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Letters from Readers

Poison in The Lyons Den

Editor, Daily Worker:

Ted Tinsley's column of May 15 isn't up to his usual bitterfunny exposure of the ills of this decadent warmongering system. Edna and Arch and their creator don't usually underestimate the enemy in order to find him funny.

Leonard Lyons is, to be sure, a gossip columnist of the lowest breed. But, like most of his breed, he uses keyhole peeping and name-dropping as a vehicle for much more dangerous material in support of the warmongers and attacking those who speak for peace and against fascism. His informants are plainly enough not only press agents looking for a plug, but FBI agents and others in various departments of the government who find such columns effective places for planting insimuations, allegations and plain lies for which they could find no legitimate outlet. As a former lawyer, Lyons has particularly specialized in dope stories about various trials, with regular vicious digs against the defense of Negro frameup victims, the Communist leaders in Foley Square, and so on. The particular stories for

which Lyons has refused to reveal his informants on the ground that these were "privileged communications were, as Tinsley says, "poisonous." But not because they revealed which barfly was seen with which other society barfly's wife. They were deliberate plants designed to stem rising protest against an act of pro-war anti-Semitic terrorization. One item, I remember, was the outrageous statement that Mrs. Ethel Rosenberg, condemned to death for alleged espionage, had not asked to see her children the entire time that she was in prison.

The item, along with several similar ones, followed the shocked protest of the Jewish communities especially (including the Forward and the Day) at the slanted publicity given the Rosenberg case and the unprecedented severity of the sentence. The Post, with a large circulation among the Jewish people of New York, was surely trying to make this inhuman sentence palatable by showing that its victim is inhuman and unnatural.

If Lyons, Winchell and company were merely peep artists, they would hardly rate a column. What they actually are rates a different column from Ted Tinsley's today.

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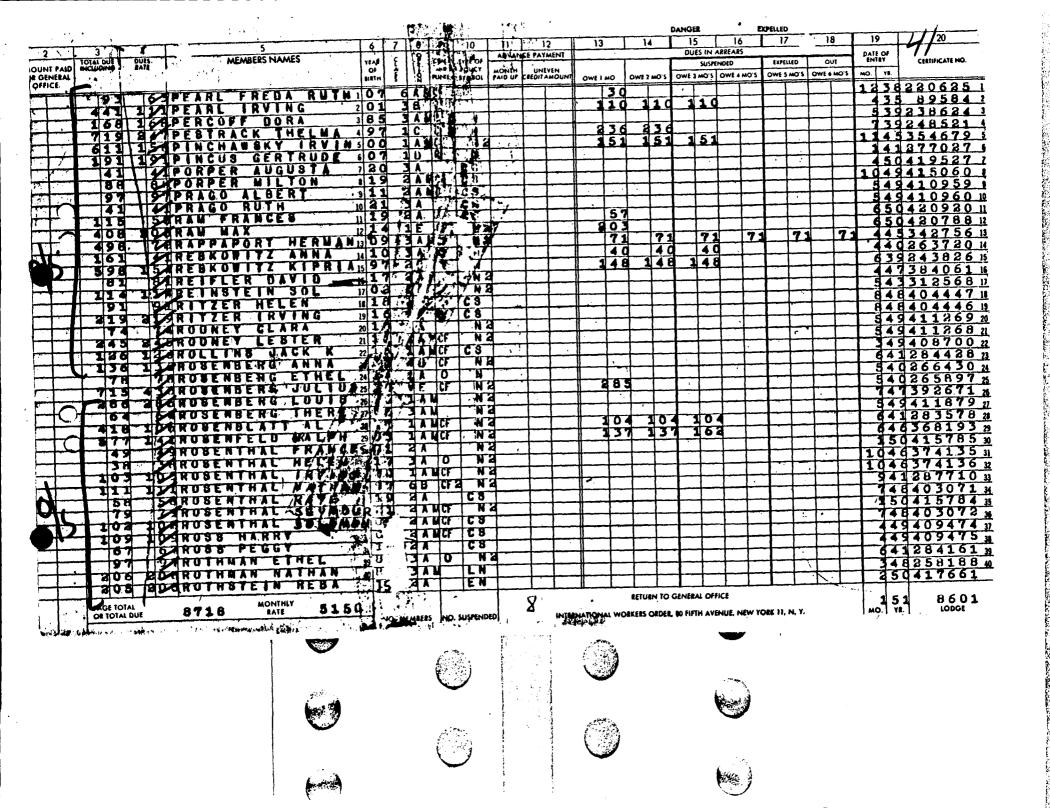
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TES DEPARTMENT O L BUREAU OF INVESTIG 607 U. S. Court House Foley Square In Reply, Please Refer to New York 7, New York File No. CONFIDENTIAL Jebruary 3,1951 Director, FBI RE: INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER NEW YORK DIVISION INTERNAL SECURITY -C BUREAU FILE # 61-7341 Dear Sir: Submitted herewith is information obtained by from the building located at 80 Fifth Avenue. This building is occupied by National Headquarters, TWO, in New York City. 12 Description of exhibit: Carbon copy of TWO General Office Membership List for the following: DATE RECEIVED RECEIVED BY LOCATION LODGE # SA H.P. LARSON & SE 1-18-51 Academy Hall **2**60 A.E. FALLER 853 Broadway New York City Train Fill Original and one photostat of above being retained in the files of this office. lcc: 100- 80223 (IWO NY DIV) INDEXED - 73 59 FEE 20 1952 EDMARD SCHEIDT

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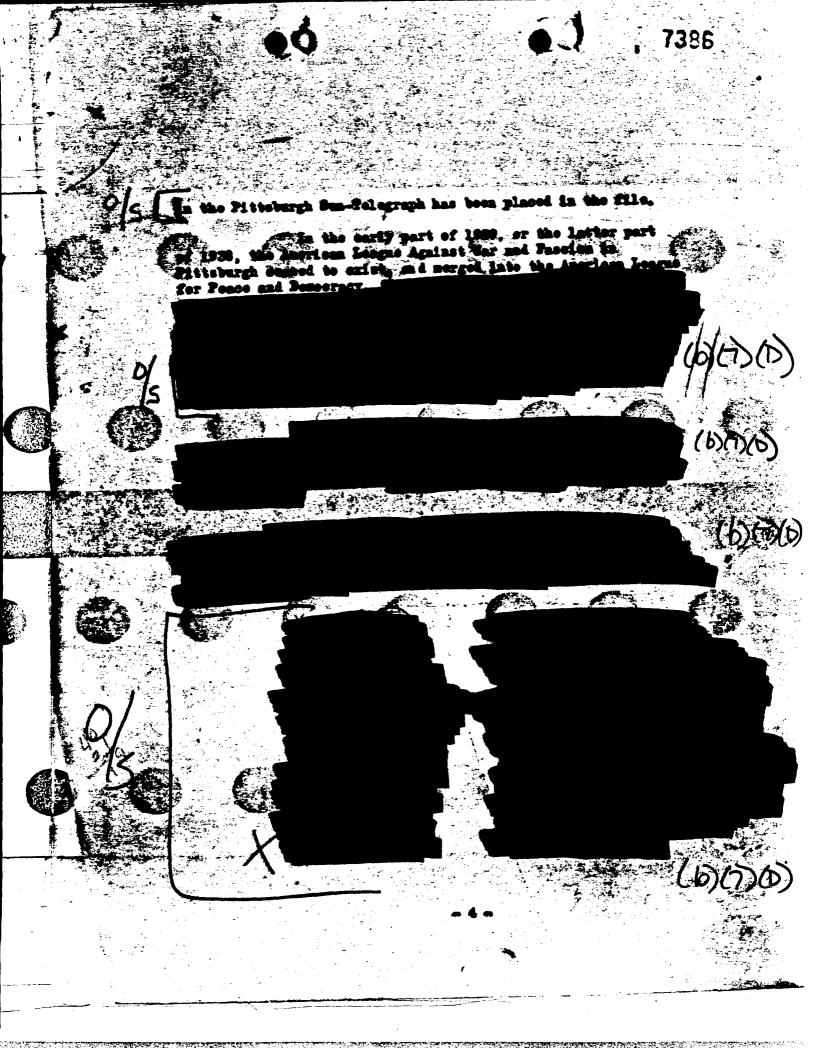
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fice Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DATE: March 30, 1953 H. BELMON SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 29, 1953 TELECAST 6:45 P.M., EST WINCHELL: "Washington, D. C. -- An American citizen, now a top official at UNESCO in Paris, France, will be brought back and charged with being an undercover Communist agent -- a former Hollywood press agent. His initials are D. L." COMMENT: The individual mentioned by Winchell probably refers David Near Leff, a current Security Index subject. Leff is employed in the Department of Mass Communications, UNESCO, Paris, France. Among past employments of Leff is a period of selfemployment as a writer in Los Angeles, California, during the latter part of 1947. 一个人 (6)(7)(0) WINCHELL: "New York City -- a Columbia University professor, last. year's center of controversy over germ warfare, will get a Congressional subpoena tomorrow or the next day. He is professor Gene Weltfish of Commina University." Classified by 588 BT? JEO:men EVEER Declassify on: OADR9 Janiagas ruriand LL Information contained Herein is unclassified EXCEPT WINGE SHOWN OST - CETTO THE 67 APR 22 1953 ncr - 77330NI OTHERWISE APR 6 1953



COMMENT:

Professor Gene Weltfish, a woman, is a Security Index ///
subject and a key figure. She is an instructor in anthropology
at Columbia University.

Congress of American Women, having been a former president of this organization. Her activities have extended to numerous Communist front groups.

In June, 1952, Dr. Weltfish publicly implied that germ warfare had been employed by the United Nations forces against North Koreans and Chinese in Korea.

WINCHELL:

"'Washington Post' -- The Department of Justice will shortly move against a great number of Aditors over here on foreign language newspapers. All of them may lose their United States citizenship -- alleged fraud in concealing subversive affiliations."

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no information regarding the institution of such a program. Mr. Raymond F. Farrell, Assistant Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised a liaison representative of this Bureau on March 30, 1951, that he had heard the Winchell broadcast and is not aware of the program referred to in the above comment by Winchell. He suggested that it may be the aftermath of an attempt by INS to denaturalize and deport the editor of the "Daily Peoples World."

WINCHELL:

"Washington, D. C. -- The Rosenbergs, the atomic bomb spies, file their third brief in the highest court tomorrow in Washington. They will probably die in the chair at Sing Sing the first week in May."





COMMENT:

The Rosenbergs are expected to file an appeal on March 30, 1953, with the U.S. Supreme Court seeking a review of the decision of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denying them a new trial.

WINCHELL:

"Bronxville, New York -- Another Sarah Lawrence College professor will be subpoensed by the U.S. Senate Security Committee this week. His last initial is Goldman."

COMMENT:

Goldman, a current Security Index subject. Goldman is a professor of anthropology at Sarah Lawrence College and was a former research worker at Columbia University from 1938 to 1942. He was employed by the State Department from 1942 to 1947. He was dismissed by the State Department for security reasons. He was reported to be closely associated with Maurice Halperin and Joseph Gregg, both of whom were also dismissed by the State Department for security reasons. Both Halperin and Gregg were identified by Elizabeth Bentley as being engaged in espionage activity. A professor at Columbia University said that during Goldman's tenure there, the anthropology department had been captured by the Communist Party. He further alleged that of the Communists in the anthropology department, Goldman was the most fanatic and a genuine "zealot." Goldman is unknown to established security informants in the New York area.

WINCHELL:

In the editorial portion of his program, Winchell referred to a warning he had given the people of Crestline, California, during his broadcast on December 28, 1952, and again on the following Sunday. He stated that he had advised the press in that area of a Communist school which was being operated near Crestline. He pointed out that this tip had

