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SUBJECT: WALTER ELIAS DISNEY CROSS REFERENCES

Threaten film folk with jail terms in 'red' hunt

Lee Carillo, cowboy, and Mickey Mouse's maker, Walt Disney, were standing staunchly by the House Un-American committee this week as four (and maybe more to come) screen writers were cited for contempt.









Ava Gerdner Benny Googman Kath. Repburn Eddie Cantor

Hollywood answers attack on freedom

HOLLYWOOD—The top talent of the movie industry this week threw its strength behind the nation's fight for civil rights, forming the Committee for the First Amendment and issuing the following statement:

"We, the undersigned, as American citizens who believe in constitutional democratic government, are disgusted and outreged by the continuing attempt of the House committee on un-American activities to smear the motion picture industry.

"We hold that these hearings are morally wrong because:

"Any investigation into the political beliefs of the individual
contrary to the basic principles of our democracy:

"Any attempt to curb freedom of expression and to set arbitrary standards of Americanism is in itself disloyal to both the spirit and the letter of our Constitution."

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Cornel Wilde
Billy Wilder

First group of acreen writers cited was Dalton Trumbo, Alvah Bessie, Albert Maltz and John Howard Lawson.

In the heat of the kleig lights, bald, round and secolute Chairman Thomas (R., N.J.) addressed the hearing last week, saying:

"This committee has found no field where communism is more firmly entrenched than in Hollywood."

THE CITATIONS met with the indignant roar of the movie-going public, angered by the persecution of the acreen writers, whose scripts are known to be devoid of any calls to the barricades.

"What is this communism stuff in the movies—and WHERE is it?"

At the same time, Leo Carillo filed a telegram with the committee congratulating it on its work; Walt. Disney likewise. Disney, however, belatedly stated that he had not intended to leave the "impression," when he testified concerning "Red infiltration" in Hollywood, that the League of Women Voters was a "communist front" organization.

THE UN-AMERICAN committee threatened to prosecute the film writers' attorney, Robert W. Kenny, former California Attorney General, on the charge of an alleged "conspiracy against the United States," saying that he had advised his clients not to featify.

When Kenny stated that communications between lawyer and client were constitutionally sacred

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chairman Thomas said grimly: "You've squirmed out of this ne."

AFTER referring to the committee Chief Investigator Bobert E. Stripling as "Mr. Quisling," screen writer Albert Maltz testified:

"I claim and insist upon my ight to join the Republican party the Communist Party, Demoeratic, or Prohibition Party, no may think of them."

All four of the screen writers insisted the committee had no right to inquire into a man's political heliefs. Alvah Bessie declared that even Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower hasn't disclosed his political heliefs, "and what is good enough for Gen. Eisenhower is good enough for me."

A group of 26 film stars, headed by Humphres Begart, June Havoc, Gene Kelly and Lauren Basall, have filed a formal protest against the committee and demanded a "redress of grievances."

The petition went to the clerk of the House and it was indicated it will be used as a basis for a floor fight against the committee soon after Congress reassembles next month.

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wear red flannels'

WASHINGTON. — (FP)
Larry Parks, screen star subpoenaed by the House unAmerican committee in its
Hollywood probe, suggested
this week that if the Thomas
committee succeeds in dictating what shall be in films, some
day the Bible may be revised.
The Ten Commandments may
reappear, he said, in this alered form:

"Thou shall have no other Gods before Taft and Hartley!

Thou shalt not covet a higher wage!

"Thou shalt not take the name of thy Congress in vaint

"Honor they NAM and thy DAR"

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Screen Directors Guild

Both the Hellywood Reporter and Daily Variety on October 23, 1947 publicized the fact that the Screen Directors Guild Board did not approve of Director SAL X.OOD'S testimony before the House Committee. Formal objections to WOOD'S remarks were made to JOSEPH MARTIN, JR., Specieor of the House, by telegram which read: "The Board of Directors of the Screen Directors Guild feels called upon to demy the testimeny. of San HOOD regarding Communistic activities in the Screen Directors Guild and it is our considered belief that WOOD'S remarks are without foundation." The wire was signed by GEORGE STEVENS, President of the Guild, and the Board of Directors. W

Scroon Cartoonists Guild

The executive board of the Scroon Cartoonists Guild, Local Number 852, A.F. of L. made it known by an ad appearing in the Hollywood Reporter on October 30, 1947 that it unanimously voted to refute the statement made by WALL DISTET before the House Committee regarding the DIS.E. Strike of 1941 that "it was not a labor problem at all." (1)

BILL (INIEIDEZ, President of the Screen Cartoonists Guild, stated that the strike was caused by (1) the company's unrillingness to recognize the union and to bargain and negotiate a contract; (2) the firing of one of our members for union activities. It was also pointed out that the Letional Labor Relations Board later rejustated this discharged member with full pay for the time he was out (W)

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in the United States. A collection was also taken at the meeting but the amount received is unknown. Summaries of the testimony offered by the various witnesses appearing before the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings are being set out.

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JACOBSON had left Les Angeles and Mr. CARLSON stated he does not know if he is dead or alive. Mr. CARLSON also stated that the Los Angeles Local Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers has been dominated by Communists. Many teachers, he added, have refused to join the union because of its Communist leanings and have complained to the Parent Union. Mr. CARLSON related that a recent school board election in the City of Los Angeles brought out 24,543 votes for an unsuccessful Communist candidate which in itself is a small percentage but indicates the strength of the Party.

main Disney also appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on October 22, 1947 and stated that the artists had been trapped by Communist labor leaders and that one Hollywood union leader once said he could use the National Labor Relations Board "as it served its purpose". Mr. DISNEY named Mr. HERBERT K. SORREIL, head of the Conference of Studie Unions, as the man who called a strike at the Disney Studies and refused to agree to an election in the plant. At the insistance of his artists, Mr. DISNEY said he demanded a plant election to determine if Mr. SORREIL had the majority he claimed among the artists. Mr. DISNEY, the last witness before the Committee recessed its investigation of Communism in Hellywood for the weekend, said he believed Mr. SORHEIL was a Communist and added that the first groups to smear him after the strike was called were the Communist front organizations throughout the world. Mr. DISNEY listed as Communist front organizations "The League of Women Voters", "The Peoples World", "PM", and "The Daily Worker". Mr. DISNEY said Communists were behind the labor nevement and believed they should be smoked out so that true liberalism by real Americans can go on without the taint of Communism.

On the following day Mr. WALT DISNEY sent a telegram to the House Committee on un-American Activities and stated that he had erred the previous day in his testimony wherein he called the League of Wemen Voters" a Communist front erganization. He wanted to have this statement stricken from the record, stating that he was in error and that the "League of Wemen Voters" was not a Communist front erganization as he had previously stated. This telegram was read into the record by Chairman THOMAS of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The In-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives conducted its hearings on Monday, October 27, 1947 at 10:30 a.m., and Mr. ERIC JOHNSON, president of the Motion Picture Association of America teatified as a witness. In charging Mr. JOHNSON had not lived up to the premises that the industry would cooperate fully with the inquiry, Chairman THOMAS teld him that preminent persons had approached the Committee to lay off or postpone the hearings. Chairman THOMAS added that one man had given all the signs of an effor in an attempt to persuade the Committee to refrain from calling certain witnesses.

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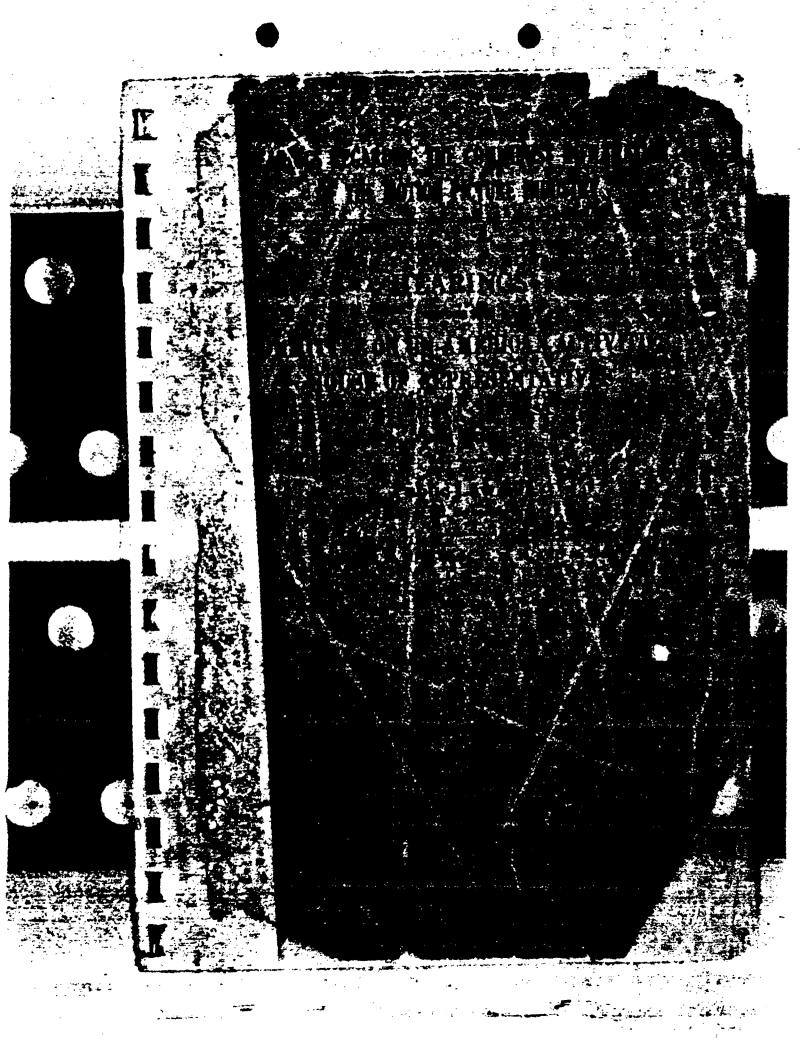
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Actors Guild, as to the possible infiltration within that organization. As you are aware we have heard numerous witnesses on the Screen Writers Guild. Those are all the questions I have at this time.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Wood!
Mr. Wood. No questions.
The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Nixon!
Mr. Nixon. No questions.
The CHAIRMAN. Mr. McDowell!
Mr. McDowell. No questions.
The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Vail!

Mr. Van. No questions.

The Charman. There is one thing that you said that interested me very much. That was the quotation from Jesserson. That is just why this committee was created by the House of Representatives, to acquaint the American people with the facts. Once the American people are acquainted with the facts there is no question but what the American people will do a job, the kind of a job that they want done; that is, to make America just as pure as we can possibly make it.

We want to thank you very much for coming here today.

Mr. Reagan. Sir, if I might, in regard to that, say that what I was trying to express, and didn't do very well, was also this other fear. I detest, I abhor their philosophy, but I detest more than that their tactics, which are those of the fifth column, and are dishonest, but at the same time I never as a citizen want to see our country become urged, by either fear or resentment of this group, that we ever compromise with any of our democratic principles through that fear or resentment. I still think that democracy can do it

resentment. I still think that democracy can do it.

The CHAIRMAN. We agree with that. Thank you very much.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Russell, Mr. Leckie will escort those three witnesses from the room, please, if they care to go at this time.

The Chair would like to make this announcement. The Chair would like to announce the witnesses for this afternoon. The witnesses this afternoon will be Mr. Leo McCarey and Mr. Gary Cooper. We will recess until 2 o'clock.

(Thereupon, at 12 noon, a recess was taken until 2 p. m.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

The CHAIRMAN. The meeting will come to order. Everyone will please take their seats.

The Chair would like to announce at this time that the witnesses for tomorrow are Mrs. Lela Rogers, Mr. Roy Brewer, Mr. Walt Disney, and Mr. Oliver Carlson.

The first witness.

Mr. Stripling. Mr. Chairman, there will be two witnesses this afternoon, Mr. Gary Cooper and Mr. Leo McCarey. After that, there are some matters that may be taken up in executive session, if that is possible.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will meet in executive session this afternoon when the hearing is concluded to take up those matters.

Mr. Gary Cooper, will you please stand and raise your right hand?

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give is
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

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The CHAIRMAN. We stand recessed now until 2 o'clock. (Whereupon, at 12:25 p. m., the hearing was recessed until 2 p. m. of the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

The CHARMAN. The meeting will come to order.

Mr. Stripling, the first witness.

Mr. STRIPLING. Mr. Walt Disney is the first witness, Mr. Chairman. The CHARMAN. Mr. Disney, will you stand and raise your right

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you

Mr. Disney. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. Sit down.

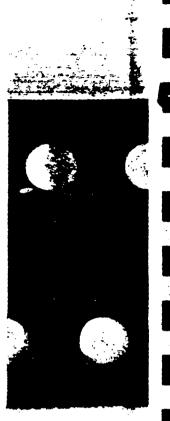
TESTIMONY OF WALTER E. DISNEY

Mr. STRIPLING. Mr. Disney, will you state your full name and present address, please?

Mr. Disney. Walter E. Disney, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. STEIPLING. When and where were you born, Mr. Disney? Mr. Disney. Chicago, Ill., December 5, 1901.

Mr. STRIPLING. December 5, 1901!



Mr. Disney. Yes, sir.

Mr. STRIPLING. What is your occupation!

Mr. Disner. Well. I am a producer of motion-picture cartoons. Mr. STRIPLING. Mr. Chairman, the interrogation of Mr. Disney will be done by Mr. Smith.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith. Mr. Disney, how long have you been in that business!

Mr. Disker. Since 1920.

Mr. SMITH. You have been in Hollywood during this time!

Mr. DISNEY. I have been in Hollywood since 1923.

Mr. SMITH. At the present time you own and operate the Walt Disney Studio at Burbank, Calif.!

Mr. Disney. Well, I am one of the owners. Part owner.

Mr. Smith. How many people are employed there, approximately!

Mr. DISNEY. At the present time about 600.

Mr. Smith. And what is the approximate largest number of employees you have had in the studio?

Mr. DIENEY. Well, close to 1,400 at times.

Mr. SMITH. Will you tell us a little about the nature of this particular studio, the type of pictures you make, and approximately how many per year?

Mr. Disney. Well, mainly cartoon films. We make about 20 short

subjects, and about 2 features a year.

Mr. Smith. Will you talk just a little louder, Mr. Disney! Mr. Disney. Yes, sir.

Mr. Smith. How many, did you say?

Mr. Disney. About 20 short subject cartoons and about 2 features per year.

Mr. SMITH. And some of the characters in the films consist of-Mr. DISNEY. You mean such as Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, and things of that sort.

Mr. Smith. Where are these films distributed?

Mr. Disney. All over the world.

Mr. Smith. In all countries of the world?

Mr. DISNEY. Well, except the Russian countries.

Mr. Smith. Why aren't they distributed in Russia, Mr. Disney!

Mr. Disney. Well, we can't do business with them.
Mr. Smrrh. What do you mean by that?
Mr. Disney. Oh, well, we have sold them some films a good many ears ago. They bought the Three Little Pigs and used it through Russia. And they looked at a lot of our pictures, and I think they ran a lot of them in Russia, but then turned them back to us and said they didn't want them, they didn't suit their purposes.

Mr. Smith. Is the dialogue in these films translated into the various

foreign languages

Mr. Disney. Yes. On one film we did 10 foreign versions. That was Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Mr. Smith. Have you ever made any pictures in your studio that

contained propaganda and that were propaganda films?

Mr. Disney. Well, during the war we did. We made quite a fewworking with different Government agencies. We did one for the Treasury on taxes and I did four anti-Hitler films. And I did one on my own for Air Power.

Mr. Smrrn. From those pictures that you made have you any opinion as to whether or not the films can be used effectively to disseminate propaganda i

Mr. Disney. Yes, I think they proved that.

Mr. Surru. How do you arrive at that conclusion?

Mr. Disney. Well, on the one for the Treasury on taxes, it was to let the people know that taxes were important in the war effort. As they explained to me, they had 13,000,000 new taxpayers, people who had never paid taxes, and they explained that it would be impossible to prosecute all those that were delinquent and they wanted to put this story before those people so they would get their taxes in early. I made the film and after the film had its run the Gallup poll organization polled the public and the findings were that 29 percent of the people admitted that had influenced them in getting their taxes in early and giving them a picture of what taxes will do.

Mr. Smith. Aside from those pictures you made during the war, have you made any other pictures, or do you permit pictures to be

made at your studio containing propaganda?

Mr. Disney. No; we never have. During the war we thought it was a different thing. It was the first time we ever allowed anything like that to go in the films. We watch so that nothing gets into the films that would be harmful in any way to any group or any country. We have large audiences of children and different groups, and we try to keep them as free from anything that would offend anybody as pos-We work hard to see that nothing of that sort creeps in.

Mr. Smith. Do you have any people in your studio at the present time that you believe are Communist or Fascist, employed there!

Mr. Disney. No; at the present time I feel that everybody in my

studio is 100 percent American.

Mr. SMITH. Have you had at any time, in your opinion, in the past, have you at any time in the past had any Communists employed at your studio?

Mr. Disney. Yes; in the past I had some people that I definitely feel

were Communists.

Mr. Smith. As a matter of fact, Mr. Disney, you experienced a strike at your studio, did you not!

Mr. Dieney. Yes.

Mr. Smith. And is it your opinion that that strike was instituted

by members of the Communist Party to serve their perposes?

Mr. Disney. Well, it proved itself so with time, and I definitely feel it was a Communist group trying to take over my artists and they did take them over.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you say they did take them over?

Mr. Disney. They did take them over.
Mr. Smith. Will you explain that to the committee, please?

Mr. Disney. It came to my attention when a delegation of my boys, my artists, came to me and told me that Mr. Herbert Sorrell-

Mr. Smith. Is that Herbert K. Sorrell?

Mr. Disney. Herbert K. Sorrell, was trying to take them over. I explained to them that it was none of my concern, that I had been cautioned to not even talk with any of my boys on labor. They said it was not a matter of labor, it was just a matter of them not wanting to go with Sorrell, and they had heard that I was going to sign with

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, Mr. Disney, Communists out there ameared you because you wouldn't knuckle under?

Mr. Disney. I wouldn't go along with their way of operating. I insisted on it going through the National Labor Relations Board. And he told me outright that he used them as it suited his purposes.

The CHAIRMAN. Supposing you had given in to him, then what would have been the outcome?

Mr. Disney. Well, I would never have given in to him, because it was a matter of principle with me, and I fight for principles. My boys have been there, have grown up in the business with me, and I didn't feel like I could sign them over to anybody. They were vulnerable at that time. They were not organized. It is a new industry.

The CHAIRMAN. Go shead. Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith. How many labor unions, approximately, do you have operating in your studies at the present time?

Mr. DISNEY. Well, we operate with around 35-I think we have

contacts with 30.

Mr. Sытн. At the time of this strike you didn't have any grievances

or labor troubles whatsoever in your plant?

Mr. Disney. No. The only real grievance was between Sorrell and the boys within my plant, they demanding an election, and they never

Mr. Smrrn. Do you recall having had any conversations with Mr.

Sorrell relative to communism?

Mr. Disney. Yes, I do. Mr. Smith. Will you relate that conversation?

Mr. Disney. Well, I didn't pull my punches on how I felt. He evidently heard that I had called them all a bunch of Communists—and I believe they are. At the meeting he leaned over and he said, "You think I am a Communist, don't you," and I told him that all I knew was what I heard and what I had seen, and he laughed and said, "Well, I used their money to finance my strike of 1937, said that he had gotten the money through the personal check of some actor, but he didn't name the actor. I didn't go into it any further. I just listened.

Mr. Smith. Can you name any other individuals that were active at the time of the strike that you believe in your opinion are Com-

munists?

Mr. Disney. Well, I feel that there is one artist in my plant, that came in there, he came in about 1938, and he sort of stayed in the background, he wasn't too active, but he was the real brains of this, and I believe he is a Communist. His name is David Hilberman.

Mr. Surrh. How is it spelled?

Mr. Disney. H-i-l-b-e-r-m-a-n, I believe. I looked into his record and I found that, No. 1, that he had no religion and, No. 2, that he had spent considerable time at the Moscow Art Theater studying art direction, or something.

Mr. SMITH. Any others, Mr. Disney!

Mr. Disney. Well, I think Sorrell is sure tied up with them. If he isn't a Communist he sure should be one.

Mr. Smith. Do you remember the name of William Pomerance,

did he have anything to do with it?

Mr. DISNEY. Yes, sir. He came in later. Sorrell put him in charge as business manager of cartoonists and later he went to the Screen

Sortell, and they said that they wanted an election to prove that Sorrell didn't have the majority, and I said that I had a right to demand an

election. So when Sorrell came I demanded an election.

Sorrell wanted me to sign on a bunch of cards that he had there that he claimed were the majority, but the other side had claimed the same thing. I told Mr. Sorrell that there is only one way for me to go and that was an election and that is what the law had set up, the National Labor Relations Board was for that purpose. He laughed at me and he said that he would use the Labor Board as it suited his purposes and that he had been sucker enough to go for that Labor Board ballot and he had lost some election—I can't remember the name of the place—by one vote. He said it took him 2 years to get it back. He said he would strike, that that was his weapon. He said, "I have all of the tools of the trade sharpened," that I couldn't stand the ridicule or the smear of a strike. I told him that it was a matter of principle with me, that I couldn't go on working with my boys feeling that I had sold them down the river to him on his say-so, and he laughed at me and told me I was naive and foolish. He said, you can't stand this strike, I will smear you, and I will make a dust bowl out of your plant. The CHAIRMAN. What was that?

Mr. Diener. He said he would make a dust bowl out of my plant if he chose to. I told him I would have to go that way, sorry, that he might be able to do all that, but I would have to stand on that. The

result was that he struck.

I believed at that time that Mr. Sorrell was a Communist because of all the things that I had heard and having seen his name appearing on a number of Commie front things. When he pulled the strike the first people to smear me and put me on the unfair list were all of the Commie front organizations. I can't remember them all, they change so often, but one that is clear in my mind is the League of Women Voters,45 the Peoples World, the Daily Worker, and the PM Magazine in New York. They smeared me. Nobody came near to find out what the true facts of the thing were. And I even went through the same smear in South America, through some Commie periodicals in South America, and generally throughout the world all of the Commiegroups began smear campaigns against me and my pictures.

Mr. McDowell. In what fashion was that smear, Mr. Disney, wuat

type of smear! Mr. DISNEY. Well, they distorted everything, they lied; there was no way you could ever counteract anything that they did; they formed picket lines in front of the theaters, and, well, they called my plant a sweat-shop, and that is not true, and anybody in Hollywood would prove it otherwise. They claimed things there were not true at all and there was no way you could fight it back. It was not a labor problem at all because—I mean, I have never had labor trouble, and I think that would be backed up by anybody in Hollywood.

Mr. Smith. As a matter of fact, you have how many unions operat-

ing in your plant?

The CHAIRMAN. Excuse me just a minute. I would like to ask a question.

Mr. SMITH. Pardon me.

See appendix, pp. 534-538, for exhibit 58, being letter from Walter F. Dismunittee on Un American Activities correcting this to read "League of Women in

Actors as their business agent and in turn he put in another man by the name of Maurice Howard, the present business agent. And they are all tied up with the same outfit.

Mr. SMITH. What is your opinion of Mr. Pomerance and Mr. Howard as to whether or not they are or are not Communists!

Mr. Disney. In my opinion they are Communists. No one has any way of proving those things."

Mr. Smrtt. Were you able to produce during the strike?

Mr. DISNEY. Yes, I did, because there was a very few, very small majority that was on the outside, and all the other unions ignored all the lines because of the set-up of the thing.

Mr. Smith. What is your personal opinion of the Communist Party,

Mr. Disney, as to whether or not it is a political party!

Mr. Disney. Well, I don't believe it is a political party. I believe it is an un-American thing. The thing that I resent the most is that they are able to get into these unions, take them over, and represent to the world that a group of people that are in my plant, that I know are good, 100-percent Americans, are trapped by this group, and they are represented to the world as supporting all of those ideologies, and it is not so, and I feel that they really ought to be smoked out and shown up for what they are, so that all of the good, free causes in this country, all the liberalisms that really are American, can go out without the taint of communism. That is my sincere feeling on it.

Mr. SMITH. Do you feel that there is a threat of communism in the

motion-picture industry?

Mr. Disner. Yes, there is, and there are many reasons why they would like to take it over or get in and control it, or disrupt it, but I don't think they have gotten very far, and I think the industry is made up of good Americans, just like in my plant, good, solid Americans.

My boys have been fighting it longer than I have. They are trying to get out from under it and they will in time if we can just show

them up.

Mr. SMITH. There are presently pending before this committee two bills relative to outlawing the Communist Party. What thoughts

have you as to whether or not those bills should be passed?

Mr. DISNEY. Well, I don't know as I qualify to speak on that. I feel if the thing can be proven un-American that it ought to be outlawed. I think in some way it should be done without interfering with the rights of the people. I think that will be done. I have that faith. Without interfering, I mean, with the good, American rights that we all have now, and we want to preserve.

Mr. Smrrn. Have you any suggestions to offer as to how the indus-

try can be helped in fighting this menace?

Mr. Disney. Well, I think there is a good start toward it. I know that I have been handicapped out there in fighting it, because they have been hiding behind this labor set-up, they get themselves closely tied up in the labor thing, so that if you try to get rid of them they make a labor case out of it. We must keep the American labor unions clean. We have got to fight for them.

[#] See appendix, p. 588, for exhibit 59, being letter from/Walter E. Dismittee on Un-American Activities, dated November 3, 1947.

Mr. Smith. That is all of the questions I have, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Vail. Mr. Van. No questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. McDowell. Mr. McDowell. No questions.

Mr. Disner. Sir!

Mr. McDowell. I have no questions. You have been a good witness.

Mr. Disney. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Disney, you are the fourth producer we have had as a witness, and each one of those four producers said, generally speaking, the same thing, and that is that the Communists have made inroads, have attempted inroads. I just want to point that out because there seems to be a very strong unanimity among the producers that have testified before us. In addition to producers, we have had actors and writers testify to the same. There is no doubt but what the movies are probably the greatest medium for entertainment in the United States and in the world. I think you, as a creator of entertainment, probably are one of the greatest examples in the profession. I want to congratulate you on the form of entertainment which you have given the American people and given the world and congratulate you for taking time out to come here and testify before this committee. He has been very helpful.

Do you have any more questions, Mr. Stripling!
Mr. Smith. I am sure he does not have any more, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Stripling. No; I have no more questions. The Chairman. Thank you very much, Mr. Disney.

The Chair would like to announce that the witnesses on Monday will be Mr. Eric Johnston, Mr. Roy Brewer, John Howard Lawson, Dalton Trumbo, Mr. Alvah Bessie, and Mr. Emmett Lavery.

We stand adjourned until Monday.

(Whereupon, at 2:30 p. m., an adjournment was taken until 10:30 a. m., Monday, October 27, 1947.)



HEARINGS REGARDING THE COMMUNIST INFILTRA-TION OF THE MOTION-PICTURE INDUSTRY

THESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1947

House of Representatives, COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, Washington, D. C.

The Committee met at 10:30 a. m., Hon. J. Parnell Thomas (chair-

man) presiding.

Staff members present: Mr. Robert E. Stripling, chief investigator; Messrs. Louis J. Russell, H. H. Smith, Robert B. Gaston, investigators, and Mr. Benjamin Mandel, director of research. The CHAIRMAN. The meeting will come to order.

The record will show that a subcommittee is sitting and those present are Mr. McDowell, Mr. Vail, and Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Stripling, the first witness.

Mr. Stripling. Mr. Chairman, before we call the first witness I would like to read into the record a telegram which was received yesterday from Walt Disney, who has previously testified. It says: 52

Some confusion has arisen over my testimony regarding the League of Women Voters. My testimony referred to the year 1941, at which time several women represented themselves as being from the League of Women Voters. I want you to know that I had no intention of criticizing the League of Women Voters as of now. Please see that this is read to the committee on Monday and that it is added to my testimeny. WALT DISNEY.

I ask that that be made a part of the record.

The Chairman. Without objection, so ordered.
Mr. Stripling. The first witness, Mr. Chairman, will be Mr. Dalton

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Trumbo, take the stand.

(Mr. Dalton Trumbo, accompanied by Robert W. Kenny and Bartley Crum, counsel, take places at witness table.)

The CHAIRMAN. Raise your right hand, please.

Mr. Trumbo, do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

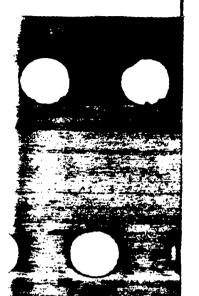
Mr. TRUMBO. I do.

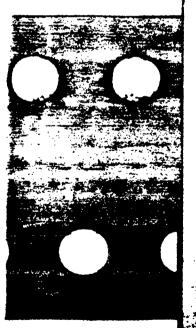
The CHAIRMAN. Sit down, please.

TESTIMONY OF DALTON TRUMBO

Mr. TRUMBO. Mr. Chairman, I have a statement I should like to read into the record, if you please-

[■] See appendix, p. 539, for exhibit 65.





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at the hour of 10:30 a. m. then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry demanfited to said Committee; and he is not to depart without leave of said

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Witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the United States, at the city of Washington, this 10th day of October 1947.

(Mgned) J. PARKEL THOMAS, Cheirmen.

Atmet:

JOHN ANDREWS, Clerk.

EXHIBIT 56. NOTE: CORRECTION

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CONCESTION OF UN-AMERICAN ACCIVITIES,

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House Office Building, Washington, D. C. (Attention: Hon. J. Parnell Thomas.)

GENTLEMEN: I am taking the liberty of referring you to my testimony before pour committee in Washington, D. C., on October 24, 1947, in the course of which and in answer to a question by your chairman, I stated substantially that when Mr. Serrell "Pulled the strike," the first people to smear me and put me on the unfair list were certain organisations among which was The Langue of Women

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Therefore I trust year committee will find it consistent to make requisite amendment to the record with respect to my festimony so as to crase any implication that The League of Women Voters had at any time intervened or taken any action with regard to the matters about which I was being interrogated.

For the information of the committee I am enclosing herewith photostatic

es of letters received from various units of the League of Wessen Shoppers hich are self-explanatory. Respectfully submitted,

/a/ Walter E. Disney. Walten E. Danter.

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June 17, 1941.

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DRAM Mrs. DIMNEY: The National League of Women Shoppers having its offices in New York and having branches all over the United States have sent us a wire asking that a full report on the strike of the Screen Cartoonists Guild in your studio be sent them as soon as possible.

your studio be sent them as soon as possible.

The League of Women Shoppers is a consumers' organization founded on the principles that working conditions are important considerations in the purchase of goods. Our large and active membership will not patronise those establishments where labor is unfairly treated.

When a situation like this arises, it is our policy to make a thorough investigation of it, and we would therefore appreciate the opportunity to talk with you. We are anxious to obtain your reaction to the situation before consulting the union.

May we have an appointment on Friday, June 20th, 11: 80 A. M. We shall telephone Thursday afternoon to confirm this appointment.

Sincerely,

/Signed/ Sylvia Blankfort,
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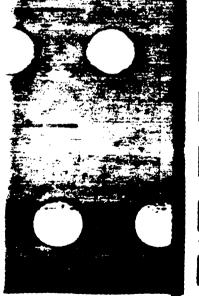
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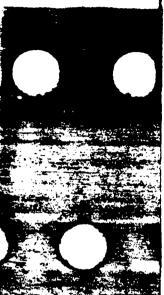
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tions are amicably settled our members will not patrenise those theatres where The Reluctant Dragon, Fantasia, and other Disney pictures are shown. When the strike is settled our membership will be advised to resume their patronage. We sincerely hope that for the good and welfare of your business and the security and well-higher of your employees, whether is your studio or on the picket line, these differences will be speedily solved. Very truly yours.

(Signed) Sylvia Blankfort, Secretary. STLVIA BLANEFORT, Secretary.

EXEURIT 580

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN SHOPPERS, INC.

National Headquarters, 278 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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DEAR Mr. DERMY: In response to the many inquiries which have some les, we recently asked the Hellywood League of Women Shoppers to lave strike now taking place at your studio.

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This office is sending a full report of the investigation to all branch Leagues, with the recommendation that they notify their members and all sympathetic erganizations of the facts and of our decision. We also ask that all local theater managers be notified.

We would like to urge you to make every effort to bring about a fair settlement of this dispute in the shortest possible time. We are convinced that only by such an affort on your part can the strike be brought to an end and the Disney Studio considered fair to its employees.

Sincerely yours,

Entharine Armatage (Signed),

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JULY 7, 1941.

Mr. WALT DISKEY, Burbank, California.

MY DEAR MR. DIRNEY: The New Jersey League of Women Shoppers, a local of the League of Women Shoppers, Inc., has been informed of the labor dispute at more studies.

at your studios.

We have received a full report of the investigation made by our Hollywood League, which we presented to our membership, and after careful consideration we accepted the findings of the Hollywood League and endorsed the strike.

we accepted the medings of the Holywood League and endered the Mrine.

The employees' demand for union recognition, shorter working hours, higher wages, and other conditions which, in our opinion, are essential for the maintenance of a decent American standard of living is a just cause for our support. It is our usual procedure to publicise our position in various ways which we canadiar effective.

We urge a fair and quick settlement of this dispute in order that we may inform our membership and encourage open more patronage of paper films.

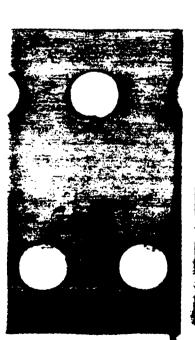
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This endersument is a result of the investigation made by the Hollywood League. We are, therefore, writing to you to advise you of our endorsement and to indicen you that our membership feels they will have to wait to see the newest Disney picture. The Reluctant Dragon, until such time as the strike is settled, ope will be very soon.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Disney Studies, and we trust that you will also advise them directly that we in Chicago would like to see this matter adjusted as quickly as possible.

Very truly yours,

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN SHOPPING OF CHICAGO, President.

EXHIBIT 50

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2400 West Alameda Ave., Burbank, California

NOVEMBER & 1947

Be: Un-American Prop., Vol. 5, made by Washington Reporting Service. COMMITTEE OF UR-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES.

House of Representatives,
House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

(Attention : Hon. J. Parnell Thomas)

GENTLEMEN: I refer to page 727 of the stenographic transcript of the hearings store the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, in the above matter.

In answer to a question by Mr. Smith with respect to one Wm. Pomerance, I stated in effect that florreli put him (Pomerance) in charge as business manager of the Cartoonists, and later "he went to the Screen Actors as their business BENDL"

I request permission to correct the foregoing answer by substituting in lieu of "The Screen Actors" the name of another organization, "The Screen Writers Guild, Inc."

Since returning to my offices in Burbank, California, I have made inquiry and succeeded in refreshing my recollection to the effect that Wm. Pomerance, after his separation from the Screen Cartoonists Guild was engaged by the Screen Writers Guild.

I thank you in advance for giving this matter your attention.

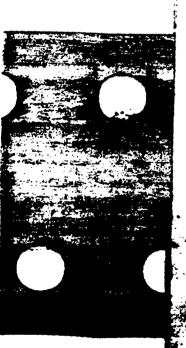
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Witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the United States, at the city of Washington, this 18th day of September 1947.

(signed) J. PARFEL TROMAS. Chairma

Attest:

JOHN ANDREWS, Clerk.

1944 Card No. -

Exhibit 61. Daily Worker, September 6, 1985, page 5; article by John Howard

Exhibit 62. Daily Worker, February 26, 1935, page 5.

EXMINIT 68

COPY OF COMMUNIST PARTY REMETEATION CARD-JOHN HOWARD LAWSON

No. 47375.

Name: John Howard Lawson. Address: 4542 Coldwater Canyon Ave.

City: L.A.

County: L. A. State: Cal.

Name of club:

New card issued on: 12/10/44.

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(To be filled in by person exchanging card)

Male X Female White X Negro

Occupation: Writer.

Industry: Motion Picture.

Member of : CIO AFL Ind. Union X No Union P

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EXHIBIT 64. SUBPERA-ERIC JOHNSTON

BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To: Donald T. Appell.

You are hereby commanded to summon Eric Johnston, President, Motion Picture Association of America, 1600 Eye Street NW., Washington, D. C., to be and appear before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives of the United States, of which the Hon. J. Parnell Thomas is chairman, and he is of the United States, or which the Hom. J. Parnell Incides is communite, and he is to bring with him copies of all resolutions proposed or submitted relating to the investigation of the movie industry by the Committee on Un-American Activities and original minutes pertaining to all meetings held by the Motion Picture Association of America relating to such resolutions for the period May 1 through September 10, 1947, in their chamber in the city of Washington on October 20, 1947, at the hour of 10:30 a. m., then and there to testify touching matters of equiry committed to said Committee; and he is not to depart without leave of and Committee.

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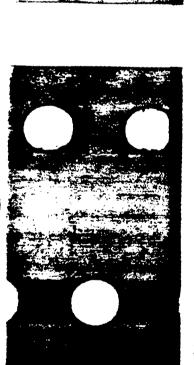
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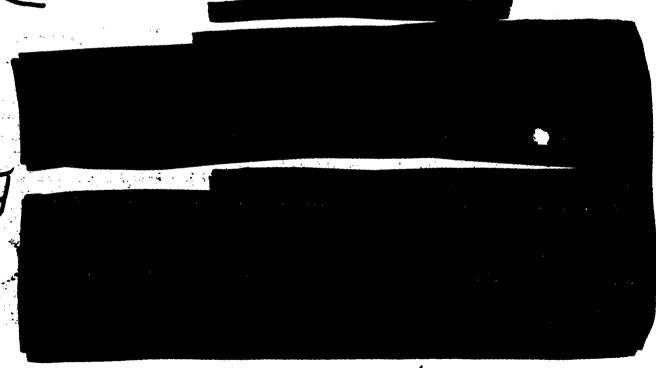
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Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: May 26, 1956

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MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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By referral from the Director's Office. I spoke with called for the Director.

she has been very interested in the development of children and the prevention of Juvenile Delinquency and that she had recently written a letter to Mrs. Eisenhower suggesting that possibly someone could prevail upon Walt Disney to develop the religious theme in his movie and television cartoon for children. She further advised that her letter had been answered by a Division of Reports. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, suggesting that she contact Mr. Disney direct relative to the suggestion. The call to the Director was to determine purpose of whether he would present the idea to Mr. Disney for her since she knew of his interest in Juvenile Delinquency.

I told her that I would call her request to the Director's attention. I also pointed out to the attention of Mrs. Eisenhowe: who had in turn referred it to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare as the interested governmental agency, she might desire to follow the suggestion of that department since it was a matter within the jurisdiction of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

then stated that she could see that Mr. Hoover probably would not want to take the matter up with Mr. Disney in view of her previous referral of it to the White House and later to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and that she would follow the suggestion of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and contact EPROPISHEY direct. 63-3841-X1

She expressed her great admiration for the Director and the work of the Bureaulfalbon Juding her conversation. Bureau file contain no identifiable information concerning 10 JUN 1 1956

This is for year information. Mr. Belmont



Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT : Wr. W. A. Branigan DATE: June 25, 1956 FROM SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION By referral from the Director's office. received a call from with whom I previously spoke on May 26, 1956. previously called regarding a suggestion which she desired to have the Director make to Walt Bisney relative to the production of films for movie and television purposes based on the Bible. She has previously suggested this to the White House and her suggestion was referred to Division of Reports, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, who suggested that she contact Mr. Disney directly regarding her idea. She called to advise that she had received a letter dated June 6, 1956, from the suggestion and pointing out that a schedule for production of pictures has been set for several years in advance. The letter also commented that this suggestion had been submitted numerous times by other persons. stated that she wondered if the Director would take the matter up with Mr. Disney. I pointed out to her that since the matter had previously been referred by the White House to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare that she might wish to make known to them the reply which she had received from Mr. Disney. mentioned that she had met the Director prior to her marriage at a banquet at the Mayflower Hotel: that she was very impressed with the Director; and thought that perhaps he might help her in this matter. Bureau files fail to reflect any identifiable information concerning 63-384/-X ACTION: 6 JUN 27 1956 None. This is for your information 0 1057 KECORDID -CC: Mr. Holloman Mr. Belmont 111145

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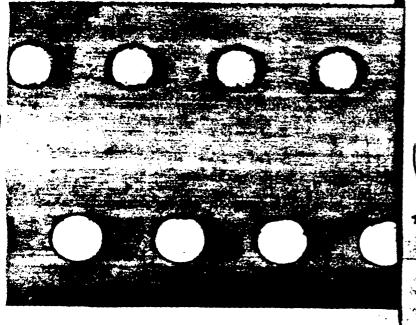
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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON March 11, 1959 pame theil-Personal and Confidential Dear Mr. Hoover: Will you please run rush name checks on the individuals listed below who are being considered for appointment to the Advisory Committee on the Arts, National Cultural Center? Biographical information is enclosed. Peggy Wood Carl Sandburg Katherine Cornell -Walter Disney -Sincerely, Henry Roemer McPhee b.7c Associate Special Counsel to the President b.7c The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover Director 20 MAR 24 1950 Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

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March 16, 1959

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Major General Wilton B. Persons
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Persons:

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Reference is made to the letter dated March 11, 1959, from Mr. Menry Rosser McPhee of your staff requesting name shocks concerning 27 individuals who are being equal dered for appointment to the Advisory Committee on the Arts, Wational Cultural Center.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has not conducted investigations of and our files contain no derogatory information concerning the following individuals:

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The review of our files concerning the remaining li individuals is being continued and you will be advised separately of the results.

-Simerely yours,

L EDGAR HOOVER

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We investigation has been senducted by the FBI concerning the continued individual. However, this Burean's files poveal the receipt of a flier issued by the Council for Fan-American Democracy advertising the Hight of the American' to be held at New York City. The flier carried a pertial list of sponsors and guests of honor which included the name of Walt Disney.

the Council for Pan-American Democracy has been designated by the Asterney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Ine Beople's Voice, desne of Jamery 15, light, sentained an article exptiened New Masses sponsors Tribute to Art Young. The article set forth that New Masses was appnearing a mass meeting to pay tribute to Art Young, Dean of American Carteenists who mied recently. It was indicated that the meeting would be held on January 27, 1944, at Manhattan Center, 34th and 5th Avenue, in New York City. Among the individual pieney."

American Activities in its report dated March 29, 1944, "New Masses" is a "mationally sirculated weekly journal of the Communist Party." (62-60527-25375)



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undertaken by the Little Theatre Guild of Los Angeles. The plan calls for a complete coverage of instruction in all phases of theatrical life. Regular classes in playwriting, acting and technical instruction will begin in January, with experts from Hellywood film studios, local and chain radio stations and legitimate stage actors as lecturers and assisting instructors. Final plans had been made the previous week, with LEON H. HARDWICK, theatrical editor of the Sentinel being elected chairman of the board.

Tt went on to list the following as efficers of the organization:
"Officers are MOBLE SISSLE, president; OTTO JOHNSON, HARLYDOBINSON, REX
INGRAM and LOUIS BERAVERS, vice-presidents; LAURA BOWMAN, executive secretary;
FLORENCE CAIREZ, recording secretary; BERNICE COOK, corresponding secretary;
CLARENCE BARGRAVE, financial secretary; LORENTILLER, parliamentarian; MORMAN
ON HOUSTON, treasurer; MEREDITH HATCHER, assistant treasurer; Rev. WALTER J.
BRYANT, chaplain and B. B. HERATTON, auditor."

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LENN FORME has been elected honorary president with such figures as these being considered for the advisory board: ORSON WELLS, HENRY/BLANKFORT, Rev. CLAYTON RUSSELL, CLARENCE MUSE, ERNEST WHITMAN; BEN CARTER, FRANK/TUTTLE, FLOURNOS WILLER, LEON WASHINGTON, JR., JEAN BROOKS, IREVENEST, CHARLOTTA BASS, JOHN GARFIELD, HELEN GAHAGAN, ARCH OBELER, DUDLET, NICHOLS and PAUN RUBESON. (U)

The organization is in the process of diving into two groups known as the Executive and Dramatic Section. The Executive section will conduct all of the business affairs, the Dramatic Section to deal with the rehearsals and instruction. The dramatic section is to be called the Bronse Showcase. LAURA BOWMAN has been elected Executive Director of this branch. At various intervals it is contemplated that playlets, skits and other dramatic works will be presented at community affairs. The purpose of such skits is to train prominent youngsters for starring roles and offer outlets for experienced players. The same plan applies to radio productions. (A)

HORACE WILLARD of C.B.S. will be in charge of the radio division and will assist in training students in this work. A 5,000 membership campaign has been launched with membership to the guild being open to interested laymen, as well as theatrical aspirants. (U)

Further information concerning this guild can be obtained at the temporary guild headquarters, 1430 West 35th Street, telephone Parkway telephone ADams 8194 (U)

In an article appearing in the December 21st issue of the Sentinel, it related that CLARENCE MUSE, veteran stage and screen actor, had endorsed the Inter-Racial Film and Radio Guild. The article further (U)



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went on to relate that LEDN HARDSICK had started investigation into the picture "Uncle Recus", which Is in the process of being Milmed at the malt Dispay Studies. Apparently the Dismay Studies is experiencing considerable difficulty with Vegroes in the filming of this picture, as will be reflected hereinarter in this report. Also included in this article may an epon letter written by MUSE in which he commended on the Milm Timole Reque". MUSE stated that he had been called in by the Dismay Studies and put on againty to render an expert opinion on the contemplated picture. MUSE stated that he had remedered this opinion and that the studies had abjected to it.

MUSE stated he desired that the Megro characters be depicted as dignified characters, whereas studie officials insisted on portraying the Megro in an inferior deposity. In concluding the letter MUSE made a strong appeal to the Megro press and right thinking Megroes to take action against this type of policy on the part of studie officials. (4)

In the January 1th Issue of the Los Angales Sentinel an article appeared entitled "Guild Starts Machinery to Block anti-Metro Movies." The article went on to relate that many national leaders had endorsed the guild, two of which were GEORGE SCHUYLER, New York Editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, and Alan CLAYTON POWERL. Ir., Congressman-elect from New York, The article went on to relate that the guild, which was formerly known as the Committee for Unity in Motion Pictures, was recently incorporated under the laws of the State of California. (U)

The organization has established its permanent headquarters at 3835 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, and the Board of pirectors is headed by MORMAN O. HOUSTON, Secretary and Treasurer of the Golden State Life Insurance Company of Los Angeles. Within the next few weeks, according to the article, outstanding representatives of the Chinese, Mexican and Jewish groups are to be added to the guild. (U)

The objective of the organisation, according to CALED PETERSON, Fr., is to integrate leaders of all walks of life to aid the guild's program by protecting the characterization of all minority groups on the Broadway stage, radio and in motion pictures, by scrutinising the scripe in collaboration with actors, writers, producers and the Mays office, also the special guild board. A national research board is also being formed, HARDYLEWEIT, official West Coast representative of the M.E. Pa, has been shoom temporary publicity director for this. (A)

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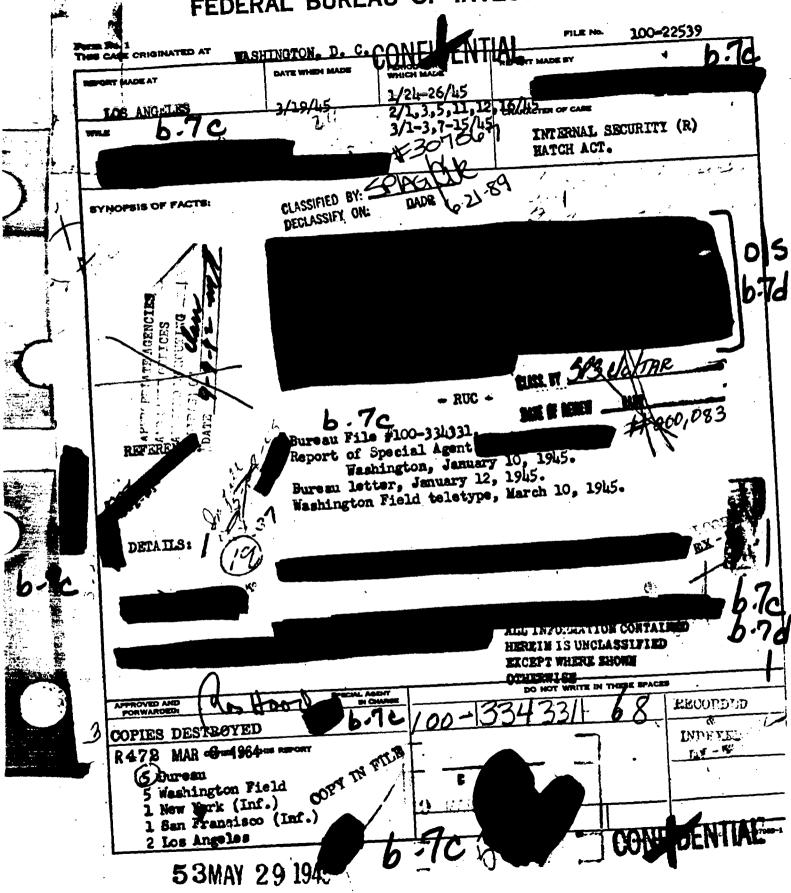
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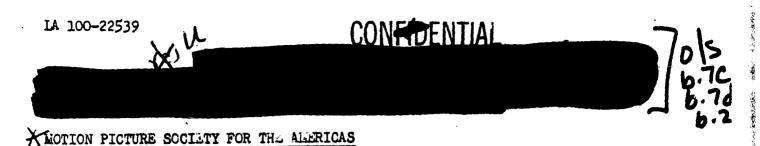
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E. J. MANNIX, Vice President (M-G-M Studio executive)
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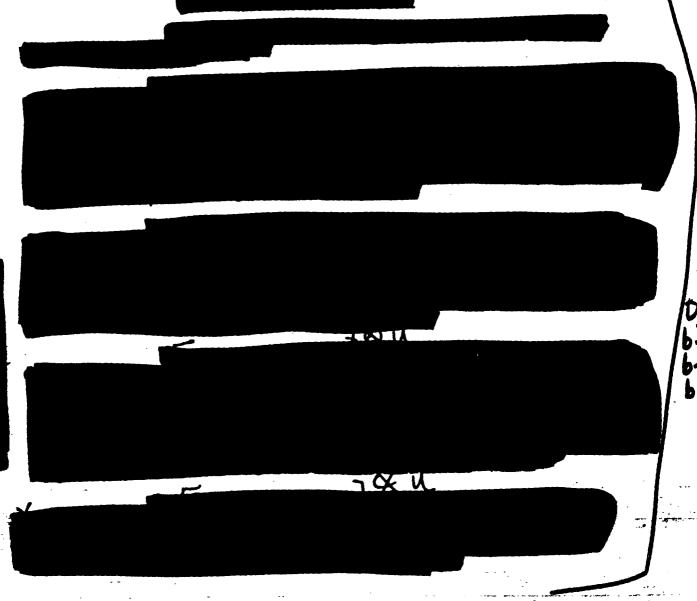
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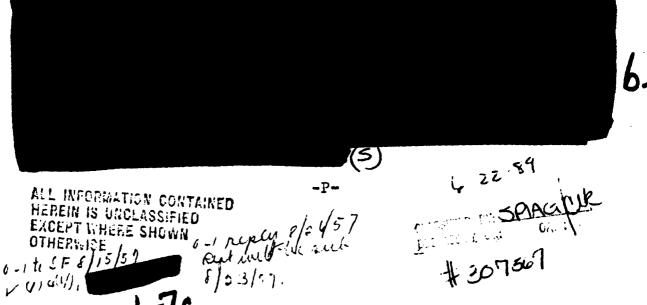
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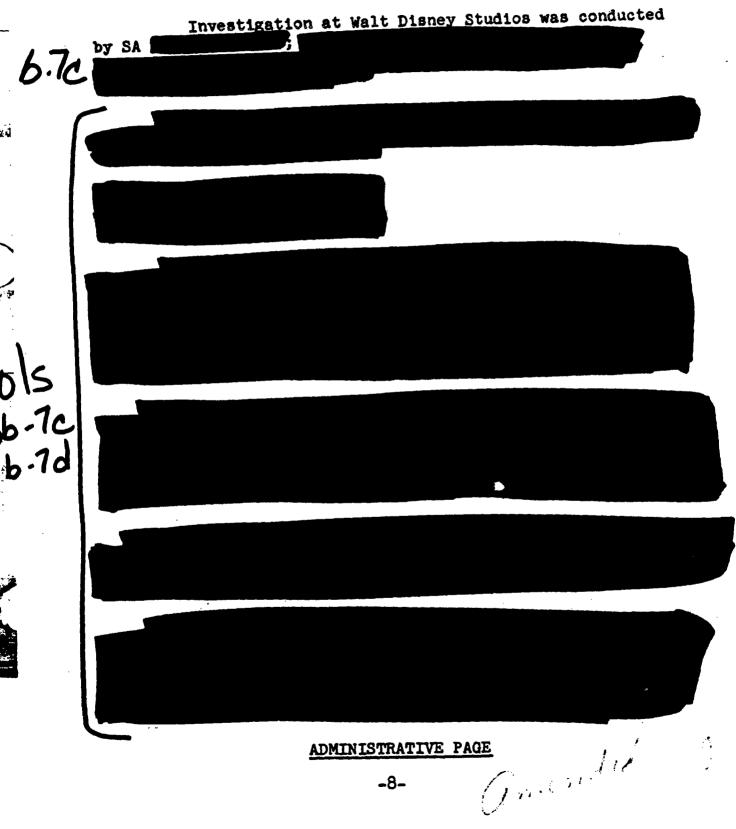
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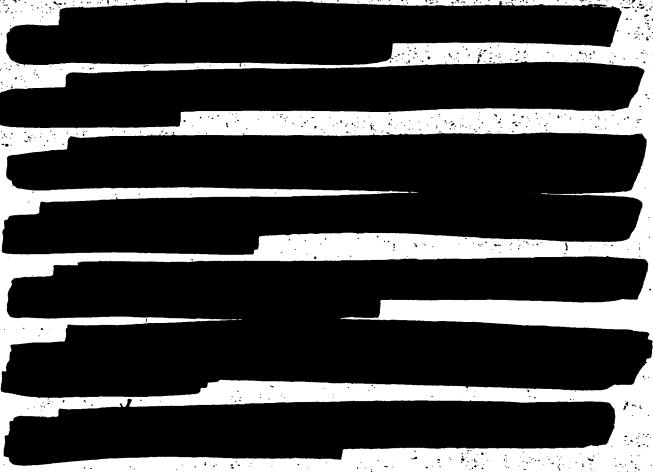
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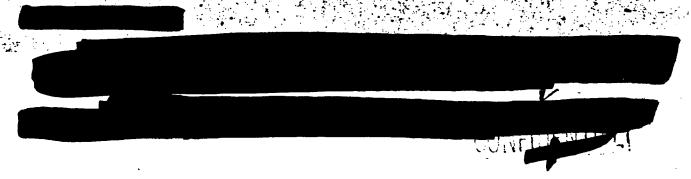
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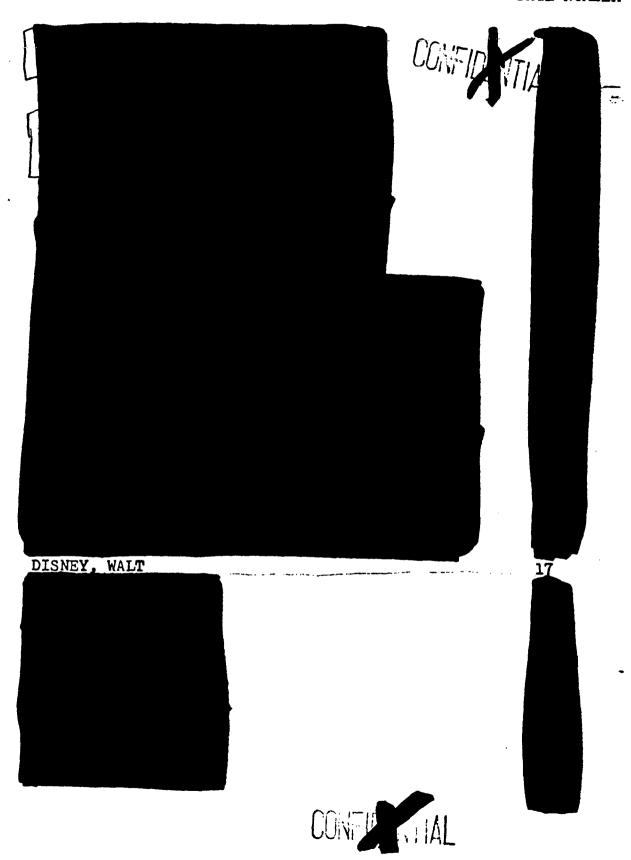


"New Masses" for October 18, 1938 stated that CHARLES BRACKETT, president of the SCREEN WRITERS GUILD; VIOLA BROTHERS, SHORE and DEEMS TAYLOR are at present working on muscial scores with WALT DISNEY and FLORENCE ELDRIDGE and contributed enthusiastically to the Anti-Nazi League and TAC shows.



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Dear Sire

ReBulet July 11, 1947, second and thirteenth paragraphs of which stated that a verification of occupation and employment was required of individuals listed in my letters of June 11 and June 28, 1947.

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The Bureau's attention is again directed to the fact that employment in the motion picture industry is of a floating nature. Employees are transferred among studios at the discretion of their unions, and by persons holding their contracts as in the case of writers and actors. Any list verifying employment as of a certain date therefore would not be current a few weeks hence.

For security reasons and the purposes of this report verification of an employee's association with the respective union, within the industry is to be considered verification of employment or availability for such employment.

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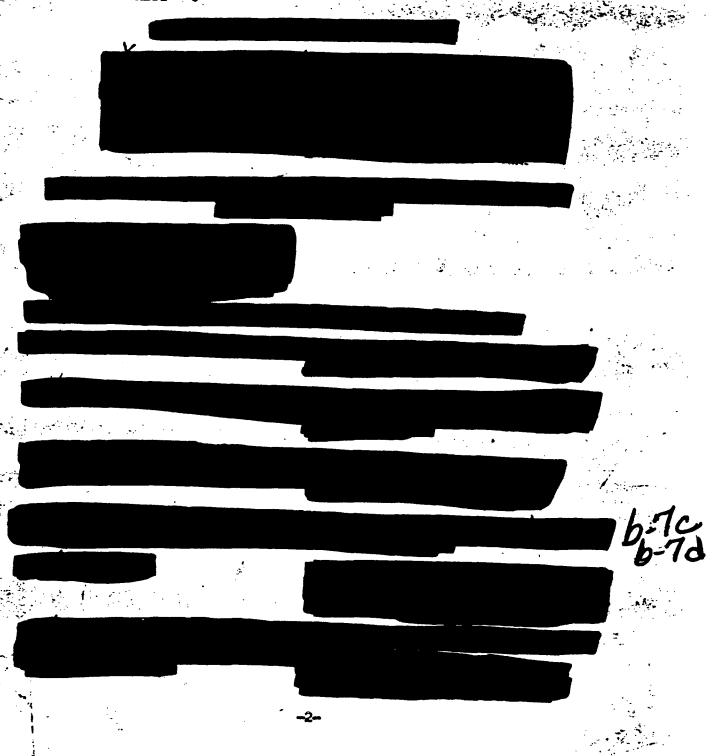
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Committee to Hear Both Sides on Communism Parnell Thomas Says; Gary Cooper, Goldwyn, Disney, Eric Johnston Among Those Called

By Robert E. Nichele

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The House Committee on Un-American Activities announced tonight the names of forty-three personal any of them prominent Hollywood actors, directors and writers—

who have been subposensed to testify on Communist influence in the motion picture industry

Gary Cooper, Walt Disney, Charlie Chaplin, Adolph Menjou, Samuel Goldwyn, Clifford Odets, Expronnation and Donald Orden Stewart were among those whose names appeared on the list.

Representative ... Parnell Thomas, Republican, of New Jersey, committee chairman, said the forty-three had been summoned to testify at a hearing starting Oct. 20. The investigation of Communism in the motion-picture industry originally had been set for Sept. 29, Mr. Thomas said, but the date has been extended three weeks to permit all committee members to attend. He explained some committeemen are now in Europe.

In releasing the list of witnesses, Representative Thomas emphasised that the fact subpoeras have been issued "ahould not be considered a reflection in any way upon these persons' character or patriotism."

Many of the persons included on the list are well known anti-Communists. Among them is Mr. Johnston, president of the Association of Motion Picture Producers and former president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, who has been outspoken in his criticism of Communism.

"The committee wants to he both sides," Mr. Thomas said, ading that the actors, directors as writers are being brought to Was ington "with the sole objective containing the facts regarding the inroads Communists have made in Hollywood."

He said the order of appearance (Continued on page 17, column 1)

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would be announced at a later date Most of the persons subpoensed were men. The only prominent woman among them was Mrs. Lels

words among them was Mrs. Lela E. Rogers, mother of the screen actress, Gingenflogers.
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ware, Morne Ryskind, Adries cott, Dr. Schary, Rebenthaylor, Valley Salt, Dalton Tumbo, Jack Warner and Sam Wood. Representative Thomas said he will make a nation-wide radio address on Hollwood Communism before the hearings begin,

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The Un-American Activities Committee proposes to learn why the song writer was permitted to enter and remain in the United States, Representative Thoras said.

Hearings on the Elsler case are set for next Wednesday, Thurs-day and Friday. Witnesses will in-clude Summer Welles, former Under Secretary of State, and George S. Messersmith, former American Ambassador to Argintine it

Subpena 43 to Test Movie Witch-

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The House Un-American Activities Committee announced ast night the names of 43 persons, most of them prominent in the motion picture indusry, who have been subpensed to testify on alleged "Communist" influence in the movies.

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Listed as subpensed were: Gary Coopes, Chaplin, Walt Disney, Cedate Gibbons, Goldwyn, Rupert Hughes, Brie-Johnston, Louis Thomas said that before the hear-B. Mayer, Joseph E. Davies, Adolph ings begin, he will make a nation-Donahi Orden, Stewart, Robert Lay lor, Jack L. Warner, Rousid Reagan. Postponement of the investigation Alva H. Bessle, Roy E. Brewer, will not delay hearings on the sase Herbert Diberman, Berthold Brecht, Lester Cole, Edward Dmytryk, Howd Roch, Ring Lardner Jr. John owerd Lawson, Albert Malta homes Lee-McCarey, Lowell Meltt, James McGuiness, Lewis Mileune, Sam Moore, John Charles

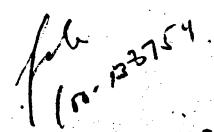
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Howard Rushmore, New York Journal-American renegade anti-Communist "expert," was also among those listed.

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> of Hans Esler, Hollywood song writer, scheduled for Sept. 34, 25.

> Heading the list of witnesses will be former Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles and George S. M sersmith, former Ambassador Argentine.



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ican cartoonists and among the first artists of this country to use his talents and drawing board as a weapon against fascism New Masses, the magazine that Young helped found and to which he was attached as an editor at the time of his death, has organized this meet ing to honor the beloved artist.

Endorsements have come from all over the country. Ernest, Hemingway, Carl Sandburg, Daniel Fitz-patrick, Paul Robeson, Boardman Robinson, Walt Disney, Mother Bloor, Bob Minor, are among the sponsors for the meeting.

The platform guests will include notables from the literary, political notables from the literary, political and art worlds. Alfred Kreymborg, Maurice Becker, Glintenkamp, Max Weber, Peggy, Bacon, Alexander Brook, Peter, Blume, Van Wyche, Brooks, Crookett Johnson, Wanda Gag, Hobart Nichols, Elizabeth Cuffey Flynn, Paul Manship, Hugo Gellert, David Burliuk, Moses and Raparal Soyet, Georges Schreiber, and Glibert Wilson.

Among the speakers will be Earl Browder, Rockwell Kent, Langston Hughes, Howard Fast Donald Ogden Stewart, Mike Gold, William Gropper and Jo Davidson.

The artists of the dance and music world have joined this tribute. Elie Siegmeister, Kenneth Spencer, Max Pollikoff, and dancers Jane Dudley, Sophie Maslow and William Bales will perform

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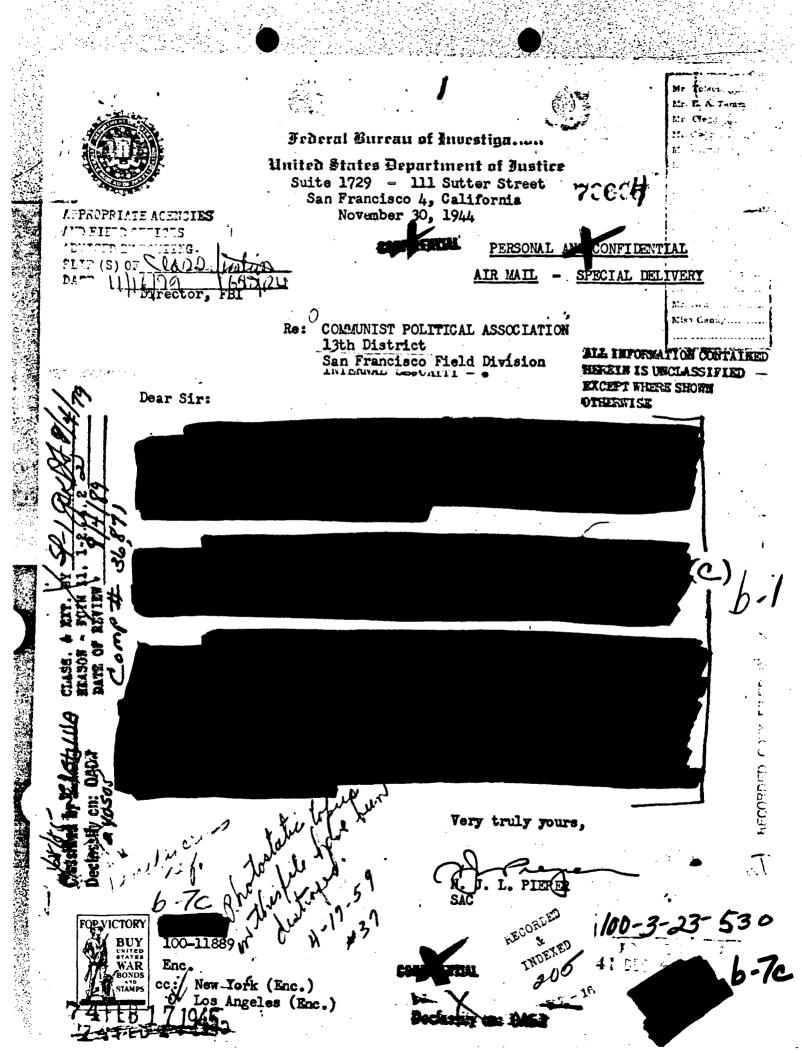
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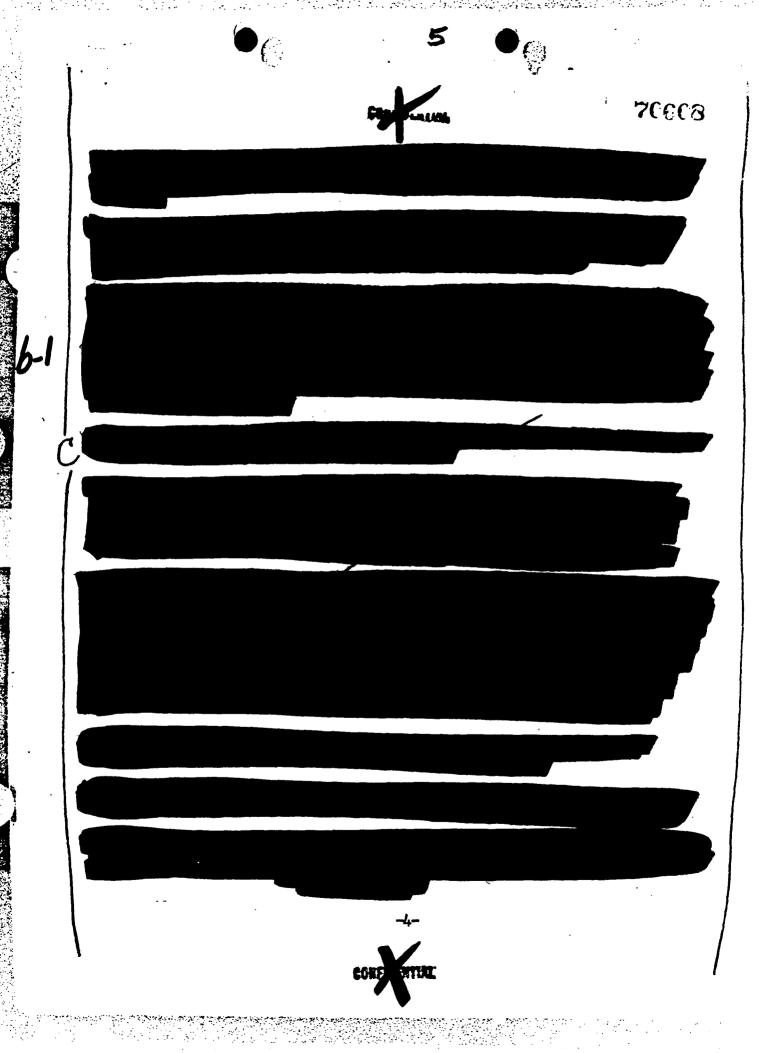
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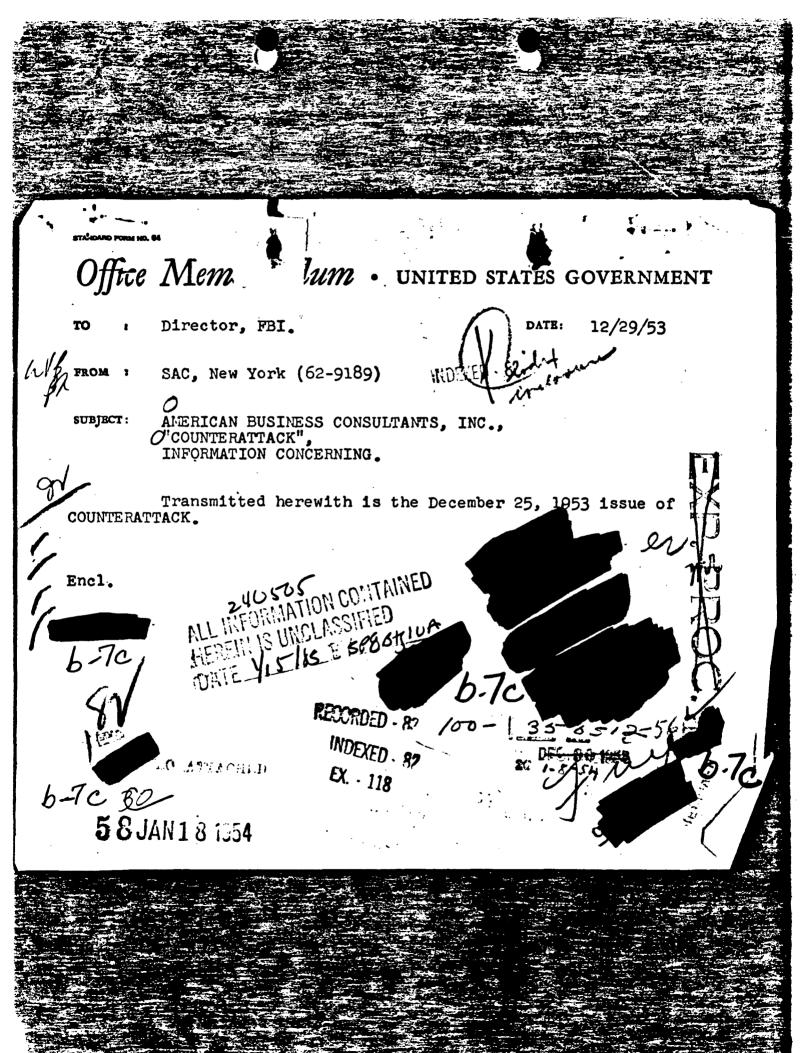
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Dear Subscriber:

December 25, 1953 Vol. 7, No. 52

BIG BUSINESS FIRMS IGNORE IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT TEMPO PRODUCTIONS.

The Communist-serving records of two top officials of Tempo Productions, which produces TV commercials, were given by COUNTERATTACK over a year and a half ago (on April 4, 1952). This newsletter also reported at the time that Tempo Productions had done work for some of the biggest TV advertising agencies and sponsors in the nation...and it asked this question:

How many TV viewers would knowingly buy products of firms that are subsidizing Tempo Productions?

That's still a good question...in view of facts cited in the 1952-53 survey of TV film commercials recently released by Ross Reports. This survey reveals that Tempo Productions has profited in the last year from work done for the following business corporations:

AMERICAN CHICLE CO (Chiclets).

CAMPBELL SOUP CO.

CHRYSLER CORP (Plymouth Division) CONTINENTAL OIL CO (Conoco).

ELECTRIC AUTO-LITE CO.

GENERAL FOODS CORP.

HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP.

IMPERIAL OIL OF CANADA.

PROCTER & GAMBLE (Tide).

SEABROOK FARMS (frozen foods).

STEPHEN E WHITMAN & SON (candy). STANDARD BRANDS INC.

AMERICAN HOME FOODS, INC (Geo Washington Instant Coffee).

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE CO (shaving cream, Cashmere soap).

The following U S advertising agencies were the media through which Tempo Productions got the business of these corporations:

BENTON & BOWLES INC.

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SHULTON, INC (Old Spice products).

PHILIP MORRIS ("Players" cigarettes).

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Here are the facts about Tempo Productions that these firms have been ignorant of, o have deemed of little consequence:

WILLIAM FOMERANCE and DAVID HILBERMAN are the owners of the firm. Their records are as follows:

POMERANCE, a former NLRB examiner, was active in Hollywood from 1941 to 1946. He was a business agent for the Screen Cartoonists Guild and then exec-sec'y of the Screen Writers Guild (when it was Communist-dominated). Before going to Hollywood, he assisted the Communist-controlled American Communications Association in organizing Postal Telegraph employes in the South. The following are some of the Communist fronts he has supported:

People's Educational Center (CP School on West Coast), American

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Youth for Democracy (actually the Young Communist League), Hollywood Democratic Committee, Hollywood Writers Mobilization, and Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

ROY BREWER, for years a key leader in the fight to oust Communists from the film industry, testified in the 1947 Hollywood hearings that POMER-ANCE was active in forming the Communist-controlled Conference of Studio Unions in 1944, and that he was a leader in creating "chaos and anarchy" in the 1946 studio strike. This strike was staged by the Conference of Studio Unions in its bid to take over the studio unions in the film industry and put them under Moscow's control. It was defeated by the AFL's Int'l Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes under the leadership of BREWER.

POMERANCE was identified as a Communist Party (CP) member by three witnesses in the 1951 Hollywood hearings. CHARLES KRAMER, who has been identified as a member of one of the espionage cells in Washington, testified that he stayed at POMERANCE's home when he visited Hollywood in 1946. FUMERANCE took refuge in the Fifth Amendment when he testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Feb, 1952...to avoid answering the following questions:

Whether or not he was a CP member the day before he testified; whether or not he solicited funds or support for Communist fronts from ACA officials while employed by that union in the Thirties; whether he led the fight against banning Communists from the Los Angeles Central Labor Council in 1944; whether he was a CP member when a member of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, the Screen Writers Guild and the Screen Cartoonists Guild, and an NLRB employe; whether he got his job in the Screen Writers Guild through the Communist faction on the Guild's board; whether he was associated with various Communist fronts, and whether or not he taught at and helped set up the People's Educational Center.

DAVIO HILBERMAN, like POMERANCE, formerly worked in Hollywood. He was a film animator and an executive of United Productions of America, an animated cartog producing company (COUNTERATTACK, Sept 15, 1950, pp 1 & 2).

WALT DISNEY testified in the 1947 Hollywood Investigation that he believed HILBERMAN was a Communist and the real brains behind the CP-led strike against the Disney Studios in 1938. He also said he checked HILBER-MAN's record and found he had studied at the Moscow Art Theatre.

HILBERMAN was identified as a CP momber in the 1951 film probe by Mrs BERNICE TLEURY, one of the witnesses who identified POMERANCE as a party member. She testified that she attended party meetings at HILBERMAN's home and that, while her husband was in the Army, either POMERANCE or HILBERMAN often drove her to party meetings at other places.

Tempo Productions grosses an estimated \$250,000 or more per year. The firm is doing much better now than it was when COUNTERATTACK first exposed the records of HILBERMAN and POMERANCE in April, 1952.

Big business corporations that have ignored COUNTERATTACK's facts for the past $1\frac{1}{2}$ years are the major source of income for Tempo Productions. These firms are giving substance to LENIN's remark that the capitalist class would supply its own gravediggers.

COUNTERATTACK repeats the question it asked when it first gave the

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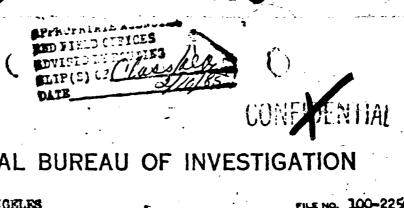
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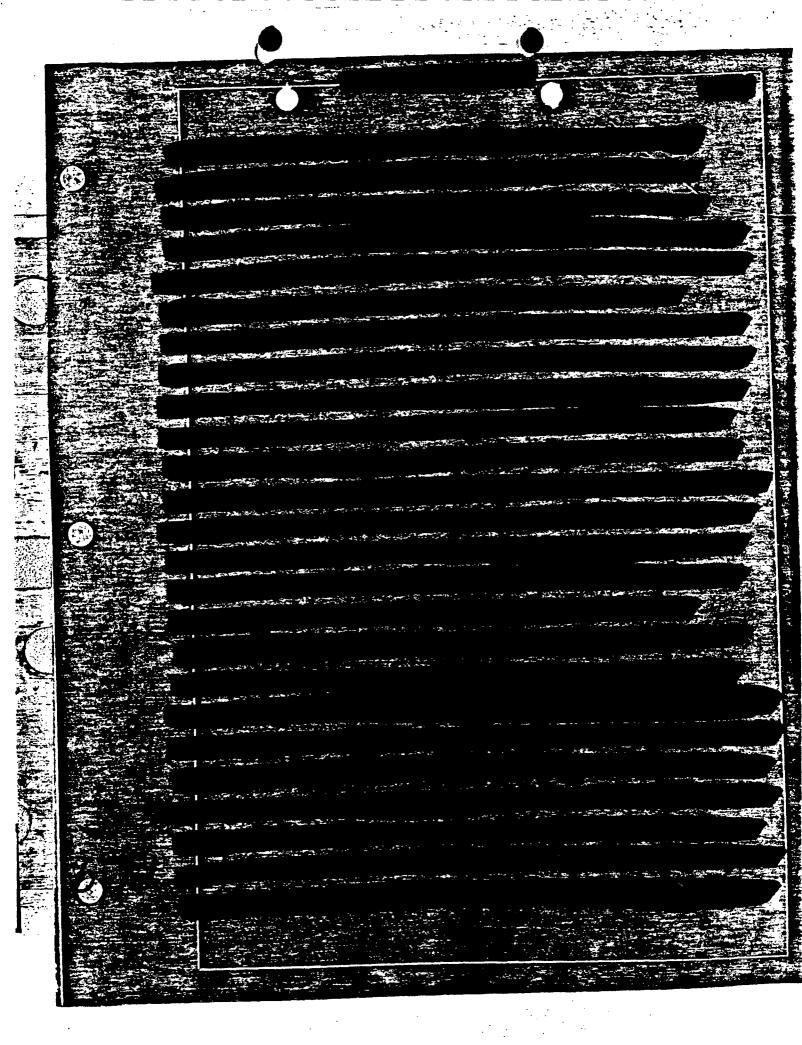
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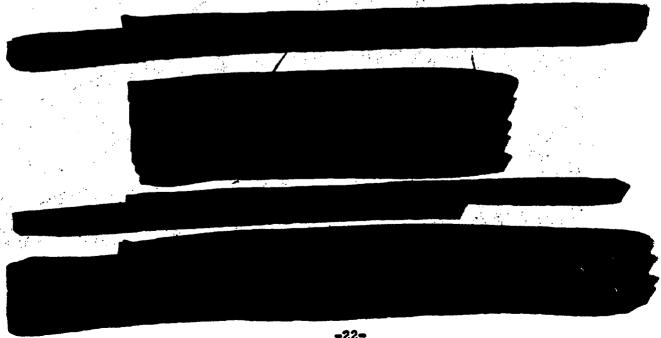
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Guests of the evening were as follows:

FRED ALLEN WALT DISNEY THEODORE DREISER (on stage) LION FEUCHTWANGER (on stage) DR. RUFUS VON KLEINSMID

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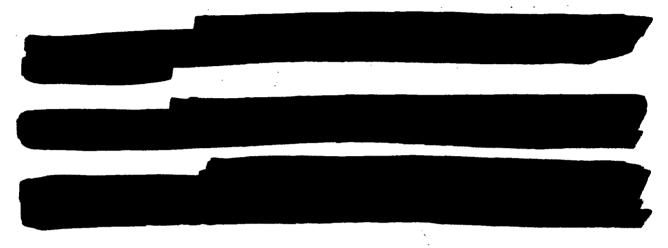
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A flyer issued by the COUNCIL FOR PAN AMERICAN DEMOCRACY advertizing the "Night of the Americas" carried in part the following information:

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New Yorkers have an unprecedented opportunity to see and hear these distinguished artists, leaders and statesmen

VINCENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO President of the Confederation of Latin American Workers

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Chairman of the Evening CONALD OGDEN STEWART

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All Seats Reserved, Prices range from 83¢ to \$3.50"



The flyer announced the meeting at the Martin Beck Theatre February 14, 1943 at 8:30 P.M. The flyer carried the following partial list of sponsores and guests of honor:

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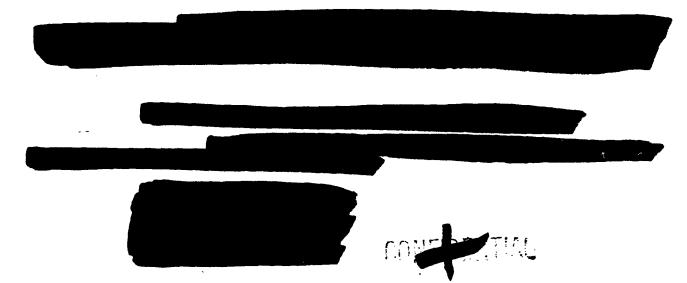
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Dear Sir:

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entitled "Night of the Americas" held at the Hertin Jack Theater on February 14, 1943.

There is also enclosed one copy of a leaflet announcing this meeting and setting forth a partial list of sponsors and guests of honor.

A copy of this report is being incorporated in the investigation presently being conducted concerning the Council for Pan-American Demooracy.

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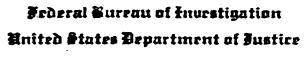
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5.7c. advises me that he feels this arrangement of witnesses will be more beneficial than to start out with ADOLP MENJOU the first day as had been originally planned by the Committee.

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Robert Montgomery.

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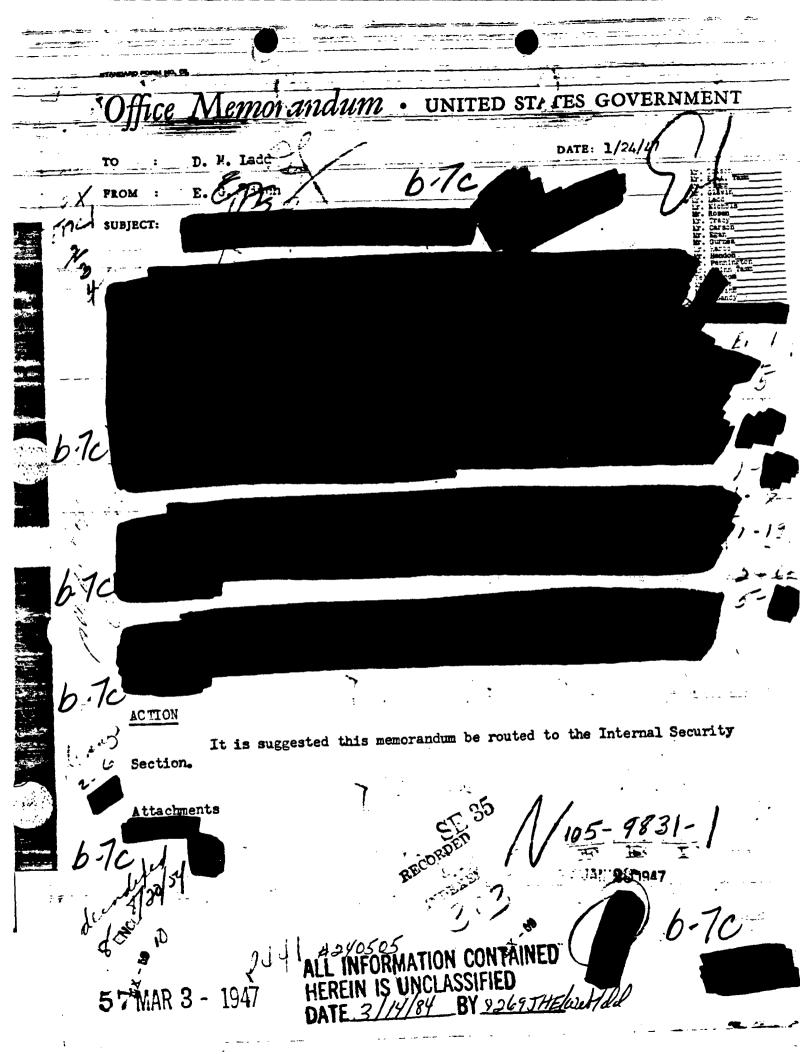
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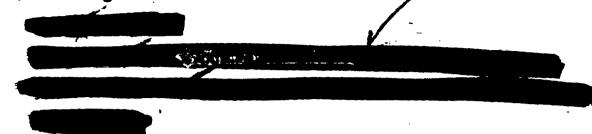
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Walter Claney (Mickey Rouse, Snow White, etc.)

Nederal Sureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

New York 7, New York

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January 28, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY U. S. A. DISTRICT #2 NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

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There are transmitted herewith copies of the Communist, Negro and Puerto Rican Trends which were prepared by this office for the Weekly Conference of ONI, GZ and FBI.

Very truly yours,

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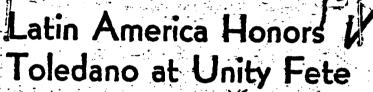
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"Now Masses" is holding an Art Young memorial meeting, which will take place on January 27th at Manhattan Center.

Sari Sandburg Dakiel Filometrick, Paul Bobeson, Regrinan Robinson, William Towns, Vall Diemer, Nother Bloor and Robert Sinor. It is expected that the hierarchy of the Sommiet Party will be present at this moting.

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Leading artists and statesmen of Latin America including Francisco's Castillo A Najera, Mexican Ambassador to the U.S.; Rodolfo Michels, Chilean Ambassador to the U.S.; Rodolfo Michels, Chilean Ambassador to the U.S.; Capitan Colon Eloy Alfaro, Ecuadorian Ambassador to the U.S.; Adrian Recinos, Guatemalan Minister to the U.S.; Rafael, Revisa Colina, Mexican Minister Plenipotentilary to the U.S., and Louis Chintanilla, Mexican Minister to the Soviet Union, and a distinguished group of American artists including Deems, Taylor, Orson Welles, Cladys Swarthout, Walf Jisney, Normato Colwin and Paul 1006-son, will sponsor an unprecented demonstration of inter-American cultural unity on Sunday evening. Who 14, at the Martin Beck Tleatre. They will henor two visiting Latin American leaders, Vincents Lombardo Toledano, President of the Confederation of Latin American Workers a 2 december 100 control of Latin American Workers a 2 december 100 control of Latin American Workers a 2 december 100 control of Latin American Morkers a 2 december 100 control of Latin American Morkers a 2 december 100 control of Latin American Morkers a 2 december 100 control of Latin American Morkers a 2 december 100 control of Latin American Morkers a 2 december 100 control of Latin American Morkers a 2 december 100 control of Latin American Morkers a 2 december 100 control of Latin American Morkers and Latin American Leaders, Vincents Lombardo Toledano, President of the Confederation of Latin American Morkers and Latin American Morkers and Latin American Morkers and Latin American Latin A

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The evening, which is being organized in cooperation with the Council for Pan American Democracy will be known as "Night of the Americas."

Toledano who has just returned from a four-months tour of the principal countries of South and Central America where he met with the leading artists, writers, painters and University people, as well as with peasants and workers, will report fully on his trip giving his views on the progress of hemisphere unity.

Combining as it does some of the foremost elements of Latin American art and statesmanship, "Night of the Americas" is regarded as the first important meeting of its kind designed by the nature of its program the cement the ties of cultural unity between this country and Latin

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Disney's "Uncle Remus" in Production;

Interracial Guild Formed To Watch Movies, Stage

HOLLYWOOD—The Walt Disney Studios have begun work on the controversial full-length tilm, "Uncle Remus." Studio officials however, have assured some newspaper writers here that the picture will not be degrading to the Negro race, but will be "a monument to the race." They say that Uncle Remus will be por-

trayed as a kindly, philosophical People's Voice, have eccepted po-

Hattie McDaniel will play the role of Temple, who will be poras a wise, philosophical woman, destined to tongue-lash all offend-

ers back into the paths of good

behavior.

The feature will be revolutionary, in that it will combine "flesh" with eartoon characters. Real life characters, like Uncle Remus (to in played by Jimmy Basquette), the little white boy, to whom Uncle Remus tells his stories, Tempie, and others will be played by real actors, while the wolf, the fox and other animals will be cartoon drawings, with real voices talking for them. They are scheduled to speak in Negro dialect.

INTERRACIAL GUILD FORMLD It is believed that the picture has been softened due to the protests of Negroes when it was first announced. Since its first announcement, Keon Hardwick, theatrical editor of the Los Angeles Sentinel, and others on the West Coast set about to create an organization for the purpose of watching the movies and the stage to assure d'gnified treatment of minority group characters.

Recently, they succeeded in erganizing and incorporating the Interracial Film and Radio Guild, which has received the undorsement of many nationally prominen leaders. George H. Schuy-ler of the Pittsburgh Courier and Adam Clayton Powell ir, of the

secretary. Other members of the board include Floyd O. Coxington, Ted LeBerthon, Marshall Penton fr. Clarence R. Johnson, Dan Marshall, Joe Morris, and J. David Orozco. Headquarters are at 3835 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. Others will soon be added to the board, which includes Chinese, Mexicans, Jews and Neg Harry Levette, ANP correspondent, is publicity director.

sitions on its national advisory committee. Caleb Peterson is ex ecutive field director; Norman trayed, according to film officials, Houston is chairman of the boar of directors; Leon Hardwick is

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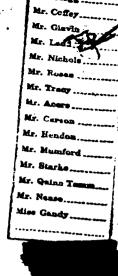
Hollywood, Feb. 5 (A. P.).—
Approximately 200 film writers, producers and directors last night formed the Motion Picture.
Alliance for the Freservation of American Ideals, dedicated, its organizers said, to combating Communism and Fasmism within the industry.

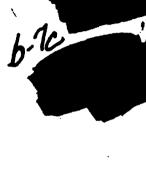
in the industry.

Film Director San Wood election of the president, told reporters that some writers have been injecting into communistic propaganda into their film plays. This, he de-clared, the alliance will fight. The alliance, in a declaration

of principles, said:
"We find ourselves in sharp revolt against a rising tide of Communism, Fascism and kindred beliefs, that seek by subversive means to undermine and change this way of life; groups that have forfeited their right to exist in this country of ours because they seek to achieve their

change by means other than the vested procedure of the ballot wall Disney, Art Director Ced. Like Cibbons and Director formal Tauron were elected vice preadents.





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YOU know about Jim Williams' cartoon, Heroes Are Made, Not Born." He meant me

I am the poor, unfortunate, ink-stained wretch who had to invade the chintzy headquarters on Jackson Place of the National League of Women Voters and say: "Ladies is it frue that you are a bunch of Communists in skirts with the new

The ladies exercised remarkable restraint. Or else they were too startled to start throwing crystal

paper-weights with built-in snowstorms,

Who," they asked after the first gasp, "Is calling us Communists?"

So I had to tell 'em about Walt Disney, the proprietor of Hollywood's leading cartoon foundry, testifying before the House Un-American Activities Committee on pinkos in Hollywood. He said that when a Communist-inspired strike was called in his Mickey Mouse department, all the Communist front organizations, including the League of Women Voters, put him on their smear list.

"Goodness," the ladies exclaimed. "He must have ade a slip of the tongue. He must have meant made somebody else's league, or something,

OH, no, said I, growing braver by the minute. Mr. Disney said he meant what he said in the first place. He seemed a little exasperated. He said look at the stenographer's record. There it was in black and white: the League of Women Voters.

"Well," exclaimed the ladies' spokesman, "shall we go over to his hotel and wring his neck?"

I think she was kidding, but I am not one to foment mayhem. I told her that that was a decision for the League of Women Voters; that Othman was offering no advice.

By Fred Othman

Last I saw of the women voters they were holding a conference to decide what answer to give Mr. Disney, if any. They promised to phone me when they reached their decision. So I guess we'll have to wait a minute for the result.

We might as well use the intermission for a look at the gray-suited, black-mustached Disney under the spotlights of the investigating committee. He came all the way from Hollywood to testify about Communists in his business; in 20 minutes he was ready to return to Donald Duck Boulevard.

That's the name of the street within his studio where Mr. Disney maintains his office. It is around the corner from Mickey Mouse Drive.

LIERE in a series of air-conditioned red brick buildings, with flowers out front and all streets named in similar whimsical fashion, Mr. Disney and 600 helpers turn out a never-ending stream of Technicolog cartoons for distribution all over the world.

"With exception of the Russian countries," Mr Disney said.

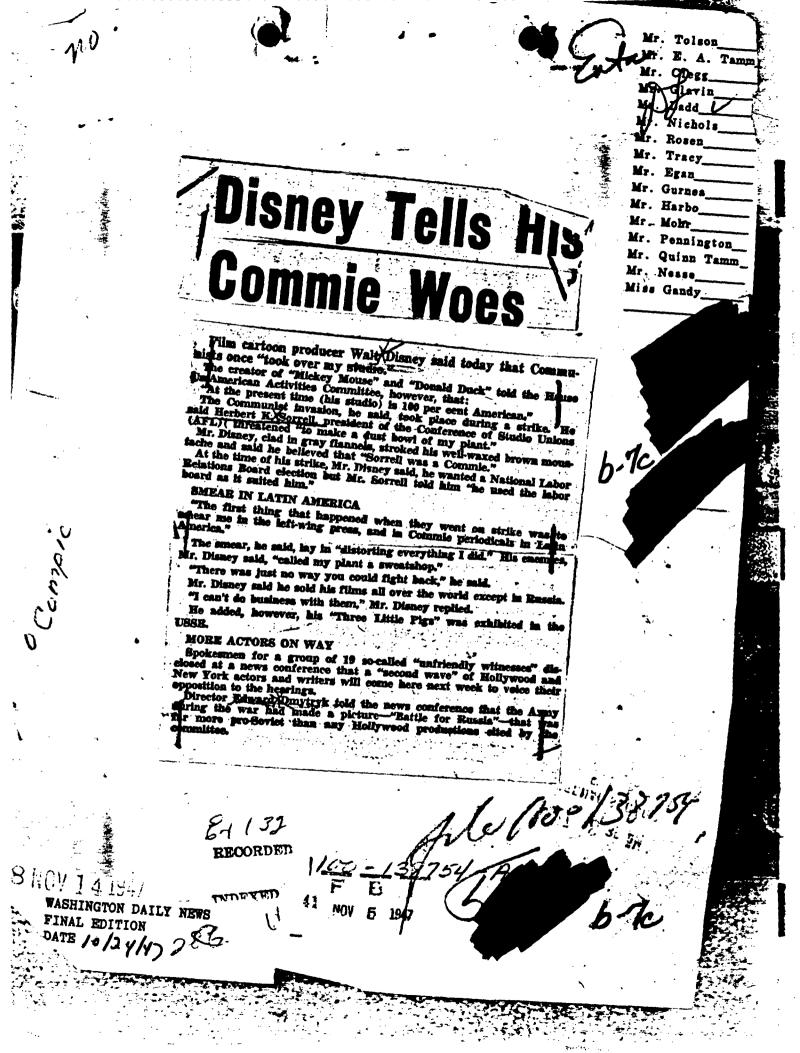
"Why not?" asked Robert Stripling, the committee counsel.

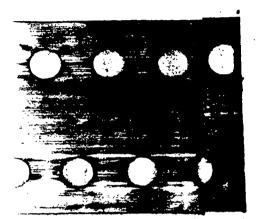
"I don't really know," replied Mr. Disney, "but we can't do business with 'em. Some years ago they bought The Three Little Pigs.' We sent 'em a bunch of others to look at and they ran 'em off and turned em all back to us. I guess they didn't like 'em.'

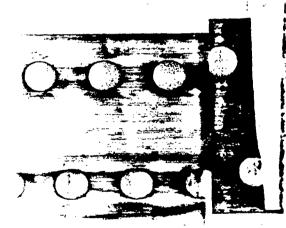
Why "The Three Little Pigs" should fit in with Russian ideology while Messra, Duck and Mouse don't was a question their creator did not attempt to answer. He . . .

The League of Women Voters just Bulletin!! phoned. Said the ladies had pondered the matter and decided it was beneath their dignity. Silence, they decided, would be their answer to Mr. Disney. And if you will excuse me, I'll wipe the cold sweat from my

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Disney Says Reds Took Over His Studio in '37, **But Have Been Routed**

By JAMES F. DONOVAN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (UP).—Movie cartoonist
Wattibisney told the House Un-American Activities Committee today that Communists took over his studio during a
1937 jurisdictional strike and threatened to make a "dust
bowl" of Mickey Mouse's Hollywood birthplace.

The creator of Mickey, Donald
Duck and scores of other cartoon
characters said he held out
against the Communists and finally cleared them from his studio.

At the present time, be
said, "it's 169 percent Americand."

Disney's testimony concluded.

Agent Disappeared

At this morning's session, switness testified that a top New York agent of the Communist Party was sent to Hollywood in 1336 to direct propaganda activities and disappeared laier under mysterious circumstances after he tried to break with the party. Another from my witness was lirs, Lee Rogers, whose daughter, Girgler, is one of Hollywood's top box office attractions.





Communism.
The characters was promised to allow a mystery witness Monday or Tuesday to put the finge on Hollywood Communists and



Critics of Film Inquiry Assailed; Disney Denounces 'Communists'

By SAMUEL A. TOWER Special to Test New York Times.

ber of the House Committee on munist union leaders. un-American Activities, Represen- As a result of strikes, he stated, tative Richard Borail, Republican he was "smeared" by "Communistof Illinois, today reproved the press front organizations" throughout and the motion-picture industry for the world, among which he listed critical expressions on the activities league of Women Voters, the ies of the committee.

sel of the film industry and "news- Worker. paper columnists and editorialists. The committee also heard Mrs. for influencing the thinking of the Lels Rogers, screen writer and American public with "the effect prinager of the affairs of her of depreciating the efforts" of a daughter, Ginger Rogers, actress,

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committee established by Congress. criticize some film stories for The creator of Mickey Mouse, containing what she classed as

degree of Communist infiltration civilizing in propaganda, testified that the Communists were main-Describing the labor troubles taining an indoctrination school Studios, producer of cartoons they were attempting to gain occ

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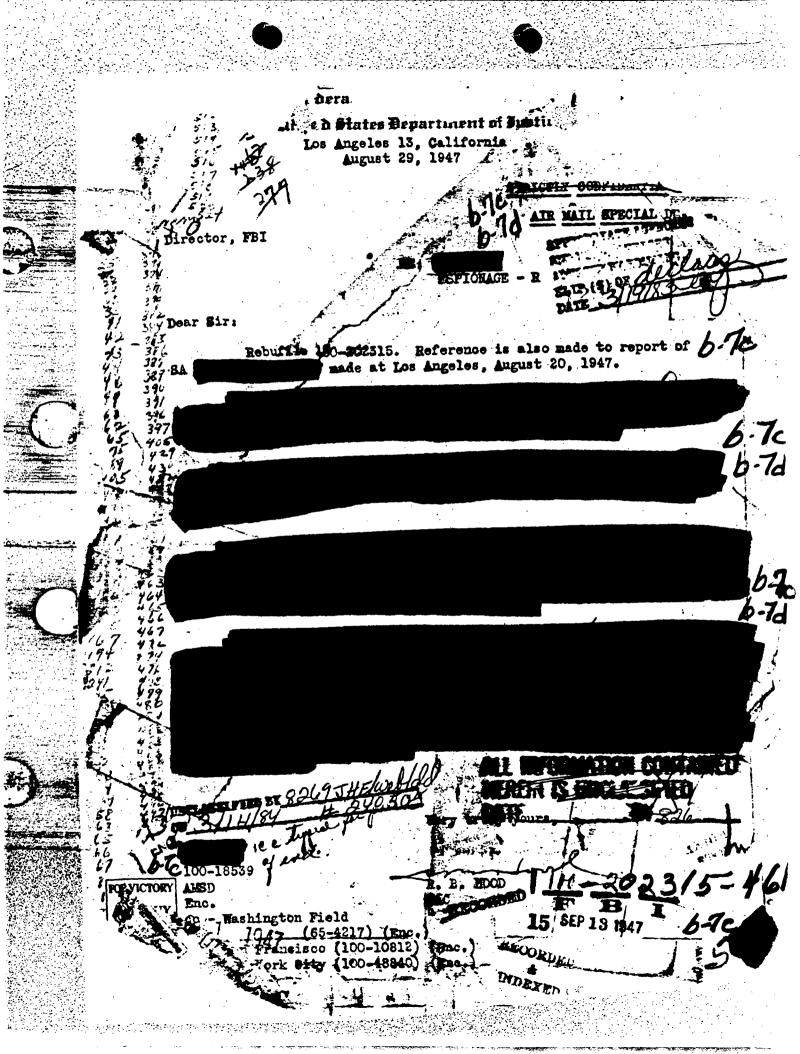
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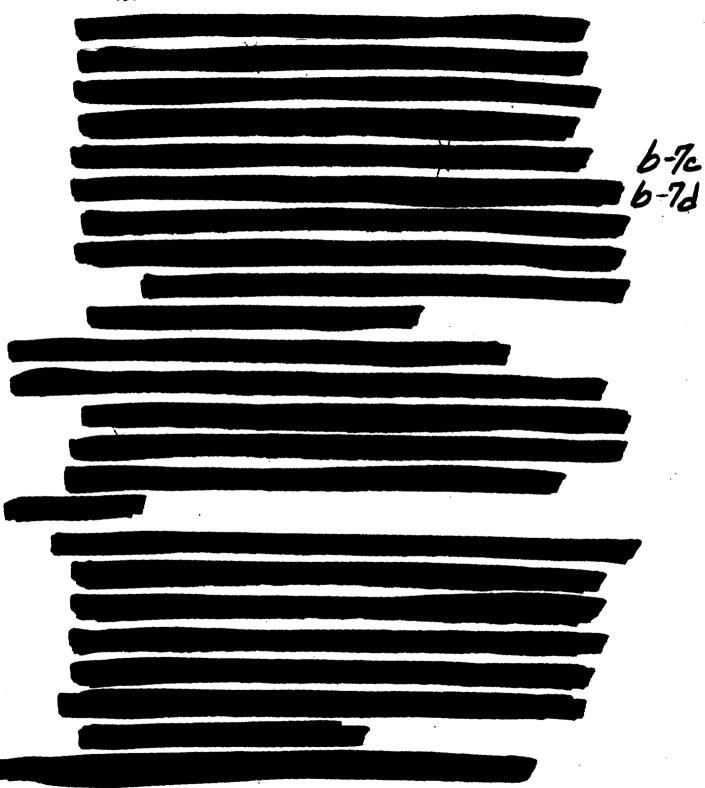
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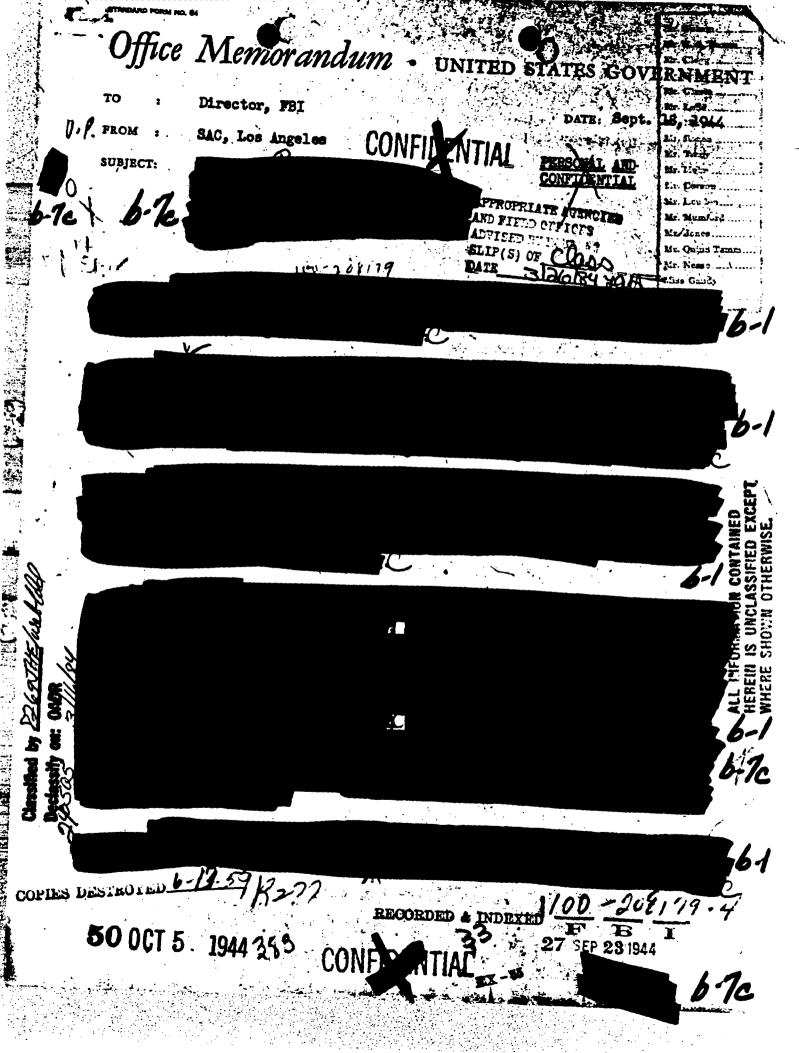
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In the same year, he solicited WALT-OISNEY, well known motion picture celebrity, to become a sponsor for the Council for American-Soviet Friendship.

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Movie Albance Charge Communism Exposed

By David Platt

The federal indictment against Charlie Chaplin charged with abridging the civil rights of Joan Barry, has been dismissed. This good news about an outstanding supporter

of the President's policies, coinides with the self-exposure of the dotion Picture Alliance to Preserve American Ideals, which has been trying for weeks to red-bait the

movie industry deserting into Roosevelt for HOOVEL and Hearst. The Alliance took shape at the height of the witch - hunt against Chaplin. The great artist's victory in the federal courts is



a blow to the morale of the anti-Teheran section of the picture business.

ON THE SCENE

Some friends in Chicago have ent me clippings of Edwin Lahey's interesting series on the week's Chicago Daily News. Mr. Lahey went to Hollywood to see for himself whether there was any truth in the Alliance charge the the movie industry was being perverted into an instrument "for the dissemination of communist ideas and beliefs."

He found that the leadership of the Alliance "embraced a few embittered men whose fear and hatred of the reds are as puerfle as those of Representative Dies." In an off-the-record talk with Walt Disney, first vice-president of organization, Lahey learned that the producer of the anti-second front cartoon Victory Through Air Power has not yet recovered from the shock of the cartoonists strike in his plant which he foolishly blames on the Communists.

MADE IN U.S.A. Sam Wood, president of the A liance, told him he was spayinged that the American Writers Conorganized in Ressia." Actually the Congress had the full cooperation of President Sproal and the University of Callifornia and was recognized as a win-the-war conference by Fresident Roosevelt familiar Hitler line by which comand Wendell Willkie. The Screen Writers Guild is red, said the producer of the pro-Franco film cause it supports Roosevelt, no oubt.

McGuin Lahey said that James ness, chairman of the Alliance ex ecutive bommittee and a top executive at MGM, holds firmly to the belief that "entertainment is the sole purpose of the movies except for educational and documentary Motion Picture Alliance in this pictures labeled as such." The reactionary film Tennessee Johnson was apparently pure entertainment to MGM executive. McGuinness told Lahey that "the Communists built up Thad Stevens as a little God among Negroes and objected the unfavorable characterization of Stevens in Tennessee Johnson The premotion of the film sbandoned," McGuinness added.

CLEAR ENOUGH

Yes, enterisimment as the sole purpose of the screen is fast becoming the last refuge of evil men in the film industry. In the course of his investigations, the Chicago News reporter found that the Alliance charge of communism is Targely the result of crusades by Mr. Mearst and other newspaper producers for turning out propa- page nda pictures." A propaganda Min. ways Lakey is Takmost any Date picture from which a movie audi- Clipped at the Seat of ince might get a favorable reac- Governmen on to the office of the President the United States or which a mpts. to represent the Bovi

cople." Walter Wanger, independent producer at Universal answered the Alliance and Hearst in a recent speech before the Hollywood Free World Association. Wanger spoke for the vast majority in the movie industry when he said: "We do not intend to be misled by the munism is made the bogey with which to confuse us. We do not intend to allow our military strength For Whom the Bell Tolls. Red be- to be impaired by attempts to separate us from an ally like Rusde. This would make us an enemy of Hitler's greatest enemy. . . . We will fight all anti-democratic dangers, but we will not be a party to further disunity on any pretext whatever."

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Lahey contrasts this progressive point of view with that of Rucert Hughes, member of the executive committee of the Alliance, who in his recent radio talks widely reprinted in the Hearst chain, "virtue ally demanded war against the So viet Union and decried our 'sur fender' to Russia."

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Los Angeles 13, California February 9, 1944 $\frac{\sqrt{t}}{t}$

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Director, FBI

He: THE MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS.

Dear Sir:

On February 4, 1944, seventy-five persons representing actors, producers, directors, executives and writers met at the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel, Los Angeles, to form the MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS.

On February 5, 1944, the Los Angeles Times printed an article having the title, "Leaders of Film Industry Form Anti-Red Group". The article states that virtually all the speakers directed their remarks solely at Communism although the statement of principles of the Alliance is to combat "a rising tide of Communism, Fascism and kindred beliefs that seek by subversive means to undermine and change this way of life." The article states that SAM/WOOD, Producer, who was elected President of the organization, in outlining the group's aim in his acceptance speech in referring to the subversive elements stated, "these highly indoctrinated shock units of the totalitarian wrecking crew have shrewdly led the people of the United States to believe that Hollywood is a hot bed of sedition and subversion, and that our industry is a battleground over which Communism is locked in death grips with Fascism." The article states that RUPERT HUGHES declared the organization a timely one and spoke of the trouble subversive elements had caused in the Authors' League after it had functioned smoothly for many years. BORDEN CHASE, writer, told of Communists wrecking a Hod Carriers' Union which he had helped organize when he was a "sand hog" despite his and others' efforts to preserve it. The article quotes him as saying that the subversive element wrecked the organization by dividing members and now the Communists are "taking over the motion picture industry." It was announced that membership in the group is open to anyone in the motion picture industry; however, applicants will be investigated to keep out those with subversive tendencies.

A similar article appeared in the Los Angeles Examiner February 5, 1944, and stated that the Alliance will war on Communists and their sympathizers in the industry. The article stated that the meeting (at the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel) climaxed several weeks of quiet organization work within the studies. The article further mentioned that the organization was spurred by the recent Writers' Congress, held at the University of California, Los Angeles,



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has ever known; that system which, in the present emergency, has fathered an effort that, more than any other single factor, will make possible the winning of this war.

"As members of the motion picture industry, we must face and accept an especial responsibility. Motion pictures are inescapably one of the world's greatest forces for influencing public thought and opinion, both at home and abroad. In this fact lies solemn obligation. We refuse to permit the effort of Communist, Fascist, and other totalitarian-minded groups to pervert this powerful medium into an instrument for the dissemination of un-American ideas and beliefs. We pledge ourselves to fight, with every means at our organized command, any effort of any group or individual, to divert the loyalty of the screen from the free America that gave it birth. And to dedicate our own work, in the fullest possible measure, to the presentation of the American scene, its standards and its freedoms, its beliefs and its ideals, as we know them and believe in them."

The officers announced are as follows:

President
First Vice-President
Second Vice-President
Third Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Executive Secretary

SAM WOOD
WALT DISNEY
CEDRIC GIBBONS
NORMAN TAUROG
LOUIS D LIGHTON
CLARENCE BROWN.
GEORGE BRUCE

Members of the Executive Committee were announced as follows:

JAMES K. McGUINNESS, Chairman

BORDEN CHASE
VICTOR FLEMING
ARNOLD GILLESPIR
FRANK GRUBER
BERT KALMAR
RUPERT HUGHES
FRED NIBLO. JR.

CLIFF REID
CASET ROBINSON
HOWARD EMMETT ROGERS
HARRY RUSKIN
MORRIE RYSKIND
KING VIDOR
ROBERT VOGEL

GEORGE WAGGNER

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Rederal Bureau of Investigation THOIRS United States Bepartment of Sustice Los Angeles 13, California March 22, 1944 Director, FBI OTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR RE: THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS INFORMATION CONCERNING Dear Sir: Reference is made to the letter Arected to the Bureau in instant case dated February 9, 1944, as well as to the letter sent to the Bureau on February 28, 1944, in the case entitled CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEGUE. - INTERNAL SECUPITY, C, REGISTRATION ACT", Bureau file number 61-10355. - 354 Both of these letters pertain to the activities of the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, or as it is most popularly known, the MPA. The MPA originally was organized to combat "a rising tide of communism, fascism, and kindred beliefs that seek by subversive means to undermine and change this way of life." Specifically, however, the organization was concerned with combatting communism. N. St. كهم ECORDED INDEXEDEX



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March 22, 1944

RE: THE MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS INFORMATION CONCERNING



Of additional interest is the article appearing in the February 14, 1944, issue of the Time Magazine wherein the pictures of ROSALIND RUSSELL, acress, and DUDLEY NICHOLS, writer, who are referred to in the article as being leftists, appear with the pictures of WALTADISNEY and SAM WOOD who are dubbed by the article as rightists. This article, a copy of which is being retained in instant file, mentions that the leftists started a battle (against MPA) by announcing a Free World Association dinner starring Vice President HEMPY ALLACE. The article said that the rightist (MPA) quickly formed a club of their own. The article goes on to mention that HENRY WALLACE, who was late for dinner, was taken by mistake by his motorcycle escort to the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, where the MPA was meeting, and on learning of the mistake hurried him over to the Beverly Hills Hotel where the Free World Association dinner was awaiting WALLACE's presence.



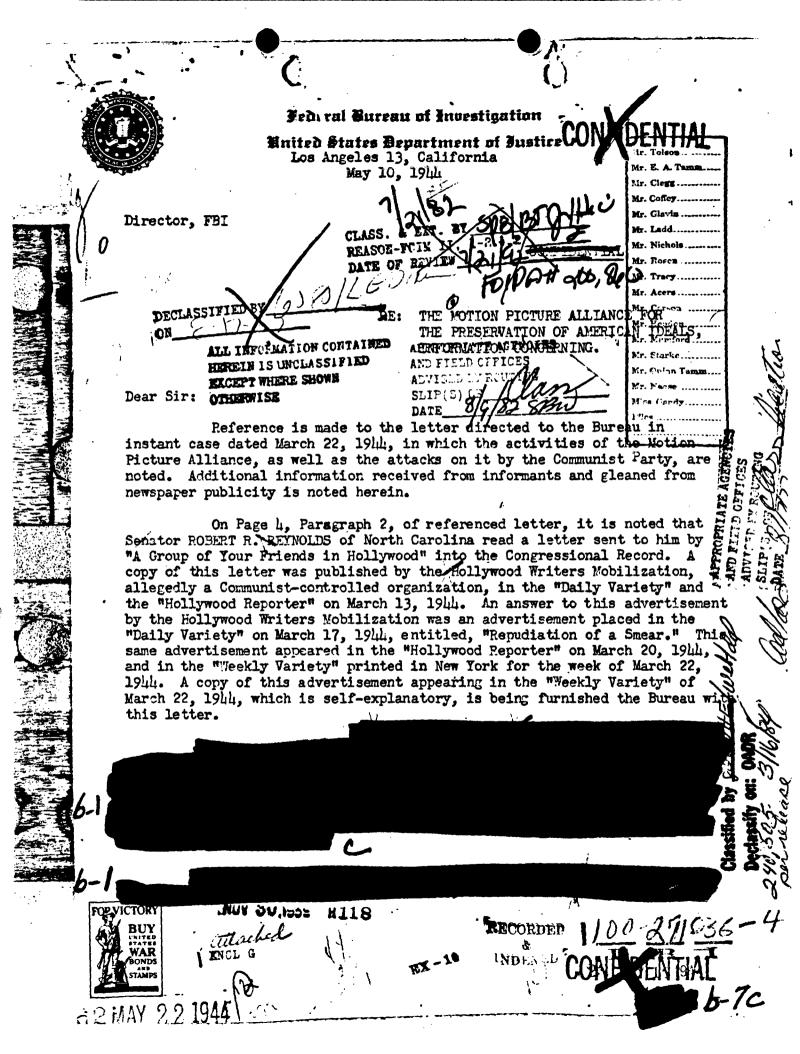


ffice Memorandum UNITED ST. ERNMENT TO FROM MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS; SUBJECT: ÜN Information Concerning The Los Angeles Office has reported that on February 14, 1944, approximptely 75 persons representing actors, producers, directors, executives, and writers met in the Beverly Wilshire Hotel to form the Motion Picture Alliance for the Physervation of American Ideals. The organization is commonly referred to as the IPA. The announced purpose was to combat "a rising tide of Communism, Fascism and kindred beliefs that seek by subversive means to undermine and charge our way of life. A number of prominent Hollywood figures are connected with the organization, including Sam Wood, Walt Disney, Cedric Gibbons and Rupert Hughes. The apparent purpose of the organization is to combat Communist infiltration in the motion picture industries. At present there are said to be approximately 225 members of whom about 200 are associated with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. The three leading officials are also Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer employees. 11 FUEX- 1711-171131-31 ALL PIFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE. sified by 8269 JHE/OOK Declassify on: OADR

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"The SWG action followed a resounding slap handed the MPA a week ago when the writers organization refused an MPA offer to discuss the MPA'S purposes. Instead, the Screen Writers commended the action of their executive board in participating in a Hollywood Writers Hobilization advertisement in the trade papers which linked the MPA to arch defeatist Senator REYNOLDS.

"How many of the invited groups will attend is problematical. The Screen Actors Guild may turn it down. Most of the other unions, however, will attend. It is unlikely that representatives of conservative MGE will sit down to battle their own baby.

"WARNERS Should Join

"On the other hand, Warner Brothers--which has led the fight for progressive, democratic pictures-- has everything to gain by supporting the fight of the SWC. WARNERS--at the opposite pole from MCM--spurned the original, highly-ballyhooed MPA banquet a few weeks ago which started the battle.

"That affair was dominated by MGM and Paramount — GARY/COOPER and his wife SANDRA were the only legitimate actors present. The MPA is dominated by SAM WOOD, president; WALT DISNEY, well-known labor batter, as vice-president, and CEDRIC XIBBONS, NORMAN TAUROG and CLERENCE EROWN as officers. Colonel RUPERT HUGHES, HEARST'S man in Hollywood, is another big shot.

"Democratic Hollywood laid down the gauntlet a few weeks ago when, at the time of the original MPA banquet--most of Hollywood gathered together in the Free World Association with Vice-President HENRY A.

"The Free World Association and a dazzling roster of film names—Dudley Nichols, Thomas Jann, Jimmy Cagner, Orson Welles, John Parfield, Walter Manger, Walter Pidgeon and many other box office stars on the male side; Rita Hayworth, Olivia da Ravilland, Joan Fontaine, Bette Davis, Ingrid Bergman, Rosalind Russell and others in the ladies lineup."

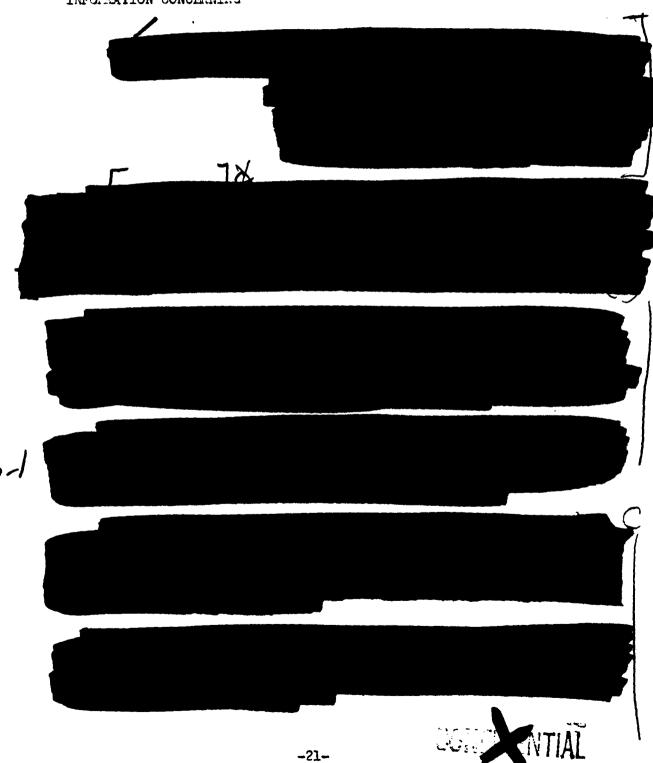
The "People's World" for April 25, 1944, has an article entitled "DIES 'Hears' MPA's Scream," with a sub-title "'Probers' Begin New Hunt for





Director, FBI

THE MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE INFOPMATION CONCERNING RE:



OUR purposes are to uphold the American way of life, on the screen and among screen workers; to educate, not to smear.

We seek to make a rallying place for the vast, silent majority of our fellow workers; to give voice to their unwavering loyalty to democratic forms and so to drown out the highly vocal, lunatic fringe of dissidents; to present to our fellow countrymen the vision of a great American industry united in upholding the American faith.

These are our purposes. We have no others.

MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS

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TIME TO NAME NAMES

Last week, March 4th to be exact, The Motion Pieture Alliance (For the Preservation of tives of the decent, patriotic American element of wood to Washington. That's a long skip and organize to combat the 'totalitarian-minded groups' a jump to plant a missive with Senator Robert the picture business and Hollywood.

The Senator accepted the message, went through the usual routine on the Senate floor and slipped it to the clerk for inclusion in the Congressional Record, that drowning-pond of rampant American emotion. And there you will find it as of March 7th, Page A-1220, under the Senator's title of "Our Own First." It's not anything of which either the Alliance or the Senator need be proud.

The Alliance was apparently after publicity which fizzled, the Senator merely tossing it into the hopper without trying to read it to the Senate or even crying "timber." And paper so short, too. The Dailies also passed it by. But "Variety" is going to give it what we think is needed publicity within the trade.

This Alliance letter, which butters up Senator Reynolds beyond ration value, starts out by spifying him as "the Nostradamus of the Twentieth century." Don't bother to look it up. We did. "Nos" was the old French astrologer who could look at the stars and predict a layoff. In other words, trouble.

So if the Alliance has trouble on its mind of one kind or another, let's really go to work and dig some up. Or, if the Alliance is on the level about presenting its case, let's find that out, too. But there's no need to go all the way to Pennsylvania Avenue on the subject. The Alliance doesn't have to go any further than Holly-wood and Vine where the "Variety" Coast office is located.

This invitation is extended due to two paragraphs in the Alliance's letter to Senator Reynolds. One reads:

Because of the flagrant manner in which the Motion Picture industrialists of Hollywood have been coddling Communists and co-operating with so-called intellectual superiors they have helped to import from Europe and Asia, there has been organized in Hollywood the M.P.A.—The Motion Picture Alliance—For the Preservation of American Ideals."

Nuts! Name the Communists. Name the so-called Intellectual superiors. What makes them "so-called intellectuals," and who are the Motion Picture industrialists to whom they are superior?

The second paragraph declares:

"The very fact that such outstanding representa-American Ideals) went all the way from Holly- the Motion Picture Industry felt it compulsory to R. Reynolds (D), of North Carolina, concerning un-American ideas and beliefs' is proof that such groups have and do exist in the industry. Otherwise, men of Rupert Hughes' and Fred Niblo's and Walt Disney's intelligence would not feel it or find it necessary to organize the decent, patriotic element of the industry to combat them for the welfare and safety of the American people."

Not for a minute does "Variety" accept the claim that the very information of the Alliance alone is sufficient proof that subversive groups exist within and are harming the picture business. Hughes, Niblo and Disney. Men of standing and reputation? Vos. But by themselves these men's names are not enough to substantiate accusations such as these.

Let the Alliance name these "totalitarianminded groups" it states are working to the detriment of the picture business in Hollywood. Tomorrow, the next day, or next week the Alliance can have without charge as many "Variety" pages as is needed to name these individuals and groups it maintains are un-American and subversive. And every individual and group that the Alliance names will be offered an equal opportunity to answer whatever charges are made.

'Variety" has two purposes in view. Either to help drive into the open the undesirable element within the picture industry which it is claimed is there, or to put an end to this ambiguous Hollywood name-calling. Nor does "Variety" mind reiterating its opinion that the whole thing has a pro- and anti-Roosevelt foundation.

A few weeks ago the Alliance walked into "Daily Variety's" office, paid for a page ad, and the next morning saw not only its ad but an editorial wishing it well. That is our regret, a boot on a matter of policy. The Alliance can get its money back on that one whenever it wishes. "Variety" (weekly) must also take the rap for the muff along with the "Daily."

The Alliance, however, has now seen fit to carry an industry matter outside the trade. It has gone as far as Washington.

Never mind going outside. Come down to Hollywood and Vine.

Lay it on the line, or get off and stay off the line.

Re: MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE spectively. of un-American ideas and beliefs."

EMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

On February 4, 1944, seventy-five persons representing directors, executives, producers, actors, and writers in the motion picture condition met at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Los Angeles, and formed the Motilis Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals. The organization elected such well-known members of the motion picture industry as SAN MOOD, producer, to the presidency; WALT DISNEY, CEDRIC CIBBONS, and NORMAN TAUROG to vice-presidencies; LEWIS D. KLIGHTON, CLARENCE BROWN, GEORGE SRUCE, directors and writers, as secretary, treasurer, and executive secretary re-

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Los Angeles, California June 8, 1944

An Executive Committee of about fifteen members was elected with JAMES K McGUINNES as chairman. McGUINNES is actually the spearhead of this organization and is an executive producer at M-G-M Studios. Executive Committee contained such well-known names as VICTOR FLENING, RUPERT HUGHES, FRED TIBLO, JR., and KING WIDOR, among others.

In their statement of principles this organization states in part: "In our special field of motion pictures, we resent the growing impression that this industry is made up of, and dominated by, Communists, radicals and crack-pots. We refuse to permit the effort of Communist, Fascist and other totalitarian-minded groups to pervert this powerful medium (motion picture industry) into an instrument for the dissemination

The initial meeting of this organization received a great deal of publicity, both in the motion picture trade journals and the local newspapers, most of which commented upon it very favorably. Of course, the 'People's World,' West Coast Communist organ published at San Francisco, ridiculed the organization and its purpose. The 'People's World' stated in part: "It is that this Alliance is in reality an attempt by defeatist forces -- for whom HEARST speaks -- to drive a salient into Hollywood. Its purposes are to clamp down on the production of win-the-war films and to prepare a reactionary Republican attack on President ROCSEVELT.

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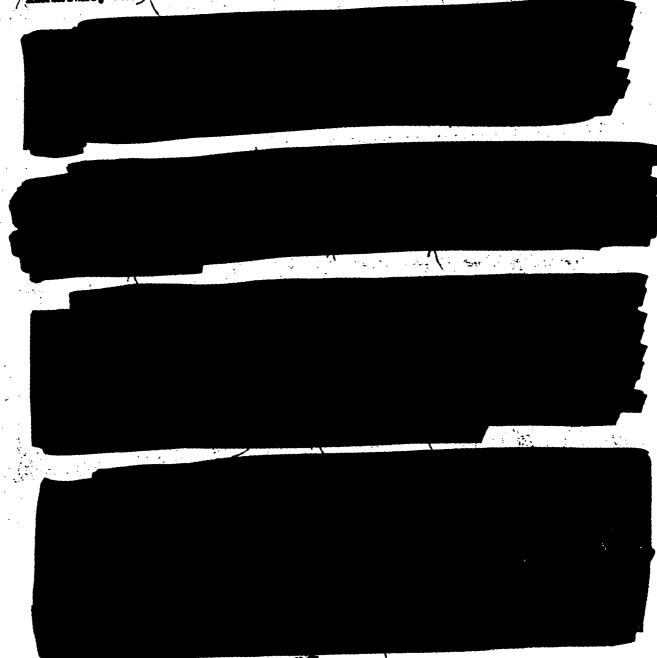
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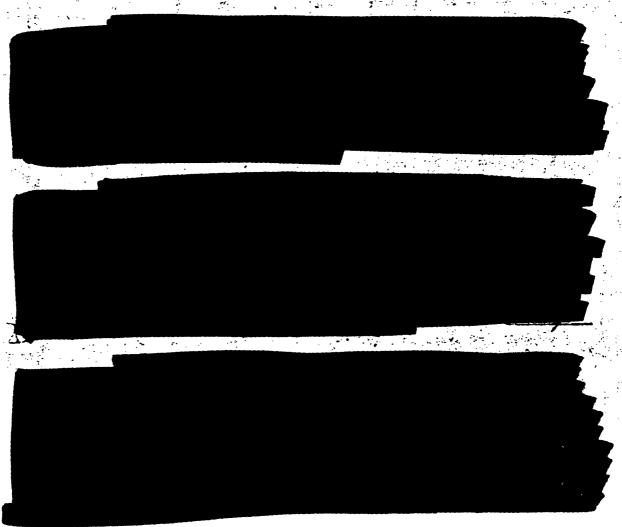
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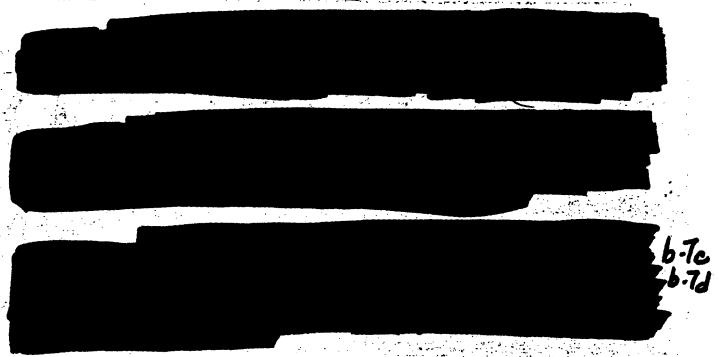


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States to believe that Hollywood is a hotbed of sedition and subversion, and that our industry is a battleground over which Communism is locked in death grips with Fascism.

The article states that RUPERT HUGHES (a well-known writer) declared the organization a timely one and spoke of the trouble subversive elements had caused in the Authors' League after it had functioned smoothly for many years.

BORDEN CHASE, (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer writer), according to the article, told of Communists wrecking a Hod Carriers Union which he had helped organize and the article quoted him as saying that the subversive element wrecked the organization by dividing members and now the Communists are "taking over the motion picture industry".

It was further announced that membership in the club would be open to anyone within the motion picture industry but that all applicants would be investigated to keep out those with subversive tendencies.

The LPA, which is a volunteer organization (non-profit), published their statement of principles in both the "VARIETY" and the "HOLLYWOOD REPORTER" on February 7, 1944, which are the principal movie trade papers in the los Angeles area. The statement of principles published is asfollows:

"We believe in, and like, the American way of life; the liberty and freedom which generations before us have fought to create and preserve; the freedom to speak, to think, to live, to worship, to work and to govern ourselves, asindividuals, as free men; the right to succeed or fail as free men, according to the measure of our ability and our strength.

"Believing in these things, we find ourselves in sharp revolt against a rising tide of Communism, Fascism and kindred beliefs, that seek by subversive means to undermine and change this way of life; groups that have forfeited their right to exist in this country of ours, because they seek to achieve their change by means other than the vested procedure of the ballot and to deny the right of the majority opinion of the people to rule.



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growing impression that this industry is made up of, and dominated by, Communists, radicals and crack-pots, we believe that we represent the vast majority of the people who serve this great medium of expression. But unfortunately it has been an unorganized majority. This has been almost inevitable. The very love of freedom, of the rights of the individual, make this great majority reluctant to organize. But now we must, or we shall meanly lose 'the last, best hope on earth.'

MAS Americans, we have no new plan to offer. We want no new plan, we want only to defend against its enemies that which is our priceless heritage; that freedom which has given man, in this country, the fullest life and the richest expression the world has ever known; that system which, in the present emergency, has fathered an effort that, more than any other single factor, will make possible the winning of this war.

FAs members of the motion picture industry, we must face and accept an especial responsibility. Motion pictures are inescapably one of the world's greatest forces for influencing public thought and opinion, both at home and abroad. In this fact lies solemn obligation. We refuse to permit theeffort of Communist, Fascist, and other totalitarian-minded groups to pervert this powerful medium into an instrument for the dissemination of un-American ideas and beliefs. We pledge ourselves to. fight, with every means at our organized command, any effort of any group or individual, to divert the loyalty of the screen from the free America that gave it birth. And to dedicate our own work, in the fullest possible measure, to the presentation of the American scene, its standards and its freedoms, its beliefs and its ideals, as we know them and believe in them.

The officers announced are as follows:

President SAM First Vice-President

SAM WOOD

WALT DISNEY (President and Producer Disney Studios)

Second Vice-President

CEDRIC GIBBONS (Executive Chief, Art Department, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios)



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The February 14, 1944, issue of "TIME" magazine carried pictures of ROSALIND RUSSELL, actress, and DUDLEY NICHOLS, screen writer,

ROSALIND RUSSELL and DUDLEY NICHOLS are referred to in the above article as being "Leftists". Also the pictures of WALT DISNEY and SAM WOOD are shown and are dubbed by the article as being "Rightists".

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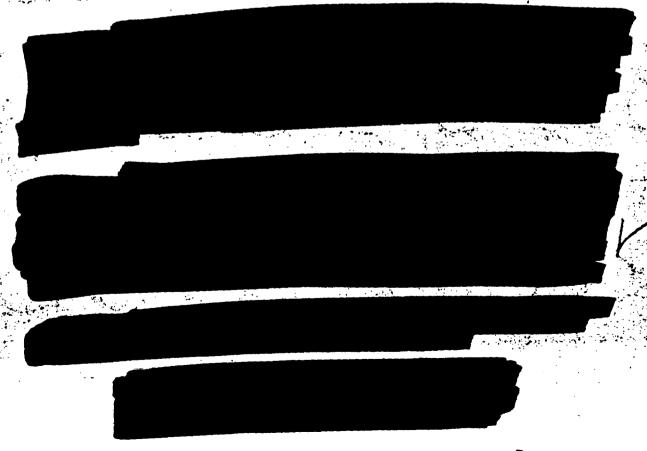
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The MPA is dominated by SAN WOOD, President; MAIT DISNEY, well-known labor baiter, as Vice-President, and CEDRIC GIBBONS, NORMAN TAUROG and CLARENCE BROWN as officers. Colonel RUPERT HUGHES, HEARST'S man in Hollywood, is another big shot.

"Democratic Hollywood laid down the gauntlet a few weeks ago when, at the time of the original MPA banquet--most of Hollywood gathered together in the Free World Association with Vice-President HENRY A. WALLACE as guest of honor.

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The Free World Association had a dazzling roster of film names—DUDIEY NICHOIS, THOMAS MANN, JIMMY CAGNEY, ORSON WELLES, JOHN GARFIELD, WALTER WANGER, WALTER PIDGEON and many other box office stars on the male side; RITA HAYWORTH, OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND, JOAN FONTAINE, BETTE DAVIS, INGRID BERGMAN, ROSALIND RUSSELL and others in the ladies lineup."



ACCUSES CRITICS OF MOVIE INQUIRY

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to the committee's inquiry, one heard no evidence of Communist propaganda actually present in the movies except that bankers were sometimes villains and that, he reversive.

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producers' association [Paul McNutt] and by the president or enced by them and that their ingeneral manager of the association fluence had been waning.
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"We have been saying all klong that one of the basic issues in this without the taint of communism. investigation is free speech.

The dangers to free speech in-

"We have said that when the committee member, Representative free screen was singled out first John McDowell, Republican, of for attacks on its rights of freedom Pennsylvania, observed that he had of expression, then the press, the radio and other instruments of communication would not be immune.

"The press was challenged today, next day? Where will it end?

his testimony, Mr. Vail complimented him on his skill in "the mechanics of propaganda" and then asked:

"I wonder if you will venture an opinion with respect to the critipion also upheld the rights of cases that have been directed against this committee by newspaper columnists, by editorialists opinions. As for editorials, he told and by the attorney for the film the Representative that his studies by description of the industry, and departments of the industry, although, at another point, she said that a "very small" percentage of the Hollywood film colony was Communist. She and her daughter had turned down many scripts as undustry to the rights of the rights of the film the Representative that his studies and by the attorney for the film the Representative that his studies by objected association [Paul V. indicated few persons were influ-V. indicated few persons were influ-

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"We have said that when the made inroads or attempted in-roads" in the motion-picture industry, in addition to similar testimony from writers and actors.

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She stated-that she considered "None But the Lonely Heart" also objectionable. It was produced, with Clifford Odets doing the screen play, dispite her remonstrance "because for years I have heard that he was a Communist."

As source of her belief, she gave an item by the late O. O. McIntyre, columnist, flesignating Mr. Odets "as a Communist."

"I never saw that denied," she

remarked Robert Stripling committee investigator stated that the committee had a "voluminous record" dealing with Mr. Odets which it

would present later.

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She described "None But the Lonely Heart" as a "perfect example" of the propagands Communists liked to inject, agreeing with a review of it which said the movie been a Communist—I investige. was "moody and sombre through- that charge a dozen years ago out in the Russian manner" and took time out for a propaganda preachment

another "example" She gave from 'None But the Lonely Heart." The mother in the play, she recalled, operated a second-hand store. The son, Mrs. Rogers said, made this statement in effect in the play:
"You're not going to get me

work here and squeeze pennies out of little people who are poorer than I am."

Mrs. Rogers contended that the line was unnecessary in the play because in life there always are people richer or poerer than ourselv

Mr. Carison, now a teacher at the extension division of the University of California, maintained that the Los Angeles local of the American Federation of Teachers was Communist-dominated and the party was endeavoring to gain

control of the public schools. He described the People's Edu cational Center at Los Angele as an extremely effective organ ization for the indoctrination o Communist ideology" in the guis of preparation for screen writing and acting.

In reciting the names of man faculty members, whom he sai he considered to have communist. leanings, he included the names Charles Katz and Ben Margol lawyers associated with Robert V Kenny and others in representi: subpoensed witnesses opposing th committee's investigation.

In his testimony, most of which was based on statements reporte ly made to him by another form communist Mr. Carlson assert that Kyl Crichton, a writer i Colling Magazine, had written the New Masses articles on carls problems under the name Robert Forestha Ha Robert Forsythe. He was not : terrogated further on this stament.

Mr. Carlson praised the comm. tee for its activities and called ! the elimination of Communists a cancerous growth which had be removed "even though I kn some good innocent people wo be destroyed."

Editor Defends Crichton

The publisher said the chewas first made when Mr. Crick was employed by Scribner's M: zine. Investigation showed, Chenery said, that "as a matte fact, he's a Democrat."

Mr. Chenery said Mr. Crici did write for New Masses a n ber of years ago under a p donym, but had not done so cently.

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Opposition Group Promises 'Daily Surprises' at Hearings

Walt Dimfey, creator of Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck, was numbered among the Hollywood personalities scheduled to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities today, while an opposition group of stage and screen performera promised a side show of their OVEN.

also scheduled to appear on the fifth day of the communism-ine Hollywood inquiry were Mrs. Lela Rogers, mother of Screen Actress Ginger Rogers, Roy E. Brewer, international representative of the Language of Adliance. The Actres of the Communicational Alliance. International Alliance, Theatrical and Stage Employes and Motion Picture Operators of America, and Oliver Carlson, acknowledged former Communist and self-styled labor relations expert.

In a preview of next week's attractions, the committee announced that Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of Amer ica, will lead off Monday's wit-

Will Call Surprise Wkness,

Mr. Johnston will be followed by the surprise witness the committee has promised will disclose additional evidence on how confidential information on the Army's supersonic plane fell into the hands of Communists.

irst of the so-called hostile witses to be called next week, the committee said, is Writer John How. ard Lawson, who has been described by several witnesses as leader of Communist activities in Hollywood.

Chairman Thomas said Charlis Chaplain still is under subpoché, but no date has been set for his appearance. The committee is also ing to work in" Producer Sam Goldwyn but is not certain whether or not he will be called.

Committee members said they had heard a newly formed opposition group, which goes under the name of the Committee for the First Amendment of the Constitution, weld whempt to picket the hear-

Notables to Atlend Hearings. Trans-group held a press ence after the session yesterday to announce that "very prominent persons" will attend the hearings every day and "their performances will be better informed and more entertaining than Gary Cooper, Mr. Cooper testified yesterday afternoon. The

group promised "daily surprises."

Actor John Karfield, who was feferred to by an earlier witness as a comrade" who refused to contribute to the Communist Party after it went to Hollywood, led the Ne York delegation of the newly forme group at the hearing yesterday. Mr. Garfield said he would hi

be a member of the new group if it were a Communist front and described himself as a New Deal Democrat who had campaigned actively

for President Roosevelt.

Dancer Paul Draper told reporters we are sure, as far as it is possible to be sure, that there are no Com-munists in this organization." He said the group had been formed to insure that "the spirit of free creativeness is not stifled by the individual whims of politically ambi-

Includes Broadway Metabera. With Mr. Carfield and Mr. Dreper were Producer Oscar Sariis, Actress Uta Hagen, Actor Canada Lee, Actress Bernick Parks and Paul Stewart and Julius and Philip In-

Mr. Draper said Broadway members of the new committee included hotbed are "greatly exaggerated." He Writer Jerome Chodorov, Writer Ir- described most testimony before the win Shaw, Writer Moss Hart, Writer committee as "vague, very vague."
George S. Kaufman, Olin Downes, In Chicago, Emmetel Lavery, presmusic critic; Richard Watts, jr., ident of the Screen Writers' Guild, music critic; Richard Watts, ir., ident of the Screen Writers Build, drama critic; Goddard Lieberson, telegraphed Chairman Thomas to record company executive; Minerya urge him to recall Mr. Warner to Pious, who is Mrs. Mussbaum on the witness stand and to subpoens the radio; Dance Director Agneride all pertinent records of Warner Bros. Mille. Actor Hugh Mariowe, Actor "so that your committee and Con-Philip Loeb, Leonard Bernstein, gress and public can have all the composer-conductor; Harold Rome, facts which Mr. Warner distorted composer; Actor, Louis Calhern, to recklessly" in his testimony. composer; Actor Louis Calhern Produce Cheryl Crawford Deniel baldenburg, conductor, and Mrs.

would advise their clients to teelify freely and fully as to all questions within the constitutional purvent of this committee." But, he add if the clients take his advice they will not answer questions violating the first amendment of the Constitution—that guaranteeing freedom of speech.

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"It is not the business of this con mittee," he said, "to pry into the private lives of American citizens without lawful legislative purpose or unless the country is in clear and nminent danger of destruction."

Testimony before the committee. heanwhile, was challenged by Minaw and Actor Howard De Sylv Hollywood. Mr. Shaw labele statements about him by Jack I. Warner of Warner Bros. as "reck-less lies" and said he had consulted a lawyer with a view to "instituting an action for punitive damages."

Taylor Challenged to Debata.
Mr. De Sylva, who was mentioned
by Actor Robert Taylor as "always
having something to say at the white time" at Screen Actors Guild metings, challenged Mr. Taylor to a debate "any time, any place he capes" and said he would come to. Washington voluntarily Monday.

Another reaction to the hearin came from TedaCiamble, presider of the Theater Owners of Americ who rold the Kentucky Association of Theater Owners in Louisville that charges Hollywood is a Communist

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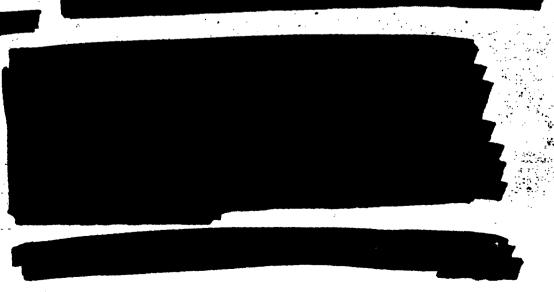
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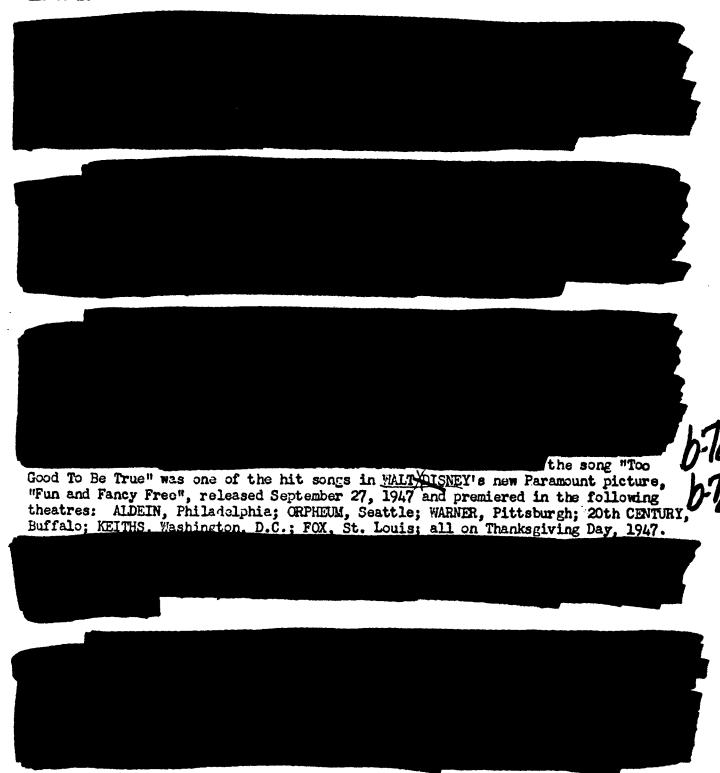
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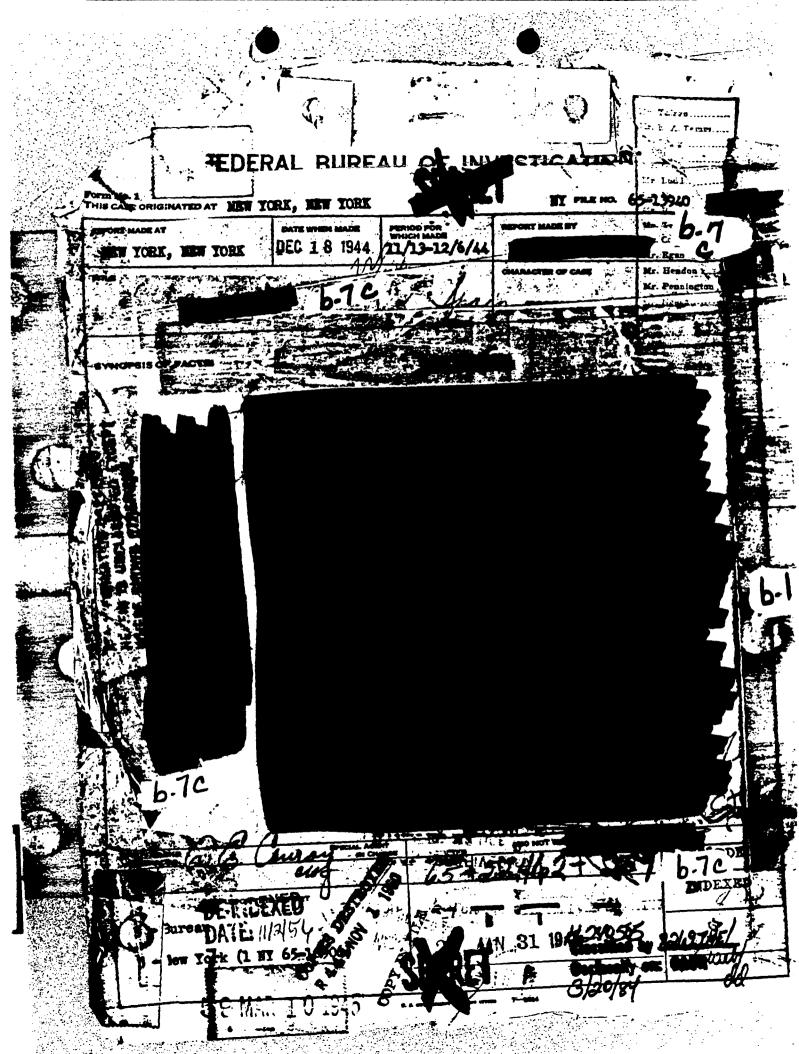
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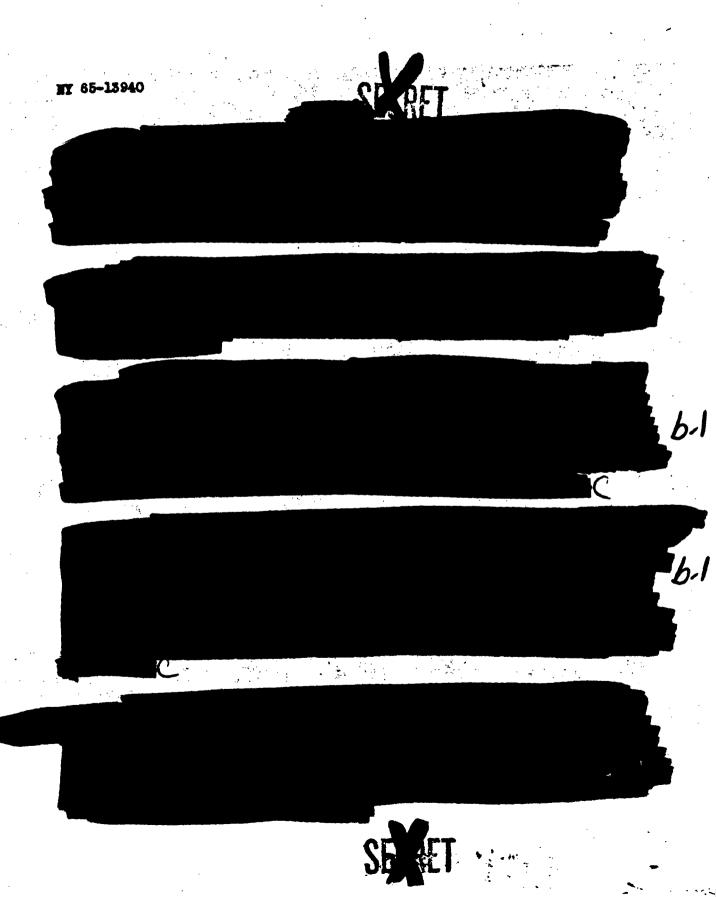
By WALT DISNEY



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVER 19302 : Director, FRI FROM : SAC, Los Angeles SUBJECT: HOUSE CONTITUE ON UN-AMERICAN AFFAIRS now employed as investigator by the Box Committee Un-American Affairs, has furnished me with a list of the individuals he issue in interviewing with a view to selecting those who will be subposensed to testify at in Washington, D. C. at the Committee hearing in late September. He has stated that he contemplates talking to the heads of all of the various motion picture studios as a matter of courtesy and to obtain any information that they might have and to be in a position so that they cannot state they have not been called upon to give their views about Communism in the industry. In this connection, he received quite a run-around at KCM Studies in his first efforts to interview L. B. MAYER. He did talk with endeavored to push him! off in the interview but states he very definitely informed mis that. the Committee meant business in this investigation and that if necessary, Mr. MAYER would be subposneed. At the conclusion of the interview there was every indication that he would have an opportunity to talk to MAYER in the very near future. For the Burem's information, I am listing the mames of the possible witnesses as they were divided by time into friendly and unfriendly groupe. No comment is being made concerning may of them at this time inamuch as 15 is not known which ones will be selected to testify. The Bureau will be advised as soon as this information is available to Possible Friendly Witnesses Floring, Victor eble. Mark STATE OF THE PARTY Cooper Gary Delille, Gecil Bloum Maney Welt Mayor, Louis B. Murcer, Jack L. Boldwin, Samel Zangrick, Parryl 4-15 32= 34 mi 281877



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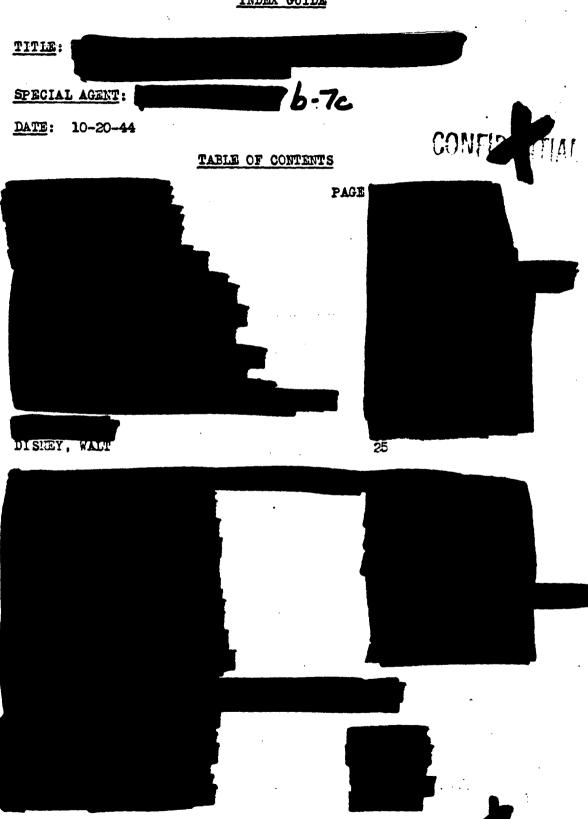
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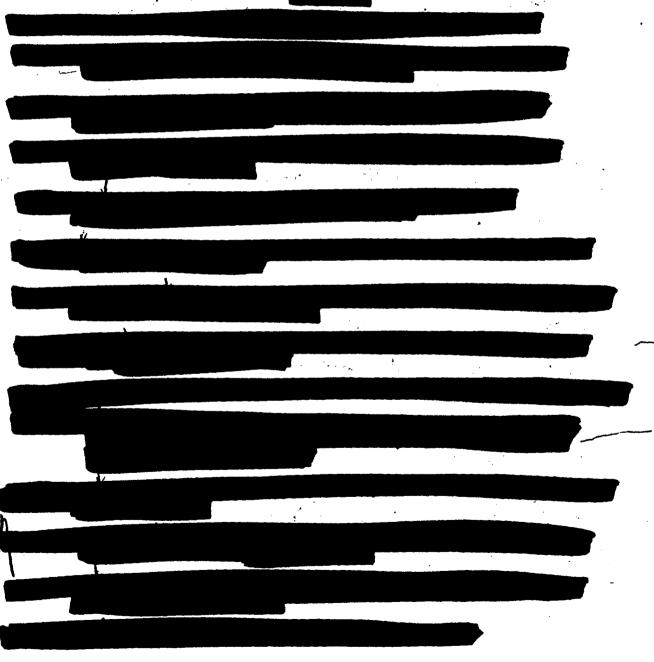


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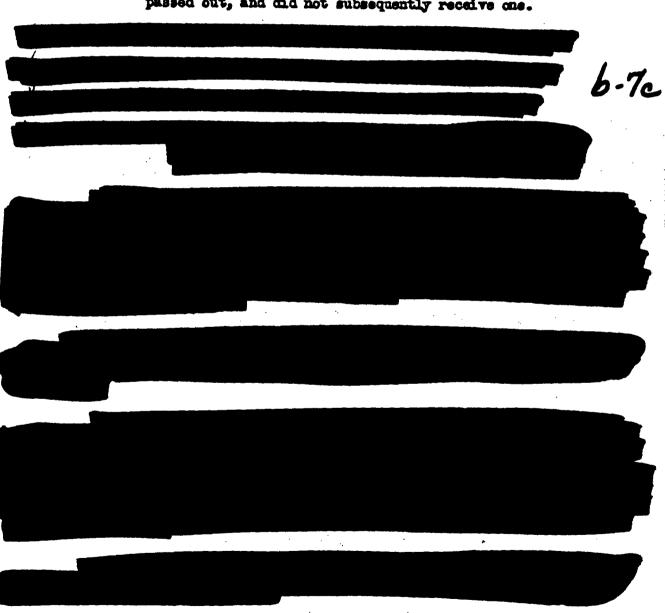
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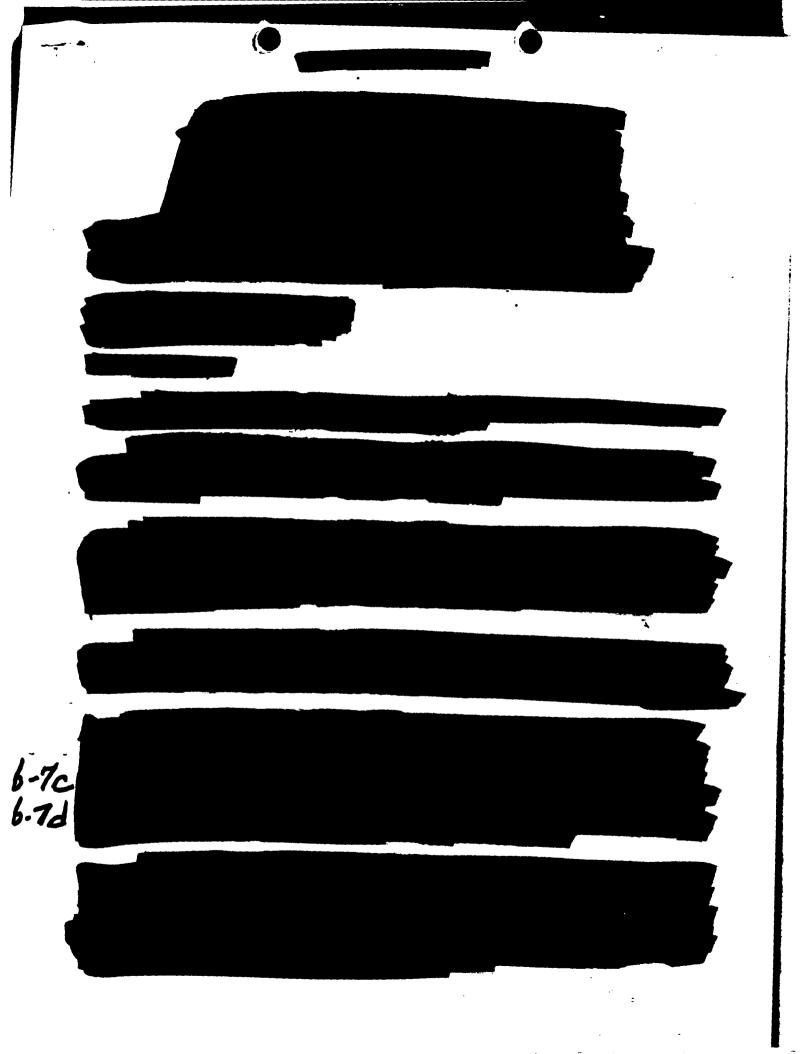
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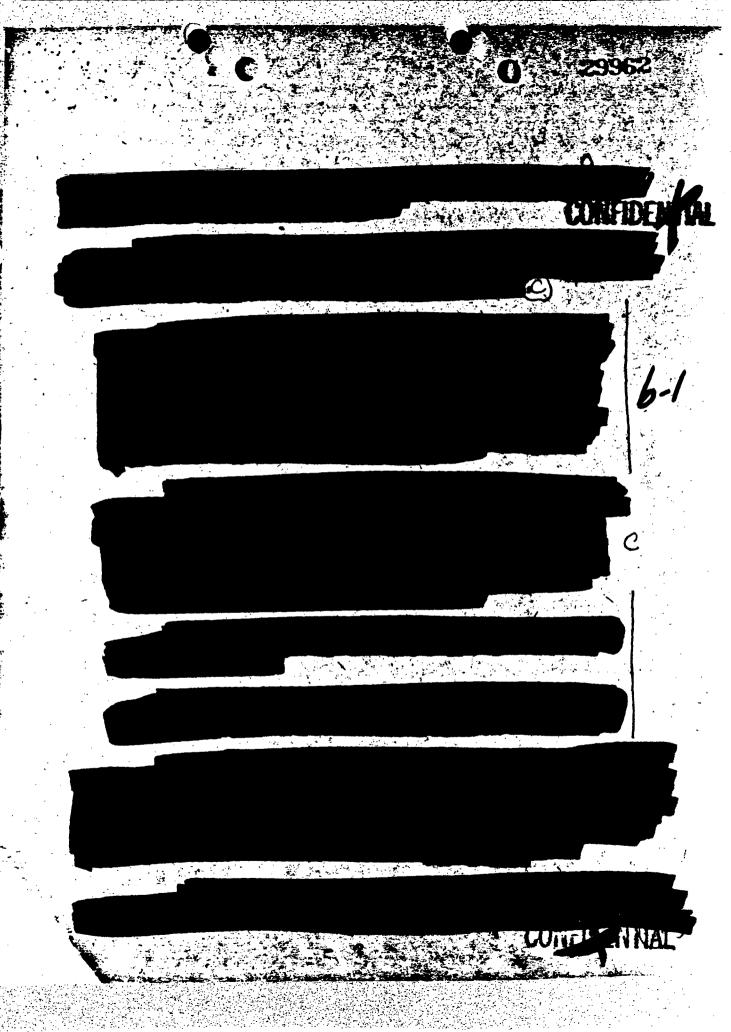
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There is set out below a transcript of the speech made by MARY PICKFORDs

present two most worthwhile causes, first, the benefits for the camp and hospital service committee of Reno, secondly, to take my stand for independence and freedom from the dictates of a picture theatre monopoly. When Mr. SANUEL GOLDWYN telephonedme I dropped my personal business for the time being in order to be here tonight, well knowing the vital importance of this issue of monopoly, an issue not only vital to Mr. GOLDWYN and all independent producers but to the future advancement of the American motion picture industry itselfe

life as a man of high purpose, of great courage, a producer of artistic integrity. It is such men as SAMUEL GOLDWYN whose vision, courage and inspiration has led and emanated the motion picture from the obscurity of the Nickelsdeen area up to the great and dignified medium of enteratainment which it is today. To produce the film "Up in Arms" Mr. GOLDWYN spent a whole year of intensive work and two and a half million dollars of his own; that is a lot of time and a very great deal of money but to what avail? Only to be told upon the completion of a year's work and expenditure of two and one-half million dollars that he shall not be permitted to show his picture but dictated by a theater monopoly. I would prefer and in this I am assured you would agree to sit on a

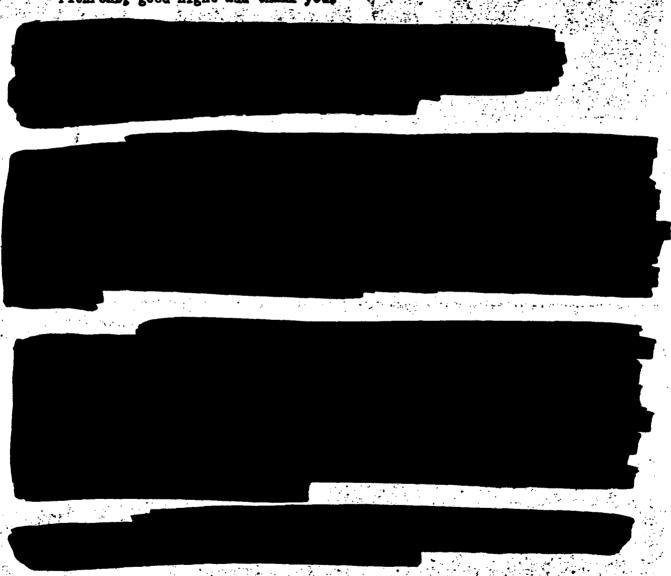
wooden chair, a wooden bench, or even on the floor to see a fine film then to rest upon plush covered opera chairs and to be forced to witness a dull, stupid film in the most elaborate movie palace in the country. No, my friends all the grandeur of the finest theater does not make nor mar a great film. Bricks, mortar, plush and soft lights are empty things without fine entertainment which commemorates the very living soul of the theater.

"We are making history here tonight, you, Mr. GOLDWYN and I, for we are taking our stand from our inalienable rights for free enterprise and a free America to see to it that no man, group, combine nor monopoly shall dictate where, when or how we shall show our picture.

"Our boys, American boys, this very night on the four corners of the earth are fighting and dying in order to protect Democracy and the American way of life. Shall we here at home fail them? Shall we permit the American way of life to perish here in the United States while our men are fighting for that same God given right in every part of the world? Certainly not, so I say it is not merely whether this one or a dozen of Mr. GOLDWYN'S pictures do, or do not play in Reno or for that matter in the entire state of Newada. It is rather the question whether he and I or other Americans are to be given an opportunity to carry on our lives and our business openly, honestly and fairly.

There are a number of wires that have come to us, too numerous to read here, so I shall read just this one from an author whom you all know, respect and love. It is WALT DISNEY, one of the outstanding independent producers of the motion picture industry. It is an indication of how the creative workers of Hollywood feel about monopoly and I quote, SAMUEL GOLDWYH, Riverside Hotel, Reno, Mevada, I heartily endorse your efforts to carry directly to the people of Reno and indirectly to the American public the question whether the motion picture industry as an industry should continue to exist under American competition principles or be throttled by monopolistic restrictions and limitations. When the channels of motion picture reach the public are restricted or blocked it behooves all of us who are charged with responsibility to the public for the industry to break down these barriers. Impending world competition which will be based on low cost and fostered by forming governmental endowment franchise and tariffs makes it imperative that our American products at least in our own country be permitted to operate without artificial obstacles being thrown in its path by selfish interest. The American picture must continue to receive returns, commensurate with the large costs and the better living standards of the people who make them. Our government has recognised the importance of American films as political and commercial assets in foreign relations for America, to

lose its leadership in motion pictures would be a blow to all American industry and to our public relations. The motion picture industry and in time the American public will acknowledge and appreciate yours, SAM, your courage and foreeight, regards, WALT DISHEY. This is MARY PICKFORD, good night and thank you.



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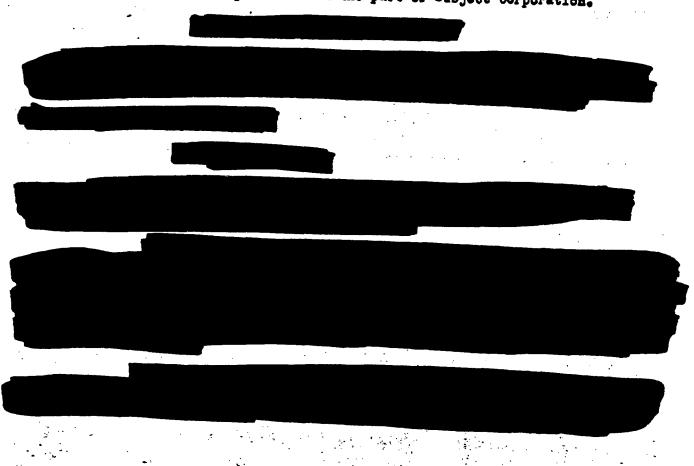
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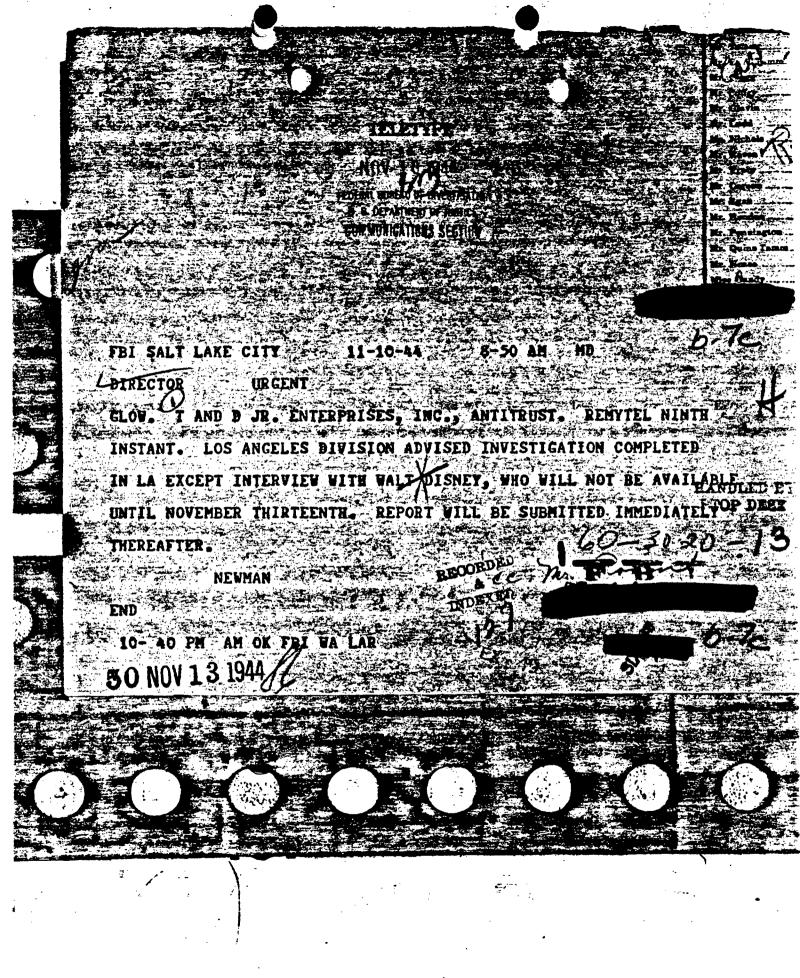
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T AND D JUNIOR ENTERPRISES. INCORPORATED

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This memorandum is being prepared at your request to advise you of our investigation at Reno and the part played in the matter by Danny Kaye.

ORIGIN OF CASE

Thomas O. Craven, United States Attorney, Reno, received a complaint from Samuel Goldwyn, member of the Society of Independent Motion Picture Producers to the effect that the T and D Junior Enterprises, Incorporated had taken an active part in opposing the showing of his picture "Up in Arms" starring Danny Kaye and They've Got Me Covered featuring Bob Hope.

CLEARANCE FOR INVESTIGATION

The United States Attorney secured clearance from Assistant Attorney General Berge on August 17, 1944 to conduct the investigation. On August 21, 1944 he asked the Bureau to conduct the investigation which request was complied with on September 5, 1944 after the necessary clearance was received from the Department.

The investigation reflects that Goldwyn and subject company could not agree on the terms under which these pictures were to be shown by the T and D Junior Enterprises so Goldwyn showed these pictures in the El Patio Ballroom at Reno. Subject company, through the city council, tried to prevent the showing of the picture at the El Patio without success. At the showing, Mary Pickford delivered an address complaining against the monopolistic tendency on the part of moving picture theater owners.

25% of subject company's stock is owned by the Fox West Coast Theaters which operates throughout California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Wisconsin and Kansas. Subject company operates all theaters at Femourial 45 bibler theaters in northern California.

Mr. Berge, in a press release concerning this case, his been muoted as saying that there have been several instances in which independent producers have had difficulty in obtaining theaters to show their product because of the hig five chain control and said this was another proof that the original decree of 1940 at New York City was not satisfactory. He also stated, "As long so the independents have to deal with the big five for theaters it seems there will be trouble. If all the theaters they now have continue to be controlled by the big five companies, the independent producers will find it difficult to get screens for the product."

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As of October 19, 1944, the investigation of this matter was almost completed. As of that date there were outstanding leads to interview Walt Disney, Mary Pickford and to determine from them any information in their possession concerning monopolistic practices; to interview relative to any action taken by prohibit the snowing of the pictures; and to maintain contact with the United States Attorney for suggestions as to investigative leads he considers necessary.

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DETAILS OF ALLECATION

It was alleged that all theaters within thirty-five miles of Reno, Nevada, are owned and operated by subject company which creates a monopoly for the showing of pictures in that city; that after being unable to reach an equitable agreement with subject company for the showing of the pictures, it was decided to show the pictures in a ball room; that subject company through its meno manager, tried to suppress the showing of the pictures through complaints made to the city ecuncil. EX - 40 FECUL ED

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Memo for the Director

BACK GROUND INFORMATION

An article in the New York Times under date of August 27, 1944, reflected that Samuel Goldwyn, an independent producer, had also had a "skirmish" in Chicago after he was unable to reach what he considered to be an equitable agreement with the large theater owners in Chicago. At that time he put "Up in Arms" into a small independent theater, namely the Woods, where he received \$175,000 for his share of the house receipts against the \$25,000 to \$30,000 he previously got from the Chicago showing of one of his films.

25% of subject company's stock is owned by the Fox West Coast Theaters which operate throughout California, Oregon, Mashington, Colorado, Wisconsin and Kansas. Subject company also operates many theaters in Northern California. In the September 4, 1944, issue of Time Magazine there is an article which states that Coldwyn has complained that independent movie makers, such as himself, are throttled by the monopolistic major production companies (which control theaters grossing 70% of the U.S. movie receipts) and theater chains (which control a substantial part of the rest). He is quoted as saying that independents are forced to sell their movies on a take it or leave it basis.

Mr. Berge in a press release relating to this case has been quoted as saying that there have been several instances in which independent producers have had difficulty in obtaining theaters to show their product because of the Big Five chain control and said this was another proof that the original decree of 1940 at New York City was not satisfactory. He also stated, "As long as the independents have to deal with the Big Five for theaters it seems there will be trouble. If all the theaters they now have continue to be controlled by the Big Five companies, the independent producers will find it difficult to get screens for the product."

STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

As of October 19, 1944, the investigation of this matter was almost completed. As of that date there were outstanding leads to interview Walt Disney, Mary Pickford and to determine from them any information in their possession concerning monopolistic practices; to interview of the subject company relative to any action taken by prohibit the showing of the pictures; and to maintain contact with the United States Attorney for suggestions as to investigative leads he considers necessary.

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FROM :

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This memorandum is being prepared to advise you of the present status of the investigation.

You will remember that a memorandum was directed to the Director at his request. His interest in the matter concerned our investigation of this 6.7c Antitrust matter at Reno and the part played therein by Damy Kaye.

You will remember that Samuel Goldwyn, member of the Society of Independent Notion Picture Producers made a complaint to the USA, Reno, to the effect that subject company had all motion picture outlets at Reno and that when he tried to show his picture, hip in Arms, starring Danny Maye in a ballroom, the local member of subject company tried to suppress the showing of the picture through complaints made to the city council.

This is to advise that by teletype the Salt Lake City Field Division advised that all outstanding investigation in Los Angeles had been completed except to interview Walt Disney who will not be available until November 13. The Salt Lake City office has nurther investigation to be conducted at Reno, Nevada which they state will be completed by November 13, 1944. The Salt Lake City Field Division, by teletype dated November 10, was instructed to immediately contact the United States Attorney at Reno to determine what further investigation, if any, is desired after which they should conduct an immediate investigation of the additional request received from him.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

On November 14, 1944, the Salt Lake City office will again be contacted by teletype to determine the present status of the investigation.

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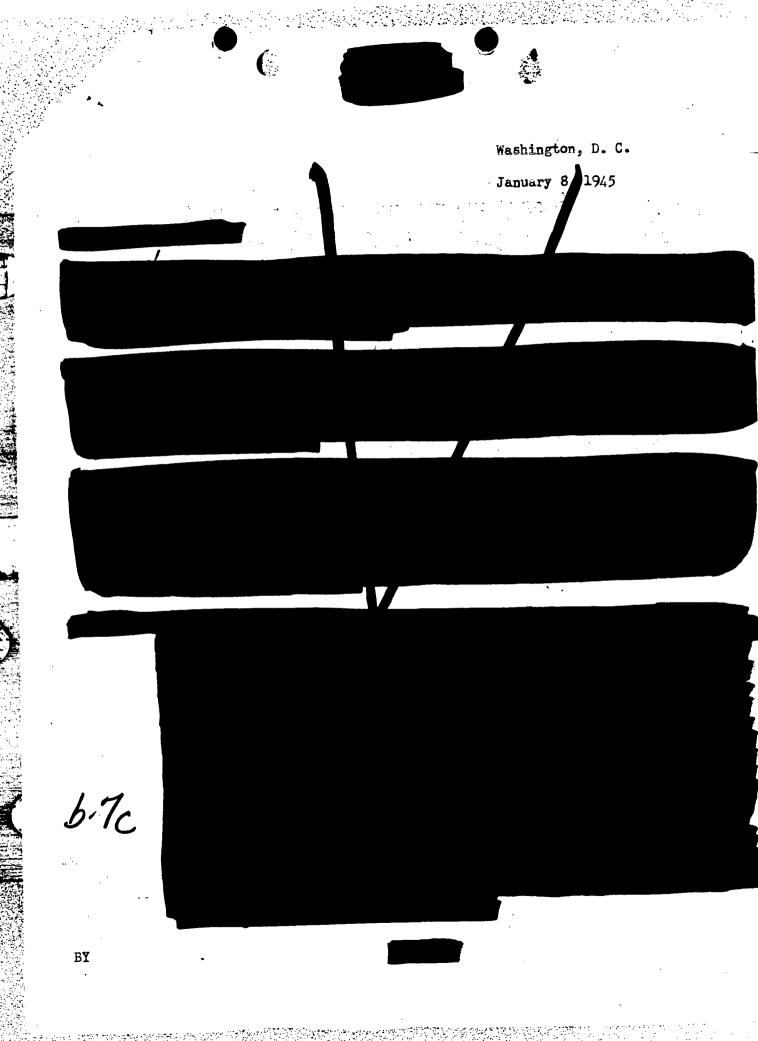
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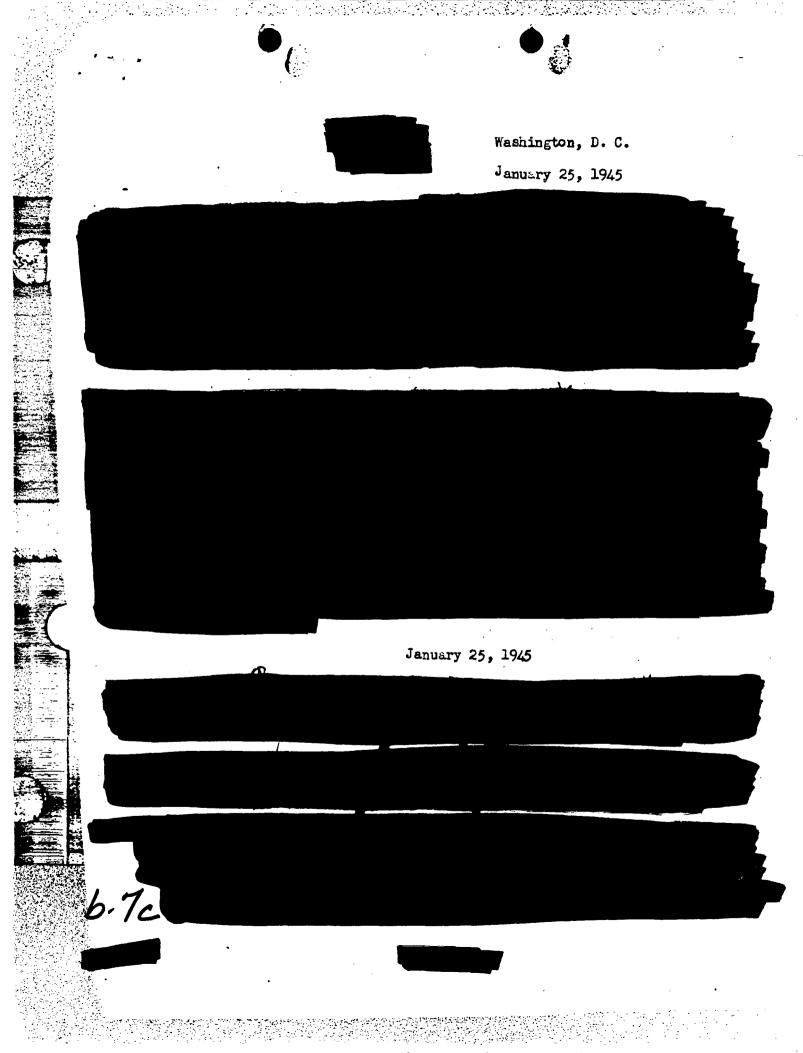
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By HAROLD J. SALESISON E

THE political lineup is becoming sharp in Hollywood. A group of stars and film personalities have incorporated the Hollywood Republican Committee, which they saw will bring into play agout numbers of stars to offset every, manifestation of the Progressive Citizens of America. Top

Republicans in the more are Gineral Property Robert Monigomery.

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Tr iroks like a fine staries for the tampaign leading up to next year's election. The stars joined PCA, the leaflet says, because they realized they're relizions as well as actors," and now it looks like the Republicans have discovered that,

British Tax

As for the extent of political activity in Hollywood. Screen By there Guid president Enumer Livery gave a nice going-over to the John Jack (Mexicall Rose) with Hookup recently. Lavery, aided by actor (and one time assemblyment) albert (whiter, freed columnist Hidden Columnist Theory on Sept 2. The subject: Computation in Health Wood.

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actions that other collar-strate countries are likely to take. You can look for a strong fight trems studio unions to keep this from being a signal for forting while cuts on unions weakened by the Taff-Hartley Laws-

New Folk-Type

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Secret Life of Walter Milly (Golwyn - RKO): Thurber fans may object to the unnecessary depositives from the whimsical original, but Danny Kaye remains tops and makes this a most far young and old affire.

Searching in the Wind (U-D) Lightweight Dearma Durlin muacel. Has chemn and some very funny stuffy by Denaki O'Connor. See it but don't expect much from

the story.

Great Expectations (Errish):
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The New York Field Division suggested that WALTER DISMEY and beint associated should be interviewed promptly respecting all of his relations with

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The following investigation was conducted by the writer.
WALT DISHET, ewner and producer of the WALT DISHEY STUDIOS, was interviewed, and he advised the following:

Mr. DISMY stated that due to the curtailment of the showing of his pictures abroad, it was necessary for him to cut down on his staff of employees at the studie. As a result of this, he stated, he laid off approximately mineteen men, some of whom had been in his employ less than one year.

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Mr. DISMET stated that as a result of this layoff, these mineteen men, went around to the various other employees at the studio and stated that approximately two hundred were to be laid off by Mr. DISMEY. As a result of this "whispering compaign," a general strike was called at this studio. A picket line was maintained at the gates of the studio, and a "goon squad" of about 15 men was organized to prevent any tracks from entering the plant. Mr. DISMET stated that the men who inatigated the strike, were making exherbitant demands upon him in settlement of the strike to the extent that all men were to be re-hired, and that no men were to be fired in the future.

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Mr. MISHEY stated that approximately 40 men who were out on strike came back to work in the two weeks following May 28, 1941, the date the strike was called, and at the time of the interview, Mr. DISHEY stated there were 297 men still out on strike.

Mr. BISMET advised that due to these exheritant demands made by the strikers, negotiations were at a standstill, and the strikers, upon not being able to reach a settlement in their dispute, decided to call in the I.A.T.S.E. in order that their influence could be used to effect a "read block." Mr. DISMET advised that this was in order that the Projectionists and Metion Picture Theatre employees who were all members of the I.A.T.S.E. would then refuse to operate the projection

machines at the various theatres around the country where WALT DISHET films were to be shown.

SONGIVIOUS of this agreement were:

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- (1) That all men were to be re-hired, including those men laid eff, which Mr. DISNEY found it necessary to lay eff in order to reduce his payrell.
- (2) That all men out on strike would receive fifty per cent of their salary for the time that they were out on strike.

Mr. DISMEY stated that this agreement was reached in order to compensate the men who would then be laid off and who would be unable to find other employment in the motion picture industry in view of the fact that the industry would not be able to absorb them at this particular time.

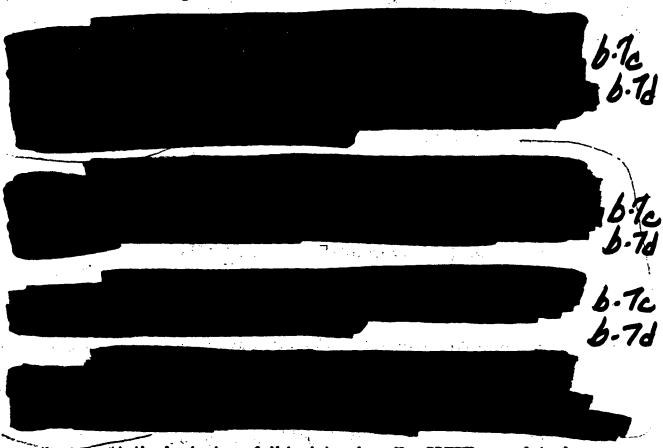
Mr. DISNEY stated that this agreement was more than fair to the strikers, and that at the third meeting of the megatiating committee, at which time the agreement was to be signed

the meeting entirely away from the favorable attitude of the strikers which was previously indicated at the first two meetings.

Mr. DISNET stated that as a result of this, the negotiations were completely broken down, and no further effort has been made by either party to conciliate.

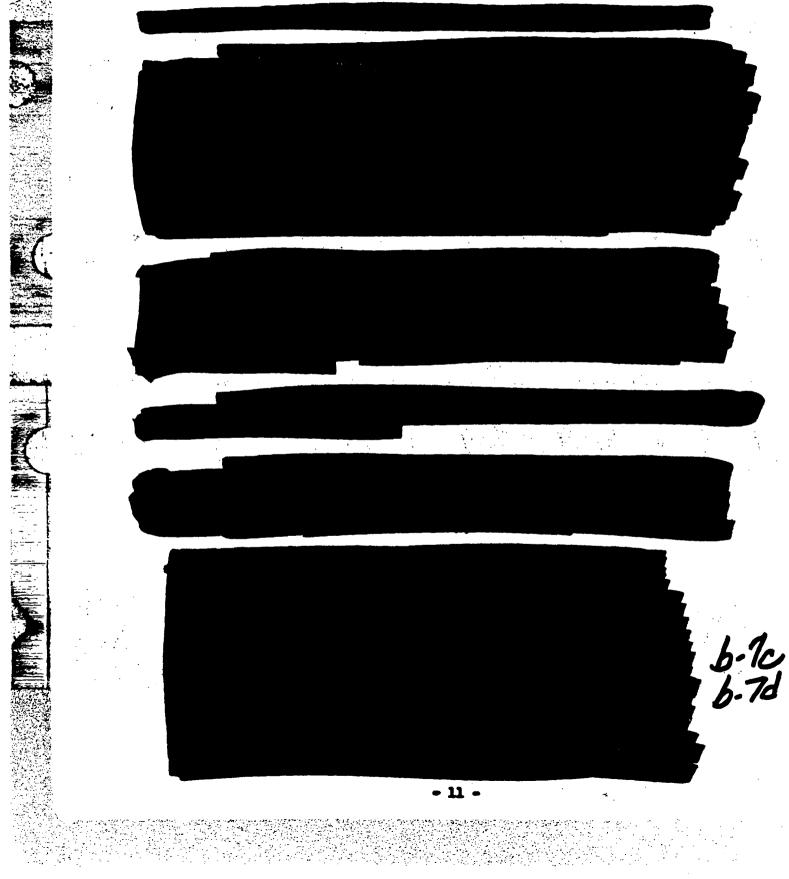
Mr. BISMEY advised that the Local, No. 85% of the strikers had placed the strike situation before the Federal Conciliator in the Loc Angeles Area, but that he did not favor doing this because the matter would then be taken out of the studio's hands completely, and it would

be necessary for him to abide by the Conciliator's decision regardless of how unfavorable it might be for the studie.

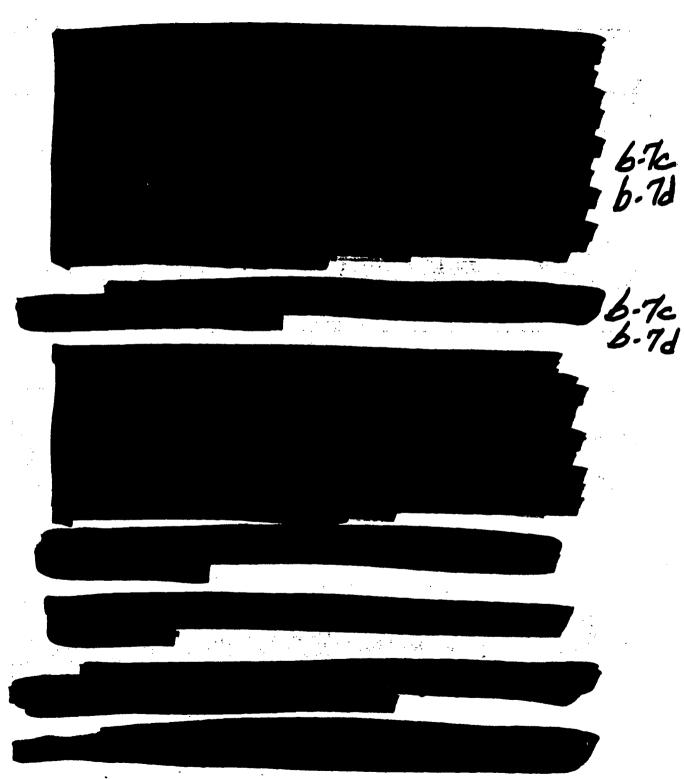


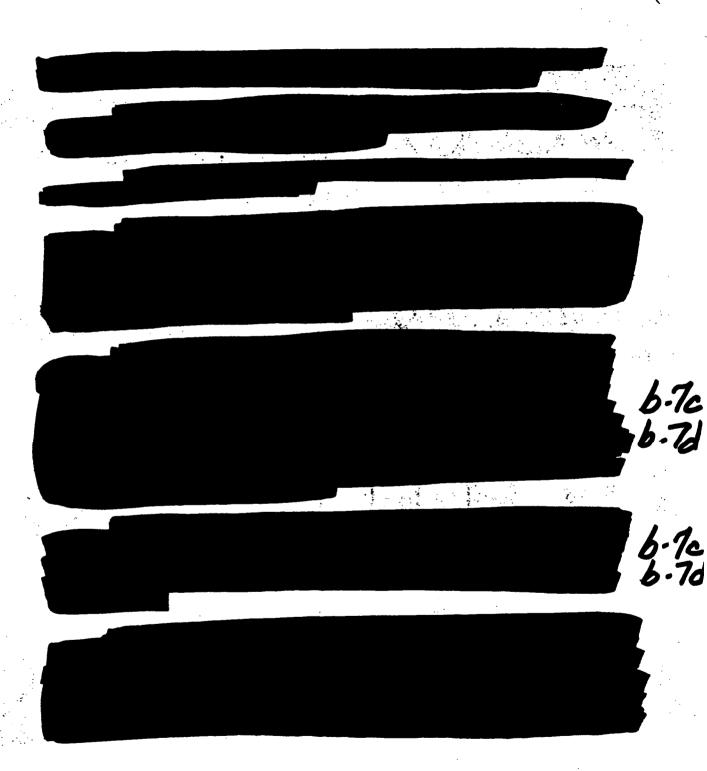
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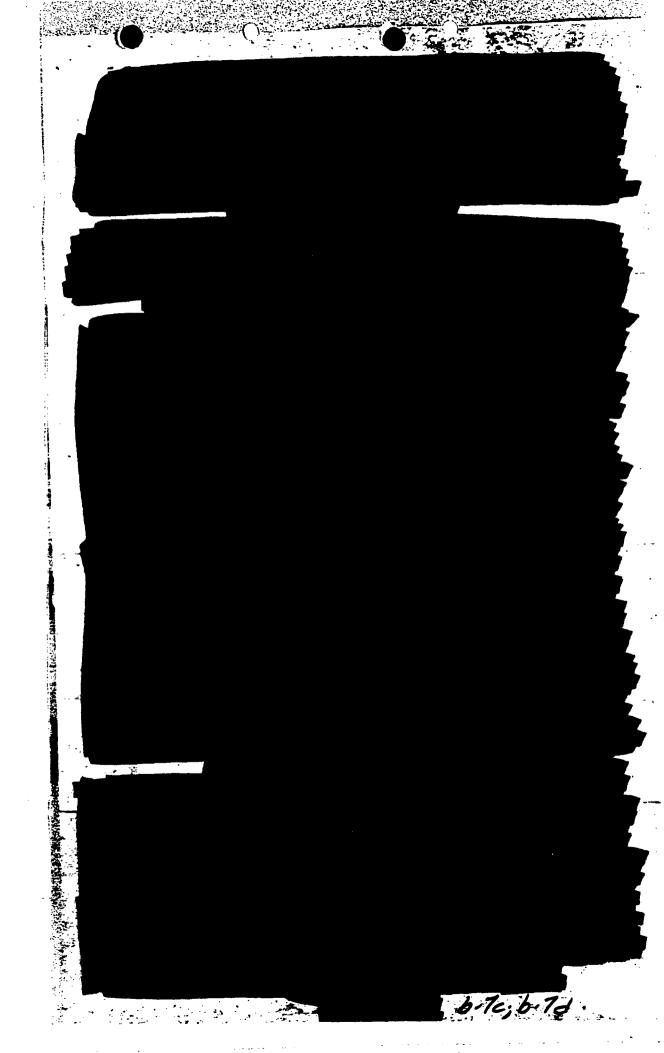


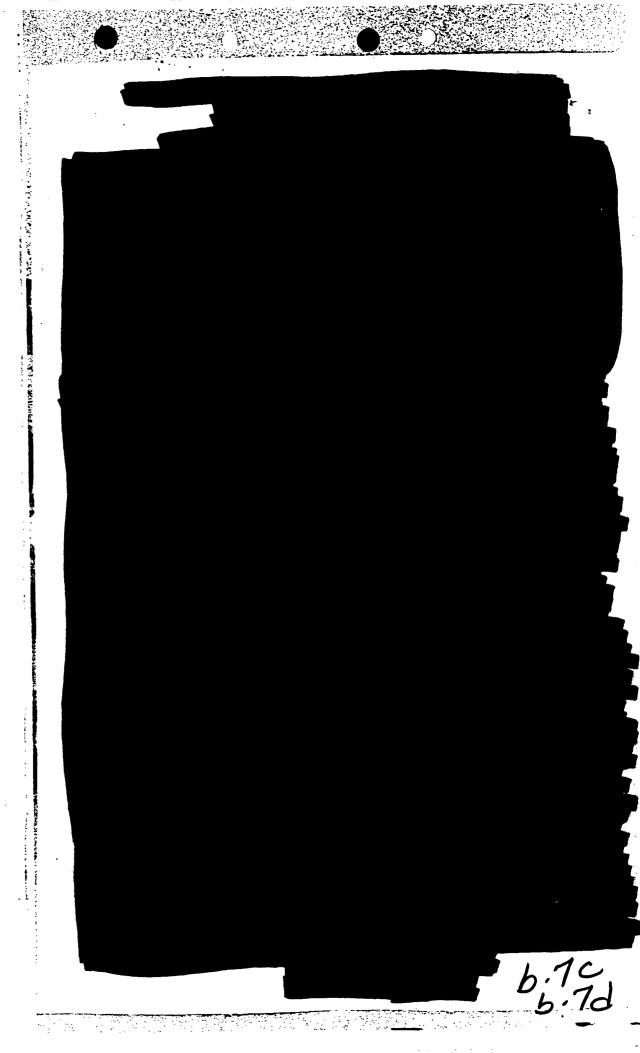


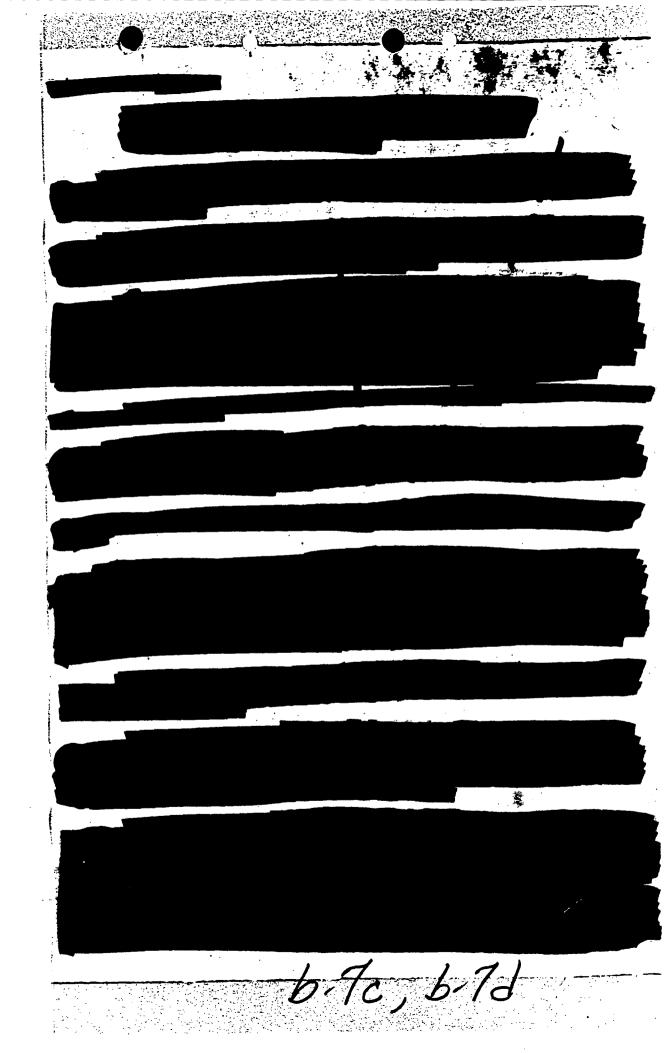
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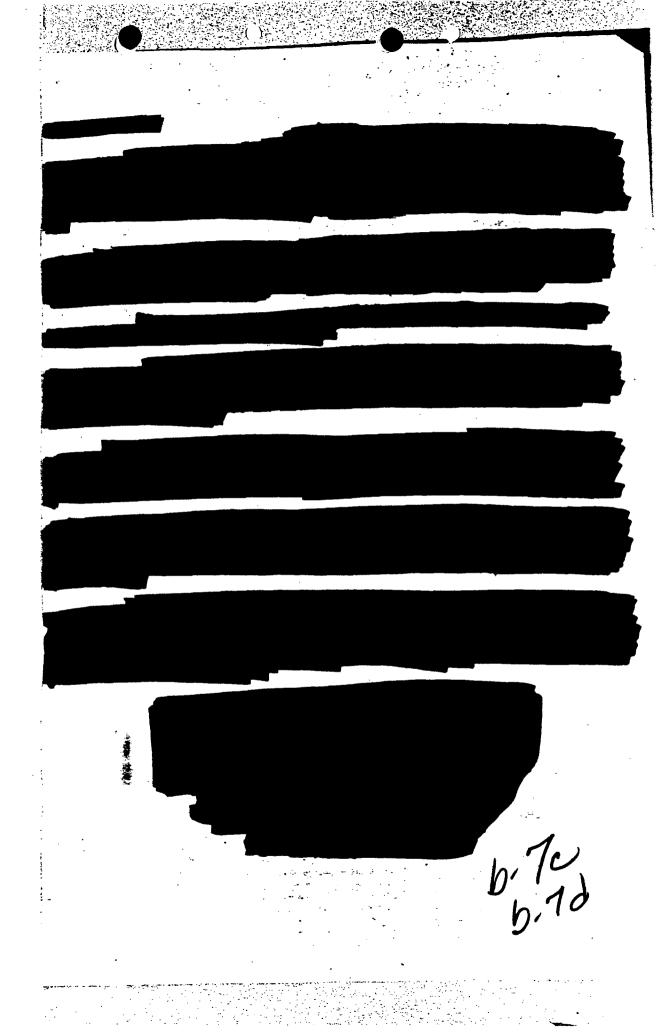


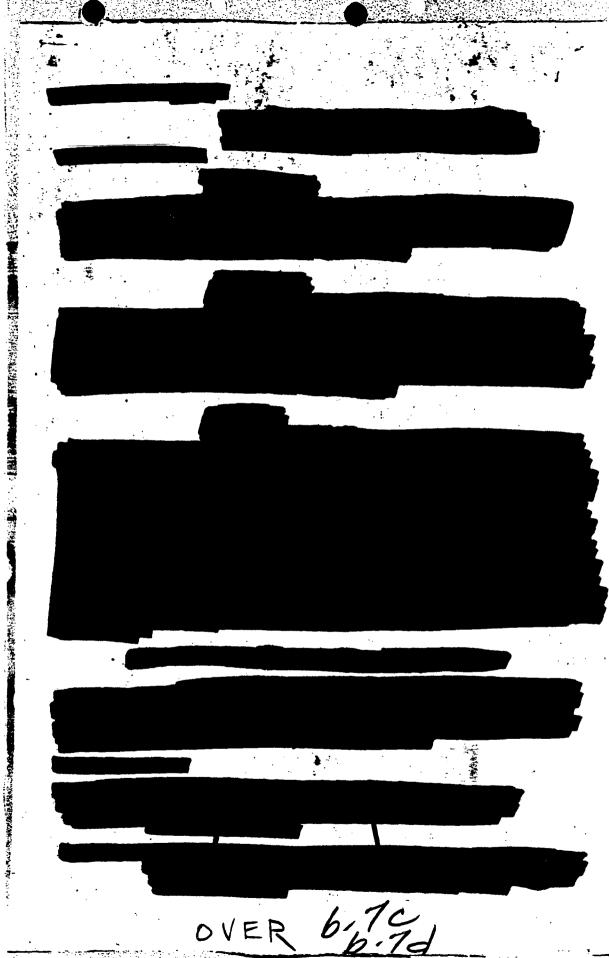


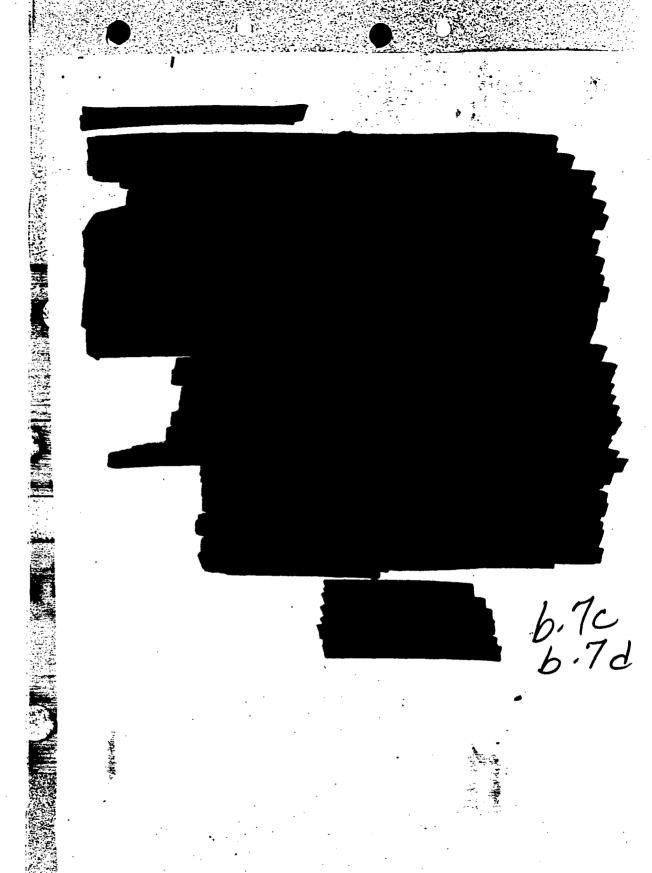






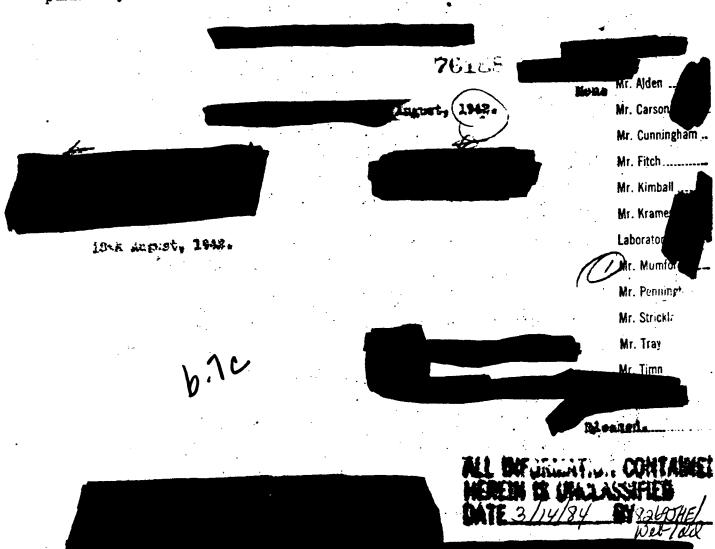






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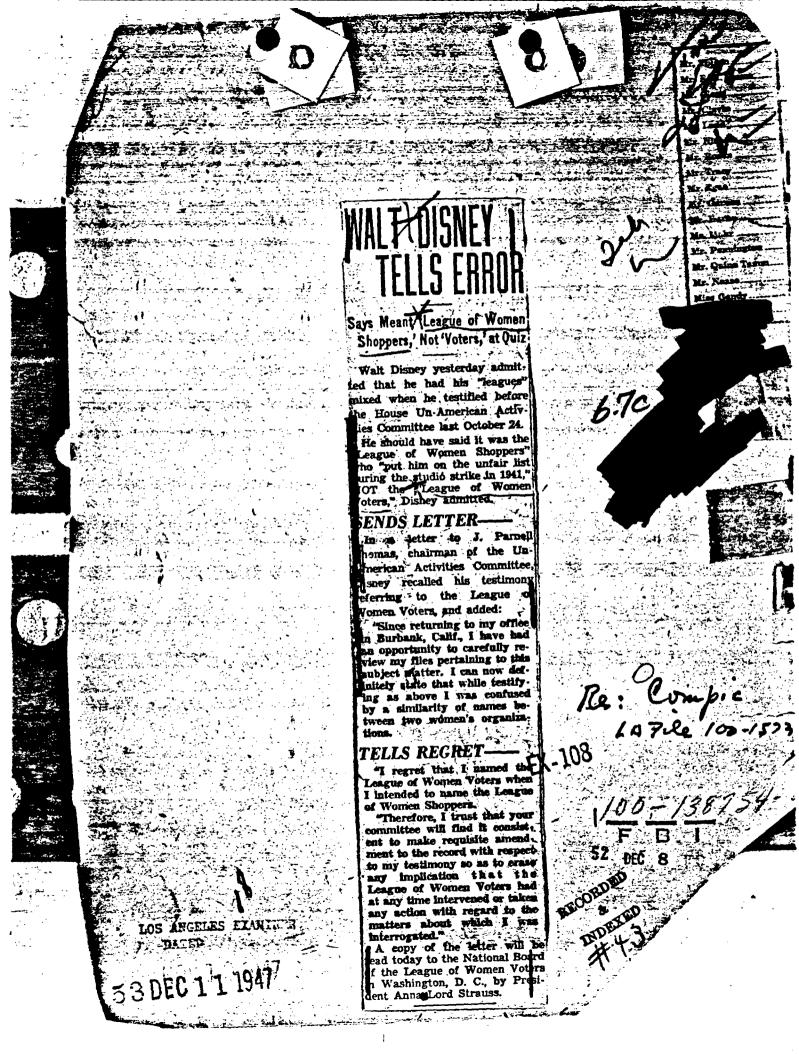
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C Blame let fred Holly BY RUPERT/HUGHES

Following is the second of a series of three articles on opening in Hollywood by Rupert Hughes, noted author and lecturer. . .

FICKEY MOUSE Sought a life and death battle with the Communists and won it. Lee the Lion admitted that he was powerless and asked that Congress come to his rescue with laws to comb the Communists out of his

Wart Disney testified before the J. Parnell Thomas committee that the labor bosses under Herbert Sorrell tried to take over his studio and his genius. While he was in death grapple with Sorrell he found Communists inside the fold among his own people. He fought off the libor-

ites and fired the Rads inside.

Louis Brideyer admitted that he had employed many whom he assumed to be Red, but dared not call them so for fear of libel suits.

The Gorsen Writers Guild was one of the first points of entry for the Communists. I was one of the founders of it, as I was of the fouthers' League. After a few years of excellent but peaceful activity, there came a sudden movement to enlarge ha power and make it militant. The chief spirit is the was the playwright, John Howard Laws.

There was T t wave of enthusiasm and everybody was sweept away by it. Gradually it came ever a lot of us that queer doings were

Division and Slander

Finally there was a meeting so stormy that the police were called out. More than a hundred prominent screen writers withdraw and formed the Screen Playwrights.

.Those who remained delivered as attack as devastating and as destardly as Stalin's m delivered upon the old Belsheviki whem they have been slaughtering as fast no possible.

The Screen Playwrights was driven out of existence by slander, beyouth and other families

The Screen Writers Guild and the Authors Ladgue, under the temperary domination of some spirit, began to draw up leave and con dealine of the ns, gain to consist of man had naturally assumed to the property of the proper t for power and a position for using it.

woman who later became president of the device openly declared that writers who did not attend meetings or vote by proxy had "lost all Mehte."

g gasped in horror at the insolence of a group of whiters making laws for all writers and axiling those who did not submit. I called it an effort to "Stalinize" American literature of every sort. My protests were ridden over roughshod. Then I took part in a violent public debate and I was excluded to obey orders.

A sombire writer actually went all the way how York and called on the council of the Authors League, to exper me. Luckily, there were enough old trian.

mough old tries 'mine present to deay him then he confessed that he his demand, cap .

kad nover kad a book, a sloty or an article published in his life. He had written scenaries only.

After that I dropped out of screen writing, but I watched the rapid overthrow of all registance. The guild was turned into a closed shop and by intimidation and threat, by refusal to work with them, it forced into submission all the writers who wanted or needed to write. A few who kept up their opposition were driven to the verge of starvation, while the others built swimming pools.

During all this time the producers looked on, paid no heed to the appeals of the rebels, and some of them gave all the choice assignments to those who made no secret of their communism, to those who were members under assumed names and to those who were too sewardly to join the movement even in secret, as well as too cowardly to make any opposition.

Boo Protesters

And so the Communists and their allies grew so dominant and so domineering that, when the American Authors Authority was proposed-an outrageous scheme to take over all power, even the copyrights and the sales-business from all authors-the Screen Writers Guild members voted for it by a majority of over 300 to 7. And it was typical of the Red spirit that those seven were bluzed and boord.

The producers did not lift a finger in selfdefense or in protest, but continued to pay big money to the most ruthless writers.

In the same way, the Screen Actors' Guild, the Directors' Guild, the guilds of the extrag, the press agents, the story readers and analysts and many others were the scenes of desperate battles against the Communists. In many of them the battle was lost by the loyal Americans.

Likewise, in the motion picture labor unions, the Communists or their allies overwhelmed the patriotic members and the producers did not intervene. One result was a flood of strikes including a year-long jurisdictional strike that cost the producers millions of dollars and is not yet ended,

While the labor situations were complicated and employers have little choice as to wh may hire or fire, the producers as to whom they may hire or fire, the producers were mover under my compulsion to employ any director, writer, ctor or other guidd member whom they might mer or imagine to be talested with deviation, Yell many favor to a and Red we

se Red men and Red women. Many of them were brilliant in their fields. Artistic skill and political or moral integrity have no necessary connection. But there were just as brilliant men and women who were not sati-

The great crime in this was not only the earliching and uplifting into power of traitors to our ideals, but the terrorizing inte silence of those who hated Communists and dared not may so.

Red Hypocrisy

Curious people, often well-known ones, send telegrams defending the conspirators and demanding that the United States government mind its own business and let those undermine it at their leisure. s and let those moles and termites

There is something about all this that would

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Watching premided martyre sestiming and screaming under the searchlight and ple that the Bill of Rights be put back over them, one could hardly believe what merciless commissars they were when they were in power.

For yours and yours they grow rich in money and in fame, preaching communion speniy of secretly, contributing vast sums of their all-tooeasily acquired wealth to every un-American cause and every conspirator, alipping into every possible production all the poison they could conceal. driving honest actors and authors set of work or into submission, and frightening off those who wanted to write or produce asti-Communist pictures by threats of putting stiakpets into all, the movie houses that showed then

The loyal authors and actors and others had to submit to this despicable despotian or so into silence and obscurity.

The producers have had no such excuse. They knuckled down and permitted themselves to be scared away from anti-communistic pictures. They protested in fury when their pro-communistic pictures were criticized. Some of them continued to pour wealth into the Red hands of actors, actresses, directors, writers and others who openly made speeches and collected funds for offensive action against patriots and patriotism or for the defense by expensive lawyers and press agents of everybody accused of subversive action."

Follow a Pattern

They were easy to know for what they were and are. These very, very prominent men and women shrieked in horror against Hitler, except when he was in alliance with Stalin. They Roosevelt and all who tried to prepare for war while Stalin was Hitler's partner in the attack while Stalin was nature partners in the attack upon a free world. The moment Hitler turned against their idel, Stalin, they turned against Hitler. They roared for war. The moment the war was over and Stalin loomed up as a viler butcher even than Hitler, they turned back to

fighting prepared ses.

It was at impossible to mistake them for proAmericans for w minists the torch in Liberty,
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Motion picture capital has had to turn to the government for help. Many of the acreen Communists are even better known than Al Capone. Poor little Al marrly shook down business men in various fields. Taese starry-eyed stars tried to shake down the valls of our freedom and turn the Bill of Right into a billboard covered with their pictures, while behind it they conspired and connived. The biliboards are down; but the Bill of Rights still stands.

They have been gluttons for publicity. They have kept their press agents and their suppress have kept their press agents and their suppress agents busy at high expense. Now they are getting it for free. And are they "hollering uncle"! But their dear Uncla Joe is far away. lubkily for them. And for us. And for him.

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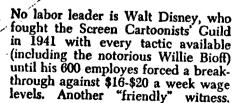
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Friends' in Houywood...



Past President of the Screen Actors Guild, Robert Montgomery was regarded as a "friendly" witness by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (no friends of labor!). Against all "isms", Montgomery named none of his colleagues as Communists.











Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin

Mr. Ladd

Henry Fonda has hever been known to take part in politics but he is one of the originators, with others in these two columns, of a Committee for the First Amendment of the Constitution, fighting the Hollywood inquiry as a violation of constitutional freedom.



Cregory Peck, by long odds Holly-wood's most popular actor these days, is another member of the First Amendment Committee. Peck, who worked up to stardom from a job as Radio City guide, led show business's fight on the Taft-Hartley bill last Spring.





Gary Cooper, who opposed FDR in 44 because of the "company he's keeping" with byblow remarks about "foreign notions" etc.. said he had encountered Red doctrines but could not recall a single film which contained Communist propaganda.



Lela Rogers, mother of Ginger and beldame of any and all reactionary movements in Hollywood, got herself into a libel suit trying to do the House Committee's work on radio's *Town Meeting* recently. She opposes democratic ideas in films.



Dorothy McGuire, another opponent of the Hollywood inquiry, is soon to appear with Greevry Peck and John Garfield in Gaptiman's Agreement, which is against anti-Semitism, Bilbo and Rankin. She ha stardom with her first Broadway role, Claudia.



Katharine Hepburn one evening last Spring made a stirring speech in Hollywood at a Henry Wallace meeting which raised \$87,000 for Progressive Citizens of America. At that time she branded the impending Hollywood probe "a smear campaign."



Adolphe Menjou, self-professed "Redbaiter and witch-hunter", was probbly the committee's "friendliest" witless, certainly its best-dressed. He aid Hollywood is a main center of formunism; volunteer be 1947's ul Revere.



Robert Taylor tried to wiggle off the spot of having starred in (and made a lot of money in) Song of Russia; wound up by admitting he was not "forced" to make it. He fingered for the Committee numerous colleagues including the screen writer on his next picture.



Paulette Goddard is not one of Holly-wood's "politicians" either, but she is a founder-member of the First Amendment Committee. A onetime Ziegfeld girl (she walked a picket-line once with Follies chorines) she is now Holly-wood's hardest-working actress.



Van Hessin also signed protest. So did Myrna Loy, Ava Gardner, Burgess Meredith, George S. Kausman, Moss Hart, Olin Downes, Eddie Cantor, Paul Henreid, Marsha Hunt, Agnes De Mille, Paul Draper, Leonard Bernstein, Harold Rome and Richard Watts Jr.

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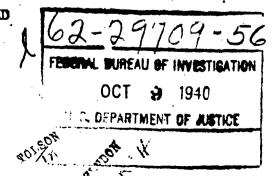
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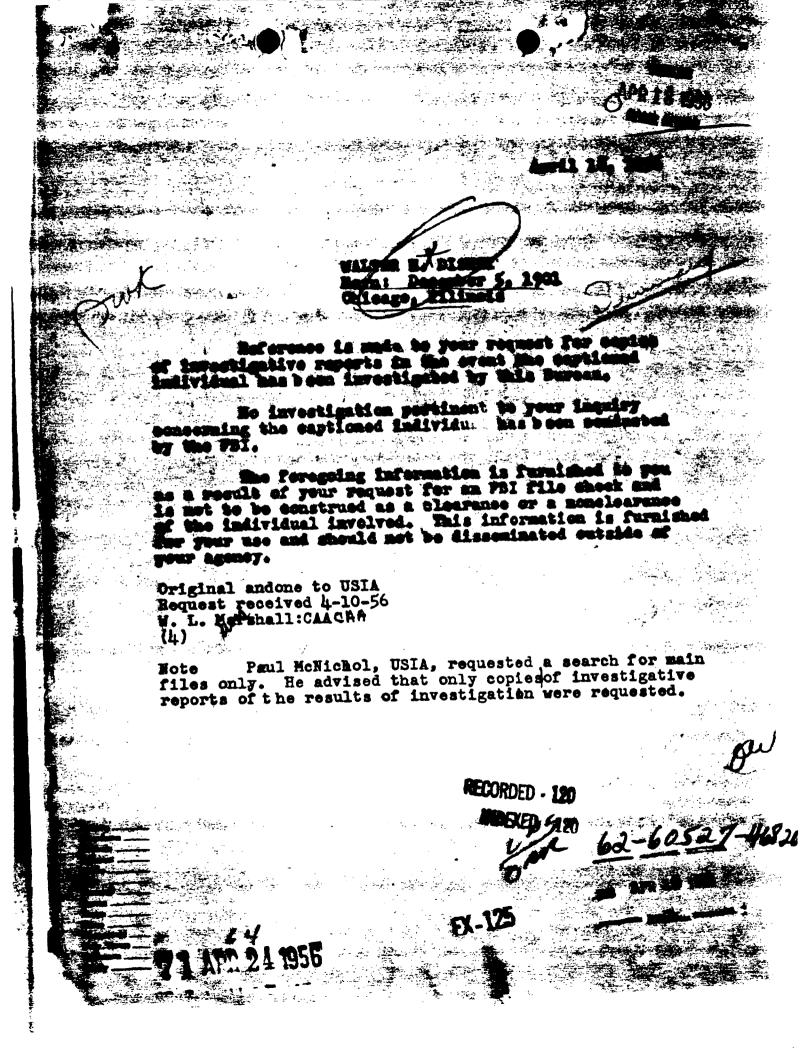
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the present discussion over the con-tent of much of Hollywood's product, one fact stands out like a warm and welcome beacon. It is that those pictures turned out by

that those pictures turned out by you and your studio are wholly acceptable for and have proven highly entertaining to all members of every family in the land."

As yet on his Hollywood rounds, Magr. Little has bestowed no other such accolade. Yesterday he visited 20th-Fox, following treks to Paramount and Disney Studios. Today he visits Warners, Monday MGM, and will endeavor to drop in at Collembia before he heads east. Possibly his most intensive talks have been with Shurlock, but

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Shurlock," he said. Shurlock would not comment, either.

Msgr. Little, when asked how he personally felt, as Legion of Decency chief, about the industry output following "spirit and letter" of the Production Code, countered with: "Do you think it does:"

He refrained, however from any direct criticism with the observation, "Last November, in"the annual report of the Bishops' Council regarding Legion of Decency views, some rather harsh "statements are made regarding films. ments are made regarding films. At this time I could only make an interim report, which I to not feel I could do. Let's wait until November, when the annual, and run, report will come out."

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