizations with a membership of 30,000,000 behind the committee, Mr. Marshall explained. When Mr. Marshall tried to oust Mr. Armstrong, he was persuaded not to by the three men, and since then had not heard from them directly, he continued. Nor did he hear anything more about the fifty mass meetings and the list of prominent board of directors which he said Mr. Armstrong had arranged.

Donations Put at \$54,907

While Mr. Marshall was holding a three-hour interview on the origins of the committee, Robert A. Lancaster, treasurer, announced that total contributions up to yesterday amounted to \$54,907.58, received from 8,672 persons. Committee expenses, judged by the original advertising campaign and its offices and staff, are believed to be about \$100,000. Mr. Marshall said that he and his newspaper, "The Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette," had guaranteed the first \$100,000 in expenses. These figures would indicate a \$45,000 deficit which Mr. Marshall and his newspaper must stand with subsequent contributions put in.

Mr. Marshall's account of the genesis of the committee began on June 17, when he met Mr. Eggleston and Mr. Stewart and was asked by them to write an article for their magazine, which he did. Five months later he again came to New York and was invited by the two men to attend a dinner given at the University Club by Merwin K. Hart, president of the New York State Economic Council. There he met Col. Lindbergh, Mr. Armstrong and Charles S. Payson, co-owner of "Scribner's Commentator," and a writer and editor whose names he could not remember.

Says Lindbergh Picked Him

At this dinner Mr. Marshall said he spoke at length on his views on keeping America out of the war and also outlined generally the peace agenda which he said William R. Davis, international oil operator, had brought back from Germany. As a result, he continued, he had several meetings with Col. Lindbergh, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Eggleston in the next few days, at which the idea of the committee was evolved.

Later the chairmanship was offered to Mr. MacNider, who first refused, asked for a week to think the matter over and then definitely refused. It was after this, according to Mr. Marshall, that Col. Lindbergh and Messrs. Stewart, Eggleston and Armstrong persuaded him to accept the chairmanship.

Later, Mr. Marshall continued, he told his original associates that Mr. Armstrong had failed to live up to his promises and that he could tolerate him no longer. He said a dispute with Col. Lindbergh over the advisability of retaining Mr. Armstrong in the organization terminated his last conversation with the aviator. "Now perhaps they know I was right," he added. He blamed Mr. Armstrong for the fact that plans fell through for a rally in St. Louis at which Col. Lindbergh was to have started the committee's campaign.

Mr. Marshall gave the interview after returning from Washington where he had refused to appear before a Federal grand jury investigating campaign expenditures on the ground that the subpoena was a nullity. He left Washington after conferring with his attorney there, Alissa Hanson, although he was scheduled to appear before the jury yesterday morning. Later it was learned that the subpoena bore the name of the late Frank E. Cunningham, clerk of the Federal District Court until his death, instead of the present clerk. A new subpoena was issued yesterday.

Eight Directors Named

The nation-wide organization of the committee that Mr. Marshall talked about got under way last night with selection of eight directors, a policy committee of seven members, and the authorizing of Mr. Lancaster to form a finance committee of three members. This took place at the first annual meeting of the committee.

The directors are Harry W. Colmery, of Topeka, Kan., past national commander of the American Legion; Mrs. Helen D. Longstreet, of Savannah Beach, Ga., head of the Defense of the Republic and widow of Gen. James Longstreet, Confederate general in the Civil War; Mark M. Jones, of Princeton, N. J., economist; Clarence Budington Kelland, author; Bronson Batchelor, of New York, economist; Dr. Harry M. Gage, president of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mayor Frank K. Hahn, of Cedar Rapids, and Don Barnes, attorney, of Cedar Rapids.

The identities of the policy committee were not disclosed. Three of them are directors. Mr. Marshall also announced that the firm of Hurdman & Granston, 350 Madison Avenue, certified public accountants, would audit the committee's books.



Associated Press
Verne Marshall during an interview here yesterday

Mr. Tamm
Mr. Egan
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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Peace Conference Urges Definition Of Defense Limits

Group Also insists That No American Soldiers Should Go to Europe

The Emergency Peace Conference today urged the Government to define the geographical extent of territories it considers it the duty of the United States to defend, and demanded that no American soldiers be sent to fight in Europe.

At the closing session of the two-day conference today at the Lafayette Hotel, the conference urged adoption of an immediate campaign to "halt our steady drift toward war." In a statement, the conference declared a purpose to expose and combat with vigor all propaganda designed to lead the Nation into war, all forces functioning to break down American neutrality, and to foster ill-will and conflict between the United States and other countries.

Representatives of about 20 peace organizations joined in the formation of a resolution of purpose by the hastily called conference.

Officers Selected

As the conference closed, a slate of officers was selected, headed by O. K. Armstrong, who was chosen chairman. Others named were: Vice president, Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., of Chicago; vice president, Mrs. Mildred Olmstead of New York; secretary, Dr. Frederick J. Libby of Washington; organization chairman, Douglas W. Stewart of New York; literature chairman, George Eggleston of New York; chairman of youth groups, Miss Fay Bennett of New York. A committee of 12 men and women will be appointed later to expose and combat war propaganda. Mass meetings are being planned for dissemination of information all over the country.

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh last night called for immediate action to combat propaganda and agitation for war, which, he warned, are active now throughout the Nation.

In a surprise appearance here last night at a banquet of the conference, the aviator demanded adequate organization by leaders of American groups who believe the Nation should remain out of the war in Europe.

He added: "We may differ sincerely in our beliefs as to how war may best be prevented. Some, in which I include myself, believe we should build strong military forces for our defense. Others believe war can best be avoided by more peaceful measures. Their viewpoint I respect as I hope they will respect mine."

The peace conference dinner was attended by about 50 representatives of various pacifist groups throughout the Nation, called together yesterday by Mr. Armstrong. Marie Thorpe, editor of Nation's

Business, charged that New "socialism" is dragging the Nation toward war.

In a short speech introducing Lindbergh, Mr. Armstrong American peace groups consider their leader.

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Brigadier General Sherman Miles
Assistant Chief of Staff
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Dear General Miles:

For your information, an anonymous communication was received by me enclosing a newspaper clipping which reads as follows:

"One of the Washington Army Officers (whose name has been rumored from time to time as ghosting Lindy's radio speeches) can't deny that when he was in Berlin Mr. Goering gave him a medal inscribed: 'To a true friend of Nazi principles.'"

This is furnished you for whatever attention you deem appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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

Dear Edgar,

Don't you think something ought to be done about this or do we want another situation like that in France?

One of the Washington army officers (whose name has been rumored from time to time as "ghosting" Lindy's radio speeches) can't deny that when he was in Berlin Mr. Goering gave him a medal inscribed: "To a true friend of Nazi principles." 2-7-40

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Mr. Frank J. Wilson
Chief, Secret Service Division
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am transmitting herewith for your information and whatever consideration deemed appropriate copies of a letter dated January 7, 1942, addressed to the President by an individual giving her name as [Redacted]

The letter was referred to this Bureau by the White House.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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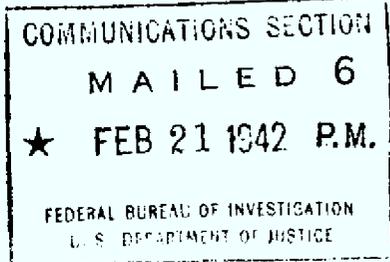
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Very truly yours, b7c

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure



Jan. 7th, 1942.

Mr. Franklyn D. Roosevelt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I have sat quietly by listening and thinking with things getting so bad one thinks the only thing left to do is to go lay down and die. I voted for you three times, but was very sorry I did the last time in-as-much as you changed two weeks after your last election. You became a different person. "A War Monger". Going around with a chip on your shoulder, waiting anxiously for some-one to knock it off. That square jaw of yours reaching across the Atlantic doing your best to egg us into the war at one end or another.

You were asking for war and you know it when you introduced the Lease Lend Bill, which shocked the Nation for we were told this meant war to become an arsenal of Democracy at one end or the other, which turned out to be the other "Japan". We were fighting an Undeclared War when we began spying for England on the Atlantic. There were a lot of underhand ed things went on along that time. What the people thought meant nothing to you. All they've got to do is pay and pay, every way. I hope you know your responsible for all of this and all the lives that will be lost every one of them and I hope you are haunted till your dieing days.

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You must have felt pretty guilty in George Washington's pew in Church that Sunday and with Churchill Washington was an American he did'nt sell us out, he protected us from England. For England always drains every country she can. Its high time we learned to look out for ourselves, as every other country does. I thought we learned something from World War 1. Or is it true that this is another Wall Street Internation Banker's War for blood money. I thought by this time we were civilized and could come to mutual agreements about slight differences, or is it just money, blood money that counts. Surely we have learned that no matter how much we spend on a War that even if we win, we lose terribly and in billions that never can be made up. Is this to happen in cycles of ten and twenty years just to keep the people drained. Lots of people have just nicely gotten caught up from the depression, able to have a few things now and maybe save a little before this came along.

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Wheeler, Norman Thomas and a lot of other were correct when they said we weren't prepared for war and that Hitler would'nt come over here. Now you admit that we aren't prepared when it takes till '43 to be ready and you intend to send men all over the world. If you thought any one was coming here you certainly would'nt think of sending men all over as that would weaken us here and then Hitler or anybody else who intended to come certainly would come with our men out of our country. So this was propoganda, as everyone suspected. Well we found out who really were our rattle-snakes and it was'nt men like Lindbergh. He's a real American, our best, he was really trying to protect us, instead of having us give our defense away and pay for it to.

Our allies, another big laugh, like poor relation, no money, no tools; what good are they. We have to furnish everything for half the world and pay for it too. It does'nt make sense to anybody. The boys should be told what they are fighting for. We have been tricked so much. But it better be the truth. We can get mad too.

We have been through too much World War 1, Depression, which the bankers made plenty on and now World War 2. I believe as Ford said that there were 25 men in the world who cause this trouble and we want that 25 the Wall Street Bankers and International Bankers, its our middle men, all over greed and trade. That should be easy to remedy, not necessary to have expensive war equipment and a huge loss of lives and a huge deficit of billions, to drain this country forever. "Live and Let Live". That's all Germany and Japan both want; to be able to exist. England holds down the world, exploiting and expanding. We have been following her tactics and are becoming a hated nation.

Remember! We want refrigerators, hurrah! We want radios, hurrah! We want washing machines, hurrah! hurrah! We want stoves, hurrah! hurrah! We want silk stockings! hurrah! hurrah! hurrah! We want to live while we live. You knew what everyone wanted them, but you forgot it in two short weeks. But that was just to get you in for another term. People are still shouting the above and won't forget how they've been tricked.

I'm not a crab. I am a real American and my ancestor fought for 200 years to free this country from England and then you hand it back on a platter.

It makes us sick to our stomachs to have to hear military music on the radio and shows. We are fed up now. We hate War, Remember!

Get rid of your Knox and Stimpson and some of your Jewish cabinet and your great New York bankers, the Dorothy Thompson's and Walter Winchells and that Wendell Wilkie, they are the ones including yourself, who are not Americans. We should get down on our knees to men like Lindbergh, surround yourself with men like these N. Thomas Wheeler, Nye, Father Coughlin. They were trying to drive the money changers from the temper. Side-track this war that will ruin us forever. Every country will be glad to deal with us if we don't help England enslave the World.

We thought you were serious in helping Americans save their homes and build up the country, only to whiz them all away with high taxes. You are already charging income taxes to men who only make \$1500., these are men who have to borrow to live up to \$2300. and it is'nt fair. These big men want War let them pay for it. Tax the ones heavy who are becoming War millionaires. I am not a Socialist, but this is not a Democracy. There is much to be done right here to make this country a real Democracy. And you have taken the other alternative now. Your last term and you have to put everything back where you found it. This is not a free country now with people with fixed salaries cut way down and even having to pay income taxes on their little wages. We will never forget this. We are sitting back and waiting, for the vital moment.

The morale of the people arent for War, when instead of paying their bills they are hoarding everything they can. They are for looking out for themselves. That's human nature. Why does'nt our government look out for itself. Every nation on earth has been jealous of this country. Its high time we looked out for our own country. That's being a real American. England always sits back and lets any country who will do her fighting for her. She does'nt even have Conseription in her own country or Canada. We do, we are the saps. She has only spent 14,000,000,000 dollars where we have already spent \$50,000,000,000 and most of that is obsolete and we have to start all over again. Looks like we have a racketeering government. We have a lot to do right here. Our trouble is still from within not from without.

for you,
We will be all and will sing your praises if you will be all for us and help make this place a better place to live.

Very truly yours,
U. S. A. Committee,

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February 8, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: EDWARD R. SHARP;
GEORGE W. LEWIS;
JOHN F. VICTORY;
HENRY J. E. REID;
E. H. CHAMBERLIN;
WALTER H. REISER;
ERNEST W. JOHNSON;
O(National Advisory
Committee for Aeronautics);
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

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It will be recalled that in December, 1935, this matter was referred to the Washington Field Office of the Bureau by Assistant United States Attorney Harry H. Holt, Jr., at Norfolk, Virginia, who requested an investigation in regard to information furnished by [redacted]

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On December 26, 1935, the matter was referred to Colonel F. H. Lincoln, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department, Washington, D. C., who on February 10, 1936, furnished information to the effect that the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics was an independent Governmental agency not under Army supervision and, for that reason, no investigation was conducted by G-2. After receiving this information, the matter was referred to Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, who on February 28, 1936, authorized the Bureau to make an investigation.

The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics was created by an Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1915, for the supervision and direction of the scientific study of the problems of flight. The law creating the Committee provides that the Committee shall supervise and direct the scientific study of the

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problems of flight, with a view to their practical solution, and to determine the problems which should be experimentally attacked, and to discuss their solution and their application to practical questions. This Committee is also authorized by law to direct and conduct research and experiment in aeronautics. The Committee's laboratories are located on a portion of an Army field assigned to this organization by the Secretary of War and are under the direct control of the Committee." The NACA was consequently an independent Governmental Agency, operating under an appropriation allowed to it by Congress each year, it being noted that its appropriation for the fiscal year 1937 was \$1,177,550.00.

The members of the NACA in 1936 when this investigation was conducted were as follows:

*
Joseph S. Ames, Chairman
David W. Taylor, Vice Chairman
Charles G. Abbot
Lyman J. Briggs
Rear Admiral Arthur B. Cook *
Willis Ray Gregg
Harry F. Guggenheim
Captain Sydney M. Kress
Charles A. Lindbergh
Wm. P. MacCracken
Brig. Gen. A. W. Robins
Eugene L. Vidal
Edward P. Warner
Major Gen. Oscar Westover
Orville Wright

The active management of the NACA was under the direction of Dr. George W. Lewis, Director of Aeronautical Research, and John F. Victory, Secretary, and E. H. Chamberlin, Assistant Secretary. The NACA maintained an office in the Navy Department in Washington,

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D. C., and the Laboratory at Langley Field, Virginia, the Laboratory being under the direct charge of H. J. E. Reid. Other positions held by persons mentioned hereafter in this memorandum, and their identities, are as follows:

Edward R. Sharp, Administrative Officer
Ernest N. Johnson, Chief of the Technical
Service Division
Walter H. Reiser, Chief of the Maintenance
Section.

The NACA operated a clubhouse located at Back River, Virginia, on property leased by officials of the NACA from Effie Decker of Hampton, Virginia, the lease having been executed on July 29, 1932, by George W. Lewis, John F. Victory, Henry J. E. Reid and E. H. Chamberlin as lessees. The NACA had previously leased this same property from the same lessor. This clubhouse was the subject of the present investigation. The evidence secured in the case disclosed that Government owned material and Government labor had been used in improving, enlarging and maintaining this clubhouse. Donations of money and equipment were also made by NACA employees, and employees had on occasions worked on their own time at the clubhouse in keeping it in repair. The NACA maintained an entertainment fund to which the employees subscribed, and the money actually paid for the annual rental of the grounds upon which the clubhouse was situated came from the entertainment fund.

The purposes of the NACA camp as expressed in a memorandum dated July 28, 1923, to the NACA Committee on Personnel, Buildings and Equipment were, first, "to provide an inducement for governmental officials to visit the laboratories of the Committee and become familiar with the work of the Committee; second, to promote the morale of our own employees at Langley Field." Officials of the NACA

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justified the maintenance of the camp as a morale activity by pointing out that Langley Field was in a relatively isolated location, and opportunities for amusement were rather limited in that locality. Dr. Lewis, in discussing the purposes of the camp with the investigating Agents, stated affirmatively that one of the purposes of the camp was to provide an inducement for Congressmen, particularly members of the Appropriations Committee, to go to Langley Field so that they might observe work which was being done by the Laboratory. These officials advised the investigating Agents that the NACA was anxious, of course, to secure the services of young college graduates in their research activities, and that, consequently, they must compete with employers offering more inviting surroundings than those of the NACA Research Laboratories, and that consequently the clubhouse was considered desirable and even necessary to place the NACA in a more advantageous position in dealing with its employees.

The clubhouse was a structure of about 60' in length by 25' in width, equipped with a large screen enclosed perch, which was used for sleeping quarters, and was otherwise equipped as a country camp. Assigned to the NACA at Langley Field was a 45' motorboat, the property of the United States Government, known as the "Retriever", which was used for official business, and investigation showed that it had also been used by Congressional parties and other Governmental officials for transportation to and from the clubhouse and for fishing parties. While the boat had in the past been used by NACA employees for fishing parties, a charge of \$4 was made to the employees for such use, out of which amount the bait and tackle were purchased, and whatever amount remained was put into the general clubhouse fund. No charge was made to the Congressional guests and other Governmental officials for the use of the "Retriever" and clubhouse. The Congressional parties and other official guests did, however, pay for the food actually consumed by them at the clubhouse, this payment being made directly to the NACA Exchange.

*No further reference or
mention of Col. Lindbergh*

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For the past five years I have been going to Fort Myers Beach, Florida for a month or two in the winter and every winter I have noticed that this spot, particularly, Fort Myers Beach Hotel, is the headquarters of the Oxford Group. Last year Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh were there for ten days and now they are back there again this year meeting with this organization.

It seems that Jimmie Newton is the leader of the group and a close personal friend of the Lindberghs and Newton is also the son of Dr. Newton, who is the owner of the Hotel.

I am writing you this because a lot of people feel that this Oxford Group is pro-German and that Lindbergh is the mouth piece for the organization.

I feel it my duty to pass this information on to you in the strictest confidence.

Yours very truly,

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Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Walter Winchell
N.Y. Daily Mirror
New York, New York.

To Hoover

Dear Mr. Winchell -
Knowing of your splendid crusade
for what is right and just, it occurred
to me that the article from the Chicago Daily
News of February 14th would interest you.
I have always been most proud of
this great metropolis in which I
live, but this sort of thing appeals
to me when it is allowed to occur
without incident.

Frankly it "smells" of treasonable
intent — just the kind of
"Americanism" which Hitler so
much admires.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]

February 14, 1942

[Redacted address block]

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APPEASERS BOO F. D. R. AND ALLIES IN MEETING HERE

Cheer McCormick, Huey
Long and Lindbergh;
Laugh at 1st Lady.

BY FRANK SMOTHERS.

Britain and Russia were booed last night, China's war supply needs made a subject for laughter and America's commander in chief ridiculed at a meeting of William G. Grace's revamped Citizens' Committee, in session at 32 West Randolph street.

Before Pearl Harbor it was the Citizens' Keep America Out of War Committee. Grace now has reorganized with the shorter name.

As principal speaker the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, Detroit spell-binder, chairman of what he calls the Committee of a Million, cajoled the crowd for almost two hours. A crowd of some 500 filled the 12th-floor meeting hall.

The crowd cheered and applauded the names of Charles A. Lindbergh; Col. Robert R. McCormick, the Chicago Tribune, Senator C. Wayland Brooks, the late Senator Huey P. Long, Senator Gerald P. Nye, Representative Clarence Day, and "America First."

Hit Treason Charges.

A great chorus of enthusiastic "eyes" adopted a resolution that attacked Representative Raymond S. McKeough's charge in Congress of treason against McCormick. The resolution endorsed "most heartily" the Tribune and its "editorial policy," and paid tribute to the "patriotism" of McCormick.

All but a few in the audience were middle-aged or elderly. Faces of most were stern as they entered. No men in uniform were seen.

As in similar meetings before Pearl Harbor Lindbergh's name above all was magic with the crowd. Its first mention by Smith brought the house down with cheers, high shrieks of women, long hand-clapping. To that Smith came back:

"Give him a real hand!"

The crowd responded with a ringing, cheering ovation. Lindbergh's name was tumultuously cheered again when Smith said that for real "unity" Nye should be brought into the cabinet, Senator Robert Reynolds of North Carolina made Secretary of War and Lindbergh appointed head of a new air arm.

"Frank Knox should resign before midnight," shouted Smith, waving his arms. He is a stocky, dark-haired orator, whose gestures range from arm-swinging to squinting in midsentence.

First titters at the President's expense came when Southard, who spoke before Smith, declared that Washington and Lincoln were "isolationists" and that Lincoln made his position clear "again and again and again." Smith repeatedly brought similar titters with alluring references to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. There were appreciative giggles, too, when Southard read a reference to China's dissatisfaction because she is not getting what she wants in lend-lease aid.

Audience Ends a Sentence.

In one of many attacks on Britain Smith said: "The dagger that's sharp enough for the kidneys of Australia is sharp enough to pass through the kidneys of—and women in the audience finished it with him—of America."

The house came down when Smith said America First should not have disbanded and when he extolled his old intimate, Huey Long, as "the Lincoln of the South."

Smith declared he was for "victory" in the war, but that "victory" meant different things to different people. He didn't want a "victory" that would "make Eleanor president," said the preacher.

"The only defeat for America would be that which destroyed the independent destiny of America," he proclaimed. "The only victory would be that which preserved it."

Throughout his speech Smith reiterated that what he wanted was victory for a "Christian America," nor did the cheering crowd misunderstand his implication regarding the Jewish citizens of America.

He painted the horrors of the war and said that if his "8-foot sop comes back to his beautiful mother and myself in a wheelchair or blind or in a casket I pray to God let it be a victory for us, not Russia, not Britain, not the international bankers." The Reds and "Union Now" he chastised repeatedly.

Smith said he favored "using" Britain and Russia in the war, he affirmed, and, with the war over, giving them 24 hours' notice to "get out."

Nominating petitions were circulated in the anteroom of the hall and many signatures secured for Brooks and for Grace as a congressional aspirant. Social Justice was on sale in the anteroom.

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- Mr. Tolson _____
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- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Holloman _____
- Mr. McGuire _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Jim Rowe of the Department called and asked me to drop by his office. He stated that, in connection with the investigation of Gerald Smith for sedition, he had received information some six months ago from [redacted] an investigator for the Tolan Committee, that [redacted] of Detroit knew the whole picture with reference to Gerald Smith; that [redacted] had just gotten in with Smith for the purpose of fighting the Communists and then had found that he was in something worse than the Communist activities. [redacted]

Rowe stated that [redacted] has in the past stated that he would not talk to the FBI. However, [redacted] has apparently now gotten him in the mood to talk to the Bureau Agents and he allegedly is to be interviewed in the next few days by the Detroit Office.

Mr. Rowe furnished me with the attached chart and memorandum which had been prepared for him by [redacted] based on information furnished to him by [redacted] concerning the activities of Smith. It is noted from the attached material that [redacted] claims that Smith is financed and connected with the I. G. Farben Company, Henry and Edsel Ford, Senators Wheeler, Nye, Reynolds, and other prominent individuals.

Mr. Rowe stated that he wanted the Bureau to know of this so that the Detroit Office would have the background at the time they talk to [redacted]

Copies of the material furnished by Rowe were made and I am personally returning the original memorandum and original pencilled chart to him.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd
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Report made at DETROIT, MICHIGAN	Date when made 7/22/42	Period 6/20,25;7/6, 7/42	Report made by [REDACTED] b7c EJG
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Title

GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH,
aka Gerald L. K. Smith;
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION.

Character

INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

SYNOPSIS:

[REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan reveals statements of SMITH indicating that United States is going Fascist or Communist and he wants lead United States toward Fascism. [REDACTED] interviewed concerning alleged plot to defame him and so forth, no additional information, unable to state specifically original source of information about conspiracy. [REDACTED] contends that involving him in Chicago Grand Jury Investigation is part of same conspiracy. Subject occupied principally with political campaign to Wayne Republican Nomination for United States Senator from Michigan. Subject contacts [REDACTED] of Ford Motor Company and CHARLES LINDBERGH presently employed by Ford Motor Company.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 29, 1942 at Detroit, Michigan.

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██████████ said that he had no documentary proof of any of the activities of ██████████ GERAID SMITH, or any of that crowd. He explained that his understanding of their program was gained merely by observation.

██████████ revealed that SMITH is continuously attempting to contact ██████████ of Ford Motor Company, both at his home and at his office but he is almost always confronted with ██████████ Assistant ██████████ who accepts messages for and delivers messages from ██████████. Their usual conversation is merely as to whether there is any news and the usual answer is that there is no news.

SMITH has continued to contact CHARLES AUGUSTUS LINDBERGH now in the employ of Ford Motor Company and on July 10, 1942 SMITH took ██████████ with him to a conference, which he had with CHARLES AUGUSTUS LINDBERGH for several hours at Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Michigan. Special Agent ██████████ conducted a surveillance and observed that SMITH and his wife were driven up to Dearborn Inn and went into a private room and left several hours later. ██████████ did not see CHARLES LINDBERGH himself but it was reliably reported by ██████████ that the conference was planned to be between SMITH ██████████ and LINDBERGH.

██████████ further reported that SMITH has distributed upon special request a copy of ELIZABETH DILLING'S book "The Red Network".

██████████ further stated that on July 11, 1942 ██████████ of Pontiac, Michigan told SMITH that "our friend" from the southwest was rumored to be arrested in northern California and placed in a concentration camp. He told ██████████ that "our friend" may be out on a confidential mission and he should not worry.

In accordance with Bureau letter dated June 20, 1942, the writer telephonically contacted Subject and requested him to appear at the Detroit Field Office for an interview by Mr. BUGAS and the writer concerning the alleged plot which Subject reported to Attorney General BIDDLE. At 2:30 P.M. on July 7, 1942, SMITH was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge JOHN S. BUGAS and the writer in the office of the Special Agent in Charge. The interview lasted until 3:20 P.M. and Subject was asked to give all the information in his possession concerning the alleged plot which he reported to the Attorney General. Persistent attempts were made to confine Subject to this limited scope but he furnished practically no facts which were not already known to the Bureau. In short, he stated that he was visited by Mr. HUIE, Associate Editor of the American Mercury magazine, which is largely owned by reputable Jewish persons. HUIE told SMITH that he wanted information so that

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October 20, 1936 quoting SMITH'S announcement that he had formed a Fascist organization of 10,000,000 patriots to seize the Government of the United States.

The article then criticizes SMITH'S attitude against labor and terming Union leaders as "crap-shooting, dishonest, Communist loafers".

SMITH'S approval of LINDBERGH'S Des Moines, Iowa speech is then cited to show that SMITH also blamed the war on British propoganda, Jewish groups and the ROOSEVELT administration.

The article then refers to SMITH'S intimacy with Reverend GERAID WINROD and Reverend LELAND MARION at whose church in Pontiac, Michigan WINROD spoke during the first week in December, 1941 and therein complimented COUGHLIN and SMITH.

The article refers to the Committee of 1,000,000 as the co-ordinating center of the activities of all Detroit's pro-HITLER elements including the extinct America First Committee and the existing National Workers League.

It refers to SMITH'S Congressional contacts including Senator ROBERT R. REYNOLDS, Senator GERAID P. NYE, Representative CLARE HOFFMAN, and Representative ROY O. WOODRUFF.

This article is a strong attack on GERAID L. K. SMITH including "A prison cell not a Senate seat is the place for GERAID L. K. SMITH. The more quickly the people of Detroit insist that enemies of America be treated as such, the more quickly will the day of final victory arrive."

Other articles in this booklet criticize FATHER COUGHLIN, the National Workers League, the Ku Klus Klan. This booklet is being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office.

[REDACTED] National Bank Building, Detroit, had later referred Agent to [REDACTED], Shreveport, Louisiana. b2u

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

DECLASSIFIED BY 6050/LE/DA
ON 8-10-77

Dear Sir:

The following additional information has been received
from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau:

SMITH has been continuing to contact [redacted]
of the Ford Motor Company, and has been promised financial
and other assistance by [redacted] in carrying on SMITH'S political
campaign for the United States Senate. SMITH and his wife have also con-
tinued to contact CHARLES LINDBERGH, presently employed by the Ford Motor
Company.

On July 16, 1942, [redacted] of Wichita, Kansas,
a friend of [redacted] arrived in Detroit, Michigan, and
immediately made an appointment with SMITH for a conference at the Statler
Hotel.

SMITH continues to give notice of his political campaign
to [redacted] and a visit to Detroit, Mich-
igan by [redacted] has been arranged for some time in the near future.

On July 19, 1942, SMITH was advised by [redacted] RECORDED
[redacted] for the Ford Motor Company, that he had been interviewed pre- &
viously at the Detroit Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation INDEXED
concerning the activities of GERALD L. K. SMITH. [redacted] told SMITH
that the pressure for the investigation was coming from New York and the
Federal Bureau of Investigation was compelled to investigate the complaint
which had been received about SMITH. [redacted] said that he told the
agent he could say nothing bad about SMITH and he promised that when he
had been interviewed at some future time, he would promptly advise SMITH
about the interview. SMITH coached [redacted] as to what he could say to the
Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent. He instructed him that it would
be all right to say that when SMITH came to Detroit SMITH asked
[redacted] to recommend some good Communists investigators and [redacted]
loaned [redacted] to SMITH so that he could get information about the Communists.
[redacted] added that all he could say in addition was that he got some money

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from some "good Americans" and spent it on a radio. On July 22, 1942, SMITH was instructed to call [REDACTED] at the home of [REDACTED] of the Recorders Court, Detroit, Michigan. SMITH discussed with [REDACTED] the possibilities of his winning the election for the United States Senate and when SMITH said he thought he had a good chance of winning, [REDACTED] interrupted and said that he didn't care whether SMITH won, it was just that he wanted SMITH to give . . . , and at that point [REDACTED] was interrupted. When [REDACTED] resumed later on, he explained he had called a meeting of several of the more important judges in Michigan, including a Supreme Court Judge whom he did not name and several others at the home of [REDACTED]. The reason for this meeting was that none of these judges wanted to see SMITH'S opponent Judge HOMER FERGUSON "get to first base." [REDACTED] asked SMITH what sort of help he wanted from these Judges and SMITH answered that he would want \$3000 to cover the next ten weeks of broadcasting (SMITH is paying \$250 per week for some Sunday broadcasts). [REDACTED] said it would be no trouble at all to get this sum of money for him. At the end of the conversation SMITH said to [REDACTED] "I am the only one still going. Everyone else is under the bed but me. If I didn't just stick and fight . . . , it's going to take just that kind of fight to beat these (profane) that are putting everybody out of business." [REDACTED] concluded the conversation by telling SMITH that anything he did for SMITH was not to be obtained in one lump but was to be obtained from fifteen or twenty sources.

[REDACTED] has attempted to contact [REDACTED] but has not been successful.

SMITH has refrained from commenting about the recent arrests of [REDACTED] and others with whom he has been having contact.

On July 28, 1942, MR. SMITH asked to speak to Special Agent in Charge JOHN S. BUGAS, who was out, and SMITH was referred to Special Agent [REDACTED]. SMITH advised [REDACTED] that two reporters for LIFE and TIME magazines were attempting to interview him and he wanted to report to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in advance of the interview because he thought that this was part of the conspiracy of his enemies to accuse him of being a Fascist. SMITH also reported that he has heard that a woman has been asking for him at Station WJR, stating that she knows MR. SMITH would get her son deferred. SMITH stated for the record that he refers all such requests to the War Department; stated that this was part of the smear campaign against him which is waged by Communists and other enemies of his. SMITH advised Agent [REDACTED] that the Communists have already started their campaign against ELMER DAVIS, Head of the Office of War Information. SMITH concluded by saying

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the purpose of his telephone call was to state for the record that the reporters were on a vicious mission against him. SMITH has complained about the appeal of the Civil Rights Federation through Attorney General BIDDLE for an investigation of FATHER COUGHLIN and GERALD L. K. SMITH. SMITH has explained that the President of the Civil Rights Federation is Professor JOHN SHEPARD of the University of Michigan who has been active in other communistic front activities. SMITH says that the secretary of the Civil Rights Federation is JACK RASKIN who is a Communist formerly active in a sabotage strike at the Bohn Aluminum Company before the entry of the United States into the war.

On July 30, 1942, SMITH advised [redacted] of Radio Station WJR, Detroit, Michigan, that SMITH had a conference with [redacted] and other rubber experts of the Ford Motor Company who told him that if they are permitted, they can produce enough tires for all industrial workers in Detroit by Christmas and every industrial worker in Michigan within a year. b7c

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
JOHN S. BUGAS
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

DETROIT FILE NO. **62-1206**

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 11/13/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/2,3,9,26,28, 29; 10/1/42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald L. K. Schmidt; THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY CUSTODIAL DETENTION SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Further information corroborating SMITH'S support by Ford Motor Company and free office space. Further information concerning SMITH'S anti-Jewish attitude and declarations. SMITH complied with request of Treasury Department and recently filed income tax return for 1938. SMITH'S explanation for late filing, attacked United States Government for harassing a crusader against bureaucratic tyranny.

SMITH defeated in Primary Election for nomination as Republican Candidate for United States Senator from Michigan but received 120,000 votes. After conference with Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS, SMITH ran as independent Republican Candidate for election to same office. SMITH still in contact with Ford Motor Company through [REDACTED] and attempting to contact CHARLES A. LINDBERGH. SMITH has specifically intimated that he plans to organize an independent Republican Party, which will sponsor CHARLES A. LINDBERGH for President, SMITH receiving financial support from [REDACTED] National Workers League endorsed SMITH.

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unless I know what his conduct is."

[REDACTED] also advised that SMITH has been in contact with [REDACTED] and Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS. He has also contacted [REDACTED] who has promised SMITH both financial support and advice on the conduct of his political affairs. SMITH was preparing the report of his expenses in connection with his primary political campaign and told [REDACTED] of ED BARNARD, Detroit political leader, "I want to make sure that it is good enough but still don't want to make it too good." SMITH then arranged to get BARNARD'S comments on his campaign report. b7c b7d

Shortly before the primary election on September 15th, to be exact on the night of September 11th, 1942, a broadcast was arranged over radio station WJR in which WILLIAM POWER MALONEY spoke on the evils of seditious propaganda and closed by referring to the indictment of twenty-eight persons for sedition in Washington, D. C. The Civil Rights Federation was to follow immediately and mention that one of the seditious publications mentioned in the indictment was "The Cross And The Flag", which is published by GERALD L. K. SMITH. [REDACTED] advised SMITH of this contemplated program but said there was nothing he could do to change it since the facts as stated were accurate. It should be stated here that the Civil Rights Federation is known to the Detroit Field Office as a Communist Front Organization. The broadcast was actually made as planned. b7c

On September 13, 1942, as the primary campaign was drawing to a close SMITH commented to [REDACTED] that the smear campaign against him was not as bad as it might have been because he thought they would have run articles about his connection with WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, who is now serving fifteen years for sedition. SMITH explained that many newspapers were hesitant to carry such information because they feared a decrease in circulation. b7c

[REDACTED] continued that SMITH has persisted in attempting to contact CHARLES A. LINDBERGH at the Ford Willow Run Bomber Plant. To date it is not believed that SMITH has contacted LINDBERGH but he has succeeded in having a two-hour conference with [REDACTED] of Ford Motor Company, on September 23, 1942. At the conclusion of the conference, SMITH informs his wife that the men at the Ford Motor Company were panic stricken and were open to suggestion. b7c

SMITH directed his secretary, [REDACTED] to make out two separate financial reports for his political campaign, one in the name

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the feelings of the British rubber monopoly.

On October 8, 1942, according to information received from [REDACTED] SMITH had a political meeting in which he attempted to answer the argument of his enemies that he was a lieutenant of HUEY LONG. SMITH announced that HUEY LONG was a great man and that the only times he made mistakes was when he was under the influence of liquor. SMITH also said, "Before we will submit to being city-slicked by another WENDELL WILKIE or any of his Michigan stooges, we will start a new party and nominate CHARLES LINDBERGH for President." b7D

All of SMITH'S radio addresses have been received by the writer under an arrangement as previously described. It is noted, however, that practically all of SMITH'S recent speeches have been devoted entirely to political propaganda aimed at securing his nomination as Republican Candidate for the office of United States Senator from Michigan. The following speeches made by SMITH are being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office and are not being reported verbatim because it is felt that they pertain exclusively to political propaganda: August 30, 1942, September 9, 11, 13, 14 A.M., 14 P.M., and 15, 1942.

The election was held and SMITH met his defeat on September 15, 1942. On September 20, 1942 SMITH explained to his friends over the radio the reasons for his defeat as being newspaper opposition, professional politicians of the Republican Party and New Deal politicians encouraging the Republican Party to nominate the Republican Candidate who would be not easily defeated by the Democrats. In his speech SMITH addressed the successful Republican Nominee Judge HOMER FERGUSON and criticized him for having not discussed the real issues of the campaigns. SMITH said that the Republicans will want to know how you stand on WENDELL WILKIE'S Post-War Plan to make us part of an international empire. The people want to know whether you think the Baruch Committee on rubber is an intelligent attempt to solve this problem or merely an attempt to save the monopolies. The balance of this speech also is deemed to be purely political and is, therefore, not being quoted in full.

SMITH'S radio address on September 28, 1942 was also purely political in which SMITH suggested that he was seeking the advice of his followers to determine whether or not they thought he could run as an independent Republican Candidate. This speech also is being retained in the file of the Detroit Field Office and is not being quoted verbatim herein.

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Your letter of March 12, 1941, has been received and I want to express my sincere appreciation for your courtesy and interest in writing as you did.

You may be assured that the information contained in your communication has been noted with interest and will receive appropriate consideration.

I hope that you will feel free in the future to make available to me any data which you deem to be pertinent to the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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This Case Originated At KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI ~~Secret~~ File No. 65-896-a

Report Made At KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI Date When Made 3-16-42 Period For Which Made 2-17-27-42 Report Made By [REDACTED]
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... *at that* time Mr. HENRY FORD had been interested in the isolation activities and views of Mr. CHARLES LINDBERGH, and others, and that [REDACTED] had been recommended to them by Mr. LINDBERGH as a qualified individual whose activities they could support in furtherance of the desire to keep this country out of war;

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United States Department of Justice

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New York, N. Y.
July 13, 1940

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

[redacted]

RE: [redacted]

Dear Sir:

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I am enclosing copy of a report dealing
with several matters of interest to the Bureau, furnished
by [redacted] on July 11, 1940.

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Very truly yours,

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B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge.

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McWilliams - The American Destiny Party is roaring ahead with considerable success in its Yorkville campaign, and the meetings held in Yorkville under the auspices of the American Destiny Party and in the Bronx under the auspices of the Christian Mobilizers are too numerous to discuss in detail. They are exceedingly wide in tone, involve unbelievable amounts of slander and incitement, and are attended by quite large crowds, ranging up to 2,000. McWilliams for the first time is heavily praising Hitler and Mussolini as the right models for American fascism. There is a great deal of talk that McWilliams is going to get Col. Lindbergh to come up and speak for him in Yorkville and lapel buttons reading "Welcome Lindy" have already been prepared.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON, D. C.**

FILE NO. **77-2704**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-13-40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-30; 12-2 3, 10, 12-40	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE [REDACTED]		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY STATE DEPARTMENT	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: It was once rumored that [REDACTED] had fascist tendencies. He is also reported to have given approbation to appeasement theory of Colonel CHARLES LINDBERGH. [REDACTED]			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Washington, D. C., dated November 29, 1940.			
DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C. [REDACTED] advised that he had discussed the question of [REDACTED] with his wife and she had disclosed to him that during the early part of 1940, it was rumored around in Washington society that [REDACTED] was sympathetic or had tendencies toward the fascist cause. [REDACTED] advised that he questioned his wife regarding this rumor, its source and what it was based upon but she could not recall from whom she had received the information nor the exact nature of the rumor. [REDACTED] further advised [REDACTED]			
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that his wife had on one occasion discussed with [REDACTED] a speech which was delivered by Colonel CHARLES LINDBERGH in Chicago in which speech Colonel LINDBERGH advocated the appeasement policy. As a result of this discussion, [REDACTED] had drawn the conclusion that [REDACTED] agreed in a large measure with the thoughts and ideas of Colonel LINDBERGH and gave approbation to his speech. [REDACTED] further advised that his wife had disclosed to him that on one occasion when the question came up concerning the alarm over progress being made by the German armies in Europe, [REDACTED] had expressed the opinion that this alarm was undue and showed little concern over the German domination of Europe.

[REDACTED]

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. **40-323 RRC**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 10/14/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/28; 10/1, 3, 5, 6/42.	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE [REDACTED] b7c			CHARACTER OF CASE PASSPORTS AND VISAS SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

Prior to Pearl Harbor, an isolationist, extremely anti-British. Associated with Charles A. Lindbergh, the America First organization. Not pro-Nazi or disloyal to the U.S. Since Pearl Harbor, sympathizes with the U.S. and its war policies. **[REDACTED]** Criminal negativ Files reviewed.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 62-61324, Bureau letter to New York dated 9/4/42.

DETAILS:

At New York City:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Prior to Pearl Harbor, the subjects were active isolationists and had been active in organizational work with the American First Committee, which was headed by CHARLES A. LINDBERGH. In his conversations with the subject since the United States entered the war, [REDACTED] stated that he was definitely of the opinion that the subjects were no longer isolationists in their viewpoints. He attributed their active work in the America First Committee to the fact that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and that it was more or less for social reasons that they were active in this organization. He stated that by being active in this organization and associating with the LINDBERGHs, the [REDACTED] had bettered themselves in a social sense by meeting people of prominence. At this time he remarked that [REDACTED] would join probably any movement which attracted her inasmuch as she was fairly wealthy and had nothing to occupy her mind. He doubted seriously that she realized the principles of the America First Committee but was interested solely for social gain. He also stated that at the present time she is actively engaged in war work in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover
Wash. D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

For

Summer reading I suggest two
books for you - "The Great Secret."
by E Phillip Oppenheimer ¹⁹¹¹ "Mein
Kampf" by Adolf Hitler. The
first published in London for
told the incidents which were
supposed to have brought about
World War #1.

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The 2nd published in 1922
is an outline of neurotic
gangster & paper hanger,
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Those of us who think, know

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that German influence is
work. Why not weed out all
Federal employees who are
Germans as well as discharge
them from the W.P.A.?

There may be some
wisdom in some parts of
this letter.

Yours truly

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P.S. Looks like Col. ^{John A.} ~~Hub~~ ^{Bagh}
is too close to the Lazi ^{Gov} ~~Gov~~
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

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October 3, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: [REDACTED] b7c
INTERNAL SECURITY - G. b7D

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the telephonic conversation with [REDACTED] WILFORD of the Bureau, there is being attached hereto copies of a memorandum submitted on July 24, 1941 by Special Agent Richard C. Godfrey, which sets forth the results of the interview had with [REDACTED] b7c

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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MEMORANDUM DATED AT NYC 7-24-41

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. J. CONNELLEY

Re: [REDACTED] b7C
Internal Security - G b7D

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This is to record that on May 22, 1941, [REDACTED] called at the New York Office and advised the writer that during the early part of May, 1941, he had become acquainted with an individual known to him as [REDACTED] through a friend of his, [REDACTED]

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According to [REDACTED] is of the opinion that Hart's office is the clearing house of the "World Fascist Executive Committee".

[REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] stated that Hart was constantly in contact with Mr. Martin Dies, U.S. Representative from Texas, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] is that the so-called "World Fascist Executive Committee" is using Dies and his un-American Committee in the same manner as the Nazis use the "Red Scare" in turning Germany into a Fascist state.

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Memo. for Mr. E. J. Connelley

Re: [REDACTED] B7c
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July 24, 1941

[REDACTED]

One of the so-called master minds of the Fascist Committee, according to [REDACTED] is a FATHER TALBOT, who is connected with the magazine AMERICA'S CHURCH. She was of the opinion that FATHER TALBOT was the paymaster of the group and had been very active during the Spanish War in transmitting money to the FRANCO group during the early period of the so-called "revolution". She likewise related that COL. CHARLES A. LINDBERGH of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE had often been seen by her at MERVIN HART'S office and apparently had meetings with him regularly.

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[REDACTED]

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. GODFREY,
Special Agent.