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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 11, 1941, in which you requested information concerning fifteen German organizations including the facts which indicate that membership in any one of these foreign activity groups is a proper basis for classification of members as dangerous. There are being transmitted herewith memoranda concerning the following organizations:

Friends of New Germany
Reich Deutsche Vereinigung
The German-American Bund
Die Deutsche Arbeitsfront
German-American Business League
American National Socialist Party -
Fichte Association
American National Socialist League
The German-American Settlement League, Incorporated
Der Stahlhelm (Steel Helmets) -
German-American National Alliance, Incorporated
Kyffhaeuser Bund

Memoranda concerning the three other organizations regarding which you requested information are being prepared and will be submitted to you at an early date.

12-20-01 SP5 Jcmc Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr Tolson _____
Mr E A Tamm _____
Mr Clegg _____
Mr Foxworth _____
Mr Glavin _____
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June 11, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In connection with the classification of German aliens as potential alien enemies and the establishment of standards of dangerousness, we have tentatively selected membership in any of the following organizations as being an indication of dangerousness:

1. Friends of New Germany
2. German-American Bund
3. American National Socialist League
4. American National Socialist Party
5. German-American National Alliance
6. The Deutsch-Amerikanische Berufsgemeinschaft
7. German-American Settlement League
8. German-American Business League
9. Kyffhaeuser Bund
10. Stahlhelm
11. Fichte Bund
12. *Vereinigung* Reichs-Deutsche Verneigungsm...
13. *Deutscher* Deutsche Arbeitsfront - *The German Labor Front*
14. *Deutscher* Deutsche Kulturbilde - *German*
15. *Deutscher* Deutsche Kriegsgemeinschaft - *German War Veterans Association*

In order to clear with the Attorney General, I have been asked to submit promptly the facts which indicate that membership in any one of these so-called unfriendly foreign activity organizations is a proper basis for classification of the member as dangerous. I have been asked to hold up the return of the classifications to you pending the procuring of this information.

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I would, therefore, appreciate it if, with the greatest speed possible, you could furnish me with a page or two-page statement as to each one of the above organizations, as well as any other organizations you may care to add, which will contain facts justifying membership in the organization as a basis for classification. Such facts would relate to the purposes, activities, membership and

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While I realize that in certain tances you may have supplied
the Department with some information each of these organizations,
I believe that your experts will be able to supply this more expedi-
tiously and accurately than we will be able to assemble the same,
and I will appreciate any help you can give me along these lines.

Similar requests will be made as to Italian, Japanese and Communist
organizations.

Lawrence M. C. Smith
Lawrence M. C. Smith,
Chief, Special Defense Unit

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June 13, 1941

FRIENDS OF NEW GERMANY

Inasmuch as the Friends of New Germany was absorbed by the German-American Bund on March 29, 1936, and is no longer in existence as such, no separate memorandum is being submitted relative to the above-captioned organization.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy
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Re: MEMBERSHIP LIST OF GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND -
[REDACTED] INFORMANT

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 8, 1941, in which the New York Division was requested to contact [REDACTED] for the purpose of securing a list of officers and members of the German-American Bund and also for any additional information he might be able to provide concerning the activities of the German-American Bund.

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For your information, [REDACTED] but he resides and generally maintains his office at 22 - 67th Street, West New York, New Jersey.

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[REDACTED] who has frequently furnished the New York Office with information about German matters generally, has recently appointed himself an adviser to [REDACTED] in connection with [REDACTED] prosecution on criminal charges by the State of New Jersey. [REDACTED] reports that he generally locates [REDACTED] at the above address at West New York or at telephone number Palisade 6-2599.

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The Newark Division is accordingly requested to contact [REDACTED] and endeavor to obtain from him a list of the officers and members of the German-American Bund. In this connection, the Newark Division is advised that in the January 9, 1941, issue of "The Free American & Deutscher Weckruf & Beobachter", official newspaper of the German-American Bund, an article appeared which indicated that [REDACTED] expressed himself as being ready and willing at all times to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and intimated that upon request, he would furnish a list of members and officers of the German-American Bund.

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[redacted] should be thoroughly interviewed for any additional information which he may be able to furnish concerning the activities of the German-American Bund at this time. This matter should receive immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

T. J. Donegan
T. J. DONEGAN, Acting for
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Assistant Director

cc: Newark

DAF:GAJ

June 3, 1941

44-413
Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BOND;
INTERNAL SECURITY (S)
ADMINISTRATIVE ACT (War Relocation Act)

From an anonymous source there have been transmitted to the Bureau numerous photographs of persons affiliated with the German-American Bond in the vicinity of Los Angeles, California, and other cities on the West Coast. Submitted with these photographs was a running newspaper in which numerous persons appearing in these photographs were identified and additional comments regarding their activities were set out. Because of the nature of the information furnished, there are being transmitted to your office and all offices receiving copies of this letter, photostatic copies of the entire material received at the Bureau.

It is considered desirable that in those instances where a particular person is mentioned in this material and an investigation has been conducted by your office concerning this person, the information contained in the enclosures be segregated into the individual files. In those instances where an individual cannot be definitely identified and no investigation has been conducted previous to the receipt of this communication, it is deemed desirable to open separate investigations to develop further activities of these persons. It is realized that in many instances it will be impossible to definitely identify the person referred to and in many other instances the material submitted herewith is merely a repetition of information already in your possession.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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May 16, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAMER *RK*

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The attached photostatic copies of photographs and identifying sheets applicable thereto making reference to ~~FRED BOEIM~~ and others were transmitted to the Bureau by an unknown outside source without further identification.

Respectfully,

J. K. Mumford
J. K. Mumford

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PHOTOGRAPH A

- #1. Jule, last name unknown. Employed at Boehm Ranch. Assistant to Boehm with whom he entered the United States.
- #2.) These are leaders in the Bund at Portland, Oregon. Their
- #3.) names are unknown. #2 is the head man.
- #4.)
- #5. Willie Kendzia, cashier of Los Angeles Bund. Works at American Can Company, Los Angeles. Physical director of the Bund, and financially interested, with Arno Risse, Photograph F, in a business deal, maybe tin shop in Roscoe. He is a member of the National Rifleman's Association and owns a rifle.
- #6. Name unknown. Former employee of the Hamburg American Line. Now in Germany working for them.
- #7. Mrs. Fred Boehm.
- #8. Fred Boehm, San Gabriel and El Monte Bund leader.
- #9.) Two members of the Bund orchestra. Names unknown.
- #10.)
- #11. Unknown Bund leader from either Seattle or Portland.
- #12. Name unknown. Member of staff of Hamburg American Line, at Los Angeles, until September, 1939. Discharged when war stopped operation of Hamburg American Line. Now owns restaurant somewhere on Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles.
- #13. W.A. Bookhacker, Member of Los Angeles Bund. Formerly "big shot." Can give more information on this party if desired.
- #14. Miss ? Assmann, sister of #19, Photograph A, and #15, Photograph C.
- #15. Miss Eunice Wopplemann, daughter of a member of the Uniform Guard, who is now employed as a chauffeur in Beverly Hills. This girl was sent last fall to Germany to participate in a study of Girl's Youth Groups (B.D.M.), through the efforts of Willie Sellim, a carpenter and member of the Los Angeles Bund.

Sellim is the youth leader for the West Coast. Fred Kuhn, on his last trip to Los Angeles, offered Sellim a position with the New York office as National Leader for the Youth Movement. Sellim refused because he and his fiance did not want to go to New York.

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The fiance is Ester Maass, daughter of a butcher, George Maass. George Maass is the vice-President of the German American League, and also the leader of the Tyrolean-Bavarian Group. His butcher shop is located at 905 West Jefferson Blvd., telephone PROspect 1616, and his residence is 1303 West 23rd Street, telephone RICHmond 4507.

#16. Unknown

#17. Miss ? Stebner, Russian-German member of Bund orchestra, and also of the Military Band. Miss Stebner's two brothers, ages twenty and twenty-one, are also members of the Bund Military Band. Stebner, Sr. is shown on Photograph B, #9.

#18. Miss ? Rast, sister of former owner of Roscoe Tin Shop. This girl returned to Germany and died there of tetanus in the Fall of 1939. Her father is in a Los Angeles Mental Institute, where he is a charge on the State. Her two brothers Helmut Rast and Herbert Rast, shown on Photograph D, #3, liquidated all of their assets and leaving the father, where he is a public charge, returned to Germany with their money and are now in the German army.

#19. Lucy Asemann, sister of Max Asemann, Photograph C, #15, now married to a chauffeur, Walter ?, Employed in San Pedro.

PHOTOGRAPH B

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#1. Name unknown. Color Guard of Uniform Group.

#2. Robert Lee, very active member of the Bund. Loaned five hundred dollars towards the purchase of the German House. Is the most trusted aide of Mike Drey, leader of Uniform Guard. Lee lives with Mike Drey.

Lee is a member of the National Rifleman's Association and owns a rifle.

He participated with Mike Drey, Photograph B, #15, and Herbert Rast, Photograph D, #3, in tearing down and destroying signs used in recent advertising campaigns of studios. These signs read "Moving Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment." The truck of Rast was used in this destruction.

The concubine of Robert Lee is a former German Army nurse. Is very prominent in all German clubs and was decorated by the German Government many times during the World War. Has nearly every German decoration.

THIS WOMAN WARRANTS PARTICULAR ATTENTION

This woman is well informed on all Nazi activity due to her association with Robert Lee. Is a rabid Nazi. Wears Indian bead work headband, with large swastika in front, carries handbag with large swastika ornament in front, and wears swastika brouche.

She makes a habit of visiting local stores and pretends a desire to make purchases. Always picks Jewish appearing salespeople and when the sale is about consummated she suddenly looks very closely at the person and says, "Oh, you are Jewish. I do not buy from Jews," and walks out of the store.

This is the person who has been throwing the Nazi leaflets from the roof of the May Company Building in downtown Los Angeles. She frequents open forum meetings and puts on Nazi demonstrations.

She is a nymphomaniac and a dyspso-maniac. Will drink anytime with anyone, and when even slightly inebriated becomes very loquacious. Would be an easy prey for a good operative.

#3. Otto Gieske, gardener of Beverly Hills, married, has two children, member of Uniform Guard. American citizen, very quiet.

#4. Reinhold Kusche, 2951 Finch St., telephone Morningside 17883, husband of Emma Kusche, present bookkeeper of the Bund.

Kusche has a son, Carl, who is a very brilliant scholar, and sub-leader of the Youth group. Carl received his training in Germany, with Willie Salim and Ester Maas.

Reinhold Kusche was formerly a ladies tailor catering to the Movie Colony, but his Bund connections having become known his business suffered and he went out of business and obtained employment as a gardener.

Although a gardener, he is a very fine writer, and his articles are printed by German papers and periodicals throughout the entire United States.

He is an United States citizen.

- #5. Name unknown. General factotum of the German House. Has been janitor and all around handy man since the house first opened. Is a cripple and walks with two canes. Very quiet. Whenever leaders are in conference he always sits close, apparently reading a newspaper, but taking in everything that goes on.
- #6.) Names unknown. Are intermittent visitors at the German House,
- #7.) and although probably sympathizers are not members of the Bund.
- #8. Name unknown. Member of the Uniform Guard. Apparently has money and is the owner of a bakery in Wilmington.
- #9. ? Stebner, son of member shown on Photograph B, #20. Very intimate friend of member shown on photograph B, #10. His source of income is a mystery to all the other members of the Bund. He is a member of the Uniform Guard, but never wears the uniform, although in all emergencies carries the Guards usual piece of rubber hose.
- #10. Valentine Bibb, owner of the Bibb Select Winery Co., 1660 N. Morton Ave., telephone MUTual 9446. Is a member of the Uniform Guard, always last at the scene of trouble and first to leave, but an inveterate bully at home, who has severely beaten his wife on several occasions. Is a German-born American citizen and has a widespread connection with all German societies.
- #11. Same as member mentioned on Photograph A, #6.
- #12. Same as member mentioned on photograph A, #13.
- #13. Carl Spahr, 1276 Lucretia Ave., telephone OLYmpia 0857. Inventor and wine maker. Frequent visitor to Bund. Has three children who are sent yearly to Camp Sutter, at Hindenberg Park. The entire family is vegetarian in its diet. His wife is very prominent in all German circles, is a beautiful blonde, highly sexed flirt, who loves to drink and has almost a mania for dancing of all kinds. Many times when Spahr goes to Bund meetings the wife takes up with other men, especially you, good-looking ones, and when Spahr is ready to leave the wife has disappeared.

- #14. Same as member shown on Photographs A, #5, C, #11 and D, #1.
- #15. Mike Drey, West Coast chief of the Uniform Guard. Born and raised in Dachau, a suburb of Munich, is a graduate of the Munich Agriculture University; very fine shorthand stenographer and typist; good student of politics and is very fine writer, especially of oratorical matter, but a very poor public speaker.

Is a fanatical and dynamical leader of Nazism, would go to any extremes to foster Nazism, although he is an American citizen. Is an extremely rabid anti-Semitic. Was formerly married to a girl from Dachau, from whom he was divorced and by whom he had a boy, now about ten years old. Was re-married in 1939, present wife being a housemaid in Beverly Hills.

The brother of his present wife went to Germany late in 1938 and returned to Los Angeles in the summer of 1939, from where he went to New York, where he is at present residing.

- #16. Name unknown. An intermittent visitor to the German House, but not a member of the Bund.
- #17. Paul Schumacher, chemist and metallurgist, Married, has one son. Member Uniform Guard. (Not identical with Paul Schumacher, member of Musician's Union.) Formerly in charge of correspondence of Bund. Is a prominent and trusted member. German-born American citizen.

In the summer of 1939 sold car and household goods and sent proceeds to Germany to exchange for building marks. (German government exchange, with a conversion value of 20 marks for one dollar. This type of exchange only allowed for persons returning to Germany permanently to build home and business. This type of exchange can never be reclaimed or used for any other purpose.)

Wife of subject, shown in Photograph E, #7, and her son left for Germany in the summer of 1939. Paul was to leave Christmas, 1939, as a crew member of a German steamer whose route was via Japan, India, etc., but stayed on the claim that he wished to make more money before returning. Enthusiastic supporter of Nazi cause while in the United States, both mother and son very disappointed (according to letters) with conditions in Germany. Early in 1940 mother and son returned to the United States.

- #18. Robert Patenge, 1411 Albany, telephone Richmond 9048. Glass Blower and maker. American citizen, born in Berlin. First leader of Uniform Guard, and at request of Group took over the House, but disagreements arose over Nazi ideals and ideas and he quit the Bund. Is a wonderful organizer, and has been asked by the German American League to head Park Committee of Hindenberg Park, of which he is a founder.
- #19. Hans Diebel. Optometrist. German citizen and fears this information will become known to the United States authorities.

A copy of a letter written by Herman Schwin to Fritz Kuhn was read to Schwin by a high Nazi official on Schwin's visit to Germany in 1937. Because of this, and due to the fact that Diebel does all of the official correspondence with German, he is suspected by all important members of the Bund as being a Gestapo agent.

Diebel has plenty of money. Gets money from former employer, name unknown, on Hollywood Blvd.

He is over-sexed, a sadist, high-stake gambler on horses & cards.

He always accompanied Schwin on all trips. Was sent all over as speaker of Bund.

Is the owner of Aryan Book Store at German House. On last visit of Fritz Kuhn was offered head of German propaganda in the United States. Offer was refused by Diebel because of lack of friends in East and intimate contacts on "Western Front."

He still corresponds with people in all parts of the world. His important incoming mail is addressed to fictitious names at branch post offices. Only trusted members sent to claim this mail.

He is a member of "Weltdienst."

PHOTOGRAPH E

- #1. Same as Photograph B, #19.
- #2. Miss Wolfe, seventeen years, La Crescenta.
- #3. Otto Wolfe, father of E #2. Former cafe or restaurant owner in Los Angeles.
- #4. Paul Kendzia. German World War Veteran and German citizen. Intimate and trusted friend of Herman Schwinn. Former song leader and physical director of Bund. Writer and poet who has written many of the German fighting songs, very prominent in production of Bund song book.

Returned to Germany in 1939 leaving at San Pedro. Brother of Willie Kendzia, present cashier of local Bund. Age is approximately 46. Last girl friend in U.S. same as Photograph # #2.
- #5. Herman Schwinn.
- #6. Herma Carlson, 6102 Alviso. Married 3 times. Rabid pro-Semite, friendly and intimate with Jews. Friend of Old Germany - Bund hater. With rest of this group only as a friend of E #9.
- #7. Mrs. Schumacher, wife of # #7, B #17.
- #8. Mrs. Armenius Walter. Mother of 2 children. Now tubercular patient in Los Angeles General Hospital. Close friend of Schwinn and all top flight members of Bund. Second person in L.A. to join Bund.
Married to a German who was illegally in this country but who voluntarily returned to Germany to prevent deportation between June and August 1939.
Mrs. Walter returned to Germany two months before the first child was born in order that it might be born in Germany. Both children, one six months old and the other two years old, were put on a boat in care of the ship's nurse, and sent back to Germany.
Heavy drinker. Loves to gamble (cards). Likes good clothes and is rather promiscuous in love affairs.
- #9. Mrs. Bockhscher, wife of person shown in Photograph A, #13 and B #12 and C #6.

PHOTOGRAPH "F"

Arno Risse. Tree surgeon. Born in Rhineland, Germany. Former employee of the Huntington Library. Local Bund leader. Not well educated. Intimate of Schwin, in charge when Schwin absent.

Left for visit to Germany in 1938, there had meeting with former Bund members in U.S.A., in the home of Paul Kendzia, in Germany. Then made stop-over at Bremen, where he visited Gestapo member (Dr. ?, formerly of Los Angeles and now head of German, G.U. clinics.) On return to U.S. married, and started back to Germany with wife on German steamer. Two days out of Los Angeles war broke and his boat ordered to proceed to Curacao, where he and his wife stayed for four months on the boat. Was offered passage to Germany on Italian boat which he refused saying, "Why should I go back and fight for that son-of-a-bitch."

His return from Curacao was made possible by a fund from the local Bund. There refusal of one member of the local Bund to contribute to the fund for Risse's return resulted in the member's dismissal. After Risse's return his statement regarding Hitler became known and he was forced to resign from the Bund.

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- 3 Herbert Biberman
- 4 Gale Sondagard

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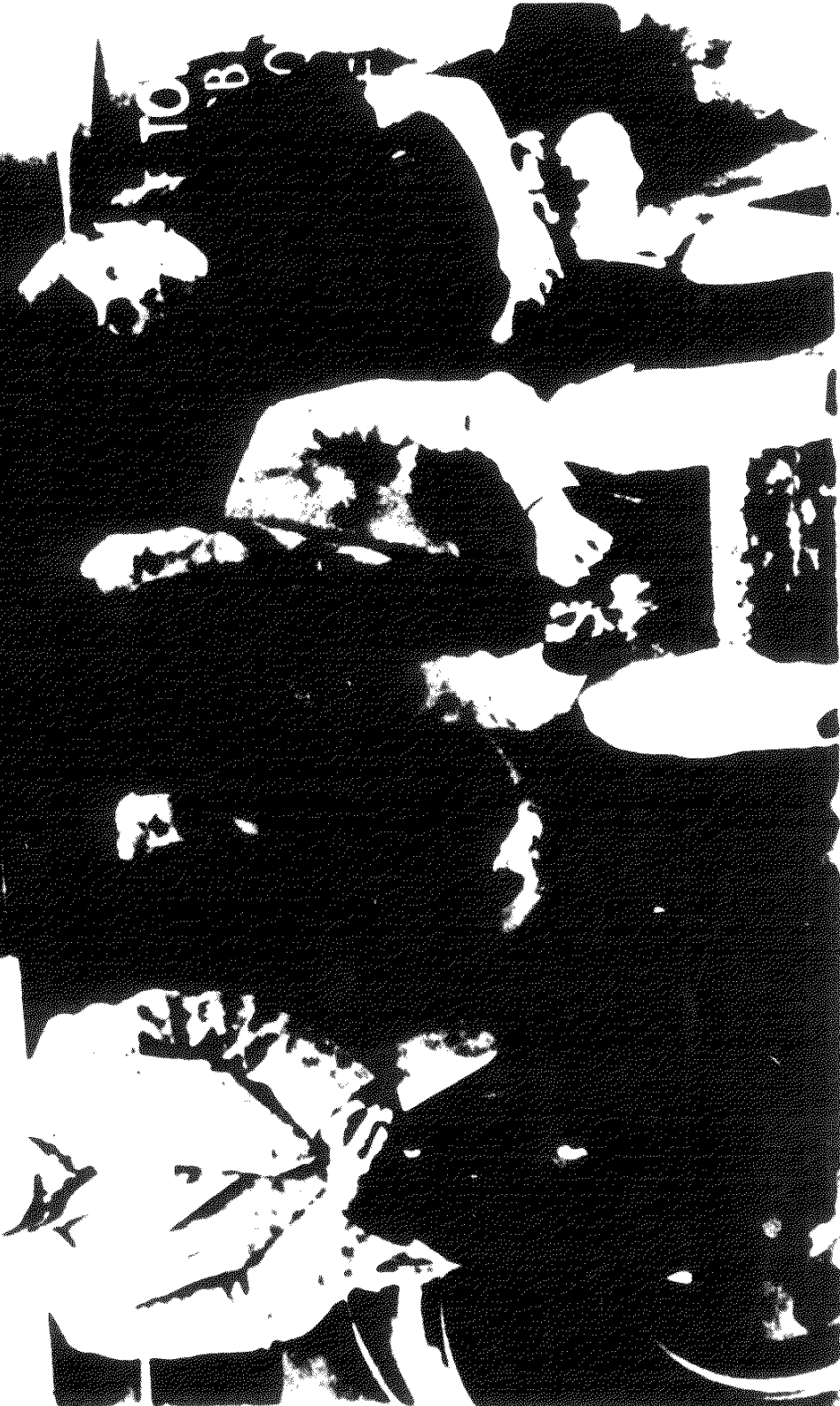
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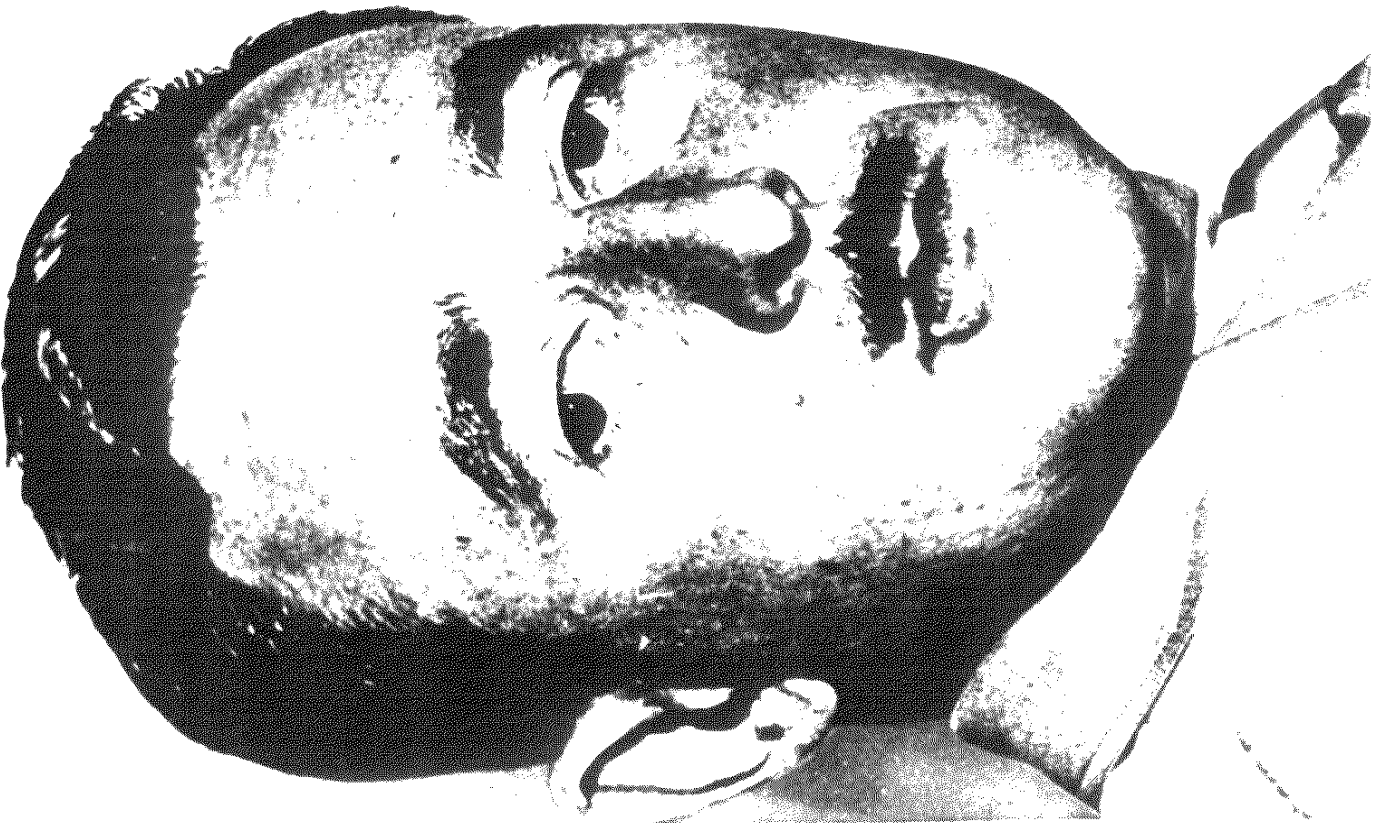
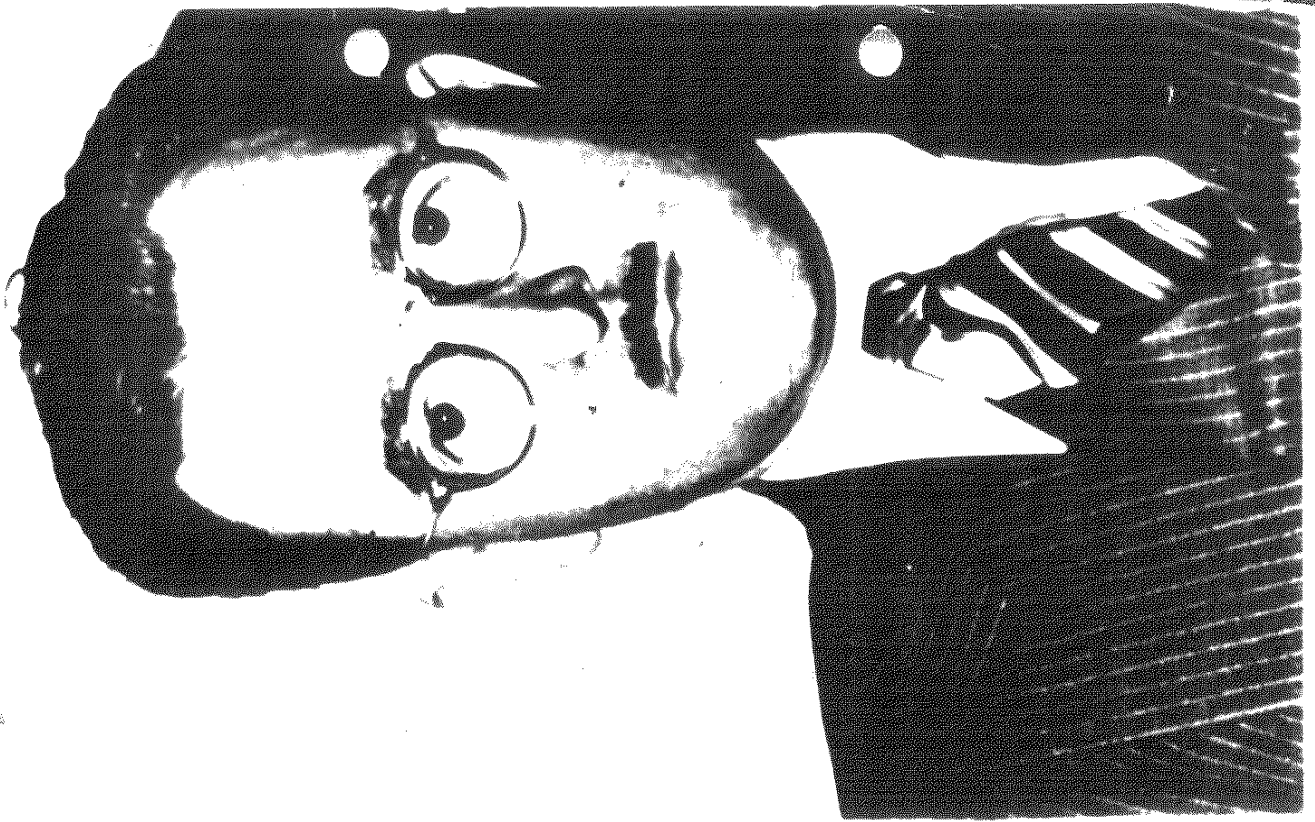
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July 16, 1941

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Mr. Bill Dixon
Saxton, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Your letter dated May 27, 1941, addressed to the President has been referred to the FBI by the White House.

I want to thank you for your courtesy and interest in communicating with the Federal Government.

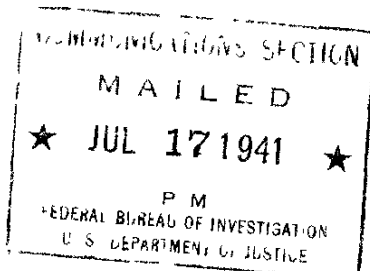
Please be advised the FBI is exerting every possible effort under existing espionage, sabotage, and related statutes to protect the internal security of our country.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 20, 1941

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Mr. L. L. Lindshield
Post Office Box 241
Canton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Lindshield:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 30, 1941, with enclosure, and to thank you for the interest which prompted you to make these data available to me.

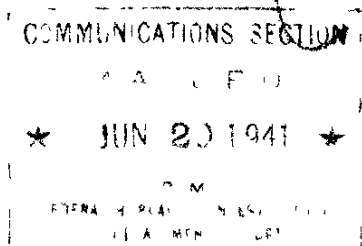
I have forwarded copies of your communication to Mr. L. V. Boardman, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1442 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, who will arrange for you to be interviewed in order that additional details may be obtained.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Cleveland - Enclosure

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May 30th, 1941

Federal Bureau Of Investigation
United States Dept. Of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Attention: Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of May 28th in reply to my letter of May 7th which included enclosures of the Nazi bund camps in New Jersey, Camp (Nordland) .

Incidentally, I notice that tonight the radio announced that this camp and some of their material had been confiscated .

I do hope that many more raids will be made thru out the United States, because they are in almost every city of any size.

I am enclosing a clipping of the Akron Council for peace action located in akron, Ohio. Also a letter I had from them over a year ago when conscription was before the american public. They have been consistantly opposed to any measures that would help to strengthen this country. Today they are trying to divide our people, and I think this organization should be investigated for the protection of all americans, let us find out who is really behind this outfit and who is furnishing the moeny for all this advertising and the payroll for mailing out circulars to congressmen, senators, and thousands of people thruout the country.

Attached also are copies of two different letters written to your agent in charge in Cleveland, Ohio.

I have never received any reply to either of these letters and I have no way of knowing whether or not any investigation was followed thru on this case of Joe Elsie. 5 JUL 1941

I see by the papers tonight that Your agent Mr. Richmond has resigned and I wonder if he has checked into the case of Joe Elsie, Massillon, Ohio. Best wishes. Yours truly, [Signature]

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May 2nd, 1941

Federal Bureau Of Investigation
United States Dept. Of Justice
Cleveland, Ohio

Attention: Of Mr. L.H. Richmond
Special agent in Charge
1248 Standard Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re Mr. Joe Elsie
222 South Erie Street
Marsillon, Ohio

The above mentioned Mr. Joe Elsie formally had a restaurant, Bar Grill and Etc. at the above address.

When the construction began on the Naval plant in Canton, Ohio he closed up his business and obtained a job as foreman at the naval plant, laying the railroad tracks inside the naval plant grounds.

Now I would not have given this move on his part any thought, if it was not for the fact that he has been in such full sympathy with every move that Hitler has made so far. He has made statements to many people including the writer that the Jews should be ran out of this country, and that Hitler was doing a great thing for the world when he took over the countries and banished the Jews from any participation in the affairs of the countries.

Then again why would he close his business which is showing a profit and take a job at the plant for much less money when his business paid him?

He has told me certain things at various times that have come true true as to the moves that Hitler has made in the past and he only said I have ways of finding out what is going to happen. I am almost certain that he belongs to some German organization that has access to the what is going on among the Nazi members in this country.

I am very much worried over this case and I do wish you

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would make an investigation and satisfy yourself and myself that he is not working on this project in order to get inside information on the plans and secrets of the construction work.

I have known this man for over five years and happen to know that he does not have to work at all, he has enough investments in real estate and other properties, that he does not have to close his business and work like he is doing.

The writer can reveal much of this mans personal affairs as to financial and otherwise, due to having taken care of his financial records for over five years.

That is the reason why I have hesitated so long to write you.

But I cannot sleep nights worrying over what harm he may be able to do in the way of obtaining information valuable to the Nazis.

I do hope hope you will do your best to investigate this case, and if I am wrong then we will at least know that nothing irregular is going on. He and his friends have predicted that Hitlers system will eventually prevail in this country.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Yours very truly,

L. L. Lindshield
312 Prospect Ave. S.W.
Canton, Ohio
Telephone 2-2107

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May 16t , 1941

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Dept. Of Justice
Cleveland, Ohio

Attention: Mr. L.H. Richman
Special Agent in Charge
1448 Standard Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: My letter of May 2nd. Re: Joe Elsie of Massillon Ohio
who formally operated a hotel, a rest. and bar at 22 1/2 South Erie St
Massillon, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In my letter of May 2nd I informed you that this man was
working at the (Canton Naval Plant.)

My latest information is that he is now working at the Ravenna
shell loading plant, that is another strange coincidence, don't
you think so?

The latest information I have on this party is that he just
locked the doors on the hotel and drove the guests out into
the street and the hotel and bar and everything is empty.

I do know that he could have sold this at one time for twenty
thousand dollars.

Since writing you on May 2nd I have uncovered some more
information on another member of the same click that are hoping
and working for the destruction of this countries' form
of government, I shall have a special letter for you on this
Nazi member in a few days.

By all the means at your command do follow up on this Joe
Elsie case, he is one of the smoothest agents the nazis could
employ for their job, he has a large following and is a Jew
hater from the bottom of his hard and is working along
with other members to destroy our institutions and democratic
form of government.

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Yours very truly,
L.H. Lindshield

ACTION NEEDED ! ! CONTINUE CONSCRIPTION PROTESTS!

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Senators Taft and Donahey committed to oppose, Congressman Harter to favor. All other Ohio Representatives are reported as opposed. Encourage members of the Ohio delegation to hold to their announced intention, to vote against conscription. Pressure is being levelled against the Ohio delegation to change votes. Wire or write Congressmen of other states, particularly opposition leaders and those not committed. Watch Congressional debate closely for revelations of what is being done to put this country into war.

KEEP UP THE DEMAND THAT PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS KEEP US OUT OF WAR ! !

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND PEACE CENTER NOTES

Since opening the headquarters, 130 1/2 S. Main St., two hundred new members have been added to the roll. The Bulletin Peace information service reaches members in 24 cities in four states.

Over 6,000 signatures to letters opposing conscription were sent to our Ohio Senators and Representatives.

Numerous telegrams and night letters opposing conscription were sent by members and non-members of the Council.

As many as 130 post cards on the conscription issue were mailed from the Peace Center in one day.

The demonstration against conscription aroused wide-spread interest, and stimulated action on the part of individuals and groups not affiliated with the Council. We have received copies of letters and reports of telegrams sent by them to Congressmen.

Beacon Journal clippings on the demonstration and interview with Rep. Harter, together with editorials, were mailed to some 25 Congressional leaders. In some instances personal letters were received in response.

A personal request was made at the Center for assistance in organizing a Peace Council in Mansfield, Ohio. Plans are under way to meet the request.

Daily we are adding to the thousands of signatures on our petition against foreign war.

Our sincere thanks go to all persons who have assisted in furthering the peace cause. Our special thanks to those who endured the heat and the vituperative remarks of those whose opinions differ from ours, at the Center. As the pressure for war increases, name calling and smearing will increase. The situation demands courage.

FIRST FALL MEETING

Watch the September Bulletin for announcement of the regular monthly meeting. Full details of time, place and speakers will be given.

Congratulations to Author Gladys Batcliff and cast of "Flight From War" for the excellent radio production. Numerous requests may result in a repeat performance Dorothy D. Bromley's "A Mother's Plea" in Current History and Forum for August amplifies the thought of one of our Center Posters: "A GOLD STAR IS A POOR REWARD FOR A SON"

SPEAK - WRITE - ACT - THINK - WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE (21)

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Mr. L. W. Lindshield
Lindshield Office Supply Agency
P.O. Box 241
Linton, C.

BULLETIN FOR AUGUST 1940

August -- vacation days and picnics - and increasing WAR tempo. The Senate just approved legislation giving the President authority to call out the National Guard for training and service anywhere in the Western Hemisphere and the U. S. dependencies, including the Philippines. The bill has been sent to the House.

This action is unprecedented in peace-time history. Under the constitution the National Guard can be called out for only three purposes: to execute the laws of the union; to suppress insurrection; and to repel invasion. The men who joined the National Guard contracted to fulfill those duties as prescribed by the Constitution; now at the discretion of the President - they may be forced to participate in an undeclared war on foreign soil.

As the Bulletin goes to the mimeographer, debate on Conscription is about to begin in the Senate. The opposition is organizing around the Senate Military Affairs Committee minority report ("Conscription is a Hitlerian method.") Debate may last two weeks.

THE FACTS ABOUT CONSCRIPTION

- (1) Our country is at peace. (2) The leaders of our country have pledged that we will not enter the European war. (3) The possibility of invasion has been both ridiculed and denied by military experts of the highest authority. YET, for the first time in our history, compulsory military training in peace time is being considered by the Congress. -- WHY??

The Administration wants it. The War Department believes it necessary.

BUT -- WHERE DID THE CONSCRIPTION BILL ORIGINATE???

At the Harvard Club in New York City on May 22, 1940, there was a meeting of prominent business and professional men. The conscription bill in the form in which it was first presented to the Congress, was written as a result of that meeting. A few of those present were:

Granville Clark of the law firm of Root, Clark, Buckner & Ballantine.
Gen. John F. O'Ryan, who has already advocated entrance into the war.
Henry L. Stimson, now Secretary of War.
Robt. P. Patterson, now Assistant Secretary of War.
Elihu Root, Jr., also of the firm of Root, Clark, Buckner & Ballantine.
Julius Ochs Adler, general manager of the New York Times.
K. P. Budd, director in North British & Mercantile Insurance Company, with headquarters in London.
F. M. Weld, a director of Baldwin Locomotive Works.
Brig. Gen. Benedict Crowell, Director of Munitions during World War.

We quote from the speech of Senator Holt of West Virginia on the floor of the Senate on August 6, (Congressional Record).

"They met on the 22nd of May and established this drive for conscription. On the 23rd day of May they went back to the same club and there passed resolutions for 'aid to the Allies short of war.' On the 3rd day of June they met again. They met to raise money. It is hard to

tell how much they raised, but they said they were going to raise one-quarter of a million dollars. What for? Why should men in business have to raise a quarter of a million dollars to drive a conscription bill through the Congress of the United States? Why, I ask again, should businessmen raise a quarter of a million dollars to drive conscription through the United States Congress?"

OPPOSITION MOUNTS - CONSCRIPTION SLOWED DOWN

Through the news columns and editorials of the Beacon Journal, previous Bulletins, and literature distributed at the Peace Center, the public has been acquainted with our position on conscription. Each day brings increased protest: more newspapers openly are denouncing the measure as unnecessary to the defense of America. We quote "for two outstanding American newspapers.

"Compulsory training and disciplining by the state is only one short step removed from compulsory labor. How far should the United States go in accepting totalitarian devices to enhance our national strength?"
-- The Washington Post

"The bill should be denounced because it is being sold to the people as a defense measure when in reality it is a device to slide the United States into war." -- Akron Beacon Journal. The editorial, "A bid for War" from which the above statement is quoted, was sent to every member of the United States Senate by Peace Council members, accompanied in many instances by personal notes.

MILITARY EXPERTS SPEAK

Here is what Major George Fielding Eliot Says:

"By all basic considerations we are a sea power. The type of army we require is one which will be an adequate and immediately ready support to maritime operations; a vast universal service army can be really useful to us only if we are again to undertake large-scale operations in Europe."

Here is what Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert for the New York Times, writes in August Harpers Magazine:

"Whether or not conscription is genuinely needed, it should never be endorsed except after careful consideration and with an understanding of the basic change in our lives and our customs that it will entail its adoption would create a profound, lasting and clearly inescapable change in the economic, social and political life of our country and might well retard the growth of our civilization. A measure of such consequence if enacted in time of peace may become a permanent part of our institutions; it should not, therefore, be considered by Congress in this era of hysteria, but, if intended as a permanent measure, only in time of calm calculation. On the other hand, if conscription is needed merely as a temporary emergency measure to last for the duration of the emergency, then the emergency ought to be defined; if the international picture is black enough to warrant conscription, then the President should declare a state of national emergency or Congress should declare a state of war.... we have not yet even had a chance to try to fill our requirements by voluntary recruiting."

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June 16, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. G. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 11, 1941, in which you requested information concerning fifteen German organizations including the facts which indicate that membership in any one of these foreign activity groups is a proper basis for classification of members as dangerous. There are being transmitted herewith memoranda concerning the following organizations:

Friends of New Germany
Reich Deutsche Vereinigung
The German-American Bund
Die Deutsche Arbeitsfront
German-American Business League
American National Socialist Party
Fichte Association
American National Socialist League
The German-American Settlement League, Incorporated
Der Stahlhelm (Steel Helmets)
German-American National Alliance, Incorporated
Kyffhaeuser Bund

Memoranda concerning the three other organizations regarding which you requested information are being prepared and will be submitted to you at an early date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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June 12, 1941

THE GERMAN AMERICAN BUND

On October 11, 1924 the National Socialist Association, "Teutonia", was founded in Chicago, Illinois. Out of this organization grew the League of the Friends of the New Germany which was established on June 30, 1933, in Chicago, Illinois.

On March 29, 1936, the name of the League of the Friends of the New Germany was changed to the German American Bund (Amerika Deutscher Volksbund).

The purposes and aims of The American League of the "Friends of the New Germany" as set forth in one of their official pamphlets are as follows:

"To unite all honorable, serious-minded, courageous and unselfish men and women of the Germanic Race, now loyal citizens or residents of the United States, proud of their Germanic Blood, and treasuring German traditions, language, and ideals of National and individual liberty, justice, truth, duty and absolute honesty, into one great, free, proud and respect-demanding German American Bund for the mutual benefit of the United States of America and Germany.

"We pledge our best efforts to expose and depose Communism, Marxism, Internationalism and Un-American Boycott Rackets within the United States of America."

"To defend with all lawful means our disposal the good name and honor of our mother-country Germany against all base defamation, will-ful and poisonous lies, and purposeful malice, emanating from any ill-wishing, jealous, avaricious and ignorant source whatsoever."

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be it race, people, tribe, clan, nation, association or individual, against a propaganda still being spread by print, script and mouth, openly and covertly, through books, magazines, newspapers, leaflets, and just cowardly rumors;

"To try to bring home to our American co-citizens the real and indisputable German achievements in the sciences and arts, the German inventions and contributions toward the advancement of agriculture, industry and commerce, the great, world-wide recognized, German institutions of learning, the German high standard of the various professions, handicrafts and labor, the outstanding German laws and institutions for the protection and welfare of especially the working classes, the high German ideals of liberty, of Justice, of honor, and of education, the honorable and energetic effort the new German Government is making to promote equality of classes of mental and physical workers, as long as they really work earnestly and intelligently not alone in their own individual interest but also in the interest of the commonwealth, the commendable, virtuous and forceful efforts of the new German Government to oppose, suppress, punish and eradicate all selfish interests trying to chisel, defraud, or graft;

"To be and remain worthy of our Germanic blood, our German Fatherland, our German brothers and sisters, who are now fighting for their very existence and honor; to cultivate our German language customs, and ideals; and to be upstandingly proud of this all."

The aims and purposes set out above which were adopted by the "Friends of the New Germany" do not constitute their entire list but only those which are pertinent and of value to this memorandum.

The Constitution of the German-American Bund was first unanimously adopted during the National Convention at "Deutschhorst," Croydon, Pennsylvania, in 1935 and amended in Buffalo, New York, in 1936. The Preamble to this Constitution is as follows:

"We associate ourselves together to unite all honorable, seriously-minded, courageous and unselfish men and women of the Germanic Race, loyal and prospective citizens of the United States, proud of their German blood, and treasuring German traditions, language and ideals of national and individual liberty, justice, truth, duty and absolute honesty, into one great, free, proud and respect-commanding German American Band for the mutual benefit of the United States of America and Germany."

Article II of the Constitution adopted in 1935 sets forth the aims and purposes of the German-American Bund. The following sections appear in Article II:

"To defend with all lawful means at our disposal the good name and honor of our mother-country (Germany) against base defamation, willful and poisonous lies, and purposeful malice, emanating from an ill-wishing, jealous, avaricious or ignorant source whatsoever, be it race, people, tribe, clan, nation, association or individual; against propaganda spread by print, script or mouth, openly or covertly, through books, magazines, newspapers, leaflets, or merely cowardly rumors;

"To act at all times, everywhere, and under all conditions, as straight-forward, courageous, just and honorable descendants of the Germanic Race, setting an example of blameless conduct, thereby creating an atmosphere of genuine Goodwill towards the German people and their government;

"To be and remain worthy of our Germanic blood, our German Motherland, our German brothers and sisters, and to cultivate our German language, customs and ideals; and to be upstandingly proud

of these principles."

At a Convention of the German-American Bund held in New York City in 1938, the following purposes and aims of that organization were promulgated:

"To unequivocally oppose all Racial Intermixture between Aryans (White Gentiles) on the one hand, and Asiatics, Africans or other non-Aryans on the other, to the end that the race-legislation already in twenty-eight States of the Union and to a degree incorporated in our Country's immigration laws, may be scientifically perfected and applied throughout the Nation; to earnestly strive to further a true respect, understanding and friendship between these racially dissimilar groups, based upon a recognition and not upon a denial of the Almighty's immutable racial Laws!

"To uncompromisingly fight, with every lawful means at our disposal, against all Subversive internationalism, in order that Marxism and all allied phenomena, from the Communist Party which openly advocates the overthrow by force and violence of our Government, to the Liberal-pacifistic forces undermining the morale of Youth, from the Alien-controlled, international so-called Labor Movements preaching the madness of class-hatred throughout the world to the Rackets of international High Finance which are enslaving the Nation, may be outlawed and uprooted; to just as staunchly champion every American Political Movement, Labor Organisation, Financial Institution and so forth, insofar as nothing is placed above the Nation and no Alien Leadership or Domination is tolerated serving the interests of true Social Justice, teaching each element of the Citizenry to understand the need for cooperation with the others and recognizing as its ideal the following basic principle: 'The Common Good before Private Gain'!

"To unite with all Americans defending the Aryan Culture and code of Ethics upon which this Nation was founded, helping to build a great American Movement of Liberation under the Swastika, the common Symbol of the Defenders of Aryan Nationalism against the Bolshevik Scourge, regardless of the form of Government or Religion involved, which is already being used in Germany, Great Britain, the Netherlands, the Scandinavian Countries, White Russia, the Ukraine, France and Belgium, Canada and other Countries, in order that the Dictatorship of a small, racially and ethnically alien, Jewish-international minority, to which the Mind of the entire Nation is rapidly being subjected, may be broken, restoring true Proportionate Representation to the hundred million Aryan Americans in the vital fields of the Press, Radio, Stage, Screen, Education, Legislation, Justice, Finance and the Professions, so that the Aims outlined in the preceding paragraphs may be achieved and these United States reconstituted the sovereign and independent God-fearing and cultured, racially and ethnically healthy Nation envisaged by its Founders!

"To strive for a true Peace, based upon mutual understanding and friendship between our Country and others, by recognizing and respecting the differences which exist between even the various Aryan Nations and by defending the fundamental right of every civilized Country to govern itself without interference from outside, by disseminating other Countries and of value in serving the cause of such Peace and Friendship, and finally by exposing and combatting all atrocity and boycott propaganda, base defamation, distortion of news and malicious lies, tending to create hatred and a war-psychosis promising benefit only to the everlasting international parasites!

"To recognize as eternal Law that only he can serve his God and Country well who strives to develop his capabilities in accord with his inherited characteristics, and that consequently a renegade to his Race cannot be a good American Citizen; to therefore defend our Right to

cherish the German Language and German Customs and our Right and Duty to defend the good name of all things German against slanderous attacks of any kind, emanating from any ill-wishing, jealous, avaricious or ignorant source whatsoever if be it Nation, Race, Tribe, Association or Individual; to force nation-wide recognition of the incontrovertible fact that our Organization desires to be no more and no less than a useful part of the desperately needed Great Aryan Movement for a Free and Clean America, accords the same respect to every other Element of our Country's Citizenry which it demands for ours, is as American as any other and is entitled to the same Rights and Privileges under the Bill of Rights accorded to any other Organization in the country."

As to leadership, Fritz Kuhn has been connected with the German-American Bund since its inception as the League of the Friends of the New Germany, carrying his membership in the Detroit Local. Information is available that Fritz Kuhn was born in Munich, Germany. Kuhn served in the Bavarian Life Guard Regiment and also on the front lines during the World War from 1914 to 1918 as a Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Detachment of the Alp Corps and saw service on the French, Italian, Serbian and Roumanian fronts. He migrated to Mexico in 1924 and arrived in Laredo, Texas, on May 18, 1928. He is reported to have joined the Nazi Party in 1921 and to have participated in the famous Hitler Putsch at Munich. He worked his way up through the League of the Friends of the New Germany and the German-American Bund until he became the leader of the Bund. He is now in prison serving a sentence for embezzling the funds of the Bund.

In 1938 Fritz Kuhn advised the members and visiting delegates to a Bund meeting at Camp Nordland that the Bund's Declaration of Principles was as follows:

- "1. A socially just, white, Gentile-ruled United States.
- "2. Gentile-controlled labor unions free from Jewish Moscow-directed domination.
- "3. Gentiles in all positions of importance in government, national defense, and educational institutions.
- "4. Severance of diplomatic relations with Soviet

Russia, outlawing of the Communist Party in the United States, prosecution of all known Communists for high treason.

"5. Immediate cessation of the dumping of all political refugees on the shores of the United States.

"6. Thorough cleaning of the Hollywood film industries of all alien, subversive doctrines.

"7. Cessation of all abuse of the freedom of the pulpit, press, radio and stage.

"8. A return of our Government to the policies of George Washington. Aloofness from foreign entanglements. Severance of all connections with the League of Nations."

Information has been obtained indicating that George Wilhelm Kunze was unanimously elected national chairman of the German-American Bund at a national convention of that organization held in Chicago, Illinois, from August 31 to September 2, 1940. It is also stated that Kunze had been the active head of this organization since December 1939.

Kunze was born in the United States and is an American citizen. He speaks fluent German and has been connected with the German-American Bund and its predecessors since 1933.

The German-American Bund has sponsored four newspapers in various cities of the United States, one of which is named "Der Deutsche Weckruf und Beobachter", which is reported to be the leading Nazi publication in the United States.

The Bund is also reported to have maintained many camps throughout the United States through which it carried on its program.

Information available in the first part of 1941 revealed that it was impossible to obtain an accurate list of the members of the Bund and that it was also impossible to arrive at an authentic estimate of the membership, inasmuch as the local leaders themselves were unable to furnish accurate estimates. This is occasioned by the fact that the Bund had been divided into various categories, and the individual members of same could not be counted.

Information has been recently received indicating that the German-American Bund throughout the United States has initiated the policy of not publicizing its activities or holding meetings or other public gatherings where an admission is made that it is the German-American Bund sponsoring the gathering. Information has been received on numerous occasions indicating that the members of the German-American Bund are infiltrating other German organizations and taking an active part in the work of these organizations thereby establishing a pro-Nazi click in that group.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 11, 1941

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
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Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In connection with the classification of German aliens as potential alien enemies and the establishment of standards of dangerousness, we have tentatively selected membership in any of the following organizations as being an indication of dangerousness:

1. Friends of New Germany
2. German-American Bund
3. American National Socialist League
4. American National Socialist Party
5. German-American National Alliance
6. The Deutsch-Amerikanische Berufsgemeinschaft
7. German-American Settlement League
8. German-American Business League
9. Kyffhaeuser Bund
10. Stahlhelm
11. Fichte Bund
12. ~~D~~ ReichsDeutsche Vereneignung *Verenigung*
13. ~~D~~ Deutsche Arbeitsfront - *The German Labor Front*
14. ~~D~~ Deutsche Kultur *Gilde* - *German Cultural Guild*
15. ~~D~~ Deutsche Kriegsgemeinschaft - *German War Veterans Association*

In order to clear with the Attorney General, I have been asked to submit promptly the facts which indicate that membership in any one of these so-called unfriendly foreign activity organizations is a proper basis for classification of the member as dangerous. I have been asked to hold up the return of the classifications to you pending the procuring of this information.

I would, therefore, appreciate it if, with the greatest expedition possible, you could furnish me with a page or two-page statement as to each one of the above organizations, as well as any other German organizations you may care to add, which will contain facts justifying our using membership in the organization as a basis for classification. Such facts would relate to the purposes, activities, membership and

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leadership of such organizations with particular reference to their present and past connection with the Nazi Regime.

While I realize that in certain instances you may have supplied the Department with some information on each of these organizations, I believe that your experts will be able to supply this more expeditiously and accurately than we will be able to assemble the same, and I will appreciate any help you can give me along these lines.

Similar requests will be made as to Italian, Japanese and Communist organizations.

Lawrence M. C. Smith
Lawrence M. C. Smith,
Chief, Special Defense Unit

Telephone
Prospect 8686



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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Sir -

Why do we
have to have
these dangerous
agencies in our
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This is America
for Americans.

If we permit
these Nazis
to remain in our country
we can expect revolt, or anything
else.

Let's suppress them, or overthrow
them.

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Ads in German Bund Paper Offer to Ship Cash to Reich

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, June 20.—Freezing advertisements appearing is that of by the Washington Administration of German funds in the United States will not halt the transfer of money shipments to the Reich, according to advertisements appearing in the current issue of The Free American and Deutscher Weckruf and Beobachter, which guarantee the safe transfer of remittances.

The Free American is the official mouthpiece of the German-American Bund, and its issue carrying the advertisements is on newsstands here today. It was declared in some quarters that the advertisements "apparently flout the President's proclamation."

Besides the money-shipment service, four advertisers offer to purchase ruckwanderermarks, a form of German currency available to re-immigrants which is redeemable in Germany at twice the value of the American dollar. These re-immigrant marks may not be sold without the permission of the German Government. Thus, it was held, gives the agencies handling them a semi-official status.

One of the most elaborate adver-

tisements appearing is that of Weniger and Walter, Inc., of Philadelphia. It is three columns wide and two inches deep and says in German:

"Not only absolute security and full guarantee do you receive for every money shipment made in register marks, but you receive also almost twice the value of the dollar."

Advertisements also offer food packages "in all sizes and prices, duty paid and duty unpaid."

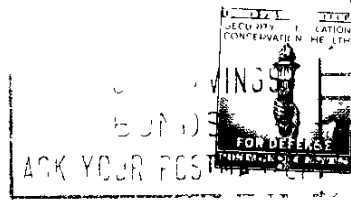
A Brooklyn agency, called the Papsdorf Travel Bureau, Inc., advertises both money shipments and food packages along with re-immigrant marks, "in accordance with all legal requirements."

Other German agencies advertising in the same issue are the German Travel Bureau of Weier and Weier and F. Arnecke, both of New York, Joseph Zimmermann, Elizabeth, N. J., and the Lloyd Exchange, Newark, N. J. A Chicago, Ill., agency, the German-American Travel Center, of which George Froboese is the head, is another advertiser. Mr. Froboese was said in Nazi circles here to be the Bund gauleiter for the Middle West.

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover
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United States Department of Justice**

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: MEMBERSHIP LIST OF GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND. - *6/28/41*
[redacted] INFORMANT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 8, 1941, to the New York Field Division, in which it was requested that [redacted] be interviewed for the purpose of securing a list of officers and members of the German-American Bund, and also for any additional information he might be able to provide. *b7C b7D*

Reference is also made to the personal and confidential letter to the Director from the New York Field Division, in which the Newark Field Division was requested to conduct this interview.

[redacted] for the German-American Bund, was interviewed at his home at [redacted] West New York, New Jersey, today by Special Agents [redacted] of this office. The attitude of [redacted] was entirely receptive to any request the Federal Bureau of Investigation might make of him. As a result of this interview, [redacted] has agreed to the following:

1. [redacted] will provide F.B.I. with a complete list of officers - national, departmental, state, and local, of the German-American Bund. In connection with this list, he will, insofar as the national, departmental, and state officers are concerned, provide F.B.I. with the occupation and business address of each officer, and where possible, will do the same for the local officers, and in all cases, will furnish residence addresses. *RECORDED*
2. [redacted] has agreed to provide F.B.I. with a copy of the new Constitution of the German-American Bund, and to keep F.B.I. advised as to any changes made. *INDEXED*

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3. Over a period of the next few months, [] will compile for F.B.I. a complete membership list, with addresses of all members in the entire organization.
4. [] will advise F.B.I. concerning the itinerary for the travels of the German-American Bund officers, and will furnish this information in advance of the trips being undertaken.
5. [] states that he will be willing to make arrangements for representatives of F.B.I. to examine any and all records and premises of the German-American Bund at any time desired, and on surprise occasions if this is desired. In this respect, [] stated that when such searches and examinations are made, he would appreciate being personally present or having someone present to represent him.
6. A listing of all meeting places in the United States now used by the German-American Bund, together with their addresses and the times of the meetings, will be provided by []
7. [] expressed his willingness to provide information concerning anything in connection with the German-American Bund, of which he has a knowledge or can gain knowledge. In this respect, [] advised that his agreement with the German-American Bund requires them to give without question to him, any information, records, or materials for which he asks.
8. [] will arrange for F.B.I. to interview any officers or members of the German-American Bund at the convenience of the F.B.I., if such becomes desirable at any time.
9. [] will keep this matter entirely confidential and unless given permission by F.B.I. will not disclose to the German-American Bund that he has any dealings with the Bureau. He stated in this regard that it might later become desirable to permit certain individuals of the German-American Bund to be aware of his connection with F.B.I., but that he would leave the decision in this matter up to the Bureau.

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In return to these agreements, [] has two requests, namely:

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1. [] states that he desires to have all contacts made with him by one person within the F.B.I. At the time of the interview, he was advised that until further notice, this contact would be through Special Agent [] of the Newark Office.
 2. It is [] desire that any information given to F. B. I. concerning the German-American Bund be retained as the exclusive knowledge of this Bureau and not be given to any outside organization. [] was assured that this request would be heeded.

Later today, [] telephonically advised that Mr. WILHELM KUNZE, National Leader of the German-American Bund, and Mr. GUSTAVE MILLER, National Treasurer of the German-American Bund, will be in the following places for the next few days:

July 4 and 5, 1941 - Hartford, Connecticut, and vicinity, with planned activities in Willimantic and Putnam, Connecticut.

July 6, 1941 - Albany, New York and vicinity.

July 7, 1941 - Springfield, Massachusetts, and vicinity.

July 8, 1941 - Keene, New Hampshire and vicinity.

July 9, 1941 - Boston, Massachusetts and vicinity.

[] advised that the objects of this trip were as follows:

1. To obtain subscriptions for the German-American Bund newspaper, "The Free American and Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter".
2. To sell pamphlets issued by the A. V. Publishing Company, which is the publisher of the German-American Bund newspaper and other German-American Bund literature.
3. To sell phonograph recordings of the A. V. Volkschor.
4. To obtain donations and subscriptions for the German-American Bund fight fund, which is used for the defense of German-American Bund members and officers who are at present, or might become involved in law suits.

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Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

RE: MEMBERSHIP LIST OF GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND.
[REDACTED] INFORMANT

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Reference is made to your letter dated July 3, 1941, setting forth the results of an interview with [REDACTED] for the German-American Bund, at which time he agreed to furnishing the Bureau with considerable information regarding his client. It is noted that incident to the furnishing of this information [REDACTED] makes two requests; namely, that all contacts with him be made by one person within the Bureau, and that any information furnished to the Bureau concerning the German-American Bund be retained as the exclusive knowledge of this Bureau and not be given to an outside organization.

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With reference to his first request that contacts with him be had with one Special Agent, it is felt that a particular effort should be made to follow this procedure, so that [REDACTED] is not contacted indiscriminately by several Agents assigned to your office, thereby possibly alienating his desire to cooperate with this Bureau. It is realized that at times it may be impossible for the same Agent to make these contacts. However, I feel it is your personal responsibility to see that these contacts are handled by an experienced Agent so that [REDACTED] may be of the fullest assistance to the Bureau.

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With reference to information furnished by [REDACTED] being used by the Bureau exclusively and not being furnished to any outside organization, it should be pointed out to him that a definite promise in this regard cannot be made, in view of the fact that data furnished by him may be of particular interest to some other Governmental agency, thereby making it incumbent on the Bureau to furnish this information to it. It should be further pointed out, however, that the identity

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of the informant, in those instances where information is furnished to another Governmental agency, will be held strictly confidential and the information furnished in a manner that would in no way reveal its source.

This matter should be discussed with [] at an early date so that there will be no misunderstanding in the future regarding the Bureau's requirements in this regard. In conclusion, it is my desire that the contact with [] be closely followed and that he be encouraged to furnish all the information that he has stated he will furnish following its compilation by him.

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The material furnished by [] should be carefully reviewed and the appropriate leads set forth in those instances where further investigation is deemed desirable, and all offices having an interest in the information furnished should be advised by you of the pertinent details.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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July 30, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT
MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

Further reference is made to your memorandum dated May 26, 1941, regarding the German American National Alliance, wherein you request copies of the sample ballot which was apparently distributed by the German American National Alliance and referred to in my memorandum of April 29, 1941, addressed to Mr. Matthew F. McGuire, the Assistant to the Attorney General. In accordance with your request photostatic copies of this ballot have been prepared and are attached hereto.

In keeping with the suggestions set forth in the memorandum of Mr. R. Keith Kane, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, enclosed to this Bureau in a memorandum dated April 11, 1940, by Mr. Matthew F. McGuire, the Assistant to the Attorney General, the investigation of the German American National Alliance is being continued.

For your information and review at this time, copies of the following designated reports are enclosed herewith:

Reports of Special Agent [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, dated June 3, 12, 28, 1941, and May 23, 1941, respectively.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, dated April 3, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] at Albany, New York, dated April 24, 1941.

Reports of Special Agent [redacted] at Kansas City, Missouri, dated May 2 and 15, 1941, respectively.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated May 3, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, dated May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] at Indianapolis, Indiana, dated May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated May 5, 1941.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Denver, Colorado, dated May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated May 5, 1941.

Reports of Special Agents [REDACTED] at Springfield, Illinois, dated May 5 and July 8, 1941, respectively.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Cincinnati, Ohio, dated May 5, 1941. b7C

Reports of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Cincinnati, Ohio, dated May 15 and June 2, 1941, respectively.

Reports of Special Agents [REDACTED] at Newark, New Jersey, dated May 8 and June 5, 1941, respectively.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Washington, D. C., dated June 2, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at San Francisco, California, dated May 6, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Los Angeles, California, dated May 6, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Cleveland, Ohio, dated May 10, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Grand Rapids, Michigan, dated June 14, 1941. b7C

To insure that all information gathered is in your possession, photostatic copies of any material attached to the above indicated reports have been prepared and are attached to the appropriate report.

It will be noted that in some instances reports have been submitted on investigations conducted before the receipt of the original request. It was felt desirable to submit these reports in view of the fact that information bearing on the activities of the German American National Alliance as an organization is set forth.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

Additional reports are being reviewed upon receipt and in the future copies will be designated for your attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Newark, New Jersey

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July 31, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: MEMBERSHIP LIST OF GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND;
[redacted] Informant

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter dated July 19, 1941 (Bureau File 100-281), which discusses the letter from this field division dated July 3, 1941, setting forth the results of an interview with [redacted] for the German-American Bund.

[redacted] first request that contacts be made with him by one Special Agent only is being and has been complied with and Special Agent [redacted] of this office will make such contacts until further notice. It is realized, as you stated in your letter, that at times it may be impossible for the same agent to make these contacts. In such cases, special arrangements will be made with Informant [redacted] but it has been agreed with the informant that these will be exceptional cases.

[redacted] has agreed to leave to the Bureau's discretion the matter of disclosing information given by him to other agencies of the Federal government. He requests, however, that in divulging such information his name be withheld. He also requests that if it is found desirable and necessary to divulge information given by him to agencies not part of the Federal government that care be taken to make sure that such information can be substantiated from other sources so that his usefulness to the Bureau and also his position with the German-American Bund will not be jeopardized. He agrees, however, that the Bureau is in a better position to evaluate the information given by him and the best means of making use of it than is he.

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A letter has already been submitted to the Bureau Bureau [redacted] with the Confidential Informant File of this office, in which [redacted] has been assigned the [redacted] 8 AUG 1 1941

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All other items mentioned in reference letter of July 19th have been taken care of so that you can be assured no misunderstandings will arise in connection with these points between informant [redacted] and the Bureau.

Very truly yours,
E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Nwk. File 61-73

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August 30, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

RE: MEMBERSHIP LIST OF GERMAN-AMERICAN
BUND;
WILLIAM V. KIRGAN, Informant

Reference is made to your letter dated July 31, 1941, request-
ing advice as to whether [redacted] had previously submitted
information of a national defense nature to the Bureau.

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A review of the files of the Bureau reflects a letter from the
New York Field Office, dated May 28, 1940, regarding Max Wax; Martin
Kessler — Espionage, about whom [redacted] furnished information. This
information in effect was that Max Wax left the United States some
time previously to proceed to Germany for a conference with one Koppe,
for the purpose of obtaining money to finance secret activities in the
United States, and that Martin Kessler of Cleveland, Ohio, was one of
his agents. Considerable investigation has been conducted regarding
Martin Kessler, the former Fuehrer of the German-American Bund in
Cleveland, Ohio.

A letter dated May 28, 1940, from the New York Field Division
regarding the German-American Bund, Registration Act, is also contained
in the files of the Bureau. This letter reflects that [redacted] on that
date contacted the New York Field Office, at which time he reported he
had just discovered that a house in Brooklyn, New York, at 267 St.
Nicholas Avenue, at which the German-American Bund had been holding its
meetings was in fact owned by Joseph Schuster, who was a Director of
Reich propaganda in the Propaganda Ministry in Berlin, Germany. Ernst
Weiler and Carl Flick were stated to be agents for Schuster in the
United States. [redacted] advised at that time that the German-American
Bund was going to make a public announcement that they were discontin-
uing the use of this house.

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It is further reflected in the files of the Bureau that a
letter dated June 10, 1940, was received from the New York Field Office
setting forth information furnished to that Office on May 29, 1940, [redacted]
at which time he furnished general information regarding the
German-American Bund and its leaders.

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There were no other instances located in the files of the Bureau indicating that [] had previously furnished information of a national defense nature to the Bureau.

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A copy of this letter is being designated for the New York Field Office for its information in this regard.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Assistant Director E. J. Connelley, New York, New York

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Newark, New Jersey

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July 31, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: MEMBERSHIP LIST OF GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND;
[redacted] Informant

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau File [redacted]
Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] advises that he has
from time to time prior to the present interviews now being conducted
by this office with informant, given to the Bureau various information
concerning national defense and subversive matters.

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It is desired at this time that the Bureau afford the Newark Field
Division confirmation or negation of the statements of the informant
in view of the fact that his statements are incorrect with respect to
the furnishing of this information, the attitude of this office toward
him in the interviews taking place concerning the German-American Bund
will necessarily have to be conducted in a somewhat different manner.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the New York Field Division
with a similar request in view of the fact that it is entirely possible
such information might have been given to the Bureau through the New York
Field Division as well as directly to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

cc New York
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Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 31, 1941, with reference to Confidential Informant [redacted] of your office and the advisability of informing the Prosecutor of Sussex County as to this individual's cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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It is not desired that the prosecuting authorities of Sussex County be informed that [redacted] is acting as a confidential informant of your office, but there is no objection to your advising these authorities, upon requests from them, that [redacted] has furnished information to the Bureau. You should make no recommendation to the prosecuting authorities as to the action to be taken by them concerning [redacted] nor should you comment upon the character of the information which he has furnished to the Bureau.

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It would appear that the difficulties of [redacted] which are the basis for the indictment against him in state court, occurred prior to any cooperation by him with the Bureau and for this reason it is not believed proper that the Bureau make any recommendation concerning the action in state court.

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Very truly yours,

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United States Department of Justice
Newark, New Jersey

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July 31, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: MEMBERSHIP LIST OF GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND;
[redacted] Informant

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau File [redacted] with respect to [redacted]

[redacted] This informant was [redacted] in connection with the indictments voted against the trustees of the German-American Bund Auxiliary, which at that time owned and operated Camp Nordland near Andover, New Jersey. This camp is a German-American Bund camp.

[redacted] However, [redacted] is being tried separately and his trial has not yet been definitely set.

In view of the fact that [redacted] and is also cooperating with this office, the question is bound to arise as to whether FBI might be willing to advise Prosecutor DOWNING of Sussex County of the fact [redacted] Prosecutor DOWNING during the latter part of June indirectly placed such a question to the Newark Field Division through Inspector CALLAHAN of the Special Inspection Division of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, New York City. CALLAHAN telephonically asked this office whether [redacted] was at present cooperating with FBI, stating that Prosecutor DOWNING had requested such information of CALLAHAN. At that time this office had not yet interviewed [redacted]

In view of the possibility that Prosecutor DOWNING might ask FBI directly or that Informant [redacted] might request that FBI so inform Prosecutor DOWNING, it is desired that the Bureau give this office a decision as to the action to be taken.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT
MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

Supplementing previous correspondence regarding the German-American Bund there are enclosed herewith copies of the following designated reports:

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 25, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 16, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Chicago, Illinois, May 31, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Chicago, Illinois, June 7, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Chicago, Illinois, June 24, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Chicago, Illinois, July 14, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at San Francisco, California, May 6, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Boston, Massachusetts, May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] Indiana, May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] COMMUNICATIONS SECTION Florida, May 3, 1941.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 15, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Newark, New Jersey, May 8, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Dallas, Texas, June 7, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Birmingham, Alabama, June 16, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 13, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Springfield, Illinois, May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Washington, D. C., May 14, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Washington, D. C., May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Portland, Oregon, May 9, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Memphis, Tennessee, May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Memphis, Tennessee, May 29, 1941.

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Report of Special Agent [] dated at El Paso, Texas, May 4, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at El Paso, Texas, July 24, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Richmond, Virginia, May 6, 1941

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Houston, Texas, May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Houston, Texas, June 4, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Detroit, Michigan, June 12, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at San Antonio, Texas, July 17, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 2, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Los Angeles, California, June 6, 1941

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Des Moines, Iowa, May 4, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at St. Louis, Missouri, May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Seattle, Washington, May 6, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at New Orleans, Louisiana, May 3, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Springfield, Illinois, July 30, 1941. -

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Report of Special Agent [] dated at San Antonio, Texas, May 7, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Dallas, Texas, May 2, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Los Angeles, California, June 17, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Cleveland, Ohio, May 13, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Memphis, Tennessee, June 23, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at San Antonio, Texas, June 18, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Buffalo, New York, June 28, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 27, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at San Diego, California, May 5, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Newark, New Jersey, June 9, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at San Francisco, California, July 9, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [] dated at Albany, New York, May 22, 1941.

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It will be noted from a review of these reports that a large volume of the material available regarding the German-American Bund has been obtained from confidential sources and from former members of the German-American Bund who in many instances are not in a position to testify as to their present activities or as to their activities since the passage of the Voorhis Act. The question

has arisen as to whether it is your desire that the known officers and members of the German-American Bund be interviewed directly in a vigorous manner to obtain all information in their possession that would indicate a violation of the Voorhis Act. These interviews will be for the purpose of developing the present activities of the German-American Bund and the location of those persons who would be competent to testify as to their activities. If this procedure is followed the officers and members would be interviewed along the lines of the questions set forth in the questionnaire prepared by the Department for the registration of an organization defined in this Act. At the same time they would be asked to submit voluntarily their books, records, constitutions, by-laws, charters and other written material in their possession. In those instances where a witness furnished information tending to establish one of the elements required for prosecution under the statute a signed statement would be taken from him for future use.

To follow the procedure indicated above in the investigation of the German-American Bund would of course serve notice not only to other members of this organization but also to other organizations possibly coming within the definition of the Act that the Bureau was conducting an extensive investigation. On the other hand it is extremely difficult to follow the activities of the German-American Bund since the passage of the Voorhis Act unless this procedure at least in a modified form be followed. It is also pointed out that the information received from confidential sources although of great informative nature in many instances would not be available for presentation in court in the event of a prosecution.

I again wish to call to your attention the possible use of search warrants for the obtaining of information regarding violations of the Voorhis Act and whether the use of these search warrants would be considered desirable at the present time in the event a location of records was determined. In considering the question as to the interviewing of officers and members of this organization as well as the use of search warrants it would be appreciated if you could advise as to the procedure in this regard, not only with respect to the German-American Bund but with respect to other organizations concerning which an investigation has been requested by you to determine whether a violation of the Voorhis Act exists.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 15, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In re: Your memorandum to me dated August 11,
1941 relative to additional reports
regarding the German American Bund.

Reference is made to the last paragraph in your memorandum to me dated August 11, 1941 enclosing copies of additional reports on the German American Bund, wherein you ask me to advise you on the question of interviewing officers and members of the German American Bund and other organizations concerning which I have requested an investigation and also to advise you on the use of search warrants in this connection.

Because of the fact that the procedure of interviewing known officers and members of the German American Bund and other organizations would serve notice to these and other organizations that the Bureau was conducting an extensive investigation, I do not wish to have this procedure followed at this particular time, although at a later date we may request it. For the same reason I do not consider it desirable at this particular time to use search warrants to obtain the necessary information regarding violations of the Voorhis Act, although here again at a later date we may request such a procedure. If your regular investigation uncovers special circumstances that would make this procedure desirable, I assume you will advise me.

The above advice is intended to apply not only to your investigation of the German American Bund but also in respect to other organizations concerning which an investigation has been requested by me to determine whether a violation of the Voorhis Act exists and is not intended to interrupt your investigations of these organizations by procedures other than those referred to above.

LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH, CHIEF,
Special Defense Unit.

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September 3, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT
MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 15, 1941, in answer to my memorandum of August 11, 1941. It is noted therein that it is not your desire that officers and members of the German-American Bund or any other organization under the provisions of the Voths Act be interviewed. You do, however, refer to the possibility that special circumstances may arise that would make this procedure desirable, and request advice in that instance.

In view of the fact that the investigative reports in this matter have been forwarded to you for review, it is requested that following this review you furnish the names of those individuals who are alleged officers and members of the above organization whom you deem it advisable to interview for the purpose of developing specific information that will lead to possible prosecution.

As pointed out in my previous memorandum, it is practically impossible to obtain material of evidentiary value exclusively from confidential informants and it would be of considerable assistance if you would, following your review of the reports in this matter, indicate those instances where you wish to make an exception to the general rule of not interviewing officers and members of the German-American Bund.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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September 23, 1941

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Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Re: GERMAN AMERICAN BUND;
Voorhis Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 28, 1941, forwarding two rolls of Minipax film which contained photographs of the mailing lists of the German American Bund newspaper "The Free American and Deutscher Werkruf und Beobachter".

The duplicate rolls of developed film, as well as one copy of each print of the entire mailing lists, are being returned to you under separate cover in accordance with your request. In addition, the pertinent portions of these mailing lists are being furnished the interested field offices so that each office may have indexed the names of the persons appearing on the mailing lists of this publication. Copies of this communication have been designated for all offices. In those instances where there is no enclosure attached thereto, it will indicate there are no individuals in that territory whose names appear on these lists.

Although you suggest in your reference letter that two copies be furnished to all field offices, as well as two copies of the complete lists to your office, this was not believed necessary in view of the fact that the material is for information only. One copy of each print has been retained for the records of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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United States Department of Justice

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August 28, 1941

100-2643

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Attention: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Re: GERMAN AMERICAN BUND
'INTERNAL SECURITY G'

(291,701)

Dear Sir:

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DATE 3-11-94 BY 985001/SC

There is being forwarded with a copy of this letter two rolls of Minipan film exposed at this office on August 21, 1941 in connection with the photographing of mailing lists of the German American Bund newspaper, "The Free American and Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter." Roll No. 1 and Roll No. 2 contain the same photographs in view of the fact that the list was photographed twice.

It is requested that these two rolls be developed and that prints be made that are large enough to be read. It is requested that suitable photographic prints in duplicate be furnished each Field Division for that part which extends to each of the various Field Divisions in the United States. It is further requested that the Newark Field Division be furnished readable prints for the entire list.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

Registered Mail

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AND FIELD OFFICES
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for identical names. Also see page
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

C O D E

August 25, 1941

Transmit the following message to.

SAC, Chicago

100-1-1315

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GERMAN AMERICAN BUND VOORHIS ACT ADVISE WHAT
ARRANGEMENTS EFFECTED FOR COVERAGE GERMAN AMERICAN
BUND CONVENTION BY INFORMANTS AVAILABLE TO YOU.
EXTREMELY DESIRABLE THAT FULL COVERAGE BE MADE TO
SUPPLEMENT AND CONFIRM INFORMATION FURNISHED BY
[REDACTED] THE BUREAU SHOULD BE KEPT CURRENTLY
ADVISED AS TO ANY UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
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DIRECTOR, ASST. E. J. CONNELLEY, SACS CHICAGO AND GRAND RAPIDS

GERMAN AMERICAN REGISTRATION ACT-G. REFERENCE TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION

OF SA [] OF THE BUREAU TWENTY-FIRST INSTANT REGARDING SA
ATTENDING NATIONAL BUND CONVENTION AT CHICAGO. EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL
NOT BE HELD AT CHICAGO AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED BUT WILL BE HELD TWENTY-

~~SEVENTH~~ AND EIGHTH INSTANT ON FARM OF PAUL KRUEGER ABOUT TWO MILES FROM

BRIDGMAN MICHIGAN. EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BEGIN EVENING OF TWENTY

~~SEVENTH~~ INSTANT AS SOON AS ALL NATIONAL OFFICERS ARRIVE IN BRIDGMAN

MICHIGAN. THOSE TO BE REESENT ARE WILHELM KUNZE, WILLI KUEDTKE

GEORGE PROBOESE, GUSTAV ELMER, AUGUST KLAPPIOTT, WIPPELMANN FROM

WEST COAST AND [] DR. OTTO WILLUMEIT ~~WILL~~ BE THERE

BUT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE. ARRANGEMENT CANNOT BE MADE WITH []

FOR SA TO ATTEND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS. CHICAGO WILL ADVISE BUREAU

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ADVISING [] THAT NO SAS WILL ATTEND CONVENTION WITH HIM, []

WILL FURNISH COMPLETE UN-EDITED MINUTES OF CONVENTION. PHOTOGRAPHS

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER CONVENTION.

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY, AND SAC CHICAGO

GERMAN-AMERICAN, BUND -- REGISTRATION ACT G. ADVISE NATIONAL

BUND CONVENTION PRACTICALLY CERTAIN TO BE HELD AT CHICAGO HEADQUARTERS
OF BUND AUGUST 30 AND AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1. ANY CHANGE IN
PLAN WILL BE IMMEDIATELY COMMUNICATED BY TO CHICAGO OFFICE.

KUNZE BELIEVED TO BE NOW IN CHICAGO. KUNZE HAS HIS PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE
WITH HIM, NEW YORK LICENSE NUMBER C OR G 2097, NEW MERCURY TOWN
SEDAN. INFORMANT WILL CONTACT CHICAGO OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
AFTER ARRIVAL IN CHICAGO AUGUST 30 INSTANT.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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WRP:HMS

September 29, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION TECHNICAL LABORATORY

RE: GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

There is being enclosed one German-American Bund pin. This pin consists of a raised rising sun swastika on the base of which is "AV." This rising sun swastika is of gold-colored metal and is mounted on a background of red with black and white stripes. The base of the pin is of a gold-colored metal.

This pin was obtained by this office through FRANK HOLLANDER, 1070 Springfield Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey, who is in the tailoring business. It is requested that the pin be photographed and returned to the Newark Field Division. Copies of this letter are being designated for the Chicago Field Division and Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY, New York, and it is requested that these offices and the Newark Field Division be furnished with two copies each of the photographs made.

It is to be noted that this pin, according to [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, is a mark of honor in the Bund and is given only to members who have been actively engaged for the Bund for a period of at least three years.

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It is also suggested that consideration be given to the sending of copies of the photograph of this pin to each field division in continental United States so that these offices may be informed of the type of pin used by the German-American Bund.

Very truly yours,

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August 27, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT.
MR. LAWRENCE M. G. SMITH

Re: GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND
VOORHIS ACT

Supplementing previous correspondence, there are hereto copies of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated at Baltimore, Maryland, May 9, 1941.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated
at Los Angeles, California, July 28, 1941.

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With reference to the enclosures mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] there is also attached here a copy of a summary translation of this material.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1-3-02 SP5 Jcmc

Enclosures

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
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United States Department of Justice
Newark, New Jersey

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MRP:HLH
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August 28, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: GERMAN AMERICAN BUND - b1
INTERNAL SECURITY G

Dear Sir:

Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised this office on August 18, 1941, that a letter had been received from the United States Post Office at New York requesting a complete copy of the galley list used in connection with the mailing of the German American Bund newspaper, "The Free American and Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter."

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He further advised that the United States Post Office of New York stated that this list was to be used in connection with an analysis of the rating for reduced rates in mailing. Informant [] stated that in the preparation of this list he would afford this office the opportunity of photographing the list prior to its submission to the United States Post Office.

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As a result of this arrangement, this list was obtained from [] on the evening of August 20, 1941, and was photographed in the Newark Field Division on August 21, 1941. The film has been submitted for development by a separate letter. The list as received was broken down geographically for the entire United States and [] states it is the entire and correct list as is at present used by the newspaper. He advised, however, that the list would be doctored before it was turned over to the United States Post Office in New York City.

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[] advised that this list is roughly a list of the leaders of the German American Bund. He stated that when he refers to leaders he includes the leaders of the house groups. [] advised that each subscriber had agreed to see to it that the newspaper he received was read by at least five other persons. A copy of this letter is being sent to Assistant Director E.J. Connelley, New York for his information.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge



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

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September 19, 1941

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Time: 10:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAMER *BK*

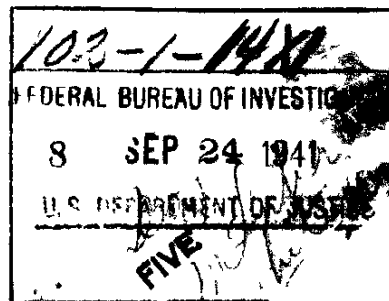
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Miss Gandy

Mr. Dan Crocker in the Special Defense Unit called, stating he had prepared a summary memorandum on the German-American Bund for the Immigration and Naturalization Service and inquiring if the Bureau would like to have a copy of this summary. I told him the Bureau would appreciate receiving copies of all such memoranda and he indicated he would forward not only a copy of the instant memorandum but would forward copies of similar summaries prepared in the future.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
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Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Re: GERMAN AMERICAN BUND
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 29, 1941, forwarding one German-American Bund pin. In accordance with your request, this pin and two photographs thereof are being returned. In keeping with your suggestion, copies of this letter and two photographs of the above mentioned pin are being forwarded to each Field Division for their information.

This pin consists of a raised rising sun swastika, on the base of which appears "AV". This rising sun swastika is of gold-colored metal and is mounted on a background of red with black and white stripes. The base of the pin is also of gold-colored metal.

Information received from a confidential source indicates that this pin is worn as a mark of honor in the German-American Bund, and is given only to those members who have been actively engaged in the organization for a period of at least three years. It is believed that any individual who is observed to be wearing one of these pins is of sufficient importance in the German-American Bund to merit a separate internal security investigation.

Very truly yours,

1-3-07 SP5 JCM

Enclosure

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Ladd	Birmingham	Des Moines	Knoxville	Oklahoma City
Nichols	Boston	Detroit	Little Rock	Omaha
Rosen	Buffalo	El Paso	Los Angeles	Philadelphia
Carson	Butte	Grand Rapids	Louisville	Phoenix
Holloman	Charlotte	Honolulu	Memphis	Pittsburgh
Quinn Tamm	Chicago	Houston	Miami	Portland
Don	Cincinnati	Huntington	Milwaukee	Providence
	Cleveland	Indianapolis	Newark	Richmond
		Jackson	New Haven	St. Louis
				St. Paul
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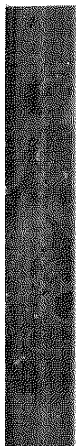


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MRS CONROY

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Socially Speaking ---

By HENRIETTA

AMONG MEMBERS OF THE YOUNGER SET entertaining before the wedding of Miss Betty Pearce and Kenneth Edward Murphy will be Miss Marilyn Sumner, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Sumner, 58 Wolcott rd, Fairlawn. Miss Sumner, one of the attendants in the bridal party, will give the rehearsal dinner Monday evening at her parent's home. The wedding will be held the following Wednesday in First Congregational church at 4 30 p m, with Dr Noble S Elderkin officiating. Miss Pearce is the daughter of Dr and Mrs Roy G Pearce, 344 Merriam rd. Mr Murphy, a lieutenant in the United States marine corps, is the son of Mrs Edward J Murphy, Oswego, N Y.

Mrs Frank Crane Entertains Board

MRS FRANK CRANE, 1383 Delia av, will open her home for the 1933-34 session of the board of Little Theater section of Woman's City club. As special guests of the luncheon and meeting afterwards Mrs Crane has invited the five retiring members of the board who completed their terms of office last month. Newly elected officers will take charge for the first time since their election. Mrs E R Hardy is chairman with Mrs Lynn Holcomb, vice chairman, Mrs F W Hoopes, secretary, and Mrs L A Graham, treasurer.

EACH SUMMER as activities are over for members of Bach, Beethoven, Brahms club, the group gathers for an annual picnic to close the year's programs. This summer Mrs John W Herron, 456 N Portage Path, will open her home to the senior sections on Monday evening for an informal dinner. Mrs J R Silver jr, Miss Elizabeth Dehenberger, Mrs Frank Whiteman and Miss Gwen Held form a committee planning the affair with Mrs Herron.

Bride We Blue Dress

Luncheon At

Follows Ceremony

AN EXAMPLE IN TASTE to the many who chose elaborate cost for going away was set by Mrs Harry J Conroy the former Eleanor L Schneider. For her motor trip Boston, she selected a simple blue and white print dress with a coconut straw hat and white accessories.

The wedding of Miss Schneider, ward of Mrs Armar T Carnahan, 144 N Highland av, to Mr Conroy, who is the son of Mr and Mrs H J Conroy, Caracas, Venezuela, took place at 12 30 today in the rectory of the Church of the Annunciation with Rev Richard A Dowd officiating.

Only members of the immediate families were present for the ceremony at which Miss Marie M. Higgins and Daniel Tighe were attendants. For her wedding the bride wore a costume suit of robin's egg blue silk crepe. With it she wore a hat of white corded silk, white accessories and a corsage of white roses. Miss Higgins's outfit was of beige crepe with accents of brown and a corsage of Talianian roses.

A luncheon at Portage Country club for the family preceded the departure of the young couple. Mrs Carnahan wearing a dress of black and white flowered chiffon with white accessories and a corsage of gardenias, received the guests with Mrs Conroy, sr, who was dressed in Burgundy chiffon with a blue hat and a corsage of yellow roses. After June 15 the newlyweds will be at home to their friends at 106 Rose blvd.

THE MANY OWNERS of horses from out of town for the Kiwanis horse show Friday and Saturday in the Rubber Bowl will be entertained at a buffet supper at the Mayflower hotel after the show closes Saturday evening. Mrs Lee D Schroy and Mrs Willis Edmund are chairmen of the committee of wives of Kiwanians who will serve as hostesses.

Receiving the out-of-town exhibitors and their guests will be Mrs Evan Brewster, Mrs Harland Paige, Mrs Floyd Nietert, Mrs Walter Blessman, Mrs John Thorpe, Mrs W Birney Mills, Mrs Frank Meyers, Mrs Thomas Morrison, Mrs Ralph Minor, and Mrs John Brumbaugh.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hefner 218 S. Firestone blvd. will give a dinner party Friday at their home. Ten guests will attend the affair which will honor Mrs. Hefner's brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gogan of Cleveland.

Hold Homecoming At Turkeyfoot

ANNUAL HOMECOMING for members of Turkeyfoot Island club has been set for all day Friday at the clubhouse. Activities have been planned for every hour of the day for both members and their guests. Although dinner is arranged for 6:30 p. m., all sorts of games will take place all evening. Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeWitt, as chairmen of the entertainment committee, have chosen a capable group of assistants. They are Mr. and Mrs. W. Birney Mills, Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell Dr. and Mrs. Carl Dietrich. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ansley, Mr. and Mrs. Don Engle, and Mr. and Mrs. John Grimm.

A GROUP OF A DOZEN intimate friends who have met regularly for luncheons and games have decided not to let the hot summer drunt their spirits and now are planning to continue games all season. Mrs. J. T. Kimberly, 663 Sunset View dr., as hostess for the next round is entertaining on Monday June 23. Mrs. Nelson Hoover, 527 Moreley av., gave her luncheon Thursday at her home.

A CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE in the date of the meeting of the alumnae of St. Mary's college South Bend, Ind. Instead of gathering at the home of Mrs. Bernard Ley, 482 Orlando av., on Tuesday, the group will be guests at a luncheon at her home on Wednesday. Luncheon at 1 p. m. will be followed by bridge games.

Miss Lewton To Be Bride Saturday

MRS. PETER KULLY, Miss Elizabeth Lewton and Miss Norma Jean Williams, Lansing, Mich. will serve as attendants at the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Lewton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lewton, 847 N. Howard st., and Robert B. Williams. The wedding will be held Saturday at 7 p. m. in First United Presbyterian church with Rev. John R. Loudon officiating. Edwin T. Lewton, brother of the bride elect and Peter Kully, will be ushers during the ceremony. Carl G. Williams will serve as best man. After a short honeymoon trip, the couple will return to live at 503 Elmwood ct. Mr. Williams is connected with Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

FIFTY GUESTS attended the wedding Tuesday of Miss Mavis Lucille Given, daughter of Mrs. Okey Given, 373 Danville ct., and Windsor R. Lappin, jr., son of Mrs. Joe Lappin, 1034 Snyder st. The ceremony took place in the home of the bride's mother at 7 p. m. Rev. Merle A. Hayes, pastor of Calvary Evangelical church, and Rev. C. W. Ruhlman, pastor of First Evangelical church, officiated. Miss Mildred Olinger and Alger A. Smith, uncle of the bridegroom, were the only attendants.

The bride wore white chiffon with illusion veil and carried an arm bouquet of gardenias and orchids. Miss Olinger chose pink chiffon and carried roses and snapdragons. Guests from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. John Evans Downie, Cal. and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Given and family, New Milford O. The couple will live at 187 Perry av. Mr. Lappin is associated with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON for Kappa Kappa Gamma alumni will be held in Fairlawn Country club on Saturday, June 14, at 1 p. m. Mrs. Henry Heepe jr. heads the committee making all plans, and she will be assisted by a committee composed of Miss Dent Sanford, Mrs. Hugh Macey, and Miss Margaret Ammerman. Games of bridge will be held in the afternoon on the enclosed porch of the club.

By The Way . . .

Yesterday's heat certainly went to the feet of Akron—In one short stretch of W. Market st. was observed a young man driving along with his bare feet sticking out the door of his car—and a pretty girl seeking coolness in the same way as she stepped out of her automobile.

The badges to be worn by the hostesses for the Kiwanis party are very good looking—White with red lettering—They added a bright touch to the many white dresses seen at the meeting of the group Wednesday at Akron City club.

Mrs. George Bryder is now living at 715 W. Market st.—Her son, George jr. will be home Friday from Miami university. Mrs. David Kerdig is wearing a most becoming gold colored linen dress these days. The Newton Prentices of Cleveland are departing from their usual holiday custom of coming to Akron—Instead they have gone east for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tichenor are now on their way to California where they will board a ship to take them to their new home in Honolulu, Hawaii. En route from their former home in New York they stopped in Akron to spend several days with Mr. Tichenor's mother, Mrs. Ila Tichenor, 715 Elma st.

Because Mr. Tichenor a member of the first class to be graduated from North high school will be unable to attend the reunion of the class, June 6, a number of his former classmates gave a party in his honor Tuesday evening. The affair was held at the home of Miss Claire Boehm, 264 W. Market st.

MRS. GILLUM DOOLITTLE, Bath-Stow rd., Bath Center, has just returned home from Chicago and Evanston, Ill. Mrs. Doolittle attended the Grand council session of Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America held in Chicago last week then stayed over in Evanston as guest of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Sanger, Mr. and Mrs. William McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. Ade Schumacher.

MRS. C. E. LAMIELL, 445 S. Firestone blvd., will spend Memorial week-end at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Her husband, Major Lamell, is stationed there with the 107th cavalry.



MISS HARDY

Betrothed

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Hardy, 223 Fink st., are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, E. Mae, to Alfred Eugene Willgu, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Willgu, 2800 Shelburn st. The wedding will take place Nov. Miss Hardy is a graduate of Talimadge high school. Mr. Willgu is associated with Goodyear Aircraft Corp.

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MISS WILKIN

B MRS L F WILKIN, Malasia rd, are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Virginia, to Raymond W. Lorence, jr, son of Mr. and Mrs R W Lorence, 623 S Arlington st. The wedding will take place at 2 30 p m June 1, at the Good-year Heights United Presbyterian church with Rev Harry D. Rose officiating.

Miss Dorothy Frey will be maid of honor. Serving as bridesmaid, will be Miss Roberta Berry, Miss Pita Haynes, Miss Betty Kelly and Miss Dorothy Baugher. Donna Rae Brennan will be flower girl. Ernest Means will be best man, Robert Wilkin, Phillip Garman, Jay Brown and Henry B. Schaefer.

Both Miss Wilkin and Mr. Lorence are graduates of East high school. Miss Wilkin attended Ohio university. Mr. Lorence is associated with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

Will Marry In Panama

MISS NABEL WOODDELL, daughter of Mrs M B Wooddell, 543 Pouse av, will leave Akron Thursday evening for New York. From there she will sail for Cristobal, Panama where she will become the bride of Paul

MISS MATLACK



MISS COTTOM



MISS SCHNEE

EACH DAY BRINGS news of weddings to come. Miss Beryl Matlack, 230 Cranz pl, daughter of Mr and Mrs Glen E Matlack, will become the bride of Frank J Tarr, Madison, son of Mrs Alice A Tarr, Toronto, O, next Thursday. Miss Matlack was graduated from Akron university where she was affiliated with Theta Upsilon. Mr Tarr became a member of Sigma Nu while attending Bethany college. He also attended Kent State university and is a member of the faculty at Madison High school.

June 14 has been set as the date of the wedding of

Miss Eleanor Irene Cottom, daughter of Mr and Mrs William J Cottom, 340 Cleveland st, and Rex E Sager, son of Mr and Mrs Emery Sager, 289 N Firestone blvd. The ceremony will take place in the rectory of the Church of the Annunciation with Rev L J Smith officiating. A reception will be held from 4 to 6 p m at the Cottom home. The wedding of Miss Dorothy Schnee, daughter of Mr and Mrs T J Schnee, 43 Frederick blvd, to Howard M Doner, Mansfield, will take place early this summer. Miss Schnee is a graduate of Wooster college. Mr Doner

MISS BIDDLE

attended Syracuse university where he became a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. He is associated with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co.

Mrs Mary Biddle, Arlington st, is announcing the approaching marriage of her daughter, Marie, to George Brimlow, son of Mr and Mrs George Brimlow, Sebring.

Mr Brimlow became affiliated with Alpha Omega fraternity while attending Mount Union college. He is working for the United States government in Johnsonville, Ind.

of North High school. Mr. (1911-12) then was graduated from Kansas State university where he became a member of Phi Delta Theta. He is a member of the engineering corps of the United States government.

Miss Woodell has been honored at many parties before her departure. A group of her friends gave a supper party for her Monday evening at Kase's restaurant.

MR. AND MRS. C. H. FETTER and their two children, Hazelton Jr. and Agnes, are arriving Friday morning from their home in Cedar Rapids, Ia. They will return again Sunday and in the meantime will be the house guests of Mr. Simmons' parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Simmons, 231 Beechwood drive. The family path will be a landmark for the former Akronites while they are here.

Class Goes To Canton

MEMBERS of Loyal Daughters class of South Akron Church of Christ will go to Canton Tuesday to be guests of Mrs. Otis Butcher, a former teacher of the group. A Battalion who will entertain at her home 1319 10th st. NW will be assisted by Mrs. Anna Bell, Mrs. Eleanor Barker, Mrs. Eleanor Barker, Mrs. Neal pastor of the church will be in charge of the devotion. Transportation will be provided for the members who meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.

MPST Akron May 13 and expect to remain away until the 15th. Mrs. L. L. took the 12:30 train to Canton and will be established her headquarters at the National hotel at Miami.

Men Guild Holds Picnic

Mr. Lockenour, 2737 E. 12th, Cuyahoga Falls, is hostess to members of the Men's Guild of High Church of Christ on Tuesday afternoon. There will be a picnic at Goerge park preceded by a meeting.

Arranged by Bush's group will be by Mrs. Claude the book, 'Clara', vocal solos by Mrs. James and conduct devotional. Newly elected officers installed.

Duties for next week: Lloyd Cadwallader, president; Miss Florence, secretary; Miss Swinehart, assistant sec.; Mrs. Arthur Davis, treasurer; and Mrs. Bernard Zentz, treasurer.

Handsome Mrs. Dodge Sloan Loves To See Her Horses Run

By ALICE HUGHES

New York, May 29, 1941

SPIES TELL ME that recently, in this space a so-called friend made raucous fun of me because I went to the opening of Belmont Park and didn't even see a horse, let alone a race. This may well be true but I did find time to meet and talk to Miss Isabel Dodge Sloane, which I have always wanted to do because she has interested me more than any of the other great lady horse owners of the land.

A daughter of the great motor clan of Detroit whose adventures have been so many and varied, Mrs. Sloane has thought only of her Brookmeade racing stable and the kennels of the same name where she raises miniature Schnauzers and even makes money from the latter. Though a Dodge even in these times, needn't worry all night about where tomorrow's hay and puppy food are coming from. Mrs. Sloane tells me it all began in '27 when she bought a jumping horse named Skyscraper II, which made him twice as high as his pappy. This hedge hopper started her off to the paddock, and she's never looked back since.

Mrs. Sloane is a very handsome woman with



MISS BENKO

To Wed Saturday

The wedding of Miss Ann Helen Benko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Benko, 1119 Mayville av. to Harold Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lowe, 616 Kling st. will take place Saturday at 9 a.m. at St. John's chapel. Miss Benko is a graduate of East high school. Mr. Lowe, a graduate of Garfield high school is associated with the Colonial Salt Co.

that type of blue eye which is almost piercing. The eyes light up when she talks of her horse and dog activities. Her running steeds haven't been doing so well the last few years in fact. Brookmeade has had only one real money making season, 1934, when her good colt Cavalade won the Kentucky Derby and her High Quest copped the Preakness. That year her thoroughbreds won over \$250,000 but times since have been lean. She cares but not too much. The truth is that Mrs. Sloane is just a real racing nut. She loves to see her bangtails go. Whether they win by eight lengths or trail in last yavering people in the grandstand.

Unlike some grand ladies of the turf, Mrs. Sloane doesn't play only the social tracks like Belmont and Saratoga. If a Brookmeade horse is running you are just as apt to see this fine looking woman at one of the leaky-roof parks. She's full of zeal and pep and she has a great time. Who can say more?

GIRL ABOUT TOWN

It gives me pleasure to keep an eye on these models who once gave us the shiny teeth from the pages of the sleek magazines and then passed from that particular picture. Looking down the cast of Aunt Joan Crawford's latest movie, I see the name of Gwili Andre in a bit part—and there friends was one of the loveliest models we ever had. She had another movie shot but flunked voice and acting. Though never looks such a gorgeous girl, though why work, I can't figure. Ethelyn Holt is now a professional singer, and was heard here singing the Anthem the other night. The first great camera beauty I remember well was Marion Morehouse, a tall, black-haired gorgeous thing who flourished in the mags a dozen years back. About the first time I ever saw Hall, who now boards here, was in a Greenwich Village speakeasy dancing with this lovely Morehouse and it was a comical sight for his head just about reached her shoulders. She's now married to E. E. Cummings, the poet and tale writer. It's interesting to follow the lives of these greatest of today's professional beauties in our town.

CHOIR GUILD MEETS

A meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal church choir guild will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the parish house. Mrs. J. C. Spiegel, president, will preside at a business session and there will be a report of the nominating committee of which Mrs. Glen Sayre and Mrs. L. H. Harrison are members.

Mrs. A. C. Downing, Portage Lakes, and her daughter, Janet, have returned from the south. They spent the winter in Lake Worth, Fla.

DAY BOOK

Friday

Miss Jane Ann McIntyre comes bride of John Alden lately at 4:30 p.m. in home of bride's mother, Mrs. Faye Intyre, Lake Maxinkuckee, Ind.

Miss Alice Janet Giddings, Herbert William Yoos are married in home of bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Clinton (dances, 856 Berwin st. at 11 a.m.)

Akron Kiwanians stage a horse show in Rubber Bowl matinee at 1:30 p.m. and evening performance at 8 p.m.

Portage Country club stage holiday week-end events, tennis tournaments at 8:30 a.m. golf tournament in morning, a supper in clubhouse in evening.

Fairlawn Country club sponsors blind bogey tournament, the women holding for some at 12:30 p.m. with dining in evening.

Alpha Gamma Delta sorority holds May breakfast in center house, 118 Fir Hill, at 8 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Stein, 503 Sunset View drive, picnic in Craftsman's park. Keyfoot lake for Dr. and F. V. Thiehoff, Lansing, M.

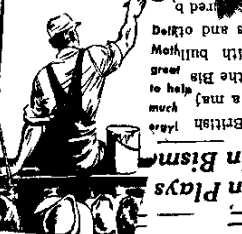
Members of S. H. Pitkin hold picnic during day.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Ger, Greensburg, entertain annual picnic at summer.

GIVE ROSE TEA

Akron Grove, No. 11, man's Circle, will hold giving Monday at the Everett av. to plan tea to be held soon. Pikes 511 Lucy st. at 11 a.m. at the latter address from the tea will be the Woodman's Circle, the Aged and Orphans man, Tex.

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October 7, 1941

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Special Agent in Charge
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Re: GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND
REGISTRATION ACT - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated October 1, 1941, with which you transmitted four film packs containing exposures of reports in connection with the above case.

In accordance with your request, one enlarged photographic print of each exposure is being forwarded by registered mail to Assistant Director E. J. Connelley at New York, and one enlarged print is being forwarded to the Chicago Field Division. Two enlargements of each and the negatives are being forwarded to your office under separate registered cover.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-E. J. Connelley - New York
Chicago

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October 1, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: ^① GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND - *Reverend*
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Dear Sir:

There are being enclosed for development and printing in readable size, four packs of exposed film. These films were exposed in photographing reports of the United States Treasury department from organizations controlled by the German-American Bund. The reports were obtained for photographing from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. It is requested that copies of these prints be furnished as follows:

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- 2 - Newark Field Division
- 1 - New York Field Division
- 1 - Chicago Field Division

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Chicago
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: GERMAN AMERICAN BUND
INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

7:15 PM

SAC Hanni of the Sioux Falls Office telephonically contacted me with reference to the trip through the Northwest being made by Wilhelm Kanze and (Dr. Otto Willumeit).

Hanni referred to a letter from SAC Conroy of the Newark Office dated September 24, 1941, in which Conroy outlined the itinerary of these two men. The information in the letter from Newark was furnished for the consideration of the Bureau, and it was requested that the Bureau advise the interested Field Divisions of any action deemed advisable.

Hanni stated he has received a wire from the St. Paul Office advising that the subjects would be in Fargo, North Dakota, October 4, and in Bismark, North Dakota, October 5, 1941. SAC Hanni advised that the Sioux Falls Office has not as yet received any instructions from the Bureau.

I told Hanni that the files would be checked and he would be advised of any action desired by the Bureau.

Respectfully,

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D. M. Ladd

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October 3, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND
REGISTRATION ACT - G

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed with a copy of this letter one photograph of some of the delegates to the 1941 GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND National Convention. This has been designated NK 9-17-41 WRP 1. It is requested that copies of this photograph be made, and that two copies be supplied to each of the following field divisions:

2 - Albany
2 - Buffalo
2 - Chicago
2 - Milwaukee
2 - Newark
2 - New York
2 - Philadelphia
2 - St. Paul

It is also requested that individual copies be made of the persons on the photograph, and that two copies of such photographs be sent to the respective field divisions in accordance with the listing which will be given in this letter.

Copies of this letter are being designated for the field divisions involved, and one copy of the photograph is being enclosed with the copies for the Chicago Field Division

Through the dual request of the Chicago and Newark Field Divisions, these photographs were obtained from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, and he identified the persons on the photograph as follows:

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TOP ROW (From Left to Right)

Minneapolis, Minnesota
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- (2) Chicago, Illinois
- (3) MAX RAPP, New York, N. Y.
- (4) Dr. KLEIN, New York, N.Y.
- (5) WILLIAM DREXLER, Newark, N. J.
- (6) Syracuse, New York
- (7) KARL WENDEL, Buffalo, New York
- (8) Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- (9) Brooklyn, New York
- (10) Newark, New Jersey
- (11) Long Island or Brooklyn, N. Y.

SECOND ROW (From Left to Right)

- (1) Philadelphia, Pa. (Unit Leader)
- (2) Chicago, Illinois
- (3) Minneapolis, Minnesota
- (4) St. Paul, Minnesota
- (5) MATTHIAS KOHLER, Irvington, N. J.
- (6) JOHN C. FITTING (Union City, N. J.)
- (7) REHBEIN, Hoboken, New Jersey
- (8) Milwaukee, Wisconsin or Vicinity
- (9) Milwaukee, Wisconsin or Vicinity
- (10) Mrs. OTTO WILLUMETT

THIRD ROW (From Left to Right)

- (1) Chicago, Illinois (holding flag)
- (2) Chicago, Illinois (slightly in front of #1)
- (3) Minneapolis, Minnesota or Vicinity
- (4) Minneapolis or Vicinity (in front of #3)
- (5) Brooklyn or Long Island, New York
- (6) Brooklyn or Long Island, New York
- (7) MARTIN CHRISTOPF, Madison, New Jersey
- (8) Suffolk County, New York
- (9) Mrs. SCHULTZ (Women's Leader) Brooklyn, N. Y.
- (10) WALTER DIETZSCH, Union City, New Jersey
- (11) WILHELM KUNZ, Bronx, New York Leader
- (12) Long Island, New York

FRONT ROW (From Left to Right)

- (1) ANITA HEINZEMANN (National Girl Leader), N. Y.

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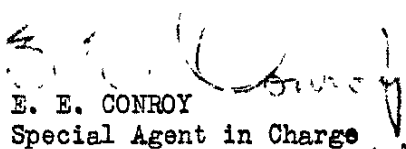
- (2) ~~Dr. OTTO WILLUMETT~~, Chicago, Illinois
- (3) ~~WILLY LEUDTKE~~, Lodi, New Jersey
- (4) ~~AUGUST KLAPPROTT~~, Union City, N. J.
- (5) ~~WILHELM KUNZE~~, New York
- (6) ~~GEORGE PROVOESE~~, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
and Chicago, Illinois
- (7) ~~GUSTAVE REIMER~~, New York, New York
- (8) ~~WILBUR V. KEEGAN~~, West New York, N. J.
- (9) ~~Mrs. MATZ~~, Chicago, Illinois

The attention of the Chicago Field Division is called to the fact that these photographs were taken by MUELLER, 1350 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Offices receiving copies of this letter shall, upon receipt of the photographs from the Bureau, take steps to identify these photographs and include them in the respective Internal Security file.

Two copies of this letter are being designated so that one copy can be included in the General Custodial Detention file.

Very truly yours,


E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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October 11, 1941

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Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1836 Raymond-Commerce Building
Newark, New Jersey

Re: GERMAN-AMERICAN BOND
REGISTRATION ACT - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated October 3, 1941, with which you transmitted a group photograph of some of the delegates to the 1941 GERMAN-AMERICAN BOND National Convention.

In accordance with your request, two copies of the group photograph are being forwarded to the Albany, Buffalo, Chicago, Milwaukee, New York, Philadelphia and St. Paul Field Divisions, and the original photograph and two copies are being forwarded to your office herewith. Two photographic prints of each of the individuals appearing on the group photograph as set forth in your letter are also being forwarded to your office and the respective field divisions listed above.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Re: GERMANY

Mr. Foxworth called with reference to the grand jury investigation of the German American Bund and advised that United States Attorney Corra had just told him he intends to return on Tuesday morning an indictment for conspiracy to violate the Selective Service Act against approximately thirty officers of the German American Bund whose names Mr. Foxworth did not obtain but will secure later this afternoon. Mr. Corra asked Mr. Foxworth if the Bureau could arrange to make the apprehensions of these officers, where it could be done, before the indictment comes up Tuesday morning.

Mr. Foxworth said he thought the apprehensions could be made simultaneous and releases should be made wherever apprehensions are effected. He said Mr. Corra is going to make a release, and the indictment will be returned. He thought since many of the apprehensions will be made in Chicago and as far west as San Francisco, the Bureau would certainly gain by making releases in the oval in field offices where there will be a local interest in the story to get it out on the front page in New York. I advised Mr. Foxworth I would talk to you about it and let him know.

I inquired whether the Bureau conducted the investigation, and Mr. Foxworth advised he understands Mr. Corra got some information from every Government Department including some which the Special Defense Unit of the Department had come from Immigration and Naturalization, and all the information of the Bureau. He did not know whether the other sources revealed any information which the Bureau have, but so far as the grand jury investigation is concerned, the Bureau covers the entire investigation.

Mr. Foxworth thought if we could not obtain clearance on the Presidential for picking up these people by Monday, it might be better to hold off until after indictment is returned and pick them up where we can control them, and the Bureau in this case would not want to send the memorandum to the Attorney General mentioned in an earlier conversation today. I agreed with his thought in this.

Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 4, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In re: German-American Bund -

There is attached hereto a copy of the memorandum which was prepared by this Unit for Mr. Carusi. We understand that it was to be presented to the Judge of the United States District Court in Oregon in a naturalization case.

Almost all of the material in summarized form came from reports from your Bureau, with the exception of the editorial set forth on page 5 of the memorandum.

LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH, CHIEF,
Special Defense Unit:

By *R. Keith Kane*

R. KEITH KANE, ASSISTANT CHIEF.

Enclosure.

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THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND

Organization

The German-American Bund is a national organization with a national leader and other officers. It has divided the United States into three divisions, namely: Division East, Division Middle West and Division West, each with a Division Director. There are a number of locals in each division, each of which has its own local leader and other officers. In all there are about 42 locals in the United States active at the present time.

The constitution of the Bund explicitly provides that all activities of locals shall be prescribed or sanctioned by the national organization and its executive officers.

History

Out of an organization called "Teutonia" which was formed on October 11, 1924 there was formed a new organization called the "League of the Friends of the New Germany" which was established on June 30, 1933 in Chicago. It is reported that this organization was formed by one Richard Pennowitz, a German intelligence officer in the first World War, and that his activities in forming this organization were in accordance with instructions from the German Foreign Political Office.

On March 29, 1936 the name of the League of the Friends of the New Germany was changed to the German-American Bund (Amerika Deutscher Volksbund).

Aims

The published aims of the Bund are stated in the constitution which was first unanimously adopted during a National Convention in 1935 and amended in 1936. The Preamble to this constitution is as follows:

"We associate ourselves together to unite all honorable, seriously-minded, courageous and unselfish men and women of the Germanic Race, loyal and prospective citizens of the United States, proud of their German blood, and treasuring German traditions, language and ideals of national and individual liberty, justice, truth, duty and absolute honesty, into one great, free, proud and respect-commanding German American Bund for the mutual benefit of the United States of America and Germany."

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German-American Bund, continued:

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Article II of the Constitution adopted in 1935 sets forth the aims and purposes of the German-American Bund. The following sections appear in Article II:

"To defend with all lawful means at our disposal the good name and honor of our mother-country (Germany) against base defamation, willful and poisonous lies, and purposeful malice, emanating from an ill-wishing, jealous, avaricious or ignorant source whatsoever, be it race, people, tribe, clan, nation, association or individual; against propaganda spread by print, script or mouth, openly or covertly, through books, magazines, newspapers, leaflets, or merely cowardly rumors;

"To act at all times, everywhere, and under all conditions, as straight-forward, courageous, just and honorable descendants of the Germanic Race, setting an example of blameless conduct, thereby creating an atmosphere of genuine Goodwill towards the German people and their government;

"To be and remain worthy of our Germanic blood, our German Motherland, our German brothers and sisters, and to cultivate our German language, customs and ideals; and to be upstandingly proud of these principles."

At a Convention of the German-American Bund held in New York City in 1936, the following purposes and aims of that organization were promulgated:

"To unequivocally oppose all Racial Intermixture between Aryans (White Gentiles) on the one hand, and Asiatics, Africans or other non-Aryans on the other, to the end that the race-legislation already in twenty-eight States of the Union and to a degree incorporated in our Country's immigration laws, may be scientifically perfected and applied throughout the Nation; to earnestly strive to further a true respect, understanding, and friendship between these racially dissimilar groups, based upon a recognition and not upon a denial of the Almighty's immutable racial laws;

"To uncompromisingly fight, with every lawful means at our disposal, against all Subversive internationalism, in order that Marxism and all allied phenomena, from the Communist Party which openly advocates the overthrow by force and violence of our Government, to the Liberal-Pacifistic forces undermining the morals of youth, from the Alien-controlled, international so-called Labor Movements preaching the madness of class-hatred throughout the world to the Rackets of International High Finance which are enslaving the Nation, may be outlawed and

German-American Bank, continued:

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uprooted; to just as staunchly champion every American Political Movement, Labor Organization, Financial Institution and so forth, insofar as nothing is placed above the Nation and no Alien Leadership or Domination is tolerated serving the interests of true Social Justice, teaching each element of the Citizenry to understand the need for cooperation with the others and recognizing as its ideal the following basic principle: 'The Common Good before Private Gain'!

"To Unite with all Americans defending the Aryan Culture and code of Ethics upon which this Nation was founded, helping to build a great American Movement of Liberation under the Swastika, the common symbol of the Defenders of Aryan Nationalism against the Bolshevik Scourge, regardless of the form of Government or Religion involved, which is already being used in Germany, Great Britain, the Netherlands, the Scandinavian Countries, White Russia, the Ukraine, France and Belgium, Canada and other Countries, in order that the Dictatorship of a small, racially and ethnically alien, Jewish-international minority, to which the Mind of the entire Nation is rapidly being subjected, may be broken, restoring true Proportionate Representation to the hundred million Aryan Americans in the vital fields of the Press, Radio, Stage, Screen, Education, Legislation, Justice, Finance and the Professions, so that the aims outlined in the preceding paragraphs may be achieved and these United States reconstituted the sovereign and independent God-fearing and cultured, racially and ethnically healthy Nation envisaged by its Founders!

"To strive for a true Peace, based upon mutual understanding and friendship between our Country and others, by recognizing and respecting the differences which exist between even the various Aryan Nations and by defending the fundamental right of every civilized Country to govern itself without interference from outside, by disseminating other Countries and of value in serving the cause of such Peace and Friendship, and finally by exposing and combatting all atrocity and boycott propaganda, base defamation, distortion of news and malicious lies, tending to create hatred and a war-psychosis promising benefit only to the everlasting international parasites!

"To recognize as eternal Law that only he can serve his God and Country who strives to develop his capabilities in accord with his inherited characteristics, and that consequently a renegade to his Race cannot be a good American Citizen; to therefore defend our Right to cherish the German

German-American Bund, continued:

language and German customs and our Right and Duty to defend the good name of all things German against a slanderous attack of any kind, emanating from any ill-wishing, jealous, avaricious or ignorant source whatsoever if be it Nation, Race, Tribe, Association or Individual; to force nation-wide recognition of the incontrovertible fact that our Organization desires to be no more and no less than a useful part of the desperately needed Great Aryan Movement for a Free and Clean America, accords the same respect to every other Element of our Country's Citizenry which it demands for ours, is as American as any other and is entitled to the same Rights and Privileges under the Bill of Rights accorded to any other Organization in the country."

The aims of the Bund as confidentially communicated to the officers of the organization are as follows:

"It is the duty of the Bund leader to maintain and promote a defensive and offensive organization of Volk-minded Germans for the purpose of affording a universal conception of National Socialism and State Politics dedicated to the service of creating an actual independent Aryan government in the United States."

Foreign Connections

The ideology and activities of the Bund in general closely follow those of the German Nazi Party. Certain officials prominent in the German American Bund travelled to Germany in 1937 during the Olympics. During this visit they attended a convention of the National Socialist German Workers Party in Nuremberg and attended a conference at the Auslands Institute at Stuttgart. The Auslands Institute is an agency of the German Government for maintaining contact with and coordinating and directing the activities of Germans and German groups living abroad. These facts tend to prove that the German-American Bund is linked directly to the National Socialist German Workers Party, and that this link is maintained through the Auslands Institute. The Yearbook of the German-American Bund for the year 1937 carries pictures of Hitler and Goering greeting the members of the Bund as they are lined up in front of the balcony of the Reich Chancellery on the occasion of the 1936 trip of the Bund to Germany for the Olympic games. The Storm Troopers of the Bund are shown marching through the Streets of Berlin. In another picture Hitler is shown turning the pages of a book handed to him by Fritz Auhn, called the "Golden Book of American Germans."

National Leadership

As to leadership, Fritz Auhn was connected with the German-American Bund since its inception as the League of the Friends of the New

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Germany, carrying his membership in the Detroit Local. Information is available that Fritz Kuhn was born in Munich, Germany. He served in the Bavarian Life Guard Regiment and also in the front lines during the World War from 1914 to 1918 as a Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Detachment of the Alp Corps and saw service on the French, Italian, Serbian, and Rousmanian fronts. He migrated to Mexico in 1924 and arrived in Laredo, Texas, on May 18, 1928. He is reported to have joined the Nazi Party in 1921 and to have participated in the famous Hitler Putsch at Munich. He worked his way up through the League of the Friends of the New Germany and the German-American Bund until he became the leader of the Bund. He is now in prison serving a sentence for embezzling the funds of the Bund.

Information has been obtained indicating that George Wilhelm Kunze was unanimously elected national chairman of the German-American Bund at a national convention of that organization held in Chicago, Illinois, from August 31 to September 2, 1940. It is also stated that Kunze had been the active head of this organization since December 1939.

Kunze was born in the United States and is an American citizen. He speaks fluent German and has been connected with the German-American Bund and its predecessors since 1933.

National Publications

The Bund has sponsored four newspapers in various cities of the United States, one of which is named The Free American and Der Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter. The following is an editorial from one of these publications:

Editorial in The Free American dated March 20, 1941.

"The present war is a war not only between England, Germany and Italy but also the great decisive battle of democracy, plutocracy and Jewry against socialism ... When on September 1st, 1939, German troops marched into Poland, Germany took up the banner of civilization with keen determination. The hour of democracy and plutocracy has come. Socialism marches on victoriously ... The democrats and plutocrats of the world and the American Jews in particular know quite well that the day of reckoning is to come. ... Germany which had suffered terribly from the Jews and catastrophic management gathered jubilantly around her great leader. To her side hasten the socialist minded countries of the world, Italy, Spain, Russia and Japan ... From the west comes the army of the millions of mis-led and blind democrats; from the east

approach: the huge army of socialism, with calm, determined steps... March on you brave warriors of progress who are the smashing army of the Lord! ... any resistance against you is futile. March on, you National Socialists and Fascists of the war, you who are the purging storm of the sky of the future ... tear the chains of the international plutocracy which keeps you prisoner. Break the jail of world democracy in which free nations languish like slaves!"

Civilian Military Activities

Ever since the formation of the predecessor of the German-American Bund in the United States, provision has been made for Storm Troopers which are called Ordnungsdienst or OD. As stated by Kuhn, the national leader, in an order dispatched to all branches of the organization, "the OD is the backbone of the Bund. Without it the Bund is valueless."

The OD was organized on a strictly military plan and its activities as demonstrated by orders issued to local leaders include provisions for guard duty, salutes, how to wear medals and emblems, and other strictly military procedures.

Up until fairly recently drilling with rifles was a regular part of its activities. Rifles were legally obtained by enrolling the members in the National Rifle Association.

When national publicity of the activities of the German-American Bund curtailed their activities, the OD subsided, but in such places as Los Angeles, California, there is evidence of recent reorganization and activity on the part of this branch of the Bund's activities. Evidence indicates that under the reorganized plans the OD sections of the Bund are now organizing as singing societies and bowling groups. Secret drills are being held in localities away from the public eye and the acquiring of steel helmets, etc. indicates a renewed activity on the part of the OD.

Activities of Locals

Although the officers of local organizations profess to have no connection with the Nazi government or its activities, there is evidence that these same officers have been in the employ of Nazi agents and consulates of the German government. Officers of the Bund have collected money (winter relief and special gifts) and donated it to principals in Germany. The Bund has been politically advised, if not actually controlled, by Hess, NSDAP leader, through the agency of consular officials. Persons suspected of and charged with espionage have been active in Bund circles. Offices of the Bund have directed travel bureaus which have

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encouraged the transfer of funds to Germany and have received various forms of assistance and compensation from German principals.

The Bund, as a part of its activities, has a definite policy of encouraging the formation of youth groups to educate them in the Nazi ideology. Such a youth department is a subdivision of a Bund local and is carried on according to uniform plans prescribed by the national leader. Many of the locals establish camps. In these camps are held elaborate activities which include marching, wearing of uniforms, instruction in Nazi philosophy, and education in the standard hates of Jewry, and Communism, and instruction in militant Germanism.

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Division West

Evidence of subversive activities of the German-American Bund on the Pacific coast was centered primarily around the director of the western division of the German-American Bund, one Hermann Schwinn. Schwinn is reported to have resigned the presidency of the Los Angeles Unit of the Bund, although retaining Divisional Directorship for Department West of the German-American Bund. Evidence discloses that on March 1, 1941 Hermann Schwinn was forced to resign his position as leader of the Division West because of his difficulties with the Immigration authorities and one George Froese has been installed in his place.

Schwinn is reported to have been active in the formation of the Mexican Gold Shirt, headed by Nicholas Rodriguez, now in exile in the United States. The task, an informant reports, was undertaken at the behest of Goebbels. Information from the same source indicates that Schwinn was decorated by Hitler and that he visited Germany in September 1937 expressly for the purpose of delivering to Hitler a \$3,500 gift solicited from the Los Angeles Bund. Schwinn is also known to have attempted to introduce forged evidence in the trial of Fritz Kuhn.

Schwinn's citizenship was revoked in 1939 in the United States District Court, Los Angeles. Schwinn is the author of many pro-Nazi pronouncements. In his speech at Los Angeles, July 29, 1939, he expressed himself as follows:

"But we have furthermore recognized that without National Socialism, or, let us say, without real socialism, neither this country [the United States] here nor any nation can become well again. Clearly and poignantly present conditions show that only measures as taken in Germany can create order. Not only measures but principally the realization that socialism is a life necessity for a nation."

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From an informant it was learned that a chapter of the Bund was organized in Portland in approximately 1934; that from the date of its organization until some time in 1935 it was affiliated with the national organization. In 1935 membership in the national organization was discontinued and the Bund was maintained as a local organization until, on the occasion of a visit by Fritz Kuhn in 1936, it rejoined the national organization.

Through an informant it was disclosed that the Bund held open meetings regularly in Portland from August 11, 1939 to October 27, 1939. Since then it is not openly functioning, although all of the officers of the Bund and certain select members continue to meet.

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