

FRONCZAK RESIGNS FROM COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE HERE

Health Commissioner's Withdrawal Strips Group of All City Officials

Health Commissioner Fronczak, following the example set by other city department heads, today resigned from the Niagara Frontier Defense Committee and thus stripped the organization of all its city-administration membership.

Dr. Fronczak made known his decision to leave the organization in the following statement:

"Due to the hectic conditions in these chaotic times, I am severing my connection with a number of non-official organizations, including the Niagara Frontier Defense Committee."

Caught in the middle of a city-wide controversy because of its consideration of a resolution advocating an immediate declaration of war against Germany, the Niagara Frontier Defense Committee today delayed preparation of a substitute resolution until public reaction has shown what its policies should be.

McClellan Resigns

Chairman Chauncey J. Hamlin, who sponsored the pro-war resolution, is convinced that public discussion of the question was "tending to clarify the situation."

Meanwhile, following action by Mayor Holling, Fire Commissioner Castimore and Public Works Commissioner Louis A. Harding, Police Commissioner McClellan announced his resignation from the committee. However, Chairman Hamlin said his organization would continue as an unofficial body.

"We are no longer responsible for the defense of Buffalo," Mr. Hamlin explained. "The official defense council, appointed by Mayor Holling, now has charge of that. It will be our duty to see that the defense council operates and actually does something."

The latest attack on the committee for its consideration of the Hamlin resolution came from C. S. Farrar, 29 Oakland pl.

"Untimely, Unthoughtful"

"You have subversively and openly committed yourself to the promotion of American intervention into foreign wars," Mr. Farrar wrote Mr. Hamlin.

"As an individual supporting such a contention, I submit to the legality of your premises. But inasmuch as you support such a contention within the role of your public duties, I am moved to condemn your utterances."

Mr. Farrar continued that the statement was "both untimely and unthoughtful."

"Will history justify your contentions?" he asked. "Or are you being led along by some tinkling and shadowy illusion that you are the almighty seer and omniscient dictator of men's minds?"

Mr. Farrar said he made his statement to Mr. Hamlin "entirely on my own and not at the instigation of anyone or any organization."

Warned of Appeasement

Chairman Hamlin announced that he had replied to protests from the Women's Christian Temperance Union by sending them copies of a sermon by the Rt. Rev. Henry Wise Hobson, Episcopal bishop of Southern Ohio.

Bishop Hobson warned the United States to "shun the road to appeasement and to realize that man cannot exist half slave and half free."

A similar letter was sent to Mrs. George W. Thorn of the Erie County W. C. T. U., who had framed the organization's original letter to Mr. Hamlin.

Mr. Hamlin said he had received letters from persons willing to fill vacancies resulting from withdrawals from his group.

He also has received some additional cash contributions toward the organization's support since the controversy arose. The money is turned over to the treasurer, Marc W. Comstock, for office and other incidental expenses.

- Mr. E. A. Tamin
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Hamlin
- Mr. Resen
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

Buffalo Evening News
Buffalo, New York
December 7, 1940

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/28/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (62-8242)

SUBJECT:

FEDERATION OF CONSERVATIVES
1632 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(Civil Rights Section)

Re Bureau airtel dated 6/16/60 and captioned as above and requestion WFO to determine if [redacted] Federation of Conservatives is engaged in any activity which would be of interest to the Bureau. INCORPORATOR - COMMITTEE ON PAN-AMERICAN POLICY
MEMBER - BOARD OF GOVERNORS - FEDERATION OF CONSERVATIVES
On 7/8/60, [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that ALLEN ZOLL incorporated the Committee on Pan-American Policy in Washington, D. C., on May 13, 1960. The other incorporators, [redacted] are HAROLD LORD VARNEY, 2447 Butler St., E. Elmhurst, New York, and GEORGE COMBI, 1530 Newton Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

[redacted] the purpose of the Committee is to foster better relations between the United States and Latin American Republics, through the publication and dissemination of informational material. The committee is a non-profit corporation and is at present located at 1632 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. [redacted] the telephone number is Executive 3-7850, which is a telephone answering service.

[redacted] ZOLL is in the process of organizing the FEDERATION OF CONSERVATIVES.

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ALLIATED WITH GENERAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS - FEDERATION OF CONSERVATIVES

As an enclosure to the Bureau ten Photostatic copies of five-page letters containing information pertaining to the Federation of Conservatives are being forwarded which were received from [REDACTED]

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The Bureau will be advised of any additional information received.

A CALL TO ACTION

To every
Real American

The Communists say that they will not have to conquer America - that soon the United States will fall like a ripe plum into their lap.

As every thinking American realizes, the communists and socialists, together with their allies, "liberals," one-worlders, etc., have been making terrifying progress in taking America down the road to Socialism. They have almost - but not quite - succeeded in their avowed goals of destroying our Constitutional form of government and wresting from us, our individual freedom.

The thing that makes our slide to Socialism so tragic - and so absurd - is the fact that the vast majority of Americans are conservatives. In spite of this we have lost ground. We have been sitting on our hands or wringing them in despair, while a socialist minority, a comparative handful of dedicated eyed-in-the-wool destructionists, has all but taken over this glorious country.

How is it that a small minority has been able to get such power that they have practically destroyed traditional Americanism? They have been able to do so largely because they work hard and they work together. Conservatives have done neither. It has been truly said that "all that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing". THAT is the real reason for the enemy's success.

The destructionists have been clever, too. They have gotten control of most of the media of mass communication - newspapers, radio, TV, book publishing, magazines, even newsstands and libraries. Through this control, they have brought such pressure upon each branch of the Government that all but the staunchest Americans have been unable to resist it. This pressure is responsible, among other things, for the fantastic spending of the Government, which in turn has brought about our near-disaster inflation.

To save America, this frightening trend to Socialism MUST be stopped - and AT ONCE. There is one way - and only way - to stop it, namely to build up right-wing pressure to counterbalance the pressure from the left. This can be done. It MUST be done - if America is to be preserved. To build up this pressure is the primary function of this Federation.

Read the pages inside, then join at once this all-important Conservative Crusade. Make your patriotism effective by acting in concert with the other American conservatives who are working to counteract the activities of the socialist conspiracy which is firmly dedicated to the destruction of everything that real Americans hold dear.

Yours for a Conservative Victory


Allen A. Hill
Acting Chairman

LEFTIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE UNITED STATES

The campaign of the leftist conspiracy to destroy America is carried forward on five major fronts:

- (1) Destruction (of the Constitution and American traditions)
- (2) Centralization (elimination of the States as political entities)
- (3) Confiscation:
 - (a) of our gold
 - (b) of the value of our money through inflation
 - (c) of our individual wealth through progressive income taxes and inheritance taxes
- (4) World government (to destroy the United States as a sovereign nation and cause it to be absorbed by an international organization completely controlled by aliens).
- (5) Control of communications, which gives them power for
 - (a) brainwashing the public
 - (b) conditioning us for the hand-out state and Socialism
 - (c) destruction of the will to resist
 - (d) purging those public figures who oppose them
 - (e) building up those who do their bidding
 - (f) mass selling their false economic and political theories.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE ENEMY

It is always dangerous to underestimate one's enemy. The "liberal" - socialist conspirators are not only hard working, dedicated and intelligent, but they never give up. Conservatives win a skirmish, then retire to their golf, bridge, business, or pursuit of pleasure and consider the war won. But the Left never stops. After a temporary set-back they regroup their forces and strike again.

Not only have they taken over the means of publicity and communication, but they have infiltrated everywhere - in some cases to the point of domination. Particularly is this true in schools, colleges, labor unions, associations of scientists. They have even infiltrated church groups and business associations.

This powerful, complex, smoothly-operating conspiracy reaches into every facet of our local and national life. So much so that the continued free and sovereign existence of the United States is at stake.

CONCERNED ACTION NECESSARY

You have seen instances of what can happen when the American people become aroused and act to make their feelings known. One instance was in 1937, when Roosevelt's court-packing bill was stopped in its tracks. A later one was in the defeat of attempts to destroy the McCarran-Walter Immigration bill. The most recent instance was when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was forced by aroused conservatives to drop the "Liberal" attempt to shelve the Connally Amendment.

In spite of spectacular successes in these isolated instances, the Conservatives have lost ground, chiefly because they are not organized for continuous and concerted action - the socialists are. If enough Americans will join the Federation of Conservatives and will work when the need arises, we can stop the trend to Socialism, and can regain some of the ground that has been lost.

Nine-Point Platform
of the
FEDERATION OF CONSERVATIVES

We believe with the Founding Fathers that the only purpose of the State is to protect the liberty and property of the people, and with Thomas Jefferson that "the less government the better."

We favor:

Greatly reduced taxes, through cutting government spending to the bone and through eliminating boondoggling bureaucrats.

A sound dollar, so that our money, insurance policies and pensions will retain their value.

Maintaining the national sovereignty of the United States.

Elimination of foreign aid except for American military defense.

A Supreme Court that fulfills its sworn duty to uphold the Constitution.

Forming in each Congressional District an organization for nominating and electing conservative, economy-minded Congressmen.

Getting the government out of all business which can be conducted by private enterprise.

Reducing the power of the federal government, and returning to the states their constitutional rights.

Every effort, short of actual war, to liberate the captive nations from Soviet Imperialism.

We oppose:

Confiscatory taxation, extravagance, waste, and give-away programs.

Inflation of all kinds, including the wage-price spiral, printing press money, etc.

All attempts to place the United States under a world government.

Attempts to buy friendship; and the support of pro-communist, socialist governments at the expense of American taxpayers.

Legislation by the Judiciary, and misinterpretation and evasion of the Constitution.

All government officials and candidates who are socialists, "liberals," pinkos, welfare-statists, and one-worlders.

Socialism in every form, including government ownership and competition with private business.

Federal interference in schools, housing, voting, and other matters constitutionally belonging to the states.

Abandonment of the 150 million people our government, through leftist pressure, surrendered to atheistic Communism.

NOTE *** The final mailing piece will contain a list of the Advisory Committee and/or the Board of Governors.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED - URGENTLY

Undoubtedly you are now affiliated with one or more organizations which are engaged in certain phases of the fight to save America. There are scores of such organizations - some of them splendid.

However, the Federation of Conservatives is not "just another organization." It is, as its name implies, a Federation, which every American should join who wants to save the Constitution, to preserve Freedom, and to hand down to posterity the priceless heritage our ancestors bequeathed to us.

Keep working with the other organizations you now help, but also find a little time to assist this Federation. It is vital that all conservatives join together in one concerted effort to make our wishes known. If only one-tenth of the real conservatives will unite and work, America can be saved from the dangers that threaten it.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

It is not enough to be a conservative at heart. To save America you must be an active conservative. There is much that you can do to preserve our American Heritage. For instance:

- (1) Join this Federation
- (2) Get other conservatives to join
- (3) Make your views known to office holders, candidates for office, and others in your community
- (4) When matters arise which require united action, get as many people as possible to act.

LET US NOT FAIL OUR ANCESTORS OR OUR DESCENDANTS

To gain the Freedom we now enjoy, our ancestors risked their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. If we of this generation do not unite and act speedily - we will irrevocably lose our Freedom so dearly bought and bequeathed to us to hold in trust.

If through our apathy, disbelief, or carelessness we fail to act to save our Freedom and that of generations yet unborn, it will be a shameful thing, for which our descendants could rightly hold us in abhorrence.

LET THAT NOT HAPPEN!

Join this Federation today and resolve to do your part to save America - the last great hope of Freedom in the world.

Membership dues are anything you want to make them. Send whatever amount you care to - from \$1 to \$1000. We want YOU in - we NEED you in. Join today!

Federation of Conservatives
1632 K Street, N. W. Suite 14
Washington 6, D. C.

I am a Conservative and want to join the Federation of Conservatives.

I am enclosing \$ _____ as membership dues.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Federation of Conservatives
Suite 14 - 1832 K Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

June 16, 1960

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Dear Patriotic American,

The leaflet setting forth the aims and purposes of the Federation of Conservatives will go to press in a few days.

Will you be good enough to let us know that we may include you with the other real Americans who are working with this Federation? The names of those who have accepted are:

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Taylor Caldwell, Distinguished writer
Author, *The Devil's Advocate* (and many other outstanding works).

Frank Chodorov, Great Libertarian Author
Associate Editor of *Human Events* and of *National Review*.

Honorable Kit Clardy, Attorney at Law
Former Congressman, and a famous fighting Conservative.

Dr. Gabor de Bessenyey, President, *Rice Leaders of the World Association*; President, *American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Nations*.

C. M. Goethe of California
Honorary President, *American Coalition of Patriotic Societies*.

Commander Edwin W. Bolden, USN retired
National Chairman, *Constitution Day Committee*.

Rear Admiral Paulus P. Powell, USN retired
Distinguished Conservative and leader in many patriotic societies.

General Albert E. Wedemeyer, USA, retired
General MacArthur's Chief of Staff; Author, *The Wedemeyer Report*.

Colonel Herbert M. Williams, President, *Trans World Utilities, Ltd.*
Father of the *Right-To-Work Laws*.

Major General Charles A. Willoughby, USA, retired
Editor, *Foreign Intelligence Digest*.

Harold Lord Varney, Noted right-wing writer; Editor, *American Mercury*, President, *Committee on Pan American Policy*.

Allen A. Zoll, Acting Chairman of the Federation; President, *National Council for American Education*.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James E. Bacon, Jr., One of the nation's prominent young Conservatives; Former National Vice Chairman, *National Federation of Young Republicans*.

Miss Pearl Blauth, California Rancher
A life-long, dedicated and active Conservative.

Lieutenant General Lewis H. Brereton
United States Air Force, retired.

J. H. Gipson, President, *Caxton Printers of Caldwell, Idaho*;
Noted publisher of *Libertarian books*.

Gardner Osborne, Past President, *Sons of the American Revolution*;
Past President, *American Coalition of Patriotic Societies*.

Vice Admiral T. C. W. Sattle, USN, retired.
Author of many articles on conservative subjects.

Judge George Washington Williams
Former Governor of the *Virgin Islands*.

Wheeler Williams, Sculptor; Member of the *National Academy*;
Prominent leader of the *Anti-Communists in the Art World*.

Mrs. Lynn Williamson
Leader of many conservative groups in *Indiana*.

We will be proud to include your name, either on the Advisory Committee or on the Board of Governors and you will be helping a worthy and important movement by granting us your assistance. PLEASE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 10/26/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/4, 21/42; 10/14, 24/42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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CLASS. BY **[REDACTED]**
REASON **[REDACTED]**
DATE OF REVIEW **3/2/84**

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated **11/21/42**
Buffalo, New York

DETAILS:

✓ Mrs. **MARCUS REBACK**, aka, **JANET TAYLOR CALDWELL**, the wife of **[REDACTED]**, 129 Greenaway Road, Eggertsville, New York was re-interviewed and stated that, recently, she had received a statement from **HARDY & CO.**, Berlin, Germany, showing credits to an account in Germany. She stated that these credits were obtained from royalties on her books which are published in Germany. She further advised that, upon receiving this statement, she called subject and inquired if he could get this money transferred to this country and she stated that subject advised her that there was no possibility of accomplishing this transfer. He further advised her that due to the restrictions put on foreign exchange it would be absolutely impossible for the duration of the war for her to receive any further money from her account. Mrs. **REBACK** advised the writer that she had advised **[REDACTED]**

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Subject advised her that he thought it could be arranged through South America. When questioned as to how this could be accomplished, subject advised her that it might be possible to send the manuscript to the Germany Consular Offices in South America for shipment to Germany. Mrs. BERACK stated that she has not done anything to accomplish this book up to the present time and does not intend to do so. She stated that she had no further discussion with the subject and no further information with regard to his dealings at the present time.

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✓ Mrs. MARCUS REBACK, also known as JANET TAYLOR CALDWELL, the author, advised that she had had some dealing with the subject regarding the transfer of Ruckwanderer marks for her from German banks to this country during the past year. Mrs. REBACK stated that she had received many thousand Ruckwanderer Marks on different occasions this year, but that she could not recall the exact figures. She said that these marks were paid to her from an account in one of the German banks in which they had been deposited as a result of royalties paid to her account for her books "Dynasty of Death" and "The Earth is the Lords". She stated that these books of hers had both been best sellers in Germany, as well as elsewhere in the world, including the United States, and that she would advise the writer the amounts she had received from Germany for the sale of these books.

Mrs. REBACK stated further that the subject had handled these transactions for Schoellkopf, Hutton and Pomeroy, but that her relations with the subject were none too cordial as her husband was Jewish, and that she was known to the subject as being against the present regime in Germany. She advised Agent that the German Government had been very friendly to her and that German newspapers had placed her books as showing many of the frailties of Democratic Governments. She said that at one time she had been offered a German decoration by the German Consul in New York City, but that she had declined this decoration. She stated that she had difficulty in making a recent transfer of some 10,000 Ruckwanderer Marks from Germany, and that she had finally called [REDACTED] and advised him that she would be glad to have him relay information to the German Government that this sum could be paid to the German Red Cross for the sole purpose of relieving human suffering in Germany. She said that the subject has been especially cordial and friendly toward her since she gave him this authority. b7c

Mrs. REBACK further advised that several New York columnists had mentioned her name under the question "What American writer has been the only American writer to receive money from Germany for the sale of her books in Germany during recent months?" Mrs. REBACK left at the Buffalo Field Office a copy of a translation of a review of her books, which review was printed in the Voelkischer Beobachter, Muenchen (The National Observer, Munich). Mrs. REBACK stated that she resented any implications that she was friendly toward the German Government, but felt that she might be able to help the United States, and particularly

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the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to a greater extent if she remained on somewhat friendly terms with the subject in the instant case.

Mrs. REBACK further stated that she had negotiated with subject [REDACTED] for a long period of time regarding the transfer of funds from Germany, and that finally the subject had suggested that she contact the German Consul General in New York City and see what could be done regarding the transfer of money deposited to her account in Germany. Upon this recommendation of subject, she had gone to visit the Consul General in New York City, and stayed at the Commodore Hotel. She said that this was during August 1940, and that on this occasion she had been interviewed by the German Consul General, and at the time she was in his office she had seen him in conversation with Colonel CHARLES A. LINDBERGH and Senator BURTON WHEELER; that she had told the New York newspapers about this but that they had declined to give it any publicity for fear of a law suit and told her it was merely her word against theirs and they felt this was insufficient protection for them were they to print this story. *b7c*

Mrs. REBACK advised that she would ascertain from subject [REDACTED] the exact amounts in German Rueckwanderer Marks and American money which she had received from Germany. Subsequent to this, she stated she had called the subject on the telephone and requested this information, and that he had been very disturbed and apparently irritated by her request and had talked very gruffly and sharply with her and had asked her why she wanted this information, whereupon she had told him she wanted the information for purposes of making out her income tax before she went to California. The subject had stated that he did not know whether he could give her this information and that she should try to find out through her own accounts what payments have been made to her, but that if she desired, he would check his records and give her this information. She advised that she would immediately advise the Buffalo Field Office upon receipt of this further information. *b7c*

Mrs. REBACK stated that at one time, German bankers had suggested that they purchase a home for her in Germany with the money deposited in her account, and that she come to Germany with her family and live in a beautiful bungalow. She had declined this information because she did not trust the German Government, and said that one of the reasons for her distrust of the German Government was that she felt

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she had been locked in the German Consul General's office when she had gone to New York City in August 1940. She stated that on that occasion, the German Consul had left the room and did not return for some time and that she had tried to leave his office but found the door locked; that after she had created some disturbance, the door was opened and she was permitted to leave, although the German Consul General had told her at the time that the door was not locked and had treated her as though she was ill.

Mrs. REBACK further stated that the subject had told her that he could not advise her to whom the Ruckwanderer Marks had been sold in this country, but that the first lot of Marks received for her account were purchased for $7\frac{1}{2}$ per Mark and the second lot had been purchased in the United States for $5\frac{1}{2}$ per Mark, and that the transactions had been handled by Hardy and Company of New York City. She said she had had dealings with a man named MUELLER, who she advised was also employed by Schoellkopf, Hutton and Pomeroy but who was not the least bit friendly toward the German Government. She was not quite sure of this man's first name, but thought it was FELIX.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Hassell

J.B.D.

Rosen

DATE: January 18, 1948

FROM : Mr. Haniel

SUBJECT:

Please note the attached inspector's report advising that the United States Attorney has declined action in connection with the advertising material mailed concerning the book "This Side of Innocence," by Taylor Caldwell, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, 1947, copyright 1948 by Reback & Reback.

The book itself, in my opinion, is mailable under Section 508, P. L. & N., 1940, and it appears that the matter may now be filed.

M. J. [unclear]

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- cc: Chief Inspector (2)
- ✓ Mr. Wm. A. Paisley, Chf., Crimes Sect., Criminal Div., Dept. of Justice (2)
- Mr. Earl E. Mottern (1)

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