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DATE: June 7, 1950.

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: G.I.R.-1

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ASAC Stein phoned Mr. McGuire from New York to advise him that the New York Office was in receipt of a teletype from Boston concerning a resident of Massachusetts who had heard Walter Winchell's broadcast last Sunday night concerning a man wanted for a cold-blooded murder in Tennessee who was believed to be driving a black Chrysler sedan bearing Tennessee license plates number 2 - ----D. The Massachusetts resident apparently saw a Tennessee licensed car early on Sunday June 4 whose plates began 2 - ----D.

Stein wanted authority to contact Walter Winchell. It was suggested that Stein first contact the American Broadcasting Company to see if a record of the broadcast could be obtained from that point and not to contact Mr. Winchell unless specific Bureau authority was received.

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cc - Mr. Rosen

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Mr Walter Winchell
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr Winchell:

Re F.B.I.

This situation is made to order for you. I know that "Officials" of the F.B.I. not alone work long hours overtime, without compensation, but also have to pay for meals meanwhile.

For the singlemen this may be overlooked, but in the case of married men, who have dinner prepared at home, it is a double expense.

This gripe did not come from either the F.B.I. Official, or his wife to me, and in fact if they knew I was writing this letter, would not have permitted it.

I am sure that I have turned this over to the one man that can help this situation.

Sorry to bother you, yours sincerely

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Mr. Walter Winchell
c/o King Feature's Syndicate
New York, N.Y.

(To Hoover)

To Hoover

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Sir;

Respectfully call your attention to Dubbin-Greenberg murder case in Miami. Victim is niece of A. Dubbin, of the Miami judiciary. Certain aspects of the case appear to be reminiscent of the Leopold-Loeb thing of some years ago.

No satisfactory coverage has so far appeared in the New York metropolitan press. Clips from Miami press indicate a great deal more to the story than they are permitted to print, or that they want to print.

Defense attorneys of sufficient eminence to arouse interest if not suspicion... as to culpability of the only suspect.

Make no mistake, the crime was of out-of-the-ordinary brutality.

There are connotations of parental pressure that might have led to mental abberations in the suspect.

Again, respectfully suggest that you - of all reporters in the country - give it a whirl. I believe it will pay off. It will not be your first scoop. It might turn into one of your most important ones.

With kindest regards

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July 6, 1950

Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

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G.I.R. #1

Dear Walter:

I thought you might not have seen the following editorial which appeared in the San Diego, California, Evening Tribune on June 28, 1950:

"WINCHELL - POLICEMAN

To Walter Winchell, columnist for The San Diego Union, goes entire credit for completing a job which New York's police for a year had been unable to do. Winchell, like the Mounties, got his man. The man, Benedetto Maori, had been sought for slaying a labor union leader. A reward of $25,000 had been offered by the union's president for a satisfactory conclusion of the murder case, and Winchell conceived the idea of getting the suspect to surrender. The reward, if paid, will go to the Damon Runyan Cancer Fund. The hitch now is that the union is quibbling over what it offered."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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Miss Rose Bigman
c/o Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East Forty-fifth Street
New York 17, New York

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Dear Rose:

Thanks a lot for sending me Walter's concluding column until next fall and for the information.

We, of course, will miss both the column and the Sunday night broadcast, but he certainly deserves a rest. In the meantime, I hope this will provide an opportunity for you to have a very quiet and pleasant vacation.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr.Hoover: This is last column until Sept.18. W.W. will be on the air Sunday night,however, after which he goes off until Sept.17th. Hope you have a nice summer. Mr.Tolson, too. regards,

Rose

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WINCHELL—SET AND HOLD—JEF—2—

Walter Winchell
In New York

These Charming People

Henry (Mr. Roberts) Fonda was telling a reporter how glad he was that he moved from his rural home in Movietown to N. Y.

"Why," he why'd, "we lived ten miles from the nearest neighbor. It was quiet and my kids were awful lonely. But New York's different! It is a city with lots of people. It even smells noisy. I'd never move back to the Coast."

"Where do you live in New York?" he was asked.

"Oh," said Henry, "we have a lovely place in Connecticut!"

One of Ted Healy's stooges (Mousie Garner) is amused at the feuds among comics over pilfering of gags, etc. He recalled when Milton Berle and Joe Penner clashed about who first used the comedy hat with the brim turned up against the crown.

"You're both all wet," squelched Ted. "Napoleon started that!"

Nearly all of these stories are familiar to show folks. They either read them here in the last 25 years or in the various digests, which know a good story when they see one, too...Peter Lind Hayes' pet stars the late Eddy Foy who was breaking in a new ingenue ...When the last curtain fell after several bows she apologized to Mr. Foy: "Oh, I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to keep taking Center that way. I know the center of the stage is reserved for the star."

"Don't let it worry you, my dear girl," said Foy, putting on his best clown-ham manners, "I always take the Center with me!"

Helen Hayes discusses her husband, Charles MacArthur, with great affection when interviewed...She once revealed the sequel to his renowned: "I wish these were emeralds!" which he cooed when they first met, as he offered a bag of peanuts...During the last war he picked up some emeralds in the China-Burma-India sector and had them made into a clip for her...If one of his pals saw Helen wearing them, he'd say: "I wish they were peanuts."

MacArthur always sends her something on opening nights. When she opened in "Candle in the Wind," an anti-Nazi play, he wired: "I hate you, I hate you, I hate you! (signed) A. Hitler."

Once, in Hollywood, the late critic Alexander Woollcott was having a small, select dinner...MacArthur, one of his intimates, dropped in and was informed he was not invited and to please leave...Alec should have known better, says Helen...The dinner was being held in a hotel, so Charlie got into a waiter's uniform and when Alec asked for some water MacArthur poured a pitcher of it over his head, saying: "Is this what you wanted, sir?"

Critic George Jean Nathan puts on a good show. When a woman sued his friend, Eugene O'Neill (for alleged infringement), her lawyer tried to rattle George out of the witness chair.

"How many first-rate critics are there?" he asked.

"About 20," said George.

"Indeed?" was the caustic comment. "I always thought there was only one!"

"A lot of people seem to think so," Nathan intoned stiffly, as he brushed his sleeve in The Elegant Manner.

"This business of criticism," says an editorial, "is unfairly one-sided, due largely to the prideful, martyr-complexes of authors, actors and producers. Sometime early this century the practice of talking back to critics went out of fashion. The stage folk thought it the better part of dignity to eat their own smoke. They agreed to suffer in silence, for, after all, what does a critic know about art? And, after all, what does he know?"

What he likes

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Noel Coward visited a provincial British town where a revival of "Bitter Sweet" was being played. Annoyed that no seat had been left for him by the management, he crisply informed the young woman in the box office: "I'm Noel Coward; I wrote the book, lyrics and score of this show."

"Really?" was the indifferent snapper. "Quite the little Ivor Novello, aren't you?"

"*Who was that lady* I saw you with last night?" is probably the best known old joke in show business...Only the other day we learned that it accidentally originated in an old minstrel show... When Mike Todd considered doing a play about Stephen Foster, he encountered its origin in his minstrel research..."Christie's Minstrels" was an annual event on the one-night circuits. Christie put his own name on Foster's tunes, which he bought for $50...He was quite a ladies' man, too.

Christie was dating the wife of an End Man in the show... During the Afterpiece (which closed the performance) the husband finally hinted he was hep to the clandestine romance. He called across stage: "Who was that lady I saw you with last night?"

"That was no lady," nastied Christie, "that was your wife!"

Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who walked with Royalty, had the retort wonderful when a restaurant flunky told her dogs were not welcome.

"My dog," regally replied La Campbell, "dines at Buckingham Palace! Can you say the same for the rest of your patrons?"

Leonora Corbett, the actress, sent this apology to a gentleman friend: "Dear Gerald: Do you remember the day we met outside my door? I had not seen you for quite a while. You came toward me with outstretched hands and beaming smile. I was in a dreadful hurry. 'Oh, Gerald,' I said, 'I wish you were a taxi!' You laughed and said how funny I was, but your arms dropped rather quickly. Months have passed since then. Gerald, will you forgive that naughty jest of mine if I tell you this morning as I left my house an empty cab slowly passed me by, and half aloud I whispered: 'Oh, taxi, how I wish you were Gerald!'"

Columnist-historian A. Schlesinger, Jr., noted: "Louis Johnson's economy drive played a crucial role in bringing about American defenselessness. But were strong voices (except those of the Alsops) raised against Johnson's policy at the time?"

That'll be news to the editors of Collier's. Louis Johnson tried to get them to unprint "Blueprint for Disaster" by the anemic-voiced W. Winchell.

Gone to Lunch, Back Mid-Sept.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 5, 1950

FROM : SAC, MIAMI

SUBJECT: Attn: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

Pursuant to instructions received from Mr. LADD on August 21, 1950, Miss ROSE BIGMAN, Secretary to Mr. WALTER WINCHELL, was met at the Airport at Tampa, Florida, where she had a short stopover enroute to Havana, Cuba.

Special Agent CASSIUS RATHBUN, who met Miss BIGMAN, advised that she was very appreciative of the thoughtful attention she had received from the representatives of the Bureau.

A telephone contact was had with Legal Attache W. C. SPEARS in Havana, Cuba, and instructions given by Mr. LADD were conveyed to Mr. SPEARS. Mr. SPEARS advised that, should Miss BIGMAN be stopping in Miami on her return trip, he would advise this office accordingly.

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From . . . ED WEINER

Park Sheraton Hotel..NYC

August 29th....1950.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought that you might like to glance at a copy of "The Walter Winchell Story" before it appears on the news stands around the country.

Walter has seen it and has been very kind in his remarks on the quality of the job I've done.

I'd appreciate hearing from you.

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Cordially,

Ed Weiner

Ed Weiner

P.S.

I almost forgot to tell you that J. Edgar Hoover plays an important part in the W.W. story.

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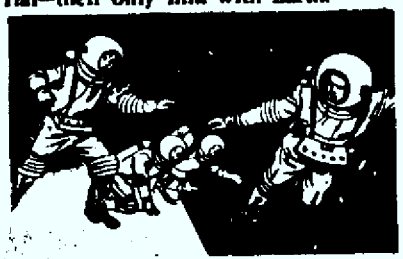

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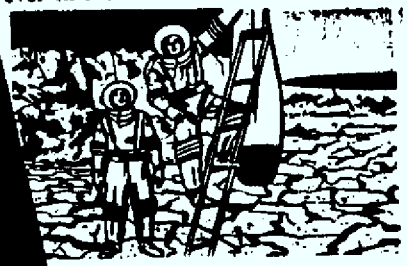

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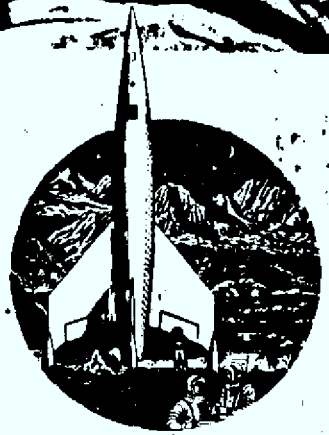

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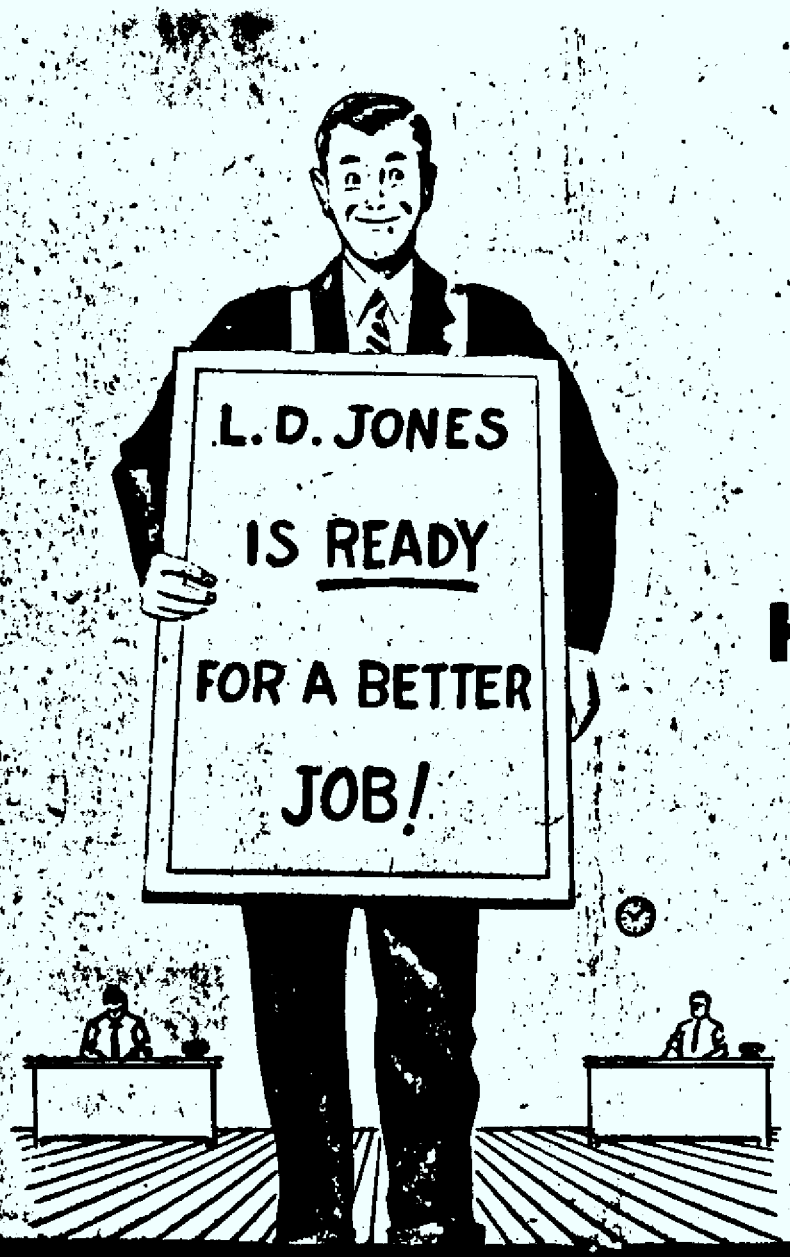

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The Walter Winchell Story

by Ed Weiner

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A newspaperman's dream has come trHe has delivered a man wanted for murder to tDistrict Attorney's office and then signaled hisaper to break the story that will beat the rest ofpe newspaper world.

Walter Winchell is a tired reporter. H walks to a corner of Lindy's, sits down and orers coffee and crullers. Winchell's cronies notice that he miliar territory in Harlem, pass the scenes of his boyhood and recall some of the patterns of his life. As a lad of twelve, after he had tried his hand at selling newspapers and magazines and running errands for the neighbors, Winchell performed with a singing trio at the Imperial Theatre on Wesf 116th Street, now the Regun. The act was named "Lawrence, Stanley and McKinley; the Little Men

news events, mostly frivolous. For a time, the neophyte weltered in the bizarre mumbo-jumbo of journalism as practised at *The Graphic*—and then he came up with the most exciting underworld yarn of that era—the Vincent Coll killing.

Winchell had started a new school of journalism. Those were prohibition days, many unusual things were happening in New York, and Winchell kept abreast of the times, riding his typewriter.

vision and the whole picture becomes clear. For there on the wall hangs a portrait of Damon Runyon, one of the greatest reporters who ever lived and Winchell's ideal newspaperman.

"Wouldn't he have done a great job on the Benedicto Macri assignment?" Walter says.

The admiration had been mutual. In a famous statement about Winchell, Runyon had said: "When a guy's got class, I got to go with him." That "class" has given Winchell's newspaper column an audience of 40,000,000, his Sunday broadcasts an audience of 35,000,000. It has kept dying shows alive, turned slow-moving books into best-sellers, zoomed unknowns into stars and successes. It has also wreaked havoc with subversive elements in this country on Right and Left. In this article, however, I wish to explore a single fascinating facet of Winchell's brilliant career—crime reporting.

Together Winchell and Runyon had roamed New York, answering police and fire calls, and rushing to the scenes that are part of the everyday lot of the police, firemen and reporters. This had been one of the most important missions of Winchell's life. He knew the real state of Runyon's health—the great Runyon was dying of cancer—and was trying to keep matters interesting for him right up to the last. Winchell also knew that the only way to keep a newspaperman happy was to keep him on top of a newsbreak. So, far into the night, and into the grim canyons of Manhattan, with the short-wave set in Winchell's car sputtering alarms, they rushed through what Runyon referred to as "the tubercular light of the morning." Their energy wore out others fortunate enough to be along. Many a cub reporter would have given a right arm to be with these journalistic greats and watch them tick when the action got hottest.

At times, when the buzzing short-wave set held its breath, Winchell would steer his car over fa-

with the Big Voice.

It was at the Imperial that he ran into some of the desperadoes who gave him the beginnings of his rare insight into the underworld. There he encountered the bouncer with the funny name—"Gyp the Blood." As time wearied on, Gyp the Blood often made the headlines. The big blowoff came when he played his gruesome part in the Rosenthal murder case—and the electric chair murmured a droning goodbye to the first hoodlum of Winchell's memory.

Gus Edwards' "The Song Revue," a turn in vaudeville as a song and dance man, a hitch in the navy and then an assignment as a writer of tidbits for the *Vaudeville News* led to Winchell's job as a drama news reporter for *The Graphic*. Now defunct, *The Graphic* was a tabloid newspaper that spiced up the doings of New Yorkers with a pictorial device since outlawed by the profession, the "composograph," an imaginary reconstruction of

Ed Weiner, *author, publicist, radio commentator, is a writer of plays and popular songs. He is the official biographer of Winchell's late great friend, Damon Runyon.* (The Damon Runyon Story, *Popular Library, 25 cents.*) *Weiner is president of the N.Y. Publicists Guild.*

Hoodlums were running rampant [illegible] it his business to know them all.

It was during this era that Winchell, leaving his cubby-hole office one day, noticed a shiny, new car parked in front of the building.

"It's yours," said the big guy minding it.

"If you like me, you won't do this," Walter snapped.

"We think you're a nice kid, and this is a gift from the boss," said the sentinel.

"No can do," Winchell said and walked off, leaving a sullen mobster chewing on his cigar. Only the day before, Winchell had bought a $2,100 Stut Black Hawk at a used car place, and had the knowledge that he had paid for it with his own hard-earned money. That is the way he has always operated.

In 1929 Winchell had transferred to the New York *Daily Mirror*. Gang rule, upheld by corrupt politicians, was then a commonplace. A wildly reckless member of the Dutch Schultz squad was getting out of hand, and orders came through for him to be rubbed out. A squad of assassins, riding through a Harlem street, opened fire, wounded five children, killed another. They also killed a ma known as Pete Coll. They had been gunning f his brother, Vincent.

That did it. A maniacal killer, Vincent Coll w on a one-man murder binge. For the first time, "big guys" shivered, locked themselves in guar hotel rooms or moved around in armored carav Vincent Coll was on the loose! To get opera money, he snatched mob leaders and held the ransom. Then, on February 8, 1932, in t P.M. edition of the *Daily Mirror*, Winchell

"Five planes brought dozens of mach from Chicago Friday, to combat the town' Local banditti have made one hotel a w sonal and several hotspots are ditto 'cau

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Walter Winchell walks down New York street with garment manufacturer Benedicto Macri, on way to surrender him to police as suspect in 1940 murder of union organizer Willie Lurye. Winchell's broadcast appeals to "B.M." to give up brought Macri in. Columnist allotted the $25,000 reward to Runyon Cancer Fund.

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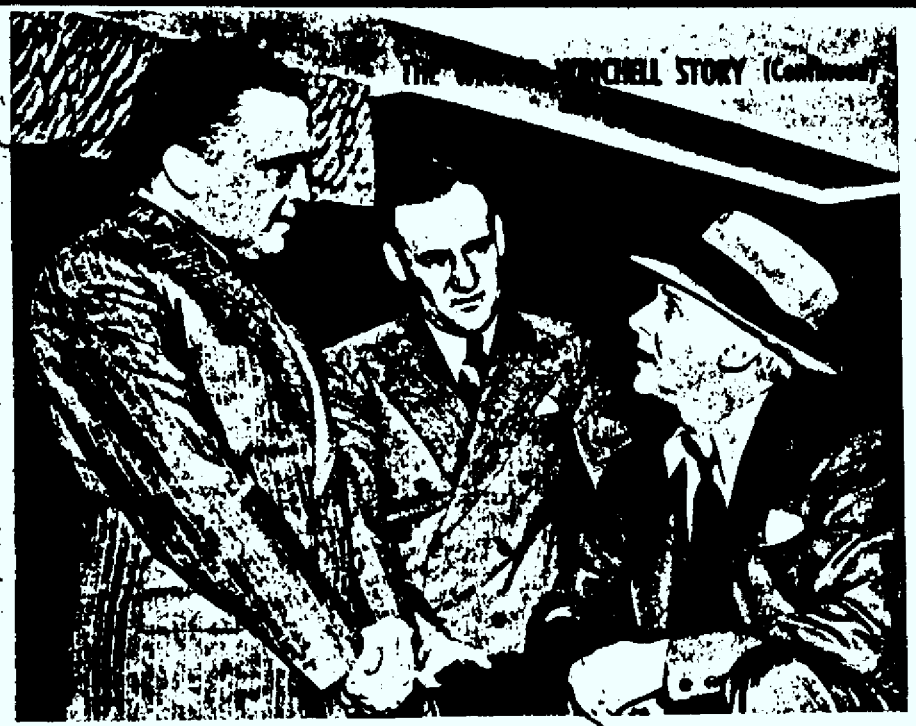
Underworld Scoops Make



Friend and confidante of J. Edgar Hoover (left), ace reporter listens as F.B.I. chief confirms his tip of gangland plot. At center is Clyde Tolson, Hoover's aide.

Vincent Coll, "Mad Dog Killer" of Dutch Schultz mob, was subject of a Winchell scoop when "WW" predicted Coll's murder. Winchell never revealed his information source.

"Al" Capone, Chicago racket ruler, granted Winchell first newspaper interview in Miami Beach in 1929. Number 1 Public Enemy told the INS columnist, "I have no friends."

Coll is giving them the headache."

Four hours later, at 1 A.M., three men entered the London Chemist's Shop on West 23rd Street, aimed a machine gun at a telephone booth, in which a man was making a call, and let go a deadly flow of lead. Vincent Coll was dead, and Winchell's scoop had created a sensation. He was doing another column at the *Mirror* when the flash came in. Rushing to 23rd Street, he was confronted by reporters and police who had read his tip of a few hours before. Winchell would not reveal his source to anyone despite wide curiosity. Years later, it was whispered that the source was Texas Guinan.

Police Commissioner. I'm in a funny business, have to meet a lot of funny people."

At about this time, a big story was in the offing but it required a peculiar type of social approach. You can't just walk in unannounced on Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, with reporter's card in your hat, expecting an interview. Neither could Winchell do that with Al Capone, then lord of the underworld.

A secretary of protocol, armed with a .45 Colt, made the "meet" in a Miami barber shop, saying: "The boss would like to see you."

Promptly, Winchell was on his way. This was to be Capone's first interview with a newspaperman. Winchell was ushered to Capone's island mansion in Miami Beach. As he entered the door,

tell my family every time you newspaper guys write about me. And my family believes me."

The interview was curtailed when a courier arrived with some whispered information, and Winchell left with the first Capone interview, which he wired to his city desk.

Then, on September 12, 1934, the Winchell column carried this arresting item: "The Federal men are convinced that they will break the most interesting crime on record . . . the Lindbergh snatch." Seven days later, Bruno Hauptman was arrested.

Praise from J. Edgar Hoover

Hauptman was brought to trial and Winchell's

It was in those days that the *Mirror* columnist made an uncomplimentary reference to Arnold Rothstein, a bigtime gambler with innumerable underworld connections. Broadwayites shuddered . . . commentators just didn't say things like that about Rothstein. The silence was broken one afternoon when Winchell received a call from Rothstein.

"I like to meet bright guys like you," Rothstein said. "Someday you'll be in the big time like me."

Winchell listened, asked if that was all, and hung up. A few weeks later, Rothstein was in the cemetery, his body full of bullet holes—a victim of his profession.

Winchell became a newspaper curio piece in those harum-scarum days. He was now on the radio and exciting the country with his "Good Evening, Mr. and Mrs. America" broadcasts. His fame along Broadway grew so that he was offered and accepted vaudeville bookings in Chicago, New York, Detroit and San Francisco. When his train pulled into the Chicago station, he was met by a peculiar group of well-wishers. Uncle Al had sent down some of his boys; so had the police department, and so had the F.B.I. Winchell had to contend with this strange assortment of flunkies throughout his engagement, all offering "protection" to the newspaperman from New York. No wonder the Winchell of today is pained by so-called "superservice" anywhere he goes. He has found that usually it spells trouble and offended well-wishers. For instance, a friendly law enforcement officer made a hurried call to Winchell one day to warn him that he was keeping bad company.

"You were at Madison Square Garden last night, seated between Owney Madden and Big Frenchy DeMange. They're funny guys for you to be with. Thought I'd let you know."

"Thanks," replied Winchell. "Last week I was at the Garden seated between the Mayor and the he noticed two giants with their backs toward him, playing cards. Behind a table was Capone, and on the table was a gun. The underworld boss tried to be pleasant, but when Winchell referred to the two gentlemen at the door as "your friends," Capone countered: "I have no friends."

The afternoon papers were on a table, and the headlines yelled that public officials were trying to extradite Capone and take him back to Illinois.

"That's bad news, Mr. Capone," Winchell said.

"Everything in those papers is all lies," said the master of Chicago's underworld. "That's what I

Newsman Winchell is interviewed by Washington newsmen during a trip to the nation's capital.

coverage of the case led many to believe that he had "inside" information. Actually, he had learned that one rail of the kidnap ladder matched a portion of the wood flooring of the attic in Hauptman's Bronx home.

The Winchell legend flourished during this major trial. Jurors were asked if they listened to Winchell's broadcast or read his column, and, if they did, they were rejected.

Hauptman was convicted and sentenced to death. Winchell could have broken the story of his capture twenty-four hours ahead of anyone else, but refrained, realizing that this might obstruct justice. As J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I., explained in a speech at Washington: "Walter Winchell is one columnist who put patriotism and the safety of society above any mercenary attitude in his profession."

In August, 1939, District Attorney Thomas A. Dewey described Louis ("Lepke") Buchalter as "probably the most dangerous criminal in the United States." Lepke was on the "lam," a political pawn as between Federal and State authorities. U.S. District Attorney Cahill had him indicted on ten counts, which would add up to 164 years in prison. Thomas Dewey, then dreaming of the Presidency, knew that his best hope for important recognition would be to bypass the Federal indictment by charging Lepke with murder. The criminal dug in for a long concealment.

One night Winchell was told Lepke would come in if he could find some one he could trust, and Winchell, hopeful of getting in on the ground floor of another big story, fed his informant the next line: "Would he trust me?"

Winchell's career has been marked by his tremendous intensity as an honest reporter. It has won the confidence of the upper as well as underworld.

Weeks passed, while couriers with mysterious messages and instructions whispered into Win-

Memorable picture of American bankers enjoying fashion show at convention in Los Angeles is example of Ornitz' skill at blending glamour, human interest, artful composition into eye-stopping photo. Besides picturing pretty girls, he enjoys covering such Americana as football games, wienie roasts, political conventions.

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DON ORNITZ (Kaufman)

"Cupid's fun" was title given picture story of Pat Gay (above) in crash. Ornitz was shot

Graceful gymnastics, starring blond actress Karen Booth (above), was shot at Walter Sauer's jasmine-scented Hollywood charm salon.

GLAMOUR GIRLS, CANDID REPORTAGE, SEASIDE DOCUMENTARIES ARE YOUNG LENSMAN'S FORTE

seeing Sunday photographer is often the best. His sole consideration is the search for beauty."

Ornitz draws most subjects from the army of Hollywood hopefuls. Yet few movieland lovelies meet his standards. Says he:

"Every photographer worth his exposure meter tries to find a girl who can forget herself and enjoy the element in which she appears—sun, sand, wind or ocean. Then he can look for the beauty in the girl. My pet peeve is the trained type of model who mechanically goes through the motions necessary for posing

Las Vegas honeymoon and wandering ... photo editor of now defunct magazine Script. ... and then winds up looking like the girl in a shooting gallery."

"Man and His Needs" is symbolic study ... Hollywood actor John Garfield. Book, gu... violin, boxing gloves indicate contrasting types of movies in which Garfield has starred.

Motherless moppet, lost and found at Long Beach, formed basis ... human interest story told by Ornitz camera in one poignant ph...

Earl Carroll dancing star Jean Richey, executing jump split on cabaret stage, is subject of vivid action study suggesting splendor of now-shuttered Hollywood club.

DON ORNITZ

HOLLYWOOD MAGAZINE FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHER IS FOURTH IN SEE'S NEW SERIES ON LEADING LENSMEN OF THE U. S.

DON ORNITZ AND ROLLEIFLEX

PURSUIT of the perfect picture has been a driving force in the 16-year career of Brooklyn-born, 31-year-old Don Ornitz. Now a Hollywood feature photographer, he has taken thousands of notable pictures since he started mapping Los Angeles fishermen and fruit trees as a high school boy.

Ornitz says the perfect photo still eludes him. Others say his sensitive portraits, shining scenics and vibrant action shots mark him as one of America's younger Camera Artists.

Ambitious, intense, soundly trained, he operates in a colorful area calculated to sharpen his best talents. Today, as a leading lensman for a national picture agency, Ornitz spends most of his time doing photo features for U. S. magazines.

Ranging California's Gold Coast, he runs a pictorial gamut from screen starlets to sardine fishermen, from collegiate sports to the tideland oil industry. In four years he has completed 164 features, has appeared in more than 20 top periodicals.

Ornitz is the son of Hollywood writer Sam Ornitz, who started the boy's instruction in photography at 15. His first paying job was on the assembly line at Technicolor, Inc. Enlisting in 1942, he was assigned to the 166th Photo Company at Camp Crowley, Mo., went to Europe with the Fourth Armored Division, photographed the St. Lo breakthrough into France and the Battle of the Bulge. He also pictured such khaki-colored events as the American-Russian troop-meeting on the Elbe, the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp, the discovery of the pilfered, multi-million-dollar Nazi art cache in an Austrian salt mine.

Seeking spontaneity and dramatic impact in every picture, Ornitz proceeds expertly from theory to practice. "The photographer's problem is to remain naive," he says, "to seem spontaneous while maintaining enough discipline to get the job done. It is difficult to take pictures daily to make a living. That's why the fresh-

1950 College outing of juniors on Catalina Island provided opportunity for Ornitz to snap co-ed's graceful return of volley ball.

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September 7, 1950

Mr. Ed Feiner
The Park Sheraton Hotel
New York 19, New York

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Dear Mr. Feiner:

Your letter dated August 29, 1950, together with a copy of your article "The Walter Winchell Story" has been received and I do want to thank you for your interest in bringing it to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Walter Winchell

In New York

8/12/50

Man About Town

That Million Dollar boatload of furs (from Russia) which longshoremen refused to unload has found its way to the owners here. Those doing the unloading got a 2½% cut of the gross, plus time-and-a-half...Robin Roberts, who starred in that Humphrey Bogart panda incident, was burgled of $10,000 in furs...Starlet Barbara Peyton, who flew here after her coast divorce, landed right in Franchot Tone's arms. She may be his next...How serious is the Doris Duke-Gilbert Roland idyll?...Carmen Miranda warns all concerned to cease stilettoing her marriage to D. Sebastian...Gloria Vanderbilt, Sr. and M'seer Chalom, who shelved their romance last year, have resumed...The Peglers' Yuletide card will be a photo of himself taken with Eleanor Roosevelt in the happy Used-To-Be... The D. O. Selznicks (Jennifer Jones) are infanticipating...They say Henry Wallace consulted the church for a long spell before announcing his decision. His next appearance may be before the House Un-American Activities group...An Atlantic City hotel owner's wife has that homicide stare. He wants a divorce to marry Joyce Mathews, the ex-Mrs. M. Berle.

General Electric's Charles Wilson was considered to succeed Louis Johnson. He snubbed it. Fed up with "Washington politicians" ...Capitol Hill assumes new Sec'y of Defense Marshall is mended, since he resigned as Sec'y of State because of his "failing health"... Senator Kefauver and his wife are blessed-eventing, again...Gen. Harry Vaughan's bodyguard here is the Park Sheraton's exec, Neal Lang...Music czar Petrillo may fling the weight of the Musicians' Union behind Mayor Impellitteri. The result of a 12-year feud over Judge Pecora's injunction...Demo sources say Dewey's statement about "the coming war" was based on info supplied by Foster Dulles.

Producer J. J. Shubert slipped on the pavement, sustaining head and knee injuries. The medico confined the show-biz veteran to his money vaults for a few days...Broadway's new capt. of detectives, Ben Miller, has the top mental criminal file on the force...Very little excitement around town over the Joe Louis-Ezzard Charles matter, and it's only a fortnight off...Rich Allen Ryan, recently unmarried from FDR's kin (Priscilla St. George), has chosen his next. Last name Amory?...Canvas heir F. Chandler and Princess Moana of Samoa are a socialitem...The big tch-tch in the radio sector is that the TV casting dept at a major network is beginning to look like it hired the 91 fired by the State Dept....Betta St. John of "South Pacific" and a textile exec are only waiting for his parents' go-light...Thrush Martha Wright (she debuts at London's Bagatelle tomorrow) and her Wall Streeter groom have Called It A Nightmare.

Despite all the talk to the contrary, baseball will give the players' Series jackpot at least $150,000 of the 800 Gs paid for teevee rights...Killer H. Unruh, who slew 13 persons in Camden, N. J., never publicly said why. Jersey authorities tell intimates Unruh claims a holy image "told me to do it"...Bop City's "Jazz Train" is the new attraction, almost as exciting as Rose Hideaway's legs...The Big Street is in stitches over the yap (married) who handed a former Latin Quarter belle $40,000 to "hold" for him. She was last reported in New Orleans...It's a daughter for the Allan Walkers of Lindy's ...The Roger (NBC) Tuttles got a boy...Big scandal at Sing Sing concerning the two Lonely Hearts slayers...The Barberry Room's Gogi leaves to take over La Rue...The Roney-Plaza at Miami Beach has been air-conditioned and will stay open all year-round. J. M. Schine's son David (only 22) is now head man.

Gambling chiefs who monopolized the Florida dice spots will not resume there this season. They expect things to be "different" next year...John Ringling North's new uh-huhney is last-named Van. She's a 19-year-old Daytona Beach peach...The touring "S. Pacific" is making a profit of $36,000 weekly in San Francisco (That's profit!). In Dallas they expect to gross $118,000 weekly. It'll soon make more coin than the Broadway click...The John Mc-[illegible] Monroe, actress) are now 3 in Albany. A doll [illegible] (Hoarder!)

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Quentin Reynolds got an interview with Tito...A femme radio writer at a major network was fired last week for giving her script a Moscow flavor...The Josh Logans adopted a boy...Rosemary Williamson of "Peep Show" has been Spoken For by John Martin (not the critic)...It's a girl for the Stuart Wades of "Tickets, Please"!...Art (Rough Rider Room) Mooney's music is only for Joanne Durant's heart. She's "Miss California"... Josephine Delmar, the Latin show-stopper, married Manuel Salvador in Mexico...M. Grace of the shipping clan and Marcella Cullery of S. America have the El Borracho crowd predicting things... J. Haggerty of the Giants football tribe and Maria Ryan of the Lorgnette Set prefer Eddie Condon's...Worried New Yorkers, with cash to stash away in safety deposit boxes, have bought up nearly all the vaults in inland banks.

The Earl of Dalkeith told London scribe G. Bocca that the romantic chatter about Princess Margaret and himself "is absurd"... Barbara Hutton's Prince insists the rumors of a divorce are bunk and is on the prowl to slug a French "intruder." But others argue the Prince has started talks with a San Francisco lawyer, who has an office in Rome...Ice star Carol Lynne's heart has been drafted. He's Adonis-About-Town Wm. Ross...White Housers say they have found the perfect speech writer for the Prez. He's Chas. Murphy, a lawyer, who fits the Truman style...Frances Chisholm and Edw. G. Robinson, Jr., had Happee-Talkee-Talk, too...The grimmest documentary ever filmed is called "What to Do When the Bomb Comes." Curtis Mitchell produced it at gov't instruction. Theatres, teevee, etc., will get it at cost...Authors Cornelius Ryan and Frank Kelley have a soon-due book lauding MacArthur, who rates it. After the last war they did one which spanked him...That nude in the Sept. Cosmopolitan (on page 48) is none other than the lovely Barbara Nichols.

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NEW YORK MIRROR
DAILY AND SUNDAY

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

September 17,1950

Dear Mr.Hoover:

It was my extreme pleasure this Summer to meet some of your "boys" in Washington,Tampa and Havana. They are a wonderful bunch of guys and their friendliness and courtesy were indeed helpful to me. They all had nice things to say about you, too.

Hope you and Mr.Tolson had a pleasant Summer.

Kind regards,

WALTER WINCHELL

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Miss Rose Bigman
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

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Dear Rose:

Thank you very much for your note of September 17th. I am very glad we were able to be of some assistance in connection with your trip and you may be sure the Agents were happy to be of any possible service.

I enjoyed looking over Walter's column for September 18 which you enclosed, and I do hope you will give him my best regards.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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

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Dear Walter:

I read with considerable interest your column of September 22. I was very happy that you took time out to dig up some of your statements made years ago.

Certainly, the column reflects a rare foresight on your part in calling to the attention of your listening audience as well as those who read your column the warnings that you have given over the years. You certainly have been great in calling your shots.

While I wish it were not true, for the good of the country, I know that in the months and years ahead the accuracy of many of your statements which have caused Vishinsky to label you a warmonger will be brought into sharper focus.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Walter Winchell

. . . In New York

Memos to the Editor

During our summer holiday we inspected the files and encountered the following brevities in our scripts . . . We went back to January, 1945 . . . They included a number of duds, of course . . . But look at these!

Oct. 7, 1945: Unless some diplomats pull their punches in the next five months, millions of men will again be pulling triggers within the next five years . . . Sept. 23rd, 1945: Russia has revealed territorial interest in everything from the Danish Baltic Islands to a port in the Red Sea. Mr. and Mrs. America, it doesn't look very good to me from this microphone . . . Sept. 16th, 1945: Russian diplomats and British-American diplomats have about as much confidence in each other as rival camps of pickpockets. London and Washington fear that Russia wants to dominate Europe . . . July 8th, 1945: Russia's military power against any Asiatic nation is now twice what it was against Germany!

June 10th, 1945: The Soviet commandant declares that the Communist Party as such is not functioning in Berlin. Want to bet? . . . May 27th, 1945: For reasons best known to itself, Russia refuses to allow any British or American missions into the so-called liberated areas . . . May 20th, 1945: I hate Fascism from the Right and I hate Fascism from the Left. That's Communism spelled sideways . . . June 10th, 1945: Beyond question, the Communists as well as the Nazis achieved a deep penetration into high American places. Something should be done!

Oct. 14th, 1945: Diplomatic deadlock between the Big Three is deepening. The situation is much more grave than the public realizes . . . Nov. 14th, 1945: Moscow on the surface continues to recognize Chiang Kai-shek, but Russian artillery and supplies are being handed to Chiang's enemies by Russia . . . Feb. 24th, 1946: Russian intelligence has more than 1,500 agents now operating in the United States. Does Sec'y of State Byrnes wish to deny that under oath?

April 7th, 1946: The pattern for the next five years will be home-made revolutions financed and armed in other nations . . . Sept. 15th, 1946: The U. S. will go to any limits to assure Russia of Russia's defense, but the U. S. will also go to any limits to stop Russian domination of the world . . . Sept. 22nd, 1946: Our Army and Navy say we are taking no steps to prepare for a preventive war. Well, then, don't you think it's time we did? . . . Sept. 22nd, 1946: Six months ago, Byrnes, Acheson, Cohen and others in the State Dept. were for appeasing Russia at that time. But Molotov's excessive demands crystallized the opposition. Don't throw away your uniform!

Oct. 12th, 1946: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Eden of London will make a surprising announcement . . . Nov. 3rd, 1946: Behind the scenes the Big Four are agreed that veto power will stick Don't let the debates fool you. Small nations are simply out of luck . . . Feb. 23rd, 1947: Far more importance than whether any politician returns to Washington in 1948 is whether or not American boys will have to return to uniforms by 1950.

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April 20th, 1947: Mr. Whiskers is checking a former top scientist once on the atomic bomb project. Alleged commy connections . . . June 1st, 1947: Northern Korea is now bristling with tommyguns . . . July 6th, 1947: American stockpiling of strategic materiels has begun. Over 100 million dollars in orders will be in effect soon . . . Nov. 9th, 1947: The reason behind the Russians' offer for withdrawal of all troops from Korea is simple. A packaged revolution is all ready . . . April 18th, 1948: American atomic scientists believe the Russians will have the atomic bomb by Jan. 1, 1953. However, I know some British experts who disagree. They fear Russia will have the bomb by October, 1949!

April 25th, 1948: Contracts were signed last Thursday by the U. S. and a large manufacturer for 3 million lbs. of paper. For selective service forms . . . June 6th, 1948: The Near East may result in some high cabinet changes. Dean Acheson, I am told, may replace Sec'y of State George Marshall . . . Sept. 5th, 1948: The current spy investigation is not a red herring. Our top intelligence chiefs believe it is a great menace. The truth is that the deepest secrets of our government are an open book in Moscow . . . Nov. 21st, 1948: The air force of 70 squadrons is being quietly put to sleep on the ridiculous ground that the budget won't stand it . . . Nov. 28th, 1948: It takes 3 years for a British divorce. I hear Mrs. Anthony Eden plans another marriage. His name is Dr. Robert Hedges, a N. Y. gynecologist, formerly with the 9th Evacuation Hosp. Big secret.

Dec. 4th, 1948: Attention National Press Club, Washington: The New York commies are scared stiff tonight. They hear that Lee Pressman, the lawyer, is ready to talk! . . . Jan. 1st, 1950: A top member of the Lawyers' Guild, once in gov't, has been named in secret testimony before a Congressional Committee as having attended Communist Party meetings in N. Y. C. . . . Jan. 8th, 1950: Princess Elizabeth is enceinte again. Since her trip to Malta her diet is simple ungarnished foods . . . Feb. 26th, 1950: Louis Johnson's resignation, White Housers whisper, would be received with sighs of regret and relief . . . June 11th, 1950: Rumors published this week that O'Dwyer will resign to go into private business are not true. The inside story is that His Honor has his eye on the Ambassadorship to Mexico. That is the only thing, I am told, which would tempt him out of City Hall.

Feb 13th, 1949: The loveliest movie star of them all has found a new love. He is a famed director from Italy. Her husband knows all about it . . . June 25th, 1950: Despite the statement by Gov. Dewey that he will not seek re-election, friends say he may reconsider at the Saratoga Convention on Sept. 7th . . . July 23rd, 1950: Gov. Dewey may allow himself to be drafted for re-election because of the "national emergency" . . . March 6th, 1949: The Navy is crushed by the appointment of Louis Johnson as new Sec'y of Defense . . . Dec. 4th, 1949: Insiders at the White House tell intimates that the cabinet is not big enough to hold both Dean Acheson and Louis Johnson, the Secretary of Defeat. One must go in 1950 . . . Jan. 2nd, 1950: Madeleine Carroll's exciting new romance is one of Life mag's boys.

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November 2, 1950

Mr. Walter Winchell
Roney Plaza Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida

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Dear Walter:

I wanted to drop you a note to tell you how appreciative I am of your commendatory references in your column of this morning.

I am sure I need not tell you how very grateful I am to you for your continued interest and support over the years of our efforts in the FBI.

With all good wishes to the family and to you,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Memos to the Editor

A great group of distinguished Americans have organized to give the Big Lie recognition [illegible] by the Communists the recognition it deserves. The recognition is compelled by the world-wide rattles of a global rattlesnake . . . They have discovered silence is no answer to Communistic lies because the Communists construe it and use it—as a confession of guilt . . . The United States group is taking ads all over the world titled "The Big Truth."

This reporter welcomes his new allies in the fight . . . If 15 long years against Goebbels and Ciano and five furious ones against Vishinsky, Ehrenburg and Radio Moscow qualify a man to give advice to newcomers, this is it: Diplomatic footwork isn't worth a damn, and if you stand on your dignity, you will be carried up the aisle . . . It is more than foe to foe . . . (necessary), it is heel to heel . . . The only rule totalitarians recognize is the thumb-in-the-eye.

Remember that an intelligence service can never answer back—the Moscow Radio is currently lambasting J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI . . . On a world-wide basis they are interpreting Hoover's professional silence as a confession of the truth of their absurd charges . . . This is the way you club them with the facts: The Moscow New Times recently reported: "J. Edgar Hoover is the factual head of the entire police espionage system of the United States."

The fact: The local cop on the corner has more authority than J. Edgar Hoover . . . The reason: Because under the United States Constitution police powers are reserved specifically to the states themselves. The FBI is restricted by law to merely making findings of fact and these only on federal matters.

Lie No. 2: From the same Moscow New Times: "Napoleon referred to the famous spy Schulmeister as a 'man of destiny.' This is Wall Street's opinion of J. Edgar Hoover. At the age of 36, his career was assured."

The Fact: G-Man Hoover's career was so "assured" by Wall Street that at the age of 55 his net worth is so low that he will be dependent on his pension for his old age . . . Mr. Hoover's house in Washington is mortgaged or he couldn't own it . . . His average life-time earnings are less than $7500 a year . . . That's a fifth of what executives get in private business (handling an organization of comparative size) and his savings are nil . . . That's some financial position for "The Darling of Wall Street"!

Lie No. 3: "Moreover, we take it that his charge were given the broadest powers, or rather, enjoyed unlimited opportunity for the commission of violence."

The Fact: "There is no single record of the FBI ever having employed the 3d degree . . . However, American criminals wish fervently there were FBI horror chambers, since hundreds of them are now jail because the FBI relies on the evidence—instead of the club.

Lie No. 4: The Radio Moscow: "On the conclusions arrived at by Hoover's G-men more than 135,000 Americans have been imprisoned, men and women whose sole crime was that they dared criticize the reactionary policy of the United States ruling classes."

The Fact: Including such leading progressives as murderer John Dillinger and kidnaper Bruno Hauptmann and evangelistic reformer Pretty Boy Floyd, who like Josef Stalin, chose a career of crime as a means of social advance.

Lie No. 5: Moscow New Times: "No country is so infested with informers as the U.S.A. No people so subjected to prying and spying."

The Fact: FBI special agents average less than 1 per 20,000 population . . . In Communist countries the secret police average 11 per 1000! . . . As to the "prying and spying" there are 12,000 Russian agents in the United States right now and less than 200 FBI wiretaps! . . . In short, even if you are a Communist agent, it is 50 to 1 that your wire isn't being tapped by the G-Men . . . Thanks to the American hysteria AGAINST hysteria!

After the FBI collected the devastating evidence against Russian agent Gubitchev—and after an American jury convicted him and an American judge sentenced him to 15 years—the President's Cabinet "diplomatically" reconsidered the matter . . . On the recommendation of Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Gubitchev was allowed to return to Russia . . . The Russian Ambassador in Washington had "hoped it be known" that the Kremlin "would look favorably" upon it. Mr. Acheson's staff later said they took that to mean "Vogeler might be released" . . . But appeasement paid off as usual . . . Radio Moscow replied as follows: "In the end, when it was perfectly clear that the whole trumped-up case against Gubitchev by the FBI had fallen through, he was sentenced to 15 years. But the judge revealed how unfounded were the charges when he ordered Gubitchev to leave for the USSR within two weeks . . ."

That is the Kremlin's way of notifying the United States Cabinet their Gubitchev parole is construed as a confession of guilt by the United States!

Att'n. Detroit Times: The blast against the National Cancer Hospital of America (offices in Detroit) on last Sunday's broadcast has them screaming in agony . . . I was quoting the Attorney General of New York . . . He will confirm the attack my edition by applying for an injunction to stop that group from soliciting funds in New York on the ground that it "is a fraud against the public" . . . They used the dollar bill method in letters—requesting it be returned with a donation . . . This Ponzi pyramid totaled $1,018,728 in the past 10½ months . . . The Attorney General's audit will show none of the actual contributions (about $600,000) has gone toward the creation of the National Cancer Hospital of America, except a $10,000 deposit on the purchase of a vacant lot in Detroit. This transaction was made late in September when they learned a probe was under way . . . And get this: A direct mail firm in N. Y. (which put up the original $2000 for the one-dollar bill trick) was paid $213,000 for "mailing expenses and commissions" . . . That's over 1000 percent in less than a year!

The Broadway Betting Commissioners, as they prefer being called, do not bet on a candidate because they like him . . . Or because he is clean, clever or capable . . . They are only interested in the chances of winning, because that is the way they make a living . . . Tax free, too . . . They invest their money on information gathered from "experts" all over the land . . . The odds on Taft, for instance, are based chiefly on this sort of info . . . Taft who was 2½ to 1 is now 6 to 5 to win over Ferguson in Ohio, according to the gamblers, who hear that "labor is really organized against Taft in Ohio" . . . In the N. Y. Mayoralty race the same gamblers report that as of late yesterday afternoon Impellitteri money made him a slight favorite.

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MR. D. M. LADD December 11, 1950

MR. A. H. BELMONT

BROADCASTS OF DREW PEARSON AND WALTER WINCHELL

In connection with your inquiry as to whether we specifically cover the broadcasts of Walter Winchell and Drew Pearson on Sunday evenings, please be advised that this has not been specifically designated to Supervisors in the Security Division. We have an arrangement whereby Supervisors are alert to listen to these broadcasts and report in any information which appears to require action. This is not foolproof. The New York Office regularly covers the broadcast of Winchell each Sunday night and initiates action, particularly as to matters of interest to the New York Office. Again, this is not foolproof as matters of interest to the Bureau outside of New York would not always be referred to us.

In connection with the broadcasts of Winchell and Pearson on December 10, 1950, Supervisor Robert Collier dictated a memorandum on the morning of December 11, advising of the pertinency of Pearson's comments concerning Korean activities in the Los Angeles area.

Relative to Winchell's broadcast, the New York Office covered this and appropriate action is being taken as set forth in my memorandum dated today.

For your information, I have designated the responsibility for specifically covering these broadcasts to Supervisors in the Security Division, who will cover the broadcasts each Sunday night and see that appropriate action is immediately initiated in connection with any items that are of interest to the Bureau. They will prepare memoranda the first thing Monday morning reflecting that such action has been taken.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: This should have all along been done. The fact we had discontinued recording such broadcasts did not prohibit listening to them! H.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: December 18, 1950

FROM : V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
9 P.M., December 17, 1950

The Walter Winchell Broadcast of December 17, 1950, was monitored by Supervisor Edward S. Sanders and below are items from that broadcast which may be of interest to the Bureau:

"The lawyers for Alger Hiss are telling friends they will uncover a scientific bombshell and asked for a new trial."

"The Panamanian Government may be overthrown at any moment by a military clique led by General Ramon, Chief of Police. President Arias, the target for assassination, was ousted in 1942 for imitating Hitler."

"The Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico that sent the assassins to Washington to kill the President is planning more acts of violence. They will coincide with the trial of their leader, Campos, which starts very soon."

"Noel Field, the American fellow traveler, also suspected of being a Russian agent, has been given the double double cross by Moscow. He is now in Lubianica Prison. Folks around him say he will soon confess being a spy for the U. S., which he never was."

"A prominent psychoanalyst is giving daily treatments to a very high official."

"When the Circuit Court recently granted Judy Coplon a new trial, it said that her guilt was plain but that her arrest by the FBI was not according to the law because they did not have a warrant for her capture while allegedly plotting against us with Russian agent Gubichev. The judges recommended, however, that Congress correct that law. The fact is that a G-man has no more right to arrest a criminal without a warrant than you have as a citizen. That is more than a loophole in the criminal code. It is a very big break in the ramparts of our national defense. The U.S. Senate recently passed a bill which would stop the Judy Coplons from getting away with it but this bill is pigeon-holed in the House of Representatives. Please write a letter or send a telegram to Congressman Cellar and to Congressman Burns and tell them to get off that spot."

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BELMONT

ADDENDUM:

In analyzing the above information, it would appear that relative to the Alger Hiss case, Winchell is referring to the apparent attempts on the part of the defense to build a typewriter which will have identical characteristics as those of the Hiss typewriter which produced the questioned documents used at the trial. As you know, we have received information on this from our New York Office and are following the activities of the defense in this attempt. We have also called the tactics of the defense to the attention of Mr. Donegan, in order that he may mention these tactics to the court if it appears appropriate.

Relative to the possible overthrow of the Panamanian Government, a check so far does not show that we have received such information. A request is being made of our representative in the Canal Zone that he advise us in this respect today.

Winchell's comment concerning the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico is the same as information we have previously received and the information we have disseminated to appropriate Government agencies.

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A pending case on Noel Field as a possible espionage agent exists. [redacted] has stated that Field was an espionage agent for the Russians. We know he disappeared in Europe, and presumably is in the hands of the Russians. We are currently checking on the activities of [redacted] here in this country with a view to interviewing her as to her knowledge of Field's whereabouts, as we have recently picked up information that she may have such knowledge.

It is not apparent to whom Winchell is referring relative to psychoanalyst treatments for a very high official.

Winchell's comments concerning the Coplon case are self-explanatory.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 26, 1950

FROM : W. P. Keay

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
December 24, 1950

Supervisor Edward S. Sanders monitored the Winchell broadcast which began at 9 P.M. December 24, 1950. The following items are of possible interest to the Bureau:

Winchell - "The Justice Department has just ordered the prosecution at once of every leading Communist in the United States."

Comment - As you know the Bureau has pressed for prosecution of leading functionaries of the Communist Party in the United States and during the latter part of October the Justice Department suggested that memoranda be prepared on the eighty Communist Party functionaries throughout the country and that the memoranda be submitted to the appropriate United States attorneys for consideration as to prosecution. The memoranda have been submitted to the appropriate United States attorneys for consideration. To date, no prosecutions have been authorized by the United States attorneys or the Department of Justice.

Winchell - "A very high Federal law enforcement official is about to be locked up himself for alleged bribery -- not John Edgar Hoover."

Comment - It may be that Winchell referred to the case of [redacted]

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Winchell - "To Postmaster General Donaldson, there is a newspaper being published every day in New York for the Chinese Red Army. It is called the "China Daily News," published at 105 Mott Street, Chinatown, New York. It shouts that the U.S.A. is a war mad imperialistic power whose soldiers are being defeated by China's volunteers. This paper is published right in New York and calls General Eisenhower the military chief of the aggressors and what it calls the President of the United States Mr. Truman himself would not call a music critic. Why do you allow this Chinese Red Army rag full mail privileges? That privilege is extended only to American newspapers qualifying as beneficial to the public. Since when is the enemy on lend lease of the United States mail?"

Comment - This newspaper is edited by Chew Sick Hong and is the outstanding pro-Communist Chinese language newspaper in the country. Investigations of the newspaper and of the individual officers connected with it were begun during March of 1950 and are presently receiving investigative attention.

Winchell - Miami Herald- Intellectuals for Puerto Rico will confer in Miami with people interested in the defense of Albisu Campos. He is the Nationalist Party leader of Puerto Rico and allegedly the master mind in the recent attempt on the President's life."

Comment - The foregoing information [redacted] has not been [redacted] by either the Miami or San Juan Offices. [redacted]

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Winchell - "Moscow has started a terrific attack on the Italian Communist Party of Italy. One of Russia's top trigger men, Adale Sarmente, is reported in Italy now. American labor circles state Sarmente is the killer of Carlos Tresca, whose murder was never solved in New York."

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Comment - A check of Bureau indices fails to reflect any information concerning Adale Sarmente or any apparent derivatives from the name.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: January 2, 1951

FROM : V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
December 31, 1950

The Walter Winchell broadcast of December 31, 1950, was monitored by Supervisor Edward S. Sanders and the following items are of possible interest to the Bureau:

Winchell - "Department of Justice has recommended Eugene Eproth as head of the New York Criminal Division."

Comment - The files of the Bureau fail to reflect any information concerning Eproth.

Winchell - "San Juan, attention Presidential Palace of Puerto Rico. The Nationalist Party which inspired the attempt on President Truman's life recently is plotting a jail break to free their leader Campos."

Comment - The Bureau has received several indications from confidential informants that the Nationalists will cause more trouble at the time their leaders are brought to trial. This information has been distributed to the appropriate authorities. There has been no direct information received concerning an actual jail break other than that some of the Nationalists have indicated they will attempt to escape at the time of their trial if they are not handcuffed.

Winchell - "U.S. intelligence is presently translating the stenographic minutes of a so-called secret Communist Party meeting in New York City."

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Comment - Winchell may have been referring to a meeting held in New York City from [redacted] inclusive, at which the question of security was discussed. The meeting was attended by various Communist leaders and extensive precautionary measures were taken to provide secrecy. The meeting was covered by the Bureau, however, and the Internal Security Section is presently preparing a memorandum in this connection.

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Winchell - "Shreveport, Louisiana. Last Sunday night I said that a high law enforcement official would be big news. It was denied. Federal Attorney Carey of Shreveport was suspended by the Department of Justice pending investigation of alleged bribery last Wednesday."

Comment - The Bureau has investigated allegations that

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is presently being considered by the Department.

Winchell - "J. Edgar Hoover, don't forget, will be 56 tomorrow. A grand guy."

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January 12, 1951

MR. TOLSON

L. B. NICHOLS

[redacted] called and while discussing other matters he volunteered information that Senator McCarthy was circulating the story that he received $25,000 from [redacted] for allegedly having Drew Pearson lay off the late Secretary Forrestal.

He stated he checked into the background of this and ascertained that [redacted] was a very close friend of the late Secretary Forrestal and retained [redacted] to do some work for him. When Pearson and Winchell started smearing Forrestal, [redacted] asked [redacted] if something couldn't be done to come to the defense of Forrestal. [redacted] informed [redacted] that he could buy Winchell and Pearson off for $50,000 whereupon [redacted] gave [redacted] $50,000 and is telling people that [redacted] paid $25,000 to Pearson and $25,000 to Winchell. After a lapse of several weeks and Winchell and Pearson continued to lambaste Forrestal, he called [redacted] in and [redacted] stated that he gave $25,000 to [redacted] and $25,000 to [redacted]

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He further stated that he has ascertained that about 10 days or two weeks ago [redacted] had breakfast with [redacted] who offered him $50,000 to write a series of articles on Atomic Energy. [redacted] related this incident to [redacted] who in turn related the story to [redacted]

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January 18, 1951

Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

G.I.R.-8

Dear Walter:

On January 11, 1951, Dr. Walter A. Bloedorn, Dean, The George Washington University School of Medicine, visited my office and on that occasion the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund check in the sum of ten thousand dollars was presented to him.

Enclosed are copies of newspaper items which appeared in the local press and I thought you might like to have them.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 22, 1951

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
January 21, 1951

The above broadcast was monitored by Supervisor Arthur F. Baier and the following items are of possible interest to the Bureau:

Winchell - "David Lawrence, the publisher of the U. S. News and World Report, will drop the by-line of his European editor, Bernard Redmont. Redmont was accused last week of giving material to Elizabeth Bentley for the Communists during the war. Redmont also testified for William Remington this week in court and his boss, David Lawrence, found some of his words hard to take."

Comment - As you are aware, Mr. Lawrence, during this past week, advised the Bureau that he was going to take this action.

Winchell - "William Remington will take the stand in his own defense next week at Federal Court, New York City."

Comment - Our New York Office, during the past week has advised the Bureau that Remington is expected to take the stand in his own defense by the end of this week.

Winchell - "Detroit Times: Communists in a local of the United Auto Workers at Ford will start agitation for a 30 hour week with 40 hour pay - another form of sabotage."

Comment - Ever since the Korean war the Communist Party has been agitating on domestic issues emanating from the war, such as increasing production, speedup methods, shortages, and so on. We recently received information from our Detroit Office indicating that the Communist Party in Detroit was setting up a special trade union committee to study tactical plans and strategy in industry. Winchell's item may be an outgrowth of this overall strategy. The UAW local referred to is Local 600 which covers the Ford plant. This local has a membership of 60,000. Its officers at the top are anti-Communist and they are up for re-election this Spring, and the Communist Party will attempt to defeat them with their own candidates. There is a strong active minority Communist faction in this local. These individuals are well known to the Bureau. The demand for a 30 hour week with a 40 hour pay, of course, gives the CP candidates

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an attractive platform and at the same time serves the Party in its efforts to forestall increases in production which is needed for the defense program at this time.

Winchell - "Los Angeles: The so-called peace organization out your way will hold a mass demonstration in front of Los Angeles City Hall against universal military training next Saturday."

Comment - The Los Angeles Office this past week advised by teletype that the Communist-influenced Southern California Peace Council was circulating a form letter which calls for participation in a mass demonstration against universal military service which is to be held in front of the Los Angeles City Hall on January 27, 1951.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information.

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January 24, 1951

Mr. A. H. Belmont

C. H. Stanley

WALTER WINCHELL's BROADCAST
January 14, 1951

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Reference is made to the memorandum of F. J. Baumgardner to you dated January 15, 1951, which quoted Walter Winchell as saying the following on his broadcast of January 14, 1951: "Senator Joe McCarthy and Dean Acheson are now in a bitter fight behind the scenes over the loyalty of a top adviser in the State Department. This man's initials are ... V. L. (or V.B.L.)."

A review of the loyalty cases on State Department employees reflects that the only loyalty case conducted on a State Department employee with the initials V.L. is the investigation conducted on [redacted]

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Special Agent R. R. Roach contacted Mr. Donald L. Nicholson concerning this matter and Mr. Nicholson stated that although he did not know definitely the name of the individual to whom Winchell was referring in this broadcast he was of the opinion that Winchell might have been referring to [redacted]

For your information the loyalty investigation on [redacted] was based:

1. [redacted]

2. [redacted]

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The results of the loyalty investigation on [redacted] was furnished to the Civil Service Commission on March 5, 1946, April 23, 1948, September 21, 1948, April 17, 1950, and August 14, 1950, and to the Department on March 28, 1949, April 21, 1950, and August 14, 1950, under the caption [redacted] Department of State, Washington, D. C.

The Loyalty Reveiw Board by letter dated February 4, 1949, advised [redacted] had been "retained". The Department by memorandum dated April 1, 1949, advised that an examination of the Bureau's reports in this case failed to disclose any evidence of a violation of any Federal statute.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: January 29, 1951

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: Walter Winchell

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Ernie Cuneo called me rather excitedly today. Last night in the Winchell broadcast, Walter ad libed the last lines referring to William Sloane Associates when he said "We knew it all the time, you rats."

Cuneo is fearful the words "you rats" might be libelous in that it ties Sloane into a Communist conspiracy and he wanted to get a copy of the hearings as quickly as possible so that he could get squared away.

I told him I would send him a copy special delivery. This was done.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: February 26, 1951

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: Walter Winchell's Column
February 23, 1951

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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beahan
Miss Gandy

The attached copy of the Walter Winchell column sets forth a letter to Winchell from an individual who signs [redacted] The correspondent states that about seven years ago the correspondent directed a letter to Winchell about a "crackpot" named Cooper who wanted the correspondent to help him blackmail Winchell "with some stuff he claimed to have stolen from the FBI files. Later, they said he went to prison."

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A check of the files fails to reflect any identifiable references concerning this situation. We do have a main file [redacted] on [redacted] who is without doubt a mental case and who has written to countless individuals, including the Bureau. There is no indication from a review of this file that she had ever written to Winchell in connection with the matter described.

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Walter Winchell
In New York

Sonnet to Grace
(My wife, who passed at [illegible])

Advancing years could not invade, erase
The basic symmetry, piquant surprise
That formed the subtle beauty of your face
And blew the sparkles in your dark blue eyes.
Nor could they change the balancing of curves
Upon your body with its nice and slim
Reserve, despite the upset, tightening nerves
Brought by your illness always tense and grim.

In some, the blend of spirit, flesh remains
Indomitable, blessed by dauntless charm
Immune to sharp vicissitudes and pains,
And overcoming thrusts of concrete harm.

What was this force that could not be forlorn?
The courage in your heart when you were born.

—*Maxwell Bodenheim*

Maxwell Droke's quote: Three men were standing on a corner near the U.N. One was a Britisher, another was Arabia and the third an American.

A pretty-pretty passed by. The Englishman cried: "By Jove!"

The Arabian exclaimed: "By the Prophet!"

The Yank yipped: "By tomorrow night!"

Bill Stern's note: "The basketball scandal all boils down to the fact that the only one you can't bribe is a horse."

Those college basketball stars never figured the "fix" was something they'd be in. They should get dope-lomas.

To settle all arguments on who had the LIU basketball scandal first, here's how it ran here Jan. 1st, 1951:

"Gamblers won't accept wagers on the Long Island Univ. basketball team. Must know sumthin'?"

"Just heard it," says Bob Dunn. "Izzit an oldie? Hans and Fritz took their mother mountain-climbing. Mama shiltzed and fell 2000 feet. To which Fritz exclaimed: 'Look, Hans! No Ma'!"

Wire from I. Hoffman: "Is it true you are gonna fight LaMotta for the Runyon Fund?"

To fight fans Sugar Ray Robinson is a great welterweight. To boxers he's a great middleweight. To his co-workers on the Runyon Fund he's a great heavyweight.

March Memo

Avoid last minute hurry
Of your exemption lists...
Ulcers thrive on worry,
As do psychiatrists!
—*Claire Aven Thomson.*

Jackie Miles wants to revive Max (Stage Delly) Asman' quip about The Big Talker who guaranteed Max that he'd "come back with one million!" if he went to the track.

"How can you guarantee it?" ax'd Max.

"Just," was the Ha-Ha-Ha, "bring two million!"

Whatever became of the famous medical quip (printed in all the columns and digests) describing the way to beat a cold: Obey the Doc's orders and it'll take 14 days. Ignore them and it takes 2 weeks.

It's credited to Dr. C. H. Andrewes of Britain in Quick.

Headline: "Russia May Quit U.N."

Good Reddance! Good Rattance! Good Rodents!

B. Cerf's Critique: "The guest of honor received fulsome praises."

According to the American College dictionary (published by Cerf's firm), "fulsome" is defined as "offensive to good taste, esp. as being excessive; gross, fulsome praise."

Mr. Cerf is so busy reading his favorite author (ahem), he doesn't read his own books.

Overheard between two chorines: "I can tell you a secret. But you must promise not to repeat it because I promised not to."

Why Showmen Go Nuts Dept.: Brooks Atkinson's Times' notice on "Razzle Dazzle": "A refreshing variation on the theme of friendly entertainment. Its performers keep their sense of humor gay and mischievous."

John (News) Chapman on the same show: "Distressingly unprofessional. It would be an act of cruelty to apply professional standards of judgment to its songs, sketches and dances."

Nonsense of the Week: In Writers Digest Prof. Leo Shull (discussing "Guys and Dolls") states: "Though we do not particularly admire the works of Damon Runyon we think the show is very clever."

Hmf, Shakespeare was a rotten writer, but "Hamlet" and "Macbeth" are good plays.

When you bet dollars to doughnuts these days you're taking the odds.

Jack Barnett (Jimmy Durante's cleversifier) finally got to see "South Pacific" the other matinee. Later, in Sardi's, he was asked how he liked it.

"Such old songs!" he groaned.

They were gabbing about the switchmen's recent strike (at the Singapore) after they were fined $75,000 by the Gov't for that desertion.

"It just shows to go you that some folks think more about the dollar than they do about the boys in Korea."

[illegible] they held out that the dollar was actually worth something!"

Sound in the Night: At the Toy: "You know her type. Two martoonis and she can't find the olive."

Some high Russian officials were gabbing in the Kremlin, reports our Moscow eavesdropper Jackie Ellinson. They were boasting how they will conquer the world. "Wait a minute," interrupted a pessimist. "Suppose we lose?"

"In that case," said another, "I just hope they try us as war criminals—it's our only chance!"

"Have you heard the latest flash?" asks Ed Roycraft of Miami. "They say they know when World War 3 will start.

"(Answer): When good old Joe starts to criticize Margaret." (Joke over).

"Dear Walter," writes Ellis B. Haizlip of Washington, "It took seven men to rape one woman in Martinsburg and they died in the chair for it. Yet, it took one man to kill seven thousand men and women (in Germany); and he was pardoned for it."

Poem

Each year some girl may take my heart
Crack it slightly, then depart
Then cracks all mended. Then came you
Who broke my heart and swiped the glue.—M. G.

Al Jolson's brother Harry, a blackface comic, was unhappy because he was always referred to as Al's kin. One day (as we itemed 20 years ago) Harry heroically rescued a drowning woman from the Coney surf. He could hardly wait to read about it. The gazettes headlined: "Woman Saved by Al Jolson's Brother!"

Morning Mail: "You will not remember me, perhaps. It was too long ago. Maybe you never even read it. However, I wrote you about 7 years ago about a crackpot named Cooper, who wanted me to help him blackmail you with some stuff he claimed to have stolen from the FBI files. Later, they said he went to prison.—C. Dix."

Item: "Stalin's interview with Pravda labeled propaganda."

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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DATE: January 29, 1951

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
January 28, 1951

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The above broadcast was monitored by Supervisor Arthur F. Baier and the following items are of possible interest to the Bureau:

Winchell - "Now please believe this and play no part in enemy propaganda: Communists over here are creating a brand new front with the following high-sounding and very patriotic name... there's the name - 'Mothers of Service Men in Korea.'"

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Communists in the District of Columbia are distributing a leaflet entitled "We Were Fooled - Bring Them Back!" which was issued by a "Bring the Boys Home Sponsoring Committee."

Winchell - "Prof. Hawkins on the Los Alamos atomic bomb project during the war has admitted under oath that he was a member of the Communist Party. The FBI has discovered that Prof. Hawkins handled draft deferments and securities regulations. Dr. Hawkins, under oath, testified that both he and his wife were card carriers. His brother-in-law is William Sloan of Wm. Sloan Associates, the publishers of Max Lowenthal's recent book attacking John Edgar Hoover and the FBI."

Comment - The Manhattan District and the FBI were cognizant of Prof. Daniel Hawkins' record of Communist affiliation during the time he was employed as an administrative aide on the Los Alamos project during 1943. [redacted]

The Washington Post of January 28, 1951, publicized the testimony of Hawkins before the HCUA in closed session December 20 and 21, 1950, as revealed by the HCUA. There was nothing in this publicized testimony which the Bureau did not already have in its files. The Bureau was aware of the fact that Hawkins' wife, Frances, is the sister of William Sloan's wife.

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TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: January 29, 1951

FROM : F. L. PRICE

Call 11:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: NEW YORK SOCIALITE WEARING CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Walter Winchell's column of January 29, 1951, contained the following item:

> "A local socialite has jumped from Lt. to Col. in six months (via uniform) along the Stork-21-Morocco circuit. Also sports the Cong. Medal of Honor."

Supervisor Eddy on the Impersonation - Illegal Wearing of the Uniform Desk advises that he is unable to identify this with any Bureau case.

ASAC Stein in New York was telephonically contacted and he likewise informed that on the basis of the information furnished there was no apparent connection with any Bureau case and in view of the non-specific nature of the information no further action was contemplated.

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Does anyone know Cathy Taylor? Last seen around the Nacional Hotel, Havana. Tell her to phone me at once, please. The news is ungood . . . A local socialite has jumped from Lt. to Col. in six months (via uniform) along the Stork-21-Morocco circuit. Also sports the Cong. Medal of Honor . . . One of the Nation's top football coaches is planning to quit football. (Not because of age) . . . Mrs. Jerry Kelly has subpoena'd the books of most New York smart spots (and restaurants) for the purpose of proving how much he spent in them. Kelly was among the bookies targeted by the d. a. . . . A young actress in town is heading for trouble. She's dating only stage and screen names—all married . . . Bleev-it-or-not, but the next shortage will be pencil sharpeners.

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The attached was sent in by Walter Winchell and reads as follows:

"My dear Mr. Winchell-

How I wish we could have F.D.R. back - you to be his right hand - and Mr. Hoover to report trouble. With only you three to run things, this would be a wonderful country. I sent you a cake, etc.....

Sincerely-

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My dear Mr Winchell

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You & mrs
Roosevelt could have F.D.R.
back - & you to be his
right hand - and
Mr Hoover to refresh bottle
with only you three
to run things the
world by a wonderful
country - & just you
ask your

WALTER WINCHELL

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Wife is sick she will take a teaspoonful of bitter-warm add either whiskey or sherry and just sip it - just a little at a time and in about an hour it will be ready to eat -

My boy, had he lived would have been older than you are. Some day I hope Katharine can meet you - she hopes to write -

I am always where
I can hear you
Sunday nights and
read what you write
each day - Bold girl
that you are an
old friend - although
I have never met you -
God bless and
appreciated F.D.R. -
Sincerely

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February 19, 1951

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DEAR MR. WINCHELL:

YOUR COLUMN HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF MY PRIME SOURCES OF INFORMATION, AND — AMUSEMENT. BUT THE COLUMN THAT YOU HAVE RUN TODAY HAS IRRITATED ME SOMEWHAT. I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY "ENGLAND CAN MAKE A BETTER DEAL IN WASHINGTON." I CONSIDER MYSELF A FAIRLY WELL-INFORMED INDIVIDUAL, BUT I KNOW OF NO DEALS OR CONNIVING BEING PERPETRATED BY THE BRITISH IN WASHINGTON.

HOWEVER, IF THERE IS A DEAL CAN YOU DO NO BETTER THAN HINT?

IN THE SAME COLUMN YOU HAVE AGAIN REFERRED TO THAT TIMEWORN THEME, ABOUT THE MONETARY GIFTS TO THE U.K. FROM THE MARSHALL PLAN.

DON'T YOU THINK IT IS ABOUT TIME —

THAT YOU STOPPED HITTING THIS IDEA THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING THE U.K., SINCE THEY HAVE DECLINED FURTHER AID.

IN SPITE OF ~~WHAT~~ YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS, IT MUST BE OBVIOUS TO YOU THAT THE ONLY THING THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THIS CONSTANT HARPING ON OUR SUPPORT, CAN ONLY END IN CREATING A FEELING OF BITTERNESS AMONG ALL CONCERNED.

SINCE THE BRITISH ARE AT THIS TIME ONE OF OUR STRONGEST ALLIES, I THINK THAT ANYTHING DONE TO STRAIN OUR RELATIONS WITH THEM, IS WEAKENING TO OUR STRENGTH, AND POTENTIAL STRENGTH.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE MORE CAREFUL, CHOOSING THE SUBJECT OF YOUR LAMPOONING AND INSINUATIONS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 19, 1951

FROM : V. P. Keay

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST February 18, 1951

The Walter Winchell Broadcast for Sunday night, February 18, 1951, was monitored by Supervisor Orrin H. Bartlett, and the following items of interest were noted:

WINCHELL:

"New York City. Daniel Lang wrote an article for the 'New Yorker' magazine in 1949 whitewashing Communist William Remington, who was just found guilty for saying he wasn't a Red."

COMMENT:

The May 21, 1949, issue of the "New Yorker" magazine carried an article written by Daniel Lang. This article reported a sympathetic interview with Remington. Lang is a staff writer on the "New Yorker" magazine.

WINCHELL:

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"The Washington ticker. There will be a wave of desertion from a certain foreign Embassy very, very soon."

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WINCHELL:

"New York City. Seven hundred New Yorkers will soon receive notices to report in Federal Court on the 28th. From the 700, a dozen will be selected to be the jury in the trial of the atom spies. Judge Irving Kaufman will preside when the trial starts March 6. In this upcoming atom spy trial, the 3 defendants may get death."

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COMMENT:

This case involves the following persons: Julius Rosenberg, Ethel Rosenberg, Morton Sobell, David Greenglass, and A. A. Yakovlev. You will recall that Greenglass has already pleaded guilty and that Yakovlev is believed to have been in Russia since 1946. Assistant U. S. Attorney Lane for the Southern District of New York advised the New York Field Division that Peyton Ford, Deputy Attorney General, would recommend the death sentence in this case.

WINCHELL:

> "William Z. Foster, the Number One Communist over here, was indicted with 11 others. He escaped trial claiming a heart condition. Mr. Foster, I have news for you. The U. S. Government will soon demand that you, William Z. Foster, undergo a medical examination, followed by immediate trial."

COMMENT:

Recently, at the request of the U. S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, the Bureau conducted a three-day physical surveillance of Foster and nothing of importance was noted. Foster's chauffeur recently secured a reservation for a Roomette on a train from New York to Chicago. Inasmuch as this reservation may be for Foster, the New York Office is following his activities. By letter dated February 13, 1951, the New York Office advised the Bureau that on February 6, 1951, Assistant U. S. Attorney Eugene Roth, Chief of the Criminal Division, Southern District of New York, advised the New York Office that he is contemplating bringing a motion before the U. S. District Court for the purpose of having Foster re-examined by court-appointed doctors so that Foster will be brought to trial. Roth believed that Foster is capable of standing trial in view of his prolific writings.

WINCHELL:

> "To my editors in Los Angeles on the Herald Express. Please tell all concerned in the motion picture industry out there not to sell movie stock to Sergi Rubenstein. The news back here in the East is that Sergi Rubenstein, not long out of federal prison, may soon be back behind bars or deported for stock fraud."

COMMENT:

You will recall that Rubenstein was recently released from a Federal Penitentiary. He was sentenced to serve 2½ years in the Federal Penitentiary and fined $50,000 for violation of the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940. Rubenstein is awaiting trial at the present time for a violation of the Securities and Exchange Act.

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WINCHELL:

"The Washington Post. The FBI will be interested to learn that Scotland Yard has agreed to open its files on famous cases for exclusive presentation on the USA radio and television. The American rights go to Collie Small, writer for many American magazines."

COMMENT:

Nothing is known concerning this matter. Assistant Director Nichols does not recall the name of Collie Small. A separate communication is being forwarded to Cimperman in London to secure the facts concerning this.

WINCHELL:

"New York Journal American. A Hollywood movie writer, long active in Communist activities, is about to leave the United States to produce a film under the sponsorship of a nation which will be taken over by the Communists any moment."

COMMENT:

It is possible that this individual is George Pepper, who has been reported as intending to depart for Indonesia, where he will produce a movie written by him. The Indonesian Government has been reported as financing one-half of the cost of this picture provided Pepper can riase the other half. A confidential source has reported that the plot concerns a Bali dancer and it is presumed by the confidential source to be of an anti-Dutch propaganda theme.

WINCHELL:

"The international war. Moscow. The Kremlin's latest drug produces a brain stroke through high blood pressure. It was used recently on several Norwegian, French, and Italian Red leaders. The victims were then ordered to Moscow for a cure. Some prominent Czech will become ill next week."

COMMENT:

This is set forth for your information.

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Return to me

117 Cherry Ave.,
Hampton, Va.
Jan. 29, 1951.

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

Dear Sir:-

In your broadcast Sunday, January 28, 1951, you warned parents of men fighting in Korea of a new organization being formed called "Mothers of Sons in Korea" or some such name. Could you send me more information of this organization and it's correct name?

I am a mother who has a son in Korea, who also is a veteran of World War 2. I am also a member of the American War Mothers organization, being both State and local officer. I would like this information to pass on to all the Chapters in Virginia.

Yours truly,
Mrs. L. I. Walker

Mrs. L. I. Walker,
2nd Vice President
Virginia State Chapter
American War Mothers

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Ack Receipt
Nicely

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My dear Mr. Winchell:

In response to our phone conversation of Monday last the following are the facts which will welcome your investigation.

During the last war [redacted] usurped the power [redacted] and held function of [redacted] of his friends who wished to dodge the draft and [redacted] of foreign birth warned them that he would defer them from the draft, which he did. He also promised them permanent appointments after the war, which he has almost succeeded in doing, thereby ignoring returning war veterans.

These draft dodgers had no right to appointments because they took the permanent appointments

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the job temporarily and with the understanding that they would compete with the returning veterans which is according to rules laid down by Civil Service.

In Oct. '50 an open competitive exam was held a Civil Service Roster was established in which these draft dodgers fail to make so what happens, Mr. Truman issues Executive order thereby giving these losers another chance only this time they get a non competitive exam. while thousands of war veterans who have already passed the exam are behind out and around.

Please feel free to call upon me for the information you seek as I happen to know all in regards to this case. I feel that once you start your investigation it will become quite

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interesting. I assume you these are the facts

I appeal to you as the bulwark of returns rights that you will blow this case wide open. Feeling sure that this is quite a scoop and waiting with anticipation I remain

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

(P.S.) I should like to remain unknown as my "opinion" would make things plenty tough for exposing them.

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Mr. A. H. Belmont

February 28, 1951

V. P. Keay

WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
February 18, 1951

BACKGROUND:

As you will recall on February 18, 1951, Walter Winchell stated in his Sunday broadcast that Scotland Yard agreed to open its files on famous cases for exclusive presentation on United States radio and television. The American rights for these presentations was reported to go to Collie Small, who was described as a writer for many American magazines. Mr. Winchell in his broadcast called this information to the attention of the Washington Post and stated that the FBI might be interested in it.

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