

You will recall that Mr. Winchell previously commented on the alleged anti-Semitic outbreaks in the Boston area in his broadcast of November 7, 1943. You will also recall that the Director was furnished complete information on this matter in a memorandum dated October 30, 1943, under the above caption. The Director was also furnished a memorandum on November 6, 1943, containing information relative to the delegation of "liberal groups" which called on Attorney General Biddle, requesting an investigation of the alleged anti-Semitic racial tension and violence existent in various sections of the country, particularly at Boston, Massachusetts. A summary of the information on this matter available to the Bureau was likewise furnished Attorney General Biddle under date of November 8, 1943.

Concerning the incident mentioned by Mr. Winchell that occurred at Melrose the Boston Office has advised that several children went into a Jewish cemetery and tipped over some tombstones. This incident is stated to have occurred shortly after the original complaint of outbreaks in Boston, Massachusetts. Mayor Raymond of Melrose got together with a group of citizens who went to the cemetery and replaced the tombstones in their original places. According to information available, this incident was attributable to juvenile vandalism with no indication of any concerted anti-Semitic activities.

Inquiries concerning the outbreaks in the Boston area have generally revealed that they were caused by juvenile delinquences and racial misunderstandings and that they were not in any way attributable to any concerted or organized anti-Semitic campaign.

3. Matters of General Interest.

- A. Mr. Winchell stated: "And that ladies and gentlemen winds up another Jergens Journal until next Sunday night at the very same time. Until then and with lotions of love, I remain your New York correspondent, Walter Winchell, who passes along this form of criticism from some of your boys at Guadalcanal. They tell me that they think more of the Japs than they do of John L. Lewis. At least the Japs are fighting for their country. Good night."

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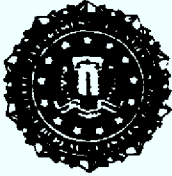
Complete details in this case have, of course, been made available to the Director.

- B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Baltimore. U. S. Attorney General Francis S. Biddle will speak before the Negro Bar Association this week. His speech will be a scathing attack upon intolerance. Mr. Biddle will place the responsibility for law and order squarely upon the community which incites specific issues and bigots."

Respectfully,

E. P. Brown
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD *pb*

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
December 5, 1943

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. SEDITION MATTERS

A. United States vs. Gerald B. Winrod, et al; Sedition

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. The Department of Justice will start its major offensive on the home front in one month. The evidence is completed against 34 persons accused of conspiracy and sedition. They go to trial in Washington on or about January 15."

Mr. Winchell is, of course, referring to the case entitled, "United States vs. Gerald B. Winrod, et al, Sedition," the facts of which are presently being presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Washington, D. C. Evidence is still being presented to the Grand Jury in this case and Mr. O. John Rogge, who is handling the prosecution of this case for the Department, has advised that he expects to have an indictment returned against the individuals involved in this matter on January 2 or 3, 1944. Mr. Rogge also stated that he hoped the case could be brought for trial sometime during February, 1944. He stated that this would be the earliest possible trial date, however, as the defense attorneys would require at least one or two months to prepare their cases. The Director has been fully advised as to the facts involved in this case.

B. Book, "Under Cover," written by Avedis Derounian under the pen name, John Roy Carlson.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The other day the Honorable Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana inserted some panicky pap into the Congressional Record. It was an editorial from a Fort Wayne Zeitung. It spanked the wrists of the best seller book, "Under Cover," and its foremost admirer and salesman, me. The Fort Wayne

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Zeitung pulled that ageless chestnut that the book smeared patriotic Americans. That's the same word, smear, that the German-American Bund also used when this reporter first exposed it. Smear was the word George Sylvester Viereck used when I exposed him. He is now in the Federal Penitentiary as a convicted Nazi agent. Smear was the word also used by William Dudley Pelley now doing 15 years in a Federal prison. They always scream smear. Smear is easier to say than proving me wrong. Neither Senator Wheeler nor the Fort Wayne editor has challenged any of us on the facts in "Under Cover." Let Mr. Wheeler or anyone prove that "Under Cover" contains one misstatement and I'll make it public on this microphone."

You will recall that complete information relative to "Under Cover" and John Roy Carlson, its author, has been made available to the Director. Mr. Winchell has repeatedly mentioned this book in his broadcasts and called it a best seller. George Sylvester Viereck, who is referred to above, was found guilty on July 16, 1943, and was later sentenced to serve a term of from one to five years for a violation of the Registration Act. William Dudley Pelley, the founder of the infamous Silver Shirts, was convicted during July, 1942, at Indianapolis, Indiana, for a violation of the Sedition Statutes and was sentenced to a term of 15 years' imprisonment.

II. REGISTRATION ACT AND DENATURALIZATION MATTER.

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. Attention Congressman Martin Dies. The Dies Committee White Book published in November, 1941, includes a certain photostat. It is on page 1287. It is a picture of an engraved invitation of a New York German-American business organization. It gave a dinner in 1939 for Hitler's Fritz Weidemann, now the Nazi Ambassador in Japan. At the time the President of this German-American group was Robert Reiner, perhaps it is pronounced Reener. I respectfully submit to you, sir, the legends in New York that Robert Reiner is now allegedly engaged on United States Army and Navy war contracts. Why is that?"



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[REDACTED] However, in view of Mr. Winchell's comment as stated above, copies of all pertinent reports are being furnished to G-2 and ONI.

III. ARCHDUKE OTTO HAPSBURG

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York City. Archduke Otto Hapsburg, the pompous pretender to the discredited Austrian throne. Otto first requested service in our Army, now according to newspaper reports in New York he refuses such service on the ground that he is an enemy alien. But, ladies and gentlemen, Otto isn't treated as such. Instead, Archduke Otto enjoys all of America's privileges. And how does he repay America for these advantages? He allegedly makes speeches and lectures for high fees attacking our allies. I respectfully submit the admissions of this Austrian ingrate to the Department of Justice. I am also devoting my entire column to his activities, after the treatment of the recent Argentina column and King Carol. That column will appear in the New York Daily Mirror first tomorrow night, 8:45, Broadway time."

In the early part of this year Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York forwarded a letter to the Bureau suggesting that Otto Hapsburg be subjected to investigation and prosecution under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Congressman Celler also stated that he had further information concerning the activities of this individual. Upon contact by a representative of this Bureau Congressman Celler made available several letters which generally alleged that Hapsburg was only interested in regaining the Austrian throne. The December 7, 1942, issue of the Austrian Labor News contains a lengthy denunciation of Archduke Otto and also a radio address given by Congressman Emanuel Celler over Station WOR on December 6, 1942, in which he denounced Hapsburg. No active investigation was conducted concerning Otto Hapsburg; however, in view of the information received, the allegations were made available to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice and also to the State Department with the advice that further investigation would not be conducted in this matter in the absence of such a request. To date, neither the Criminal Division of the Department or the State Department has requested that any investigation be conducted concerning Hapsburg although subsequent information concerning the Free Austrian Movement sponsored by Archduke Otto Hapsburg has been made available to the Criminal Division and the State Department.

IV. SELECTIVE SERVICE MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "A terrific story is expected to break soon concerning a racket in upstate New York alleging that men are being inducted into the clergy for big fee to dodge the draft."

There is no information available concerning the alleged "racket" as related by Mr. Winchell. Mr. Winchell might possibly be referring to certain activities in connection with the Jehovah's Witnesses Sect.

However, the Bureau does not have any information to indicate any "racket" being utilized specifically in upper New York in this connection by the Jehovah's Witnesses Sect. The Albany, Syracuse and Buffalo Offices have no information to identify this matter.

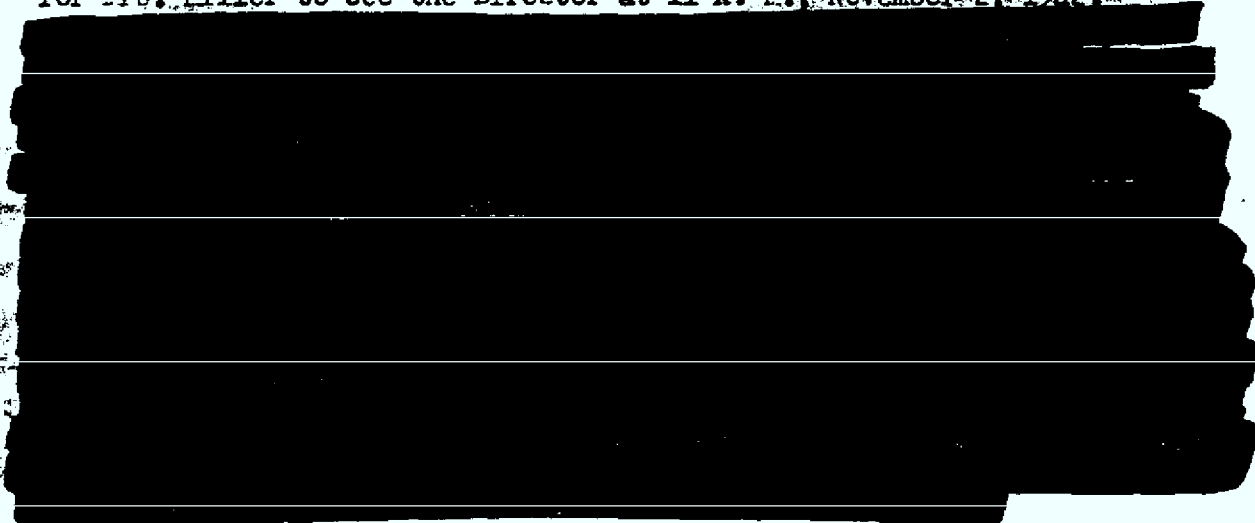
V. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A. Lois Maddox Miller

Mr. Winchell stated: "Havana, Cuba. Lois Maddox Miller of the editorial staff of Reader's Digest has been decorated by President Batista of Cuba, for her wonderful humane work."

The Bureau's files reflect that Miss Kay Miles, one of Mr. Walter Winchell's secretaries, telephonically communicated with Mr. Tolson on October 28, 1942, concerning Mrs. Lois Maddox Miller about whom Mr. Winchell had recently spoken to the Director. An appointment was made for Mrs. Miller to see the Director at 11 A. M., November 2, 1942.

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B. Donald Nelson

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. I reported many months ago that Mrs. Donald Nelson was on the verge of divorcing the War Production Administrator. Mrs. Nelson vigorously denied it to the newspapers. The Donald Nelson divorce is now expected to be confirmed soon, perhaps in Nevada."

C. John L. Lewis, et al

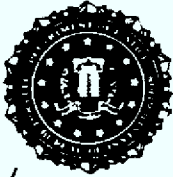
Mr. Winchell Stated: "Attention, Mr. and Mrs. United States. The following editorial is dedicated to the mothers of men in service, a Chicago patriotic organization which requested it, and to every family of men in service, of course. Our President has stated that the anniversary of Pearl Harbor should only serve to cause us all

to increase our efforts to win the war. Two years ago thousands of Americans were killed by a treacherous foe. Only one week ago thousands more were shot by the same enemy. These Americans can never increase their efforts against the enemy because they have already given their lives. Because of this some agonized American families can be proud and because of this some other Americans ought to be ashamed. At the very moment that Americans were dying on the beaches of Tarawa other Americans were fussing and haggling over a subsidy bill in Congress. These American lobbyists and profiteers in the Capital were not engaged in a dangerous and heroic fight against an armed enemy. They were engaged in a cheap and vulgar and completely safe fight over division of profits. And the very same period of years that saw General MacArthur's starving men ordered by the Japs to put their hands above their heads, saw our John L. Lewis order his men to keep their hands off their picks. In the same days that our flying fortress crews gave their lives to keep their ships up, American war profiteers spent sleepless nights keeping their taxes down. In the months that our armies in Africa broke their hearts to unite with our allies, un-American citizens over here broke their backs instead of their necks to keep us apart. Yes, Mr. President, I agree December 7th is a black day in American history. But when the final history of this terrible war is written, it will be the blackest day in the history of Japan.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON ✓

A secretary to Congressman Curtis of Nebraska telephoned yesterday afternoon and stated that she had a letter from a constituent inquiring whether it was true that Walter Winchell received \$10,000 annually from the FBI for handling our publicity.

I advised that Mr. Winchell has no official connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and receives no compensation whatsoever. I stated that we had no one handling our publicity and that Mr. Winchell's status was no different from that of any other columnist or radio commentator. I pointed out, however, that he has been very cooperative and has had a friendly interest in all law enforcement including the FBI for many years. She stated that she was sure this was the situation but did not want to positively answer the constituent without checking with us.

Respectfully,

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Robert C. Hendon

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

Dear Walter:

I want to express my appreciation for the many interesting items which you recently forwarded to me. You may be assured that the content of each will be carefully reviewed and given appropriate consideration.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
December 12, 1943

The following comments, which appear to be of interest to the Bureau, were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

ARCHDUKE OTTO HAPSBURG

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States. Last Sunday night in a brief report on Otto of Hapsburg, the pretender to the Austrian throne, I promised to publish Otto's history in my column two days later. That column appeared on Tuesday morning in the New York Daily Mirror. Yesterday, as you probably heard or read, the War Department disbanded Otto's Austrian Battalion. His three brothers, serving in our army, were given the option of remaining in our army or getting honorable discharges. Ladies and gentlemen, they elected to resign. I feel I speak for many Americans when I say that most of us trust that the Hapsburg boys will not remain too long on the soil they decided not to defend."

As you will recall, Mr. Winchell, in his broadcast for last week, December 5, 1943, made the statement that Archduke Otto Hapsburg, pretender to the discredited Austrian throne had declined to serve in the armed forces of the United States on the ground that he is an enemy alien. A short summary of information and allegations generally known concerning Archduke Otto Hapsburg did appear, as you have been informed, in Mr. Winchell's column in the New York Daily Mirror of Tuesday last. You were advised in connection with Mr. Winchell's broadcast of December 5, 1943, that all of the information known to this Bureau concerning Archduke Otto had been made available to the Department of State and the Department of Justice. However, neither Department has requested any investigation of this individual to date.

For your information an article appeared in the Washington Star newspaper for Sunday, December 12, 1943, setting forth similar information as given by Mr. Winchell above. The article indicated that the army Austrian battalion which was planned approximately one year ago has now been dropped by the War Department and the three members of the House of Hapsburg were given the choice of entering another unit or of honorable discharge. It was stated that Archdukes Felix, Charles Ludwig and Rudolph Hapsburg chose honorable discharge which was given them by the United States Army.

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Mr. Winchell also stated: "New York. A new cold wave is on the way in New York State. The mercury will drop below zero in most sections tomorrow morning and from zero to five above in New York City. I sure wish I were down at the Rony (phonetic) Pleasure in Miami Beach, Florida, where Archduke Franz Josef is expected on the 22nd of this month."

The Archduke Felix, who was referred to in the article appearing in the Washington Star for December 12 is identical with Archduke Franz Josef.

II. BOOK ENTITLED "WHAT TO DO WITH GERMANY" BY LOUIS NIZER

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. I have read the advance galley proofs of a forthcoming book which I think will take its place among the best sellers. It will be published on January 15. The author, Louis Nizer, a New York lawyer and writer, will turn over all his profits to peace and charitable movements. Many celebrated writers and authors have already endorsed it breathlessly. The title of the book, "What to Do With Germany—What to Do With Germany".

No information is available concerning the contents of the book entitled "What To Do With Germany". However, it is known that the author, Louis Nizer, is undoubtedly identical with the Louis Nizer of the law firm of Phillips and Nizer, 1501 Broadway, New York, New York. This firm is reported to be a very high-class law firm engaged in the general practice of law and specializing in the motion picture industry. The firm is reliably reported to represent Paramount Studios and Louis Nizer is said to have drawn up the NRA code for the motion picture industry. This firm has also been very prominent in connection with motion picture anti-trust cases. The files of the Bureau reflect that on July 16, 1941, Dorothy Thompson, the newspaper columnist in New York City, advised in a letter to the Director that Louis Nizer was her personal attorney. A copy of a press release of the Russian War Relief, Inc., 11 East 35th Street, New York City, dated November 2, 1942, described the dinner honoring Charles Chaplin, to be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania December 3, 1942, under the auspices of the "Arts to Russia Week", Committee of Russian War Relief, and listed Louis Nizer as one of the dinner sponsors.

III. SEDITION MATTERS

A. Reverend Leland L. Marion

Mr. Winchell stated: "A Reporter's report to the Nation, Pontiac, Michigan. The Reverend Marion is the pastor of a temple in Pontiac. In the July number of a magazine published by the notorious Gerald L. K. Smith, Reverend Marion was the author of a very dull article. This periodical, in

which this piece appeared, was named by the Federal Government, as a tool for the persons now waiting trial for alleged Nazi propaganda and sedition. But that is not what I started out to tell you. The United Press on December 3, reported the following story from Pontiac, Michigan. "The hearing panel of the Pontiac rationing board today ordered a 90-day suspension of the gasoline ration book of the Reverend Leland L. Marion, pastor of the temple mentioned above". And this was the reason. For using coupons which he said he found on his desk after praying for gasoline."

Reverend Marion is known to have written articles for "The Cross and the Flag" which has been published by Gerald L. K. Smith. The Detroit Office advised that Marion recently requested additional gas from his local rationing board and was refused. The local board was reportedly picketed by Marion and several other persons who are allegedly friends of Gerald L. K. Smith. Very recently Congressman Hoffman commented on the floor of Congress regarding the alleged refusal of the ration board to grant a minister of the gospel additional gasoline. No investigation has been conducted of Reverend Marion inasmuch as no complaints have been received to date all indicating that he is engaged in seditious or other activities inimical to the welfare of the United States.

B. Book, "Under Cover," written by Avedis Derounian under the pen name, John Roy Carlson.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Fort Wayne, Indiana. Last Sunday night I challenged Senator Wheeler and a Fort Wayne rag to prove any inaccuracy in the book "Under Cover". I said if they could, I would make it public over this microphone. The Fort Wayne editor changes the subject. He asks me to prove his criticism wrong and he'll do the same. He calls me names instead of calling my bluff, if any. Ladies and gentlemen, as most of you know, I'm too busy using the heavy artillery on big dangers to waste a second charge of my buckshot on small fry."

You will recall that in Mr. Winchell's broadcast of last week, December 1943, he stated that Senator Burton K. Wheeler inserted into the Congressional Record an editorial from a Fort Wayne Zeitung which criticized the book Under Cover and Mr. Winchell. Complete information relative to Under Cover and John Roy Carlson's author, has been made available to the Director.

C. \$1,000,000 Libel Suit against Walter Winchell.

Mr. Winchell Stated: "Washington, Attention Bridgeport, Connecticut. In the House of Congress last Monday, Congressman Rankin of Mississippi spanked my wrist. I learned about it only when the editor of the Bridgeport Sunday Herald sent me his editorial rebuttal. It seems that Representative Rankin ranted that the Communists have secured the assistance of

Walter Winchell in trying to brow beat the Congress'. I now quote the Bridgeport Herald editorial, 'There probably isn't anyone this side of Westbrook Pegler who despises Communists more or who is hated more by the Communists than Walter Winchell'. Thank you Mr. Editor of the Bridgeport Sunday Herald. And now here is a little-known story for you too, Bub. A \$1,000,000 suit for alleged libel is now pending against me. The plaintiff being a group of Communists. If they collect, they obviously turn capitalists."

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Mr. Winchell in his broadcast of October 31, 1943, stated that a Chicago had started a libel action for \$1,000,000 against him claiming conspiracy to defame him because he mentioned "Under Cover" over the air, which book accuses "many so-called Americans of spreading the Hitler brand of hatred". You will recall that a complaint was filed against E. P. Dutton and Company, Incorporated, on September 9 1943, by Haliam Richardson of Brooklyn, New York. A review of the complaint indic that E. P. Dutton and Company is being sued for \$500,000 with costs and disbursements for false and untrue, scandalous and malicious references which the defendants allegedly published. The plaintiff in this case was listed as Mrs. Alice Rand DeTarnowsky. Mrs. DeTarnowsky is socially prominent in Chicago and is said to be remembered as the individual who was formerly associated with [REDACTED]

In addition to the suit brought by Mrs. DeTarnowsky, it was recently learned through the records of the Circuit Court in Chicago, Illinois, that George Washington Robnett, on September 30, 1943, filed an affidavit for attachment alleging that E. P. Dutton and Company, Incorporated, and Russell B. Davenport were indebted to him \$5,000 arising out of a conspiracy to defame and libel him and others by maliciously causing "Under Cover" to be published concerning himself and others.

It is not known definitely whether Mr. Winchell was referring to either of the above cases. However, there is no other available information of a \$1,000,000 suit alleging libel against Winchell in which a group of Communists is the plaintiff.

IV. DIVISION VI MATTERS

A. [REDACTED] was, et al, Theft from Interstate Shipment

Mr. Winchell stated: "The arrest of five hijackers by G-men and the recovery in 30 minutes of their loot, \$100,000 in liquor, is only the start of a drive by the FBI. The intensive war against these thieves will cover the entire nation."

Mr. Winchell is referring, of course, to the arrest made on December 1 1943, by the New York Office of five hijackers. It is also noted that 1,005 cases of quality liquor were recovered at the time of the apprehensions in this case. As you will recall, this case was the subject of a discussion by Supervisor Ros E. Smith before the Quarterly Conference for Division V on December 10, 1943. Director has been fully advised of the facts in this matter.

V. SELECTIVE SERVICE MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Hollywood. The FBI is watching the activities of a prominent Los Angeles doctor who allegedly has advised a very few moving picture and radio celebrities in the art of dodging draft induction."

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Active investigations are being conducted concerning [redacted] and [redacted] motion picture actors, Hollywood, California, in connection with a possible Selective Service violation. The allegations have been made that [redacted] of Los Angeles has, for monetary consideration, wrongfully effected [redacted] classification as 4-F and that he will do the same for [redacted] when the latter is scheduled for induction in February, 1944. The Director has been fully informed of this matter.

VI. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A. O. John Rogge, Department of Justice.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. Prosecutor O. John Rogge on the staff of Attorney General Biddle of the Department of Justice is a flu victim. He is on the mend now however."

B. John L. Lewis.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The following story was not published in New York City. John L. Lewis told Pittsburgh reporters that he favors Dewey in 1944 and that he, John L. Lewis, will not back Wendell Wilkie. Political experts in Washington, however, believe that the odds are against any man John L. Lewis endorses."

C. Appointment of Federal Judges.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. Two men are being mentioned for present vacancies on the Federal Bench. One is Charles Fahey, the Solicitor General. Another favorite is Randolph Paul, the General Counsel for the Treasury. Mr. Paul once before declined FDR's nomination."

Respectfully,

R. O. Kittelsen
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In New York

Notes of a Newspaperman

"Dear Walter Winchell," affectionately writes Vivian Gardner of Dayton, Ohio, "I noted on the cover flap of Bob Casey's book that you made claim to his famous saying about newspapermen being such interesting people. I've written Bob's publishers enclosing an item from your column in the Wisconsin News (Milwaukee) back in '35 or '36. I've carried it all that time. To quote your column, you distinctly paraphrased: 'We always liked Bob Casey's parody on the cliché: "It must be swell being a newspaperman—you meet so many interesting people." Casey, a big-time Chicago scribe, says: "It's nice being in the newspaper business where you meet so many interesting people—because they're in it!"' To this you added Jimmy Cannon's snapper. So I've asked the publisher just when you claimed it as original. I'm a former staffer on the Wisconsin News and am here writing for an Air Force technical mag. This is another time you've caught a heckler looking sappy."

George Messersmith, our ambassador to Mexico, told reporters that he is "disgusted with the derogatory statements made by the American press and radio about King Carol"... More disgusting is an American diplomat who flings his weight against U. S. newspapermen and defends a king with a pro-Nazi record—who ruled his people like a tyrant—whose agents worked against the United States—who aided our enemies—whose whole record proves that he hates everything democracy stands for... Messersmith is a part of the State Dept, and Carol is persona non grata with them. How come the State Dept hasn't done anything about Messersmith's reported remarks???... His name doesn't remind you of an American diplomat, but a Nazi plane!

Have a strange coincidence: The tax bill just adopted by the House provides a big tax boost on single men and women with incomes of \$1,200 or less... However, the same bill reduces the taxes of one group: Those who are in the \$6,000 to \$12,000 income group... P.S.: A congressman's salary is \$10,000 per year.

States Cong. Hoffman: "According to some radio commentators, some editors and writers of columns, the country could do without all of us while they directed the government"... Could be. But one thing we are certain of: Newspapermen couldn't do any worse than the Hoffmans in Congress.

The current *Life* has an engrossing essay by their correspondent, Carl Mydans, who just returned from Japan. One observation in it deserves repetition: "Despite the Jap propagandists' new respect for America's power, they temper their warnings about it with encouraging news of America's internal problems. We who have been away for two years can tell you all about the zoot suit riots, the coal strikes, the train wrecks and industrial sabotage, the race riots, the black markets, the successes of isolationist congressmen, the shabby politics, the grumbling under rationing"... In short—when Americans on the home front refuse to aid their country—they just aid their country's enemies. Yet some saps tell us we can separate domestic policies from foreign policies!

This is why nonsensorship drives newsboys nuts: British gazettes were not allowed to publish stories about the Cairo confab, taken from Reuters, the British news agency, or from the official version—but only from German broadcasts... The German broadcasts were based on the Reuters stories!

Every day our dailies carry dispatches reporting that Argentina is growing more Nazified. It is also revealed that Gen. Ramirez is trying to organize a Latin-American bloc aimed against the United States... Meanwhile, too many editorialists in this country are wasting paper throwing barbs at Winchell for denouncing Argentina—and ignore evidence proving that Argentina is a danger to America's security... The dopes.

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For a perfect example of the navy and the Administration
editorial writer who blamed the Pearl Harbor attack... blamed everybody except the Japs.

Page 6 of the current New Yorker mag has an ad that describes
sarrings as: "far-readtable"... That word-wedding was born here.

Here's good news. Republican leaders in Hans Fish's district
are making plans to oppose Fish in the 1944 primary election... His
appointment as a delegate to the Repub. convention must still be ap-
proved by county leaders, and there is a strong feeling that Fish
cannot win a majority... Here's wishing the best to Fish's opponents.

The Cairo declaration was a scathing indictment of Japan, which
promised to turn Nippon into a fifth-rate power. No talk could be
tougher than that... But H'wood has been asked to tone down anti-
Jap films for fear they will inflame the Japs to new atrocities.

Note to those who pooh-poo the value of propoganda: The Japs
still haven't told their people about the Cairo accord for fear it might
weaken their will to fight.

Sen. Nye is quoted as saying: "The American people are not as
easily fooled as some well-rewarded propagandists think"... Right,
chump. That's why they weren't fooled by the propoganda of Jack-
astriches like Nye. And that's why the whole Nazilationist move-
ment has been discredited.

Americans have been told not to criticize Hirohito "because Japs
consider him a god"—and any raps at him will only strengthen their
will to resist... But the State Dep't has just made public documents
disclosing that Hirohito wanted peace—but was over-ruled by Jap
militarists... it seems Jap leaders can talk back to the Mikado—
but not Americans.

Alf Landau warns against becoming entangled with Roosevelt's
foreign policy... That also happens to be America's foreign policy...
Isolation has reached a new low in stupidity... First they didn't want
us to become entangled with foreign nations. Now they're yapping
about being entangled with their own nation... Boy, page the man
with the white jacket.

Cong. Fish continues to yap that he is being smeared—instead
of offering facts to prove any "smear"... Oh, Fish-tush.

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INSTRUCTIONS
ATTENTION

December 16, 1943

RFP:WAC

MR. COVER

Re: Pearson and Allen Broadcast
Walter Winchell Broadcast

Reference is made to my memorandum relative to the above entitled matter dated November 19, 1943 requesting information relative to the retention or disposition of recordings of the Drew Pearson and Walter Winchell programs. According to the instructions given you orally by Mr. Ladd, all of the Pearson and Winchell discs have been removed from the Laboratory Evidence File and are being turned over for metal salvage and resurfacing when possible.

All of the Father Coughlin broadcasts recorded by the Bureau are being retained in the Evidence File of the Laboratory, two records of the Bob Hope program are being retained and the only record presently available in the Evidence File on Red Skelton is being retained. Upon a complete check of the file no recording on Gracie Allen was located. It is noted that only one recording was made of this latter program and it was evidently not returned at the time of transcription. The Bob Hope discs removed from the Evidence File are being turned over for metal salvage and resurfacing when possible.

Respectfully,

R. F. Plafan

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November 19, 1943

MR. DOFFY

Re: Pearson and Allen Broadcast
Walter Winchell Broadcast

Reference is made to memoranda by Assistant Director B. H. Ladd to his section supervisors dated February 10 and September 15, 1943 relative to the recording of Sunday night radio broadcasts covering the Pearson and Allen broadcasts at 7:00 PM and the Walter Winchell broadcasts at 9:00 PM. Information is desired as to whether the recording of these broadcasts each Sunday evening on disc records is necessary inasmuch as the supervisors are using wax cylinders for their transcription work.

These weekly disc recordings are accumulating in the Electrical Section disc record files and are taking up a large amount of space. Several weeks ago I was talking with Supervisor E. P. Brown and he stated that he never referred to the disc records inasmuch as everything that he was interested in he was able to get from the wax cylinders which the Electrical Section has been making in addition to the disc records for the convenience of the supervisors and at their suggestion. Mr. Brown stated that as far as he knew the other supervisors were not utilizing the disc records either but that all transcription was taken direct from the wax cylinders.

If it is desired that the disc recordings be continued arrangements will be made for them to be placed in the Laboratory bulk evidence file where they properly belong rather than in the Electrical Section's disc record file. I understand from Supervisor Brown that the only purpose which he sees in said the disc records is for future reference. Accordingly, they should then be placed in the evidence file.

In the same connection it is noted that the Laboratory presently has a large number of records in its file covering the Red Skelton, Bob Hope, Gracie Allen and Father Coughlin broadcasts. If these recordings have no further value they will be destroyed, otherwise they will be placed in the Laboratory's bulk evidence file.

Respectfully,

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Addendum: (12-6-43 RFP:MAC)

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated April 21, 1943 re: Bob Hope Program, pointing out that the Laboratory investigation in this matter was entirely negative and that the recordings were ordered discontinued as of May 7, 1943. It is also noted that the Gracie Allen program was recorded only once and that the Red Skelton program was recorded only a few times and the investigation in all instances was negative.

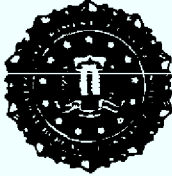
It is noted that the Father Coughlin broadcasts as well as a recording of The Bible Hour were made at the request of the Security Division to record any possible subversive comments but these recordings have long since been ordered discontinued by the Security Division.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Washington, D. C.
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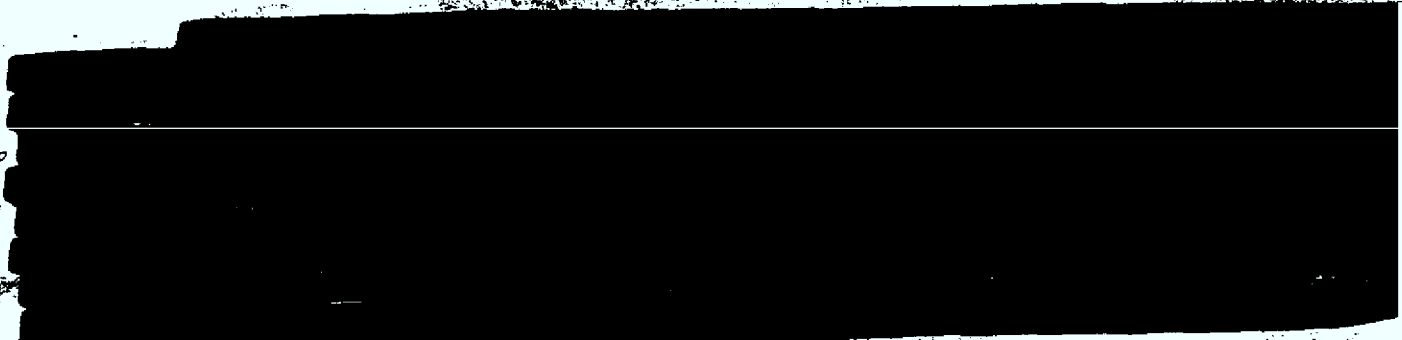
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD
Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
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The following comments, which appear to be of interest to the Bureau, were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date.

I. ESPIONAGE MATTER

Mr. Winchell stated: "Miami. The rumor that Charles Bedeaux is enjoying his freedom at a Miami hotel is denied by G2. Bedeaux, who was arrested in North Africa for dealing with the enemy is held in technical custody instead of in handcuffs."



II. SELECTIVE SERVICE MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Los Angeles. I recently reported that the FBI was on the trail of a prominent Los Angeles doctor suspected of counseling a few movie stars and radio celebrities in the art of evading the draft. I now learn the Los Angeles doctor is a psychiatrist and that the G-men's investigation has been conducted quietly since last August. Arrest may be made soon. Besides the psychiatrist, the others involved include a juvenile star, a popular radio headliner - a comedian, by the way, as well as some doctors and studio executives."

As you know, active investigations are being conducted of [redacted] and [redacted] motion picture actors, Hollywood, California, in connection with possible Selective Service violations. The allegations have been made that [redacted] of Los Angeles has for monetary considerations effected [redacted] classification as I-F and that he will do the same for [redacted] when the latter is scheduled for reclassification and possible [redacted]



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induction in February of 1944. Investigation is continuing concerning [REDACTED] but it is not contemplated that the investigation of [REDACTED] will be brought to a termination prior to February, 1944. The Director has been fully informed in this matter.

III. INTERNED PRISONERS OF WAR IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention, Shreveport, Louisiana Times: The editor of the Shreveport, Louisiana Times telegraphed me requesting the source on my expose last Sunday night that Nazi war prisoners in Louisiana internment camps got drunk with their guards and that they were allowed freedom to meet shady women nearby. I am sending the Shreveport Times editor more on the matter when I get it. This is to tell my editor that I never reveal a source. Does he? The matter is not for the FBI or the Department of Justice. Prisoners of war come under the jurisdiction of the War Department. For all I know, the love life of a Nazi war prisoner may be a military secret."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell commented on the above matter in his broadcast on December 20, 1943. The Director was advised by memorandum dated December 26, 1943 as to the up to date facts in this case which involve German prisoners of war at Camp Polk, Jennings, Louisiana, and their associations with prostitutes whose residence adjoin the prisoners of war camp. As you know, the facts in this matter were presented to the United States Attorney, Shreveport, Louisiana, who advised that the facts did not constitute any violation for which prosecution could be instituted. Military authorities have been currently advised of the facts available to the New Orleans Office.

IV. IDENTIFICATION DIVISION MATTER

Mr. Winchell stated: Washington. Many of the mangled dead in last week's railroad wreck could not be identified except for their fingerprints. They all voluntarily offered their fingerprints to the FBI two years ago for just such accidents. Why don't you?"

You will recall that after the railroad wreck referred to by Mr. Winchell Bureau received five sets of fingerprints of victims, which were forwarded by the Post Marshal's office of the Army. Four of these prints were secured from males and one was the fingerprints of a female. Of these five sets of fingerprints, three were identified as members of the Armed Forces and the Bureau was able to furnish the id and serial number of each of these three individuals to the Army.

V. SEDITION MATTERS - Book entitled "Sabotage"

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. Following last Sunday night's recommendation of the newly revised edition of the best-selling book, "Sabotage," fifty cents a copy, by the way, "Sabotage" sold out its first issue of 150,000 copies in three days. More printing soon."

Mr. Winchell referred to the book "Sabotage" in his broadcast of December 1943, at which time he urged listeners to buy and read the book. As you will recall

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the book "Sabotage" was written by Michael Sayers and A. E. Kahn, and was reviewed by the Crime Records Section of the Bureau.

VI. WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT MATTER

Mr. Winchell stated: "Hollywood. Another sensation to come out of movie town will concern a prominent comedian whose fame dates away back. He has more recently been on the front pages. Because of his most recent jam, dealing with the civil liberties of a young person in his employ, he will shortly be answering questions of the FBI."

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It is likely that Mr. Winchell is referring to Charles Chaplin. The Bureau has been conducting an investigation for some time in the case entitled "Charles Spence Chaplin, wa; [redacted], wa - Victim; White Slave Traffic Act," wherein it appears that Chaplin transported victim [redacted] with alias [redacted] to New York City in October of 1943. Victim [redacted] complained against Chaplin to the Beverly Hills Police Department. It is alleged that Chaplin paid money to certain members of Beverly Hills Police Department in order to effect the victim's egress from Beverly Hills, in violation of her civil rights. The Director has been currently advised of the facts in this case and the case is scheduled to be presented to a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles on or about January 29, 1944.

VII. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Miami. The two-year old Kentucky surprise horse race track experts believe will be "Director J. E." named after the famous G-Man. About twenty to one in the winter book, but probably twelve to one on Derby Day."

Respectfully,

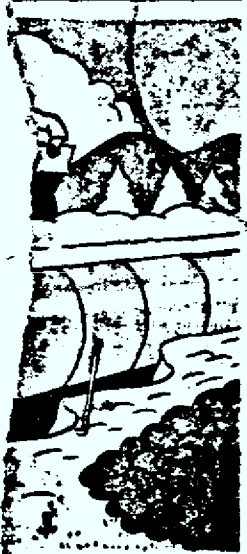
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... vention of 1890, one lone delegate
... from Pennsylvania kept voting for
... James A. Garfield and on the 34th
... ballot, 16 delegates joined him and
... on the 36th, 382 went over to him
... and Garfield was nominated. This
... was the time Grant tried for a third
... term.

I think Willkie will open with the
largest number of votes in the con-
vention despite the bitter opposi-
tion of a lot of Republican leaders.

Voice of the People

No Deal

Editor The Herald: Regarding
the open letter to me in Monday's
Herald:

1. The next to last paragraph
in Sam Grafton's column in the
same edition makes the open letter
writer look silly.

2. I did arrange the surrender
of the criminal Lepke, but not
with "some understanding about
the punishment." There was no
deal whatever.

WALTER WINCHELL

Forced Labor

Editor The Herald: I see that
President Green of the A. F. L. has
come out strongly against use of
the criminal German army for re-
construction of cities destroyed in
the occupied and over-run coun-
tries. He claims to be against
forced labor.

I wonder whether he also op-
poses forced labor of criminals in
prisons and penitentiaries here at
home. Such forced labor is a part
of the punishment for crimes com-
mitted in both instances.

W. A. B.
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

... candidates
... MACARTHUR, I believe, will be
... his name go before the conven-
... tion, without ever saying anything
... about it one way or the other.
... If nominated, he will run for
... course, MacArthur must be re-
... garded as a dark horse with an
... outside chance if the other can-
... didates become tangled up in a
... deadlock.

Bricker of Ohio has at last de-
clared himself a candidate, the
only active besides Willkie. He is
the type a Republican convention
loves. A William McKinley type.
I think the other candidates better
keep an eye on Bricker because
just on typing he will have an edge
in the convention.

Help!

Editor The Herald: If postwar
planning has any similarity to pre-
war planning, God help America!
H. F. DOUGHTY

Slighted

Editor The Herald: Chiang Kai-
shek brings his wife to the big
talk, Winston Churchill his daugh-
ter. Why was Eleanor slighted?
Will someone page Walter Win-
chell?
F. W. PATTON

Opportunity

Editor The Herald: Discovery of
oil, in commercial quantities, in
this state, is now a fact and its de-
velopment will be rapid.

The one-eighth royalty from
state-owned lands will run into
millions of dollars.

If a portion of this new money
is set aside for old age pensions,
it will solve the question which
has long been a problem. Here
is an opportunity for the oldsters
and others interested to start the
ball rolling ahead of the drill.
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January 2, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
January 2, 1944

The following comments, which appear to be of interest to the Bureau, were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date.

I. SEDITION MATTERS

(a) United States v. Gerald B. Winrod, et al.

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Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. As indicated for many months and after a delay for nearly two years, a Federal Grand Jury in Washington is expected to indict about 34 persons tomorrow on charges of conspiracy against the Government as well as sedition. It's about time!"

As you will recall, Mr. Rogge, who is handling the prosecution in this case for the Department, has previously advised that an indictment will be returned on Monday, January 3, 1944, in the captioned case. According to Mr. Rogge the indictment will include 22 of the 33 individuals previously indicted and, in addition, eight other persons, namely, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been fully advised in this matter.

(b) Joseph E. McWilliams

Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. This is for radio listeners in the Hinterland. Mrs. Alice Rand, wife of an Army officer, financially backed Joseph McWilliams. McWilliams has marched in the Hitler parade in New York and Chicago. He may be in the newspapers again tomorrow, or perhaps the next day. However, Mrs. Rand deserted her husband and children to run off with an AWOL soldier. That soldier is named Charles MacIntosh. Her husband has since divorced Mrs. Rand. MacIntosh, her recent boy friend, was arrested by the FBI for absence without leave and passing bum checks. He was court-martialed, dishonorably discharged from the Army, and given hard labor for ten years. Nice girl!"

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- (c) Book "Under Cover" written by Avedis Derounian under the pen name, John Roy Carlson.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. United States Senator Wheeler says he will investigate the author of the best seller 'Under Cover.' Mr. Wheeler flips mud at him and calls him a foreigner. Arthur Derounian, the real name of the author of 'Under Cover' was born in Armenia. He is a naturalized American citizen, as are many members of our Congress. All of our ancestors are foreigners, the Pilgrims, for example. However, Communist Earl Browder, and Nazi lover William Dudley 'Smelly' Pelley, were both born right here in the glorious United States. And then, there was Benedict Arnold."

As you know, Mr. Winchell has repeatedly mentioned the book "Under Cover" and urged his listeners to read it. In his broadcast of December 5 and December 12, 1943, he mentioned that Senator Burton K. Wheeler had inserted criticisms of the book "Under Cover" into the Congressional Record. It is noted that approximately four or five weeks ago Senator Wheeler requested advice of the Bureau as to the draft status Derounian.

II. SOUTH AMERICAN MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Behind the International Front. New York. Newspaper correspondents all over the South America 'grape vine' are frantically flashing the most insistent SOS ever to come from below the Rio Grand. Dangerous secret armies in South America are rising. Two South American Governments have fallen and two more are in imminent danger. The Berlin-Buenos Aires Axis has achieved rebellion in Bolivia. The Republics of Chile and Peru are fearful of a general West Coast coupe managed by Argentina military attaches and headed by local quislings. On the East Coast democratic Uruguay is sandwiched between Nazi Argentina and the dangerous colony of one million Japanese and Germans of Southern Brazil. Most of them are armed to the 'teeth.' American Ambassador Norman Armour's policy of appeasement has resulted in our worst diplomatic disaster South of the Equator. The crisis is deepening."

In September and October 1943 information was received indicating that certain South American countries might be influenced by Argentina through the Argentin Military Attaches. It is known that General Ibanez of Chile visited Argentina in November of 1943, and Estenssoro, a leader in the recent Bolivian uprising, visited Argentina in July of 1943. Both individuals were in contact with Argentine military officials during their stay in that country. Reports were received indicating that trouble would occur in Uruguay, Peru and Chile on New Year's Eve, however, such reports failed to materialize. A rather large group of German individuals reside in Southern Brazil, however, no information has been received that would substantiate the allegation that they are well armed and no information is available to indicate the presence of "dangerous secret armies" in the various South American countries. The State Department has been fully informed of the information available to the Bureau in these matters.

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III. TREASON AND ESCAPED PRISONERS OF WAR MATTERS

(a) Shreveport, Louisiana

Mr. Winchell stated: "A Reporter's Report to the Nation. Attention newspapers, Louisiana, and the Young Men's Business Club of New Orleans. The revelations by this reporter that some Nazi prisoners of war had gotten drunk with some of their guards and were permitted to visit shady ladies nearby have not since been fully told yet. Pay no attention, please, to explanations or denials. It has embarrassed plenty of Louisiana Rip Van Winkles. One newspaper in Louisiana stated that Winchell must have been victimized and that there had been some innocent beer drinking by a rice farmer with war prisoners. Gentlemen, stop kidding yourselves. Ask the Commanding Officer of Internal Security at New Orleans. He knows that Jennings, Louisiana, camp scandal is a fact, even if he isn't allowed to talk. He is not my source."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell mentioned the above matter in his broadcast of December 20 and December 26, 1943. The Director was advised by memorandum dated December 26, 1943, as to the facts in this case which involve German prisoners of war Camp Polk, Jennings, Louisiana, and their association with prostitutes whose residence adjoins the prisoners of war camp. The facts in this matter were presented to the United States Attorney, Shreveport, Louisiana, who advised that the facts did not constitute a violation for which prosecution could be instituted. The military authorities have been currently advised of the facts available to the New Orleans Office.

(b) Heinrich Bente, et al; Treason

Mr. Winchell stated: "Denver. Similar scandals in Texas and Colorado are reported to me by James Young, INS war correspondent, long in Japan, now back home. Mr. Young tells me by telegraph that the Denver Post has photographs of a Nazi prisoner of war decking with a Japanese girl. In brief, become a prisoner of war and make whoopee, I mean "yukesake" (phonetic)."

Mr. Winchell is undoubtedly referring to the captioned case which involves the escape of six German prisoners of war in the latter part of October 1943 from the United States Army Internment Camp at Trinidad, Colorado. As you know, all of these German prisoners of war have been apprehended and three of the six Japanese women subjects were found to have driven two of the escaped war prisoners from Trinidad, Colorado to Wagon Mound, New Mexico, where the two prisoners of war were apprehended by an Agent from the El Paso Office and local law enforcement officers. The escaped war prisoners had on their person several photographs showing them in amorous poses with the Japanese women subjects. An extensive investigation has been conducted in this case and the Criminal Division of the Department has now indicated that the facts will be presented to a Federal Grand Jury in an effort to obtain an indictment for treason against the three Japanese women subjects on or about January 12, 1944. The photographs in this matter were taken by the Japanese women subjects and were published in a number of newspapers at the time of the apprehension of the escaped prisoners of war. The Director has been advised of the facts in this case.

IV. LETTER ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY HARRY HOPKINS CONCERNING WENDELL WILLKIE

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. In spite of the heaviest pressure from the weirdest places, Senator Theodore Green of Rhode Island will push to

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the limit the investigation of the Republican National Convention of 1940. That probe was demanded by Republican Senator Langer. The Old Guard attempt to head off Wendell Willkie has developed into one of the most terrific boomerangs in GOP party history. Harry Hopkins says he will prove that the alleged letter by him is a forgery."

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As you know, at the request of Harry Hopkins and the Attorney General, Agents of the Bureau contacted [redacted] of Akron, Ohio, on December 27, 1943, request the original of a letter allegedly written by Harry Hopkins to Dr. Umphrey Lee, President of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, concerning Wendell Willkie's preside possibilities. [redacted] refused to give the alleged letter to Agents of the Cleveland Office, but stated he would personally exhibit the letter to the Attorney General or produce it if subpoenaed before a Federal Grand Jury. The Attorney General thereafter furnished to the Bureau a letter over his personal signature addressed to [redacted] requesting that he make the letter available to Agents of this Bureau. The Attorney General's letter has not been delivered to date in view of the issuance of publicity to [redacted] to the effect that he has withdrawn his offer to make the letter available to the Attorney General. ~~In view of this publicity, no further action is being taken by the Bureau.~~

V. BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS BY MR. WINCHELL

Mr. Winchell stated: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is to repeat recent recommendations of fine books, Roots in the Earth, especially for farmers. The Forgotten Ally, by Pierre Von Papien. Betrayal from the East by Alan Hynd, that one is about Japanese spies and their American supporters over here. The Ten Commandments, a great book by ten famous authors. The Unconquerables, by the number one poet, Joseph Auslander, just out. They are patriotic epics. Sabotage now on the stands for only 50 cents, and, of course, Senator Wheeler's favorite book, "Under Cover."

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It appears that the books, "Betrayal from the East," "Sabotage," and "Under Cover" are of interest to the Bureau. It will be recalled that Mr. Winchell previously mentioned the book, "Betrayal from the East" on his broadcast for November 14, 1943, book was due for official release on November 15, 1943, and purported to deal with Japanese espionage in the United States. The greater portion of the book contains information which was apparently taken from public records in the United States. It is called that Mr. Winchell in his broadcast of October 17, 1943, mentioned his tip off that Japan was planning war against the United States which appeared in his column thirteen days before Pearl Harbor. Mr. Winchell then commented that the November issue of "Real Detective" magazine should be seen. Mr. Winchell was apparently referring to an article which subsequently appeared in "Real Detective" magazine entitled "Tip Off: Danger" by Alan Hynd. This article constituted one chapter which appeared later in [redacted] book.

Mr. Winchell has previously mentioned the book, "Sabotage" in his broadcast

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of December 20 and 26, 1943, at which time he urged listeners to buy and read the book. As you will recall, the book "Sabotage" was written by Michael Sayers and A. E. Kahn and was reviewed by the Crime Records Section of the Bureau.

The Director, of course, has been completely advised of the book "Under Cover" which Mr. Winchell has referred to on numerous broadcasts in the past.

VI. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. G-Man John Edgar Hoover, the greatest man catcher of the nation, was 49 today. G-Man Hoover is himself a great catch, but no woman has caught him yet. All right, Mr. G-Men, I'll go quietly."

Respectfully,

R. O. Kittelsen
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To Clyde Tolson. Remember my notes on H

You may remember that some time ago (around September) I had a friend of mine named [redacted] an Army Air Force Sgt., at your broadcast. He was leaving for assignment in Brazil and you were nice enough to talk to him and give him some advice. I thought you might be interested in some excerpts from a letter from him after he got to Brazil: "Remember Walter Winchell telling me about a Colonel Murphy? Please tell Walter that he is no longer here. Also tell him that I looked up Alex, the manager of the Hotel Grande and found him to be a charming fellow who has now become one of my best friends. I spend a great deal of time with him. I wonder if you would ask Walter to send me an autographed picture for Alex. He is crazy about Walter Winchell. He has a "short snorter" bill with W.W.'s signature on it and he is very proud of it..."

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From Winchell
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Walter Wallace
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To Hoover

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January 9, 1944

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
January 9, 1944

- Mr. Tolson
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The following comments which appeared to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date.

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I. MISSING PERSONS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Quantico, Virginia. The FBI has entered the search for a missing Major of the United States Marines. The missing officer is Major Calvin Arthur Loyd of the Marine Base at Quantico, a victim of amnesia. He is fifty-five, has a big scar on his chin."

As you know, the Bureau has been conducting investigation in an attempt to locate Major Loyd who recently disappeared at the Marine Base, Quantico, Virginia. It is noted that Agents conducted an extensive search of the Marine Reservation on Friday, January 7, 1944 in an attempt to locate Major Loyd, and a press release has previously been given to the newspapers concerning this matter.

II. COMMUNIST MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. Earl Browder, the head man of the Communist Party in the United States announces today that the name of the Combies over here will be changed. Browder invites the American public to help pick the new name. How about 'Browder and Funnier', or a name I merged long ago, 'Scummunists'?"

It is noted that Mr. Winchell in his broadcast of June 8, 1943, commented on the alleged dissolution of the comintern and stated, "The next move of the American Communists will be to change the name of the organization to the American Peoples Party". The Bureau has previously received information concerning this alleged intention on the part of the Communist Party to effect a change in the name of the Party. However, no definite information has been received from various informants and technical coverage on Communist Party matters concerning Mr. Winchell's statement.

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III. SEDITION MATTERS

(a) United States v. Gerald B. Winrod, et al.



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Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States! The first great mystery has appeared in the forthcoming Sedition Trial. It is the origin of \$35,000.00 in \$20.00 bills. That money..."

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ladies and gentlemen, was used to publish a newspaper called, 'The Herald' in the Midwest. That newspaper ran from August 5, to November 7, in 1943. It died very young, but 759,000 copies of it went to civilians and members of the armed forces. Some of our men were in critical zones such as the Panama Canal, Alaska and Hawaii. Some of this Zeitung's material was reprinted verbatim in the Nazi Bund's official newspaper in New York. To Department of Justice Prosecutor, O. John Rogge, I respectfully ask this; Mr. Rogge, isn't that circumstantial evidence? And isn't it true that throughout the world the Nazi underground always paid off in bills of small denomination? Mr. Prosecutor, starting in 1933, every person named in the Federal indictment was first exposed by me as unfriendly to Democracy. From nearly eleven years of fighting these undercover rats, I learned something. Please compare that newspaper's mailing list with the mailing list of the Isolationist Senators and the Isolationist Congressmen. You will find, Mr. Prosecutor, that they match, that they are identical, and I will cover that statement with a thousand dollars to anybody's one dollar that what I say now, cannot be disputed."

The Herald newspaper referred to by Mr. Winchell was published at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin by Douglas M. Stewart who was also formerly one of the publishers of Scribners Commentator magazine.

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This matter was the subject of a memorandum to the Director by you dated December 8, 1943. It is noted that the Herald newspaper was investigated by the Bureau under the Registration Act and referred to the Department during the middle of 1943. No prosecution was instituted against the Herald by the Department.

- (b) Book "Undercover" written by Avedis Derounian under the pen name John Roy Carlson

Mr. Winchell stated: "Sturgis, Michigan. An editorial published here denounced the best seller 'Undercover' and stated that the publishers had been warned repeatedly that the book is libelous. Congressman Hoffman of Michigan inserted that editorial in the Congressional Record. Mr. Hoffman is among those mentioned unflatteringly a good deal in 'Undercover.' But one other fact! The only persons who call 'Undercover' libelous are those mentioned in it. Not one of them, ladies and gentlemen, has offered any proof yet that any thing in 'Undercover' is false. They merely claim that it is. They offer no evidence. Many of those mentioned in it were recently indicted by the Government."

It is noted that there are at present three suits for libel pending against E. P. Dutton and Company, publishers of the book "Undercover". The individuals who filed these suits are: Conrad Chapman of Boston, Massachusetts; Alice Hand De Tarnowski of Chicago, Illinois; William Robnette of Chicago, Ill

The Bureau has also learned the E. P. Dutton and Company has guaranteed to indemnify the various distributors and sellers of the book "Undercover" for any loss which might be occurred due to civil suits for libel.

(c) United States v. Gerald B. Winrod, et al and the New York Herald Tribune

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. The voice of the Republicans in New York is a great newspaper, The Herald Tribune. I quote part of an editorial from it this week regarding the thirty persons indicted by the Federal Government. Quote. We have no doubt, says the editorial, that some of our most outspoken Isolationists are shocked at the implication that there is evidence strong enough to be presented in court; that ideas they had cherished and fostered have been deliberately planted by the Nazis. Small wonder then, continues the editorial in the New York Herald Tribune, that some members of Congress who have been hoodwinked into a degree of ideological collaboration with these shady crusaders have been unwilling that investigations be continued. Investigations which might show how great was their bamboozling. The only trouble, Mr. Editor, with the Sedition indictments, is that while the defendants are in the court some of their supporters will still be in Congress."

IV: PRISONERS OF WAR MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "A reporter's report to the nation! Attention Vicksburg, Mississippi editors! I am in receipt of a complaint from people at Vicksburg. They write me that on December 22, an army truck from Ruston Louisiana, brought Nazi prisoners of war to shop for Christmas presents in Vicksburg stores, that these war prisoners were guarded by one American Army Captain. I am sending these complaints to some friends of mine who were wounded while capturing war prisoners. I am sure that they will be overjoyed, disgusted, or something, the same as you."

No information is available concerning this matter at the present time. However, it appears to be one within the jurisdiction of the Army authorities. The general matter of adequately guarding prisoners of war has previous been called to the attention of the Attorney General and it is known that the Attorney General has expressed his concern in the matter to the Secretary of War

V. SOUTH AMERICAN MATTERS

(a) Alleged Nazi Influence in South American Countries

Mr. Winchell stated: "Rio. Adolf Hitler is moving north toward the Panama Canal. Before next June the tip of South America may be frozen in an anti-American Nazi block. This means that six Democratic nations will have died. Throughout South American capitals, the good neighbor policy has reached a show-down. Von Ribbentrop has called Mr. Hull's hand but Mr. Hull has never lost to a bluffer yet."

The Bureau received information as recently as July of 1943, indicating that the Argentine authorities might attempt to help form military governments favorable to Germany in other South American countries similar to their own. The countries in which Argentina was purported to be interested were Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay, Paraguay, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, as well as Mexico. The recent uprising in Bolivia tends to lend some credence to this allegation. The information available has been fully disseminated to the State Department and other interested Governmental agencies.

(b) Book ~~'Falange'~~ Written by Allen ~~Chase~~.

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. A book I have recommended many times reveals the entire lowdown behind the scenes of the Argentina and Bolivia dirty work. Read 'Falange' F-A-L-A-N-G-E 'Falange', by Allen Chase."

This book was reviewed several months ago by Mr. Suttler of the Crime Records Section.

VI. WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT MATTER

Mr. Winchell stated: "Hollywood. The [redacted] case comes up next month. The insiders believe that Charles Chaplin will settle the matter out of court."

Mr. Winchell is undoubtedly referring to the civil suit which is pending against Charles Chaplin [redacted]. However, it is noted that on December 26, 1943, Mr. Winchell mentioned that the FBI was interested in the matter. In this regard, it will be recalled that the Bureau has been conducting an investigation for some time in the case entitled "Charles Spencer Chaplin, with alias; [redacted] with alias; [redacted] Victim; White Slave Traffic Act", wherein it appears that Chaplin transported victim [redacted] to New York City in October, 1943. Victim [redacted] complained against Chaplin to the Beverly Hills Police Department. It is alleged that Chaplin paid money to certain members of the Beverly Hills Police Department in order to effect the victim's egress from Beverly Hills in violation of her civil rights. The Department has been advised of the facts in this case and it is expected that the matter will be presented to a Grand Jury in Los Angeles in the near future.

VII. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. Before a Supreme Court now bitterly derided by personal grudges, Attorney General Biddle will personally argue the most important case in the last one hundred years tomorrow. Federal jurisdiction of insurance companies predicted by this reporter many months ago. It will effect untold billions and every home in America. So tense is the fight that the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee was granted permission to be heard by the Court. Senator O'Mahoney demanded equal right but the Court refused it to both. This is the biggest fight, ladies and gentlemen, in the highest court of the land, since the investigation of Wa Street."

Respectfully,

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January 16, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
January 16, 1944

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. SELECTIVE SERVICE MATTERS

A. Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, with aliases; Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the most notorious draft dodger of World War I. will be released from Ft. Leavenworth in about a month, after serving four years and ten months of a seven year sentence."

You will recall that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll is a member of a wealthy Philadelphia family. The files of the Bureau reflect that he evaded service in the United States Army during the first world war and spent a number of years in Germany. He thereafter returned to the United States, and upon apprehension on May 25, 1939, at New York, New York, he was court martialled on August 16, 1940, thereafter being sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the United States Army, to forfeit all pay and allowances due him and to be confined to hard labor at the United States Disciplinary Barracks, Governor's Island, New York, for a term of two years.

B. Conscientious Objector Camps; Mr. Winchell stated: "Portland, Oregon: Editors on the Northwest Coast should contact Editor Hall of the Lincoln County Times at Wallport, Oregon. I understand that Editor Hall has a story regarding a near-by conscientious objector camp, the recent activities of which parallel the objector expose in the best seller 'Under Cover.'"

There is presently no information available as to the specific activities to which Mr. Winchell is referring. However, the Bureau has received general information on several occasions in the past indicating that disciplinary and general conditions are rather poor in a number of the civilian public service camps throughout the country. There have been a number of desertions from the conscientious objector camp at Cascade Locks, Oregon in the past, however, the situation at this camp does not appear to be unlike that in other civilian public service camps



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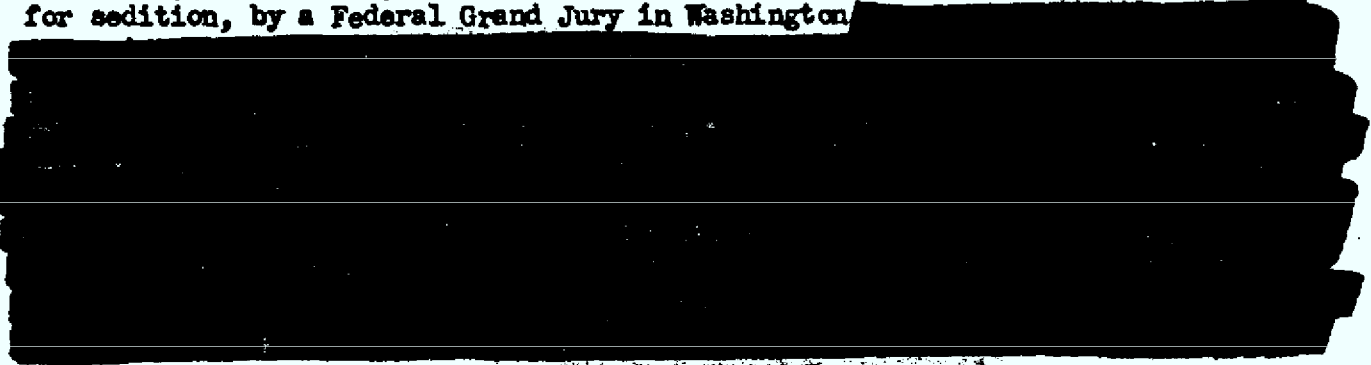
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throughout the United States. It is suggested that you might desire to refer this matter to Mr. Callan in order that specific information might be obtained from appropriate contacts at Selective Service headquarters concerning this matter. It is noted that conscientious objector camps are not mentioned in book "Under Cover" which was written by Avedis Derounian under the pen name John Roy Carlson.

II. SEDITION MATTERS

A. U. S. v. GERALD B. WINROD, et al; MR. WINCHELL STATED:
"Lakeland, Florida. When the police catch up with a dangerous person such as a killer or a kidnapper he rarely is allowed freedom on bail. But a person indicted with 29 others on charges of plotting to overthrow our country for a Nazi form of government is allowed to go and do what he pleases. This is to report to you then what I turned over to the FBI yesterday. George Deatherage, indicted by a Federal Jury recently was the Assistant Superintendent of a war plant making parts for amphibious barges at Lakeland, Florida. A telegram just relayed to me and sent by the war plant states that George Deatherage has been fired. Thanks also to the Lakeland, Florida Ledger which this morning followed up Life's layout on "Under Cover" this week."

The Miami Office advised by teletype dated January 15, 1944, that George Deatherage, who was one of the 30 individuals recently indicted for sedition, by a Federal Grand Jury in Washington.



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The book "Under Cover" has been mentioned on numerous occasions in the past by Mr. Winchell and was written, as you know, by Avedis Derounian under the pen name John Roy Carlson.

B. Congressman Clare Hoffman; Mr. Winchell stated: "According to the Miles, Michigan Daily Star of January 4, 1944, Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan spoke before 80 Rotarians and some other people. He attacked the so-called 'horseplay' in Washington, and is reported to have suggested a way to put an end to it. If Congressman Hoffman was not misquoted that newspaper reports that he stated as follows in part and in the headlines 'The day is here when the American people must, by a march on Washington, or by the use of the Armed Forces, if either is necessary, put an end to the playing of war at home.'

"Ladies and gentlemen, Adolf Hitler too would like to see people marching on Washington, but whoever marches on it will first have to march over the dead bodies of 11,000,000 young Americans now in our uniform. If Mr. Hoffman thinks that Armed Forces should march on Washington for any reason it is a confession, I think, that it is too much for him. It would be simpler for the voters in Michigan to keep the Congressman at home. And, unlike the method reportedly suggested by Congressman Hoffman, this one is Constitutional. Which is more dangerous to the United States, a Mussolini who asks Italians to march on Rome, or a Congressman who suggests to Americans to march on Washington? Mr. Hoffman is among others who one year ago attacked me for questioning the judgment of the American electorate. In my opinion if Congressman Hoffman said that the House of Representatives should expell him. And the Department of Justice should act with the Espionage Act at once. (Quoted Espionage Act -- Section 33, Title 50, United States Code) I respectfully submit that to you again sir, Mr. Biddle, Attorney General of the United States."

Section 33, Title 50, U. S. Code, referred to by Mr. Winchell is, of course, the first part of the Wartime Sediton Act. Congressman Hoffman, as you know, is a Congressman from Michigan and one of the group of Congressmen sometimes referred to as isolationists.

III. ESPIONAGE MATTERS

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A. Unknown Subject. [REDACTED] Espionage Act. Theft of Government Property: Mr. Winchell stated: "Jersey City. The police report that a suitcase containing plans for a new Navy transport were stolen from a phone booth in the Journal Square Station. Please do your bit and try to locate it. It is a dark brown valise bearing one or two steamship stickers. The name on it in red letters is F. K. Paget."

The Newark Office, by teletype dated January 16, 1944, advised that [REDACTED] informed that a suitcase [REDACTED] was stolen in Jersey City on January 16, 1944. The suitcase was reported to contain wearing apparel and plans for a Naval transport. [REDACTED]

B. Wilhelm von Rautter: Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. Last week the FBI finally arrested an accused Nazi spy. His name is Wilhelm von Rautter, now in custody. The G-Men, however, were not allowed to arrest him at his home or office. He was nabbed after the G-Men extended an invitation to him to come to their New York Offices to talk things over. This was done because the United States Supreme Court has made decisions which put many technicalities in the path of the FBI. I am glad that our highest court is protecting liberty. But Hitler did not enter Holland, Norway or Austria in response to any invitation. I do not presume to instruct that learned body in the law. But I do know that though the U. S. Supreme Court building is built of marble, so is the tomb of the unknown soldier."

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As you know, the individual to whom Mr. Winchell refers was apprehended on January 11, 1944, by the New York Office and is presently under a \$25,000 bond under a charge of violating the Espionage Act. This matter was the subject of a press release subsequent to the arrest on January 11, 1944.

IV. UKRAINIAN MATTERS

A. Mr. Winchell stated: "Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A so-called Ukrainian Congress will be held at a leading hotel in Philadelphia this week. Among the committees sponsoring it is a man who is written up as a one time link with Herr von Ribbentrop and the Late Count Ciano. This man, allegedly spoke from Nazi occupied Austria over the Nazi controlled radio there. Philadelphians should read the book "Sabotage" — at any book store for 50¢, especially the chapter titled "The Big Mouth," on page 35 and 36 of the greatest rival to "Under Cover" by title "Sabotage" — only 50¢."

The individual referred to by Mr. Winchell as one of the sponsors of the committees may be Luka Myshua who is the editor of a Ukrainian language newspaper "Svoboda" which is published in Jersey City, New Jersey. The book "Sabotage" which you will recall has been mentioned on several occasions by Mr. Winchell, was written by Michael Sayers and A. E. Kahn, and has been reviewed by the Crime Records Section of the Bureau. The original edition of this book rather strongly accused Myshua and the newspaper "Svoboda" of having German connections. Myshua reportedly threatened a suit for libel and Harper Brothers who published the book "Sabotage" allegedly sent Myshua a letter of retraction and revised the book. Myshua is connected with the American-Ukrainian Congress Committee which was formed to rejuvenate the American-Ukrainian Congress which was previously held in Washington, D. C. in 1940. This organization is composed of Ukrainian Nationalists who favor a free Ukraine and who reportedly are anti-Soviet. The parent organization for the American-Ukrainian Congress is the Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine. This organization was investigated by the Bureau and approximately two months ago the Department advised it had reviewed the Bureau's reports concerning this organization and prosecution would not be authorized under the Voorhis Act or Registration Act, and no further investigation was desired. The Philadelphia Office has been instructed to generally cover the impending meeting as referred to by Mr. Winchell.

V. BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS BY MR. WINCHELL

A. Mr. Winchell stated: "The book recommendation of the week: 'Germany After Hitler' by Paul Hagen. It will be published by Farrar and Rainhardt tomorrow."

The contents of the book "Germany After Hitler" is not known.

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Crack?" However, this book has been described as worthless because of the exaggerations, untruths and inventions contained therein. Hagen ~~has~~ reportedly has connections with certain high government officials and allegedly has called on Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House. Hagen is also reportedly a leader of the American Friends of German Freedom, which organization is allegedly anti-Nazi and reportedly solicits funds from Jewish people.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
January 23, 1944

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. COMMUNIST MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York City. The biggest laugh the American Communists have handed out to date is their resolution to cease activity as a political party. This simply means, ladies and gentlemen, that they will continue underground, keep organized and hope forlornly for re-organization. For the faithful un-Americans that they are the joke is this, they are so thoroughly discredited by the American people that these American Communists aren't even believed when they publicly dis-credit themselves."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell mentioned on his broadcast on January 9, 1944, that the Communist Party proposed to change its name. As you know, the Communist Party at its National Plenum in New York City on January 7, 8, and 9, 1944, decided to delete the word "Party" from its name. The proposal was made by Earl Browder, who suggested that the Party withdraw from political activity.

II. SOUTH AMERICAN MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Behind the International Front, Buenos Aires. The admission officially by the Government of Argentina that a German Consul was intercepted on the high seas on his way to report to Hitler as a Nazi Agent should have surprised no Jergen's listener, but the promise of Argentina's President to clean house is a phoney. That would be the equivalent of the late John Dillinger investigating the late Dutch Schultz."

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You will recall that [redacted] an Argentine citizen of German descent, was taken off the boat "Cabo de Hornos" at Trinidad on October 29, 1943, by the British. [redacted] later stated that he was en route to Europe where he intended to meet an agent of the German Government at Barcelona and thereafter be taken to Germany where he would meet Himmler and Hitler. [redacted] admitted that he was working for a group of German agents in Argentina, as well as also working for the German Government. The facts in this case were made available to the Bureau [redacted] and they were in turn distributed to appropriate [redacted]

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sources, including the White House. With regard to Argentina's general attitude toward the Allied Nations, it is interesting to note that in November of 1942, the Bureau through the State Department made available to the Argentine Government data indicating the identity of a large number of spies in Argentina. Although the Argentine Government arrested a number of these alleged spies, six were actually charged in Court and none have been actually sentenced to date.

III. SEDITION MATTERS

a. Peace Now Movement

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. I trust that many of you read Life Magazine last week. Life turned its spotlight on a so-called Peace Now Movement. In my column on the stands of New York City right now I offer much more inside stuff about some of its members. This outfit yaps about loving peace. Its leader is George W. Hartman, a professor at Harvard and at Teachers' College. Mr. Hartman's peace outfit blames America among other things for the killing of children in Europe and Asia, but they do not discuss the children murdered by the Sneakaneze and the Nazis. Peace lovers, my eye. They never talked about peace when Hitler was winning. Instead of a duck I suggest as a symbol for the Peace Now Movement a jackass or a skunk."

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The Bureau is presently conducting an investigation of the Peace Now Movement, and the investigative results have been made available to the Criminal Division of the Department. In connection with Mr. Winchell's comment, you will recall that the New York Office has advised that [redacted] the Anti-Defamation League has had an informant in the offices of the Peace Now Movement in New York. According to information furnished the New York Office by the Anti-Defamation League [redacted] expects many former subversive leaders to attempt to infiltrate the Peace Now Movement. [redacted] stated that it was his plan to continue his investigation of the Peace Now Movement and then "break the story through Walter Winchell and other publicity sources." [redacted] advised that he felt the organization was receiving much of its financial support from well-meaning Americans and that if an unfavorable expose were made it will cause the organization to die out. The Department has been advised of [redacted] intended publicity release, and you will recall that you advised Mr. Tamm by memorandum dated January 20th of the facts known concerning the Peace Now Movement and its President, George W. Hartmann.

b. Book, "Undercover", Written By Avedis Derounian Under the Pen Name John Roy Carlson

Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. Flash. Attention the Jergen Company. The one million dollar libel action filed against Walter Winchell and the publishers of "Undercover" was thrown out of Federal Court, Chicago. Federal Judge William H. Holly dismissed Mr. Robnett's libel action on the grounds 'no facts to warrant any recovery of damages' and 'tee hee'."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell has mentioned this suit on several occasions. The Bureau has been aware of the fact that George Washington Robnett filed an affidavit for attachment on September 30, 1943, in the Circuit Court of Chicago, alleging that E. P. Dutton and Company, Incorporated, and Russell B. Davenport were indebted to him for \$5,000 arising out of conspiracy to defame and libel him and others by maliciously causing "Undercover" to be published concerning himself and others. The Director has previous been advised of this matter. In this connection it is interesting to note that an article appeared in the Washington Star newspaper on January 23, 1943, under the date line of Salt Lake City, January 22, 1944, which stated that John Roy Carlson, author of "Undercover" was served with a summons to appear in District Court within twenty days to answer a libel suit filed by four Salt Lake City, Utah, residents. According to the newspaper article, the summons noted that a complaint charging libel, slander and false representation would be filed in ten days by J. A. McKnight, Jeramiah Stokes, Clifford Franklin Allen and Ernest Hollings. The article indicated that all of these individuals were mentioned in the book "Undercover".

c. Book "Undercover"

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. I never dreamed that Senator Wheeler would help boost the work of Walter Winchell, but he did just that the other day. Senator Wheeler inserted an editorial in the Congressional Record. That editorial denounced the book "Undercover". The editorial said that "Undercover" is five years too late and that it is very old news. Well, that's what Winchell has said all along. I've been exposing the very same people for eleven years over the protests and blasts of men like Senator Wheeler. Not all those mentioned in "Undercover" are in jail as the editorial alleges, some are still in Congress. Mr. Wheeler endorses an editorial which says that "Undercover" discusses jailbirds, discredited and dangerous Americans, yet, Mr. Wheeler threatens to investigate its author. What kind of double talk is that?"

Mr. Winchell on his broadcast of December 5, 1943, stated that Senator Burton K. Wheeler had inserted into the Congressional Record an editorial from a Fort Wayne Zeitung which smeared the book "Undercover" and Mr. Winchell. It is not known whether this is the incident to which Mr. Winchell refers or whether it precedes the matter which Mr. Winchell refers to above.

d. Congressman Clare Hoffman

Mr. Winchell stated: "Niles Michigan. The patriotic people of Niles, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, South Haven, Michigan, will hold meetings to probe the facts behind Congressman Hoffman's recent speech before a group of Rotarian club members, in which Congressman Hoffman suggested, according to a newspaper there, the use of armed force for a march on Washington, D. C."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell in his broadcast of January 16, 1944, stated that according to the Niles Michigan, Daily Star of January 4, 1944, Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan spoke before 80 Rotarians and some other people. Mr. Winchell advised that Hoffman stated, according to the newspaper report, "The day is here when the American people must, by a march on Washington, or by the use of armed force, if either is necessary, put an end to the playing of war at home." As you will recall Mr. Winchell suggested that Congressman Hoffman be prosecuted under the Espionage Act and he thereafter quoted Section 33, Title 50, United States Code, which, of course, is the first part of the Wartime Sedition Act.

IV. BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS BY MR. WINCHELL

a. Sabotage

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention New York. The very exciting expose called "Sabotage" will be published daily in the New York Post, starting tomorrow."

As you know Mr. Winchell has mentioned the book "Sabotage" on several occasions previous, recommending it to his listeners as good reading material. The book "Sabotage" was written by Mitchell Sayers and A. E. Kahn and was reviewed by the Crime Records Section of the Bureau.

b. "Der Fuhrer"

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. On next Friday Houghton-Mifflin will publish another sizzler entitled "Der Fuhrer", by Konrad Heiden. The title of the book "Der Fuhrer".

Konrad Heiden is in the United States as a political refugee from Nazi Germany. Heiden wrote a book entitled "A History of National Socialism", which was published in 1935, and also a book entitled "Hitler", which was published in 1936. The Bureau has previously received information that Heiden's new book "Der Fuhrer" would be released for public sale on January 27, 1944. The Boston Office has attempted to secure a copy of this book but has not been able to do so to date. Mr. H. M. W. Kempner, special employee of the Philadelphia Office has advised that he talked with Heiden recently and that apparently the book "Der Fuhrer" will be a rehash of his previous publications. Houghton-Mifflin will be recalled as the company which put out "Mein Kampf" and which not so many months ago filed suits in order to protect Hitler's rights to "Mein Kampf" in this country.

V. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

a. Mr. Winchell stated: "Sing Sing. Legal maneuvers will delay the execution of Lepke until after the 1944 election."

b. Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States. The following editorial is directed to His Excellence Marshal Stalin of Moscow, Russia. That Russian editor, the one who started the lie against England, whether he is a fool or criminal, performed the greatest service to Hitler since King Carroll sold out Rumania. Your Excellence, the American people know that Prime Minister Churchill will never take the hand of Hitler even at the peace table. Mr. Churchill refused his hand before, before Hitler's hand was covered with the blood of English women and children. Mr. Churchill refused Hitler's hand twice, the first time when the English people stood alone and unarmed. This is to assure you, Marshal Stalin, that Americans hold with equal honor and respect Russia's Unknown Soldier and Great Britain's Unknown Sailor, who died brothers in arms. It is the sacred duty of every man and every Allied Government to see that the same faith they had in each other is kept by your country and mine. You, yourself, Marshal Stalin

"once publicly stated that Russian victory could not have been possible without American production. American production, Mr. Stalin, would not have been possible without the wonderful British people as our allies."

d. Mr. Winchell stated: "New Orleans. The United States Army has ordered Colonel William O. Dwyer, former Brooklyn prosecutor, to visit the lovely city of New Orleans and investigate the report that New Orleans is running wide open."

e. Mr. Winchell stated: "A reporter's report to the nation. Palm Beach, Florida. About six months ago at terrific expense to American taxpayers the swanky Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida, was turned into a first-rate hospital by the United States Army. On March the 31st next, it will be turned over to the very rich Florida East Coast Railway. This news, ladies and gentlemen, has depressed the 750 heroes in that hospital. Their morale is below zero. And, so I speak for them and all soldiers who dare not, these heroes, all of whom fought the enemy until they fell wounded, have been shoved from base to base, to rehabilitation center, and so on. Now that they found some real comfort where the climate is best to recuperate in, someone behind a very comfortable desk in Washington moves them again in their agony. Why is this? Somebody's profit first? And, war heroes second? Somebody out to be very ashamed."

"Washington. Attention Palm Beach. Senator Claude Pepper of Florida agreed tonight to make a personal appeal to Lieutenant General Summer-ville to reconsider the facts in the prospective ousting of battle-wounded soldiers from the Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach.

Respectfully,



R. O. Kittelsen



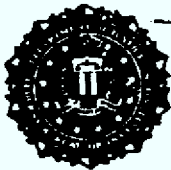
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. [initials]

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
January 30, 1944

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

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Mr. Winchell stated: "Lansing, Michigan. There is a Special State Grand Jury currently investigating alleged political corruption in Michigan. The chief investigator for this Grand Jury is named Charles Spare. Until a few months ago this Spare, exposed by me before, was the vice president of the Michigan branch of the Ku Klux Klan. When the Ku Klux Klan went underground out there, Charles Spare organized another outfit called 'United Sons of America', better described as something to watch - not to join. However, if you want more documentary evidence on Charles Spare's record, please see pages 89 and 91 of the best seller 'Sabotage'."

The Ku Klux Klan was reported to have disbanded in the state of Michigan several years ago, and it has been apparently established that subsequent thereto a successor organization to the Klan was formed in Michigan. One of the guiding officials in this new organization, which is known as the United Sons of America, is Charles Spare. The United Sons of America is the subject of a pending investigation by the Bureau and inquiries have established that this group, like the Ku Klux Klan, is anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, anti-Communist, and anti-Catholic. There is no information at hand indicating that Spare is the chief investigator for the Special Michigan State Grand Jury referred to by Mr. Winchell. It is known that Spare and other officers in the United Sons of America recently sponsored Edward Jeffries in his successful campaign for re-election as Mayor of Detroit. It is also apparent that Spare is an associate of Jake Spolansky who, as you know, is a former Dies Committee investigator. It is of interest to note that the book "Sabotage", first edition, written by Michael Cayers and Albert E. Kahn, contains no reference to Spare on either page 89 or page 91.

FOR DEFENSE II. THE GENTILE LEAGUE



Mr. Winchell stated: "Madison, Wisconsin. According to International News Service the meager membership of a new outfit called 'The Gentile League' is facing an investigation by Wisconsin authorities."

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"Acting Governor Goodland ordered the probe to learn if the League is subversive as suspected and how, perhaps, a charter can be given to anyone in Wisconsin who has a police record. The president of this new group is named Arthur W. Friede. Ladies and gentlemen, he once served a term in jail for operating a disorderly house. Period."

The Milwaukee Office has advised that the Gentile League was recently formed in Watertown, Wisconsin by three individuals, the guiding individual being Arthur W. Friede. Friede operates a tavern near Watertown, Wisconsin, which is a city of approximately 20,000 people, and which, it is reported, contains seven Jewish families. According to the Milwaukee Office, the purpose of this organization, membership of which is restricted to Gentiles, is to foster and teach the American way of life. It also has for one of its purposes the preventing of a certain class of people from purchasing government war materials after the war and making the Jews from According to information furnished by the Milwaukee Office, this organization held a meeting last Thursday evening at Friede's Tavern which was attended by five persons, three of whom were officers of the group, a fourth was the wife of one of the officers, and the fifth has not been identified. The local press was very interested in the meeting and as a result of newspaper stories, Governor Goodland of Wisconsin indicated that he would have the organization investigated. According to information furnished by the Milwaukee Office, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] One Wolf, one of the organizers of the group, has been described [REDACTED] and one of the newspapers described him as "a graduate of the WPA." The Milwaukee Office has secured from a confidential source a copy of the articles of incorporation of the Gentile League and has, at the present time, in transit to the Bureau a copy of these articles of incorporation, together with the information available concerning it. No investigation has been conducted of the organization by the Milwaukee Office to date.

III. TREASON MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. A Federal Grand Jury will hear FBI evidence starting February 7 in the cases of persons alleged to have aided the eight German saboteurs who landed on our shores by Nazi submarines a year ago."

Mr. Winchell is, of course, referring to the six individuals who have been indicted previously in Chicago for aiding the eight saboteurs and as you know the Chicago Office has advised that evidence concerning Hans Max Haupt will be given to a Federal Grand Jury beginning February 7, 1944, in an effort to secure more indictment for treason against the individuals involved.

IV. ESPIONAGE MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York City. Mrs. Dickenson, the Madison Avenue doll shop keeper charged by the FBI was sending coded letters to enemy agents in South America has another big headache. Her Uncle Sam just hit her with an income tax lien for over \$40,000."

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As you know, a complaint has been filed in New York

City against Mrs. Dickenson charging her with violation of Censorship Statutes.

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V. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

- A. Mr. Winchell stated: "Trenton, New Jersey. Police of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with the aid of the FBI, have nabbed the suspect in the slaying of six persons near Trenton since 1938. They have arrested a soldier. He is said to have confessed the slayings in a lovers lane."

The Newark Office has advised that the Bureau has not conducted any investigation in this matter to which Mr. Winchell has referred nor have any Bureau Agents participated in any apprehension of the individual referred to by Mr. Winchell.

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The Newark Office has also advised that on November 8, 1938, Vincenzo Tonzello and Mary Mytovich were killed by a shot gun on Lovers Lane, Duck Island, which is located on the border of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. On September 30, 1939, Frank J. Casper and Catherine Warner were killed by a shot gun in the same spot. On September 16, 1940, Louis J. Kovacs and Catherine Marconi were also killed by a shot gun in the same spot.

However, the State Police have never requested the Bureau's assistance in apprehending any suspects in the matter.

- B. Mr. Winchell stated: "New York, Washington, and Hollywood Express. Reno, Nevada. Newspaper editors in Reno are requested to check the rumored divorce plans of Lee Wiley of the stage and screen. She is supposedly in Reno to divorce Jeff Stoney, the pianist for Benny Goodman. The intimates of both tell me that Miss Wiley if given her decree will probably marry millionaire Charles Vetcher (phonetic) of Denver. Mr. Vetcher was once kidnapped and held for a great ransom."

- C. Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States. About five years ago before the Martin Dies Investigating Committee Fritz Kuhn, the convicted leader of the German-American Bund, stated that Walter Winchell's real name was a foreign sounding name. He said it was something like Hankintuff (phonetic) or something like that. At the

time I publically offered anyone \$100,000 in cash if anyone could prove it. I now double that sum. This week on the floor of Congress, Representative Rankin of Mississippi repeated Fritz Kuhn's lie. I had gotten Rankin's goat the day before in the newspaper where I had denounced Rankin for his repulsive attitude and repulsive treatment of foreign sounding names, names of many fighting Americans, ladies and gentlemen, who died for America and Mr. Rankin."

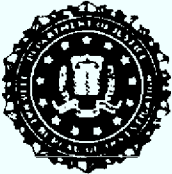
- D. Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention L. W. L. W., L. W., I am not in New York. Go to my office at the New York Daily Mirror, please, and give that information about subversive activities to my secretary. You can trust her. The most important Americans from coast to coast trust her so can you, L. W."
- E. Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. Albany, New York. Sensational disclosures are expected to delay the execution of Lepke (phonetic) Buckhalter. It is set for the week of February 7. The next hearing for Lepke is before Governor Dewey on Wednesday next.

Respectfully,

R. O. Kittelsen

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February 6, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD *Handwritten initials: Ladd*

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST,
February 6, 1944.

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

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I. SABOTAGE MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Detroit, Michigan. Three executives of the Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corporation will go to trial in Federal Court, Detroit, on the 8th. The FBI charges sabotage and fraud against the United States Government while making parts for airplane engines."

Mr. Winchell is referring to the case entitled "Fred Eaton, Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; Manufacturing of Defective Airplane Castings; Sabotage." You will recall that Fred Eaton, Assistant Plant Manager, Factory #2, Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corporation, Detroit, Michigan, and two other minor plant officials, together with the Bohn Corporation, were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Detroit, Michigan, in October, 1943, on charges of sabotage and fraud against the Government. The subjects in this case were charged with the wilful welding of castings used in Rolls Royce Merlin airplane engines, which are used in United States and British aircraft, contrary to specific prohibitions in Army contracts. It is noted that Mr. Winchell states this case will go to trial on February 8, 1944; however, the Detroit Office has advised that the trial has been continued until February 15, 1944.

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II. SEDITION MATTERS

A. United States vs. Joseph B. McWilliams, et al; Sedition. *RECORDED & INDEXED 62-21615-400*

Mr. Winchell stated: "Reporter's Report to the Nation: Washington. Every one of the 30 defendants in the sedition cases is now apprehended. All but one have been removed to the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia. Tomorrow morning Federal Prosecutor O. John Rogge will ~~present~~ fifty motions by defense attorneys. Lawrence Dennis, an American, alleged to be the mastermind for Hitler's cause over here, fought against removal in Boston, but he lost. Dennis is now under Federal jurisdiction in Washington. Incidentally, Mr. Prosecutor Rogge, isn't it true that Lawrence Dennis was paid substantial sums of money by a world-wide circulated magazine through an intermediary? *Mumma?*"



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The one defendant who has not been removed to Washington as yet is Ernest Elmhurst, of New York. Elmhurst was given a preliminary hearing on January 31, 1944, in Brooklyn, New York, and his final removal hearing has been set for February 21, 1944.

The Bureau has previously received information indicating that Dennis was paid approximately \$400 a month by the Readers Digest magazine for certain articles during three or four months of last year. The money was paid to Dennis through a public relations advisor in New York City.

B. Information Furnished to the Bureau by Walter Winchell

Attention, L.W.: The tip for the Federal authorities has been sent to John Edgar Hoover at the FBI. Please send your full name to the G-Man. I assure you, L.W., your name will never be revealed or your confidence violated."

As you know, Mr. Winchell, on his broadcast of last Sunday, January 30, 1944, told "L.W." to go to his office in New York and give "that information about subversive activities to my secretary. You can trust her." You will recall that Mr. Winchell forwarded a copy of a letter he received from "L.W." on February 3, 1943. Mr. Winchell presumably received this letter on February 2, 1944, from "L.W."

A review of "Under Cover" discloses that one Mullen of New York City is mentioned as a former printer for Joseph Kamp and George Deatherage. Joseph Kamp, as you will recall, was the former head of the Constitutional Education League, and Deatherage is at present one of the thirty defendants in the case entitled "United States vs. Joseph B. McWilliams, et al; Sedition." It is contemplated that the information furnished by Mr. Winchell will be brought to the attention of Mr. Rogge, who is handling the prosecution in the above mentioned sedition case, for his opinion as to whether [redacted] should be contacted relative to any possible information to be obtained concerning Deatherage.

III. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A. Book "What to do With Germany", written by Louis Wiser.

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. The Germans have two plans - one for

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"victory and another for defeat. They know they have lost this war and they are working furiously on their defeat plan. Their real battle is not in Russia or Italy anymore. Their real fight, ladies and gentlemen, is going on over here for sympathetic public opinion. No American can trust any German Republic any further than he could throw Field Marshal Herman Goering. Many Americans, however, are confused. They seem to think the subject is "What to do for Germany", when the real question is "What to do with Germany". That, by the way, is the title of a new exciting book. Read it and then hope that the Nazi and Jap dead rest in peace, because they hated it so."

Washington

For your information, the Sunday Star newspaper for February 6, 1944, in the section entitled "New Books", contained an article written by Mary Carter Roberts, which discusses the book "What To Do With Germany." According to this article, the book was written by Louis Nizer, and it is one of the new books just published. According to the information set forth, the book points out that Nizer, the author, believes in rigid punishment for all Nazi officials by death or imprisonment, in accordance with the crime committed, and thereafter, a re-education of German youth by means of an international university to be staffed by the best men available from all Allied Nations.

- B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. Consistent with their policy of misrepresenting and misquoting what I say, certain legislators have tried to create the impression that the truth about a few of them is a lie about all of them. The overwhelming majority of the House of Representatives know that I respect them as men and as legislators and that I believe Congress is the real voice of the people, but for those misrepresentatives who feel that the shoe fits, I am glad that it's painful. Washington had his Arnold; Lincoln had his Boothe; and Roosevelt has his 'You Know'."
- C. Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. Last Sunday night I wondered out loud over this microphone what certain bigoted people in Washington would say about Lindberg just because his grandfather's real name was not Lindberg. I said it, ladies and gentlemen, to emphasize that it is not the way a man's name is spelled - but the way it is remembered. Lindberg's grandfather changed his name from Nanson for reasons that elude historians. So what? One of the Dies Committee, Congressman Vecey (phonetic) changed his name to Thomas. Then there was Paul Revere. Paul's grandfather was not named Revere. And then there's Uncle Sam, who has no last name at all. Poor fella."

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- D. Mr. Winchell stated: ".....I remain your New York correspondent, Walter Winchell, who just read that a Chicago newspaper publisher has entered the Presidential primary. He seems to think that a wooden head makes him good Presidential timber."

It is believed that the individual referred to by Mr. Winchell as entering the Presidential race in Illinois, is Colonel Robert M. McCormick, owner and publisher of the Chicago Tribune newspaper, Chicago, Illinois.

Respectfully,


R. Q. Kittelsen



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Dear Chief:-

There is a sorry old J E W that black guards almost every body in the world except himself that goes under the alias of Walter Winchell. No one knows his real name. It might be Witchell-evinsky. Please give him a good investigation. Thanks for a good American.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1944

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Time Dictated: 10:30 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST,
February 13, 1944.

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

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I. SEDITION MATTERS

A. United States vs. Joseph B. McWilliams, et al; Sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. Federal Judge Eicher has set the date for the trials of the thirty persons charged with sedition, March 20 in Washington, D. C."

Mr. Rogge who is handling the prosecution of this case for the Department has previously informed the Bureau, as you know, that he contemplates the trial in the captioned case will be held in March as stated by Mr. Winchell.

B. United States vs. Joseph B. McWilliams, et al; Sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. Attention please Special Prosecutor O. John Rogge of the Department of Justice. Isn't it true Mr. Prosecutor, as I recently hinted, that the now named defendant Lawrence Dennis was once paid nearly \$3,000 by a person named Pendleton Dudley for articles in the Readers Digest."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell in his broadcast for last Sunday evening, February 6, 1944, mentioned that Lawrence Dennis was paid substantial sums of money by a "world-wide circulated magazine." As you were informed, the Bureau has previously received information indicating that Dennis was paid approximately \$400 a month by the "Readers Digest" magazine for certain articles during several months of last year. The money was paid to Dennis through Dudley, a Public Relations Adviser in New York City.

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C. United States vs. Joseph B. McWilliams, et al; Sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. Members of the Federal Grand Jury were shocked on Friday last to hear testimony from a witness whose editorial cartoons were published in the Nazi-controlled Beobachter or the Free American, as the German-American Bund in New York City later renamed it. These newspaper cartoons indicated that our Commander-in-Chief was offering American youth for sale. The witness was George Eggleston, also the editor of the late Scribners Commentator magazine which was brazenly pro-Nazi. What shocked the members of the Federal Grand Jury was that George Eggleston wore the uniform of a Lieutenant in the United States Navy."

Mr. Boggs of the Department had previously advised the Bureau that

[REDACTED] George Eggleston was formerly Secretary and Treasurer of the Lake Geneva Publications, Inc., which published the "Lake Geneva Herald" and "Scribners Commentator." Eggleston was the editor of the latter magazine. Investigations were previously conducted by the Bureau of both publications for a possible Registration Act violation, however, the Department declined prosecution in the matter. You will recall that Mr. Winchell previously referred to this matter in his broadcast on January 9, 1944, when he commented upon the fact that Douglas M. Stewart, who was associated with Eggleston in publishing "The Herald" newspaper, was also subpoenaed before the same Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C., which rendered the sedition indictments in the captioned case.

[REDACTED] This matter was the subject of a memorandum to the Director by you dated December 8, 1943.

D. Congressman Clare Hoffman.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Jacksonville. On February the 6th, the United Press reported that about 30,000 union members reiterated the pledge of President Philip Murray that there would be no strikes for the duration. Delegates to this convention adopted a resolution denouncing Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan as 'an Axis termite within the halls of Congress', and they suggested that Congressman Hoffman be indicted for a statement attributed to him in which he allegedly called for a march on Washington, says the United Press, 'to overthrow the Administration' which is what I said weeks before."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell previously mentioned this matter in his broadcasts of January 16 and 23, 1944, at which time he advised that according to the "Niles, Michigan Daily Star" of January 4, 1944, Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan spoke before 80 Rotarians and some other people. Mr. Winchell advised

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that Hoffman stated, according to the newspaper report, "The day is here when the American people must, by a march on Washington, or by the use of the Armed Forces, if either is necessary, put an end to the playing of war at home." As you will recall Mr. Winchell suggested that Congressman Hoffman be prosecuted under the Espionage Act and he also thereafter quoted Section 33, Title 50, United States Code which, of course, is the first part of the Wartime Sedition Act.

II. WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT MATTER

Mr. Winchell stated: "Hollywood. The movie city's ablest legal talent is now in a huddle over last moment preparations for the surrender of Charles Chaplin."

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As you know the Bureau has conducted an investigation in the case entitled "Charles Spencer Chaplin, wa; [REDACTED] wa - Victim; White Slave Traffic Act," wherein it appears that Chaplin transported victim [REDACTED] with alias; [REDACTED] to New York City in October, 1943, for immoral purposes. Victim [REDACTED] complained against Chaplin to the Beverly Hills Police Department and as an outgrowth of the matter it is alleged that Chaplin paid money to certain members of the Beverly Hills Police Department in order to effect the victim's egress from Beverly Hills, in violation of her civil rights. As you know a Federal Grand Jury returned an indictment against Chaplin during the past week for a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act and Civil Rights Statute. According to present information it appears that Chaplin's attorney has arranged for him to voluntarily surrender to the Office of the United States Attorney on February 14, 1944.

III. MURDER ON A GOVERNMENT RESERVATION

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. The murder of an eight year old girl whose body was found on the Marine Corps Reservation at Paris Island, South Carolina, has been solved by the FBI. They have arrested a juvenile whose name is withheld at this time."

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Mr. Winchell is referring to the case entitled [REDACTED]; Diane Tatton, Victim; Murder on a Government Reservation." Victim Tatton was assaulted and murdered on December 8, 1943, at Paris Island, South Carolina. After investigation by the Bureau, subject [REDACTED] a sixteen year old son [REDACTED] Paris Island, South Carolina, confessed to the crime. On February 8, 1944, he was taken into custody and is presently awaiting trial.

IV. SABOTAGE MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Fall River, Massachusetts. Eleven hundred members

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of three unions tonight voted to return to work tomorrow after a strike of nine weeks. The Army last week seized the seven mills affected."

As you know, the Bureau has conducted no active investigation in the matter referred to by Mr. Winchell. However, the Bureau has kept in touch with the situation and was informed that a meeting would be held between the Army and the individuals representing the industries concerned on February 13, 1944, at which time it was expected that matters of differences would be ironed out and the striking workers would return to work the following day. As you know the Department has been currently advised of developments in this matter.

V. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

- A. Mr. Winchell stated: "London - Attention Argentina. Prime Minister Churchill is completely out of patience with Franco, the Nazi agent masquerading as the head of Spain. It is freely accepted in diplomatic circles that London will accept war with Spain and if it does it would have the deepest repercussions in Buenos Aires. By summertime the United Nations need no longer buy peace from the blackmail nation."
- B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. The third member of a banded gang which staged a series of robberies and kidnappings six weeks ago is now behind bars and a confessed man. One of the gang's victims was a show girl named Sunny Ainsworth recently divorced from Moe Manville, the well-known New York playbore."

The above matter referred to by Mr. Winchell was apparently not the subject of a Bureau investigation.

- C. Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. The current issue of Time magazine discussing Congressman Rankin's recent outburst refers to Rankin's controversy with this reporter. Time says in part, 'Rankin hits a new low in demagoguery. Even for Rankin.' The Time magazine compared his inoratory to that of an ancient Hamm actor. Incidentally Representative Rankin, who belittled foreign sounding names recently, is herewith recommended to C. W. Bogley's book On The Origin of English Surnames. The name Rankin in the old country was originally Ronakin (phonetic)."
- D. Mr. Winchell stated: "Behind the International Front - Washington. American experts regard the present Moscow policy extremely dangerous to unity and premature even for the purposes it is designed to accomplish. Essential unity until the destruction of Hitler is regarded as assured. After that the path is completely clouded. It is pointed out that the Russian Commonwealth is as equally suited for expansion in the Middle East

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: H. Res. 430 - Requesting Information as to the Status of Walter Winchell

On February 8, 1944, Mr. Hoffman introduced H. Res. 430, a resolution requesting information as to the status of Walter Winchell. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

This resolution states four questions to be propounded to the Secretary of the Navy requesting him to advise whether Walter Winchell is in any way officially connected with the Navy; if so, his rank; if he has been assigned to inactive duty, what if any are his duties; and finally what compensation he receives from the Navy.

Further action on this resolution will be brought to your attention.



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H. RES. 430

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 1944

Mr. HOFFMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Naval Affairs

RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is
2 hereby, directed to furnish the House of Representatives the
3 answers to the following questions:

4 1. Is Walter Winchell in, or is he in any way officially
5 connected with the Navy?

6 2. If Walter Winchell is either in the Navy, or if he is in
7 any way connected with the Navy, what is his rank and in
8 what way is he connected with the Navy?

9 3. If Walter Winchell is in the Navy, or if he is con-
10 nected with the Navy, has he been assigned to inactive duty
11 and if he has been assigned to inactive duty, what, if any,
12 are his duties?

13 4. What compensation, if any, does Walter Winchell
14 receive from the Navy?

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