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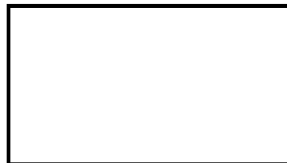
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E.A. TAMM

In accordance with your instructions, the writer called [] of the State Department, relative to the status of your overtures to obtain information concerning the criminal record of FRITZ KUHN at Munich. [] related that he had not received any additional information other than that which he had previously related to you. I discreetly informed [] that we had secured information to the effect that the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization had made a similar request of the State Department. [] advised that his Department had received such a request from the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, but that in view of the fact we were the first organization to request such information, this information would first be relayed to us when received by the State Department. [] stated that he was on the lookout for this information and he would immediately call you when it was received.

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Respectfully,



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Relative to the attached memorandum concerning the attitude of the German Government toward making available to us Fritz Kuhn's alleged criminal record at Munich, you will recall it is desired to obtain this information in order to use it as a basis for bringing an action against Kuhn to prove perjury in his naturalization proceedings and bring about either his deportation or prosecution or both.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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June 9, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: FRITZ KUHN
Perjury; Immigration;
Naturalization

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Dear Sir:

[redacted] a number of Jewish groups which are engaged in the fight against Nazism and anti-Semitism in this country. [redacted] was recently interviewed at his office at [redacted]. From this address he is representing, among others, [redacted] Friends of Democracy, Inc. This latter organization is believed to have an office in the same building, as it is listed as having an Eastern Regional Office at the above address, and it is noted by Special Agent [redacted] of this office, who called on [redacted] that the latter is in constant touch with some office located in the building. In fact, while Agent [redacted] was in [redacted] office he stated he had a long distance call in for some information, and later he went upstairs, having been informed by someone that call to Kansas City, to [redacted] was ready.

The national office of the Friends of Democracy, Inc., is in Room 713, Fidelity Building, Kansas City, Mo. [redacted] is associated in business with [redacted] address. Telephone is [redacted].

[redacted] introduced Agent [redacted] to a man named [redacted] apparently located in the same building and believed to be associated with the Friends of Democracy, Inc., who was inclined to take a hostile attitude towards the Bureau, attacking the failure to prosecute

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FRITZ KUHN under the White Slave Traffic Act for his travels with [redacted] also mentioned that there was a complete recording available of KUHN'S conversations with his paramour, [redacted] which recordings indicated some startling sex relationship between them; that they (the recordings) were quite spicy.

Agent [redacted] was engaged in making inquiries as to some corroboration of the alleged criminal record of KUHN at Munich and [redacted] on learning of the nature of the inquiry from [redacted] stated that the matter of the income tax or sales tax evasion and the matter of the criminal record were very petty by comparison with the White Slave violation. He finally subsided when invited to submit something tangible in the way of information that would indicate a prosecutable violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

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With reference to [redacted] it is noted that [redacted] is listed in the latest telephone directory as having an office at [redacted] telephone [redacted]

[redacted] also was inclined to criticize the Bureau for the recently released report on the German-American Bund, which he incidently, had not seen, but merely read about in the press. He stated that it had been a whitewash of the Bund. It was submitted to him that if any of the Jewish organizations or individuals interested in the matter had any information different than what was set out in the report, they had been given ample opportunity to present such information, but none of them had been able to present anything of value. [redacted] eventually agreed that the report might possibly be correct as to the facts set out; that in any event no one had come forth with anything positive to contradict it.

The situation as to some of the individuals working for the Jewish groups is highly interesting according to the observations of Agent [redacted] while calling on [redacted] The Agent had

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inquired of [] as to the identity of the woman appearing in the photograph allegedly snapped at the New York World's Fair, showing FRITZ KUHN with a woman, described as a blonde. [] first indicated that it was [] but when this information was not accepted as correct by Agent [] stated he could call up and get the correct information, and he called the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi Committee, which, he said was also one of his clients. He made the call and the inquiry, and during the course of the call he apparently was asked as to the reason for the inquiry, and he in a very joking manner said that he had just received a telegram from [] asking him to get the information. The person to whom he talked did not appear to have the information.

Shortly thereafter, [] received a call from [] who was calling from the office of the ~~Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi Committee~~. He was apparently anxious to know what [] connection was with the Attorney General, which would indicate he was there when the call was made. After some conversation he told [] that he was working for District Attorney [] and getting ten dollars a day and maintenance. [] said to Agent [] that [] is working for the ~~Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi Committee~~ for about thirty dollars a week. [] that if he were at his other office he could tell who the blonde in the photograph was. b7C

From further conversation it was indicated that he had reference to [] office, and he said that [] knew who she was and complete recordings of the conversations between KUHN and [] are in his possession. Here it was stated that it was [] opinion that the woman in the photograph is a part owner of the Cafe Hindenburg, in Yorkville.

[] received a phone call from someone about the suit of the ~~German American Bund~~ against ~~Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc.~~, and he stated thereafter to his associate and Agent [] that Warner Brothers were going ahead preparing their defense and wanted some information to back up their position in respect to the points on which the Bund is suing them.

[] told the person who telephoned him that he knew just where he could put his hand on the necessary information but that

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it would require a bit of working up. He then told Agent [] as well as his associate that he would get the information from []

[] It so happens, however, that several days prior to the above, Agent [] had called on [] and he had spoken of having been approached by Warner Brothers direct and he had a list of the controversial points to which replies were to be prepared.

[] stated that [] had information as to someone who knew about FRITZ KUHN'S criminal record in Germany. This matter was taken up with [] and he stated that he knows only of the information given out as coming from REINHOLD SPITZ, which this Bureau already has.

There are submitted herewith the following four-page leaflets put out by the Friends of Democracy, Inc.

~~X~~ HITLER OR CHRIST?

~~X~~ "LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD"

~~X~~ THE BULWARK OF DEMOCRACY

~~X~~ LAND OF THE FREE

~~X~~ SMOKE-SCREEN

~~X~~ PULLING TOGETHER

[] furnished these to Agent [] as specimens of the type of literature being put out in a campaign which either he is conducting or is actively working on.

[] furnished also to Agent [] the enclosed printed leaflet prepared by R. C. PATTON in connection with an attempt to secure a new connection.

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It will be noted that in his references are included

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[redacted] all of whom have been active in connection with groups alleged to be combating Communism, but likewise alleged to be "American Fascists".

[redacted] furnished to Agent [redacted] the enclosed copy of seven pages of alleged evidence of statements by or on behalf of the German American Bund, which would be proof, so he states of their disloyalty to the United States, and their disregard of their naturalization oath.

This information, [redacted] stated he dug out of the files of papers which [redacted] has in his possession during a session of several hours during which time these papers were examined.

[redacted] indicated that this had been done a few days before Agent [redacted] interviewed him. [redacted] in reply to a direct question, stated that he personally had dug out this information with the aid of [redacted]

It will be noted that this is a copy of the list of alleged evidence which was furnished by [redacted] to Special Agent in Charge Al Rosen, weeks before Agent [redacted] called on [redacted] and discussed the above matter.

The list referred to above, which was furnished to Special Agent in Charge Rosen is the one returned to this office with the Bureau letter of May 18, 1939, Bureau File 61-7560.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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Excerpts from statements made by officials of the Nazi Party and the Bund

"Our fellow Germans, without any consideration of their citizenship, belong to us...There is only one German Folk."

"The differentiation between reich Germans and non-reich Germans abroad is only a formal one and not important."

"The Reich--borderland--and overseas Germans form a united world Reich of Germans."

"Become an American citizen--then you will be able to fight better for Germany."

"Every fellow German ought to become an American citizen in order to extend our influence throughout American life. German-America awake!"

"It is of greatest importance to become an American citizen in order to bring expression of the will of Germandom at the polls."

"A fellow bund member Nicolay pointed out that it is absolutely essential for those who wish to remain in this country to become citizens...We shall create a power which can not be overlooked. It will be able at the appointed hour to protect and uphold the demands of Germandom."

"The German is and remains our fellow countryman in spite of the citizenship papers which he may possess in any land."

Kuhn: "We Germans must become a power in the United States."

"American history proves to us our part in the building up of this country. It (this American history) gives us a right to be permitted to add an important word. We shall not allow anyone to take this right from us regardless of who it might be. We are striving to build up a great and folkish Germandom, so that we German American citizens of this country may become a power which will be able to exercise an influence upon the fate of this land."

"We wish to take up the tie of feeling with other foreign German National Groups, especially with German Folk Groups, in North, Middle and South American neighboring lands. We feel permanently bound with our German mother country through the common bond of blood. We stand in an united front with all foreign German groups, especially with all North and South American groups with which we wish to defend and guarantee the rights of Folk before the entire world."

"The Day of German folk should remind us of our task throughout America to uphold our German folk rights. From this there could arise a closer working community of all German Folk groups of North, South and Middle America, similar to the union of German Folk groups in Europe, which has been in existence for years, and which represents German interests there." (The President of the German folk groups in Europe is Konrad Hanf in - in the Americas Fritz Kuhn!)

"If the problem of Folk is not solved, of if they avoid this solution, then shall the Folk in question be placed in the midst of bloody struggles and horrors."

"In these decisive days we see the time no longer distant when we shall dictate the law of action."

"The German-American Bund is today strong enough to allow it to come to any test of strength. We are having great success in non-German circles. The people will be amazed at the power which American Germanism can control."

"Back to Mother Germania."

"Germans to the front - this is the call which the German people in America have heard...then the German people of the United States, the last remaining "Deutsche Volksgruppe" abroad, will have found their way back to German nationhood, to Mother Deutschland."

"The decisive factor is membership in the great community of German blood. The great Fuehrer of all Germans has set the concept of the "volksgenosse" high above that of citizenship. Today our nation in the Reich has made the destiny of our people abroad its intimate concern, without regard to the question of citizenship papers."

"The citizenship papers in our pockets have not made us over into another type of people, but that we have remained what we were: German men and women in America."

"We must become a power in America."

"Our political work must be directed toward the future, political work valid only for the moment must be given up once and for all. Our task falls into two parts: first, the establishment of the "Deutsche Volksgruppe"; and, secondly, the winning of a position of influence and power in American politics."

"We fight only on Germany's side."

"In the decisive hour the German people in the United States will hold their own... But with Germany, nevermore against her."

"How did it happen that the millions of German men and women who in 1917 lived in America as citizens of the United States did not constitute a factor which the American government of the time had to take into serious consideration, not to mention its having to regard them as a source of danger? How did it happen that these millions, this powerful German component part of the country, could simply be ignored?"

"May the day not be far off when a member of our own race will preside at the Conference table in Washington."

"The German mission in America."

"It is our aim to unite the German people of America in a single great brotherhood. Not until we have become, in the balance of American politics, a factor commensurate in magnitude with our millions of votes shall we be enabled not only to play a part in shaping the destiny of our new home, but also to be of service to our old fatherland."

"The eyes of political leaders here (in U.S.A!) will be opened when they find themselves confronted by a united German community, a German community that demands nothing more or less than its inherent rights."

We belong to the greater Germany...

"Here too the community of our German fate, unlimited by political boundaries, is voiced. Though the citizenship papers in our desks may differ, all of us are German men and women, members of a great German national community numbering a hundred million."

The Sudeten model in this country.

"The Legislation which the Sudeten German Party has proposed for the protection of its national rights has an international significance also. The Czechoslovak Republic constitutes the classical example of a multi-national state. The solution that will be found for the problem of how the nationalities in this State are to live together will serve as the model for the lasting solution of all questions of national groups."

The German General staff counts on the German-Americans in the event of war.

"The presence of German minorities, often numerous, in various countries places the Reich in the fortunate position of being able to discount a portion of those nations' military proves if war should indeed. Because of the internal strife that might be expected such countries are forced to do their utmost to avoid a belligerent attitude toward the Reich."

For far-reaching military and political plans is with Kuhn working.

"Our organization represents the first to create in America a movement which, working for our German nationality, is carrying on a long-range policy. It will be successful, for faith and its avowal constitute the key to political power."

"We are the vanguard of our German nation living in a cosmopolitan mixture of all national groups."

"The establishment of the organization in foreign lands is one of the boldest strokes of the national policy, of incalculable significance for the millions of developments within the Reich. Thanks to the German organization abroad the "Deutsche Volksgruppen" in foreign lands have a nucleus strong enough to stand up under even severe strain."

Secret bonds between the Bund and the Reich

"My dear Dr. Steinacher: The national convention of the German American Bund fully appreciates the German national efforts on behalf of the Germans in America which the VDA (Volksbund für das Deutschtum in Ausland) has carried on... We hope that the future will see our united efforts come to further fruition. Sieg Heil! Fritz Kuhn".

"We have one fatherland - without regard to citizenship."

"As Germans we acknowledge the unity of our German nationhood over and above all separations of national boundaries. Without regard to citizenship we are one, united in the work of making our common German foundation secure for the future... The ties of nationhood are stronger than the difference in passports."

Points of support in the United States.

"Today a network of blood, spun of the most delicate filament, is spread over the entire world... The German abroad are our quiet supporters and bridgeheads, our spiritual soldiers, our only colonies! United, organized and under one leadership they are our German Reich abroad!"

"Deutsche Volksgruppe in the U.S.A. can become a powerful factor for the Reich."

"The new German government has clearly recognized that a union of Germans abroad can become a powerful factor in the fight against all the influences that seek to prevent German people from occupying their proper place in the world."

"Never before has the German people stood so proudly united, or so firmly upon a single philosophy of life. The speaker an official of the Reich hopes that Americans of German descent also will stand firmly and loyally at the side of Germany. Sieg Heil for the German world power!"

"The new-German movement in the United States will be of international political value for Germany when the 30,000,000 Americans of German stock form a united whole."

Bund-Leaders are Hitler's agents in the U.S.A.

"standing in his large audience chamber, the Fuehrer welcomed them with the German salute...In an intimate talk with Herr Kuhn and the "Gauleiter" he acknowledged the great odds against which the faithful in America have fought and continue to fight." ("Deutscher Weckruf.")

"then came the moment which is indescribable! The Fuehrer turned to us and said: go back and continue your fight!" (Kuhn's own report in the "Deutscher Weckruf.")

Kuhn in Conspiracy with the German Government.

"We conferred exhaustively with the leaders of present-day Germany. The purposes and aims of the American National Bund enjoy the full understanding of the German government."

"We want to include all the Germans of America in one bloc in order to have something to say in the political control of this country."

Carl Nicolay, district-leader of New York, reported that he had had "long conversations with various leaders at the Brown House, at Munich."

Nazi leader Zickert (at Munich) fortified me in my belief that it seems absolutely necessary...for us to attain an ever-deepening union with such German national groups in America as are built on the same basis as ours; this in order that we may be able to constitute a solid bloc which ultimately, in the future, will take over the command in America."

"We must strengthen our sacred fatherland, the Third Reich, by building up a powerful phalanx of German blood in the national body of America. It must become impossible for all time to come ever again to involve America in a war against Germany."

Instruction from the German Government to the German American Bund.

"The Germans overseas must form national groups within the various states just as they have done in Europe."

Kuhn's task, which his Fuehrer has set him.

"We are building national self-determination for the German element in America. What we need is action...Forward, German America!"

The "fundamental law" of German foreign policy.

"The nineteenth-century rights of man must, in this twentieth century, give

way to the rights of nations...thus the recognition of the inviolability of the nation leads to a change in our concept of the state...Only when the fight for national rights is actually recognized throughout the world as the fundamental law of German foreign policy, against which no other viewpoint can lay claim to validity, will the undeviating course of such a policy lead to our goal."

"Mother Germany calls!"

"In our blood we must see a union! German and German belong together...our call is addressed to all of them! Come to us!...We will help you find your way back to the arms of our great Mother Germany." (Weckruf, N.Y.)

~~The statement of allegations of American citizens to the Fuehrer of the Third Reich.~~

"In America too the hearts of German men and women turn toward the great Fuehrer of all Germans...May the nationally loyal alliance of the German people in America with the German nation and its Fuehrer be preserved forever."

Kuhn demands the new rights for the German "Volksgemeinschaft."

"We are approaching the point where we will demand our rights here in this country, and no longer merely plead for them."

"We must succeed in extending our front until every single one of our fellow Germans is included. Then we shall be as powerful a factor as we so eagerly desire to be."

"Germany ends only where the last German lives." (Weckruf, N.Y.)

"Hitler has brought us back into the great family of all Germans." (W.R.)

"United with Germany in life and in death!" (Weckruf, N.Y.)

Commendation of Sabotage

"One can easily picture what purposeful sabotage can mean to war industries and transportation systems. Because of their highly developed mechanical structure and their almost complete motorization these are so exceedingly vulnerable that a tiny fanatic minority, if it is well trained and properly directed, can completely paralyze both."

"Germany's hour will strike in America."

"I believe that Germany's hour will strike in America...Great historic developments usually mature underground, to rise into view suddenly, without any apparent preparation." (Colin Ross.)

Our German American!

"expressed in its briefest terms, our idea is simply this: America is ours. America is ours not only because German blood flows in the veins in at least twenty or thirty million Americans...but because in its origins America is a creature of the German spirit...An era is coming to an end, a new epoch is beginning, in America no less than in the other parts of the world." (Colin Ross.)

Fritz Kuhn declares the German political aims in the U.S.A.!

"We are politically active in this land of freedom, but do not engage in petty party politics. Our aims are higher! The distant goal of German policy in this country will have been reached when a German in Washington will tell the general public the ideas that fill his German heart."

A Nazi to be the President of U.S.A.!

"May the day not be far distant when a man our race will preside at the conference table at Washington." (from a secret official organ in Germany, 1938!)

The formula of Dr. Goebbels according to which the Bund-members must fight.

"A revolutionist must be able to do everything-rouse tempests of rage, set mobs moving, organize hatred and desperation-coldly and calculatingly, employing legal methods, so to speak...Coldly he must press his opponent, examine him, find his vulnerable spot; carefully and calculatingly he must sharpen his knife and with a well-aimed blow thrust it into the exposed spot; and then with an amiable smile, he must say: forgive me, friend neighbor-it was the only thing I could do."

**"Let's Look
AT
the Record"**

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Millions of Americans are being poisoned by the insidious propaganda of Adolf Hitler, Fuehrer of Nazi Germany. By means of newspapers, magazines, leaflets, books, radio broadcasts and motion pictures Hitler is trying to destroy the faith of Americans in democracy.

HITLER IS SEEKING TO BESMIRCH DEMOCRACY BECAUSE HE WANTS TO CAUSE DISSENSION AND UNREST AMONG OUR PEOPLE.

HITLER IS JEALOUS OF THE DEMOCRATIC STRENGTH OF DEMOCRATIC AMERICA.

Through his channels of propaganda and through the mouths of his paid agents, Hitler is giving currency to a new world lie:

He says: Democracy does not function.

He says: Democracy is decadent.

He says: Democracy has been unsuccessful.

He says: Democracy must be destroyed and Nazi dictatorship established in its place. In offering this choice between the traditional American way as established by our Colonial forefathers, and the bestial, inhuman, enslaving way of a foreign dictator, Hitler has said "Democracy is dying. Nazism is the civilization of the future."

The record shows that Adolf Hitler is World Falsifier Number One.

The facts prove that American Democracy provides the greatest good to the greatest number.

The truth throws the lie in Hitler's teeth. The truth is "Of all existing ways of life, the American way of Democracy and freedom is the best." The American way is King of Them All.

LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD!

The record shows that the American worker has the highest standard of living in the world. Examine the chart on the back page of this leaflet, and you will see that Hitler's vaunted Nazi paradise is a snare and a delusion.

The record shows that the ordinary factory worker in the United States can buy four times as much food and clothing with one hour's wages as a German worker.

The record shows that the average American worker can purchase an automobile with only 853 hours of labor while the German worker has to spend the wages of 5,054 hours of labor.

The record shows that Americans have one telephone for every 7 persons, while Germans have one for every 20 persons.

The record shows that the American people have more radios, automobiles, bathtubs, telephones, electric light, private dwellings, and more of the necessities of life: food, clothing, medical care, than the unfortunate people living in the Nazi fool's paradise created by Adolf Hitler.

The record shows that Adolf Hitler is World Falsifier Number One.

He deprives the German people of foodstuffs in order to manufacture munitions.

He taxes the German businessman into bankruptcy and fear, in order to complete his horrible juggernaut of war.

He has thrown the German worker into a modern peonage and into forced labor in order to fulfill his mad desire for conquest.

HITLER HAS SHOWN US WHAT NAZISM REALLY MEANS.

OUR ANSWER TO HIS INSIDIOUS PROPAGANDA AND LOUD LIES IS:

DEMOCRACY IS THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE.

DEMOCRACY GIVES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF AMERICANS THE GREATEST GOOD.

Compare on the following chart American Democracy with Hitler' Nazism in terms of bread, butter and beef.

ONE HOUR'S WAGES WILL BUY:			
IN	OR	OR	OR
U.S. 2.83 LB. BASKETS OF FOOD	7 1/2 LB. BREAD	1.6 LB. BUTTER	2.1 LB. BEEF
BRITAIN 5.2 LB. BREAD	0.8 LB. BUTTER	1.4 LB. BEEF	
FRANCE 5 LB. BREAD	0.8 LB. BUTTER	0.8 LB. BEEF	
BELGIUM 4.9 LB. BREAD	0.8 LB. BUTTER	0.7 LB. BEEF	
GERMANY 2.5 LB. BREAD	0.5 LB. BUTTER	0.9 LB. BEEF	
ITALY 2.8 LB. BREAD	0.3 LB. BUTTER	0.5 LB. BEEF	
RUSSIA 1.9 LB. BREAD	0.2 LB. BUTTER	0.3 LB. BEEF	

Comparative buying power of work

HITLER CANNOT ANSWER THIS RECORD EXCEPT BY LIES, LIES AND MORE LIES.

**AMERICANS, HOWEVER, KNOW THE TRUTH.
AMERICANS! RESIST THE NAZI MENACE!
UPHOLD AMERICAN DEMOCRACY!**

FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.

National Headquarters

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L. M. Birkhead, National Director

EASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE
103 Park Avenue • New York City

HITLER
or
CHRIST?

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Hitler or Christ?

The world faces a struggle between religion and paganism, between God and anti-Christ. The people of the United States are God-fearing people, honoring Jesus Christ. Adolph Hitler, Fuehrer of Nazi Germany, is anti-Christ, and the leader of Nazi anti-God forces.

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Hitlerism and Christianity cannot live side by side. Nazism is a philosophy of blood and lust, of murder and cruelty, of terror and tyranny, of hatred and destruction.

Christianity is a religion of peace, of charity, of tolerance, of a fuller life. It is based upon the teachings of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Nazism is based upon the pagan philosophy of Hitler and other leaders of Nazi Germany, who are seeking to destroy the spirit of Christ, not only in Germany, but in the United States, and throughout the world.

This they are doing by the most wide-spread anti-religious propaganda of modern times.

Hitler Fights God

The objective of Hitler is to destroy all religion except that of which Hitler himself approves.

What has already happened in Germany—the condemnation of Christian leaders to concentration camps, the brutal treatment and killing of pastors and priests, the destruction of churches, the defiling of the mind of Germany's youth, and all the other outrages which have been committed by Nazi leaders against all religions, indicates the methods being employed to terrorize Protestants, Catholics and Jews alike who desire to worship the God of their fathers.

Hitler is building up an army of cruel, murderous, atheistic sadists who are ready to spread war and destruction at a signal which he alone can give to dominate the world and destroy religion.

Fresh in our minds is the state of terror to which he recently brought the entire world, when it awaited only the word of the fanatical Fuehrer to unleash the brutal forces which he commands, the result of which would inevitably have been the destruction of civilization.

Shall the word of the fanatical man-god, Hitler, the vulgar "blood and soil" atheist, supersede the revealed word of God, which commands obedience to the rule of peace and brotherhood?

Shall the Christians of the world, who believe in the one God and the living Christ, stand by while Hitler and his pagan cohorts tear down their churches and flauntingly hoist the swastika, the sign of savagery and atheism?

Hitler Fights All Religions

Hitler has realized from the beginning that religion alone can save the world from such a disaster—hence his attack upon the Church, its membership and its leaders.

The salvation of humanity, everywhere, now depends upon the loyalty and devotion of the men and women who believe in religion, which has been the source of their hope and their comfort, and the power which alone can save mankind from failure and despair.

Above all else, the God-fearing, God-loving people of America, of all faiths and creeds, must stand together in the name of the Almighty, determined, in every way possible, to assist their fellow-religionists in Germany who are the modern martyrs in a struggle to save, not only themselves, but the whole world from the cruel tyranny with which Hitler now threatens us.

Based upon the promise given by the Psalmist: "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler," we may go forth confident of ultimate victory, so that our suffering brothers across the sea may no longer be "afraid of the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday." (Psalm 91)

What Leaders of Hitler's Germany Say About Christianity

"Unity among the German people can be attained only through a new world philosophy to which Christianity, in its present form, cannot adapt itself. * * * There is no getting away from the fact that the world has * * * been coerced and dominated by this force (Christianity) and that force can be broken only with force and terror."

ADOLPH HITLER

"It (the Church) dare not call upon God against the State, an atrocity that we experience openly or camouflaged every Sunday."

GENERAL HERMANN GOERING

"National Socialism must not be judged from a Biblical or Ecclesiastical standpoint; it is the Bible and the Church which must be judged from a Nazi standpoint. The Nazi State embodies the totality of God. * * * We do not need a God enthroned in the far heavens but only a fighter. * * * Worship of German heroes must become the worship of God."

DR. REINHOLD KRAUSE

"The regulating principle in the life of the individual today is no more the Church (as it was in the Middle Ages) but the Nation."

MANFRED BOGE in "*Volk ringt um Gott*."

RESIST THE NAZI MENACE!

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The Bulwark of Democracy!

Have you ever stopped to consider what it means to be an American?

Have you ever paused to think that being an American means something more than just being a citizen of the United States?

We all know, that being American means we have certain inalienable rights of liberty and freedom which we have inherited from the heroic founders of our country.

These rights distinguish us from the non-Democratic, dictatorship countries of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and Communist Russia.

We must all realize, however, that being American means we have certain duties to preserve and protect these rights against all attacks.

For instance, because of our American Bill of Rights, **you**, as an American, may worship God in your own way. Neither an individual nor the government has the power to take from you your cherished freedom of religion. But it is also true that every other American has the same right to worship God in his or her own way.

AN ATTACK ON ANY AMERICAN'S RELIGIOUS BELIEF IS UN-AMERICAN.

If you join any movement which attacks the religious belief of Protestants, Catholics or Jews, you are in reality attacking the fundamental principles of American Democracy. In effect, you are undermining the Bill of Rights.

One way to be a true American then is to respect the rights of others—Protestant, Catholic or Jew—in the full freedom of worship as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

That means, that every American who enjoys the democratic rights of a free and Democratic country has the duty of seeing to it that every other American enjoys the same rights.

You have the right of free speech. As an American you have the duty of respecting the free speech of your fellow Americans—even if you disagree with them.

You have the right of peaceful assembly. But as a true and sincere American you also have the duty of insuring that right for other Americans, so that they too can peaceably assemble.

You have the rights of petition and of trial by jury.

You have protection against unreasonable search and seizure.

You may enjoy all the civil liberties which have made us a nation of free men and women.

American Democracy means that all Americans may enjoy the liberty and equality that you enjoy.

That is the guarantee of the Bill of Rights: liberty, equality and the pursuit of happiness for you, your family and your fellow American.

Whether you are native born or a naturalized citizen, it is your sacred duty, therefore, to defend the Bill of Rights from all attacks.

Every attack on these rights is an attack on you.

Every attempt to destroy any of these rights is an attempt to destroy the American way of life.

The Bill of Rights is the bulwark of American Democracy.

The Bill of Rights is America's greatest weapon against the demagogic attacks of Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin. Defend these rights for yourself by defending them for all Americans.

BE A REAL AMERICAN!

DEFEND YOUR LIBERTY AND FREEDOM!

RESIST THE ANTI-LIBERTY, ANTI-DEMOCRATIC PROPAGANDA OF NAZI GERMANY, FASCIST ITALY, AND COMMUNIST RUSSIA!

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LAND OF THE FREE

"We can have no "fifty-fifty" allegiance in this country. Either a man is an American and nothing else, or he is not an American at all. We are akin by blood and descent to most of the nations of Europe; but we are separate from all of them; we are a new and distinct nation."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

So states the Declaration of Independence.

For this sacred Declaration, the American people fought a long and harrowing war, sacrificing their lives and fortunes.

Protestant, Catholic, Jew—rich man and poor man—all fought side by side to bring that war of the American Revolution to a victorious ending.

The American people fought to hew out of the American earth and the American wilderness, a way of life dedicated to liberty, equality and freedom.

This is the way of life safeguarded in the American Bill of Rights, which guarantees to each man freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press, and the glorious civil liberties which distinguish American democracy from the restrictive dictatorship of Adolf Hitler, tyrannical Fuehrer of Nazi Germany.

The Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence are the essence of American democracy and the keystones of the American way of life.

Today these sacred doctrines are under fire.

Today these fundamental principles are being attacked by Adolf Hitler.

Hitler says: Democracy must be destroyed.

Hitler says: Protestants, Catholics, Jews—rich man and poor man—must be regimented and regulated by Adolf Hitler, self-appointed arbiter of the destiny of the world.

Hitler is determined to destroy the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights in the United States as he has de-

stroyed the once budding republics of Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

In place of liberty, equality and freedom, Hitler has set up a dictatorship of constriction and hate.

In place of the democratic way of life, Hitler has set up a way of life based on war, concentration camps, star-chamber justice, the headsman's ax, and terror by night and by day.

In his international war on Democracy and on the sacred rights of free men, Hitler employs the poisonous devices of paid propagandists and paid Nazi agents.

Throughout the length and breadth of the United States these "brown-shirted" and Nazified tools of Adolf Hitler spread the hatred of man against man, religion against religion, race against race.

Hitler and his agents spread hatred against Protestants.

Hitler and his agents spread hatred against Catholics.

Hitler and his agents spread hatred against Jews.

Hitler and his agents spread hatred against American Democracy and against the full freedom of American life.

Hitler is the leading anti-democratic force in the world today.

Hitler is the Fuehrer of all hate mongers in the world today.

Willingly or unwillingly, wittingly or unwittingly:

He who spreads the hatred of one man against another is an agent of Adolf Hitler, aiding and abetting him in his heinous plans against democracy.

He who spreads the hatred of one race against another is an accomplice of Adolf Hitler, world enemy number one.

He who spreads the hatred of one religion against another is an agent of Adolf Hitler.

AMERICANS AWAKE.

THERE IS NO PLACE IN THE ACTIVITIES AND IN THE MINDS OF TRUE AMERICANS FOR THE FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES OF ADOLF HITLER AND HIS AGENTS IN AMERICA.

Americans must stop to remember the Declaration of Independence and the American Bill of Rights.

Americans must ask themselves:

ARE YOU AN AGENT OF ADOLF HITLER?

If you pit one race against another, you are an unwitting agent of Adolf Hitler.

If you pit one religion against another you are an unwitting agent of Adolf Hitler.

If you pit one American against another American you are an agent of Adolf Hitler.

Hate and Intolerance are Adolf Hitler's weapons against Democracy. They are a smokescreen concealing his aims to destroy free speech, free religion and freedom of thought.

Hate and Intolerance are foreign importations from Nazi Germany.

If you are aiding in the spread of hate and intolerance you are aiding Adolf Hitler, the foreign Fuehrer, in his scheme to destroy American Democracy.

**AMERICANS HAVE ONE DUTY!
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SMOKE- SCREEN

A smokescreen is a disguise—a camouflage. During the World War, tanks and cannon were camouflaged as landscapes. In reality, they were used to kill and destroy. Smoke-screens are the lies behind which the Hitlers of the world conceal their real aims and purposes.

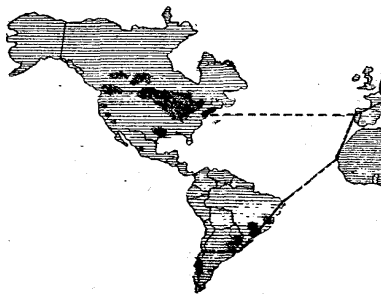
Hitler said the people of Austria and of the Sudetenland are of German descent and belong to Nazi Germany.

This was the smokescreen Hitler used to conceal his conquest of Austria and his land-grab of the Sudeten territory of Czechoslovakia.

The idea that people of German descent everywhere belong to Nazi Germany is the smokescreen which hides Hitler's avowed aim to dominate the world.

Hitler claims there are 37 million people of German descent living outside of Nazi Germany. He says these 37 million people belong to Nazi Germany.

Hitler says: There are 19 million people in the Western Hemisphere of German descent who belong to Nazi Germany.



Hitler's map of the world showing man descent.

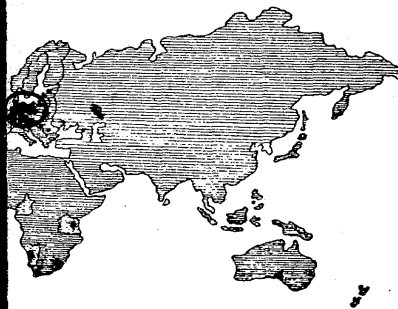
HITLER SAYS THESE PEOPLE

In his aim to dominate the world
NEEDS AND EXPECTS THE COO
MENTAL WILLINGNESS TO SAC
(RACIAL) COMRADES ABROAD.

**HITLER SHALL NOT SUCCEE
NAZI SUDETENLAND!**

Hitler says: There are 500,000 people of German descent living in Canada who belong to Nazi Germany.

Hitler says: There are 12 million people of German descent



ing the distribution of people of Ger-

LE BELONG TO NAZI GERMANY.

Hitler says: "THE NEW GERMANY
OPERATION, THE SPIRITUAL AND
RIFICE ON THE PART OF ALL HER
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ED IN MAKING AMERICA A NEW

living in the United States who
belong to Nazi Germany.

**Hitler says: No matter where
they are born or where they
live, people of German descent
owe their allegiance to Nazi**

**Germany and must aid in rais-
ing Nazi Germany to a domi-
nating position in the world.**

In plain language, this means that
Hitler wants to use the 19 million
people of German descent in the
Western Hemisphere to help him
dominate the Western Hemisphere.

IN PLAIN LANGUAGE:

**HITLER WANTS TO DOMI-
NATE CANADA.**

**HITLER WANTS TO DOMI-
NATE THE UNITED STATES.**

Hitler is trying to make 12,000,000
people of German descent living
in the United States believe that
they belong to Nazi Germany.

THAT IS THE SMOKESCREEN
CONCEALING HITLER'S REAL
AIM TO RULE THE WORLD, AND
TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY.

THAT IS THE EXCUSE HITLER
USES TO FLOOD THE UNITED
STATES WITH PROPAGANDA AT-
TACKING OUR DEMOCRACY.

IT IS THE SMOKESCREEN FOR HITLER'S ATTACK
ON FREE SPEECH, ON FREE RELIGION AND ON
FREE THOUGHT.

NO MATTER WHO YOUR FOREFATHERS WERE
—DON'T BE FOOLED BY HITLER'S SMOKE-
SCREENS.

**TRUE AMERICANS CAN HAVE ONLY ONE
ALLEGIANCE—AMERICA!**

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Age	31—married—two children—Protestant—225 lbs.— 6'2"—no glasses—health perfect.	
Education	Buckley School, N. Y. City; Salisbury School (Church), Salisbury, Conn.; Yale and Columbia in English and Latin (eight years of Latin.)	
Business Record	<p>Patriot Digest, Inc. (political news magazine, nationally distributed through American News Co.)—publisher and editor. Now promoting national sales. Handled incorporation and sale of stock; supervised printing and art work; selected, edited, and proof read contents; wrote editorials and special articles; complete charge of advertising, publicity, and promotion; selected directors and Advisory Board.</p>	
1938-39 Stockholder And Director Profits not Yet Determined		
1936-38 \$7000	<p>A.—Mutual Life Insurance Company, N. Y. City; supervising assistant, agent; member 1937 Field Club; 13th in country for new business June, 1937, and 7th July, 1937.</p> <p>B.—Conceived in New York "Roosevelt for King" and launched movement through Yale University to combat court-packing plan. Literary Digest says, "Swept through 21 universities to the news headlines of the country," reaching front pages of 55 newspapers, from 1 to 8 stories in more than 800 newspapers, carried on A.P. and U.P. news syndicates, and mentioned several times over National Broadcasting Stations, reprinted in London, Rome, and Paris. Publicity idea described by many leading columnists as "most potent attack upon New Deal policies that took place in 1937." Author of resume of movement published by World Digest in book form called "Roosevelt For King" and nationally distributed by American News Company, royalties received on 35,000 copies sold.</p>	
1931-36 \$3120	<p>Associated News Service, N. Y. City—(industrial publicity firm) organizer and partner; solicited and handled publicity campaigns for well known concerns such as Cowperthwaite & sons, Peter Henderson & Co., Kirmayer School for Boys, etc. Successfully placed for publication hundreds of publicity stories; news and fashion photos, magazine articles, and syndicated features for industrial concerns, political groups, patriotic societies. Exhibits available.</p>	
1928-31 \$2860	<p>Riis & Bonner, N. Y. City—(Leading industrial publicity firm)—Account Executive, handled all phases of publicity from contacting clients and press, to writing copy, mat layout, supervising style promotion shows, photography, conceiving news ideas, etc. Worked on such prominent national accounts as: Stehli Silks, Inc.; Pinaud, Inc.; Sterling Silversmiths Guild; Crusaders, Inc.; Studebaker; Irish Linen Guild; Radio City; Hotel St. Regis.</p>	
1927-28 \$1560	<p>A.—"Advertising and Selling Magazine" (trade paper)—news editor—received and analyzed publicity releases, selecting real news; edited department covering changes in personnel.</p> <p>B.—Sold and published several short stories to Street and Smith publications, receiving an average of \$100 per story; viz: "Scarlet Flag," "Across the Nets," and "Big Feet Bailey."</p>	
1926-27	<p>Survey Graphic Magazine—Production Editor; received and corrected submitted articles; re-wrote same; magazine make-up; proof reading.</p>	
Remarks:	<p>Exceptionally qualified in organization and publicity promotion, public speaking, lecturing, and master of ceremonies. Has arranged, given, and managed numerous dinners and mass meetings for social and patriotic personalities, leaders of the city and country. Served upon Advisory Board of American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Americanism Committee Young Men's Board of Trade, Director Allied Patriotic Societies, Vice Chairman Copeland Republican Committee, former member Company K, Seventh Regiment, New York National Guard, member Yale Club of New York, member Sons of Revolution (genealogical society).</p>	
References:	<p>Organization and Promotion— Frederick C. Bellinger, Atty., 2 Rector Street, N.Y.C., Whitehall 4-3080. Frederick R. Marvin, author and lecturer, Ex-Secretary Amer. Coalition, Circle 7-1900. Clarence M. Chauncey, c/o Taylor Bates & Co., 48 Wall Street, Whitehall 4-0825.</p> <p>Insurance— George A. Patton, V-Pres. Mutual Life Ins. Co., 34 Nassau St., N.Y.C., John 4-0900. John Davis, Mgr. Columbus Circle Branch Travelers Ins. Co., Columbus 5-6145. Lawrason Riggs, Jr., Atty., Islein, Riggs, & Ferris, N.Y.C., Rector 2-6375.</p> <p>Public Relations— Charles W. Bonner, partner Riis & Bonner, (see letter) Westport, Conn., 4592. Peter Henderson, Pres. Peter Henderson & Co., 35 Cortlandt St., N.Y.C., Cortlandt 7-7530. Henry Loomis, Adv. Mgr. Cowperthwaite & Sons, 9 Murray St. Barclay 7-7075.</p> <p>Journalistic and Literary— Roger Shaw, Foreign Editor "Review of Reviews" now with "Current History," Hastings 619 A. W. Moore, Editor World Digest, 551 Fifth Avenue, Vanderbilt 5-5544. John W. Kelsey, Cuneo Press, 959 Eighth Avenue, Columbus 5-5544</p> <p>Public Speaking— Major General George Van Horn Moseley, Atlanta Biltmore, Atlanta, Georgia. Charles S. Leeds, 71 Broadway, N.Y.C., Bowling Green 9-7030. John Cecil, 92 Liberty Street, Public Relations Counsel, Rector 2-0432.</p>	

Pulling Together



Pulling Together

The United States of America grew out of the common efforts and sacrifices of men and women of all creeds and all faiths.

The founders of this great Democracy originally came from Europe. Most of them came here to escape tyranny and persecution, and to create for themselves and for their children a haven of peace, freedom and tolerance.

In 1775, 168 years after the first colony was established, the people of America fought a great war to free us from the yoke of oppression.

Side by side, Protestant, Catholic and Jew fought in that war for freedom and equality.

Side by side, Englishmen, Frenchmen, Poles, Germans and Italians fought in that war for liberty and justice.

General George Washington, a Protestant—General John Sullivan, a Catholic—Haym Salomon, a Jew—all fought side by side in the struggle for America's independence.

Marquis de Lafayette, a Frenchman; Colonel Francis Vigo, an Italian; Count Casimir Pulaski, a Pole; Baron Frederick von Steuben, a German—all fought side by side in the heroic struggle for American liberty.

Out of that great effort, out of a common love of liberty, the United States, greatest Democracy in the world, was built.

The brain and brawn, the courage and strength of Protestants, Catholics and Jews—of rich men and poor men—of Englishmen, Frenchmen, Poles, Germans and Italians—were poured into that great struggle to make the United States a beacon of liberty and freedom.

There was no intolerance among those heroes of different nationalities and different creeds. They were united in thought and action in one common cause: liberty and equality for all.



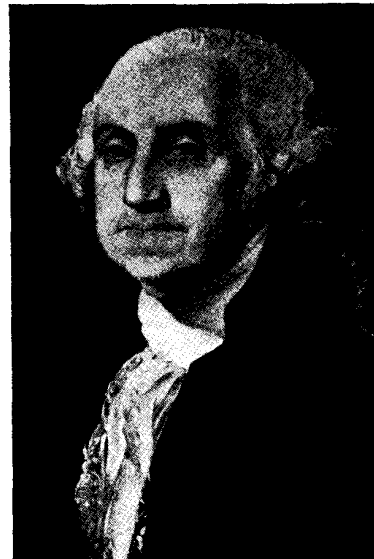
GENERAL JOHN SULLIVAN
An American Catholic



MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE
A Frenchman



HAYM SALOMON
An American Jew



GEORGE WASHINGTON
An American Protestant



BARON VON STEUBEN
A German



COLONEL FRANCIS VIGO
An Italian



COUNT CASIMIR PULASKI
A Pole

Courageous, heroic, liberty lovers of all nationalities and all creeds joined George Washington in the American War for Independence. All of them were prepared to sacrifice "their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor" in the supreme effort to build the United States of America on a granite rock of human equality.

Finally the war was won.

It was not a victory for Protestants alone.

It was not a victory for Catholics alone.

It was not a victory for Jews alone.

It was a victory for all Americans and all lovers of justice fighting side by side, pulling together so that all could enjoy the sacred rights of freedom and liberty.

With this heritage, Americans of today, of all faiths and all creeds, have but one duty:

They must fight side by side. They must pull together to preserve the freedom and liberty for which the heroic founders of our country fought and died.

PROTESTANTS! CATHOLICS! JEWS! PULL TOGETHER!

RESIST THE SPREADERS OF HATRED AND INTOLERANCE!

RESIST THE DISRUPTERS AND DESTROYERS OF DEMOCRACY!

RESIST THE FOREIGN, UN-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA OF NAZI GERMANY, FASCIST ITALY, AND COMMUNIST RUSSIA!

AMERICANS! WORK TOGETHER TO PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE OF LIBERTY.

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June 14, 1939

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Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Time 5:25 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: FRITZ KUHN

SAC Bugas called and advised [redacted] that with your permission he had contacted [redacted] the Ford Motor Company and [redacted] furnished the following information relative to Fritz Kuhn.

According to information in the Ford files Fritz Kuhn was hired originally on June 2, 1930. At this time he worked in the Heat Treatment Department at a rate of 87½ cents per hour or \$7.00 per day. He was recommended by one [redacted] Kuhn was laid off from the Heat Treatment Department on August 25, 1930. He returned February 5, 1931 as a chemist in the main laboratory and at this time was recommended by an individual named [redacted] He received a leave of absence on July 27, 1936. A further notation indicates that his record was cleared and his leave expired on January 14, 1937.

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The record further shows that Mr. Fritz Kuhn was employed at Henry Ford Hospital from August 20, 1928 to December 12, 1929 at which time he was laid off. According to the record, the reason for his being laid off was due to the fact that he was too familiar with the female employees and gave the impression that he was a doctor. [redacted] elaborated on this by stating that Kuhn was a "queer".

[redacted] advised Mr. Bugas that the Attorney General wanted the above information relative to Fritz Kuhn.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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TITLE FRITZ KUHN			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY; IMMIGRATION; NATURALIZATION.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REINHOLD SPITZ and his wife interviewed at this office. She corroborates in part the information set out in SPITZ'S affidavit. Both definitely identify FRITZ KUHN, the leader of the German-American Bund as the man they knew in Munich, Germany. Neither of them ever saw him in jail or on trial. SPITZ says he actually saw KUHN steal woolen cloth from bolt at his factory and give it to an accomplice. [redacted] employed by American Jewish Committee, is endeavoring arrange interview with a woman in Detroit who can furnish information about KUHN'S record here. [redacted] interviewed; says [redacted] and believes him to be honest and truthful and of good reputation.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 5/14/39, at New York City.

DETAILS:

REINHOLD SPITZ and his wife were interviewed at this office on May 9, 1939. He was shown the affidavit allegedly made by him, which was furnished to this office by [redacted] and he stated that [redacted] in the matter and that the affidavit had been made by him, SPITZ, and was true in every detail.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Dwight Brantley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 4 - New York cc - Criminal Division - 7-15-39	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">61 7594 34</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">JUN 12 AM</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">JUN 16 1939</div>
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He was shown a group photograph, made by [redacted] showing what purports to be the so-called Ordnungsdienst of the German-american Bund, and SPITZ and his wife both identified FRITZ KUHN, seated third from left in the front row, as being the same FRITZ KUHN to whom they had reference and who is mentioned in the affidavit. They likewise identified the photograph of KUHN taken by [redacted] Pictures, Inc., and labeled "Pictures Inc. [redacted] L.I. on June 13, 1937. FRITZ KUHN. RHJr", and the photograph taken by World Wide Photos, Inc., labeled in part "874491 AMERICAN-GERMAN BUND'S NEW JERSEY CAMP OPENS. ANDOVER, N.J." and dated s-7/18/37 (s). In addition they stated they had seen the FRITZ KUHN who is the head of the German-American Bund, and definitely identify him as the man whom they knew from boyhood in Munich, Germany, and who is mentioned in the affidavit.

Mrs. REINHOLD SPITZ stated that she came to the United States in December, 1936, on the S. S. "Queen Mary", through the Port of New York, as a visitor. She stayed here six months, then went to Havana, Cuba. She stayed there one week, and then came back to the United States, on the T.E.L. "Oriente", of the Ward Line. She had made applications for naturalization. She states she was born at Meiningen, Germany, and lived at Munich from 1902 until she left to come to the United States. She was living there with her husband.

She first met FRITZ KUHN about 1910 at the home of friends named ELKAN. Mr. ELKAN was a certified public accountant in business at Munich, and was a cousin of SPITZ. FRITZ KUHN at that time was in High School at Munich. ELKAN had a son about the same age as FRITZ KUHN and they were friends. The ELKAN and KUHN families were also friends together. Both ELKAN and his wife passed away about 1925 or 1926. Their three children are believed to be living at Olcheing, a suburb of Munich. It is noted that there were three KUHN children, and the ages were more or less similar with those of the ELKAN children. The oldest ELKAN child is a girl; the second, the boy who was "pals" with FRITZ KUHN, took over the accounting business of his father and presumably now conducts it. Mrs. SPITZ heard the FRITZ KUHN case mentioned in conversation at the ELKAN home and met KUHN on many occasions when he was employed at her husband's factory and she had occasion to call on her husband there.

SPITZ states that after the original arrest of KUHN, ELKAN went to the local newspapers and had the matter kept out of the

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papers or carried with an incomplete name, "Fritz K.". But the Socialist paper "Munchner Post", and the Catholic paper "Munich Tageblatt", both carried the story in full detail and with the full name.

As to KUHN, SPITZ says he was not anti-Semitic at that time. He was for whatever he could get paid for. He had a weak character. Neither SPITZ nor his wife ever saw FRITZ KUHN on trial in Court or in jail. They state that ELKAN and his wife both mentioned occasions when they visited FRITZ KUHN at the jail. He served his time, SPITZ states, in the Stadelheim Prison at Munich.

Supplementing the information set forth in the affidavit, SPITZ states that his factory was located at No. 40, Augusten Strasse, Munich. It was a three story building and bolts of woolen material were stored on the first floor. It was KUHN'S job, as shipping clerk, to bring the bolts from the first floor to the third floor where the tailors were working. On that floor the elevator was outside of the work room, and there was an entrance by stairs from the street to the hall into which the elevator opened. The elevator was intended only for freight carrying. SPITZ stated that it was KUHN'S practice, on reaching the third floor with a bolt of woolen material, to take a shears and cut off a piece of the goods and his accomplice, - - - - [redacted] who was not an employee of the factory, would come up the stairs and carry away the pieces which KUHN cut from the bolts. [redacted] wife also helped to carry away some of this material.

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SPITZ says that in the course of the business he and his associates began to notice that bolts of goods, when expended in manufacture, would not produce as many yards as the record tag showed. They made an inquiry, first suspecting the tailors, but finally decided that what was missing must have been removed while the goods were moving from the first to the third floor, or between the stock room and the work room. After watching for a time, SPITZ observed through a small window in the work room door that KUHN was cutting off material and giving it to [redacted] This occurred in 1920 or 1921, SPITZ does not remember the month or date.

[redacted] of the factory also observed this same incident. SPITZ called KUHN into his

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private office and sent for ELKAN and KUHN'S father. KUHN was dismissed immediately and his father took him away with him. At that time KUHN was about 25 years of age.

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KUHN'S father is the owner of a small commercial printing plant, and is still living as is also his mother. KUHN'S brother [redacted] at Berlin. The other boy is still going to college, but not at Munich. SPITZ does not know if KUHN served in the Army during the war. Also they do not know if he was in the first Hitler Putsch at Munich. They were there and saw it happen, but they do not remember seeing FRITZ KUHN; there were many young people involved and there was a lot of excitement.

SPITZ'S business was the "Alspitz Werke, REINHOLD SPITZ G.M.B.H., Munchen, Angustenstrasse 40."

At the time of the litigation between [redacted] and FRITZ KUHN, in Brooklyn Magistrate's Court, SPITZ and his wife went to the court at the request of [redacted] and there both SPITZ and his wife identified FRITZ KUHN as the man they knew in Munich. SPITZ mentioned that at that time a private detective, [redacted] was also at the court and he wanted to talk with them after the hearing, but they refused to have anything to do with him. Later he telephoned them but they did not have any further contact with him. [redacted] gave his address as [redacted] telephone [redacted] has been active in connection with organizations allegedly fighting the Bund, possibly the German-American League for Culture - GJS).

In connection with this matter Agent called on [redacted] [redacted] German language newspaper "Neue Volkszeitung" [redacted] to inquire if he had any information regarding this alleged criminal record of FRITZ KUHN. [redacted] had no independent information on the subject. He suggested interviewing three refugees, namely, a man who uses the name [redacted] the American Jewish Committee, and who is understood to have accumulated much information on KUHN, [redacted]

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[] stated that he knows a woman in Detroit, Michigan, who might be willing to tell what she knows about KUHN'S bad record in this country. [] is writing to her to see if she will be agreeable to an interview. He would not furnish her name without her permission. He indicated that early next week he would make an appointment for himself to meet this Agent at [] office, at which time he would disclose all the information he has himself about KUHN. [] is a bit peculiar about being interviewed at the office of the American Jewish Committee, which he states has nothing to do with this matter, as "it is a serious committee", while this information has been accumulated by [] as a personal matter. Even as he made the arrangement to write to the woman at Detroit and to tentatively discuss an appointment for next week with this Agent, he preceded it by saying in substance, "Now, we are not in this office and you are talking not to an employee of the Committee - no, we are away from this office, and you are talking to [] personally".

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[] was interviewed and stated that he had been a practicing attorney in Munich for many years, conducting a large law office there. REINHOLD SPITZ'S firm was one of the clients of the firm, which represented it on several occasions. So far as he knows SPITZ is a man of very good reputation for honesty and truthfulness. He states that SPITZ had a large business, which consisted of a clothing factory and a store. He does state that SPITZ feels very bitter about the matter of the NAZI authority which forced him out of business and out of the country.

[] has absolutely no knowledge of KUHN, and states that he must have been a very insignificant person, which would also be true of his family, otherwise, [] states, he surely would have met him and heard of him. [] states he had a two volume history of the Munich "Putsch", and he will bring it to his office and look through to see if there is a mention of FRITZ KUHN. He will also make some inquiries to see if he can find out of anyone here who might know of the incident leading up to the criminal record.

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Inquiry of the U.S. Despatch Service at New York City discloses that [] whom SPITZ mentions as a reference, []

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[REDACTED] but the hour of arrival is not known at this time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK OFFICE will follow up inquiries through [REDACTED] for further information to locate someone who has knowledge of the incidents related by SPITZ.

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- Miss Gandy

'Dead' Bund Treasurer May Be Alive

A strange chain of circumstances surrounding the death and burial of Richard J. Mettin, national treasurer of the Fritz Kuhn controlled German-American Bund, a month ago, was being investigated by the Department of Justice last night, according to The Hour, official publication of the American Council Against Nazi Propaganda, Inc., 11 W. 42d St.

The periodical set forth there is considerable doubt that the man who died in St. Vincent's Hospital, Clifton, S. I., last May 16, was really Mettin, discredited as a key figure in the current official investigation of Kuhn and his Bund's activities.

A number of witnesses, according to The Hour, saw Mettin, in apparently good health, at the luncheon given at the Hotel Astor for Senator Robert R. Reynolds, of North Carolina, on May 6—the same day on which he was supposed to have been stricken.

The St. Vincent's Hospital victim was taken from the Mettin home, at 29 Norwood Ave., Clifton, by Dr. Henry Briggan, a prominent Staten Island physician, who found the patient suffering from septicemia, a blood infection, originating in a cheek gland.

Upon his death, Dr. Briggan, who never before had known Mettin or members of his family, filed a death certificate, and on the following day the body was cremated in a Linden, N. J., crematory.

"The treasurer of the Bund," stated The Hour, "and ~~the~~ ~~treasurer~~

of the Bund newspaper, Mettin was in excellent position to know of manipulations in funds allged to have occurred during Kuhn's reign as fuehrer.

"... Mettin was the key witness in the case being pressed by Commissioner of Investigations Herlands, and he 'talked' during two months of closed-door hearings..."

The article then speculates:

"Could Mettin be alive, but

someone else substituted for when he is most needed talk?"

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Sift Claims Bund Misused the Mails

New York—Fritz Kuhn, der furious fuehrer and his German-un-American Bund have something new to worry about. J. Edgar Hoover's G-men have taken a hand in American democracy's case against them, and thus Kuhn's indictment for embezzling \$14,500 from the Bund becomes the lesser of his troubles.

According to The Hour, publication of the American Council Against Nazi Propaganda, the Bund's latest difficulties are caused by "its continual violation of its second class mailing franchise."

This franchise prohibits transportation of newspapers to zones other than those in which they are printed when such transportation is done to avoid payment of mailing fees.

For the past few years, according to The Hour, the Bund has been publishing its official organ, Der Weckruf and Beobachter, in four editions.

All four editions are published at Philadelphia, but each is marked individually for Philadelphia, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Each has a separate masthead carrying the name of the city for which it is intended despite the fact that all are printed in Germantown, a Philadelphia suburb.

Last year, according to reports, the government lost more than \$40,000,000 on second class mailing franchises, through similar dishonesties of various publications.

The government is not too eager to be punished by the Bund to the extent of thousands of dollars a year as has been the Nazi practice up to now.

The Bund beats the law by shipping its papers to the part of the country for which they are intended, by truck.

But the government has already taken the first steps to halt what practically amounts to a federal subsidy of Hitler's agents; it set FBI men and post office inspectors to work in a broad investigation of the Bund's practice.

Such is the latest headache of the Bund, already literally showered with law suits and Kuhn's indictment and arrest for embezzlement.

In addition it faces the possible indictment of all Kuhn's lieutenants.

New York's ace racket buster — Dist. Atty. Thomas E. Dewey — is reliably reported to be preparing to go before a grand jury for the purpose of securing additional indictments at an early date.

"The charges of stealing and other transgressions are not exactly a new element in the little Fuehrer's life," according to The Hour. "As may be seen from the record on file in U. S. Dist. Atty. John T. Cahill's office, Herr Kuhn served a prison term in Germany in 1921 for theft."

"The record," the publication continues, "may be used

by the government to deprive the Bund leader of his American citizenship on the grounds that he concealed his criminal past at the time he became a naturalized citizen in 1934.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

June 12, 1939

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Time: 12:03 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: FRITZ KUHN

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[redacted] of the State Department called and inquired
as to whether we had received a decision from the Attorney General
relative to the information they were to send back to Munich.

[redacted] was informed that this matter had been taken up with
the Attorney General by you and that we would notify that
Department immediately upon a decision being made by the
Attorney General. [redacted] stated they would transmit this
information immediately upon receipt of the same.

Respectfully,

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May 9, 1939.

Memorandum for Mr. Hoover.

Notes on

~~Cancellation of Naturalization Certificates~~

Proceedings to set aside and cancel a certificate of citizenship on the ground of fraud or on the ground that such certificate was illegally procured, may be maintained by the United States in the district courts (U. S. Code, Title 8, Section 405).

Among the requirements for naturalization is the renouncing and abjuring of all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty (U. S. Code, Title 8, Section 381), and proof of the attachment to the principles of the United States (Id. Section 382). A showing that at the time he was naturalized the applicant did not in good faith renounce or abjure his foreign allegiance, or was not sincerely attached to the principles of the Constitution, is sufficient to justify a revocation of the naturalization. Moreover, proof of subsequent statements or acts may be sufficient ground on which to base such a conclusion.

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On the other hand, the decisions of the courts seem to indicate that proof of that character must be clear and convincing, since naturalization may not be revoked on evidence of an ambiguous or nebulous nature.

Thus in Glaser v. United States, (C.C.A.7th) 289 Fed. 255, the court said:

"Subsequent acts and declarations of appellant were properly admitted as tending to disclose his state of mind when he signed his petition for naturalization."

In United States v. Kramer, (C.C.A.5th) 262 Fed. 395, the citizenship of a German who was naturalized in 1912 was revoked on the ground that it appeared that in 1917 he was carrying on activities as a German spy, and had been guilty of pro-German remarks.

In Schurmann v. United States, (C.C.A.9th) 264 Fed. 917, a German who had been naturalized in 1904 made strong pro-German utterances in 1916 and 1917. On the strength of the evidence of such utterances, his naturalization was revoked.

On the other hand, the same court in United States v. Woerndle, 288 Fed. 47, declined to cancel the naturalization of a German who had made some pro-German utterances while this country was neutral, but who conducted himself as a loyal American citizen after this country entered the World War.

In United States v. Herberger, (W.D. Wash.)

272 Fed. 278, the naturalization of a German who had become a citizen in 1912 was revoked because in September 1917, he wrote a letter to his sister in Germany manifesting strong pro-German sympathies and ridiculing the American attitude toward the World War.

In United States v. Darmer, (W.D. Wash.) 249

Fed. 989, a German was naturalized in 1888. In 1917 he declined to buy Liberty Bonds on the ground that to do so "would be the same as kicking his own mother". The court held that such language showed loyalty and allegiance to Germany, rather than to the United States, and denied a motion to dismiss the petition for cancellation of a certificate of naturalization.

Perhaps the most extreme case is United States v. Wursterbarth, (D.C. N.J.) 249 Fed. 908. That case involved a German who had been naturalized in 1882. Shortly after this country entered the World War, he declined to contribute money to the Red Cross on the ground that he would do nothing to injure the country in which he had been born, brought up and educated. At a later date, he stated that he would give no money to send soldiers to the country where he was born and educated. On another

occasion he stated that he did not want America to win the war, as he had relatives in Germany. In spite of the fact that 35 years had elapsed between the time of his naturalization and the date of these statements, the court held that they disclosed the fact that he had not been naturalized in good faith. His naturalization was revoked.

The foregoing cases show, however, that in every instance in which naturalization was revoked the statements made by the naturalized citizens were unequivocal and absolutely inconsistent with bona fide attachment to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, or a renunciation of prior allegiance. It is reasonable to assume that if the statements, though regarded as reprehensible by most people in this country, are, nevertheless, not necessarily inconsistent or irreconcilable with allegiance to this country, naturalization may not be revoked. As was stated in United States v. Woerndel, supra, "Citizenship, once bestowed upon proceedings in the Federal courts, should not be lightly taken away." In that case the court also indicated that the proof should be clear and convincing.

It must also be born in mind that each of the foregoing cases in which naturalization was revoked, the persons' misconduct occurred while this country was at war, and such persons had been subjects of the enemy country before their naturalization. The only possible exception is the case of Glaser v. United States, supra, which does not contain a summary of the facts. The natural tendency would probably be to hold an alien who had been a subject or a citizen of the country with which the United States was at war to the strictest possible adherence to the requirements of good faith.

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UNITED STATES CODE ANNOTATED
Title 8 - Aliens and Citizenship

VALIDATING OR CANCELING NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATES

Sec. 405. Cancellation of certificates of citizenship fraudulently or illegally procured; aliens returning to country of nativity or residing permanently in foreign country; certified copy of order canceling certificate.

It shall be the duty of the United States district attorney for the respective districts, or the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Naturalization, upon affidavit ^H showing good cause therefor, to institute proceedings in any court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens in the judicial district in which the naturalized citizen may reside at the time of bringing the suit, for the purpose of setting aside and canceling the certificate of citizenship on the ground of fraud or on the ground that such certificate of citizenship was illegally procured. In any such proceedings the party holding the certificate of citizenship alleged to have been fraudulently or illegally procured shall have sixty days personal notice in which to make answer to the petition of the United States; * * * *

Note 32. Mental reservation of former allegiance.- It is not necessary that a naturalized citizen be shown to be guilty of treason, in order to show that he is not and has not been loyal or attached to the country and its principles and devoted to its welfare, so as to justify the cancellation of his naturalization certificate. U.S. v. Herberger (D.C.Wash. 1921) 272 F. 278.

Where respondent, a native of Germany, was admitted to citizenship, proof that, when the United States and Germany engaged in war, many years later, respondent desired a German success, and recognized allegiance to Germany superior to that due the United States, warrants cancellation of his certificate of citizenship, on ground that it was procured by fraud, in that his oath to renounce allegiance to any foreign sovereignty was false. U.S. v. Wursterbarth (D.C.N.J. 1918) 249 F. 908.

In a suit to cancel for fraud a certificate of citizenship, issued in 1904, to an alien of German birth, his utterances during the years 1916 and 1917, showing that his feelings were entirely on the side of Germany as against the United States and the other countries at war with Germany, held to show that he swore falsely that he absolutely and entirely renounced and abjured all allegiance and fidelity to the German government and its emperor. Schurmann v. U.S. (C.C.A. Hawaii 1920) 264 F. 917.

In U.S. v. Herberger (W.D. Wash. 1921) 272 F. 278, the certificate of naturalization issued to the defendant, a person of German birth, was canceled on the ground of disloyalty existing at the time of making his application. A like ruling was made in U.S. v. Darmer (D.C. Wash. 1918) 249 F. 989.

Note 35 * * In a suit to cancel a certificate of naturalization granted to an alien on the ground of fraud, in that he deceived the court with respect to his belief in organized government and his adherence to the principles of the Constitution, his subsequent acts and declarations are admissible as tending to show his state of mind when he made his application. Glaser v. U.S. (C.C.A. Ind. 1923) 289 F. 255, certiorari denied (1923) 44 S.Ct. 6, 263 U.S. 700, 68 L. Ed. 513. See, to similar effect, U.S. v. Olsson (D.C. Wash. 1912) 196 F. 562, reversed, without opinion Olsson v. U.S. (C.C.A. 1913) 201 F. 1022.

Above is mere outline of the law, and accompanying facts are barest and most fragmentary indication of overwhelming proof.

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Time: 2:55 p.m.

May 12, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: FRITZ KUHN

I called Agent [] at New York in connection with the obtaining of information which will subject Kuhn to deportation.

5 [] was advised that the Department is considering whether Kuhn is subject to deportation for having a mental reservation in taking his citizenship papers and that you wanted him to contact [] to see if he has any documentary evidence of utterances or publications emanating from Kuhn which would indicate a primary allegiance to Germany. I told [] that Rosen had suggested that some of [] newspaper articles in which he quotes Kuhn might be of interest.

I also advised Agent [] that a [] of Washington had informed you that one [] of New York probably had some very valuable information relative to Kuhn. According to [] some of the Jewish interests in New York and formerly was connected with the Anti-Nazi League. [] is acquainted with [] and I suggested that he might mention the name of [] as having suggested that we contact []

I advised [] that the Agents at the Bureau are preparing a memorandum showing the date and place of Kuhn's naturalization and information of that nature and that should he have any ideas, he should call Rosen.

With respect to the theory that Kuhn's deportation may be effected by showing that he had a mental reservation of allegiance at the time the Oath of Allegiance to the United States was taken, I mentioned the decisions that have been handed down in this respect, particularly the revoking of a man's citizenship because he refused to contribute to the American Red Cross during the War. In this connection [] is of the opinion that this decision has been overruled. He referred to the time in 1920 when there were about a thousand radicals or so rounded up on Immigration

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warrants for deportation and the dismissal of their cases through the efforts of Louis Post. They were dismissed on the theory that it must be proved that a person had the mental reservation at the time he entered the country or took his naturalization, and that it cannot be said that because a man is a communist now that he was such at the time of his naturalization.

I also informed [] of the effort being made to verify a criminal record of Kuhn in Munich through the State Department. [] for the next two days is to devote his efforts to obtaining information of the above character.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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May 15, 1939

MEMO FOR MR. E.A. TAMM

RE: Fritz Kuhn

Time: 5:15 p.m.

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At this time [redacted] called me, stating that he has contacted [redacted] who has stated that he can dig out of his publications, both English and German, statements of Fritz Kuhn which might bear upon deportation, and withdrawal of his naturalization. He said that the German articles will have to be submitted to the Bureau for translation. [redacted] wants \$120.00 for his efforts, and believes he can get the material out in the next three or four days. [redacted] said he thought he could get [redacted] down to \$100 on this if the Bureau thinks it is worth while.

[redacted] wants to be advised as to how the Bureau feels on this score. I told him I would bring it to your attention, and we would let him know.

s/ [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Under date of May 31, 1939, the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, Department of Labor, requested an investigation concerning the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, Inc. It was pointed out that this organization prematurely released data which the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization was to use in connection with its contemplated denaturalization of FRITZ KUHN. These data pertain to the arrest and conviction of Fritz Kuhn in 1921 when he was a student at the University of Munich, at which time he was charged with stealing overcoats of fellow students. It will be remembered that the informant in connection with this criminal record of Fritz Kuhn is Reinhold Spitz.

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In July of 1935 [redacted] the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, Inc., set forth in a signed affidavit at New York City the following information concerning this organization:

"That in May, 1933, a group of Jewish journalists, business and professional men, believing that the rise to power of the Hitler Government in Germany and its persecution of the German Jewish population was a matter of vital concern to Jews the world over and particularly in the United States, banded together and formed the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights, Inc., for the purpose of aiding their co-religionists in Germany. It was decided that the most effective method to insure a restitution of its former rights and privileges to the German Jewish community, was by means of a boycott of German goods and services until such rights had been restored and all religious and racial persecutions ended.

In July 1933, Mr. Samuel Untermyer, who had become

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"interested in the movement, was elected President of the League. Immediately plans were formulated for an expansion of the League's activities, and literature was prepared and conferences and mass meetings were held to bring home to the public the dangers of Hitlerism and to gain their support for the League's activities.

In December, 1933, it was further decided, in view of the many acts of aggression and brutality on the part of the Hitler Government against Labor, the Masonic orders, women's groups, and the protestant and Catholic churches, to broaden the scope of the League's activities and enlist the assistance of all Americans, regardless of racial origin or religion in combatting Hitlerism and in aiding the oppressed racial and religious groups of Germany by arousing the humane instincts of world opinion. The League was therefore reorganized to appeal strongly to non-Jewish as well as to Jewish groups and a successor (the present) organization was formed under the name of the NONSECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE TO CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS, INC. with a Board of Directors and officers representing all faiths, which are as follows:

Directors

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Dr. A. Coralnik
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J. David Stern
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Hon. Arthur S. Tompkins	Vice President
J. David Stern	Treasurer
Louis Myers	Acting Treasurer
G. E. Harriman	Executive Secretary.

A charter was applied for and granted to the organization as a non-profit corporation, organized for humanitarian, charitable purposes under the laws of the State of New York.

The objects of the League were stated as follows:

- To champion human rights;
- To foster the principles of justice and liberty;
- To foster the principles of American democracy in the United States;
- To combat religious and racial discrimination and oppression, and to collect and disburse such funds as may be necessary for that purpose; and
- To do such other acts and things as may lawfully be done by a corporation organized for charitable purposes under the laws of the State of New York.

The League functions along humanitarian lines. Its purpose is to bring home to the American people the horrors of Hitlerism, its absolute negation of all that the people of this country hold dear, its suppression of all liberty of thought and action. The League labors constantly to create sympathy for the victims of Nazism, to make public opinion vocal and forceful on this subject and to thereby aid the oppressed and persecuted German groups.

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"The proponents of the League conceive that all other known methods of alleviating the sufferings of persecuted Christians (Catholic and protestant alike), Jews, Masonic bodies, Labor and women's groups, by the present Nazi government of Germany having absolutely failed the pressure of 'Economic Sanctions' provided in the Covenant of the League of Nations and better known as the 'boycott', should be adopted by every right thinking individual in this country (and in the world at large) against the products and services of that country, until its Government abandons its policy of brutal persecution of our brethren of all faiths and affiliations.

That this membership corporation was organized and is operated exclusively for charitable, humanitarian and educational purposes and no part of its net receipts inures to the benefit of any shareholder or individual.

That in carrying out its activities the League has found substitutes for many articles of merchandise previously imported from Germany, thereby fostering American industry. Largely through the League's efforts, many manufactured articles formerly imported from Germany are now being made in this country, - a case in point being the surgical-instrument industry, wherein American manufacturers have now replaced German-made instruments to a large extent. Where, prior to the boycott, eighty per cent of all such instruments sold in this country were of German origin, today 25% emanate from Germany.

The League has also found for importers interested, sources of supply in Japan, Poland and other countries. Its main purpose, however, is to substitute American for German merchandise and the League only recommends foreign sources of supply where no American source can be found. In connection with these activities the League maintains a Research Bureau devoted entirely to these purposes, whose services are rendered entirely without charge to American manufacturers, importers and dealers."

From other material contained in Bureau files it appears that to date the objectives, directors and officers of this organization have not changed. It might be stated that the official

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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

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June 5, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Under date of May 31, 1939, the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, Department of Labor, requested an investigation concerning the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, Inc. It was pointed out that this organization prematurely released data which the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization was to use in connection with its contemplated denaturalization of FRITZ KUHN. These data pertain to the arrest and conviction of Fritz Kuhn in 1921 when he was a student at the University of Munich, at which time he was charged with stealing overcoats of fellow students. It will be remembered that the informant in connection with this criminal record of Fritz Kuhn is Rheinhold Spitz. b7C

In July of 1935

Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, Inc., set forth in a signed affidavit at New York City the following information concerning this organization:

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June 10, 1939

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Honorable James Houghteling
Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of Labor
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Commissioner:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 31, 1939, setting forth information concerning the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, Inc.

I want to advise you that while there does not seem to be any basis upon which to initiate an investigation concerning the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, Inc., I am enclosing herewith a memorandum dated June 10, 1939, setting forth some information contained in the files of this Bureau relative to this organization.

I want to express to you my sincere appreciation for your interest and courtesy in having directed your letter to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE TO CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS, INC.

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RE FRITZ KUHN

Commissioner Houghteling, Immigration Service advises of information received concerning criminal record of KUHN.

Data from one Spitz now being investigated by the Consular Service in Germany.

Gives data re a so-called Anti-Nazi League in which he thinks the Justice Dep't might be interested.

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News from the NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE To Champion Human Rights, Inc., 20 W. 47th Street, New York, Medallion 3-2720. For immediate release, May 8, 1939. ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE seeks deportation of Fritz Kuhn.

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Action pending toward criminal prosecution and possible deportation of Fritz Kuhn, Nazi Bund leader, was inaugurated today by the NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE.

A sworn statement, given to the LEAGUE, by a former German employer of Kuhn in Munich, has been placed in the hands of Charles Miller, Assistant District Director of Immigration & Naturalization, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U. S. District Attorney's office.

The statement was sworn by Mr. Rheinhold Spitz, a German refugee from Munich, now residing at 475 Central Park West. Mr. Spitz, who lived in Munich more than 50 years, was the founder and owner of a large clothing manufacturing firm located on the same street as Kuhn's father's business. He was a man of means and position who was forced to flee Germany because of being part-Jewish and his democratic political beliefs.

Mr. Spitz swears that in 1921 Fritz Kuhn was a student of chemistry at the University of Munich. While there, Kuhn was arrested, tried, and convicted of stealing overcoats of fellow-students. He was sentenced to 4 months in Stadelheim Prison which he served. When he was released, a mutual friend of the Spitz and Kuhn families came to Mr. Spitz and asked him to give Fritz Kuhn another chance to an honest living. Out of sympathy, Spitz employed Kuhn as a shipping clerk. After four months, Spitz discovered Kuhn had stolen merchandise worth more than 3,000 marks. When the theft was discovered, Kuhn's father and a mutual friend who had gotten him the job, visited Spitz and begged him not to disclose it publicly. The three discussed the matter and it was decided to send Fritz Kuhn out of Germany to avoid further disgrace. All three contributed to a fund which purchased Kuhn's passage to Mexico in 1922. He entered this country in 1928 and became a naturalized citizen in 1934.

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It is the contention of the ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE that these facts, if established by the Government, make Fritz Kuhn twice guilty of perjury and liable to deportation as an undesirable alien as he twice denied his criminal record in Germany, --first when he entered this country from Mexico, and second when he applied for and received his citizenship papers.

Believing that this information will probably expose Mr. Spitz, who is a man of 65, to threats and possible violence, the ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE has written to Police Commissioner Louis J. Valentine asking him to take appropriate steps to insure Mr. Spitz's personal safety.

(The above was transcribed by me from an ediphone record - AP)

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To:
From:

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This morning, A Mr. Reinhold Spitz, a former resident of Munich, Germany, visited the League, giving me the following information which I consider of the utmost importance.

Mr. Spitz informed me: he arrived in New York on December 27, 1937, as a regular immigrant. He submitted his immigration identification card, #2560413, proving that he arrived as a regular immigrant on that date. Mr. Spitz is a native of Austria, born February 13, 1873 and became a subject of the German Reich in 1896.

Mr. Spitz submitted a German-written document issued by the Imperial Bavarian Ministry of State, Subdivision Foreign Office, dated, Munich 12/29/1917, which honored him with the German title of Commerzienrat which freely translated in English is the equivalent of what Americans would call a 'merchant prince'.

Mr. Spitz resided fifty years in Munich. He was the founder and owner of a sports good and clothing factory employing more than 500 people. For fifteen years prior to the Hitler regime in Germany, Mr. Spitz was President of a democratic organization. Because of these political activities he was compelled to leave Germany in 1937. He is at present residing at 475 Central Park West, New York, N.Y.; his home telephone is AC 4-3325.

Mr. Spitz has extraordinarily important information regarding Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund.

Mr. Spitz informs us that Fritz Kuhn has a criminal record in Germany, a fact which, he states, is entirely unknown to the authorities in this country. Mr. Spitz has stated positively he would be willing to testify under oath as to the veracity of this statement. Mr. Spitz has known Fritz Kuhn since 1900. Spitz's business establishment and that of Kuhn's father were adjacent to each other on the same street in Munich. While he was a student of chemistry at the University of Munich in 1921, Fritz Kuhn was accused of stealing coats from the students on the campus of the university. He was arrested, convicted and sentenced to four months in prison. Upon the expiration of the prison term Fritz Kuhn with his father visited the office of Mr. Spitz. In this connection Mr. Spitz mentioned the name of a Mr. Elkan, a Certified Public Accountant, who is now dead. Mr. Elkan was a close friend of the Kuhn family and a cousin of Mr. Spitz's.

This is mentioned only that in the event Fritz Kuhn will be questioned on this matter, he would probably remember the name of Mr. Elkan.

At the time of the expiration of his prison term, Kuhn was about 24 years old. On the occasion when Kuhn with his father visited Mr. Spitz, they implored him to give Fritz a job in his establishment so that his career in life might not be entirely wrecked. Mr. Spitz feeling sympathy for the young Kuhn employed him as a shipping clerk. After four months of work, Mr. Spitz discovered that Fritz Kuhn had stolen goods amounting to more than three thousand German marks. When the theft was discovered, Fritz Kuhn's father and Mr. Elkan visited Mr. Spitz and begged him not to bring the theft to the attention of the authorities. These

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three men discussed the situation and all contributed to a fund which enabled Fritz Kuhn to flee the disgrace of a second prosecution for theft and to emigrate to Mexico. Mr. Spitz himself contributed 100 marks to this fund.

Mr. Spitz informs me he can give the names of many individuals still living in Munich who can corroborate his statements. He further said his own integrity will be vouched for by his old friend [redacted]

The only other person cognizant of these facts, Mr. Spitz assured me, is Attorney [redacted]

Mr. Spitz gave substantially the same information he has given us to [redacted] when he read in the paper that [redacted] was bringing a libel action in Magistrate's Court against Fritz Kuhn. Mr. Spitz was in Court and ready to testify to the above statements, but was not called to the witness stand as the libel case against Kuhn was thrown out of Court for lack of evidence. At that time, [redacted] introduced Mr. Spitz to the District Attorney to whom he repeated his information. In the preliminary examination, the attorney prosecuting questioned Fritz Kuhn as to whether he had been prosecuted or had a criminal record in Germany. Kuhn answered "no" which is a matter of Court record in the Brooklyn Magistrate's Court where the arraignment was held.

It is my impression that there are grounds to seek the deportation of Fritz Kuhn for two reasons:

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1. that perjured himself upon his entry into this country from Mexico and
2. that he perjured himself a second time in applying for and receiving Citizenship Papers as a naturalized American Citizen.

I leave this information in your hands for your further consideration.

(sgd) REINHOLD SPITZ

(The following is written in pen & ink)

Signed April 25, 1939
(Witnesses) -

(sgd)
(sgd)

P. S. For your information, Mr. Spitz is, as you can see, an old gentleman of sixty-six years, of the highest type of pre-war German; he is a scholarly old man, the author of a book on World Anti-Semitism and there is no doubt in my mind as to his utter sincerity and trustworthiness. He tells me he will be available for us at any time we may wish to get in touch with him.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Fletcher Warren

My dear Mr. Secretary:

This will confirm conversation had by [redacted] of this Bureau, with [redacted] today, furnishing the following suggested verbage in making a request of the German authorities in Munich for the criminal record of Fritz Kuhn:

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"The information is desired in connection with an investigation of the proceeding by which Fritz Kuhn became a naturalized citizen of the United States, more especially to determine the accuracy of the statements contained in his petition for naturalization."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: FRITZ KUHN

With reference to the attached memorandum, dated June 7, 1939, Judge Holtzoff suggested that the following phraseology be furnished [redacted] of the State Department:

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Judge Holtzoff further stated that it might be well to inform [redacted] verbally that he might care to advise the German authorities that court records in the United States are a matter of public record which can be seen by citizens who so desire.

Respectfully,

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Please advise suggested.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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June 7, 1939

Time: 3:43 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: FRITZ KUHN

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[redacted] of the State Department called to advise a telegram has been received from the American Consul in Munich under today's date regarding the request for the criminal record of Fritz Kuhn in which there is quoted a letter received from the German authorities in Munich, which is as follows:

"In order to decide the question of the admissibility of communicating the information, I request to be informed of the purpose for which the desired extract from the criminal record is needed. In case it has to do with a criminal process of law, I request a statement of the pertinent circumstances."

[redacted] stated if the Department of State could be furnished a carefully worded statement of the reason for desiring the criminal record, his Department would be glad to make another attempt to obtain the information.

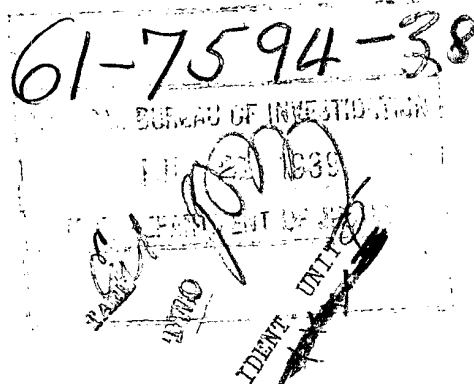
I told [redacted] the above information would be referred to the Attorney General to see what action is desired.

Respectfully,

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Abtloff & advise
State Dept of why
we want it.*

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JOHN EDGAR
DIRECTOR

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

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July 14, 1939

Time: 11:10 am.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While engaged in telephonic conversation with SAC Foxworth, I told him of an article that appeared in the July 14th Washington Times-Herald concerning United States Attorney Smith of Brooklyn, New York, who announced that he was investigating a complaint that the citizenship papers of Fritz Kuhn should be revoked because of allegedly false statements made in 1924 when he was naturalized in Detroit.

According to your written instructions on this attached article, I asked Mr. Foxworth to ascertain what United States Attorney Smith is doing on this matter. Mr. Foxworth said he would try to see Mr. Smith today and contact me later relative to this call on Mr. Smith.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Kuhn's Citizenship Subject of Probe

NEW YORK, July 13.—U. S. Attorney Smith, of Brooklyn announced late today that he was investigating a complaint that the citizenship papers of Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American bund, should be revoked because of allegedly false statements made in 1924 when he was naturalized in Detroit. Ex-Magistrate Joseph Goldstein is the complainant. Kuhn is at liberty on bail on charges of embezzeling bund funds.

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*Find out what he is
doing. Smith is not a
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Time: 10:00 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: FRITZ KUHN

With reference to [redacted] memorandum of June 16 setting out the phraseology furnished by Judge Holtzoff to be given the Department of State in order that the same might be transmitted to the German authorities in Munich, [redacted] telephoned [redacted] of the State Department and read to him the following paragraph:

"The information is desired in connection with an investigation of the proceeding by which Fritz Kuhn became a naturalized citizen of the United States, more especially to determine the accuracy of the statements contained in his petition for naturalization."

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[redacted] stated he would endeavor to have a wire sent to Munich this morning.

He was informed that [redacted] would confirm by letter this conversation. Done

Respectfully,

E. G. Tamm
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