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United States Department of Justice
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 (5-11-42)

May 10, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
Sunday, May 10, 1942

During his broadcast tonight, Walter Winchell, in discussing events of the war during the past week, reported that the American authorities are of the belief that the main Japanese battlefleet is in reserve for possible attack on Alaska.

Mr. Winchell stated that the Vatican Secretary of State is taking a serious view of the new charges made by the Cardinal of Munich, who alleges that Hitler is waging a ruthless war of extermination against the Catholic Church.

Winchell related that the Department of Justice has expressed keen interest in the reported statement of Archbishop Mooney, who in voicing approval of the Department of Justice suspending "Social Justice" allegedly said, "My understanding with Father Coughlin is sufficiently broad and firm to exclude effectively the recurrence of any such unpleasant situation."

According to Winchell, the greatest victory of the United States Navy to date is the delivery of nearly \$1,000,000,000 worth of war material to Russia.

It was also reported that the split between Hitler and the German Staff is more acute than last fall. One of Hitler's Generals has reputedly told him that he already has lost a generation of German youth and is now losing the war; however, the General added that Hitler will not be privileged to lose the life of the German nation.

Winchell stated that he has learned from indisputable diplomatic sources that the Germans hope to win by fifth and sixth columns what they could not win on the battlefields. If the Russian campaign fails, Hitler will be deposed and the German General Staff will pose as the savior of the world from Bolshevism. Winchell added, however, there is only one rub, and that is that Hitler himself is planning it all.

In calling attention to saboteurs and spies, Winchell reported that for the purpose of strengthening the hand of "G-Men" the Attorney General will ask the death penalty for enemy saboteurs who are found guilty. All members of the German-American Bund who are reservists in the German Army will not be

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tried by a Federal Judge, but will be turned over to the United States Army to be tried under the Articles of War. By way of caution, Winchell added, in times of war a spy is hanged.

Winchell also remarked that the Army will assume supreme jurisdiction of residences along the East Coast. Dangerous persons will be ordered into the interior or the Middle West. Mass evacuation and suspension of the writ of habeas corpus are being considered.

According to newspapers there has been considerable speculation on these matters, but it does not appear that the Bureau has been advised of any definite proposed measures along this line.

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Winchell remarked that Mrs. Elizabeth ~~Gilling~~ appeared before a Federal Grand Jury in Chicago last week, which jury is investigating persons suspected of sedition. [REDACTED]

Some weeks ago, Winchell mentioned that the Army had documentary evidence in its possession about the hate-spreading activities of three Reserve Officers. So far, he observed, nothing has been done that he knows of. One of these officers, according to Winchell, is Colonel Edwin M. ~~Hadley~~. Last week, Winchell stated, it was revealed that this Colonel is now Chairman of a War Department Committee and his job is to pass upon commissions for the Army Air Force Procurement Division.

Winchell previously mentioned Hadley in his broadcast on March 30, 1942, at which time he also stated that Colonel E. N. ~~Sanctuary~~ and Lieutenant Colonel Wynfield ~~Jones~~ of Missouri, together with Colonel Hadley, had been definitely linked with the Nazi organizations "Silver Shirts", "KKK", and the "Paul Revere's".

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Mr. Winchell remarked that Congressman Clare ~~Hoffman~~ recently smeared William P. Maloney and the Federal Grand Jury in Washington by alleging that they were stooges for the Administration and were attempting to smear him. Maloney reportedly brought Hoffman back before the same Grand Jury and as a result Hoffman was forced to make a public retraction of his charges.

Gerald L. K. ~~Smith~~ of Detroit, in an open letter to the press last week, complained to the Attorney General about Winchell's remarks concerning him. These remarks, Smith alleged, were humiliating, and he reportedly demanded that the Department of Justice stop Winchell from telling the American people Smith ought to be investigated, because he is a better American than Winchell. Mr.

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Winchell addressed the Attorney General and requested that the Department of Justice investigate both Smith and himself.

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It was also reported that the Director has reported a great influx of German tourists and Spanish Fascists in Bolivia.

Winchell also remarked that Vice President Wallace has warned of a possible Japanese thrust at Alaska that might be timed with an Axis uprising in South America. In commenting on this, Winchell stated that Peru has 25,000 Japanese and Brazil, over 1,000,000 Germans.

Mention was made of the fact that the Director received an Honorary LL.D. Degree at Notre Dame University on May 10.

Respectfully,

L. L. Laughlin
L. L. Laughlin

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Requests are going to be made for the War Department to create and investigate the following individuals:

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Here in New York City an attempt is going to be made to reorganize the American Destiny Party which was created three years ago by the Christian mobilizers, and back of all of this is the German-American Bund.

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The India League of America located at East 10th Street, New York City, is an outfit that could stand watching. It is connected with the underground Communist movement and is decidedly anti-British.

The new intelligence department of the Coast Guard is in charge. This will be a separate intelligence department which will have charge of all of the waterfront areas on the east and west coasts.

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The Communist Party has just pulled on of the smartest things that they have ever accomplished in the history of the movement in this country. Working inside of the C.I.O. groups to set up industrial defense corps composed of representatives of CIO unions. This new program has the approval of Phil Murray, and the plan is to give these individuals

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... purpose of the defense ... after they get
... set up in other places is to protect oil plants, steel
plants and railroads. It seems as though a few weeks ago James H. Landis, dire
tor of Civilian Defense, conferred with C.I.O. and A.F. of L. leaders and
requested upon participation in plant air-raid organizations. Now the communi
are in there "high heaven" and the entire country will soon be flooded
with this type of set-up because the government has placed their official
stamp of approval.

NOTE: A long report on this will be prepared in several days

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York
May 6, 1942

VGD:KEP

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that on April 17, 1942, ELMER A. STICHWICH and JOHN J. MAYER, two agents with the Office of the Comptroller General of the United States, visited this office and identified themselves as being such agents, stating that they presently occupy a business office at Room 1017, 341 Ninth Avenue, New York City, telephone La 4-9400, extension 523.

Mr. STICHWICH acted as the spokesman on this mission and stated that he and his fellow worker had noted from WALTER WINCHELL'S broadcast of Sunday evening, April 12, 1942, a statement set out in quotes by Mr. STICHWICH as follows:

"An investigation of newsprint tariff, plus alleged monkey business is expected to provide major fireworks for several famous newspapers."

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STICHWICH stated that hearing of this statement on the part of WINCHELL and knowing that his department had jurisdiction in such matters, he felt that if there were something that Mr. WINCHELL knew that the Office of the Comptroller General did not know but should, he, STICHWICH, would of necessity have to approach Mr. WINCHELL and have him amplify his remarks.

Consequently, he and Mr. MAYER visited the office of the DAILY MIRROR for the purpose of seeing Mr. WINCHELL, but according to him, could not get in to see even Mr. WINCHELL'S personal secretary, but had to talk to her over the telephone from the reception desk, at which time they identified themselves and were advised that if they desired to ask Mr. WINCHELL any questions, such would have to be placed in writing and that an answer, also in writing, would be returned by Mr. WINCHELL. Further, according to STICHWICH, this secretary advised them that this was a policy established by Mr. WINCHELL and had been followed by other Governmental agencies, mentioning several among which was the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

STICHWICH desired to know whether or not the Bureau had ever encountered any such difficulty in seeing Mr. WINCHELL and also solicited suggestions for getting to see the columnist. It was pointed out to Mr. STICHWICH that the relationship between WALTER WINCHELL and this Bureau were

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of a very high caliber and it was hoped by all concerned that such could continue to be the case and that the greatest reluctance would be exercised on the part of all individuals concerned to usurp this spirit of cooperation. It was also diplomatically mentioned to Mr. STICHWICH that if Mr. WINCHELL had established a policy setting down the proper avenues and approaches to get to see him, that was strictly within the purview of his own discretion and again it would not be feasible to attempt to tell Mr. WINCHELL what he ought to do in his office.

Messrs. STICHWICH and MAYER were both assured that were the Bureau in a position to be of any assistance to them in any other matters wherein we might be in a position to do something, we would be only too happy to cooperate with them, as has been our practice in the past; but, as was unanimously agreed upon at the termination of the conversation, it would be most embarrassing to everyone concerned should the FBI endeavor to arrange for an interview with WALTER WINCHELL for representatives of another Governmental agency.

Subsequent to this conversation, Mr. STICHWICH telephonically advised this office that he had been successful in getting to see Mr. WINCHELL.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. Foxworth,
Assistant Director.



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May 17, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
Sunday, May 17, 1942

During his broadcast tonight, Winchell stated that United States Attorney Biddle has stated that sabotage is an individual crime, and that J. Edgar Hoover's protection is unequalled in the world.

Winchell stated that there will be no mass evacuations, and that enemy acts, not aliens, will be cause for evacuation.

Winchell then reported that the FBI will vigorously enforce the Draft Registration Act. He stated that this warning is chiefly directed to enforce compliance with the Draft Law, and that since 1940 the G-men have arrested over 800 draft evaders, winning convictions over all. According to the Bureau's information, these figures are not accurate, in that there have been a little better than 1000 convictions, and there have been 12 acquittals.

It was then reported that General Drum last night declared that all dangerous persons in the Military Areas on the East Coast will be evacuated, but that there will be no mass evacuations. Winchell stated that this just substantiated his statement made on last week's broadcast. Last week, Winchell remarked that the Army will assume supreme jurisdiction of residences along the East Coast, and that dangerous persons will be ordered into the interior or the Middle West. He further stated that mass evacuation and suspension of the writ of habeas corpus are being considered.

Winchell further stated that the Chairman of the America First Committee in Pontiac, Michigan, is Garland Alderman, and that this man in the President of the American Workers League, which is just a fancy name for a subversive organization. He continued by saying that Garland Alderman, when he came before the Martin Dies Committee, stated that President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Walter Winchell should be given a fair trial and then put to death. Alderman did not make clear, according to Winchell, just what he considered a fair trial to be. Winchell then stated that Alderman was given a very fair hearing before a Federal Grand Jury in Detroit on charges of being subversive, and that the other day he was indicted for sedition.



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The second count in the indictment charged four individuals and one organization with the violation of Section 6, Title 18, United States Code, which relates to seditious conspiracy and, among other things, makes it unlawful to delay the execution of any law of the United States. These individuals were shown as co-conspirators and not as defendants.

This matter was brought to the attention of the Director in a Memorandum dated April 16, 1942 entitled, "Sojourner Truth Housing Project Civil Rights and Domestic Violence." The Sojourner Truth Housing Project was erected by the Federal Defense Housing Administration for the purpose of providing housing facilities for Negro workers in the Detroit area. After the project had been declared an all-Negro project by the Federal Housing authorities, and as it was nearing completion, objections were raised to prevent colored occupancy of these homes, which resulted in picketing sponsored by officials of the Seven Mile-Fenslon Improvement Association and, to some extent, by officials of the National Workers League. After much bickering for and against colored occupancy, and after the project had been changed from colored to white and back to colored occupancy, final determination was made by the Housing authorities that the project should remain colored. The colored people made vigorous protests charging racial discrimination, which resulted in picketing; and, as far as holding up the rights of the Negroes was concerned, it has been learned that it was Communist-inspired. After the project had been declared "all-colored," picket lines were again formed by a group of white individuals, which allegedly were inspired by the above organizations.

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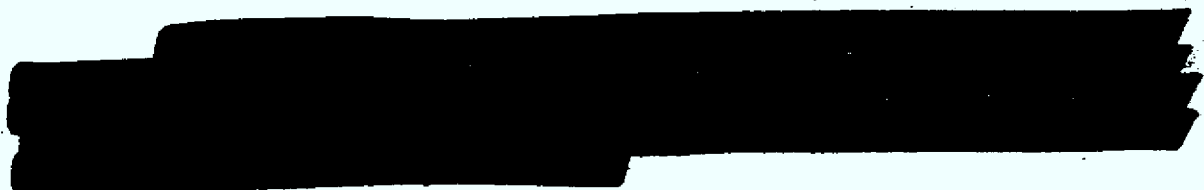
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To Hoover:

Dear John: I hope you heard broadcast about your degree, congress and the other references to your good work.

Ernie, apparently, is trying to do his best to reconcile everybody --and I hope he is successful at it. Why don't you see him about it, any? He tells me Mr. Biddle always speaks highly of you as a man, first, and of your wonderful work for the country.

I am glad Biddle appreciates you and your men--I was among the first to do that--remember?

of an enclosing herewith correspondence which explains itself. This type of letter sender (and get the ~~Hunt~~ Hitleristic name!) rates a check, I think. If you learn anything about his Black Legion, or whatever his connection and ~~xxxx~~ activities, I'd like knowing it, of course.

I see where Peglouse gave Dies a writeup the other day, and implied you and the rest of us didn't cooperate with him. Tst, tst, tst.

I loved Pegler's apology to Willkie. I didn't think Pegler could make a mistake, did you?

Well, Doctor, it was nice writing you again. S'long doc. Haw!

Walter & Winchell

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Walter

*Please make copy of attached
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The Detroit Times
Detroit Mich.

Dear Sir:

After hearing Gerald L. K. Smith's radio broadcast Sunday May 3, 1942 in which he condemned Walter Winchell because of his communism and his communistic connections at his 7:15 broadcast and Mr. Winchell's failure to deny the accusation on his later broadcast which was at 9:00 P. M. seems to me to be a confirmation of the statements made by Gerald Smith. But to make sure will you please clarify this situation through your editorial page as soon as possible.

Because if Mr. Smith's statements are true, I would appreciate very much the discontinuation of the Detroit Times to my residence [REDACTED]. The reason is, I do not want a paper in my home with a column written by any one affiliated with communism, for fear of contaminating the fine atmosphere surrounding it.

Hoping you can clarify this matter, I remain
Yours truly

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DETROIT TIMES

May 6, 1942

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Dear [REDACTED]

Regardless of the charges of Mr. Gerald L. K. Smith, I can assure you that Walter Winchell is not communistic, directly or indirectly and is not even extremely radical in his political views. Like a great many other Americans, he feels that the most important task confronting us is the defeat of the Axis powers. Also like a great many other Americans he feels that Russia is playing a great part in defeating the Axis powers.

You should realize that it would be impossible for Mr. Winchell at 9 o'clock to answer an attack made upon him by another radio speaker at 7:15 o'clock the same evening. All radio talkers prepare their programs as far in advance as possible. Mr. Winchell simply couldn't have had time to answer at 9 o'clock an attack made on him less than two hours earlier.

If you read "In The News", which is written for the Detroit Times every day by Mr. Hearst, I think you will appreciate that the Detroit Times is anything but sympathetic to the principles of communism. Mr. Hearst has been the most vigorous journalistic opponent in America of communism.

Yours sincerely,
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Mr. Walter Winchell
Bungalow Fourteen
Beverly Hills Hotel
Beverly Hills, California

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Dear Walter:

Thank you for your recent note. It was characteristically generous and thoughtful of you to speak so kindly on last Sunday night concerning the awarding to me of an honorary degree by Notre Dame University. I, of course, am deeply touched by the honor bestowed upon me by Notre Dame University but feel that it constitutes a recognition of the combined efforts and accomplishments of the entire Federal Bureau of Investigation rather than a personal tribute to me as an individual.

I appreciate your observations concerning Ernie's efforts and will talk to him the first time the opportunity presents itself.

I am incorporating the [redacted] correspondence in the Bureau files and you may be sure that the matter will receive appropriate attention.

I am returning herewith copy of letter of May 3, 1942, addressed to [redacted] by [redacted] and copy of letter of May 6, 1942, from [redacted] which you transmitted with your letter.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

(S) J. Edgar Hoover
Mailed by the Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
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May 31, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. W. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
Sunday, May 31, 1942

One remark made by Winchell was that the Grand Jury is expected to convene tomorrow at Indianapolis to consider the case on William Dudley Felley for sedition, and he stated that Felley's lawyer goes before the Grand Jury this week.

The Bureau is familiar with this case on William Dudley Felley.

As a matter of general interest, Winchell stated that Samuel G. Ordway, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was found dead today under mysterious circumstances at 25 East End Avenue, New York City. Winchell stated that Ordway was "beat up" a couple of days ago by some night club habitue.

Winchell then stated that insiders believe that the American Labor Party in New York will support F.D.R.'s favorite for Governor. According to Winchell, the American Labor Party will notify the President that Republican Tom Dewey is as acceptable as Democrat John Bennett. This matter is being called to your attention as of general interest.

Winchell stated that mass evacuation has been abandoned as a defensive measure, stating further that after the first attack on American soil, the Department of Justice will recommend the suspension of habeas corpus, which means arrest with no bail on suspicion. The Bureau has no information as to what Winchell's source was in mentioning this fact.

Winchell then continued by stating that his constant readers will remember his reports on Peter H. Stahrenberg which were made over three years ago, at which time Winchell indicated he had endeavored to "wake up" America to Stahrenberg's activities. Winchell stated that last week, following a detailed report which he had submitted six weeks ago, the FBI shut down on Stahrenberg's printing press in New York City in Harlem. He stated that Stahrenberg was the printer for most of the subversive outfits, especially the German-American Bund. He continued by stating that Stahrenberg, while operating these presses, was working for the WPA and was assigned to the Park Department in New York City. Winchell then wondered what Congressman in Washington tomorrow will stand up and demand why this bund member,

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Stahrenberg, is still on the WPA payroll.

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Winchell then stated that Willis A. Overholtzer is the president of a Chicago outfit for which Joe McWilliams is working as a so-called lecturer. He continued by stating that before New York "made it hot" for McWilliams, McWilliams was an associate of Fritz Kuhn, the German-American Bund leader, and other enemies of this nation. He then added that Overholtzer now has the "cheek" to defend McWilliams and states that McWilliams is a patriotic American. Winchell then asked the question, "Who is Willis Overholtzer?" and continued by stating that Overholtzer is listed as a member of a policy board of a New York propaganda magazine, the May number of which was stopped by the Government because it was charged with being seditious.

The New York publication to which Winchell referred is probably the Mid West Monetary Foundation. [REDACTED]

He then stated that United States Attorney General Biddle has vindicated the long fight of J. Edgar Hoover, when he ruled that Harry Bridges was a Communist, and ordered his deportation. Winchell then stated that among the organizations which Mr. Biddle said were fronts for the Communists was the Workers Alliance, International Labor Defense. Winchell stated that the head of this outfit was a New Yorker who has always denied being a "Commie" or even a fellow traveler. He continued by stating that he referred to Congressman Marcanonio, who may be expected to get up on the floor of Congress tomorrow and call Winchell names the way some of his colleagues do when they are desperate. Winchell added that, "they always call you names when they cannot call you a liar."

In view of the extensive investigation of Harry Bridges, no further comment is being made here as to this case.

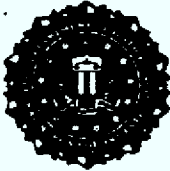
As a matter of general interest, Winchell then stated that American private capital is ready to finance Mexico's war effort.

Another item as of general interest to this Bureau was mentioned by Winchell when he stated that filling stations who do not punch holes in gasoline cards are looking for trouble and so are the motorists who let them get away with it. Winchell then indicated that Federal Agents have a "long arm."

Respectfully,

W.A.J.
W. A. Johnson

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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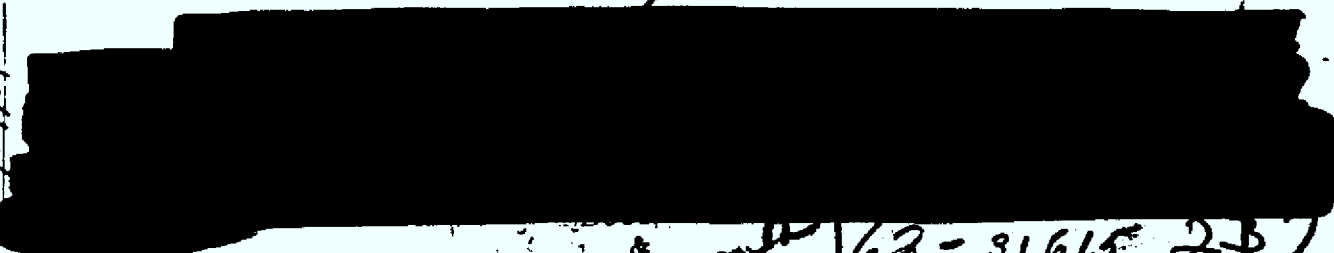
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
Sunday, June 7, 1942

Winchell, on his program tonight, stated that on direct orders from Attorney General Biddle, several publishers of Italian and German newspapers may lose their citizenship.

It is not definitely known what Winchell had in mind when he made this statement, but he perhaps was referring to the consideration that is being given toward the denaturalization of officers of the German-American Bund.

Winchell then mentioned Donald V. Shea, a "small-time crackpot" who had popped up again in the newspapers. He stated that mention of him appeared in the Daily News in Washington, D. C., which is one of the respectable newspapers in the Capital. Winchell stated that Shea was exposed by newspaper men and women years ago, when he was a messenger boy for Nazi propaganda mailed from Germany. He stated that Shea, on May 22, talked carelessly to reporters who he thought were Nazi agents, at which time he discussed the overthrow of this Government. He stated that this Donald Shea, foil of Nazi agents, was until recently a Washington air raid warden. Winchell said that the FBI knows all about this individual, who freely talks about overthrowing the Government. He added that if the FBI does know about this, "Why, then, does Mr. Biddle allow Shea to run around loose?"



Winchell then mentioned Anastase Vonsiatsky and said that in a desperate effort to fight prosecution Vonsiatsky on Friday last had tried to have himself committed to a "booby hatch" in an up-state insane asylum. He stated that the G-men had arrested Vonsiatsky, and that the FBI will press action to take away his citizenship, adding, "It's about time."

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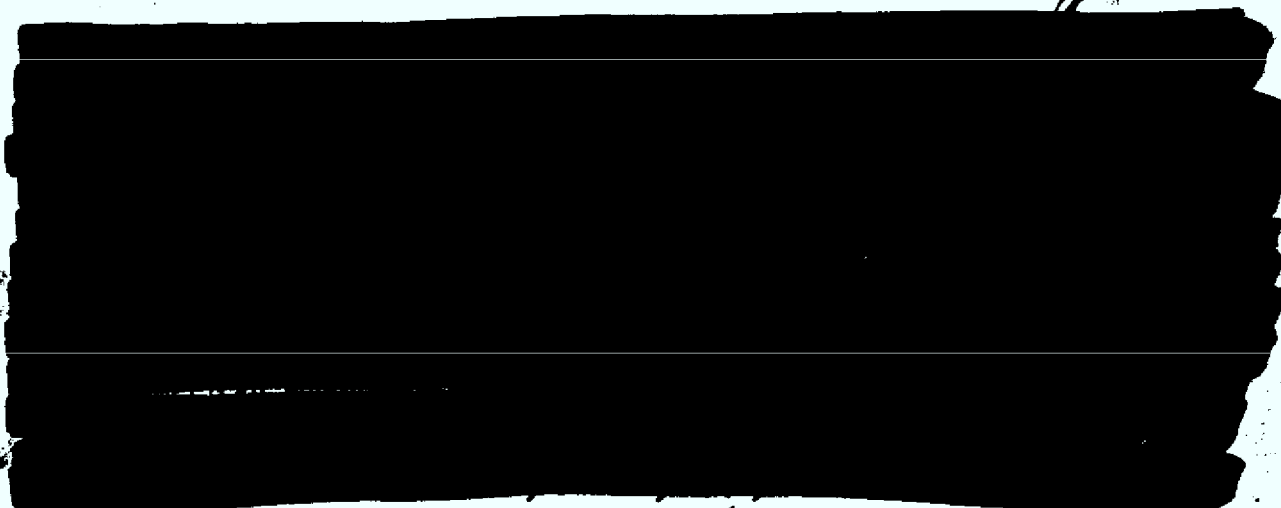


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Winchell then mentioned Hans Von Starenberg, whom he had referred to last week on his program as Peter H. Starenberg and as being on the WPA payroll. Winchell stated that he had been in error, in that Starenberg was not on the WPA payroll. He added that it is true, however, that he worked for the New York Park Department, and stated that "His number is up."

On his program last week, Winchell stated that, following a detailed report which he had submitted six weeks ago, the FBI had shut down on Starenberg's printing press in New York City in Harlem, and stated that Starenberg was the printer for most of the subversive outfits, especially the German-American Bund. On last week's program he further stated that Starenberg, while operating these presses, was working for the WPA and was assigned to the Park Department in New York City.

The printing office purportedly operated by Starenberg recently mentioned frequently by Walter Winchell, was checked by the Agents of the New York Office, who found that the electrical service at the printing establishment had been discontinued for at least three months, and that the printing presses were rusty and otherwise showed that they had not been in service for some time. You were advised of the details of this case by memorandum dated June 4, 1942.

Winchell then said that the rumor that some well known person would not be prosecuted by the Department of Justice for sedition is denied. He added that the delay in prosecution is due to the preparation of the case, and the time needed for examining the books. It is not known whom Winchell had in mind in making this statement.

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As of general interest, Winchell stated that the work on the Normandie was going along as quickly as possible, and that complete salvage of the ship will take over one year. He added that among other things, it was necessary to replace 12,000 miles of wire on the boat.

Winchell then stated that last week West Pointers honored Hoffman of the Steuben Society, stating that apparently West Pointers do not know Hoffman and the Steuben Society, who claimed they were working for peace before December 7. He continued by saying that Hoffman and the Steuben Society worked for Nazi interests, and once campaigned against the Allies, which fact was cheered by bund members who attended his meetings. He stated that the Steuben Society had heard various talks attacking the Allies, some of which were disgracefully made by United States Senators. In short, he added, the West Pointers honored Hoffman, who presided over the meetings where our Commander-in-Chief was booed and hissed.

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The files reflect that the Steuben Society was formed in May, 1919, to combat the anti-German sentiments resulting from the World War. The Nazis have been successful in securing control of individual units of this organization, but it is not believed to have a very great influence in the national organization.

It has been reported that the Steuben Society of America has severed connections with the United German Societies, because these societies are influenced by the Nazi Party. It has also been reported that the Communist Party of the United States of America attempted to gain influence in the Steuben Society of America through the German-American League for Culture, which was created by the Communist Party.

Respectfully,


W. A. Johnson

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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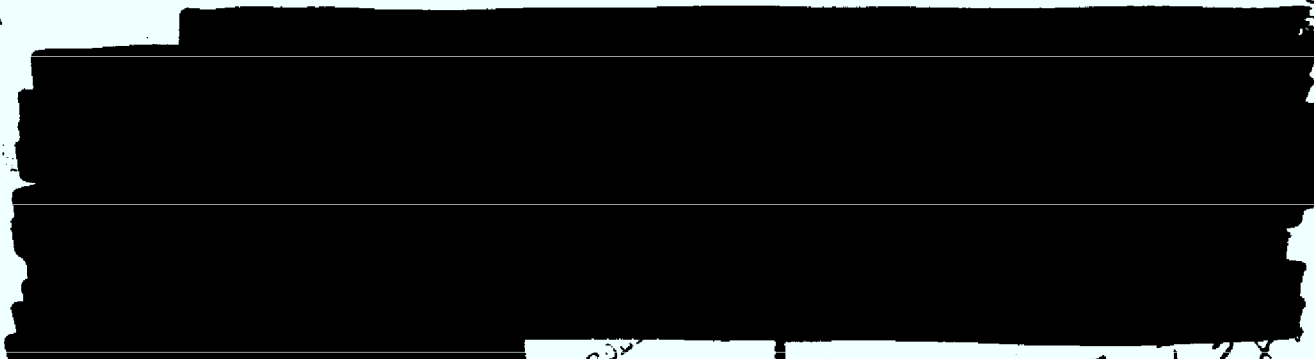
Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
Sunday, May 24, 1942

Tonight on his broadcast, Walter Winchell stated that the Attorney General of the United States is investigating Nazi activities in places where soldiers and sailors congregate. He stated that a thorough scrutiny is being given this matter.

It is believed that Winchell was referring to the fact that the Grand Jury is presently meeting in New York with the view toward the denaturalization of Bund members, so that they may be handled as alien enemies.

Under the heading, "A Reporters Report to the Nation," Winchell stated that the other day the FBI raided and searched the estate of Anastase Vonsiatsky at Thompson, Connecticut, and that Vonsiatsky had been described as a White Russian and an admirer of Hitler's, who had married a lot of American "dough." Winchell continued by stating that the evidence seized at his home was a regular arsenal. He stated that Vonsiatsky will go before a Federal Grand Jury, and efforts will be made to link him to the German-American Bund. Winchell stated that Vonsiatsky had denied being subversive, and had insisted that he held a commission in the United States Army Reserve. He then suggested that the War Department should look into this matter, since the New York Times had reported that Vonsiatsky had worn a brown uniform with a swastika on the sleeve.

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Winchell then referred to the heading "The Misinformation of the Week," in which he stated that Senator Clark had said on the floor of Congress on Wednesday last that Winchell wore a uniform while he broadcasted, and that Winchell had attacked Senator Walsh over the radio. Winchell stated that both statements are "the bunk." Winchell promised to award \$100,000 in War Bonds to Senator Clark if he could prove that he had ever mentioned the name of Senator Walsh over the air in connection with the current controversy. He stated that he had never worn anything but civilian clothes during the broadcasts.

In mentioning Senator Walsh, Winchell was referring to the recent investigation conducted by this Bureau which involved Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts.

Winchell then stated that Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan has never stopped claiming Winchell smeared him. He then stated that Hoffman had been very busy lately trying to explain to a Grand Jury why he let Kullgren of California use his franking privilege for sending 145,000 copies of Hoffman's speech out under his (Kullgren's) name. Winchell stated that the current issue of Look magazine reveals that the Honorable Clare Hoffman had been able to get into the Congressional Record at the taxpayers' expense the propaganda and smears of William J. Pelley, now charged by the United States with sedition.

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Winchell then stated that he had learned from a most reliable authority that our Government is working closely with the Mexican Government on fifth column activities. He also stated that the Bureau of Economic Warfare at Washington had definitely learned that the German Drug Trust has salesmen in every Mexican city, town, and village.

The Bureau has no information as to this matter.

Respectfully,

W. A. Johnson
W. A. Johnson

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May 23, 1942

Mr. Walter Mitchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

I have at hand the several communications which were received from you on May 23, 1942.

I want you to know that the content of these communications has been carefully noted and that the matters falling within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau are being given appropriate attention.

May I again express my sincere appreciation for your continued courtesy and interest in making these data available to me.

With kind personal regards,
Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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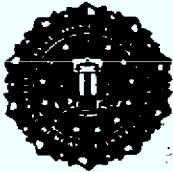
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
Sunday, June 14, 1942

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Winchell this evening on his program stated that New York, Boston, and other American Police Departments have been requested to be on the alert for two German prisoners of war who escaped over the Canadian border into the United States today. He gave their names as Martin Mannich and Eric Schmidt.

This matter was checked at 11:00 P.M. with Special Agent A. C. Schlenker of the Buffalo Office, who advised that these two individuals were apprehended at Winnipeg today, and that they had escaped from Angliers, Ontario on June 13, 1942. The Buffalo Office was advised of this apprehension by Inspector McClelland of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Winchell then stated that 264 ships had been sunk since Pearl Harbor, and that 127 ships had been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast.

The Bureau does not have accurate figures available as to ship sinkings; however, it might be stated that these figures correspond with figures in the various local newspapers which have appeared from time to time within the last few days.

In his next news item, headed "Chicago," Winchell stated that Solicitor General Charles Fahy had announced that the Government to date has interned 1828 aliens, and that 5000 had been released.

A check as to the Bureau figures on this matter reflects that there have been 1893 aliens interned. There have been 461 aliens ordered released, and 1286 paroled, making a total of 1747 released and paroled. In addition, there have been 1630 aliens having been those arrested as a result of spot searches, making a total of both figures of 3,377 released.

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The next item mentioned by Winchell was headed, "Washington," and he stated that the Washington Federal Grand Jury investigating subversive activities expected to turn over twenty indictments, including a New York newspaper publisher.

It is not known who Winchell had in mind in making this statement.

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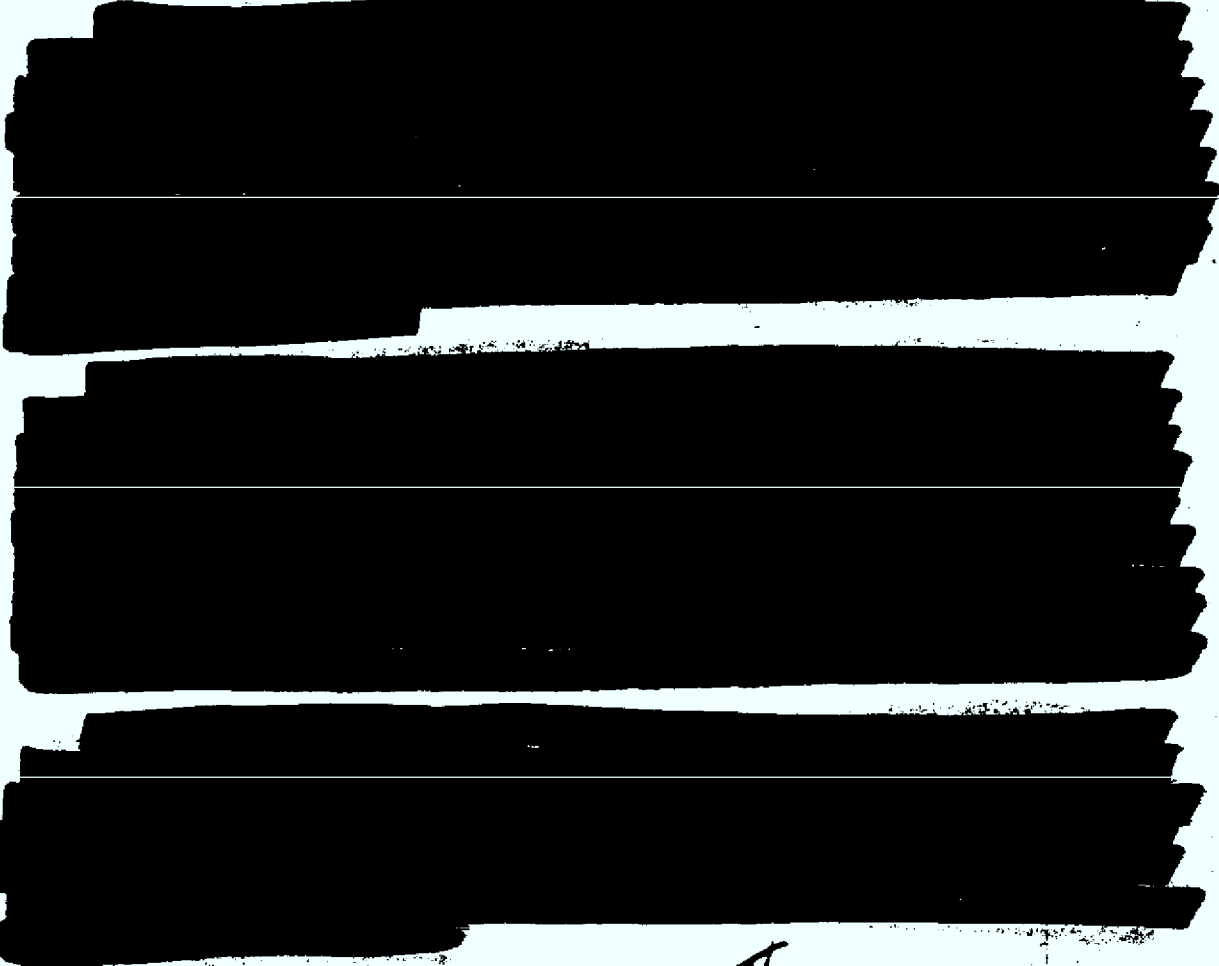
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Winchell's next statement was headed, "Stamford, Connecticut," and he stated that the arrest and indictment of Count Vonsiatsky was among the achievements of the FBI. Vonsiatsky, according to Winchell, was indicted with J. Wilhelm Kunze, the leader of the American Bund, who had escaped into Mexico and is now believed to be in South America. Winchell continued by stating that in the case of Vonsiatsky, he wished to add that Vonsiatsky's activities had been saluted in a Russian Fascist publication recently suspended in New York City, and that its editors are now employed in important positions. Winchell stated that their names are B. B. Kublock (phonetic) and B. N. Erin of Ireland (phonetic), and are now employed at the Sikorsky Aircraft Company, Stamford, Connecticut.

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Winchell then stated that Mrs. Jeanette Arnold had been arrested for pro-Nazi remarks in New York City, and had been fined Ten Dollars. He stated that Mrs. Arnold said, "When Hitler comes over here, he will take care of Roosevelt and the rest of you." Winchell then said that she is not

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important, but that this is: Hitler's admirer is now employed by a factory doing secret war work.

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Winchell then in a remark headed "Chicago" stated that ~~Joe McWilliams~~ had thumbed his nose at the law for a long time. He stated that McWilliams had begun his swastika career in New York City while making speeches from the platform several years ago with Fritz Kuhn, the former leader of the Bund. Winchell stated that McWilliams was committed to the local "hoosegow" for sixty days, and had been committed to the observation ward at Bellvue Hospital. He continued by stating that it would please many of his listeners to know that the G-men have decided that Joe McWilliams is another American that most Americans can do without. He added that the G-men had arrested Joe McWilliams in Chicago, Illinois, where he is now behind bars.

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Another item of interest to this Bureau mentioned by Winchell was headed "Kittrell," at which place Winchell stated a train wreck had occurred

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today of a Miami-bound train. Winchell stated that eight persons had been killed and eight individuals had been injured. He added that one W. M. Terrell, Division Manager of the Railroad from Raleigh, North Carolina, was found shot at the scene of the wreck.

From a discreet check at the Washington Post, it was learned that the existing opinion is that Terrell had shot himself. The Charlotte Office is checking on this matter, and at the time of this writing, the Bureau has not been advised.

Winchell then mentioned Donald ~~X~~Shea, in replying to the letters of request which he receives. He advised that the Donald Shea mentioned by him on his last week's program is not the editor of the Central newspaper in California. The Donald Shea mentioned by him on his last week's program had left Washington for Chicago where his wife has a Government job.

Donald Shea was mentioned by Winchell on his last week's broadcast.

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Winchell's final remark of interest to this Bureau was that the Federal Grand Jury in Washington recessed this week. He stated that subpoenas had been issued for Colonel Sanctuary of New York and Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling of Chicago.

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In regard to Mrs. Elizabeth ~~X~~Dilling of Chicago, this Bureau is conducting an active investigation as to her for sedition. Approximately three weeks ago she was questioned by the Federal Grand Jury in Chicago which was probing seditious activity in that area, and they made no return as to Mrs. Dilling. Mrs. Dilling was recently interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Chicago Office, and you

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may recall that she accused him of making a statement to the effect that this Bureau was not investigating the Communist Party. You may also recall that she wrote a letter to the Attorney General concerning this interview, and furnished a copy of this letter to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

W. A. Johnson
W. A. Johnson

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Addendum

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Reference is made to the mention of the two editors recently suspended in New York City who held important positions with the Sikorsky Aircraft Company, whose names were taken as B. B. Koblock and B. N. Erin, as mentioned above.

In an article on Vonsiatsky appearing in the New York newspaper "P.M." for June 3, 1942, the following statement appears:

"Here is the record on other Russians with a pro-Fascist background:

"Nikolai Rybakoff, editor of the New York Russian language newspaper 'Rossiya' praised Vonsiatsky before Pearl Harbor for his 'Fascist stand'.

"PM revealed on Apr. 3 that 'Rossiya' still was following the Nazi line.

"On May 25, PM revealed that two key engineers employed at the Sikorsky Aircraft Corp at Stratford, Conn., had pro-Fascist records.

"One was V. V. Koodrov who wrote for 'Rossiya'.

"The other was V. M. Illyn, editor of the anti-Semitic Russian Language paper, 'The Whip', which suspended publication before Pearl Harbor. 'The Whip' frequently carried ads promoting 'The Fascist'."

There is no known connection existing between Koodrov and Illyn and Vonsiatsky, as was inferred on Winchell's broadcast.

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FED. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
JUN 15 1942

Att. Gen. W. C. Clegg

Dear Sir,

We consider WALTER WINCHELL a disgrace and demand he be removed from the airways immediately.

His 'flash and lightning' 'KWOTES' are an insult to the public. His style is the essence of vulgarity and bombast and is not American in thought, word and deed.

We doubt his 'deeds' or hope sincerely he shall never get the chance to believe that foul mouthed rat is capable of doing plenty mischief. Out with Winchell. We've had enough long ago.

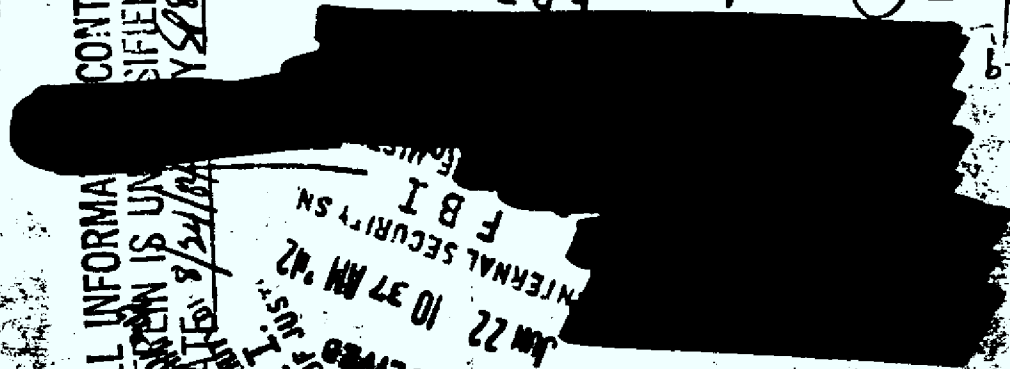
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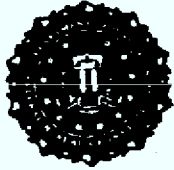
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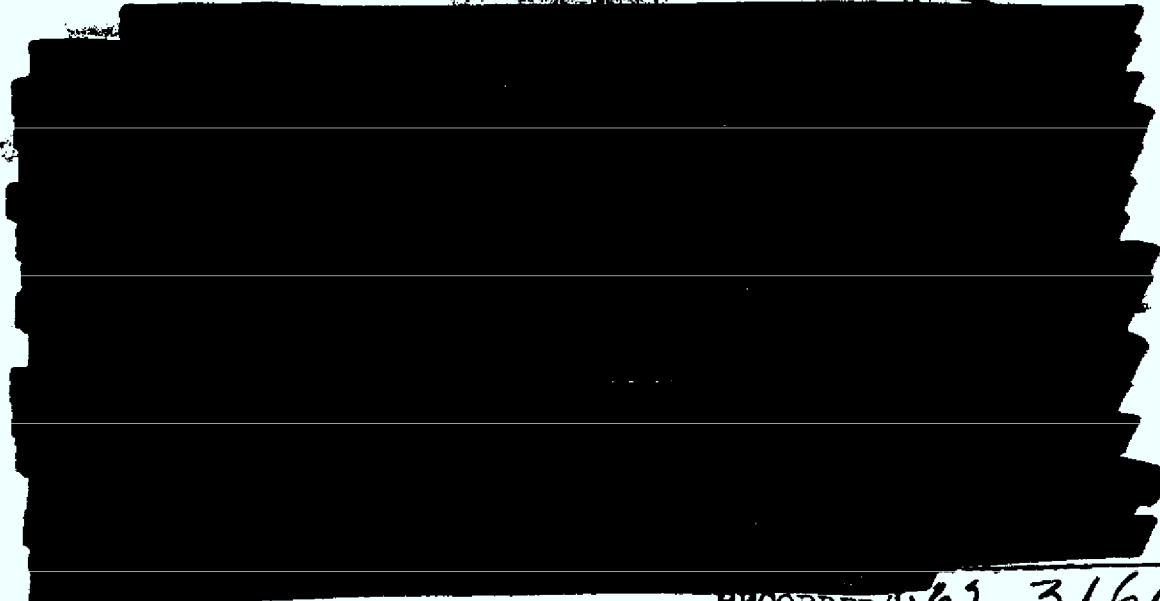
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

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The first item of interest mentioned by Winchell was headed "New York City." He stated that Henry Von Holt acted as a front for Nazi activities and may be among the next subpoenaed before the Grand Jury in Washington.



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Winchell then made reference to William Gerald Bishop, and stated that he was accused of trying to promote private armies for the purpose of overthrowing the Government a few years ago. The Brooklyn jury failed to agree on his guilt or innocence, and for some strange reason a new trial was never ordered. Winchell stated that Bishop is now on Ellis Island, and is claiming to be an American and not an alien; he insists he was born in a town where all birth certificates were destroyed by fire. Winchell said, "This is to pass on to the FBI that William Gerald Bishop was born in Austria and his real name is said to be William Armsted (phonetic). He also mentioned that Bishop had been deported from England."

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Winchell then mentioned Hans Von Starenberg, who, he stated, allegedly did printing for Nazi papers and the German American Bund in New York. Winchell stated that he had turned over nearly two months ago a "bunch of factual material" to authorities. He then said that G-men had raided his printing shop, and queried, "What happened to Hans Von Starenberg? Nothing happened to Hans Von Starenberg." Winchell then stated that the FBI did its job efficiently, but its findings had to be turned over to the Federal Attorney in New York City for action. Winchell then said, "Action! That was six weeks ago. What goes on down there, Mr. Department of Justice man?"

[REDACTED]

Winchell then stated that some time ago Nazi publications and organizations used a tricky piece of propaganda in the form of a paid advertisement. He stated that the British censors in Bermuda intercepted a letter to Berlin which told how successful this paid ad was in the United States. That letter, according to Winchell, was sent by George Sylvester Viereck, now in prison as a Nazi agent. Winchell then stated that Special Prosecutor William Power Maloney revealed this not-so-astounding fact; and, according to Winchell, this ad was traced to a Congressman's office, through which it was printed. He stated that the Congressman was the Honorable Hamilton Fish.

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An item of general interest to the Bureau was headed "Albany." Winchell stated that insiders believe that the American Labor Party will hold their convention before the Democrats hold theirs. The American Labor Party will nominate a candidate, and the dark horse will be none other than Mr. A. A. Berle, Assistant Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

W. A. Johnson
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June 23, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. TAMM
MR. LADD

Walters

You will note that Mr. Mitchell from time to time forwards memoranda upon various matters to the Bureau. Then, after a lapse of several weeks he will frequently refer in his broadcasts or in his column to some matter which he has reported and make inquiry as to what has been done with it.

I think it is imperative that we give immediate attention to these matters, conducting any investigation which may be necessary and seeing that the information is referred to the appropriate Departmental official so that the Bureau's record will be entirely clear and we will not be embarrassed by any subsequent follow-up by Mr. Mitchell.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
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Walter Winchell

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Mon. June 29, '42

Sir:-
 Walter Winchell boasted last night via radio that he, with the exception of Huddle & Roosevelt was the only one who had complete information regarding the activities of the B. B. I. in their roundup of the Nazis in our country. Under what law have you given this Red such vital information?



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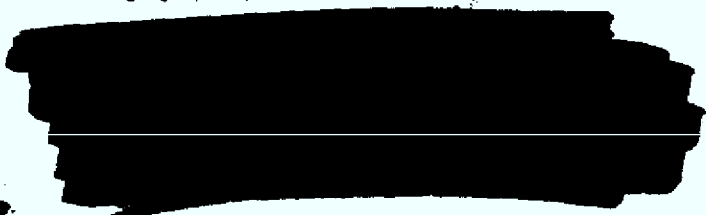
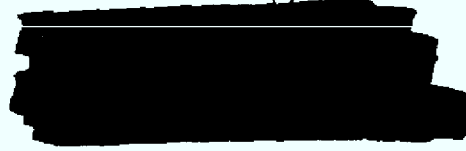
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Sunday night June 28th I understood Walter Winchell to say over the radio that the F. B. I. has men working in the Gestapo on the outskirts of Berlin. There are several ways of interpreting that. First, if it is true we should not broadcast it to Hitler, at least anyone who did should be punished. Second, if it is not true, it would be pretty naive to think we could alarm the Nazis with such rubbish. Third, if it is not true, is it put out to help the morale of this country and if so are we supposed to be dunce enough not to see thru it?

This may sound Hollywoodish but did you ever consider checking up on the dots and dashes (telegraph) on the Winchell news program. I do not wish to appear unduly suspicious but whenever I hear anyone who ferfently professes his piety, innocence or patriotish, I immediatly question his motive. I have nothing against Winchell, it just seems to me that nothing should be allowed to go unchecked regardless of whom it may concern.

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
Sunday, June 28, 1942

The first item mentioned by Winchell in his program concerned the recent sabotage case being investigated by this Bureau. He stated that the most exciting achievement of John Edgar Hoover's G-men can not be revealed in its entirety at this time. He said that the money and ammunition will be put to good use, and that the \$149,000 seized will be turned over to the United States Treasury with the suggestion that it be applied for the making of American bombers. He said that the TNT will be sent back to Hitler by American dive bombers. Winchell then stated that \$16,500 was recovered only a few hours ago in Chicago, and stated that besides New York and Chicago, money was also found in Cincinnati, Jacksonville, Florida, and Pittsburgh. Winchell stated that the penalty for treason is death before a firing squad. He continued by stating that besides the FBI Agents only two other Americans have been told the complete story: the Attorney General and the President of the United States. Winchell added that not before the war is over can the real case be revealed to the public. He said that the apprehension of the spies by the G-men, based on the slightest of tips, will take your breath away. He stated further that it is doubted that more than eight landed, and that the Long Island and Florida quartets were not connected - that is, they had no plans for meeting after arrival here. Winchell stated that these men carried forged draft certificates and phony Social Security identification. He further stated that one of these spies was employed some time ago by a famous American bridge player.

Walter Winchell

Winchell then stated that the suicide of Wilhelm Frobose, Junior, of Milwaukee, is no longer a mystery. He stated that Frobose had killed himself on his way to New York, where he was to be confronted by these eight colleagues.

Winchell stated that three Nazi spies spent a lot of time in Broadway stores, and only a few nights ago they had a delicious meal at the famous Dinty Moore's on West 46th Street, after which they went to West 52nd Street, Club 18. He then made the statement, and headed it "Special for Berlin," that, "the FBI Agents are not only in the United States, but are even in the German Gestapo and at the border of Berlin."

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Later in his program, Winchell made a further statement as to this case and headed it "New York." He stated that several more arrests had been made tonight in connection with the eight Nazi saboteurs, but that the FBI did not announce the locations, but they were in the New York and

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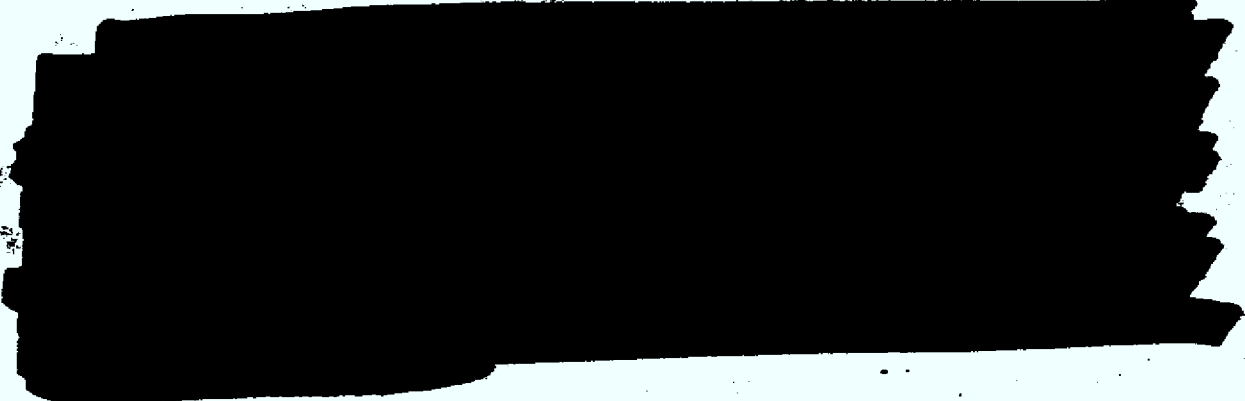
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of Congress, and called him a butcher; that shortly after that attack, the same Congressman from the East, in another speech, praised the so-called butcher with great affection. Winchell then said that what you shortly will read in the press was that the same Congressman's investigator became the press agent for the so-called South American butcher at \$50,000 a year.

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Winchell then said that Federal Attorney Correa had stated that Von Starenberg was under surveillance, and that his activities were not considered subversive, being done before December 7.



In Winchell's final comment, he expressed thanks to the eight Nazi murderers for awakening the American people. He stated that they have done with dynamite what some of us could not do with words.

Respectfully,

W. A. Johnson
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Chicago sectors.

In view of the fact that you are being kept currently advised as to all developments in this case by the Sabotage Section, no further comment is being made as to Winchell's remarks in this case.

An item of interest mentioned by Winchell was the fact that the American Labor Party candidate is to be Senator James Head of Buffalo.

Winchell then stated that the story that has escaped the attention of newspapers in New York concerns our old friend William Dudley Pelley. He stated that William Dudley Pelley, the self-styled Hitler, is awaiting trial in Indianapolis. He added that the North Carolina Supreme Court this week handed down an opinion that Pelley must serve a two to three-year sentence for violating a suspended sentence in 1936. He said that the Judge ruled that Pelley published advertisements containing untruths, deceptive and misleading statements. He then said that "smelly Pelley" libelled the President and published grossly inaccurate reports of his 1936 trial. The Judge also ruled, according to Winchell, that the statutes of limitation do not run in favor of an accused person while he is a fugitive from justice. Winchell added that that decision must have been quite a shock to Pelley's supporters in Congress.

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Winchell then commented on the new Foreign Agents Registration Act. His item was headed "Washington," and he stated that the new Foreign Agents Registration Act which goes into effect tonight has very sharp teeth in it. This new law now makes it possible to go after anyone transmitting any communication or making any expression which he has reason to believe will be circulated among any section of the public unless the statement or remark discloses the identity of the person or the nation or republic, or agent of a foreign principal. Winchell added that those who promote foreign causes in the United States had better take another good look at Public Law 532, Chapter 263.

Winchell then stated that a certain witness appeared before the Federal Grand Jury in Washington this week, and that his testimony was not disclosed. He stated, "This much I am at liberty to reveal"; he then said that the witness was once the chief investigator for a certain Congressman from the East who was investigating subversive characters. He stated that in 1939 the Congressman attacked the President of a South American Republic on the floor

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WALTER WINCHELL

Mr. Hoover;

Get copies of Walter Winchell's radio broadcasts and news columns for the two-year period just before Germany and Russia signed their pact. You will then realize that when I call this man a Red I am stating a fact. During the above mentioned period Winchell never once had a harsh word for the activities of the Communists in our

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Edgar Hoover,
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Dear Mr House

I am just an American
Citizens but I feel that
it is the duty of every
Citizens to report anything
that they think might
be of any importance
So I am send you this
clipp from our paper
of Walter Winchell if
you look it over to
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Walter Winchell On BROADWAY

Letter To The German-American Bund

Thanks for betraying yourselves. Some of us have been believing all along that the Bund was a school for traitors. The FBI just matched eight saboteurs from Berlin who confirmed it. That was very helpful. It may even shut the mouths of certain distinguished American dopes, but don't bet on it. From the beginning we always argued that you had to be a sneak and a cut-throat to get into the Bund. We figured that a guy hired to sell out a country that sheltered, fed and welcomed him had to be a 100% no-good. The dopes claimed you were nice guys—just misunderstood. So thanks again for coming forward and proving yourselves false.

All eight of the dynamiters under arrest were Bundists, they admitted. So you see where that leaves you, don't you? It puts the official Nazi stamp on your activities. It comes out that the Nazi consuls in New York, San Francisco, New Orleans, etc., directed you. It doesn't jell with your claim that you ganged up for athletics and to improve German-American relations.

But then I suppose you can get a few laughs out of fooling those distinguished American dopes. Those so-called good citizens who squatted on Bund platforms and orated how wonderful you were. I'll bet you felt good that night in Madison Square Garden, when they came right out for you. Remember the incident? Dorothy Thompson (the canny girl) spotted you for scam—so you threw her out. You must have been proud of the way you tamed those Americans, who roosted on the rostrum and let you get away with it. They even agreed that Miss Thompson was a trouble-maker. That must have pleased you: Americans calling Dorothy Thompson—from a Bund platform yet—a trouble-maker!

How do you like that \$170,000 the eight saboteurs carried over here? That's bad. They had to explain it as bribe money, you know, to pay off the subversives for help to blow up war plants, bridges, stores, etc. That looks like something that involves you Bundists. You can bet your dialects that if the saboteurs know any subversive people, they met them at Bund rallies. Now where it leaves you? You have no idea of the record Mr. Whiskers has of you chumps. He used to jot down your license number when you came to meeting in your car. Achi! Dot Hoover!

The hell of it is this: You don't know just how much J. Edgar Hoover has on you. He's so wily, that Hoover. He puts out so much to the papers, then holds out quite a lot to work on. That's why you don't know when your front door is going to be kicked in and you'll have to explain how come. It was a bad day for you, wasn't it, when you chummed up with those eight? The minute they're in trouble—boppe—they drag you into it. A fine way for the Master Race to behave.

Some of the men under arrest were pals, too. You split many a "hell" together, didn't you? And I suppose you swung a three-pound flashlight with some of them on the heads of loyal Americans. And goodness knows how many jokes you had together about "Rosenfeld." Those eight had your phone numbers and addresses. And neat little blogs on what your price is and what particular brand of dirty work you specialise in. They very obligingly slipped all that to the FBI. They were a very musical

octet. They sang their square heads off.

And have you been reading about all the Bundist suicides right here in New York? And can you be sure they were suicides? Lots of the Bundists are better off dead, especially since the FBI's roundup. They had too much to tell, in case the law reached them. So they were found in the river. Or maybe they fell eight stories into Yorkville. How about you, Fritz? And you, too, Hans? Are you too informed? Be very careful. Some boom pal is going to drop in some night and shoot you right through the square haircut—and blow all the data right out of your head. Working for Hitler is a tough way to make a planing.

But tough as your own spot is, you probably can still chuckle at the plight of the American dopes who cuddled you. Remember the cordial telegrams they used to send to your meetings? They're right on the Western Union and Postal records and can be sprung on the senders any time. My goodness, some of our most gifted isolationists got defenses of the Bund right into the Congressional Record. That Record would make good eating for a lot of squirming citizens right now. They can't even claim "misquote." Documents are the messiest things...Chas. vizi!

But playing with Hitler is a fool's game. He is so inconsiderate, always embarrassing his helpers. Frinstance, a guy gets himself down as a loyal American and—boppe—Hitler quotes him on the short wave. Look how it leaves the guy—his kisser all red. He's no further use to Nasland. Or Hitler sends eight singing saboteurs over here, who give away the whole show.

Anyway you look at it, it's a pretty stiff price you're going to pay for strutting around in brown shirts and feeling good about being the Master Race. You can't be very proud of your fellow Aryans for the way they behaved. You wouldn't catch the Czechs doing that. Those brave people, unarmed and conquered, told your armed bullies to go hell themselves when they were tortured for a squeal on who sent Heydrich to hell. More than 90% of them died before they'd please a word, which is heroic German. You know, squall!

And you know what? Nazis are a kind of a thing you do power be... only tactic you... stand. He's... own crucifix... Cologne... eight... until... bet they called... of you... with them.

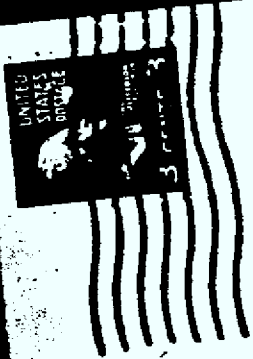
And don't expect a lift from Hitler. You Bundists are cheap labor. He can buy you in herds. He uses you.

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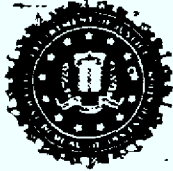


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Dictated: 12:20 AM
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
Sunday, July 12, 1942

The first item of interest mentioned by Winchell was headed "Radford, Pennsylvania," and he stated that an explosion at the Radford Ordnance Works may have injured ten persons. The plant turns out munitions.

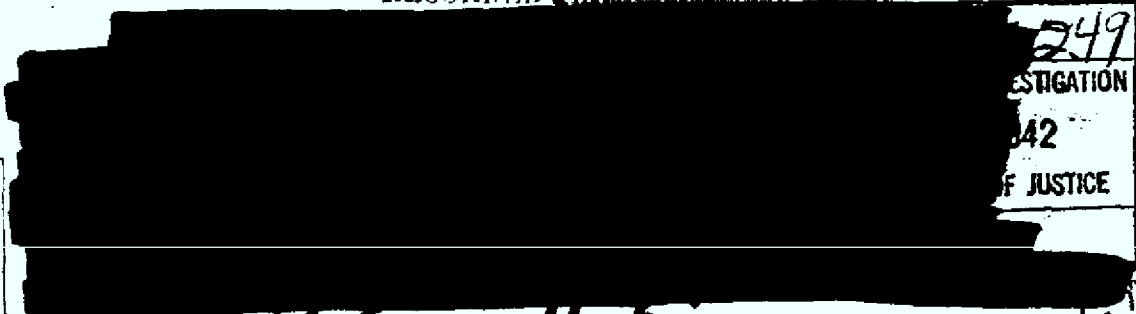
At 10:20 P. M., the writer talked with Special Agent F. G. Cook at Philadelphia, and he advised that the Philadelphia Office had no information on this explosion. However, he did state that Special Agent Francisco and Special Agent Puttrup had left the office at 9:40 P. M. to check on this matter. Cook further advised that the Philadelphia Office had checked with the Police at Radford, Pennsylvania, but they had no information as to this explosion. Special Agent Franklin, in the Philadelphia Office, advised that when coming into Philadelphia on the Reading train at approximately 9:40 P. M., he had observed a large fire. The Philadelphia Office is to advise the Bureau as soon as it is able to obtain information on this matter.

The next comment made by Winchell was headed "New York City," and he stated that G-Men had arrested 180 members of the Bund and 85 German aliens last week. He added that there would be many more next week.

These figures are substantially correct.

He then stated, in an item headed "Norfolk, Virginia," that five merchants in Norfolk have been arrested by the FBI, charged with a new racket. He stated that there had been from five to ten percent kick-back of monthly sales to Naval Station employees.

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Another item of general interest mentioned by Winchell was to the effect that the French fleet in Martinique has been completely disarmed. As a military threat to Panama, Martinique has been liquidated.

In Winchell's next item, entitled "Attention, Mr. and Mrs. United States," he stated that a few Nazi saboteurs were captured on the beach, but the others remained unexposed. "The enemy is here. The truth is many were born here. Not every man born in Berlin hates Democracy, but neither does every man born in Chicago love this Republic. Paul Revere's job was comparatively simple. He could tell the enemy by their red jackets. Eyes alone, however, will not reveal American turncoats. Not every manufacturer in Essen is loyal to dictatorship, but not every manufacturer in Detroit believes in the Bill of Rights. Not every oil executive in Europe accepts Hitler's New Order, but not every oil man in Pennsylvania accepts the American way. The broad skies of America are Axis military objectives, but every aviator who flies them is not an enemy of Germany. At the risk of their lives, underground newspapers in Europe continue their attacks on Hitler. At the risk of nothing, some American newspapers continue underhandedly to support Hitler's principles in America. In Europe the quislings who gave Hitler aid in time of peace, gave him comfort in time of war. Not only our planes and tanks, but our Benedict Arnolds are in mass production, and to get to the bottom, we must go to the top."

Under the heading "A Reporter's Report to the Nation," Winchell stated that the man who smashed the underground German-American Bund after sixteen months is United States Attorney Howard Cochran of the Department of Justice. With his assistance, Henry Delafield prepared suits against the entire underground. Arrests by G-Men in the Mid-Western States are due any hour. All of them will be tried in New York City. The penalty, if found guilty, will be seven years for membership in the Bund; and death for those found guilty of treason.

His next item was headed "Washington," and he stated that on July 26, two weeks hence, J. Edgar Hoover will celebrate an anniversary with good cause. July 26 will mark Hoover's twenty-sixth year with the Department of Justice, and his eighteenth year with the FBI. July 26 would certainly be the day to present him and his Agents who handed up the Nazi saboteurs the Congressional Medal, as suggested by Senator Wood of New York.

Winchell then stated that most Americans have heard the name of Robert Noble, and added that "This is to report that Robert Noble and Ellis O.

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Jones, first accused by me, were convicted for sedition in Los Angeles yesterday. Judge Ralph Chaney (phonetic) will sentence them on the 20th. They are liable to fines of \$10,000 each, or twenty years in prison, or both. Winchell then stated, "Thanks to everyone in California who were alert."

Winchell's statements are correct. You have been advised of the details in this case by recent memorandum.

Winchell's next item of interest was headed "Indianapolis, Indiana," and he stated that William Dudley Pelley, or "Smelly Pelley," the leader of the Silver Shirts, a confidant of Bund leaders, will go to trial on charges of sedition on July 28, in the Federal Court at Indianapolis, Indiana.

This statement is correct.

Winchell then stated that Lincoln Kanai, an Hawaiian-born Japanese, and Secretary of the Japanese YMCA, offered to help the G-Men last year. He said he was Japanese and could be of great assistance to the United States Government. Mr. Kanai was just arrested by the FBI in Milwaukee, charged with violations of the Defense Regulations on the West Coast. The FBI will prosecute in San Francisco.

The writer contacted SAC O'Connor at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at 11:15 P. M. He advised that a Commissioners' warrant was outstanding in San Francisco for violation of Public Law 503, which pertains to the evacuation of Japanese in the California area. At the United States Commissioners hearing Saturday, Kanai was held on a bond of \$5,000 for removal to San Francisco. A fugitive complaint was filed on Kanai on Saturday. Kanai was taken into custody at 6:15 P. M. on Friday, July 10, 1942, by Agents of this Bureau, at Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Kanai is the first Japanese to be arrested in Wisconsin, and the matter was publicized probably because of the fact that there are only thirteen Japanese in that State.

In reply to a letter from Mrs. George Worth of Washington, D. C., Winchell stated that the eight saboteurs had instructions to start explosions not later than July 6, He stated that they were arrested just in time, and that "two of the eight may not be shot (a brief pause) - a reward."

The Bureau's information did not indicate any particular activity on the part of the saboteurs to start on any particular date.

Winchell's next item was to the effect that men attached to the Department of Justice are not exempt from the draft. He stated that the FBI is exempt by Presidential Order.

His final comment was to the effect that he salutes the FBI for capturing the eight saboteurs in New York and Florida. He then stated, "How about the rest of us going after the rest of the saboteurs who landed in Congress?"

Respectfully,

W. A. Johnson

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This is MEL BURKA Speaking

STATION WBLK, CLARKSBURG, W. VA.

7/1/42

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

OK T. Hoover

Dear Mr. Winchell;

I am a constant reader of your "kolyum", and needless to say, an admirer of you and the things that you stand for.

I was particularly attracted by your "Letters To The German American Bund" that appeared, syndicated, in my hometown paper. I thought this article so fine that I showed it to my employer George C. Blackwell, station director of WBLK, Clarksburg, W. Va.

I am an announcer at WBLK, and am asking your permission to broadcast, word for word, your "Letters to The German-American Bund", as of July 1, 1942.

I think that the people of my community, would appreciate such a broadcast of such a fine piece of writing that exemplifies not only the truth, but the spirit of Freedom of the Press.....

If arrangements can be made I would be very grateful for the opportunity to further augment the writings in July 1, column.

Cordially
Mel Burka
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July 2nd, 1942

T. Hoover

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Three "bullies" for you and a million cheers when you knocked the H--- out of those Bundists with that letter to them.

Religiously I read your Column and silently cheer you. That letter did me more good than unexpectedly being bequeathed a million dollars would have, and I'm in favor of every American clipping it from his newspaper and sending it to Adolf Hitler!

All of us red-blooded Americans are for you, Mr. Winchell, and I, for one, wish I could get in there and help you pitch with that Column -- but all of us are pitching the only way we can: "BUYING A SHARE OF AMERICA!"

Admiringly and sincerely,



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Mr. Harp Winchell

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Mr. Walter Winchell
W/o King Features
235 East 45th Street
New York, N. Y.

Mr. Winchell

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Some time ago you referred to the "Japs" as "yellow Aryans." This may sound strange to you but a few days prior to your broadcast, I referred to the Japs in the same manner in the course of a conversation with one of my co-workers, as well as mentioning the same thing in a letter to a young man who was in a Refugee Camp in Canada. My friend later remarked that if she hadn't heard me use that expression, she would not have believed her ears. However, I was quite happy and thrilled to hear you express yourself in that manner as it made me feel that I was not alone in my views.

My recent definition of a Nazi is a "bleached Jap" who has been exposed too long to the Rising Sun. If you like it, you may use it or if you wish to change the expression to suit your needs, it is perfectly OK with me as is everything you say and write.

Congratulations on your splendid radio programs. Wonder if Mr. and Mrs. Public and the F.B.I. realize how much they owe to you. Keep up your fireworks and bombast and may God bless you.

Respectfully yours,

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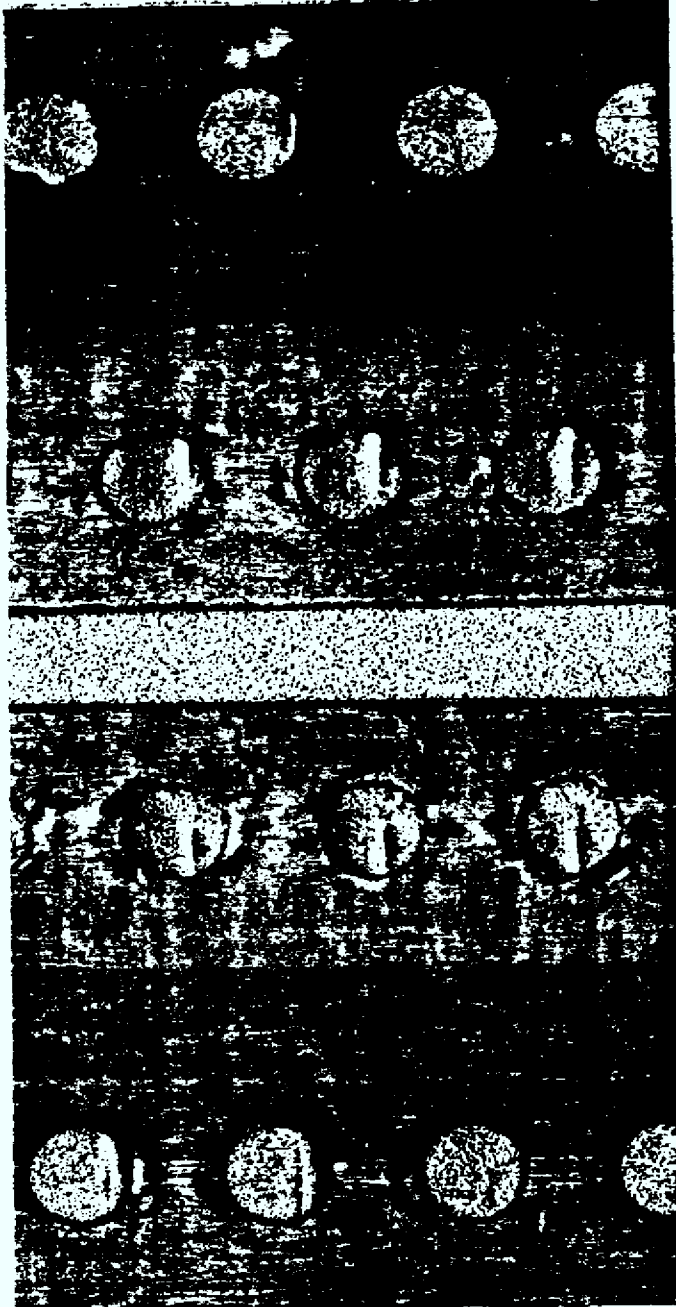
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From Walter Winchell:

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The Honorable Members of the FBI: Is that sadist (how he groats over the misfortune of all who oppose the activities of the greatest enemies of America, the Communists), and pervert (running around in the filthy holes of New York, even in an American uniform, thereby disgracing it), Walter Winchell running the FBI? It would seem so from his column. He is so disgustingly brazen in making suggestions to the FBI. When this cowardly & slacker isolationist (wearing a uniform, but seeing that his cowardly hide is safe), is continually hammering at the Bundists, & loudly silent on the dirty rats, the communists, is he not thereby trying to divert attention from the activities of his crowd, activities as undermining the American form of government? Is not this one of those craftily set to destroy faith in the American form of government, when he a few years ago smeared the names of Washington & Lincoln, thus secretly, but not openly working for the destruction of the American form of government. Both Bundists & communists should

The Honorable Member of the FBI: Why slap only the Bundists into jail, & not the worst enemies of America & democracy, the communists, who have been preaching over throw of the American form of government for years? We demand that all traitors be treated alike. Get the communists too, no matter what high position they hold or how much money they have. These skunks will ruin America & eventually the world. Let us be men & true Americans who work for the preservation of American & liberties as they were handed down to us by Washington & Jefferson. All over the country people are complaining about liberties. Among such you will find also such as smeared Washington & Lincoln like Walter Winchell, such as repeatedly expressed disdain for the Constitution of the United States., many of whom are rats that were born in Russia & Austria.

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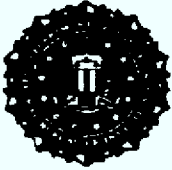
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July 26, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
Sunday, July 26, 1942

Winchell's first item was headed "Washington," and he stated that the Court Martial Board trying the eight saboteurs is expected to hand its verdict to the President by the end of the week.

Winchell's second item was also headed "Washington," and he stated that the three saboteurs, Kappe, Barth, and Schmidt, exposed by the FBI yesterday have not entered the United States yet.

In Winchell's next item headed "Detroit," he stated that the G-Men staged a second raid on sixty homes in the Detroit area. He stated that shortwave radios and firearms were among the contraband seized. The raids, according to Winchell, were conducted at Royal Oak, Dearborn, and Ann Arbor.

You were advised of these raids in a memorandum dated July 25, 1942. Winchell's figures are not correct, in that 126 homes in the Detroit area were raided.

In Winchell's next item headed "Washington," he stated that the United States Attorney General Biddle expects the twenty-eight defendants will go to trial in October. He stated that William Power Maloney will be the Attorney, and that these defendants want no part of each other and they want separate trials. He continued by stating that all twenty-eight will be tried at the same time before the same jury, for sedition.

Information concerning each of these individuals has been brought to your attention by memorandum. The probably date of the trial is not known.

In Winchell's next item addressed "Attention, Mr. and Mrs. United States," he stated that the enemy on the home front is surrounded. The United States Government indictment of twenty-seven men and one woman, Elizabeth Dilling of Chicago, for conspiracy against the morale of the Armed Forces speaks for itself. He stated that under the dictatorship which they so much liked, the defendants would be given no trial. Under the Constitution they despise, Winchell stated, they are guaranteed their trial in court; but the trial itself is an American victory. Winchell then said a traitor's witness stand more than the firing squad, and said that he fears the American jury more than Hitler does the R.A.F. He continued

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by stating that every right of the twenty-eight defendants must be protected because they are before the American Court. He then added that they are all on trial for conspiracy, but before the American people they are on trial for treason. If convicted, Winchell stated, they may have to serve thirty years in jail - but that isn't the point; if convicted, they will be men without a country, sentenced to live as Benedict Arnolds when they should have been glad to die as Americans.

Winchell's next item was headed "Indianapolis." He stated that on July 28, before the Federal Grand Jury here, William Dudley Pelley goes on trial charged with sedition. This does not refer to the Federal indictment before the Washington Grand Jury which named him, Pelley, along with twenty-seven others. One of the twenty-seven indicted persons, Winchell stated, is Count Spiridovitch. Winchell stated that his real name is Howard V. Broenstrup. Winchell then stated that in the Government release Broenstrup is described as an attorney for William Dudley Pelley, and added that in 1913, in the State in which he was admitted to the bar, Ohio, disbarment charges were brought against Broenstrup. For confirmation of this fact, Winchell stated that he referred all Government officials to the records of the court where the charges were filed - in the Common Pleas Court in Montgomery County, Ohio.

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Winchell's next item was headed "Washington." He stated that matching the spectacular achievements of the FBI of the Department of Justice, Leo Crowley, the Alien Property Custodian, will next smash enemies of the United States. Winchell stated that he will go after Axis controlled corporations, acting under the blind of neutral nations. The first notice, Winchell stated, that some of these corporations will have will be United States seals on their doors, and the first notice some of their officials will get will be United States handcuffs on their wrists.

It is not definitely known what Winchell referred to. He may have been referring to the various concerns such as the Gayer Aspirin Company and the Sterling Products Company, which are allegedly controlled by I. G. Farbin, an organization backed by German interests. Copies of reports as to these companies in the possession of the Bureau have been sent to the Department and to the Treasury Department.

Winchell's next item was headed "New York." He stated that Washington officials, including Senators and Congressmen, and his employers and superiors, had from time to time received complaints about him from Joseph Kamp of New York. Winchell stated that in Kamp's complaint he made many charges alleging that Winchell was an enemy of the nation and is unfit to serve the nation in any capacity. Kamp, Winchell said, had stated in his complaints that as a decent

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American he demanded Winchell's removal. Winchell then stated that he wished to report to all concerned in this country that in the long list of publishers indicted by the Government the other day was the publisher of "Constitutional Educational League." Winchell stated that the guiding spirit and head of this organization is Joseph Kamp.

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As of general interest to the Bureau, Winchell's next item was headed "Mexico City." He stated that American business men have responded to the call of the United States Government to drive the enemy out of business in South America. He stated that a large American insurance syndicate is doing this, and that Sidney Rose Corporation has driven the German drug firm south of Colombia.

In his item "Letters to the Editor," Winchell stated that the series of articles by him in Liberty magazine began with the issue on the news stand this week, and would continue for four weeks. He stated that some individuals named in his articles are already behind bars.

In his last item of interest to the Bureau, Winchell stated that the newspaper column written by Drew Pearson will appear in the Washington Post starting Monday (the day was not clearly heard).

Respectfully,

W. A. Johnson
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Walter Winchell

Dear Honorable members:--Is it not true that one hears some one continual howling about bundists, that that is the hammering of a bolshevists, giving vent to the old cry, "Stop, thief! to divert attention from himself, while he lays the foundation to destroy the American form of government, is not this Winchell of that class? Does he not stink like a Bolshevist? Did he not a few years ago smear Washington & Lincoln, the founder & preserver of our Republic, in order to destroy faith in the American form of government? How does it come that he knows so much about the activities of the FBI, & even makes suggestions to them? If this punk is running the FBI the American people will soon lose faith in the FBI, which would be bad. Bundists & continual howlers are all traitors. The howlers have something to hide from the American people, namely their dirty Bolshevism. We demand that all traitors be treated alike the Bundists & the Bolshevists, like Winchell. This Winchell would prove himself a supersadist, and a superhitler if ever he got control



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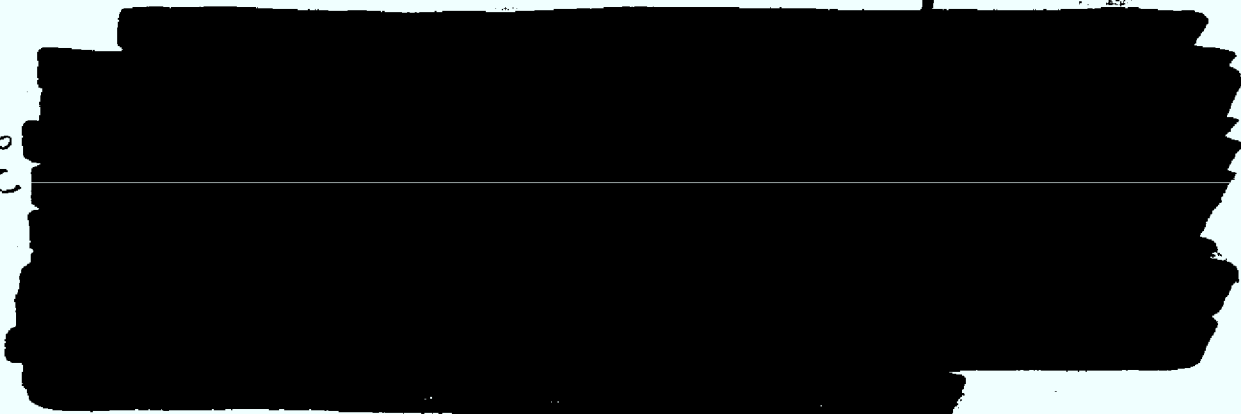
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
Sunday, July 19, 1942

The first item mentioned by Winchell on his broadcast was headed "Washington." He stated that the case of the eight Nazi saboteurs is expected to last another two weeks. Winchell then stated that the Nazi on the Drottningholm will be tried in Federal Court at Hoboken, New Jersey, and stated that it will be an open trial.



Winchell's next item was headed "San Francisco." He stated that all United States District Attorneys will meet in San Francisco for a concerted drive on the West Coast of subversive organizations. He stated that the net is closed. Winchell then added that the attack will smash activities on the West Coast and will parallel the attack on the East Coast against the Bund.

Winchell is undoubtedly referring to the Regional Conference held between United States District Attorneys and representatives from the Department.

Winchell then stated that the FBI reached an all time high during the fiscal year of 1942. He said that there were 7,448 convictions for Federal offenses - the largest number in FBI history. He stated that there were 97% convictions in cases that went to court.

These figures are accurate.

In Winchell's next item headed "New York," he stated that Liberal circles, including the American-Italian Labor Council, will petition the President and Congress for more power to law enforcement agencies. He

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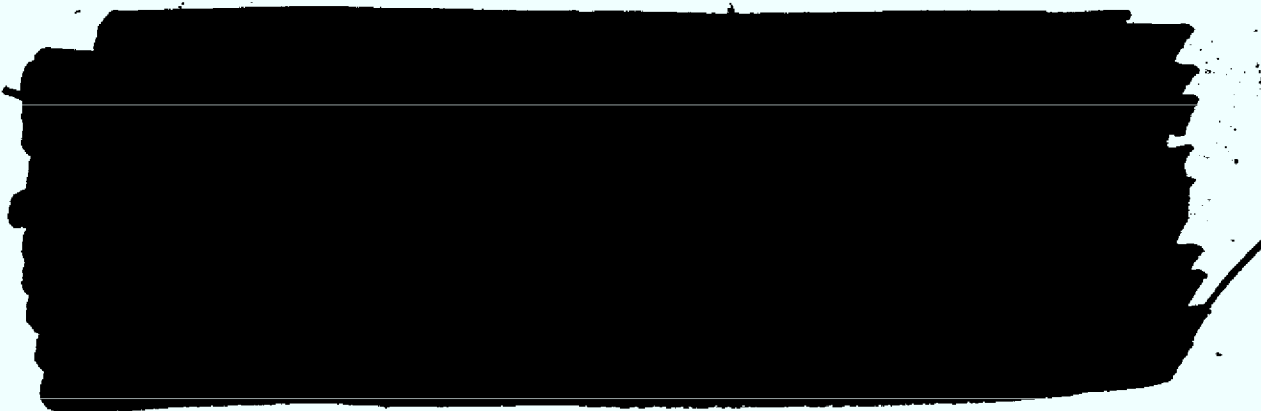
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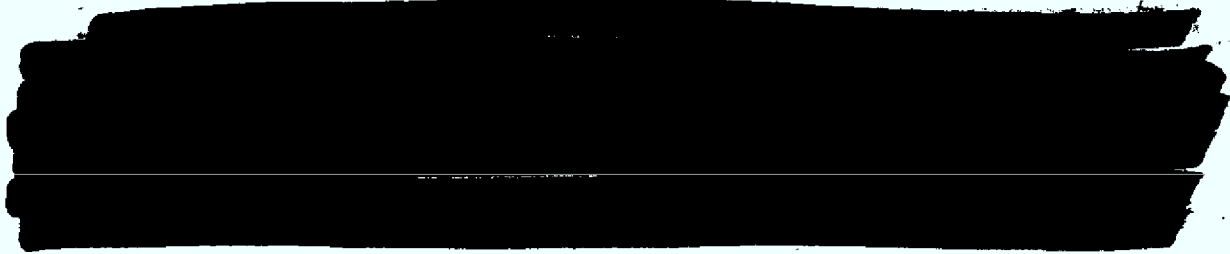
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stated that resolutions will call for the right of the Government to hold ~~be~~ Nazi or Fascist on suspicion. Winchell then stated that the Government will have the right to hold members of the Bund without charges and without trial.

In an item headed "New York," Winchell states that the other day the Government finally caught up with two men in New York who were working for Nazi-dominated Vichy. He said that they were charged with not registering with the State Department as foreign agents. He added that far too long ago it was revealed that Major John E. Kelly, whose Military commission has been revoked, worked as a propaganda agent for another Nazi-dominated country - Spain. It was also revealed, according to Winchell, that Kelly failed to register as an agent. "The time has whizzed by," Winchell stated, "and the whole thing has been forgotten," and added, "Why is that?"



Winchell's next item was headed "Wichita, Kansas," and he stated that the Reverend Gerald B. Winrod has been following in Hitler's footsteps. He said that you can write up his biography by merely drawing a swastika, and added that Reverend Winrod has denied that he is pro-Nazi. Winchell continued by stating that this is to report again that in a court action once Mrs. Winrod said, "While preaching the gospel, he kept filling it with Nazi propaganda against the United States." Winchell then stated that he could prove that some of Winrod's literature came from "World Service," and added that "World Service" is the official Nazi overseas propaganda agency. Winchell then stated that the headlines will soon ~~show~~ Gerald Winrod along with nineteen others mentioned by your reporter many times.



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Winchell's next item was headed "Sacramento." He stated that the prosecution of Robert Noble, Ellis O. Jones, and F. K. Ferenz is scheduled to start this week in Sacramento. Winchell stated that Attorney Generals Earl Warren and District Attorney Babcock will prosecute all defendants charged with being the governing group of "Friends of Progress," a subversive outfit out there. He then stated that this case will connect up where the Sedition trial of Noble and Jones left off, and will show that the activities were inspired in Germany. He stated that the connecting link between these men is F. K. Ferenz, and that "Noisy Noble" has been the mouthpiece all the time. Winchell stated that he had exposed Ferenz years ago, and that Ferenz at that time had denied this, and had tried to get Winchell to retract this statement, and then threatened to sue him for vicious libel. However, Winchell stated, "there was no retraction, no libel suit, - and soon, no Ferenz."

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Winchell then stated that the Navy Department had announced tonight that two medium-size American boats were attacked by enemy submarines; that one attack was off the northern coast of South America, and one approximately eighty miles south of our southern shores.

Winchell stated that beginning with the August first issue of the Liberty magazine, a series of articles by him would appear, in four installments, entitled, "Americans We Can Do Without." He added that the leaders of subversive elements are named in these articles.

Respectfully,

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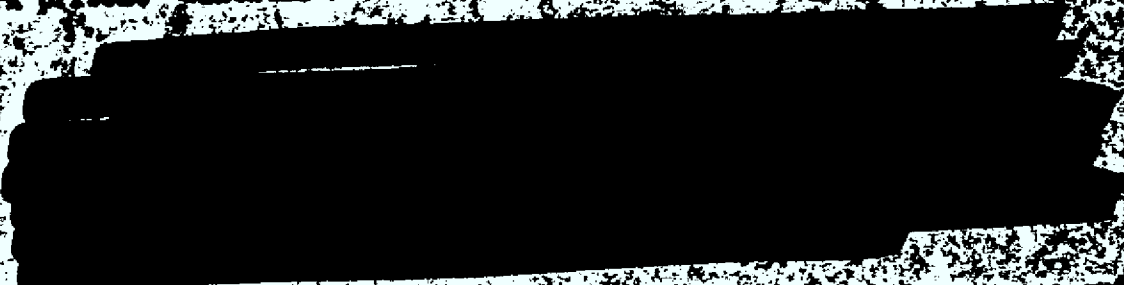
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Walter Winchell broadcast
Sunday, July 9, 1942

The first item mentioned by Winchell on his broadcast concerned G. Wilhelm Knaese. Winchell referred to him as the number one band leader who was flown back from Mexico, and who is now behind bars in a New York prison. Winchell stated that Knaese will be tried for treason.



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Winchell then mentioned that the eight Nazi saboteurs were quietly removed from the New York lockup, and that they are now in the District jail awaiting trial. The trial will start next Wednesday, according to Winchell.

Winchell then stated that Ralph Ingersoll, editor of P. M., will have his draft case settled by Tuesday night. Winchell stated that a story that will rock the nation will appear on Tuesday afternoon.



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knows that Winchell had in mind as to the story that will break Tuesday afternoon.

Winchell's next item was to the effect that since January 1, 1942, FBI raids the following have been seized:

- 1652 sticks of dynamite
- 1756 other pieces of explosives
- 1680 short-wave receivers
- 2423 cameras
- 872 swords, bayonets, and knives
- 729 rifles
- 642 pistols
- 1049 shotguns
- 210,000 rounds of ammunition

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Winchell then stated that when the history of these times is written, it will be revealed that twice the fate of the civilized world depended on intercepted and decoded messages. He continued by saying, "I cannot enlarge on this at this time. It is a military secret."

It is not known what Winchell referred to.

Winchell then stated that the procedure to be used by the Military Commission in the trial of the eight Nazi spies has been used only twice before in American history. He stated that it was first used when Major Andre was hanged, and stated that it was again used to try Booth in Lincoln's day. He stated that Washington, however, expects that they will be convicted and then shot. Winchell then stated that Attorney General Francis Biddle will be the prosecutor.

In view of the current status and importance of this case, no further comment is being made in this memorandum.

Winchell's next item was headed "Detroit," and he stated that in case anyone is wasting any sympathy for Max Stephan, convicted for treason, that there is this to report, that Stephan may die before a firing squad for aiding and abetting Krug. Winchell stated that Stephan's restaurant in Detroit was used as a meeting place for the German American Bund, and was used by German women for sending packages to prisoners in Canada. He stated that the German organizations met there secretly, and held target practice with rifles.

It is known that Stephan's restaurant in Detroit was a meeting place for members of German organizations.

Winchell's next item of interest to this Bureau was that the G-men performed another great service to the nation. He stated that Clyde Sarah masqueraded as a Spaniard in Oakland, California, in an attempt to avoid evacuation. Winchell stated that Sarah had had his facial features changed by plastic surgery, but that all this bother and pain was for nothing, in that the FBI got him, and he is now awaiting trial in San Francisco. Winchell stated that his real name is Toyosaburo Korematsu.

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This matter has recently been called to your attention by a Memorandum. The Assistant United States Attorney at San Francisco made a press release on this matter on June 13, 1942. An authorized complaint has been filed for violation of Public Law 503, which makes it a misdemeanor with a penalty of a maximum sentence of one year to violate the provisions prescribed by the Secretary of War, pursuant to authority furnished the Secretary of War by the President on February 19, 1942.

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[REDACTED] This law pertains to the order issued by General DeWitt that all persons of Japanese ancestry should leave the western half of California. [REDACTED]

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Winchell then stated that in his mail one of his letters, written every time he discusses the German-American Bund and other German organizations, is a man who shot paper bullets at him. He stated that this man published articles in papers condemned by the Government as seditious. Winchell stated that this man now writes him that the eight spies should be shot because they are a menace to American safety. He stated that this man's name is Edward James Bayne, 142 Verulica Avenue, New York. Winchell then stated that perhaps J. Edgar Hoover will be interested in Mr. Bayne, and continued by stating, "I would like the FBI, for instance, to ask Mr. Bayne about his newspaper pictures at various Bund meetings, standing alongside Bund members, and about the correspondence confiscated by some of us which includes this line, 'I am proud to call Fritz [redacted] my friend.'"

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The last item mentioned by Winchell on his program was in reply to a letter to Mrs. O. M. P. Bell. Winchell stated that if Germany caught enemy spies, there would have been no announcements until after they had been shot by a firing squad.

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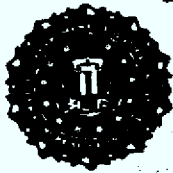
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July 29, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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By reference from the Director's Office, I talked to Bayne Butcher of New York who identified himself as being with the Walter Winchell program.

He pointed out Mr. Winchell is on vacation, his last program was last Sunday night, and Andrew Jergens wants various guest commentators and has suggested that Mr. Hoover be included among the commentators. Mr. Butcher stated he did not hold out much hope to Mr. Jergens but did state he would tackle "John" on it. Accordingly he invited the Director to be the guest commentator next Sunday night or the following week.

I explained to him with the spy trial and the many other things we have, it would not be possible for the Director to do this. He stated he understands the situation completely, that he was merely asking to satisfy his client.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols
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MR. PATTERSON

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There is attached hereto a letter forwarded to the Bureau by Walter Winchell along with its acknowledgment listing therein twenty-eight file references into which copies of the yellow acknowledgment have not been placed.

Supervisor Coyne in Mr. Mumford's Unit, at the present time is handling the acknowledgment of general Walter Winchell mail. Because of the volume of this type of mail, that Unit has adopted the procedure of using a single acknowledgment for groups of letters. Several days ago Mr. Coyne telephonically contacted me with reference to the elimination of copies of the acknowledgment for all of the letters, the idea being that this would save considerable time on the part of the stenographer and also in the filing of the copy. Mr. Coyne pointed out that they would acknowledge the various letters which are filed according to subject matter in separate files by one acknowledgment. File copies of the acknowledgment would not be prepared; however, notations would be made on each of the incoming letters to the effect "Acknowledged 7-21-42, JWC, file number 100-122012-1". Thus, in checking the files, anyone coming across a Walter Winchell letter which had not been acknowledged would note the reference and if necessary, could call the file in which the one acknowledgment is filed.

It was pointed out to Mr. Coyne that the Files Division had no objection to this procedure, but that it was contrary to present procedure in effect in the Files Division requiring that copies of acknowledgments should always follow the incoming letter and be in each file to make the file complete, and that we could, of course, not authorize such a procedure unless it was officially approved. The attached came to me with requests to call Mr. Mumford. In contacting him, he stated that he intended to bring this up at the next conference in Division Five. I thought we should procure approval on this before it is allowed to go on file.

I can see no objection to this new procedure as long as it is officially accepted, since it will save a certain amount of time on the part of the stenographer preparing copies and the Files Division will not have to worry with the preparation of these copies for filing. It is true, however, that the files in which other letters from Walter Winchell are filed will not contain a copy of the acknowledgment.

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